

Fátima Thought-forms

Dear Sir,—I would like to suggest the following hypothesis concerning the events at Fátima in 1917. My suggestions are based upon the many weeks of patient study I undertook during which time I used the literature at the Catholic Central Library, and material from abroad. The theories are largely those of C.G. Jung, who mentions Fátima at least twice to my knowledge. In correspondence with the Jung Institute in Zurich I have been unable to ascertain whether he mentions Fátima in detail in any of his writings. They do not know.

Jung, as you know, developed the idea of the Collective Unconscious. The *personal* unconscious was seen as a self-regulatory mechanism. Similarly the Collective Unconscious was thought to possess these characteristics. It would appear that whenever some massive imbalance occurs in the collectivity the regulatory mechanism comes into play. I base this hypothesis on the study of apparitions through the ages. These manifestations occur at times of social upheaval. Where the human collectivity is leaning too much one way, the Collective Unconscious will throw up a message in terms relevant to the peoples' belief and experience.

Fátima is the most interesting example of this phenomenon since it was a multiple witness case. It occurred, characteristically, when the inclination was too much towards the left, i.e. shortly before the Russian Revolution. Here, clearly, the compensatory mechanism came into play. Detailed study of the 'lady of light' show her to be right-wing authoritarian!

May I suggest that these entities were neither the 'soul-forms' of historical characters nor beings from outer space, but thought-forms from the Collective Unconscious manifesting themselves in terms we can understand.

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Ufology in Yugoslavia

Dear Sir,—In Yugoslavia there are now many UFO clubs and societies, most of them for students and young people. The oldest, most popular and well-known is "NLO Društvo" ("UFO Society"), Studentsko naselje, ul. Zveza Solt 4, 61000 Ljubljana, S.R. Slovenija; the President is Mrs. Alenka Brenčič, and I am also a member.

A year ago, a group of students from Belgrade University established a research society "Man and Space," which has a ufology section. Our

President is Professor Slobodan Petković, who is a member of several international UFO societies.

We have our own UFO and popular science library with a number of good books in various foreign languages, and a few in Serbo-Croate, such as Frank Edwards' book "Flying Saucers — Serious Business" "Leteći tanjiri — osbiljno pitanje." Many of these books were donated by our friends and collaborators in ufology worldwide. We have some copies of *Flying Saucer Review* too. In Belgrade's biggest library, the "National Library of S.R. Serbia," there are complete volumes of *FSR* for the last few years. All library members who are interested can read them. Your magazine helps us to improve and spread our knowledge of ufology, as Yugoslav libraries, bookshops and information centres have very little literature on the subject.

Shortly, our ufology section at the University will publish a monthly UFO journal in the Serbo-Croate language. At present, the "UFO Society" at Ljubljana publishes a UFO newspaper, *Almanah*, but as yet it is only obtainable in the Slovenian language.

We would like to develop collaboration with other societies and clubs throughout the world, and are always grateful to receive literature — especially in the English language.

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The bottle cooler business

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest your article in connection with my discovery last September of a bottle cooler in a London restaurant, and I should like your readers to know that I will not be held responsible for the discovery going to press as I had no intentions of releasing my story in connection with George Adamski and this cooler, without checking out the patent number of the machine first.

Exactly how the press became aware of the discovery remains a mystery to me, but I can assure your readers that any comments which I made through the press and television

media last September about George Adamski and his claims, were made in full belief that the patent number had already been checked and found to be issued in the late '40s. It was not my aim to discredit Adamski but merely to pose a question as to the authenticity of his claims. It was subsequently discovered that the bottle cooler was manufactured in 1959 seven years after Adamski took his picture of the Venusian Scout Ship, and by a refrigeration engineer from Bristol.

I have heard much criticism about the story but no consideration for what feelings Adamski may have had about the whole affair, and it is my belief that in the main he would have like so many others, laughed at my discoveries...

... Yours sincerely
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[This is an extract from Mr. Lawrence's long letter, in which he concluded that the publicity which went with the "bottle-cooler" furore, would have brought more people to seek out Adamski's books, and so on. This is something of a change of attitude from that in his letter to me dated September 13, 1975, in which he wrote that readers of *FSR*:—

"...may be interested to know that the famous photograph of a Venusian Scout Ship taken by George Adamski in 1952 is in fact the lamp of a 1940's portable beer cooling machine made by Pormer Products."

That much was 'released' to *FSR*, presumably before the facts of the patent were checked, six days before the story, with photograph, got into the "Evening News," and most other papers.

My editorial on the bottle cooler rumpus was in no way a vindication of the Adamski claims, but was instead a warning about the dangers of releasing unchecked and dubious facts to the press whether they concern Joe Soap, Tom Bloggs, or Adamski, presumably in an attempt to seek publicity.—EDITOR]

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