

THE CASE FOR CONTACT

Part One

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The *Flying Saucer Review* has consistently stressed the importance of the contact claims in the general study of the flying saucers. Trevor James has written two remarkable articles for us, the former of which appears below. Briefly, the author suggests that those features of these claims which are often considered unsatisfactory may, in fact, contain the essential clues to the solution of the mystery. Trevor James's conclusions will appear in our next issue.

THE question of contact with the intelligences occupying or guiding the mysterious discs, or with other-world entities in general, is one of the most divisive and controversial aspects of UFOlogy. Organisations have been split asunder by the attitudes of members towards contact with the discs. In America today, acrimony boils around this question, which reduces itself to a simple issue: whether or not the so-called "contactees" are to be admitted to the consideration of serious investigators. The possibility of a twofold approach has largely been ignored. Yet if the question is carefully thought through, either on the basis that the UFO phenomenon is purely physical or on a metaphysical approach, the answer is inevitably the same. The feasibility of contact cannot be denied.

In this first article we will approach the whole matter of contact with the UFO utilising only the physical aspects of the phenomenon and the classical principle of judging the unknown by the known.

Communications the key

The world in which we live demonstrates to us beyond doubt that the material level of civilisation is a function of communications development. The general standard of living enjoyed by any given segment of the world's populace is almost directly related to such outward manifestations of communications development as the number of telephones per capita, the number of radio and TV stations, and the assorted educational facilities by which the older and wiser may communicate with the young and growing elements of the population.

Significantly, the great advances in lifting the

general material level of life have come synchronously with the telephone, radio, automobile and aircraft. Everywhere we look on earth and find backward, underdeveloped countries, we find poor communications in every sense of the term. In the civilised world, the means instantly to communicate detailed happenings from one part of that world to another has really reached full development only since the Second World War.

Beginning in Arizona in 1943* and extending right down to the present day, we have come into contact with an aerial phenomenon or phenomena never previously witnessed by mankind *under the same conditions*. Investigators have shown that the UFOs are as old as man. But only in the past fifteen to twenty years has their appearance been connected in any way to an international and world-wide means of reporting these occurrences.

This unique situation also coincided with another development, that of the aircraft, which has been metamorphosised now into the rocket. Not only could man quickly report and compare sightings of strange aerial objects, by both voice and printed word, he had developed both the conceptual power and the terminology to grasp, describe and discuss the aerial phenomena with his fellows. This whole simultaneous development of communications, mastery of flight and electronic methods of observing and measuring the objects involved, has taken place in the past twenty years. In recorded history there is no comparable development.

The observations, both electronic and visual, force the conclusion that vehicles or forms of some kind exhibiting intelligent control have been and are active in the atmosphere of the earth. There is no need to labour this fact by list-

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ing numerous examples which are, after all, a part of an extensive UFO literature. All that we need observe is that in accordance with classical scientific principles only one firm example of the phenomenon is required to call for a hypothesis or theory.

Nothing could be more natural for mankind, now that it was evident from Germany's V2 that huge devices could be hurled through the air and perhaps across space, than to relate the UFO manifestations to what earthmen intended doing. Scientific and military imaginations, extensively subsidised from the public purse, voiced dreams of "conquering" space and "probing" other planets. Naturally enough the fantastic performance of these UFOs, far exceeding anything possessed or envisaged by our scientists, led automatically to the conception of superior technology and superior intelligence behind the UFO.

Where could such intelligences originate? Of course they came, or probably came, from those crystalline bodies glittering across space, on whose conquest and exploration man himself had so recently set his ambitions.

This traces, in effect, the origin of the common conclusion that the so-called "flying saucers" are interplanetary spaceships manned by intelligent beings. When we consider science, history, philosophy and our own recent planetary developments, this is an entirely logical line of reasoning, based solely upon certain physical objects in our skies.

The next step

At this point, altogether too many theorists who cannot think *originally*, drove in a peg and said: "Beyond this we will not go. There has been no contact with the discs or their occupants or controlling intelligences. We reject and disavow in blanket fashion all such claims. We will entertain only that which is scientific and objective." Unfortunately, it has become fashionable, desirable and even a matter for congratulation and applause for saucer theorists who go no farther than this quite arbitrary line to denounce *all* stories of contact as yarns, hoaxes, delusions or fraud. All of these things will, of course, be found in abundance when the full story is known. But let us look at the next step that follows logically from admission that the discs are real.

The evidence forces us to admit the presence of more advanced intelligences than man in the UFO

phenomenon. We know that in our own civilisation communications development has been the greatest single force in mankind's technological development. Hence there is no inconsistency in concluding that intelligences advanced beyond man in space travel, or even in flight around the earth, must have *advanced systems of communication*.

When we speak of advanced systems of communication, we must realise that we hardly have anywhere left to go with radio as we presently understand it. We have modified and elaborated around a fundamental principle. The equipment has been miniaturised. The maser and the transistor have been introduced, yet there has been no real innovation since the advent of the vacuum tube.

The new frontier

Where, then, is the truly advanced communications research taking place today? That research which is so "far out" that it might give us a clue to the methods employed by the intelligences behind the discs? There are many of these "way out" programmes, and that of the giant Westinghouse Corporation gives us a sure indication of just what our scientists are toying with today. Westinghouse is investigating *telepathy* and other systems based on extrasensory perception. This line of research is being followed as this is being read, and it is the new frontier of communications.

The discs confront us in countless ways with evidence of advanced technology. Can it not be logically contended that the communications systems will be equally advanced? Have we not seen radio reach its zenith in the rocket age from its birth alongside the automobile? Is the inference not fair that the communications methods employed by the discs will quite possibly represent a *perfection* of the pioneer gropings into telepathy with which contemporary space scientists are occupied? By such applications of common sense we are likely to approach the truth.

There is no inconsistency, therefore, in stating that the likelihood is strong indeed that the discs will be employing a *different and more advanced* method of communication, the development of which has been synchronous with the other advanced technology exhibited in the manoeuvres of the discs. Nor is this reasoning weakened in

any way by what man has tried to hear directly from the discs or from other planets, using the most elaborate, sensitive and carefully designed radio equipment.

One may sweep the short-wave, medium-wave and long-wave dials in vain to find some evidence that the vehicles pirouetting in our heavens are communicating with each other using the particular form of energy we have learned to manipulate. The unorthodox and much-maligned world of radiesthesia, dowsing and radionics clearly reveals to the unprejudiced mind that there are mutations of energy at work in the Cosmos, capable of the most incredible things. This energy, right now, today, is being used to make cross-sectional photographs of the internal organs of the human body across oceans and continents, with the energy involved quite immune to any of the normal attenuations governing conventional radio. The great American pioneer, Dr. Ruth B. Drown, of Los Angeles, California, has made untold hundreds of such photographs over a period of twenty-three years, in a world deaf, dumb and blind to such things.

When modern men go among primitive peoples they take with them their methods of radio communication, which astound, intrigue and bewilder the primitives. But what do civilised men do under these circumstances? Do they learn to beat the primitive's tom-tom? Or do they select certain primitives and *teach them* to use the modern wonders they have devised by their understanding of natural law?

Thus we see that all the elements of the case point to the feasibility of communicating with the UFO, when this is reasoned through purely on the basis of our own earthly experience and what mankind knows of his own development. Without even touching upon the psychic or metaphysical aspects, with which we will deal in

Part II, we see that everything points to the UFO having means to communicate, to an understanding of which official scientific endeavour has not yet attained.

With these ideas in mind, we can see the need to differentiate between what is justifiable and acceptable to the orthodox mind, and what is admissible to the unfettered reasoning power of man. Drawing the arbitrary line and saying "No contact, nohow, by no one" may be briefly comfortable for those who feel that this stand is the only alternative to getting into bed with a motley collection of crackpots. Yet the dynamism of our age is such that the research now in progress erodes this position literally day by day.

One does not need to embrace crackpotism, psychism or those afflicted by these things, in order to admit that something may be gestating in a laboratory somewhere, perhaps an unorthodox laboratory, which will use a new discovery to put us in contact with the intelligences behind the discs. We will see in the second article how examining contact stories in the right light reinforces the concept that a new method of communication is upon modern mankind.

Meanwhile, we will do well if we remember how we behave when we go among the primitive people of our own planet. After all, the intelligences behind the discs possibly cannot be bothered to learn our contemporary electronic version of the tom-tom, when they may well have something much more advanced, reliable and versatile which they have developed through an advanced understanding of natural law. Like us among the primitives, they may for their purposes be determined to teach us their methods. Just as you seldom find a New Yorker or a Londoner who can communicate via the tree-trunk drum today, perhaps the time is not far distant when a skilled radio operator will be a relic of the past.

* See *They Live In The Sky*.

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Far away in some strange constellation in the skies infinitely remote, there is a small star, which astronomers may some day discover. At least I could never observe in the faces or demeanour of most astronomers or men of science any evidence that they had discovered it: though as a matter of

fact they were walking about on it all the time. It is a star that brings forth out of itself very strange plants and very strange animals; and none stranger than the men of science.

G. K. Chesterton,

The Everlasting Man