

THE CASE FOR CONTACT

Part Two

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In our November-December, 1961, issue, Trevor James made the suggestion that the contact claims were not being taken seriously enough and suggested reasons for the neglect. The author now concludes his controversial approach to this difficult problem. The *Flying Saucer Review*, in line with its policy of open-mindedness, invites the views of its readers.

THERE is grave need today to see the various claims for actual contact with UFO intelligences in the right light. The necessary light is to be found in the first part of this article, which reveals why mankind must assume it is on the verge of epoch-making discoveries in the field of communications. These discoveries, we may assume by powers of logic immanent in the human mind, are already in the possession and under the control of the intelligences behind the discs. If the so-called "contactees" are looked at as tools, victims or instruments of these methods, their claims assume a different form. And in examining the claims, we are ourselves armed with a new conceptual tool and a vital alteration of our perspective.

The mind is involved

First, let us look at the contactee claims without ourselves employing a working knowledge of occult science. Study each contactee claim on the basis that the human being involved has come in contact with an instrumentation system capable of getting in touch with his mind directly, without any intervening material instruments in the possession of the contactee. In all these contactee cases, is it not a fact that the mind of the individual seems to have been so involved? Where faking and fraud are not alleged, is not the only weapon of the discreditor that the "contactee" is hallucinated?

Has it not been alleged, published and pounded upon without surcease that the "contactees" are "imagining things"? Do not these allegations themselves infer abnormal or sub-normal functioning of the "contactee's" mind?

And is it not again and again asserted that there has been no reliable third or fourth party observation of the physical departure of a "contactee" in a flying saucer? And this in turn has supported the claim that "it all took place in his mind." All this points to that vast unexplored realm of the human mind, in the investigation of which the best-known psychiatric and psychological methods are still exceedingly primitive.

When the "contactee" is subjected to conventional psychiatric or psychological examination, the whole thing may be stamped a "myth," as it was by the late Dr. Jung. Well it might be if these examinations are confined to psychology. But out in the fields of astronomy, photography, radar and aviation, where the psychologist is but another ignoramus, stands a vast corpus of evidence of the presence of these objects. And these objects are relating themselves to the "contactees" in a way that will for some time elude study by the scientists of today. The relationship is being established via the *mind*.

These happenings represent a direct confirmation of the reasoning that permits us to conclude that contact will be by *advanced methods*. Consider the consequences of what has gone on with the "contactees," so bitterly abused and misunderstood by so many otherwise intelligent people. They report flights in spaceships which they have never been physically observed to take, and which therefore probably involve the mind and not the body. The physical sightings of strange objects are so prolific, as is their physical recording, that we are not permitted the luxury of considering the whole thing a "myth."

The photographer, radar operator, airline pilot

and jet jockey tell of an objective phenomenon, which descends in some way to the minds of a few individuals, giving them direct experience which contains mutually correlative points. The scientists, no matter what phase of science they work in, are all forbidden to make firm statements about the UFO, not by higher authority or governmental edict, but by the rules of scientific evidence under which they labour. The scientist dealing with outer observations does not say they are ships from other planets, because the observed phenomena will not let him. The phenomena will not jibe with such an assertion. The psychologist is hamstrung because the "contactee" is not talking about an illusion or an hallucination in the ordinary sense, but about a phenomenon that is real and objective when it manifests to human senses and instruments. With this phenomenon, the "contactee" claims direct experience.

A new tool

All these things point to the need for a new tool of investigation to supplement those that we already have. This tool is occult science, in the highest meaning of the term. A working knowledge of occult science, the acquisition of which requires the prolonged direction of the highest powers of a human being, is indispensable to UFO investigation. With it, the "contactee" phenomenon assumes a different proportion and an altered meaning. What, then, does occult science add to physical science in this field? Due to space limitations, we shall have to content ourselves with a few examples given in more or less dogmatic form. There is no enmity between the true occult scientist and natural science as we presently know it. In intelligent association, the two aspects give man formidable power to understand the Cosmos of which he is a part.

One of the more strident objections to most of the "contactees" is their low level of intelligence and their paucity of orthodox education. Occult science overcomes this by pointing out that the closer a human being is to the purely primitive state, the more likely he will be to have perceptions and experiences with things unseen that are denied to the highly developed intellect of civilised man. Thus, natives in remote parts of the globe speak of and deal with "evil spirits" as though they were objective realities. Modern science rejects this, but the trained occult scientist, who has equipped himself with the necessary additional organs of perception, is able to confirm that unseen beings do afflict primitive peoples.

The legends of Mexico, for example, contain

folk-tales about giant serpents in the atmosphere of the earth. An absurd notion to contemporary scientific thought. Yet the writer, with a specialised use of high-speed infra-red film, and methods stemming from occult science, recorded such a creature twice in succession in the heart of a California business district at noon. The creature was physical and objective, the photographs proved that. Yet it was quite invisible to the perception of dozens of factory workers who walked twenty feet beneath it as the photographs were made.

Thus, the occult scientist finds no grounds to objecting to contactees because they are people who live close to the soil and who are relatively uneducated. On the contrary, the occult scientist will approach the reports of such a person with some assurance that the "contactee" would be likely to have unusual experiences involving his perceptions. The occult scientist will also be careful to approach what is offered as not necessarily being the way it seemed to the "contactee."

In the works of Dr. Alexander Cannon extensive references may be found to the "astral" body of a human being. This body, made of very tenuous substance and not normally visible to human sight, leaves the physical body during the hours of sleep and "goes about its own business" according to Dr. Cannon. As the seat of consciousness, and a vehicle for consciousness, this body is able to have experiences, to travel and to undergo education while separated from the physical body during sleep. In the normal person, no memory of these activities remains upon awakening.

On the other hand, relatively uneducated people, close to the soil, without too great an intellectual development, are quite likely to bring back their experiences. And it is known to the occult scientist that certain beings in the unseen can arrange for this memory or recall, at will, if they so desire. This further reinforces the necessity for the occult scientist not to object to the uneducated or rough "contactee."

The element of sleep enters into practically every honest account of contact that we have in UFOlogy. This factor cannot be ignored by the occult scientist, and should not be ignored by the orthodox scientist. There are instances in the "contactee" cases of men sleeping on the desert and "awakening" to find ships descending, or of men dozing in various ways when the dynamics of astral experience can manifest according to occult science.

Occult observation by trained persons of the "contactees" frequently reveals a slackness or looseness of association between the physical

body and the astral body. In lay terms, a tendency to "slip out" is observed.

The Biometer

With the Biometer, used for psychological testing, a test has been devised which establishes the "threshold line" of any given person being examined. This is the capacity of the person to distinguish between an "astral experience" and one which takes place in the physical world. One "contactee," internationally famous as the author of several books, was tested in this way and was found, in the words of the distinguished doctor carrying out the test, to have "absolutely no threshold line whatever." By such things do we begin to clarify the nature of these experiences.

To the occult scientist, the purpose of the "contactee" is quite different to that which the "contactee" himself imagines. The "contactee" is one who is willing to talk of his experiences. He tells others. He repeats over and over again that there are real beings and real ships and that he has been aboard them. Hundreds of persons are given, by this instrumentality, a new concept of the Cosmos. They are introduced to things of which they previously knew nothing. In short, their consciousness is expanded. This is true no matter how humble the intelligence of the listener.

The more intelligent the listener, the more powerfully will he be driven to find out the "truth" about the whole thing. If he is a scientist, the chances are that he will react by thinking, reasoning, researching and experimenting. The more intelligent the person, the more he will be aroused to investigate. In other words, he too, in his own way, will undergo an expansion of consciousness which may well revolutionise his whole life and outlook. The humble "contactee" has started all this.

How easy it is to see, in the light of what we have brought forward here, that "contactees"

could possibly begin by talking about, say, the astral body. No-one would understand, nor would they give him the time of day. The "contactee" presents things in terms that persons in normal life today can understand. From this point the real search is triggered off in those for whom the time has come. Others who hear the "contactee" will continue to believe the experience as related, and will not undergo development of their own. Others will reject it all outright.

The occult scientist must also be wary of unseen beings whose purposes are not the education of mankind, and whose presence in the phenomena is all too evident to the occultly learned person.

In conclusion

We might say, in conclusion, that the physical, objective phenomena undoubtedly infer advanced technology and with it advanced communications method. The "contactees" confirm this, not necessarily in what they relate, but in the manner in which they acquire their experiences. Viewed as a whole, the discs and the question of contact with them point firmly to further investigation of the human mind as an instrument of communication.

This investigation, if pursued along the lines indicated by the unfolding of the UFO phenomena, leads the investigator to explore the extra-physical energies and powers possessed by every human being. From their latency, these powers are due to be aroused by methods which in their turn are indicated by the nature of the UFO phenomena. Thus in due time by the proper methods, we shall attain the capacity to communicate in a way that is but dimly realised at present. Mankind at the moment is being pushed into a special kind of an educational programme, just as mankind, in its higher, civilised development, pushes education on its own primitives. The case for contact rests.

The Open Letter to the Prime Minister

We would like to thank all our readers who wrote to their M.P.s pointing out the danger that a misinterpreted UFO might cause in these days of acute international tension. We received a prompt acknowledgment from the Prime Minister's office and we expect to hear more

about this matter in the near future. When we are in a position to do so, we shall make a full report to our readers. In the meanwhile, we suggest that it is still opportune to write to your M.P. referring to the open letter which we printed in the November-December, 1961, issue.