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By Phyllis Galde

The News

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the sun: ... A time to mourn and a time to dance... A time to keep silent and a time to speak.

-Ecclesiastes III

WHEN INTUITION SPEAKS, LISTEN!

The month of May was a hectic one, and included some family obligations. The third weekend, my daughter Angie, five-month-old granddaughter Alexis and I drove to Ames, Iowa, for the college graduation of my niece, Cindy Galde.

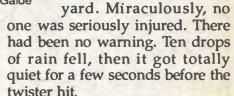
The guests had a fun outdoor party on a family farm, with plenty of good food and games. It was a hot, windy afternoon. That evening a disc jockey came and played all manner of music, supposedly until midnight. For some strange reason I did not feel like joining in the festivities, so Angie and I decided to rent a video and

watch it in the downstairs bedroom. I wistfully watched the party goers dancing to "In the Mood" on the scenic, flat, front lawn, but could not bring myself to join them.

While downstairs watching the video around 11:30 PM., it sounded like a freight train had driven over

the top of the house, and we heard the horrendous, drawn-out sound of glass shattering. A few seconds later we heard screaming and the sound of many thundering footsteps coming down the stairs.

A small tornado had touched down in the front



Several of the dancers were actually picked up, carried some distance across the lawn and hurled to the ground. The glass front door imploded, spraying shards of plate glass all over the



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living room. A small girl was thrown against one of the DI's large speakers, and one man was flung through a door frame. After the tornado buffeted them around. the frightened revelers saw it touch down in a field about a half mile to the east before it went up and disappeared.

Minor damage was done to the house and yard. The neighbors also experienced minor damage. The neighbor's small dogs, to the south, had also been picked up by. the storm and thrown around.

Angie's and my intuition paid off. We were in the safest part of the house, and escaped the trauma and possible injury. This was especially important with a young baby. It's a good idea to listen to your intuition!

SETI

This, I think, is exciting news. NASA is funding a ten-year, \$100-million dollar study for SETI (the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence), the most extensive of its kind ever. Supposedly the main focus of the project will be to search the skies for radio signals from intelligent civilizations within the Milky Way galaxy, and possibly other galaxies as well.

An interesting dichotomy, when the government has denied and attempted to cover up so much of what has been reported about UFOs and ETs. Look for an indepth article in the near future about SETI, and one from Ray Boeche about the government coverup detailing the Bentwaters UFO case (introduced in last month's I See By the Papers).

"MONDAY, MONDAY"

The Carpenters crooned in 1971, "Rainy days and Mondays always get me down."

Mondays have always gotten a bad rap. Is this fair? Here are

some Monday occurrences:

- Dropping dead from a heart attack is more common on Monday morning than any other day of the week. According to heart specialists at Harvard University, the phenomenon is caused by the psychological stress of returning to work after a weekend off. Pulse rates and blood pressure increase each morning as we arise and prepare to do battle with the workday.
- The Dow Jones Industrial average fell 508.32 points on Black Monday, Oct. 19, 1987.
- Jesse James was shot and killed by a fellow gang member.
- President Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest by John Hinckley, Jr.
- The Soviet Union acknowledged that an accident had occurred at its Chernobyl nuclear plant after high radiation levels were reported over Scandinavia.

• The Titanic sank.

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 John Lennon was shot and killed by Mark David Chapman.

 More than 200 people were killed at the Wounded Knee massacre in South Dakota.

• The Boston Tea Party hap-

pened on a Monday evening.

Why did these incidents happen on Monday? Maybe it's because people's internal clocks are off, and they feel out of sorts and so are more apt to be negative or destruc-

Specialists in chronobiology, a field of study that investigates time patterns of various biological functions, have come up with some interesting observations. People's internal clocks follow a 25-hour cycle rather than the 24hour one imposed by the rising and setting of the sun. The 25hour cycle was discovered by putting people in caves or isolation chambers where they couldn't see the sun rise or set, and observing when they would sleep and awaken.

It's not so difficult to reconcile this one-hour difference during the week, but on weekends, people tend to lapse, following their internal clocks, sleeping a little longer and waking up a little

later. After doing this for two days, they are rudely awakened too early on Monday morning by an artificial stimulus, such as an alarm clock or work-world noise.

The solution? As long as we are forced to adhere to unnatural rhythms, we are likely to be unhappy come Monday morning. Maybe going to bed an hour earlier Sunday night will lessen the trauma of sleep disruption.

HUMAN AGING SLOWED

Scientists are working to slow the human aging process, according to The Wall Street Journal.

The injection of a synthetic human growth hormone, created by gene-splicing technology, is an approved treatment for dwarfism. It is now being studied as a treatment for the elderly and infirm, with mixed results. In 1990 Daniel Rudman of the Medical College of Wisconsin published an article in the New England Journal of Medicine maintaining that the hormone transformed aged flab in a dozen elderly men into taut, youthful muscle.

Skeptical doctors were inundated by demands from elderly patients. However, follow-up studies indicated that the benefits were temporary and had undesirable side effects. A year after Dr. Rudman's original report, the dozen elderly men found that the lean muscles dissolved back into fat once the hormone injections ceased. After about six months of the treament, which often causes water-weight gain, almost a third of the men developed complications: either a painful nerve compression of the wrists called carpaltunnel syndrome, or enlargement of their breasts.

Rudman continues to test the hormone's muscle-building capability, this time in frail, male, nursing-home residents and patients.

Dr. Carl Cotman of the University of California at Irvine says that human growth hormone study "is just at the beginning of a trend to improve the functioning of the elderly. Biotechnology companies are now creating synthethic versions of other natural human proteins called neurotrophic (nerve growth) factors, focusing on replenishing youthful brain and nerve cells.

In the near future, human clinical trials will begin to investigate the potential of nerve-growth factors to treat a variety of degenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Lou Gehrig's disease.

Most scientists feel that the real future of growth hormone isn't as a general youth tonic but as a specific disease treatment that improves the strength and function of atrophied bodies.

A concern is that the pharmaceutical companies will charge

exhorbitant fees for these treatments, keeping them out of reach for many people. It is hoped the medicines will be fairly priced.

AN OVERVIEW OF CSICOP

Here's everything you always wanted to know about CSICOP (Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal) but were afraid to ask.

George P. Hansen has written an excellent (and long overdue) overview, which appeared in the January 1992 Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research. Reprints of this erudite, succinct and worthwhile paper are available from Tom Benson, PO Box 1174, Trenton NJ 08606 for \$3.50 U.S. or \$4.50 overseas.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIND

Evidence of the oldest structures in North America so far has been found near Akron, Ohio. Archaeologists carbon dated postholes and pits uncovered at a construction site, and have put them at 12,000 years old, or 10,200 B.C.

John E. Blank, professor of anthropology at Cleveland State University, compared the site to a corner of a burned out house. The find shows evidence of a structure but no indication of its size

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or style. The site includes three postholes and two pits in an area of about 150 square feet.

Sharp stones, known as Clovis points, also were found. Similar specimens discovered in Clovis, NM, date back 12,000 years.

Previously, the oldest known structure in North America dated back 6,200 years. Those postholes were found in the Illinois River Valley in the 1960s.

TOBACCO AIN'T ALL BAD

An attempt is being made to use the tobacco plant as a medicine factory. California's Biosource Genetics Company uses tobacco to spawn genetically engineered medical proteins—key components of AIDS and hemophilia drugs.

Why are they using tobacco? Its fast-growing, protein-rich leaves contain little starch or sugar. Biosource plans to pay farmers competitive prices to grow its lifesaving variety of the normally unhealthy tobacco plant.

FUNGUS AMONG US UPDATE

Biologists had discovered what appeared to be the largest and oldest living creature known to science, found lurking under the hardwood forest of Michigan. The mushroom, an armillaria bulbosa, covered an area of nearly 38 acres. Everyone was impressed with its enormous size and age—

bigger than an adult blue whale and older than the sequoias.

Now scientists have discovered another fungus, armillaria ostoyae, south of Mt. Adams in a pine forest, in southwestern Washington state. This one is nearly 40 times bigger—covering two and a half square miles. What will they find next lurking under our earth?

EARTHQUAKE LIGHTS & UFOs

One theory which has been offered to explain UFO sightings has been "earthquake lights," balls of electricity that float in the air near the epicenters of impending tremors.

So says geophysicist John Derr. He presented his findings at the Seismological Society of America's annual meeting in Santa Fe, NM

Most reports of unidentified flying objects turn out to be sightings of objects such as planets, satellites, meteorites and planes. Derr believes that many of the remaining UFO sightings may also have a natural explanation.

The study found that dozens of UFO sightings in New Mexico during 1951 and 1952 were clustered within 60 miles of the epicenters of three quakes. Derr suggests that the UFOs were really earthquake lights—basketball-sized, glowing spheres of electricity identical to ball lightning but generated by crushing of rock or





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Many seismologists say that pumping water into the ground can generate quakes. Derr said his earlier studies found that UFO sightings in Utah's Uinta Basin in the mid-1960s correlated with the pumping of water into oil wells

in the area.

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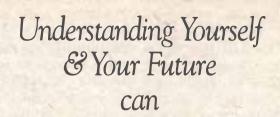
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ducted in order to study the effects of sudden acceleration and deceleration on future astronauts. The sleds were rocket powered, ran on rails and attained very high speeds.

Not wishing to endanger human volunteers in the early stages of the tests, the scientists decided to use a primate in the first test—namely a Rhesus mon-

key by the name of Sam.

Sam had been trained since his early years for the task at hand. Upon reaching full growth he was found to be gentle, calm in nature and an eager student. Those conducting the sled tests were delighted with the animal, and the project proceeded on schedule.

Each day Sam was taken out to the sled by his handlers—as a way of acclimatizing him to the events which were soon to occur. Once at the test site he was gently strapped into the sled's cockpit, lavished with praise and rewarded with a fresh banana. He was allowed to sit in the sled for a time to help overcome any fears he might harbor due to the strange surroundings. After a bit he was unstrapped and returned to his training quarters. This pretest introduction continued for several weeks.

Finally, the day of the actual test rolled around. The high-speed sled was ready, the engineers and scientists were ready

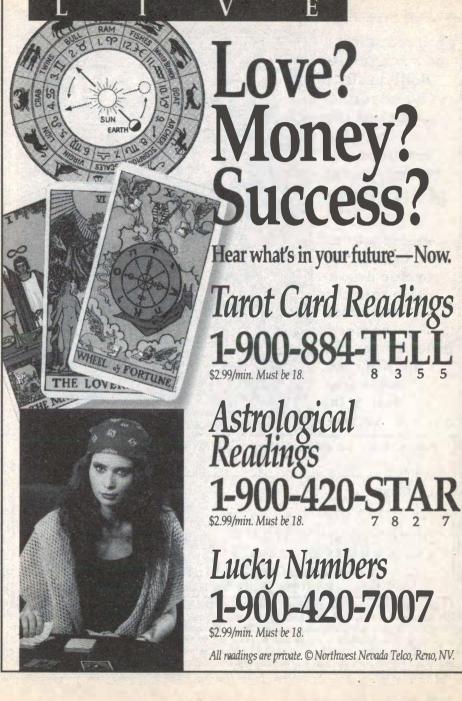
and Sam was ready.

One final time Sam was led out to the test site—to be strapped into the sled and made ready for the ultimate test run. Little did he know, or realize, he was putting his life on the line for science. Everyone wondered if he would, or could, survive the dangerous ride.

Securely strapped into the vehicle, Sam received a final pat of affection and was given his familiar banana. Just as he was about to take his first bite, an engineer hit the starter button and Sam was on his way—down the rails at hundreds of miles per hour.

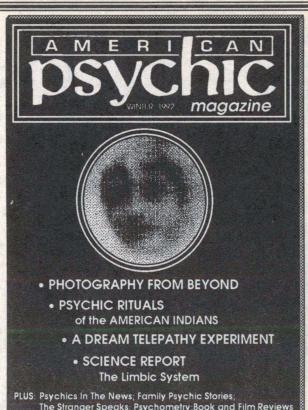
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PSYCHIC FRONTIERS

By Loyd Auerbach

WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE FOR SURVIVAL?

In an episode of Star Trek: The Next Generation, "The Measure of a Man" (written by science fiction writer Melinda M. Snodgrass), the status of android Data as a sentient being is at issue and brought to court. Data is being pulled for a scientific study in which he would be taken apart, the rationale being

that he is merely a machine and property of the

Federation.

Captain Picard (and Data) take issue with this stance, and a debate on the nature of sentience and consciousness ensues between Picard and Commander Maddox, the cy-

bernetics expert who wishes to analyze Data's innards. To paraphrase Picard, "Prove to me I have a mind." That point brings up many others—both scientific and philosophical.

When I raised the same point with a skeptic in a TV discussion, he responded with (again, a paraphrase) "Descartes proved the

existence of the mind." This response caused the host to move on to another point (philosophy doesn't make good TV). I found the response interesting, coming from a skeptic who asks for hard scientific evidence of everything from apparitions to psychokinesis.

The reason is that the skeptic's proof of the mind's existence is Descartes' logical argument "I

think, therefore I am." If all it took to prove the existence of psi was a logical proof, a bit of philosophizing, the phenomena and the field of parapsychology would have been well accepted by all other fields of science, both physical and

erbach ence, both physical and social. Back to Picard's argument.

Loyd Auerbach

We assume that, since we think, we must have a mind or consciousness. As self-aware beings, we are more than just mechanical responses generated by the brain. But can we prove that we have minds? And if we can't prove we have something distinctive from the brain we can call mind or con-

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sciousness (or spirit or soul) in a place where we know (assume) it exists (the brain/body), how can we hope to prove its continuance, its survival after the death of that brain and body?

PICARD'S MIND

If you can't prove Picard has a mind in his body, how could you prove (or disprove) the sentience in a self-aware android such as Data? How would we proceed to prove the existence of an apparition (a mind outside a body)? Proof, course, being relative, perhaps we're getting closer to this than you might think.

In a past issue I discussed the possible relationship of the geomagnetic field to psi performance. Magnetic fields are now being studied for their impact on our bodies and psychology (not merely geomagnetic fields). Recent studies conducted have allowed scientists to detect and measure a magnetic field around the brain. The main technology to detect the minute field is the SQUID (Superconducting Quantum Interference Detector).

In the January 1992 Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research, Robert O. Becker, a noted authority on how electromagnetic fields affect humans and animals ("Electromagnetism and Psi") discusses ideas sur-

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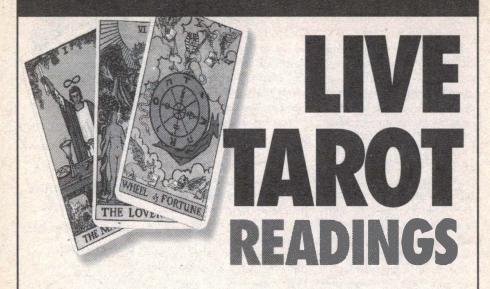


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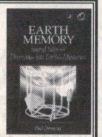
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rounding not just the geomagnetic field and psi, but also how magnetic fields affect information processing and consciousness (Using a SQUID to map the brain and activity within it is also discussed in "Mapping the Brain" by Sharon Begley, Lynda Wright, Vernon Church, and Mary Hager in Newsweek, April 20, 1992, pp. 66-70).

MAGNETIC ORGAN

In addition to the measurable magnetic field around the brain, submicroscopic bits of magnetic material have been detected in "a very wide range of living organisms, from bacteria to humans ...associated with the brain...now termed the magnetic organ" (p. 5). Says Becker: "the widespread occurrence of the magnetic organ over such a diverse range of living animals would seem to indicate that it is an evolutionarily ancient structure."

In that article, Becker goes on to discuss the idea that besides our information processing network of "wetware" (the brain and its network of neurons and neurotransmitters), there is a second, older form of information processing network, one of a magnetic field nature. The dual nature of mind and consciousness may be explained by looking at this pair of networks.

Becker suggests that there are two forms of sensory inputs to consciousness, which "probably reside in the primitive analog magnetic system." These two forms of input are 1) magnetically encoded information injected into the magnetic consciousness, (an electromagnetic sensory system), and 2) "the digital neuronal inputs from the sensory nerves and organs of the special senses, which are converted into appropriate magnetic fields within the structure of the brain" (Becker, p. 10). This idea suggests that a line of research involving magnetic fields (geomagnetic or otherwise) may provide an understanding of psi mechanisms.

MAGNETIC FIELDS

So, various frequencies of magnetic fields affect biological systems in both positive and negative ways. I have been taking a page from the magnetic studies book by using a magnetic field detector in my investigations of apparitions and hauntings. What I have noticed in the haunting cases we (my group and I in the Office of Paranormal Investigations) have checked out, is that there are higher than normal magnetic field readings (normal for the rest of the home) in the spots where people report seeing or hearing or feeling something extraordinary.

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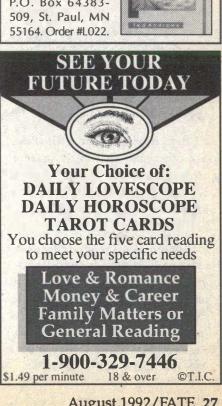
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HALLUCINATIONS?

If hauntings are a result of information recorded into the environment being played back by an individual who is picking it up, there may be a real connection to the magnetic fields in the environment. If, as Michael Persinger of Laurentian University in Canada suggests, geomagnetic fields can cause hallucinations (which may be based, thanks to psi, on real information), I believe that technologically caused fields can bring about similar sensations/information.

As to the potential of detecting some form of apparition or entity, that may be possible, but in the apparition cases on which we've used the field detectors. we've gotten no correlation. We've tried the meters out on only one poltergeist case, with no unusual correlations.

Hauntings may be the best cases to use such detectors in. The current model I've used for hauntings as "recorded" information may lend itself for more extensive use of the detectors (especially if the information is recorded into the environment with localized magnetic fields).

Secondly, in hauntings the reported phenomena stays put. With apparition cases, we may be able to use the detectors, but only at the whim of the apparition (who decides to stand within range of detection devices).

All of this is hardly evidence at this stage. It is suggestive of what may be going on, but it is still conjecture and speculation. However, the speculation may pay off.

What I find encouraging is the increasing interest in magnetic field effects on all levels, from effects on the environment and our own physiology, to the effects on our psychology, to the potential for understanding human consciousness.

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While the experiences, those investigated and those not, indicate that something worthy of study is going on, the evidence often demanded by mainstream scientists is not available.

The inadequacy of any proof that consciousness is anything more than a mechanistic process of the brain should not stop us from searching for such proof. Neither does the lack of evidence for the survival of bodily death by human consciousness mean that we should not study it.

As technology (like the SQUID) develops, we will be better and better equipped to look for such evidence, both for the existence of mind in the body and as it

may exist outside the body.

To quote Becker: "Even without postulating some undiscovered aspect of magnetic fields, all
living things on earth are influenced to some extent by the magnetic structure of the universe.
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our strange world

By Mark Chorvinsky



THE STRANGENESS OF GREEN BRIAR SWAMP

On Maryland's Eastern Shore is a swamp that must surely rank as one of the most haunted locations in the world, although it is virtually unknown outside of Maryland.

Green Briar Swamp, south of Cambridge, Maryland, is 30

square miles of murky water and thick grasses in the middle of nowhere. Single lane black-top roads slice through the swamp, which is reminiscent of a Louisiana bayou. To say that the swamp environs are sparsely populated would be an under-

statement. Old weatherbeaten shacks occasionally dot the road-side, addingt o the feeling of desolation and isolation, and one can drive on a narrow road for many miles without seeing anything but swamp.

It is easy to stray off a trail in its dark forest: indeed, many have been lost within. Local residents state with conviction that "anyone lost in Green Briar Swamp will most likely stay lost."

The swamp is bisected by Mapledam Road and for some reason it is the southern part of the swamp that has been the site of the preponderance of weirdness. Many—if not most—locals are afraid of the swamp, and for good

reason, as we shall see.

I first learned of Green Briar Swamp's supernatural history from the mid-1960s writing of Eastern Shore folklorist Brice Stump and the later works of Vernon Griffin. Since then I have unearthed more legend and



Mark Chorvinsky

lore as well as modern encounters with the Swamp unknowns.

Something of interest exists for most strange phenomena enthusiasts in the misty forests and dense underbrush of Green Briar Swamp: ghosts, monsters, swamp lights, and haunted treasures are just a sampling of the oddities associated with this eerie spot.

THE SPECTRE OF BIG LIZ

There are age-old legends about haunted buried treasure in the swamp. A popular belief is that a treasure was hidden in a burial vault by a plantation owner who was assisted by a female servant. After burying the treasure, the man supposedly cut off her head with his sword and buried her with the treasure.

Known as Big Liz, the slave's apparition has been seen in modern times and is one of the most popular of the Eastern Shore's apparitions.

For at least 30 years local teenagers have believed that if you drive to DeCourcey Bridge, honk your horn six times and blink your headlights three times,

Big Liz will be summoned.

She shambles silently, slowly approaching with stooped shoulders and carrying her head in her hand. While accounts vary, most percipients describe her glowing eyes, like "two branding irons fired to a white heat."

Some claim to have seen the awesome apparition of Big Liz rising from the jet black water under DeCoursey Bridge. Others swear that they have seen her at night along Stone Boundary Road.

It is said that once Big Liz is summoned, it is hard for those who called her to leave. Teenagers report that car engines will reportedly not start easily when

Big Liz is nearby. Manfred Cassirer, in Strange Magazine #6, noted that the engine-interference reported in UFO cases was not an isolated phenomenon, but was apparent in accounts of witchcraft and supernatural encounters as well, more evidence for the interconnectedness of such phenomena.

There are two known gravesites in the Green Briar area and one is said to be that of Big Liz; many believe that she is buried with a fortune in gold and that the vault is protected by super-

natural means.

THE GHOST LIGHT

Many have seen the "ghost light" of Green Briar Swamp, and a number of cars have been "buzzed" by it. Some skeptical locals consider it the only "real" strange phenomenon in the swamp. The light, which is more likely to be seen in late summer, has been sighted for over 100 years, and the descriptions of it have varied little over that time.

Such lights—known regionally as ghost lights, spook lights and marsh lights—can be frightening, particularly to the lone traveller. They sometimes travel at high speeds, zooming directly toward the witness (coming within yards of them), other times hovering in one spot or moving away at the same pace as the person who

attempts to approach them. The extremely high speeds often attained by the lights are sometimes achieved in seconds.

Eyewitness Cambridge City Police Corporal Bramble related in 1966 that the ghost light "swung around Guinea Island at a fantastic speed and shot back into the Green Briar area within seconds." Initially, the light did not move, then it "bounced slowly several times" and zoomed away.

Local resident Vernon Lowe watched such a "lack-o-Lantern" light for about five minutes in the Swamp, from about a half a mile away. He described it as a "reddish orange ball of fire" some three feet in diameter, and recalled that it had a floating motion as it moved across the marsh. Lowe believed the light was "marsh gas," but according to ancient local belief, the lights were indicators of the "harvesting of the souls" and that the sighting of many lights during the summer would forbode many deaths during the coming winter.

I am engaged in on-site investigations into Ghost Lights on Maryland's Eastern Shore and in the future I will report on the results of my work. For now, I will go so far as to say that it is possible that none of the accepted explanations for these lights seems to explain all of their

strange behavior.

THE DEVIL'S WOODYARD

The forest at Green Briar has been nicknamed "The Devil's Woodyard." Fortean Loren Coleman and others have written a great deal about Devil place names and their connection with strange phenomena, and this location certainly supports such an approach.

In addition to human apparitions like Big Liz and erratic ghost lights, there are other weird legends and anomalies of The Devil's Woodyard. One is of the "man who hollers every seven years," as recounted by Eastern Shore folklore collector Vernon Phillips. Over the years, hunters have indeed heard what sounded like a cry for help in the forest.

Animals are spooked by Green Briar Swamp. Cambridge City Police Officer Randall Dayton has described odd behavior of hunting dogs when in the Swamp. The dogs would chase after something all night long, barking and growling the whole time, and Dayton does not believe that they were after prosaic animals such as deers and racoons.

Area resident Tobbie Barrie had walked the swamp roads on many nights and was familiar with all of the sights and sounds of the Swamp. One night he strayed off of the cart-road, and encountered something that scared him so much that he ran nonstop to the



A spectral disembodied monster bull head has been encountered in Green Briar Swamp.

Photo by Mark Chorvinsky

nearest home— that of the late Sam Abbott—which was some distance away. When he reached the Abbott home, he was in a state of shock resulting from his experience, and to the best of my knowledge he never spoke of what scared him so in the Swamp.

Some of the bizarre entities that people claim to have encountered in the area include headless pigs and bulls as well as bull heads, sans body and breathing fire.

GREEN BRIAR SWAMP MONSTERS?

In 1909 the late Virgil Hearns of Easton, Maryland, was a teenager living in Lloyds, Maryland, in the

Green Briar area. He recalls that there were a number of strange incidents concerning the disappearance of livestock and of livestock being slaughtered just outside their pastures. Some pets disappeared as well. Many of the farmers in the area attributed the attacks and disappearances to a mountain lion of some kind.

According to Hearns, one night a farmer named Albert Evans was driving along a dirt road in his horse and buggy and saw several bloody cows lying dead in his pasture. Evans swore to Hearns that he saw some kind of a half-man, half-beast standing above one of the cows. The thing

was about seven feet tall, but it was so dark that he could not see facial details and the like.

Errol Lewis of Maryland wrote to me recently concerning a recent sighting of strange green glowing eyes in Green Briar Swamp, and my colleague Mark Opsasnick has since interviewed Mr. Lewis and is looking into the case.

Until recently, the accounts of those who live near Green Briar Swamp have never been studied by paranormal investigators. Now, however, we are building up a compelling file on this weird spot and there is much to follow up on.

I will be investigating the Green Briar area in the near

future, and if I am lucky I will return with something on film or tape. I don't think that there is much chance of getting a portrait of a decapitated ghost bull, but I would be satisfied with some marsh light footage. Even if I do not capture anything unusual on film, I will be certain to collect more strange tales of the Green Briar Swamp and its otherworldly inhabitants.

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IS THIS ANY WAY TO SELL MAGAZINES?

By Paul Steiner

To boost sales, some titles promise clock radios and fancy telephones. But would you purchase a magazine if the premium offered was nothing more than good luck? Some very smart person at National Enquirer came up with the idea last spring of asking two psychics to "channel their psychic energy" into a blue dot that appeared in the magazine's pages. Readers were advised to put their hands over the blue dot for a few minutes, and then report any and all good fortune to the National Enquirer.

Shock of all shocks, the February 26 issue reports, "two readers who live a thousand miles apart each have raked in thousands of dollars in lottery winnings—after rubbing a psychically charged blue dot..." We hate to be cynical, but isn't it logical that with an average paid circulation of 3.8 million, National Enquirer should have no trouble finding two lottery winners—neither one millionaires—among its readers? And so what if they're a thousand miles apart—what's the significance? If they lived next door, then that would be a story. Somehow, we don't think there will be a run on the indigo vats at your favorite printer.



ASTRO ALMANAC

By Anne Lyddane

The best astrological days to participate in the following activities during August-September 1992. Combines Sun, Moon and Planetary Aspects with Sign Positions.

	August	September
Apply for a job:	10, 23, 25, 27, 29	8, 10, 15, 24, 30
Ask for a raise or promotion:	1, 8, 25, 27, 29	7, 17, 25, 29
Ask for credit or a loan:	8, 10, 18, 25, 27	6, 8, 10, 17, 24, 25
Buy antiques or jewelry:	1, 2, 9, 10, 23, 29	8, 10, 15, 29
Buy a car or have repairs done:	2, 8, 29, 31	10, 15, 17, 24
Buy a permanent home:	1, 9, 10, 23, 27	6, 8, 10, 24, 25
Buy real estate for speculation:	2, 8, 25, 29	7, 15, 17, 25, 29
Consult a physician:	10, 25, 27, 31	8, 10, 15, 24
Cut hair for added thickness:	1, 8, 9, 23, 29	10, 17, 25, 29
Cut hair to increase growth:	2, 10, 18, 25	7, 15, 24, 30
Cut hair to retard growth:	15, 27, 31	3, 6, 8, 18
Entertain:	1, 2, 9, 18, 23, 25, 31	6, 8, 10, 15, 30
Fishing:	8, 9, 10, 23	8, 25, 29
Gardening:	1, 2, 8, 10, 18, 23, 25	3, 6, 8, 10, 15, 25
Hunting:	2, 9, 12, 27, 29, 31	7, 10, 15, 17, 24
Marry for happiness:	1, 9, 18, 23, 25, 27	6, 10, 17, 25, 29
Meditation:	8, 9, 23, 29, 31	6, 10, 25, 29
Mow lawn to retard growth:	1, 2, 10, 12, 17	8, 10, 18, 25
Permanents, hair coloring:	9, 18, 23, 25, 27	7, 8, 10, 17, 30
Purchase electronic equipment:	1, 10, 29	6, 8, 18, 24
Purchase major appliances:	8, 18, 23, 25, 27	10, 15, 18, 25
See dentist for extractions:	10, 18, 27	15, 17, 25, 29
See dentist for fillings:	12, 17, 25, 31	8, 10, 24
Sell home, property, possessions:	1, 8, 9, 10, 23, 27	7, 17, 25, 29
Sign important papers:	2, 29, 31	8, 17, 24, 25
Speculation/Gambling:	1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 29	7, 10, 17, 25, 29
Sports activities:	2,9,25,27,29,31	10, 15, 17, 24, 25
Start a weight loss program:	1, 8, 9, 10, 25, 29	3, 6, 8, 10, 25
Stop a bad habit:	2, 18, 23, 29	6, 17, 25, 29
Travel by air:	2,9,23,29,31	8, 10, 17, 24, 29
Travel for business:	1, 8, 10, 18, 27	6, 7, 15, 24
Travel for pleasure:	2, 9, 23, 25, 29, 31	8, 10, 25, 30

U F C Reporter



By Jerome Clark

THE PSYCHOLOGIST AND THE SAUCERS

This spring, in an op-ed piece published originally in the Los Angeles Times and reprinted in other newspapers, someone named Laurence Goldstein took patronizing note of revived interest in UFOs, which he attributed, if I understood him correctly, to post-Cold War stress.

Goldstein didn't seem to know much about actual UFO reports (irrelevant to such grand speculation), but the informed reader had no reason to doubt that if he had written the piece a few years ago, Goldstein would have informed us that

UFOs were the product of Cold War stress. Were pre-Cold War sightings generated by pre-Cold War stress? Debunkers' theories, God bless 'em, can be stretched to suit any occasion.

Inevitably—we connoisseurs of these sorts of bloviations can always see his name coming in from a mile off—Goldstein called Jung (1875-1961), the great Swiss psychologist and philosopher. Jung bears the distinction of being the only major 20th-century intellectual to write a book with "flying saucers" in the title. The English-language version was called Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies, published in 1959. According to Goldstein,

"Jung asserts that UFOs are not cosmic but psychic disturbances."



Jerome Clark

AN IMMEDIATE

In so asserting, Goldstein joins the legions of scoffers who cite Jung's authority for something

they want to believe but which he himself did not believe. The Jung sentiments Goldstein paraphrases are at best misleading and at worst flat-out wrong. Like nearly every other commentator, he could not have read the book carefully, if he read it at all.

Jung, who harbored a life-long fascination with unusual experi-

ences of all kinds, got interested in the UFO question before anyone had thought to call such phenomena "flying saucers" or "unidentified flying objects." In 1946, when they first caught his eye, they were called "ghost rockets." This was the name the European press gave to strange aerial objects whose appearances over Scandinavia and other places (including less widely noted sightings in the United States) gave rise to ungrounded fears of Soviet missile experiments.

After 1947 and the commencing of the UFO era, Jung read every book published on the subject but made no public pronouncements on the subject until a reporter sought him out. He declined a personal interview but agreed to write two letters outlining his interpretations. The letters were published in the July 9, 1954, issue of the Zurich weekly *Die*

Weltwoche.

SEEDS OF CONFUSION

Crafting his words carefully, as he invariably did when writing on controversial subjects, he managed to come down on both sides of the issue, laying seeds of confusion. There were instances, he wrote in the first of the letters, in which "one could think of a subjective vision" generated by fears of a "universal catastrophe. In such cases man looks toward

heaven for help, and strange signs appear from above."

But, he went on, that was hardly the end of the story. He cautioned that the "possibility of a purely psychological explanation is illusory, for a great number of observations point to a physical phenomenon." On the other hand, the objects acted as if they were weightless, which physical bodies are not. Still, UFOs gave the "impression of intelligent direction-which might lead us to suspect a quasi-human pilot." Still, the "accelerations of the discs are of such a kind...that no human being could possibly survive them." And yet the "so-called scientific explanations, like [astronomer and UFO debunker Donald] Menzel's reflection theory,...are tenable only if one conveniently disregards all reports that do not fit in with the theory."

Jung's remarks gave skeptics and proponents something to gratify their prejudices, though an objective reading indicates that Jung considered UFOs a mystery for which no satisfactory solution had yet been advanced.

In his second letter Jung responded to the reporter's request to treat UFOs as if they were known to be spacecraft and to speculate from that premise. At the outset Jung took care to leave his own options open, remarking that "competent people who have

access to better information than I do are of the opinion that the phenomena we are discussing are indeed of extraterrestrial origin," though "I cannot—or cannot yet -subscribe to this opinion, since I have not been able to find the necessary data."

Having made these qualifying observations, Jung sounded a somber note. If UFOs should turn out to be spaceships, he said, "we would find ourselves in the same critical position as primitive societies confronted with the superior culture of the white man. The reins of power would be taken from our hands, and we would have to say, as an old medicine man once said to me, with tears in his eyes, 'We have no more dreams.' Our spiritual progress would be hopelessly anticipated, and consequently paralyzed. And of course our science and technology would immediately have to be put into the attic."

SUMMER SCANDAL

In its May/June 1955 issue, England's Flying Saucer Review published an abridged English translation of the Die Weltwoche piece. This translation was of a translation. Jung's original remarks were in German, but they were translated into French by the Swiss UFO magazine Courrier Interplanetaire. The Flying Saucer Review article was based on the latter account. In the process Jung's qualifing remarks were shaved away, giving them a blunter, more unambiguously pro-ET cast than the psychologist had intended them to have.

Still, no one outside the tiny community of UFO buffs took notice. All this would change, however, when an American publication, The A.P.R.O. Bulletin, reprinted the Flying Saucer Review translation in its July 1958 issue. The Bulletin's editors Jim and Coral Lorenzen, who headed the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, also reported that Jung had accepted an honorary membership and consultant position with APRO.

On a slow news day, an Associated Press reporter based in Alamogordo, New Mexico, where APRO had its headquarters, read the Bulletin article and raced into print with a sensational story. His dispatch began: "Dr. Carl Jung, Swiss psychologist, says unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are real and 'show signs of intelligent guidance by quasi-human pilots'." It did not note that these remarks were four years old or reflect the cautious, qualified manner in which Jung had expressed these sentiments.

The world press soon picked up on the story. The New York Times devoted two columns to the matter, and Newsweek (August 11) quoted an Air Force official who quipped, "I always thought those head shrinkers were crackpots. Now I know." Jung's considerable intellectual reputation notwithstanding, much of the coverage carried an unmistakable undertone of ridicule.



Carl Jung

After reading the newspaper accounts, Jung wrote the Lorenzens and asked for a copy of the Flying Saucer Review article they had reprinted. Once he had it, he approached Associated Press, which apparently had not contacted him till then, and a followup article amounted to a "correction" of the earlier one. This time AP stated, "Dr. Carl Gustav Jung is convinced that people who say they have seen flying saucers just wanted to see them. 'Many people today are in need of fantasy,' said the famous psychologist." This article, as widely reprinted as the first, renewed the ridicule against the believers of whom, the world could now be assured, Jung was not one.

AP, however, had it wrong again. AP's rival United Press International printed an interview in which Jung expressed a more cautious, agnostic view of the UFO phenomenon, but the article attracted practically no attention. In it Jung said, "I have formulated my position on the question of the reality of UFOs in the phrase: 'Something is being seen, but it is not known what'."

For their part the Lorenzens apologized to Jung, who dismissed the whole affair as a "regrettable accident" and nothing more. In fact, he remained an APRO member until his death. He even expressed admiration for the couple, writing them to express his appreciation for their "critical attitude and common sense. I hope you will continue your courageous fight for the truth."

Jung also wrote Donald E. Keyhoe, director of another American organization, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), and congratulated him on "all the courageous things you have done in elucidating the thorny problem of UFO-reality." He said he had not come to a conclusion about physical UFOs; as a psychologist he concentrated on the "rich phantasy material, which has accumulated itself round the peculiar observations in the skies. Any new

experience has two aspects: (1) the pure fact and (2) the way one conceives of it. It is the latter I am concerned with."

THE CHAPTER NO ONE RERO

That summer (1958) Jung produced a small book, Ein Moderner Mythus von Dingen, die am Himmel gesehen werden, an interesting though, relative to Jung's earlier writings, minor work. Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth, as it would be called in its English incarnation the following year, amounts to a long footnote to the classic writings in which Jung laid the groundwork for analytical psychology. It deals less with UFOs as such than with dreams, paintings, visions, and sciencefiction novels in which more or less UFO-like images appear.

According to Jung, the uncertainties of the age, caused by a dominance of rational (conscious) thought over intuitive (unconscious) feeling, were drawing archetypal images from deep within the unconscious. These archetypes, manifesting in the mandala shape of the flying saucer, represent the wholeness the fragmented psyche of modern man seeks. As such they become the focus of fantasies and mystical religious hopes, a blank slate on which the unconscious can express its irrational impulses.

That was, apparently, as far as

anyone wanted to read the book, and little of the writing on Jung's views pays heed to a short but crucial chapter, "UFOs Considered in a Non-Psychological Light," which appears toward the end. Here Jung gives his frankest (and final) assessment of the UFO phenomenon itself.

He states that psychological explanations alone cannot account for UFO reports, unless one is prepared to accept the preposterous proposition that "psychic projections throw back a radar echo." He praises pro-UFO writers Keyhoe and Edward J. Ruppelt and damns debunker Menzel, who "has not succeeded, despite all his efforts, in offering a satisfying scientific explanation of even one authentic UFO report...[B]y all human standards, it hardly seems possible to doubt this [the reality of UFOs] any longer."

Jung proposes an interesting hypothesis: UFOs are spacecraft. For a considerable period of time they have quietly observed the earth, conducting their business mostly out of sight and drawing little notice. Now, however, "earthly existence feels threatened [and] unconscious contents have projected themselves on these inexplicable heavenly phenomena and given them a significance they in no way deserve." Their presences here at this crisis in human history "coincide in a

meaningful manner" though the two events "bear no causal relationship to one another."

In other words, the fantasies of artists, visionaries, and contactees notwithstanding, flying saucers are not the chariots of gods, angels, or Space Brothers. They are, however, apparently real phenomena, under intelligent control by inscrutable entities upon whom, in the absence of real knowledge about their nature and motivation, we focus our dreams.

A LAST WORD

Jung died in 1961, but two years later (in Flying Saucer Review, July/August 1963) a distant relative, Lou Zinsstag, wrote an account of an afternoon she spent with the eminent psychologist during that eventful summer of 1958.

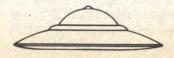
Jung told her he had originally thought UFOs to be of—in Zinsstag's paraphrase—a "soft, fluffy material rather like silk." Jung may have meant something like what occultists call ectoplasm, though Zinsstag, who viewed spiritualism with distaste, seems to have missed the significance of the remark.

But some time ago, Jung went on to say, after a close friend who was a high-ranking American Army officer and a well-known scientist told him of a half-hour. close encounter with a metallic UFO, Jung had changed his mind about the "silky material."

In other words, contrary to the claims of some, Jung apparently never believed UFOs to be purely imaginary. When he changed his mind about them he simply moved from a paranormal (occult) interpretation to a technological (extraterrestrial) one.

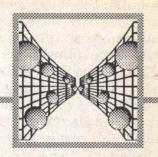
Why have Jung's views been so consistently misrepresented? One reason is that Jung weighed his words carefully and surrounded them with qualifications. But his pro-UFO conclusions are clear enough to anyone who pays reasonable attention to the arguments advanced in "UFOs Considered in a Non-Psychological Light." More likely, prejudices against UFOs run so deep that most of Jung's readers and apologists simply ignore, perhaps without even realizing they are doing so, statements that run contrary to their cherished biases.

In the end, of course, the ultimate authority on what Jung thought about UFOs is Jung himself. And what he thought, contrary to what they would have you believe, should bring no comfort to scoffers anywhere.



DETOND SHT NWONN

By John Keel



WORDS THAT BUZZ

We are all guilty of using words that have become boring, tedious clichés. Words that we hear so often they become totally meaningless. We sprinkle our conversations with "you know", "get my drift", "like" and "what'd I tell you?" Sports figures on television interviews seem to have

vocabularies limited to "offense" and "defense." Like, you know, we got a great defense but our offense needs work, if you know what I mean.

Hollywood has often deliberately slipped wearisome clichés into the language. Watch any old

movie from the thirties or forties and note how many times the word "swell" is forced into the dialog. Everything was "swell" in those days. Yet, as near as I can recall, real people used "swell" mainly as a sarcastic term. When something was "swell" it really stank. But in the movies Dick Powell would announce that he

thought Ruby Keeler danced "swell." Ruby, in turn, would declare that Dick was "a swell guy."

But if your uncle Charlie fell down a flight of stairs and broke his clavicle, he would groan and tell you he felt "swell, just swell."

Today we live in a really swell age when just about everybody talks in "buzz words." Every

occupation and every field of interest has its own buzz words. The advent of the personal computer has given us a completely new vocabulary of jargon that spills over into other aspects of our lives.



John Keel

When two computer nerds get together for a chat it sounds like they are talking in Swahili. The rest of us have picked up fragments by osmosis and mumble convincingly about readouts and matrix and interfaces.

THE OONGAWAH FACTOR

Hollywood's greatest contri-

bution to the buzz word derby may have been the creation of an anonymous scriptwriter for the

early Tarzan films.

There was a need for an authentic-sounding jungle word, and since no one in Hollywood was a scholar of African languages, somebody made one up. Whenever Tarzan wanted to send Cheetah for help he would bellow, "Oongawah!" Whenever he needed an elephant stampede, he would order the head elephant to "Oongawah."

In more tender moments, he would tell Jane "Oooongawah." It was a word for all occasions and it was used in all the Tarzan

talkies.

It didn't take the young moviegoers of the 1930s long to pick up on the magic word. Soon they were bicycling through middle America, shouting "Oongawah" to each other. During World War II, Oongawah became a popular American military password, much to the confusion of the enemy.

Generations of young people have watched the old Tarzan flicks on television, making Oongawah a permanent part of

our slang.

Much of American slang, particularly the words used by teenagers, came from the untraditional world of music, jazz in particular. Musicians developed

a kind of oral shorthand which teenagers quickly adapted. Some words returned every few years to be used and abused by whole new generations. Then television replaced musicians as the source. The catch phrases of comedians and the slogans from TV commercials are now mumbled by our young people.

In a sense, their brains have fallen down and they can't get

up.

THE GREAT CONTRADICTION

New York's literary community is easily dominated by fads and trends. In the 1940s, everyone was reading the works of the "big three": Freud, Jung and Adler. You couldn't converse at a literary soirée unless you were familiar with those pioneers of psychiatry. A decade later you had to have a working acquaintance with the scribblings of Franz Kafka.

Each new fad brought a new wave of buzz words and inside jokes that only made sense if you had read the novels of F. Scott Fitzgerald or flashes-in-the-pan like Speed Lamkin. Television proved to be a great leveler. It simplified the task of being a New York "intellectual." Personalities like William Buckley and David Susskind started their own trends and introduced their own

buzz words.

Intellectuals never use a simple word when there is a more complex one available. For example, in the 1970s, the old, familiar term "contradiction" was replaced by a classy new buzz word: "dichotomy" (die-kotomy). Buckley, Susskind and their peers on the tube felt it necessary to use the term several times on each show. The people at the book parties who used to quote Kafka in the '50s, now pointed out dichotomies in everything.

Current buzz words include idiotic terms that have been spawned by political disorder like "politically correct" and "New World Order" (Hitler's favorite). Terms that were once known as "newspeak" in Orwell's novel 1984. The Russians, raised on myriad communist slogans, are now wallowing in a sea of new buzz words which are politically correct only because there are no correct politics at the moment.

A WORLD OF WITLESS WORDS

Without a doubt, the worst offenders in the zany world of buzz words are the scientists and academics. As already noted, each science has its own system of buzz words and all academic types rely on obtuse terms that make shallow thoughts seem

profound. There are many, many examples.

If you attended any lectures of any kind in the 1980s, whether it was a lecture on art, astronomy or wood carving, you almost certainly heard the most favored buzz word of that decade.

Speakers were constantly referring to a paradigm of one thing or another. There were paradigms everywhere. We were surrounded. A paradigm (para-dime) is, of course, a model—an example. Rather than use a simple and more graphic term, the lecturers paradigmed us to death, using the word as often as possible and receiving learned nods from their audiences each time they spoke it.

In more recent years, another equally insidious and equally stupid word has worked its way into nearly every speech being uttered today. Awhile back I attended a conference of parapsychologists and assorted spook hunters and each of ten speakers used this magic word ten or more times! It is "archetype" (ark-atype). It really doesn't mean very much and could even be called a minor variation on paradigm. When my turn to speak arrived, I decided to treat them to my own favorite buzz word—one that I've been trying to make popular for years, which is found only in the biggest, most complete dictionaries. Once you learn it, it will become your favorite, too, along with humungus and discombobulated. It is the archetype of all buzz words.

My current get-rich-quick plan involves designing a special piece of computer software that can be used by all academics. It would automatically sort out all the buzz words and clichés from the manuscripts of their speeches. The great disadvantage, of course, is that it would leave

most of them speechless. Take away their paradigms and their archetypes and they would have nothing left. Nothing, that is, except my personal, long ignored favorite: "stercoriculous." I think that would be just swell.



HALL OF FAMERS JOHNNY BENCH REVEALS "SPIRITED" DATE

By Paul Steiner

Johnny Bench, baseball's Hall of Fame catcher and 14-time all star, tells about going out with a flight attendant who told him her apartment was possessed by spirits. "She didn't seem to be totally nuts," he says in a *Penthouse* excerpt from his book *Bad Dates*.

After going to dinner they went back to her apartment. She immediately said, "Somebody's been in the apartment."

Concerned, Johnny checked the place thoroughly. "It didn't look like anyone had been there to me," he stated.

She insisted that the wine had been moved.

"Maybe you could talk to the spirits. Maybe they'll know who's been here."

"She took a pen and held the end between her finger and thumb, putting the tip down against a sheet of paper. Within seconds, the pen started to write by itself. I mean, it actually wrote words! It was slow writing, something like the speed of a Ouija board," Johnny recalls.

He was watching to see if she was doing anything with the pen. "I would swear it just wrote by itself. The message the spir-

it left was something like I was here to visit'."

After that, Johnny checked his watch and said he had to observe a curfew. He never saw her again.

Sai Baba Man of Miracles

By Swarnakamal Bhattacharyya

Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the fourth child of Sm. Eswaramma and Sri Pedda Venkappa Raju, was born on November 23, 1926, in Puttaparti village, Andhra Pradesh, India. His eldest brother, Seshama Raju, was a school teacher, and his two elder sisters were named Venkamma and Parvatamma.

A precocious child, his spiritual knowledge astounded his teachers. In school he became a prayer group leader and at 12, wrote a play, Do We Act As We Preach?

On March 8, 1940, at 14, he had enough of secular bonds and manifested himself by becoming unconscious for periods of time.

His alarmed father called in exorcists, who tormented him by trying to drive out evil spirits.

No one remembered Madame Blavatsky's words: "A miracle is not a violation of the laws of nature as believed by ignorant people. Magic is but a science, a profound knowledge of the occult forces in nature and of the laws governing the visible and invisible worlds."

On May 23, 1940, Sathya rose from his bed, called his household and distributed candy and flowers, which he produced with a wave of his hand. When neighbors came he gave them handfuls of payasam (milk coated with rice

and sugar) announcing: "I am Sai Baba of Shirdi, of Bharadwaj Gotra and Apastamba Sutra."

DIVINITY REVEALED

He revealed his divinity by journeying outside his body, materializing objects—vibhuties (spiritual sacred ashes), and being free of pain and suffering even when tortured by exorcists.



The sacred sound of the universe

In December of 1940, he came back from school, threw away his books and yelled, "Maya (goddess of illusion) has left. My work awaits me. I am leaving."

He walked out of his brother's house and took his yogasana seat of prayer on a rock under a garden tree. His neighbors surrounded him with flowers, camphor and incense. There he taught them the first prayer song:

Maanas Bhajare Guru Charanam Dustara Bhava Sagara Taranam.

(Mentally meditate at the feet of the Guru. This alone can take you

across the difficult ocean of samsara [cycles of birth and death].)

By age 15, stories of Sai Baba's miracles had spread. The queen of Chincholi rushed to Puttaparti to find out if the rumors had substance and invited Sri Sathya Sai to visit her palace at Chincholi, where she intended to test him. He was received there 23 years after Shirdi Sai Baba's death. She was astonished when he made inquiries about the changes in the palace and the garden, proving that he was Shirdi Sai Baba's reincarnation, who had promised to reincarnate eight years after dying.

Shirdi Sai Baba had left behind many devotees after dying in 1918. Claims of several saints to be incarnations simultaneously further confused matters.

Narayan Baba, a mystic, holds that Shirdi Sai Baba has not reincarnated yet. His soul soars around doing service to mankind and talks to Narayan Baba whenever he sits before the photo of Shirdi Sai Baba, praying for guidance and enlightenment. He too materializes rings, lockets and vibhuties from the air—the spirit of Shirdi Sai Baba puts them in his hands, and he finds them when he opens his fist.

WHAT ARE VIBHUTIES?

Vibhuties are sacred ashes materialized by Sri Sathya Sai Baba and

distributed to devotees for spiritual uplifting. According to Samkhy philosophy, vibhuties are eight spiritual power modes: 1) anima/subtlety, 2) laghima/lightness 3) prapti/attainment) 4) prakamya/irresistible will, 5) mahima/greatness, 6) ishitwa/superiority, 7) bashitwam/self-control and 8) kamabasayeeta/self-denial.

Hindus, Jains and Buddhists believe in the pre-existence of souls and reincarnation. Educated ancient Egyptians, Greek philosophers, Hebrew Pharisees, and Sufis acknowledged it.

Christ was recognized as the incarnation of an older prophet, and directly asserted that John the Baptist was the prophet Elias come back again. "If ye will receive it, this is Elias which was for to come." (Matt. 11-24.)

Verse five of the same chapter again shows why Jesus was to be recognized as a prophet:

"The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have gospel

preached to them."

THE EARLIER SAI BABA

Sri Sathya Sai Baba of Puttaparti can recollect and narrate the facts of his previous incarnation as Shirdi Sai Baba.

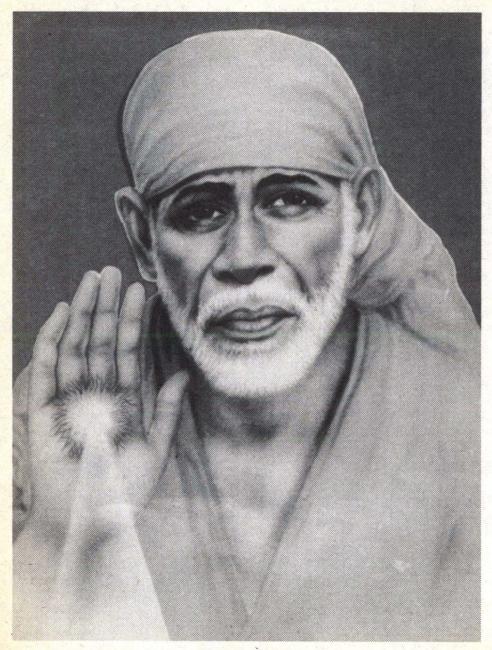
Sai Baba of Shirdi also worked miracles, as recorded by his biog-

rapher, B.V. Marasima Swami. He was born in mid-19th century in the village of Patri in Nizam of Hyderabad State. His parents were Hindu Brahmins. At a young age he came to the shelter of a Sufi named Darbish, who became his first guru.

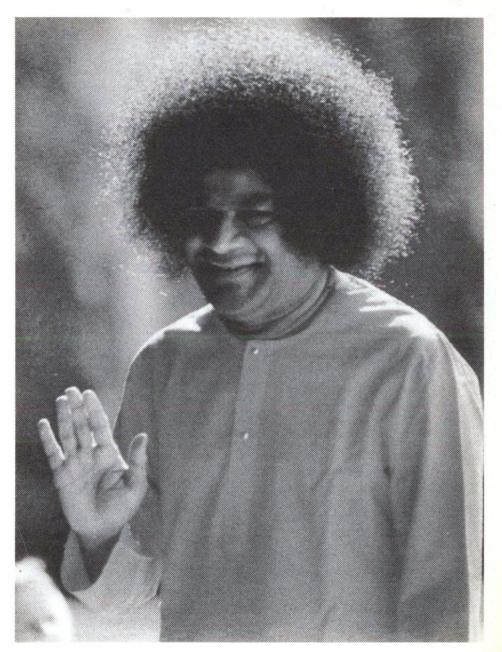
After five or six years he came to the attention of Sri Gopala Rao, a government officer at Salur. He found the child, who had been left behind by the Sufi fakir, to be an incarnation of Saint Kabir. He took the gifted child home and named him Babu. Babu took part in daily activities of the court, field and temples and received high-order training in material and spiritual matters from Sri Gopal Rao, his second guru.

When Gopal Rao was near death, he advised his disciple Babu to leave his residence and travel westward to find his new home. Babu did and arrived at Shirdi, a village in Bombay Presidency. First he took shelter in a Hindu temple, but the priest drove him out. He then had to take shelter in a forsaken Shirdi mosque in 1872. He lived there until his death in 1918.

Though a Brahmin by birth he lived in the broken mosque, burning dhoomi (sacrificial fire), serving, advising and consoling the Hindus, the Buddhists, the Moslems, the Parsees and the Christians with the ashes (vib-



Shirdi Sai Baba



Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba

huties) of his dbooni. He became the renowned Saint Shirdi Sai Baba. Before dying he assured his devotees he would reincarnate after eight years—in 1926.

DIVINE POWERS

Sri Sathya Sai Baba devotees acknowledge him as an omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient avatar of God. He and an unseen spirit shower a range of graces on devotees and non-believers alike, depending on past karma or just because of his loving grace.

During the last 50 years he has materialized objects in his right hand or his photos in devotees' houses in all different parts of the world, including lockets, rings, necklaces, chains of gold, silver, paneha dhatu (five metals) carrying enameled or embossed pictures of Shirdi Sai Baba or Sathya Sai Baba, Krishna, Shiva or other gods, the Christian cross, honey, fruits, taffy, watches, medicine, religious books like the Gita, handwritten divine messages, sheets of instructions and other mysterious objects.

DOUBTERS

Even though Sai Baba proclaimed himself an avatar of Shirdi Sai Baha or Kabir or Christ or Krishna or Rama on May 8, 1940, manifested spiritual powers (vibhuties) and revealed his earnest determination to devote his life to the service of mankind, there are doubters.

There were doubters and atheists in ancient India, too. Their supreme leader was Charvaka, a Rishi who did not believe in gods and declared that the authors of the Vedas were all cheats and rogues. However, Sai Baba does not insist that everyone must have faith in God.

"I refuse to call a person nastika (atheist). Beings exist as a result of God's will, in accordance with His plan, so no one is beyond His grace. Besides, everyone has love toward something, and that love is a spark of the Divine. Everyone has ultimately to base his life on some truth. That truth is God."

CRITICS' OBJECTIONS

Sri Sathya Sai Baba is well aware of what his critics have said. Their main points include:

1. Why does Baba wear silk or

terene instead of cotton?

2. Why does he usually stay in the houses of rich people?

3. Why doesn't he allow all visitors an interview to receive his vibhuties, gifts and all sorts of boons, since all men are equal?

4. Why does he not solve the problems of poverty, disaster, suffering, corruption, exploitation and other evils?

5. Why perform miracles?

6. How does he pay for various activities of his ashrams and

colleges?
7. Why treat him as God?

SAI BABA REPLIES

"Does putting on rags confer any glory or status on anyone? In Paramahansa Yogananda's book, Autobiography of a Yogi...great yogis and god-men wear silk to contain the unique spiritual currents in their bodies."

Baba goes to the houses of earnest devotees, rich or poor. People's good karma in past lives gives them the privilege of welcoming Baba in their homes. On tours he stays in the houses of presidents or officials of Sai Seva Dal or in large houses so that the thousands of people who come to see and meet him find room.

He gives darshan freely and selects 10 to 30 people every day from thousands, coming out many times a day from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M.

Baba advises people not to attach importance to interviews granted by him, saying, "As omnipresent and omnipotent God, He is ever-present everywhere in every heart. One must claim His grace by worship and by serving men without selfish motives. Then He can manifest Himself in the houses of followers wherever they are located in the world."

The concept of equality of men does not work in spiritual matters. Sai Baba explains, "...equali-

ty [is] now being used as a slogan [and] is a vain and meaningless cry, for how can men, inheriting a multiplicity of impulses, skills, qualities, tendencies, attitudes and even diseases from their ancestors and from their own histories, be all of the same type?"

WORLD IMPROVEMENT

World improvement is a slow process, but millions of Sai devotees have started examining their lives according to humanistic or Baba's universal religious and spiritual teachings. Their numbers grow bigger every day. The foundation of the Sai era of peace, duty, truth and love has already been laid.

Sai Baba never performs miracles just to show off his powers or frighten us. They are part of the nature of his kind-hearted, witty and loving divine personality.

Baba declares, "You ask from me trash and tinsel, petty little cures and gains. Very few desire to get from me the thing I have come to give, namely liberation itself. Even among those few who seek liberation, only a small percentage stick sincerely to the path of sadhana (spiritual exercises) And of them, only an infinitesimal number succeed."

When Mr. Kashi Raju, a staff member of the D.A.O./Waltair's office, was waiting with his elderly mother in a crowd of visitors, Baba suddenly selected him and his mother, and guided them into the interview room. Baba asked why she was worried. "How will the family be run?" she asked. Baba asked her not to be harsh to her daughter-in-law (Raju's wife), thus restoring peace. A disinterested visitor became an ardent Sai devotee, with all his family members!

The expenditures of ashrams, Sai Colleges and summer courses, etc., are paid by voluntary donations of rich people to the

Central Sathya Sai Trust.

IS BABA REALLY GOD?

Baba says, "You have not heard me fully. I say I am God. I say also that you are God. The only difference is that you do not know it."

Though Sai Baba of Shirdi cured thousands of villagers with the help of vibhuties from his *dhooni* (sacred fireplace), sometimes he did not. This happened to Mr. H. S. Dixit's daughter (a member of the legislative council). People murmured, "If Sai Baba of Shirdi could not save Dixit's daughter, why have a Sadguru?"

In 1953, at age 27, Sai Baba brought back to life the dead, stinking 60-year-old body of Mr. V. Radhakrishna, rich factory owner of Kuppan, Andhra Pradesh. Sceptics replied, "Who knows if [he] played possum to see how his wife and daughter would act?"

When this news spread, sceptics' numbers rose along with the number of devotees. Westerners and those brought up in India under Western influence were not impressed, calling them "moonshine and cock-and-bull stories." The forces of rival miracle-makers and black magicians joined them.

Prof. Agehananda Bharati, an Austrian-born monk, Hindu and professor of anthropology at Syracuse University, New York, believes that all god-men and swams appearing in India or the Western world are "phony." Bharati, well-versed in Hindu shastras, finds many things in the Gita, (the Hindu Bible), "disgusting."

Lord Krishna, a current Indian incarnation, declared he returned to protect people of good will and kill the rogues. But Sai Baba, also an incarnation of Krishna, assures, "In this avatar the wicked will not be destroyed. They will be corrected and reformed and educated and led back to the path from which they have strayed."

Even Sai Baba's late father, Venkappa Raju, threatened his son Sathya, asking if he was a god or a madcap when his supernatural performances came to

notice.

SAI BABA'S MIRACLES

Dr. S. Bhagavantam wrote an article about how Sai Baba amazed him with a miracle. Sai Baba collected a handful of sand from the river Chitravati flowing by the ashram at Puttaparti, and asked him to stretch out his hands. Baba poured sand into his hands, and the grains turned into a small text of the Gita before him and 200 observers.

Dr. Samuel H. Sandweiss, Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of California, came to India to study psychology and left with a deep sense of mystery. He told Sai Baba that there is a segment in American society whose moral is "Let it all hang out."

Sai Baba said, "It is not so important to do what you like to do, but learn to like to do what you have to do." Sandweiss was startled, his own unquestioned

beliefs exposed.

DANGEROUS CULT?

Critics fear that Sai Baba's miracles and influence over people may lead to a dangerous cult situation such as Jim Jones and the People's Temple in Guyana, when one church depended largely on the magical powers of the chief priest.

Sai Baba's miracles are not to attract followers. He repeatedly tells his followers not to abandon their traditional God or gods. All religions are different paths to the same Universal God. The principles are the same—truth, morality, aversion to slaughter, equanimity and love.

He established ashram schools, training teachers to prepare students for One World citizenship, free from conflicting cult clashes...helping students understand, appreciate and uphold symbols of the world's great religions and master the art of behaving in an unprejudiced manner, keeping above narrow viewpoints.



SAI BABA'S EMBLEM

The Hindu OM, Christian Cross, Zoroastrian Fire, Moslem Moon and Star and Buddhist Wheel compose Sai Baba's emblem.

Sai Baba teaches that:

1) If everlasting shanti/peace, ananda/happiness, ishvaranugra-ha/grace of God, etc., are to be achieved, one must constantly strive to get rid of one's ego and thereby attain salvation.

2) Brotherhood with men can be cultivated daily on the basis of atmic (soul) vision. Men thirst for peace, happiness and bliss... These can be earned only by recognizing the bond that knits man to man.

3) Saints perform miracles so people may develop faith in God.

4) People [can] rise above their karma...on the path of right action...which is meditation that slowly and steadily produces an effect of the Supreme Power on one hand and a state of peace, bliss and freedom on the other.

5) Meditation is based on the five letter word, "WATCH."

w-watch your words

a—watch your actions

t-watch your thoughts

c—watch your character h—watch your heart.

Milarepa, the Tibetan saint, said, "For true contemplation, contemplate thine own mind."

6) Baba's advice: Start the day with Love, Fill the day with Love, Spend the day with Love, End the day with Love.

Love means prema, not earthly or worldly love, but selfless love for God. You are part and parcel of our loving GOD.



Editor's note: I once had a very powerful personal psychic experience with Sai Baba.

The event occurred during a period in the early '80s, when I was feeling very wretched. The previous year my only daughter (then 17) had been severely burned in an accident. I had gone through a divorce, had an IRS tax audit and quit my job teaching school. With no goals or future plans, I went back to North Dakota and lived in our old, now-deserted farmhouse. The house then had no operating plumbing and only a wood stove in the kitchen for heating the entire house. It was not the Ritz.

In my misery, I had embarked on a spiritual quest and had been reading many metaphysical books. One night I read a biography of Sai Baba. Afterwards, I was lying in my cold bed feeling particularly sorry for myself and thinking about the book I had read, and what his ashram in India must be like. Suddenly, I clearly felt that Sai Baba turned his focus on me in North Dakota and became aware of my misery. He then touched my heart with an incredible love and peace.

My attitude changed. I knew someone important cared, and I was lifted out of my useless doldrums.

I relate this story to you readers so you know that you too can reach out and touch spiritual people such as Sai Baba for help in your life. Even though I was raised in a traditional Norwegian Lutheran household, the assistance of spiritual love came to me from a different culture on the other side of the world.

THE RESTAURANT THAT DISAPPEARED



Was this a case of time travel in Wyoming?

By Debra D. Munn

One of the most baffling supernatural phenomena ever to take place in Wyoming occurred in March 1959. Bob Wetzel (pseudonym, real name on file at FATE office) was stationed at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado. He and friends John and Dee Greeley (pseudonyms) were driving up to visit Bob's wife Sharon, who was living in Worland.

Just as the three were leaving the Cheyenne city limits, a blinding spring snowstorm hit. Whereas it normally took only a short time to get from Cheyenne to Chugwater, this trip through the blizzard took an hour and a half. Road conditions kept getting worse and worse, and anyone who has ever traveled on Wyoming highways can appreciate the relief that the travelers felt when they were finally able to make out the dim, beckoning lights of a restaurant in the distance.

BOB'S STORY

We were so glad to find a place to come in out of the storm and have dinner. We pulled off to the left side of the road and walked across the street; then we ran up some steps leading into the building. I believe that we went through some swinging doors there in the front, and I

remember that we were the only three having dinner at the time. The help were there—the cook, dishwasher, and others, but we were the only customers.

The restaurant was quite pleasant, with white linen tablecloths, silverware, and tall water glasses at each place setting. Two young women dressed in long white dresses with black and white aprons waited on us, and to the best of my recollection, John and I both had steaks and Dee had chicken. Each of us also had a beer.

When we finished our meal, we were very surprised to see the tab on our bill. It came to only nine dollars for the three of us! I was so pleased that I left five, one-dollar bills as a tip, and you should have seen how surprised the waitresses were! They thanked me, walked us to the door, and told us to be careful, since it was still snowing so hard you could barely see.

Once we got to the other side of Chugwater, however, and close to Douglas, the storm suddenly lifted and we made it up to Worland without any trouble.

When we got there, we told my wife Sharon and her parents about the nice restaurant we'd found, and so we decided to stop there again on our way back to Denver.

When Sharon made the return

trip with us, the weather was clear and we had no trouble getting to Chugwater.

This was before the highways were fixed, and you had to drive right through the middle of the town. I remembered that as we had come down the hill, from Denver heading north, the restaurant had been the third or fourth business on the left-hand side of the street.

"But this time it just wasn't there!" he insisted, sounding as bewildered 30 years later as he must have felt at the time. "There wasn't even any building on the site. We were looking at a vacant lot!"

Unable to believe their eyes, Bob and John walked to a nearby hamburger stand, where Bob spoke to an elderly gentleman.

I think his name was Charlie, and I told him that we had come through Chugwater and eaten at a restaurant that was no longer there.

"Pardon me?" he asked. "Are you sure this was where you were?"

And I said "I'm positive. That's right where I parked."

"When was this?" Charlie asked, with a funny look on his face.

"Eight to ten days ago," I told him. And then he dropped the bombshell.

"Son, the place that you de-

scribe burned down years and years ago, and this has been a vacant lot since then."

"There's no way!" I said. "We were just in there!" And I began to describe both of the waitresses

who had served us.

"Son," the man said again, "that place burned down, and the two people you describe perished in the fire. But that was years and years ago." looked at John, who had turned a little pale, and he said, "The best thing we can do is get the hell to Denver!"

Back in the car, Sharon made light of the situation, believing that the other three were playing a joke on her.

"It was only when Dee became quite anguished and insisted that they were all telling the truth that I believed them," said Sharon. "And after all these years, their story has never changed."

Bob is the first to admit that if he had been alone at the time of the experience, he never would have told anyone about it and would have had serious doubts about his sanity. In fact, all the way back to Denver, the participants in this strange adventure racked their brains for a logical explanation.

We thought maybe we had never been in Chugwater at all, that maybe we had been in another town. But, hell, there is no other town around there. Because on that road you went from Cheyenne to Chugwater to Wheatland to Douglas to Casper to Worland; and we knew that road very well because we traveled it often. And anyway, everything else in the town

Looking back on the experience, Bob could recall nothing unusual about the restaurant itself, except for the low cost of the meal. The food and drink seemed real in every way and were much more filling than a mere "ghost" of a dinner would have been. But Bob did remem-

seemed the same, except that the

restaurant was gone.

ber thinking at the time that the complexions of both waitresses were very white, and later he realized that their long dresses and aprons might have belonged to an earlier time.

TIME TRAVEL?

How can the experience that had happened to Bob and the Greeleys be explained? Bob insists that he doesn't believe in ghosts, but he has no other explanation for what occurred.

Could the snowstorm have confused the three travelers so that they didn't know where they were? That seems unlikely, since they were well acquainted with the route, and since there were no other towns along that particular stretch of road from Cheyenne to Douglas. Could atmospheric or other unknown conditions of that blustery day in March 1959 somehow have triggered a flashback into the past?

ALTERNATE REALITIES

As bizarre as that theory sounds, it may be the most likely explanation, especially when one considers that other, similar stories have been reported to parapsychologists. The most famous involved two female Oxford dons who, while visiting Versailles on August 10, 1901, were apparently transported for a short while to the Versailles of an earlier time.

Another such trip into the past was reported in an episode of Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers. In this case, two British couples stayed overnight and had dinner at a French inn that they were unable to locate later. The story is very similar to Bob's, in that some of the inn's other customers were wearing old-fashioned clothes, and the bills for both hotel and restaurant were astonishingly inexpensive.

I corresponded with J. Finley Hurley, the author of an upcoming book on inanimate apparitions and "time slips" such as Bob and his friends may have experienced. When I presented the facts of the Chugwater story to him, this was his response:

"It would seem that Bob and his companions either blundered into the past or into an alternate present where the restaurant continued to operate and fashions didn't change—or they were served by apparitions. Concerning the latter explanation, however, there is nothing in the literature of apparitions (including hauntings and such) that could begin to account for the experience. So I must assume the trio wandered into the past.

"The 'very white' complexions of the waitresses (a sour note, that) could simply reflect a time not so long ago when women avoided suntans. In any event,

apparitions of the dead aren't the deadly white so popular in folklore. Also, assuming ghosts don't charge for their services, the prices would have been appropriate over a considerable span of time, perhaps into the '50s. I think it's possible that they did have the experience reported."

FACT OR FICTION?

My next step was to try to check out the facts of Bob's story against the early history of Chugwater. Official records before the town's incorporation in 1919 are practically nonexistent, but old-timer Russell L. Staats checked his diary and discovered that on March 25, 1959, Chugwater did, indeed, get nine inches of snow. He also believed that a restaurant had existed at one time in the area Bob described.

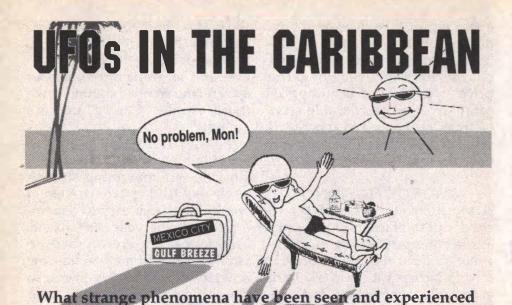
Chugwater residents Tim and Peggy Dreas did some further scouting around for me, and found another oldtimer who said that almost every business, including a restaurant in the locale described by Bob, had burned to the ground in the first part of the century. No one remembered anyone dying in the blaze, however, but someone did remember a man who roamed around town much like the "Charlie" in Bob's account.

Peggy Dreas told me more about this man. "His name wasn't Charlie, but something similar, such as Ollie, perhaps—so it would have been easy to remember it over the years as Charlie. This fellow apparently had no family and spent most of his time downtown walking the street, so it's very possible that Bob could have spoken to him."

There is another interesting footnote to Bob Wetzel's story. Loren Coleman, in his book Mysterious America (Boston, Faber and Faber, 1983, p. 241) lists names of people and places that for unknown reasons are involved more often than others in supernatural occurrences. Bob's surname is included in that list, and when I informed him of this fact, he laughed and vowed, "Then I'm going to change it to Smith!"

TIME TRAVEL

Time travel is one of the most interesting phenomena encountered in FATE. The possibilities are endless and have been the subject of numerous works of fiction, the most famous of which is probably H.G. Wells's *The Time Machine*. Episodes of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* often feature variations on the theme of movement backward or forward in time. On the psychic level, we do possess this ability ourselves, and can travel freely in our own past, becoming our own time travelers!



in Puerto Rico and Mexico?

By Scott Corrales

In the 1970s, one could not open any newspaper without being confronted by a UFO sidebar. Mexico City, with millions of inhabitants, was no exception. Throughout Mexico, more UFO-related cases were being reported than anywhere else.

A small tabloid called Ovaciones (Standing Ovation) often printed stories with the Spanish acronym for UFO: OVNI (objecto volador no identificado). Banner headlines would proclaim "OVNIS sobre la capital" (UFOs over the capital) and report the consternation of residents of a development built over Texcoco Dry Lake upon seeing bright lights execute acrobatics

in the sky. Yet the more interested public gave a wide berth to the articles and the subject.

Fedro Ferríz, a respected talkshow host, had a program entitled "Otros Mundos Nos Vigilan" (Other Worlds Are Watching Us). He interviewed distinguished figures in the world of parapsychology such as Salvador Freixedo and Antonio Ribera. This more erudite approach created an atmosphere conducive to discussing the phenomenon rationally. Some parties were not inclined to agree with the extraterrestrial hypothesis and conceived their own ideas. Sadly, the show went off the air in 1974, reappearing periodically as weekend afternoon specials.

GIANT BEINGS

Spectacular photos of close encounters exist from the period, namely of objects seen in the La Huasteca region of mid-central Mexico and over Mt. Ajusco on the outskirts of Mexico City.

From the more desolate regions of the north, where the Sierra Madre and the desert dominate the landscape, emerged tales of contacts with giant space-suited beings, and in the darkness surrounding the massif known as El Mamolique, bright flashes of light punctuated the night skies. The natives could not help but make the sign of the cross and pray for deliverance:

De fantasmas, y señores de la noche libranos, Señor! (From ghosts and masters of the night deliver us, oh Lord!)

Yet an incident which is a chestnut of UFO lore—the two fiery saucers that dove into the Gulf of Mexico in 1967—was made known to me, not by the works of any researcher, but by an eyewitness to the spectacle, a young woman named Paulina Gonzalez of Villa Cardel, Veracruz, on the Gulf Coast. Paulina had entered our household as a maid recommended by our build-

ing's concierge, to whom she was related. God-fearing and very pragmatic, she recounted the tale for my benefit only because she'd seen me reading a magazine devoted to UFOs:

"I was in my mother's house, helping her clean, when I heard a loud buzzing noise. I didn't pay much mind to it until I heard the screams of people in the streets. I went outside and there were two balls of fire shooting across the air, not very high. My cousin Ernesto shouted: 'Paulina! Get inside! It's the end of the world'."

"My mother burst into tears and started praying, but I could only look at the things, these instruments of God's wrath but then they flew away from Villa Cardel. They said over the news a day later that fishermen had seen them plunge into the water. That's all I know."

At the time, neither Paulina nor I knew that the aerial display had been witnessed by a Mexican warship, the Guanajuato, and achieved instant notoriety. I recall reading about the incident in 1975 in Lawrence D. Kusche's The Bermuda Triangle Mystery Solved.

MAYAN ASTRONAUT?

A lot has been made of the "Mayan astronaut" bas-relief (depicting a figure flying in the cabin of a craft of sorts), but there are more enigmatic things readily

displayed in Mexico City's Museum of Anthropology. There is a tiny jaguar head on display which, to all intents and purposes, resembles a pressure helmet complete with hoses leading off from the sides. Other jade miniatures appear curiously similar to the Ikals, the diminutive imps that allegedly plague the Yucatan Peninsula. Curiously, in the central Mexican plateau, these black, winged imps are called huamelules and are not considered a clear and present danger. People still believe that the insurgents of Mexico's 1910 Revolution were aided in concealing caches of weapons and supplies in the rocky terrain by the huamelules.

FLYING DISCS

During the 1973 earthquake (6.0 on the Richter scale) there were reports of bright lights in the heavens, but not much was made of them. A subsequent documentary on earthquakes asked: "Why can red lights be seen in the skies?" and the painfully compiled explanation involved a "release of gases" due to tectonic stress. The biggest release of gas is the explanation itself.

Away from Mexico, in Puerto Rico, things are quite different.

Among spiritist circles, much importance is given to the Greater Antilles (Cuba, Hispaniola, Puerto Rico, Jamaica) as the last sur-

viving splinters of Atlantis. This, of course, does not quite jibe with Ignatius Donelly's depictions of a Britain-sized island off the coast of Spain. Puerto Rico, small yet geographically fascinating, stands out as a "spiritual charging battery" to the spiritists. To ufologists, it represents a place full of intriguing and often hair-raising cases.

UFO BASES

The case for UFO bases in the abyssal waters surrounding the island of Puerto Rico (some of the deepest waters in the world) has evolved into a notion of a "mat/demat" (materialization/dematerialization) point on the island itself.

The specific point, easy to find on any map of the U.S. Geographical Survey, is in Maricao State Forest on the southwestern tip of the island. Here, more than anywhere else, at "peak" times of the week one can witness the materialization of uncanny aerial objects. The locals, diametrically opposite to the Mexicans in their response, ignore the happenings as best they can.

That is not to say that there is no interest in the phenomenon: Any resident of the island will gladly point a finger eastward toward the massive landform of El Yunque and tell you that is where they emanate from.



El Yunque, properly known as the Luquillo Experimental Rain Forest, is the only one of its kind to be administered by the U.S. Forestry Service. To describe El Yunque would call for the most poetic language available. It is a series of mountain peaks enshrouded in perpetual clouds and covered in exuberant greenery. During the day it is a garden of earthly delight, but at night it has a reputation for the malign.

NOCTURNAL EVIL

Several disappearances occur every year in the rain forest, and these are usually connected with UFOs that allegedly have a subterranean base there. Park rangers are ready to point the blame at unwise backpackers who disregard the basics of camping and come to an unsavory end. Entire books could be written on these incidents alone, and they would easily fill a bookshelf.

The most notorious disappearances coincided with the 1974 UFO flap which swept across the island in what became known as the "winter of fear." During this paranormal free-for-all, a group of campers were surrounded at night, deep in the rain forest, by "subhuman, hairy dwarfs" with incredibly swift movements. Another group vanished and not a clue was found in spite of the park rangers' best efforts.

El Yunque was not the only locale for bizarre occurrences: a housewife interviewed in 1975 recounted a close encounter with a space-suited being which demanded "a token of her good faith." Bemusedly, the housewife dug into her apron and handed her enigmatic visitor a pebble, which it took, promising to return some day. This incident took place in the outskirts of the city of Caguas, a densely populated area southwest of El Yunque.

MORNING UFO

The vast majority of these spectacular incidents were compiled in a documentary entitled Platillos voladores sobre Puerto Rico: Documento confidencial (Flying Saucers Over Puerto Rico: Classified Document) produced by WKHQ-TV and aired in 1974.

Highlights of this documentary included a low-altitude flyby of a neighborhood by a UFO witnessed by hundreds, and a more intriguing item: a commercial made by a local rum company which had placed a camera on an office building rooftop so as to shoot a dusk-to-dawn sequence. The camera was loaded and left running; it captured a UFO calmly gliding over the city in the earlyhours of the morning.

The rum company deleted this from its subsequent ad, of course, but the clip was saved and ana-

lyzed by experts later.

The documentary featured interviews with several noted figures: the late Carlos Bousquet, an indefatigable parapsychologist in a quest for more information on any esoteric matter; Salvador Freixedo; Antonio Ribera; and Orlando Rimacs.

Rimacs is worthy of note as the host of Puerto Rico's first and only radio show devoted to UFOs, Otros Mundos (Other Worlds). For half an hour every Sunday over the course of two years, the show was a forum for discussions on the extraterrestrial-interviews with scientists. authors and contactees and updates of sightings and landings. One of the many features of interest on the show was a contactee/ technician who was linked to a UFO entity called "Omicron."

SAUCERIAN SPEECH

A tape of one of Omicron's broadcasts was aired one Sunday, and those fortunate enough to have tuned in were treated to the wobbly, discordant speech of the alleged saucerian. It was hard to understand the being due to static, which prompted many UFO followers to decry the incident as a hoax. Giving Omicron the benefit of the doubt, it is easy to see how its presence fits into some of the parameters first outlined by John A. Keel in his landmark Operation Trojan Horse:

 The delight that these entities take in assuming names and terms from antiquity, particularly Graeco-Roman days (i. e., Omicron, 15th letter of the Greek alphabet).

 The delivery of a message of brotherhood, peace, love, light, harmony, positive energy, coupled with the power of prophecy (to his credit, Omicron prophe-

sied nothing).

• The ability to manipulate electromagnetic waves, in this case, radio, and to employ them as a medium for manifesting themselves. When Omicron was asked by the contactee where he was broadcasting from, the entity simply replied "Aqui" (here).

It is our loss that there was no follow-up to Omicron's story. The program went off the air in 1977, with Rimacs going on to write a weekly column in a San

Juan newspaper.

EXTREME VIBRATIONS

One gets the impression that Puerto Rico's singular position as a UFO lookout post is due to the "extreme vibrations" to be found on the island. The religions of Santeria and Palo Mayombe—the latter stronger and more malign than the former—are practiced by many, while at the same time born-again Christianity (unusual in a Spanish-speaking country) is widespread. Adventists, Baptists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Disciples of Christ and other Protestant churches compete against charismatic assemblies led by reverends lashing out at the "deviltry" of Santeria.

For the time being, there have been no more UFO flaps. Individual sightings occur frequently (particularly in the Maricao area), and excellent photographs have been taken of strange craft in plain daylight off Cerro Maravilla, a major police telecommunications center north of Maricao. Oddly, there are no reports of UFOs buzzing the mammoth Arecibo radio telescope installation only miles away to the north.

E. T. seemingly has no need to phone home.

THE HIDDEN WAR

Little attention has been given by stateside publications to the quiet UFO flap which has been going on in "the shining star of the Caribbean" since 1987. True, the airwaves have been jammed with news of Gulf Breeze and crop circles to the exclusion of all else, but the game being played in the tropics is of higher stakes and deserves a closer look.

Arriving in San Juan's International Airport on August 24, 1991, I was determined to get to the bottom of another case relayed to me by a close friend of

the family whom I will call Pepe.

Pepe had made the decision to move out of the city into the cool, lush mountainous region outside San Juan. He had always enjoyed the country lifestyle, and his finances now enabled him to buy a small farm. He chose the locality of Cidra, about an hour away from the city and famous for its ample reservoir, one of the biggest on the island.

On the day Pepe was supposed to meet the owner and occupant of the property, an older woman we will call Doña Gloria, he found her in a terrible state of nerves, unable to conduct a conversation. Solicitously, he asked her what had happened, thinking perhaps there was a death in the family. What she told him was mind-blowing. (Pepe is a man in his late 40s, a dealer in semi-precious jewelry and not interested in ufological lore.)

"I'm so scared." Doña Gloria told him in the lilting Spanish of the country dwellers. "Last night, while I was watching there was a knock on the door. Thinking it was one of the neighbors, I opened without giving it a thought..."

LITTLE MEN

"Half a dozen little men (hombrecitos) came into the house, one after the other. I was so afraid, but one of them spoke to me in Spanish and said, 'Here, drink this, or we won't be able to give

you a check-up'."

Eyes wide with disbelief, Pepe took in the tale of alien contact. At some point that evening Doña Gloria became unconscious, and she last recalled drinking the fluid and hearing the little man assure her that she would pass it out first thing the following morning.

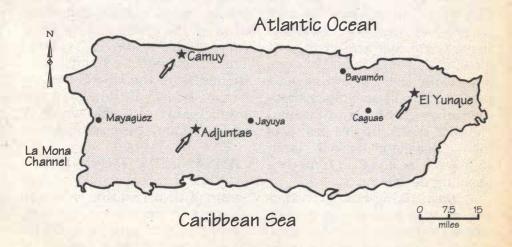
But what had struck her as even more perplexing was that while her exchange with the "leader" of the little men went on, his cohorts were giving her

house a thorough cleaning.

The strongest proof, to her, the following morning, was that her house was positively spotless. She evacuated the fluid as she had been promised she would.

Pepe couldn't add very much to what had been said but opted not to discuss business with the shaken old lady that day. He advised her to rest and headed back to the city. Three months after the incident, he has opted to remain in a condominium in San Juan. A visit to the finca found no one at home.

This is one of many cases in the UFO wave that has been going on since 1987, and "close encounters" are among the least significant events. The sightings have increased in number and the photographic and video records of such sightings are impressive.



Map of Puerto Rico

YUNQUE RAIN FOREST

While very brief, my trip was to take me to some areas of the island UFO activity. On our drive to the enigmatic Yunque Rain Forest (properly known as the Luquillo Experimental Rain Forest and administered by the National Park Service), we found the impressive landmark wellrecovered from the devastation of Hurricane Hugo in 1989. Even its unique "dwarf forest" had not lost its mysterious aura. But friends assured me that there had been few sightings in El Yunque recently—or disappearances. The mountain forest's reputation as the lair of strange creatures and alien hardware has not subsided.

The "action" was in the town of Adjuntas, a picturesque town in the mountains that face the Caribbean littoral. The townspeople had been witnesses to the nocturnal comings and goings of glowing shapes in the night skies, particularly in the area containing the island's still-unexploited copper mines. But Adjuntas had "hosted" the odd lights before, in the wave of the 1970s, so the locals were more excited than concerned about the developments.

It was striking how even people removed from the active pursuit of the phenomenon had wellinformed opinions on the entire matter and had witnessed "un OVNI" (Spanish acronym for UFO) or had a close friend or relative who had seen one.

U.S.—UFO WAR

Less optimistic also opinions existed. I found a widespread belief that there was a "war" going on between the U.S. Army and los extraterrestres. This bit of knowledge was doled out by an attendee to a major discussion on the topic of abductions and saucer activity in the Antilles held at the Hotel Clarion in May of 1991. Descriptions of veritable battles between elements of the armed forces and otherworldly beings were said to be the cause of unexplained "skyquakes" and alarming tremors on the surface.

Apparently, a prototype of a device originally intended for the Strategic Defense Initiative was being tested against the alien base which has allegedly existed for decades under El Yunque. The "offensive" was being conducted from the US Naval Station at Roosevelt Roads, in the municipality of Ceiba, which is on El Yunque's eastern slopes.

ADVANCED COMPONENTS

While skeptical about this conjecture, I admit hearing stories of helicopters carrying large, unidentifiable structures to Ceiba back in 1981, when I was still in high school.

The assumption then was that



Artists rendering of an Ad which appeared in El Nueva Dia, May 12, 1991.

Translation: People Contacted by Extraterrestrials Today.

Authentic Photographs and Accounts.

they were casemates for the storage of atomic warheads (in violation of the Treaty of Tecamachalco, which forbade proliferation in the Caribbean Basin and Latin America). In this light, they could just as easily have been the components for some advanced technology device. It could account for the reduction of sightings at the rain forest.

Also, Puerto Rico is literally riddled with extensive cave systems—the most popular being the caves at Camuy, extending 13 kilometers into the earth and with countless ancillary networks. There are 200 known caves, and an estimated 2000 partially explored ones. Several of these could easily be a non-terrestrial depot.

Perhaps this undeclared state of war would account for the actions of one or more UFOs in Adjuntas. The unused test-pits for the copper mines in the regions are sealed by incredibly thick steel plates, which effectively close them off. Witnesses who told their story before a television audience hosted by journalist Carmen Jovet told the story of how the morning after a night of unusually heavy UFO activity, the steel plates in question were found "torn" open by a tremendous unknown force—a show of strength—or do they have a need for malleable metals?

Jorge Martin, editor of Enigma magazine, and Orlando Rimacs, a veteran UFO expert and contactee, were on the show's panel of experts and corroborated the marked increase in activity. During the first weeks of September 1991, there were rumors that the mayor of Adjuntas, distressed at the increasing number of sightings, wrote a letter to President Bush requesting that the federal government conduct a formal investigation into the affair.

"NO PROBLEM"

Officially, there is "no problem" and suggestions as to anything abnormal going on are met with a benevolent smile. To my mind, the "smoking gun" of this piece is the advanced device mentioned to me by the conference-goer.

Since the inception of the "Star Wars" program, a number of exotic systems ranging from electromagnetic railguns to "Brilliant Pebbles" have been devised, and President Reagan gave some hints of their capabilities against extraterrestrial intruders when he offered to share SDI with the Soviet Union under the auspices of common defense—only one of many remarks the President made which led many to believe UFOs were in the forefront of his mind. Meanwhile, the war goes on, and the siege guns hover quietly in the tropical nights.

ELECTION 1992

A NEW DAY FOR THE U.S.?

Compare the presidential candidates with the chart of the United States, and see how each candidate's chart reveals specific strengths and weaknesses as a potential president.

By Judy Hipskind

In recent years, the once bright future of the United States has dimmed. World events, the economy, and a growing inability to direct our own lives in a society out of control have all added to a sense of paralysis and inertia that deeply affects our country.

AMERICA'S DREAMS

Not long ago, America held onto its vibrant dreams, its sense of power and its role in the world. But a look at the recent special collection issue of *Time* magazine's Man of the Year portraits throughout this century poignantly reveals and clearly outlines the dramatic fall of American expectations in a few short decades.

In 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt was viewed as a vehicle for a "rendezvous with destiny," as leader of the country which stood for "the hope of the world." In 1966, a generation later, youth were featured on *Time's* cover, with the optimistic view that they would "land on the moon, cure cancer and the common cold, lay out blight-proof, smog-free cities, enrich the under-developed world and write *finis* to poverty and war."

Today's realities contrast starkly with that projection.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CHANGE

Traditionally, election years offer an opportunity to take stock

of our path and decide whether change is necessary. This year, the premise is quite different. Few would disagree that we need change, but what is the consensus on who should be in charge of change, what needs to be changed, and how?

ELECTION YEAR PROSPECTS

Our problems and widespread discouragement created a lack-luster image for the earlier entrants in the presidential race. The press hunted for character flaws in the leading opponents to President Bush, and a nationally televised debate among the Democratic hopefuls did not resolve any issues or present any one preferred choice.

President Bush had his own problems with the strong showing of Patrick Buchanan, whose success was widely viewed as a protest vote. As the incumbent, Bush has certain strengths, but is open to blame for all that is wrong with America today. National events brought his leadership into question and his ratings down from the popularity he received during the Gulf War.

In the spring, the stage was set for a continued state of gridlock, with voters concerned that there were not enough choices in either party. As the national mood became more introspective, with columnists and thinkers everywhere asking what has gone wrong with the system, a new choice appeared.

Ross Perot's sudden arrival on the political scene amounts to a wake-up call for the election process. No one knew early in the spring how receptive the climate would be for an independent. After appearing on the Larry King Show in February, stating that he would run for president if put on the ballot in all 50 states, action immediately mobilized. Campaign headquarters opened, a Draft H. Ross Perot Committee formed in Washington, D.C., and voters in Tennessee quickly put him on the ballot. An 800 number for Perot handled over a million calls before the end of March.

Perot has used the requests to appear on national television and on the covers of many magazines to get across his message of action and reform, appealing to those concerned about a system that needs repair, but can he deliver?

The race for president has taken on an entirely different tone with his entry and rapid rise in the polls. The March departure of all but two Democratic candidates and Bush's subsequent performance in the primaries narrowed the field. Since March, Governor Bill Clinton has retained his lead over Jerry Brown. At the time of this article, there appear to be three viable candi-

dates. How will they fare in the months ahead?

NATIONAL POLLS

National polls show a dramatic shift in the candidates' ratings over the last month as Perot edged out Clinton and then pulled ahead of Bush in some states. Conventional wisdom holds that an independent's ratings are highest in the spring, and lowest in the fall, when the reality of the process of voting for president in our twoparty system sets in. Perot's rating is already higher than an independent usually receives. Will his realistic chances of winning the presidency remain higher in the fall, or will the polls' usual curve become a reality again?

ASTROLOGY'S INPUT

Astrology gives us insight into the polls' reality, and the capabilities and suitability of candidates for the country's highest office.

Let us look at the country's chart. The horoscope has five power points involved with the development of our potential.

 We are leaders. Moon trine Mars in angular houses shows this. These two planets are well aspected to Saturn, forming a fortunate aspect called a grand trine.

 We have exceptional resources at our disposal. Venus and Jupiter in Cancer join our Sun in the astrological house of resources. We have the technology. Uranus conjunct our Ascendant in Gemini accounts for our love of inventions and our striking "cando" attitude.

 We value efficiency. Uranus and Mars both in Gemini in the First house trine Saturn in Libra characterize the appreciation for speed and results that mark the American character.

• We are dominant in foreign affairs. Pluto in the Ninth house makes us a dominant force in foreign matters as a result of our belief system and philosophy. The urge to "make the world safe for democracy" comes from this placement of Pluto.

Americans express the potential in their country's chart, benefiting from the growth the chart promises and experiencing the stress that arises when challenged astrologically.

This period in U.S. history is a particularly difficult one, due to the action of the outermost planets, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Our candidates will have to respond to these challenges.

U.S. ASTROLOGICAL CHALLENGES

How are we faring with the astrological challenges to the power points in our chart?

With Mars in the First house in a grand trine, our leadership ability will always be first rate, but there is one pitfall. Our Mars square Neptune means we will not always find the best and most appropriate path for our leadership or the best solutions to our problems, when we cannot clearly see in advance the logical outcome of our actions.

Pluto makes a difficult aspect to Mars calling for an adjustment in our leadership approach. The day of clear-cut solutions and easy victories is over. We must think in more complex terms, realizing yesterday's solutions are not tomorrow's. Saturn makes a good aspect to our Mars-Moon-Saturn trine, suggesting that we will find a new leadership format.

The Second house of resources in our chart confirms our country's potential for rapid development. The tremendous resources used to build this country during the industrial era are indicated by Venus, the money principle, Jupiter, the expansion principle, and the Sun, our national identity, all conjunct in this house.

Today, the transit of Uranus and Neptune over these points has altered the original picture. Resources crucial in the industrial era are now used up, compromised, or no longer required.

With Uranus, the planet of sudden reversals, opposing our Sun, our wealth and privileged status have slipped, while the economy suffers and we are pol-

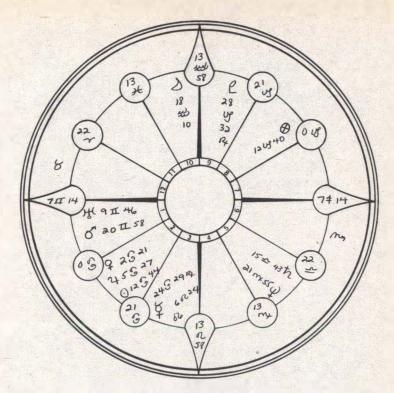
arized by a wide gap between the rich and the poor; and we are just starting to wake up to the disappearance of the middle class. A large number of people who were once a valuable resource can no longer find jobs. They cannot contribute to their country's welfare or to their own well being. The creation of jobs is a number one issue today.

Neptune, linked with toxic chemicals, also opposes our Sun, bringing environmental pollution to the forefront, and the debate over chemicals used to preserve food. As awareness of an altered balance in nature increases, new solutions to using resources must

be found—quickly.

Expertise in technology is fueled by Gemini rising and Uranus conjunct that point. Gemini likes to experiment, and Uranus is the planet of invention and discovery. With these points trine Saturn in Libra, we have always admired results. Gemini is fascinated with speed, and Aquarius, the sign of our Moon, admires efficiency. Taken together, these aspects describe the American fondness for productivity and guaranteed quality in its merchandise.

Our products lack efficiency and quality. The automobile industry is a highly visible example. Diminishing quality through Uranus in Capricorn currently



United States Chart.
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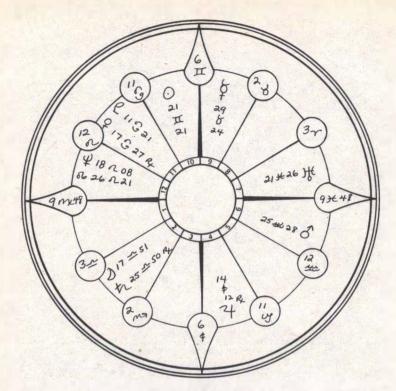
squares our Saturn. Uranus, the planet of reversals and inspiration, can be a part of the solution, creating a climate for change that allows new ideas to be born. Our leaders have to be concerned with quality and productivity associated with American products.

The process of getting a firm grasp on our best foreign affairs policy will be long-term. Since the Berlin Wall came down, and the Soviet Union came apart, the European Economic Community

became a reality, pressures in the Middle East continue to mount.

Pluto in the Ninth house showed our international dominance as well as our willingness to be involved in action behind the scenes overseas.

In January 1991, during a Pluto eclipse, our involvement took on the dimensions of the Gulf War. Saturn conjunct Pluto reflected the seriousness of the situation and the long process ahead for rebuilding and resolv-



George Bush. 6/12/24. 11:38 A.M., EDT, Milton, Massachusetts, 71W04, 42N16

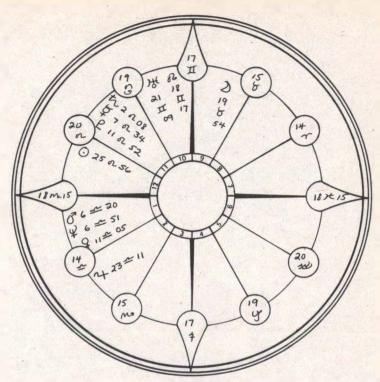
ing issues from that war. We need a diplomatic president.

Throughout the last year, Pluto has squared our Moon (the quality of nurturing). Our Moon is in a strong position, at the top of the chart, in that grand trine with Mars and Saturn. However, its sign, Aquarius, is not the best, as Aquarius is not a nurturing sign. Our health care system has further deteriorated, and Pluto's role is to force change under its adverse aspects. Our health care

system must be revamped before the next president's term is over.

WHICH LEADER?

Choosing a leader who can address all these issues with equal strength and skill is nearly impossible. Astrology, used to look at the charts of the three candidates, reveals each man's strengths. How would each one respond to current U.S. needs? What are their astrological ties with their country's chart?



Bill Clinton. 8/19/46. 7:30 A.M., CST, Hope, Arkansas, 93W35 33N40

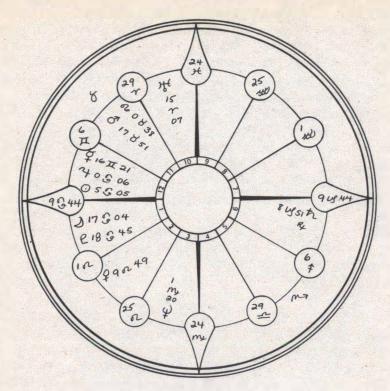
BILL CLINTON

Clinton's Jupiter trine his Midheaven, Uranus and North Node in air signs ties directly into the U.S. leadership profile. His leadership is a good match for this country. He has inspired vision, and genuinely wants to find solutions for diminishing quality in American life. He could address foreign affairs with flair, and respond intuitively to shifting geographic boundaries.

Mars, his planet of initiative,

conjuncts Neptune and Venus in Libra. All three planets square Venus, Jupiter and Sun which represent the U.S. resources. Clinton would have a tough time effectively addressing domestic problems, and feel frustrated trying to rebuild our fragmented society, for his Mars conjuncts the U.S. Saturn and squares the U.S. Sun. This is reinforced by his Moon in Taurus squaring the U.S. Moon.

As Clinton gathered his forces throughout the last year, Saturn



Ross Perot. 6/27/30. 5:34 A.M., CST, Texarkana, Texas, 94W02, 33N26

trined his Mars, solidifying his support. The next major aspect Saturn makes, an opposition to Pluto in his house of goals in October, would raise roadblocks in his campaign at a critical time. Saturn's later trine to Uranus in January will make this month an upbeat time for him, whether he wins the election or not.

GEORGE BUSH

The most outstanding astrological tie Mr. Bush shares with

the U.S. is his own grand trine in air signs, at degrees closely related to the U.S. planets. From this tie alone, it is easy to see how he got to be President. His Moon conjunct Saturn in Libra in a grand trine with his Sun and Mars shows formidable resources and organizational powers. His Venus conjunct Pluto in Cancer conjuncts the U.S. Sun. These two planets, in the Eleventh house of his chart, indicate the powerful friends and forces that helped

him into office. His Jupiter opposite our Mars and Uranus reflect the risk he took with the Persian Gulf War, and his Sun conjunct our Mars shows he was an able leader for that war. After the war, his ratings hit an all-time high.

But Uranus opposing his Venus upsets his goals, and squares his Libra Moon, Uranus with the normally effective use he makes of his resources. Neptune opposing his Venus means confusion about goals and how best to reach them. Neptune square his Moon weakens his support base.

He is not in the best position to respond to U.S. needs, because his Moon in Libra squaring the U.S. Sun is weakened by the transits of Uranus and Neptune. Uranus in the Seventh house of his birth chart, how he relates to the public, squares our Mars in Gemini, causing him to be out of tune with our drive for rapid action, and his response to chronic domestic problems is out of step with our needs.

His Mercury trines Pluto, in our house of foreign affairs. When the chips are down, he has keen insight into the best way to handle foreign problems and for-

mulate foreign policy.

ROSS PEROT

As his adventurous life has proven, Perot's chart outlines offbeat leadership powers. Because he understands at a vital level what the country needs, he would bring his formidable use of resources to the aid of our society. His savvy way with technology and flair for pioneering its uses matches the U.S. chart's potential in an excellent way. Officially, he is untried at foreign affairs, but his chart suggests he would learn quickly what works and what does not.

His ties with the U.S. chart are compelling. His Sun is exactly conjunct the U.S. Jupiter, and his Jupiter joins the U.S. Venus, while his Cancer Ascendant conjuncts the U.S. Sun, as does his Moon and Pluto. For the U.S. and for Perot, such ties appear to be destiny in the making, and show his link with the values the heart of this country embraces.

His Saturn in Capricorn in the Sixth house denotes executive ability and a hard worker; and combined with the trine from Mars to Saturn, a person who won't take "no" for an answer. Saturn, in its own sign, opposing the Moon, and all the planets but Saturn, on the Ascendant side of the chart, point to a healthy dose of personal ambition.

The key right now to Perot's chart is Uranus. Uranus in Aries dominates his house of leadership, showing his pioneering nature, and his refusal to conform to expected norms. Opposed his

Moon, Uranus shows the surprising force of his entry on the political scene, (the Moon rules public feeling), and the action of Uranus can be mesmerizing. His public profile may wax and wane in approval, but remain strong.

Uranus is the "Awakener," and its current transit in Capricorn squares Perot's Uranus, giving him the sure instinct that now is the time to run. Uranus made an exact square to his Uranus in February when he made public the possibility of running; and, in November, it will be exact again.

STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

Each candidate's chart reveals specific strengths and weaknesses as a potential president. Clinton has real initiative, but may be hindered by a desire to please and a need for approval. Bush has a strong organization behind him, but the very system that supports him may hinder him, as he is indebted to the people and groups who have helped him. Perot is an enigma. He is very organized, delegates well, but he must make the most of his pioneering image and guard against a stubborn streak.

OVERVIEW

Looking at the candidates' charts as a whole, it appears that Clinton's prospects are upbeat, but

perhaps not strong enough to win him the presidency. Astrologically, this is a lucky time for him to be running, with Uranus trining his Moon and Ascendant. He will be paid back, in years to come, in prestige and further opportunity.

The astrological factors that align President Bush with the U.S. are strong enough to keep him in office, but he faces severe challenges ahead. In addition to the upset in his backing, health problems could arise. Taken together with continued public image problems, he will have to

work quickly to win.

The nature of current Uranus squares and opposition to his birth planets, taken alone, would make Perot's run for the presidency a brilliant but unstable one. But Uranus, in its "soldier of fortune" aspect appears in his chart, trining his persistent Mars in Taurus in his Eleventh house of goals. This aspect was exact in March, and continues in May and June, as the road show gets off to a lucky start.

The recent announcement of hiring two key men from the Democratic and Republican camps to run his campaign is striking evidence of the power of Uranus in Perot's chart. For Uranus' role is to forge links and alliances between parties who have always been on opposite sides. With this bold stroke of genius, Perot cuts across party lines, as his own Uranus

says he will, and gives new strength to an independent bid for the presidency.

What will happen in November's election? What do you think, FATE reader? Send us your

answer on a post card, with one word on it: "BUSH," "CLINTON" or "PEROT." Mail to FATE Elections, PO Box 64383, St. Paul MN 55164. The results will be published in a future issue.

NO PICTURE FROM MR. PEROT

Editor's note: We were offered photos of Bush and Clinton, but due to space were unable to print them.

I first called the campaign headquarters on a Friday afternoon. A perky sounding volunteer told me that she would deliver my request in the form of a message to the media department, but that for best results, I should come over in person the next day. I asked her if anyone would be there on a Saturday. She assured me someone would be there, and that I should meet

some of the campaign staff in person.

On Saturday morning, I went to the headquarters, to the reception area, and relayed my request again to the fellow manning the desk. He began a Byzantine series of calls while I waited in a very low-key sitting area. Eventually he told me that the fellow who could handle my request was not in the office, but that my request would be put on his voice mail system; and if I had not heard anything in a couple of hours, to call back.

By 4:00 P.M., when I had heard nothing, I called back. It seemed the man

was in Arkansas that day with Mr. Perot.

Sunday afternoon, at 3:00 P.M., I received a call from the "voice-mail" man and he asked me a number of questions: What type of magazine was FATE? Where is it published? What is its distribution? What was the nature of my article? He sounded intrigued and enthusiastic about the article, and then quickly assured me he would look into getting me a picture, but that nothing could be done that Sunday afternoon. He gave me a woman's name to call in the media department Monday morning.

Early Monday morning, I received a call from a different woman. She

said the media department had received my request.

The barrage of questions began again. What type of magazine was FATE? Where was it found? Where could it be bought? What was the nature of my article? Describe the type of topics that appear in the magazine. I did this, and she was rather subdued, and said she personally could clear nothing but as soon as she knew something, she would call me back.

Ten minutes later, the phone rang again. "I'm sorry," she said, "but it will not be possible to send you a photograph." No reason was given for the refusal. I responded that pictures of the other two candidates were available

for the article. "I can't help that," she said, and hung up.



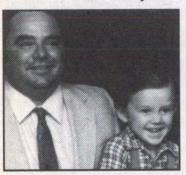
TRUE MYSTIC EXPERIENCES

By the Readers

ADAM'S STORY By Chuck Pastana

In November 1989, I enjoyed a play-time tickle with my four-year-old son Adam. I had six older children, and could sense something was wrong. He wasn't so flexible as the other children, though I couldn't put my finger on the problem.

I survived a heart transplant myself two years before, and now was especially alert to health problems. I was concerned about how Adam's body would



Chuck Pastana and son Adam

develop. My wife and I thought a gymnastics class might help him. Adam had a few classes with other kids his age. It was evident that he didn't move as easily.

After a series of X-rays, an MRI and a marrow biopsy, evidence pointed to a cancerous tumor inside the spine. On December 8, 1989, Adam had surgery. The tumor's biopsy indicated malignancy. Dr. Burkus believed he'd removed all of it, but it was very probable that cancer had spread to other parts of Adam's body. Three discs were involved—one of them almost destroyed, requiring surgical repair.

With tears in our eyes and lumps in our throats, my wife and I talked about what to say to Adam. We learned from my heart transplant that a positive attitude was the most important thing we could offer. We rehearsed our words. "Son, you are going to

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have chemotherapy. You'll be sick after each treatment, your hair will fall out, but don't worry, we'll be with you, and you will get well. Don't be afraid."

Timing was perfect for our minister, Dorothy Pearson, to call on Adam. When we told her of the malignant tumor, she said something I'll never forget.

"I'm sorry," she said, "but that just can't be. Please have them check again. I know in my heart there is no cancer in your little boy. I can't explain why, but I know there is no cancer."

I knew Dr. Burkus had asked that the tests be done twice. He also called in two other doctors. The tests were re-checked before we were ever told about them.

After the minister's call, we were preparing to tell Adam. On December 9, 1989, Dr. Burkus came into the room. He was very serious: "Mr. Pastana, I'm very sorry—there has been a mistake."

A thousand thoughts crossed my mind. I stood there, watching his mouth, waiting for it to move again. "I'm sorry," he said. "The tumor is not cancer. I can't understand it. In 14 years I've never seen or heard of this happening. One minute the tests were positive and now, all I can say is I'm sorry I put you through this stress. The cancer is gone."

My wife and I called Dorothy Pearson and thanked her and

everyone who had prayed for Adam. We did not question why; we just accepted it.

Adam's challenge changed. Now the only words we needed to tell him were, "The best is yet to be."—Penryn, Calif.

THE MYSTERIOUS HITCHHIKER

By Gerald Cummings

On Sept. 20, 1988, I was coming home late, driving my van down a usually busy avenue in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was early in the day on the quiet street. On the curb I saw a young woman with long auburn flowing hair, frantically waving and signaling cars for a ride. She was near an older home that was now surrounded by newer apartments and businesses. I pulled over.

She seemed handicapped, not speaking, but motioning she wanted to go west—as was I. She got in the front seat and I asked where she wanted to go. She grunted and motioned straight



Audrey and Gerald Cummings

ahead. I asked if she could write and gave her paper and pencil,

hoping for an address.

When I asked her name, she wrote "Mary" but was confused at other questions. She became agitated and motioned me to turn left. Frantically she motioned me to pull over and stop at her street, by a large, older threestory home and tumble-down garage—in the heart of the city —not a desolate vicinity. She mumbled that I was a nice man and opened the door, which came back but didn't close. I looked where she went and she was not there! I got out of the van, walked around to the passenger side to close the door and see if she had fallen. I looked up and down the deserted street and alley but she was nowhere. She could not have gone into any homes—they were not that close.

I was visibly shaken when told my wife. She'd heard of this happening to others before.

I almost forgot the incident until Father's Day, 1989, when my wife gave me a book entitled Haunted Wisconsin by Beth Scott and Michael Norman. In it, I was surprised to see the house where I picked up Mary.

It was described as a 120-yearold brick house still on the original foundation—one of Milwaukee's oldest houses—and haunted by a servant girl who used to live there named Marie. Was my "Mary" the servant girl Marie? Why did she want a ride to another location? Who was my mysterious vanishing van rider? —Milwaukee, Wis.

GOING WITH THE FLOW By Mary E. Fanning

One summer we leased a river cabin near Wichita, Kansas. We communed with nature and roughed it. The previous winter had been mild, so the water level was low. Our two older girls fished while the younger ones played with their toys in the sand. The older girls wanted to swim rather than fish, and complained.

I explained that, after a snowy winter, the river's banks would be swelling with water and the swift current would be unsafe for swimming, adding, "If you are in a difficult situation in a swift current, don't fight it. Just swim with the current, but swim diagonally to the current toward shore." Nothing more was said. They were really too young to comprehend—or to care.

Ten years later in Colorado, the girls were in high school. Leslie was invited on a camping-tubing trip. She assured me all would be fine and I agreed to let her go.

They left that evening for the mountains. The next day, around noon, I had a strong, uneasy feeling. I paced the living room floor.

Finally I went outdoors and paced some more. Suddenly I began running down the sidewalk, destination unknown. Then I stopped. A very warm feeling of well-being swamped me. I turned and slowly walked home, confused.

The next day the happy campers arrived home. I asked



Mary E. Fanning

Leslie if she had had a good time, and she replied, "Oh yes, it was wonderful...except one thing did happen." She had my utmost attention as she told her story

The group of girls were tubing in a mountain creek. They were lazily sitting in their tubes, paddling, sunning, talking, laughing and enjoying the fresh mountain air. Suddenly they drifted into a swift current. While the other girls stayed in their tubes, Leslie fell out of her tube, which bobbled quickly downstream with the others. Leslie was in the water being swept downstream by the

swift current. She could hear my voice calmly telling her, "Leslie, don't fight it, swim with the current, swim diagonally to the current." She said as she was swimming she could see me running along the creek bank, always slightly ahead of her, calling to her, "Swim with the current, swim diagonally to the current." She finally reached the shoreline about two miles downstream.

The other girls were terrified, but she was not afraid for one moment. She knew she would reach the creek bank safely.

After she related her experience, I realized why I had acted so strangely at home. I told her

about my experience.

Similar kinds of "psychic experiences" are rather common in our family, but I have often thought about that summer long ago in Kansas when I inadvertently gave such sound advice: "Don't fight it; swim with the current."—Las Vegas, Nev.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

By Betty Finlayson

When I was seven, my parents were summoned to Sydney for the funeral of my mother's brother Andrew, who had met a sudden and untimely death.

We stayed with Grandma. All the other relatives were there, too. I was too young to attend such a solemn service, so I was left in the charge of a servant, a

very old lady, Mrs. Howe.

The hours dragged by. It had been such a hurried trip from the country that I had no time to pack toys or books. I tried the contents of Nan's bookcase, but most of the literature was beyond my childish comprehension, except for one, a third class reader my mother owned as a girl.

I had read almost it when the darkening shadows made me close the covers. Actually, it was



Betty Finlayson

only four o'clock, but the towering trees around the house made

it appear much later.

I was hungry. As I passed the foot of the stairs, on the way to the kitchen, I was amazed to hear the piano! The housekeeper was not musical. I also knew that we were alone in the house. Just at that moment, Mrs. Howe came through the kitchen door.

"The folks home again, dear?"

she questioned.

"No, no." I faltered. "I don't

know who it could be!"

"We'll soon find out!" She picked up a stout straw broom and started upstairs. "Quietly!" she warned, fingers to her lips.

Cautiously, we ascended until we stood in front of the closed drawing room door. Softly and sweetly, the notes flowed out to us. With a quick flick of the wrist, the old lady flung open the door. The sight confronting us left us dumbfounded. We had been prepared for anything, something—but nothing! The room was empty and the piano stood with its lid firmly closed.

"Well, I never!" gasped Mrs. Howe. I stood behind her, cold with fear. "Downstairs with you, quickly!" she whispered. We crept down the stairs together. Hardly had we reached the last tread, when the melody filtered

down to us again.

"Maybe it's a mouse." I offered, hoping to be reassured that this was so.

"Well if we can catch him, our fortune is made. He'll be the first mouse in history to be able to play a tune!" Mrs. Howe took a tighter hold on her broom.

We repeated the performance to no avail. Finally, beaten and frightened, we sat holding hands on the back verandah. It was a great relief when we finally heard the family arrive home.

I told Mother of our experi-

ence, thinking that if two of us heard the music, we must be believed. But, she was unnerved by the funeral service and my story met with little sympathy, even with Mrs. Howe's backing.

Everyone put it down to a timid, old lady being carried away by a child's imagination—until I mentioned that the tune we heard was the one that Uncle Andrew was so fond of playing!—N.S.W., Australia.

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CALLFOR OLLIE By Mada Horn

In the early 1900s, while living in a backwoods community of Oregon, I was called upon to help wash and dress for burial an elderly woman who had just died. She had been bedfast for months in the home of her 50-year-old daughter, Ollie.

Ollie's husband and children were outside attending to farm duties. The only persons in the house were Ollie, two neighbor women and me. I was startled as Ollie came to me with tears streaming down her face.

"Mada, I heard Mother calling me. I have heard it all day. She says, "Oh, Ollie, Ollie come here!"

"Nonsense, dear," I replied, placing an arm around her shaking shoulders. "Your mother has been dead for ten hours! You imagine you hear her call, as she called you for so many weeks."

"No Mada, this is not just imagination. I really heard her. The member of the family who is called after death always dies first and Jim and the children need me so!"

I had not heard of this superstition before. I comforted Ollie, thinking that what she had said was due to nervousness.

A few minutes later a loud, clear call in the old lady's unmistakeable tone filled the entire house and penetrated the air of the entire farm.

"Oh, Ollie, Ollie, come here!"

The frightened children came from the yard into the house, screaming, "Grandma!"

The men who had been pitching hay in the field were pale as they joined us trembling women in the house.

We examined the body carefully. It had begun to mortify between the shoulders. There was no doubt of the death.

This was June—Ollie died in October.—Dillard, Ore.



MY PROOF OF SURVIVAL

By the Readers

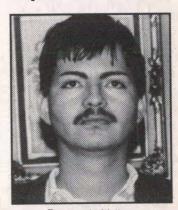
A TWIN IN TIME By Fernando Valles

I was 23 years old and stationed in Seoul, Korea, about to board the train to the airport and fly back to the U.S., after my discharge from the Army. The speaker announced that passengers were boarding, but I sat patiently on a wooden bench with my suitcase by my side until the line got smaller. Suddenly I felt someone watching me.

Apprehensively, I looked around and saw a young man who looked exactly like me gazing directly at me with a warm smile on his face. At the instant I saw him, I thought that he somehow was my mirrored reflection. I rose and walked toward him., but it took forever. Finally, as I came closer to him, I turned and saw my train leaving.

I again turned toward the man but he was gone. There was no mirror there, only a Korean woman with a child. Suddenly I heard my footsteps on the tile floor and stopped, confused. Then I ran toward the ticket office and asked when the next train would be leaving. They told me would depart that evening. Everything went as scheduled and I boarded the train. As it approached the airport, people stood up to look out the windows and I automatically got up to look as well.

The previous train had de-



Fernando Valles

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railed, and many people lost their lives. I sat back on the seat dumbfounded and perplexed. While people were still looking out, I saw the young man again, smiling warmly. I looked at him and smiled back. Then he took a step backward. I walked toward him and saw only the ground moving outside the door.

My parents, Benita and Matias Valles, greeted me gleefully when I arrived home safely. After a few days I told them what happened. We were at the dinner table that night and after hearing my story they became silent.

I asked my mother what was wrong and she responded after a few moments that she was terribly sorry she never told me, but I was born a twin and my twin brother had died a few months after our birth. At that instant I felt the greatest joy in my life, as if a deep void in my heart had been filled. Now as I look in my mirror every day I smile at my reflection, knowing that I have a very good friend waiting for me.—McAllen, Texas

GRAMPY

By Patricia L. Nemecek

When my husband John died after 33 years of marriage, my faith in God was severely shaken. I questioned whether He really existed and if there is an afterlife.

One day my two-year-old

grandson, Ryan John, came over to visit. We were home alone when I went into my bathroom and Ryan followed me in. I told him to go out into my bedroom and play, and that I would be right out. He was going out when he abruptly stopped and stared at something across the room out of my line of vision.

His eyes widened in amazement and his mouth dropped open in surprise. I thought some-



Patricia L. Nemecek

one had entered the house.

I said, "Ryan, what do you see?"

He answered falteringly, "Grampy."

I asked, "Where do you see him?"

He glanced back into the bedroom and said, "Where Grampy go?"

I knew he had really seen something, for he was too young to be acting. Ryan was not only born long after my husband died, but had never heard anyone refer to him as "Grampy." On several occasions since then, though we never talk about it or encourage him, Ryan has seen ghosts, always when we are alone in my house. He is never afraid. He thinks ghosts have wings, like angels, and are translucent.

I believe this is my late husband's way of assuring me there is life after death and that God truly exists.—Beaverton. Ore.

THE GIFT

By Margie Van Voorhis

When my daughter, Sonya, was six weeks old, her father Billy passed away at the age of 22. Strangely enough, though she was too small to remember him, there always seemed to be a special bond between them.

Eighteen years later, just a week before her graduation from high school in 1986, we both saw an apparition standing in the doorway of both our bedrooms just a couple of days before her graduation. A necklace with a miniature class ring containing her birthstone and her year of graduation strangely appeared on her bedroom dresser in the middle of that night.

On that same night a pair of gold earrings with my initials appeared on my bedroom dresser. There had not been anyone



Margie Van Voorhis

else around our house that night.

I know without a doubt that somehow Sonya's father left these things to congratulate us both on a job well done and to finally say goodbye because, now that she was grown, he could move on too.—Sidney, Ohio

BIG RED PURRS By Shirley Lee Ryan

In 1988 I was a widow in dire financial circumstances, forced to move from my rented home to apartment-sitting for a friend who was visiting in Florida. My sweet old cat, "Big Red," had made friends with a neighbor lady. She was happy to take him, which relieved me greatly, since my friend's apartment was a "no pets" establishment.

Within two weeks I received a telegram that the lady had moved and left Big Red an orphan. I was heartbroken because I had no-

where to put him, since I too was without safe harbor. This meant I must put my old friend to sleep.

Red recognized the familiar sound of my car and came running to meet his dear friend whom he had obviously missed. My heart fell and tears flowed, almost blinding me as I drove Red to his death appointment.

Somehow, Red knew and turned away from me, yowling. This sweet, loving cat stayed his distance when I tried to love him. While signing and paying the fee for my pet's death agreement, I couldn't even see the paper.

I had to look happy at my part time job selling clothes, and somehow managed that day until I returned to my friend's apartment and collapsed into a big chair, where I remained in deep grief until the next dawn. Before the sounds of the day arrived, I



Shirley Lee Ryan

was amazed to hear the sweet sound of purring close to my ear, and grateful to hear my sweet friend telling me he was safe and had forgiven me.—San Diego, Calif.

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THE VOICE IN DEATH VALLEY

By B.E. Roessling, M.D.

In June 1918, I was a member of the famous Keystone Division, Pennsylvania's own 28th Combat Division, which had been ordered to support the front line in the Aisne-Marne sector. We were stationed in a small, narrow valley immediately in the rear. Receiving orders to dig in, we used our trench shovels to dig small dugouts which protected us from everything except a direct hit.

The Germans were shelling us with high explosives and we had casualties every day. For this reason the boys named this place "Death Valley."

One day I was dozing in my foxhole, sidearms close at hand, knapsack at my feet, my weary

head resting on my folded coat, which contained my billfold. I usually carried the billfold in my shirtpocket over my heart because it contained a photo of my wife, a few personal papers and numerous francs. No shelling was going on at the time either by us or the Germans, and the air was heavy with a foreboding quiet.

I was settling into a deeper sleep when I heard my nickname called. The voice had an urgent tone. I thought I was just dreaming but I wondered who among the boys knew me by that nickname, which was used only by

my immediate family.

I heard my nickname called for the second time. The voice seemed much closer and more urgent. Puzzled and with an eerie feeling, I sat up and looked around. Most of the boys were resting in their foxholes while a few were sitting up, cleaning and polishing their weapons. None of the men close to me were trying to attract my attention.

When the summons came a third time it was screamed into my ears. Frightened this time, I leaped from my foxhole and

raced down the slope. After I had covered about 30 feet I heard the rumbling and whine of a German shell. I knew by its sound that it was going to fall very close.

At once I dropped to the ground and buried my face in the dirt. The shell exploded so near at hand that some of the scatter-

ing pieces hit my helmet.

When I regained my composure and returned to my foxhole, I saw that it had disappeared. In its place was a large shellhole, with here and there fragments of my equipment and tattered shreds of my coat and knapsack. It had been a direct hit.

I shuddered to think of what would have happened had I ignored the call. Puzzling over who could have known my nickname. I now remembered that only my mother had used it and always with that endearing inflection in her voice. Mother had been dead for four years. She had died young and perhaps my subconscious could not eradicate the memory of her tragic and untimely death. Had it warned me or had the admonition come from my mother?—Jacksonville, Fla.





FATE READERS HAVE THE GREATEST SUCCESS POTENTIAL



FATE readers scored a bullseye on the Psychic Reward
Test—including an amazing successful company president who
beat odds of 2,500 to 1. What worked for her? Apparently a playful,
relaxed attitude—treating life as a game.

By Alan Vaughan

FATE readers who participated in my "Test Your Success Potential" test in the January 1992 issue (at the end of my article, "Psychic Reward Test Results") showed outstanding precognitive ability. They were asked to make 30 letter guesses for a Psychic Reward precognition test.

Psychic Reward is a computerized precognition testing and training system whose novel scoring system gives points for getting close to the target. The object is to predict which of the 26 letters of the alphabet, arranged in a circle, will be randomly chosen by the computer. A direct hit is \$10,000 points, one off is \$4,000, two off is \$2,000, and so on. For a 30-trial test, the chance mean score is \$962.

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PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE

The Psychic Reward Success Potential Test was part of a research project which hypothesized that future-oriented people are better at predicting the future than past-oriented people. Entrants filled out my Attitude Toward the Future (ATF) profile and were categorized as oriented toward the Past, Present, or Future. Their ATF categories were then correlated with their scoring on the precognition test.

Of 27 entries from FATE readers, 19 were future-oriented. They scored significantly above chance, with odds against chance of 68 to 1. In fact, the FATE Future group scored far higher than any of the other seven groups tested so far.

BEAT THE ODDS

Three FATE readers, all in the Future category, achieved significant scores (above \$1,702, with odds of 20 to 1) in the 30-trial test. The highest scorer was Edie Patrick of Phoenix, Ariz., whose score of \$1,903 beat odds of 49 to 1. The second highest scorer was Hubert Casler of Bronx, N.Y., whose score of \$1,893 beat odds of 47 to 1. The third highest scorer was Heidi Fenelon of Fredonia, Wis., whose score of \$1,872 beat

odds of 42 to 1. The odds against chance for three out of 19 people beating odds of 40 to 1 are 90 to 1—a quite significant showing for this small group.

Only four of FATE readers were oriented toward the past; they scored slightly above chance. One fellow was out of work, depressed, and quite certain that his extreme past orientation would give him a score well below chance. He was right!

The four Present people had a below-chance average score.

ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE

The 12 people who were the most future-oriented scored significantly better (odds of 40 to 1) than the depressed fellow who was the most past-oriented. Forward-looking FATE readers not only confirmed my hypothesis that people with the most positive attitude toward the future are significantly better at predicting it, they may help depressed, extreme-past-oriented people realize that a change to a more positive attitude really does create greater success.

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By the Readers

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Each month, FATE editors choose an especially noteworthy letter to share with our readers. The writer of the letter receives \$10.00 for his/her fine efforts.

I am writing about the October 1991 FATE. In my whole life, (50 years), I have never read a book which covered instances in my life as this issue. How To Get Rid of Your Ghost, your coverage of UFOs, Psychic Junk Mail, and True Mystic Experiences.

The article by Judith Montoya, Watching My Body was indeed a

"peace" of mind to me.

I had surgery on August 22, 1989, and the same thing happened to me, but with no "explanation." I was going to write an article to you on the same subject. I told my family about it immediately after leaving the recovery room. I asked the nurse "What happened to me, what's wrong?" I remembered being very scared. Even being very

groggy, I was so edgy and anxious. I've had many surgeries in my lifetime, but this was the only time this happened. I was going to call the surgery off because while I waiting in the holding room, my father's face appeared to me, shaking his head "no." My father had passed away in 1977, 12 years earlier.

I've had a few experiences in my life which would be material for your book, but I'm not a writer as you can clearly see. Still, each one is true and honest.

Thank you for allowing me to express myself.—Maria E. Krucke-berg, South Haven, MN

MYSTERY ANIMALS

I greatly enjoyed Joseph E. Stephany's Ghost Galaxies and Dr. Karl Shuker's Rainbow Dragons and Magic Elephants in January FATE. I would like to see more articles about these topics. Also Keel's Beyond the Known is the

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reason I returned to FATE.

Because our perceptions are limited, we are unable to perceive all of reality. We wrongly suppose natural barriers exist where they do not. Reality is far more extensive than we are able to detect. Although they may not exert any detectable influences upon ours. there are many more than nine other universes. These universes differ from each other because their matter is formed in a spectrum of gradually increasingly higher vibrations. They form one reality minus built-in

barriers.

Dr. Shaker indicates that some mystery creatures resemble animals known to science. Take note of Stephany's article here. Matter in successive universes occurs and varies in gently sloping gradations. Is it not possible that mystery creatures, resembling known animals, are examples of matter-forms (life forms) from the next universe—life forms existing as the next gradation beyond our limited perceptions?—Clyde W. Burnham, II, McRae, GA

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I've enjoyed FATE immensely for 25+ years and started pen friendships by contacting contributors who shared a love of the paranormal. I've had a few



items in FATE through the years, including a UFO sighting in February 1971 and been published in American Astrology. I'm married 39 years to Leo, a scientist in the textile field and have two sons in their mid-30s. Three cats complete the family—they are our children now. I've been to haunted sites in London, Scotland and Iceland, where I had a glimpse of a fairy—

a tall figure named Cladina Tutu (ala the ballet) by a highway not far from Limerick! I've been a poet since age 10 and a pianist since age 3, on a 90-year-old Sohmer piano. I love music very much, especially of the '30s. I own 6-7,000 paranormal books and love to quote from them. Fateophiles please climb aboard my pen friend SHIP.

Marguerite Craig • 64 Via La Cumbre, Greenbrae CA 94904

FATE has moved in and out of my life since the 1950s. I discovered it during voluminous reading about religions, esoteric teachings such as the Rosicrucians and Alice Bailey works, and more, following my decision to give

up Catholicism in my 20s. This seeking has enriched my life and FATE's pages continue to add a dimension to my life. Service has been at the heart of most of my career experiences. I helped initiate a sister city program between LA and Salvador, Brazil in the early 1960s. Elmer Green of Menninger Clinic encouraged me to explore self-healing when I discovered I had glaucoma, opening doors to many new learnings, workshops and growth experiences through the 1960s and '70s, including volunteering at the Center for



Attitudinal Healing. Since 1980 I've worked with the Institute of Noetic Sciences doing research in mind and consciousness. I travel to various parts of the world, meeting psychically gifted people. I welcome FATE readers.

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AIDS DREAM

After reading all of the dream articles in FATE, I decided to experiment by dreaming of some important event that would happen this year. The next morning I remembered my last dream, a few doctors were working on an AIDS case by raising the patient's body temperature. I don't know if this has been tried yet or if the dream has any value.—Art Backstrom, Chicago, IL

BEAR DREAM SYMBOL

I would like to respond to John Ellis Sech's article, *Dreams* Reveal Health Secrets, FATE, March 1992. Dreams can warn of a potentially fatal condition.

I had a terrifying dream a couple of weeks before I almost died. I was standing alone in the midst of a dark forest. Silhouettes of tall trees against a stormy sky towered menacingly above me. I walked and walked, but couldn't escape the gloomy shadows. Suddenly, I heard a roaring growl and turned to find a large grizzly bear charging at me. I stood still, paralyzed with fear, as the monstrous bear lunged at me. He pushed me to the ground and clawed at me until I was covered with blood. I lay on the cold ground, helpless before his strength, and cried fearfully as his immense form loomed threateningly over my dying body. I knew he was going to kill me. Just as he was about to enclose me in his jaws of death, I woke up crying hysterically, but calmed down after realizing that I had a bad dream.

A few days later, I experienced three unbearably painful headaches, signifying that a cerebral aneurysm in my brain was about to burst. Before that first headache, I hadn't the slightest suspicion I was on the verge of dying. I barely got to the hospital to be

saved by brain surgery.

After I recovered, I interpreted that dream. My unconscious knew about the aneurysm, symbolized as the vicious grizzly bear. That terrifying dream appeared to be just a nightmare at the time it occurred. However, if the dreaming mind is able to detect a physical disorder before it becomes apparent in waking life, it is imperative that we pay close attention to our dreams, no matter how insignificant they may seem at the time.—Irene Russell, Niceville, FL

FRISCO EARTHQUAKE

The floor rumbled, the walls shook, the windows rattled—and I didn't even have to leave the safety of New Hampshire! Thank you for the compelling account of the Northern California earthquake by Janice Volkmer (as told

to Jack Grant) March 1992 FATE. Nervously turning the pages, I was tempted to brace myself in the doorway or dodge under the table.

Janice Volkmer is indeed one "tough cookie" for allowing her intuition to guide her back to the epicenter. My own True Mystic Experience ("Leave San Francisco!" FATE, September, 1990) led me from the region just days before it happened. Having now gotten a sense of the terrifying moments that I missed, I'm glad that I moved. Unlike Janice Volkmer, this particular "cookie" might have crumbled!

My interest was also aroused by mention of prior readings given in which "there were direct allusions to the quake." Looking back through my 1989 dream journal, I see several dreams ("crowds running from something, fear of gas explosions," etc.) that foreshadow the quake. Have others had similar readings, dreams, or hunches?

Thanks for an entertaining and inspiring article. As a long-time psychic reader and counselor, Janice Volkmer undoubtedly has many true tales to tell. Let's hear more from her soon—and Mr. Grant too!—Joseph B. Mullen, NH

SIMONE M. RESPONDS

This is an open letter to all respondents of Simone Mendez

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Please be advised that due to the very large volume of mail received, photos or other materials cannot be returned without an SASE. Lack of reply is due to my objective, being to locate just one subject, meeting extremely specific criteria only. Pen pals or theories to my experienced anomalies are not sought. However, I want to sincerely thank you very much for your interest, concern, effort and time.—Simone Mendez, Rockford, IL

READER'S RESPONSE TO MS. MENDEZ

Ms. Simone C. Mendez clearly conveyed her desire for corre-

spondents and suitors.

However, after several letters and a modest but thoughtful gift, I received as a response only an unsigned, impersonal copy of an open letter scheduled to appear in the August issue.

In the future, if FATE continues to run "lonely-hearts" features, it should be with the expressed, written stipulation that solicitors be prepared to personally respond to the attention they seek. It seems only common courtesy to do so.

Since, apparently, I am not the only one to suffer the weight of silence from Ms. Mendez, I hope you can run the following quotations near or adjacent to her open

letter in August FATE.

These quotes not only speak for myself, but may give some satisfaction to other well-intentioned respondents.

"Silence is the most perfect expression of scorn."—George

Bernard Shaw

"The great question...which I have not been able to answer despite my years of research into the feminine soul is, 'What does a woman want?' "—Sigmund Freud

Your willingness (and obligation) to print these, would, I am sure, be appreciated by many.—

John Cook, Indianapolis, IN

SKEPTICAL OF SPIRITS

I'm interested sharing this true experience with readers, hoping it will help strengthen their faith.

About proof of survival—even if you get a million letters from readers relating their experiences as "proof of survival," skeptics can dispute them easily as hallucinations, subconscious images

surfacing as dreams, etc.

Even the famous levitations by D. D. Home were rejected as being produced by spirit power and skeptics ascribed them to Home's mysterious powers. Thousands of spirit messages are also rejected; claiming fraud, self-deception, or telepathic information obtained by the medium from sitters' minds. Quite a feat!

Soul survival has been proved continued on page 112



BOOK REVIEWS

THE EMERGENCE OF A
PHENOMENON: UFOs From
the Beginning Through 1959.
UFO Encyclopedia, Vol. 2

By Jerome Clark

Omnigraphics, Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, MI 48226

Hardcover, 1992, 433 pgs., \$85.00 Jerome Clark and Omnigraphics are to be commended for the *UFO Encyclopedia* project despite a price that individual ufologists

may find daunting.

Reference works aren't cheap and this one, sturdily bound and printed on acid-free paper, is

designed for the long haul.

It must be understood that beginning does not mean June 24, 1947, when Kenneth Arnold had the sighting that put 'flying saucers' indelibly into our minds.

"Anomalous Aerial Phenomena before 1800" discusses a wide variety of sightings of strange things. Some of what puzzles us today puzzled our ancestors 200 years ago.

Among the 100 plus topics listed are people—George Adamski, Gray Barker and Morris Jessup,

for example, and such events as the Levelland, Texas, and Muroc Airbase sightings, organizations (Aetherius and Fortean Societies) and alleged spacefolk—Mon-Ka of Mars and Prince Neosom.

There are entries for "UFOs in Australia and New Zealand through 1959" by Australian ufologist Bill Chalker, "Green Fireballs and Other Southwestern Lights" and a host of others.

Such topics as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind, 1900-1959," "Crashes of UFOs in the Nineteenth Century," and "Airship Sightings in the Nineteenth Century" provide an historical context for today's events.

The foregoing topics are taken from the contents pages. In the index is a host of secondary characters, organizations and events. Boldface denotes the former, while regular typeface indicates secondaries. Italics denote titles: books, magazines, movies, TV, etc.

It is well worth the time to read. Many entries have surprising interrelationships and the perceptive reader should be able to carry learnings about our ufological past over into the present.

When used with Clark's earlier book, this is a comprehensive, look at a substantial portion of the decades-long UFO phenomenon.

A future Volume Three, titled "Abductions & Other Events of 1960-79" will link the chronology of the earlier two.

Lobby your local libraries to order all three volumes immediately.—George W. Earley

ANCIENT ATLANTEAN REMAINS

By Alexander Strang Fraser Box 991, Nelson, British Columbia, Canada V1L 6A5 Softcover, 1992, 43 pgs., \$7.00

Little books are sometimes big on insightful ideas and this is one of them. Fraser takes a convincing look at the Atlantis legend to come up with provocative but credible viewpoints of the drowned civilization. He tackles an age-old problem in Plato's account (the unrealistic dimensions of Atlantis) by suggesting that its outsized "canals" were actually elongated waterways. Fraser believes they were formed by natural spits of dry land and sandbars parallel to the shore, landforms that were modified to create a canal around the central island. Such a natural arrangement would have been more acceptable than the manmade excavation nearly six miles long, 300 feet wide and a hundred feet deep of which Plato spoke.

Fraser observes that a known cooling trend at the end of the Bronze Age would have adversely affected navigation in the Atlantic. This resulted in dire consequences for maritime trade and agricultural output—factors which may have been responsible for the Atlanto-Athenian War described by Plato, as the Atlanteans sought to acquire foreign markets in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Highly original is the author's explanation of the geologic origins of Atlantis, a problem overlooked by most writers on the subject. His arguments for the island's glacial formation between 70,000 and 32,000 years ago is bolstered by impressive earth science and developed in a convincing style, because he is able to put it within the context of established geo-physical laws.

The glacial origins of Atlantis also explain the geologic mechanism for its sudden demise. In answer to skeptics who claim such an event could have never occurred in the North Atlantic, he sites evidence in the case of Mayda, an island north west of the Azores, which was chartered by the Portuguese in 1447 but sank beneath the surface less than a hundred years later.

I was unimpressed regarding his suspected location of the sunken city, although here he displays originality and provides facts to support his assertion that Atlantis is synonymous with the Grand Bank, under water off the coast of Labrador. No less original is his description of Nova Scotia's famous Oak Island "Money Pit" as an ancient tomb, rather than a treasure trove. Fraser's perception of its observable functions make me wonder. His book is self-published, so do not expect a lavish production.

Those interested in their Atlantean roots will want to make this latest addition to their Atlantis library.—Frank Joseph

OTHER DIMENSIONS
EXPLORING THE
UNEXPLAINED

By Michio Kushi
Avery Publ. Group, Inc.
120 Old Broadway, New York
NY 11040

Softcover, 1992, 158 pgs., \$9.95
Once again the reading public is offered snake oil. Michio Kushi promulgates his extensive macrobiotic empire under the guise of "probing the Secrets of UFOs, Extraterrestrials, Reincarnation, Prophecies, Ghosts and More."

The book has some salient points, such as Kushi's explanations of UFO abduction victims who express unconscious fears of

invasive high-tech medical procedures and who recall fabricated accounts of abductions while under hypnosis. Ancient and modern extraterrestrial visitors bring with them highly evolved, less mechanical healing techniques and would have no use for such primitive means.

Perhaps the reason for such visitors is that our civilization has reached a point of crisis in the galactic scheme of things and they are monitoring us to see that we don't pollute our own solar system and others with long-lived radioactive wastes.

Theories about the evolution of the soul are spectacular. We move from organic life as we know it to an astral life called yu-tai in Japanese, lasting perhaps 700 years, approximately seven times as long. After this, we progress to a rei-kai or spiritual body/image, converting to finer and finer vibrations and longer "lifespans," finally becoming part of the infinite universe.

The problem with Kushi's wonderfully crafted explanations is that they are beguiling without offering substance. He states that we can regain our rightful place in the universe by following the old Zen tradition of filling the belly with grains and vegetables and performing the equivalent of contemplating our navels while letting yin and yang (heaven

force and earth force) do the work of cleansing our physical and spiritual bodies by perform-

ing hard physical labor.

What Kushi doesn't tell us in his idealistic view of traditional cultures is that Occidental folk have a difficult time adjusting to a strict diet of Oriental cuisine (and pseudo-philosophy, in this reviewer's opinion). That is, no animal or dairy products, citrus or tropical fruits, sugar, coffee, and no food grown outside of the temperate climactic zone, but maximum use of salt, grains, legumes and vegetables and soybean products.

Unfortunately, several people have died while "purifying" themselves according to the rigid

diet Kushi promulgates.

Caveat emptor, both for Kushi's book, which, if taken simply as possible explanations for unexplained events, provides some interesting insights and speculation, but if taken seriously as is Kushi's intention, could well be very dangerous.—Ian Dooley

MERCURY: UFO MESSENGER OF THE GODS

By W. D. Clendenon
Adventure Survival Productions
P.O. Box 756, Biloxi MS 39533
Softcover, 1992, 200 pages, \$15.95

Mr. Clendenon places great faith in not only George Adamski's writings, but in translations

of ancient Indian epics which describe flying machines akin to today's UFOs.

According to Clendenon, these ancient chronicles tell us that "By means of the power latent in the mercury which sets the driving whirlwind in motion a man sitting inside may travel a great distance in the sky in a most marvelous manner." And that "When these [mercury containers] have been heated by controlled fire from iron containers, the Vimana [flying machine] develops thunder power through the mercury. And at once it becomes like a pearl in the sky."

Various illustrations show the inner workings of the Adamski saucer/vimana. There is also an illustration comparing the appearance of the Adamski saucer with "Various types of coaxial loud-

speakers."

Half the book is comprised of illustrations—Adamski Venus craft photos, sketches of Clendenon's Aero Space Plane, photocopies of supermarket tabloid tales and letters Clendenon received over the years from members of Congress, military personnel, aerospace companies and others he wrote. Several, notably from J. Allen Hynek, confess their inability to judge his work properly, urge him to pursue patents on his ideas and seek help from qualified engineers and scientists.

This book is an uncritical compound of speculation and muddled thinking. One cannot fault Clendenon's enthusiasm, only its direction.—George W. Earley

GATEWAY TO THE GODS Hartley Video Foundation Cat Rock Rd., Cos Cob CT 06807 1992, 56 minutes, \$59.95

Although the Tibetan diaspora occurred after the 1959 Chinese invasion (and slaughter of thousands of monks and nuns), the most spiritually evolved culture on planet Earth continues to exist in towns forming part of the border of northern India, Ladakh and Dharamsala among them.

This video chronicles the "ever upward" (there being a tremendous number of steps to climb, 12 hour bus rides and mountains) journey of a number of Western professionals, including a physician, Dr. Bob Roth, and a clinical psychologist, among others.

Unfortunately, the basest elements of Western culture are giving a false view of our values to Tibetans, who believe, from our videos, that we have unlimited resources and leisure time.

This video is a refreshingly honest and poignant look at life among the Tibetans, and includes a female healer who draws evil substances out of the bodies of her patients with a bamboo straw (this brown, tobacco-like clot of

psychic poison was actually seen by the visitors).

A female pulse reader is also consulted, providing very accurate diagnoses of ailments of the visitors, especially Roth, who suffers from upper back pains.

A monastery headed by the Dalai Lama's brother is visited, and the Dalai Lama's palace, where an interesting audience occurs for the film maker.

The Buddhist concept of accumulating as many good deeds as possible to avoid the wheel of death and rebirth is evident, echoing the Dalai Lama's simple message, "Be kind." For followers, the video is a wonderful, and hopefully, not last look at an endangered culture.—Les Stern

THE OMEGA PROJECT NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCES, UFO ENCOUNTERS, AND MIND AT LARGE

By Kenneth Ring, Ph.D. William Morrow, New York Hardcover, 1992, 320 pgs., \$20.00

A seminal book is one which breaks new ground, presents new ideas backed up by discovered facts, and starts up a new line of certainty which those to follow are obliged to build upon or appear idiotic. The Omega Project is seminal, and in spades.

To set the ground, it must be reprised that modern psychology and psychiatry have long held that ESP, near-death and UFO experiences, etc., are psychopathic in origin (i.e., mental and possibly dangerous aberrations). Some branches of psychology have begun to consider differently. But the standard clinical "bible" of the American Psychiatric Association, The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (1987) still describes (pgs. 194-195) such experiences as "characteristic psychotic" and having no reality or constructive value.

This negative position characterizes much of mainstream attitudes. So no one bothered to submit such experiencers to thorough batteries of psychological and other tests in order to isolate what has really gone on with them—until Dr. Kenneth Ring and associates mounted the Omega Project to do just that.

As a result, about 125 years of received scientific opinion on these matters are now laid to waste. Briefly: the Omega Project solicited the cooperation of 264 respondents divided into four groups: 74 which had had neardeath experiences; a control group of 54 who had not had such experiences; 97 who had had UFO experiences; and a control group of 39 who had not. All 264 were asked to fill out the same extensive battery of questions and tests. The results of each group were then statistically analyzed and compared, the proceedings of which are fully and artfully described in the book so that the reader will not drown in statistics.

A few of the results show only "significant" differences, but all the rest reveal staggering differences. Most shocking, experiencers (versus the controls) show enhanced physical, physiological, neurological, psychoenergetic, and emotional functioning, and expanded mental awareness and increased "paranormal" or psychic functioning.

The experiencers as a group clearly are better off for having had their experiences, despite stresses suffered. Their life values increased in positive ways, and their holistic understanding of existence expanded. Certain tests revealed childhood and other commonalities of the experiencers which I'll let the reader discover.

Dr. Ring hesitantly, but carefully, begins a theoretical interpretation of the meaning of all this, an activity which is surely to continue to build into the future.

So, finally, evidence replaces opinion, and anyone who has ever had any kind of "paranormal" experience will want to read the seminal seeds in *The Omega Project*. Bravo to the Omega Project, and to what will be its rewarding future.—*Ingo Swann*

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3- Out-of-body experiences

The skeptic may reject No. 3 as purely subjective; but how can he deny No. 1 and No. 2! It may be true that that spirit photographs were faked but many is not all. Over 6,000 spirit photographs have been produced, and while a good percentage may be fraudulent, that does not invalidate the genuine ones obtained under strict control and supervision to eliminate frauds.

Direct voice mediumship (the dead person speaks with his own voice, mannerisms, style) cannot be attributed to the medium's subconscious. The medium serves as the intermediary to supplement spirit power used to produce the mechanism enabling the "dead" person to communicate with the living directly—not thru the medium's throat. John Sloan, Stelle Roberts, Leslie Flint, Mrs. A.J. Ashdown and William Olsen were outstanding "direct voice" mediums.

I hope that future issues of FATE will deal with these very important subjects!—Domingo Valcarcel, NY, NY

WHITE PROPHET JESUS

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rebruary 1992. Sorry I didn't give my complete address but I thought perhaps two or three people would give the information to FATE. I have received 52 letters by this time. Everyone seems so eager to help. I received the book He Walked the Americas from a gentleman in Arkansas. I am sorry to be so slow in answering but I fell and broke my left hip March 28 and have been in the hospital and nursing home since then.

I am 90 years old now and still searching for the truth. I am convinced that the White Healer and Prophet was actually Jesus, who lived to complete his mission in America. I think this is a turning point for the whole world. Thank you all for your helpful answers.

—Mrs. Fayette S. Carr, Oklawaha,

FL

Editor's note: We are always glad to help pass on information.

D. SCOTT ROGO

About three days ago I penned a postcard to you regarding the brutal slaying of D. Scott Rogo and my wonderment at the "fact" that you and the psychics who abound amongst us had not unearthed the killer(s). Today I got your answer! Great service!! It was in the May issue, page 112, regarding a letter from Mr. Rogo's mother. Thanks. I cannot believe that I missed the article on police assistance that was provided by

the psychics!—L. Charles Hughes, Blooming Grove, IN

Editor's note: Look for at least one upcoming article on Scott Rogo's unfortunate demise.

SALONS

It seems the editor of a digest called the *Utne Reader* has given his readers an opportunity for social get-togethers, the salon concept, if you please—something I have yearned for as a FATE reader for decades!

Could you consider trying something like this for us? In your 500th issue you said you feel that dedicated FATE readers make up an extended family. I feel the same way. A person who is interested in everything feels so alone when always separated from discussions and company of like-minded souls.

If I don't hear from you, I suppose I could subscribe to the *Utne Reader* just to enjoy the salon concept, but I'd prefer the company of FATE readers.

Years ago there was a conference held in Chicago, but that was the last opportunity for us. I've been kicking myself ever since for not going. I missed a chance to meet the Fullers, and tell them of my gratitude for the decades of FATE. But now, to go so far away from home would be very difficult for me.

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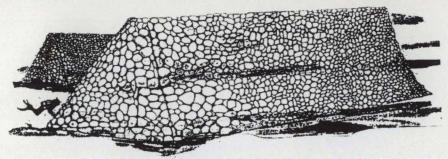
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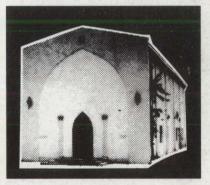
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