JOURNAL should now be prepared to discuss UFO healings!

As for my own view of these matters, I must make it clear that, unlike such expert investigators as Paul Inglesby in England and Cyril Marystone in New York City, I have never attempted to maintain that *all* so-called "UFO entities" must necessarily be evil and malignant. I spent some years in studying the Arabic records and traditions about these matters, as I showed, long ago, in an article, A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE TRUE NATURE OF THE "UFO ENTITIES", (in FSR 29/1, October 1983, and reprinted in FSR 33/3, September Qr., 1988). That article has been received throughout the world in total silence. The greatest care is taken by researchers and writers never to refer to it.

What I found was that the entire Arabic tradition, while providing a vast supply of material about the JINNS, the denizens of the unseen worlds around us, was disappointingly vague on the question of *motivations*. However, as the *Qu'ran* does at least make quite clear, *Al-Jinn* seem to comprise a number of different species, not all of whom are inherently evil, inasmuch as it is explicitly stated that Muhammad's Message of Salvation is aimed at them as well as at Mankind.

Inseparable from, and overlapping with all of this, there is also the entire corpus of tradition and belief about ANGELS. This is common to the three great western religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and Hinduism and Mahayan Buddhism both certainly also accept the existence of higher spiritual entities that would be fully equivalent to the western concept of what we know as Angels - i.e. "Messengers", which is what the Greek term *angelos* means.

In recent years we have carried in FSR a few

reviews of books about encounters with or sightings of Angels, and it is evident that reports of this sort have lately become a great deal more frequent. Some of them — particularly from Russia — are quite extraordinary, having both an "angelic" and a "UFO" flavour, and we would very much like to know more about these and to be able to publish them, so if any Russian readers of FSR or any FSR readers elsewhere have such material, I would very much like to hear from them.

On this entire question of "UFO healings" it is evident that, in this area, such as abductions, implants, sexual interference, NDEs (near-death experiences) OBEs (out-of-body experiences), etc., etc., we must continue to apply the very greatest care and objectivity. We do not yet know any of the answers. So let us try not to miss any important clues!

Finally, I also note from the latest MUFON JOURNAL (October 1996) that they now have on sale yet another important piece of research - A CATALOGUE OF UFO-RELATED PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS, by John F. Schuessler, covering 400 reported medical cases. (Price in the USA, \$15, plus \$2 for postage and handling, and available from MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Texas 78155-4099, USA.) Note: We do not know what cost of postage overseas would be).■

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UFO Magazine no longer arriving from Communist China.

Dear Gordon,

Your letters are always welcome - and whenever mail from you arrives I have to give you a reply straight away!

As regards the issue of magazines, there is *no change*. UFO research in Mainland Communist China, and also in Free China (Taiwan), is still continuing, and both magazines are still there, in existence.

As regards the Mainland magazine, published in Chinese, in Lanchow, N.W. China, which you had previously been receiving for so many years, and

which you tell me has now long ago ceased to arrrive, the answer is that I have *repeatedly* requested them to look into the matter and see that you get it. But they take no notice, and my feeling is that they simply don't care.

One of the reasons is no doubt that they are constantly changing their Editor. Also, their staff are not being paid properly.

As you know, I have already severed my links with them in January 1996, because I simply can't get along with them, and I don't want to go on asking them to send their UFO journal to you because they won't take any notice.

As for the UFO Research Group in Free China

(Taiwan) I was never active as one of their overseas reporters, but of course I do have amicable relations with them, so I will contact them now and ask them to send you their Chinese-language journal, and see what happens.

Best regards! Sincerely

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NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR.

Paul Dong has already published several books in the USA, in English, on such themes as UFOs in China; Chinese Research in Parapsychology; Martial Arts; Ch'i-Kung, etc., and in this coming September he and a colleague will be bringing out another book under the title of "CHINA'S SUPER-PSYCHICS" (publishers are Marlow & Co., New York). It will deal with the extraordinary current drive of the Chinese Communist Government to seek out, among its citizens, those who demonstrate "EHF"

("exceptional human functions") i.e. unusual psychical powers of one sort or another. Paul Dong tells us that it is estimated in China that "maybe one in a million" — and they are invariably children — will possess these faculties, and that generally the powers tend to weaken and fade away after about the age of 25.

When the Chinese Government discovers these prodigies, they give them special training.

(In other words, like the Governments of America and Russia, the Chinese do not underestimate the value of having a good team of psychic spies.)

In an article recently published by Paul Dong in the USA (In VENTURE INWARD for July/August 1997) he has described one of China's young superpsychics, Miss Yao Zheng, whom he has already met and seen in action. This young woman has not only the ability to shift objects out of one sealed bottle into another sealed bottle, — without of course touching either bottle — but also seems to possess weird powers of "auto-combustion". She gives off electricity and sparks and fire, and her clothes can suddenly burst into flames. (Needless to add that spoon-bending is just one of the minor and least spectacular features of her repertoire! G.C.)

HILARIOUS COMIC STOP-PRESS: NASA TAKEN TO COURT BY ARAB OWNERS OF MARS! By Gordon Creighton.

Press reports on July 25th indicated that the American Space Agency, NASA, are due to be sued by Arabs who say they "own Mars", and plan to prevent the Americans from divulging any more information about the planet.

Three men from Yemen, Adam Ismaïl, Mustafa Khalil, and Abdulla Al-Umari, claim that they **own** the red rock, and say their permission ought to have been sought before the *Pathfinder* spacecraft landed there on July 4th and released its buggy, *Sojourner*, which has since then been engaged in testing the Martian geology and soil, and in sending back photos of a landscape less inviting than many parts of Yemen.

The trio's queer claim derives from their firmly rooted idea, as reported in the weekly newspaper *Al-Thawri*, that thousands of years ago Mars was the home of their ancestors!

They therefore want NASA to suspend releasing the results of any further explorations, or any further information of any sort about Martian soil, surface, gravity, etc, until the court case is concluded. Presenting their documentary claims to the Prosecutor General of Yemen, they simply claimed "We inherited the planet from our ancestors who lived on it 3000 years ago."

We understand, however, that NASA do not appear to have suspended their nefarious activities in relation with Mars, and would go no further than issuing a bald statement that the soil of Mars is "finer than talcum powder."

Now, here is a very strange, very peculiar fact:-When, about ten years ago I first read Hoagland's book, *The Monuments of Mars: A City on the Edge of Forever* (published in 1987), I was struck by what I thought was an extraordinary and quite ridiculous statement (on page 289), where Hoagland quotes the following words from an article previously

published, it seems, in the Journal of the British Interplanetary Society:-

One of the weirdest coincidences of the whole affair is that *Cairo*, the site of the (two greatest) pyramids, was originally named *El-Kahira*, from the Arabic *El-Kahir*.....meaning *Mars*...

At first I refused to accept this as anything but nonsense, for I knew that the Arabic name for Mars is pronounced variably as either Al-Mirrih or Al-Marrih. But, on checking in my best dictionaries (Hans Wehr's and the Oxford Arabic-English Dictionary), I did find, to my astonishment, that Mars does have a second name, namely Al-Quahir -which is indeed almost completely identical with the name for the place that we fail to pronounce properly, and so we call it Cairo.

Now, as I have mentioned before in articles, the

Arabic language, like Hebrew, etc, is fundamentally constructed on the concept of **three consonants** -the so-called **trisyllabic system** based on a **verb-root**.

Thus we have the verb-root qa-ha-ra, 111. to defeat, vanquish, overcome. And from it we have qahir, a conqueror or victor.

My own conclusion is that this secondary name for the planet *Mars* probably has crept into the Arabic language relatively lately, under the direct influence of the name for that planet in Western languages, which of course comes directly from the name of the Roman **God of War**.

The mental link between war and victory is obvious. However, we would like to hear from our Arabic-speaking readers whether they think we are right on this, and whether they have any other explanations for this curious real-estate claim by the Three Wise Men (or maybe the Three Foolish Men?) from Yemen?

SOLDIERS ENCOUNTER ENTITIES IN ULSTER STAKE-OUT.

On the Internet on July 20, 1997 there was an unconfirmed CNI News item that, according to the British newspaper *The People* (July 13), eight British soldiers who were lying in ambush one night in South Armagh four years ago, hoping to catch some IRA gunmen, had a brief encounter "with three or four small grey figures in human form". The two parties stared at each other for a minute or so. Then the small entities vanished, and almost immediately the soldiers "saw a brief flash of light in the sky".

The soldiers were so unnerved that they took

the very rare decision to abandon the stake-out. Their commander was furious, and their comrades in the elite SAS force derided them or suggested that they were "on drugs".

Four years later the case has been revealed to an Ulster UFO study group by a former Intelligence Officer of the British Army.

Belfast-based UFO investigator Hugh O'Brien said: "We are trying to interview the soldiers, even though some of them may be too embarrassed to come forward".

TWO PLANETS FOUND AROUND PULSAR.

Dr Alexander Wolszczan, of the State University of Pennsylvania, announced about five years ago that he had discovered two planets outside of our Solar System, and in 1994 he confirmed this and gave fresh details.

It seems that the two planets are around an extremely dense star (a "pulsar") at about 1,300 light-years from the Earth and in the direction of the constellation Virgo.

One of these planets is said to have 2.8 times the mass of the Earth, orbiting the pulsar in 98.2 days. And its distance from the star is given as only one half of our distance from our Sun.

The second planet is stated to have at least 3.4 times the mass of our Earth, and an orbit time of 66.6 days. Its distance from its sun is given as only one third of our distance from our Sun.

Since there is no way of being able to observe these planets directly, their existence can only have been deduced from irregularities in the pattern of the energy pulsations from the pulsar. Dr Wolszczan's report is also understood to indicate that the pulsar in question may have more satellites than just these two, one of them being a moon still closer in to its "mother body" -perhaps indeed there is an entire planetary system such as we have here. G.C.

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