

to appear, Charles Bowen, I remember, kept telephoning to the BBC, and they kept replying that they were not ready yet, and inevitably we finally began to become a bit suspicious, and in the end our suspicions were justified.

When at last the documentary was shown, on May 10, 1977 (BBC 1 Television), we found that it was a lot longer than we had originally been told it would be. Clearly somebody (either higher up in the BBC, or, more likely, in the Ministry of Defence, had dictated that certain "important additions" be made to the documentary. And so, when it finally appeared, Mrs. Bowles and Mrs. Roestenberg were there all right (and impressive indeed they both were — especially Jessie Roestenberg). And Charles Bowen and I were also there. But the film had been greatly extended by the insertion of a large amount of footage right at the outset, portraying various elements of the Lunatic Fringe performing religious incantations on the tops of hills and mountains, and the very opening scene — most memorable indeed, never, never to be forgotten, showed what appeared to be the two superb British comedians Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, roaming the flowery hillsides of Surrey armed with weird and wonderful home-made "UFO-detecting instruments".

Clearly the word that had gone forth from the Authorities was that the BBC should induce as many members of the public as possible to switch off early. (As, I am informed, a great many viewers did).

Nevertheless, the programme did get shown.

Thus did the BBC "prove" to the world that there is no such thing as censorship in Britain.

And, quite clearly, the BBC were well satisfied (as were those behind them) that the job of ridiculing and denigrating us had been jolly well done. For, to my knowledge, the documentary was shown three more times, and it is highly likely that there have also been one or two more showings since then of which I have not heard.

The three further showings which I did see were:-

(a) On BBC 1 Television again, December 28, 1977, 12.45 p.m.

(b) On BBC 2 Television, December 9, 1978, 4.50 p.m.

(c) On BBC 2 Television again, August 6, 1984, 2.00 p.m.

So, while it is true that some millions of British viewers have seen the lunatics on the hilltops and have enjoyed the antics of "Peter Cook" and "Dudley Moore", those millions have also seen Mrs. Joyce Bowles and Mrs. Jessie Roestenberg. And I'll wager that many have not forgotten them.

And, I still constantly ask myself this question: why did the BBC permit these two impressive UFO eyewitnesses to remain in the programme? I can only conclude that there may have been a little "sabotage" somewhere along the line. Maybe there was some brave soul somewhere inside the BBC who actually wanted the truth to be told, and who believed that FSR was telling it! ■

'FRINGE' IMAGE IS A DANGER TO SCIENCE!

By Gordon Creighton

Over recent years readers of FSR will have noticed a considerable number of articles or statements or situations which indicate the growing nervousness of our official scientific and academic "Establishment" at the prospect that the man-in-the-street might be beginning to suspect that he is being "conned" about a whole range of things, including of course UFOs.

Mr. Roger Highfield, Science Editor of the London *Daily Telegraph*, is one of those who most frequently voice these fears, and in that newspaper for January 31, 1992, we saw another interesting example of his concern.

The *Daily Telegraph* had organized "a meeting of scientists and the media", supported, as one would of course expect, by the journal *NATURE* and the Science Museum in London.

At this meeting, held on the evening of January 30, Sir Michael Atiyah, President of the Royal Society, was the principal guest-speaker.

The subject of his talk was the fact that the

funding of scientific projects depends on public support.

He said that press reporting of "fringe science", ranging from corn-circles to flying saucers, can undermine people's faith in science. As he told his audience, assembled in the Science Museum, "that support could be threatened where there was a conflict between the news-value of a good story and scientific objectivity."

He went on to say that bizarre subjects, such as flying saucers and corn-circles, or alternative medicine, often make a good story, and it is an essential role of journalism to give unorthodox views a fair hearing. But on occasion, totally cranky views are given such prominent treatment that the public can be mis-led into believing that they must at least contain a germ of truth".

"With corn-circles, this might be fun; with purported medical cures however the consequences could be tragic. But, in all these cases, orthodox scientists come over as stuffy and opposed to new

In fairness, therefore, I am obliged to say that I rate A COURSE IN MIRACLES as one of the most powerful “paranormal” documents of all time, and I would urge everyone at least to dip into it, even if they do not manage to read it completely. I feel positive that such a work cannot have come from anywhere but the highest SOURCES likely to be open to such a rather lowly creature as poor old *Homo Sap.* EDITOR

VINCE MIGLIORE'S ARTICLE

Why are people fascinated with flying saucers? Isn't it because of the impact that contact would have on our lives? The UFO occupants can be assumed to carry vast scientific and social knowledge, a galactic treasure of information that would be useful to mankind.

We can get a few precious insights into this information from interviews with people who have been abducted, but this is usually meagre and often contradictory. Then there are those sources that claim telepathic communication, or channelled messages. Unfortunately these are, more often than not, the work of charlatans and frauds.

The UFO movement seems to have split into two schools accordingly, the “hardware” group, and the “space brothers” group. The former tends to focus on such aspects as physical evidence, electromagnetic effects, and reliable witnesses. This is a relatively safe approach, but it's slow moving, and we haven't learned much over the last 40 years. On the other hand, the space brothers school, as I've warned, is prone to fakes and frauds.

So how do we make progress in understanding UFOs?

What I've attempted to do is examine a large number of so-called channelled works and see if there is any merit to them. Then I've tried to separate the wheat from the chaff. The approach I've used is admittedly subjective.

Here's what goes into the trash pile:

1. Any self-proclaimed guru that asks to be worshipped, followed, or paid large sums for his/her advice, and anyone who badmouths other gurus.
2. Any system of discipline that takes years of work, sacrifice or study in order to be “saved” or enlightened; anything with lots of special terminology; anything that reads like a grade D- paper from a psychology student.
3. Any theory or revelation that generates fear, hatred or anger.

Here's what I accept or read a second time:

1. Works that agree well with common sense, historical UFO cases or scientific findings of the hardware school of study (mentioned above).
2. Material that seems to be inspired, or that resonates with something inside me, that seems innately true and valuable.
3. Material that envisions a positive outcome, that

tends to heal, comfort, and bless.

From this, I've selected a few of what I feel are the best channelled books I can find. Each of these is examined in a sort of mini-review below. You're not asked to believe, but to judge for yourself.

I. The Urantia Book

The Urantia Book (1) consists of over 2000 pages of detailed descriptions of entities, personalities, angels and companions that make up our world and the worlds of space. It is divided into four parts.

Part I, “*The Central and Superuniverses*”, describes the Universe, the Sons, Messengers, Angels and spirits that inhabit the Universe and relates over several chapters the definitions of God, His Son and the Spirits. It details the organisation of these various entities and the function they play in the hierarchical government of the Universe.

Part II, “*The Local Universe*”, depicts our local Galaxy and our solar system, relating how Earth (Urantia) fits into the overall scheme. Part III, “*The History of Urantia*” chronicles in minute detail the geological history of the Earth, the development of plant and animal life, and the evolution of man. The development of early man and civilizations is constantly viewed in the light of our spiritual evolution.

Part IV, “*The Life and Teachings of Jesus*”, devotes over 700 pages to the life of Christ, his spiritual development, and the relationship between his mission on Earth, the enlightenment of mankind and our role in the Universe.

I must admit a confused opinion on this book. Some chapters seem cluttered, like government gobbledegook on a cosmic scale. On the other hand, this work was channelled in the 1930s, and first published in 1955, yet it contains many detailed scientific descriptions of early man, genetic characteristics, land bridges and ice ages (to name a few) that were not discovered until the 1970s. Further, some of the passages on the life of Jesus are, in my opinion, definitely inspired, in the truest sense of the word.

UFO buffs might find plenty of specific material of interest. There are several descriptions, for example, of the taking of plasma samples for use by extraterrestrials. To quote:

“Fifty males and fifty females of the Andon and Fonta posterity, representing the survival of the best strains of that unique race, were chosen by the Life Carriers...Here the one hundred human subjects were given into the hands of the highly skilled volunteer commission from Avalon, who directed the material extraction of a portion of the life plasm of these Andon descendents. This living material was then transferred to the material bodies constructed for the use of the one hundred Jerusemite members of the Prince's staff.” Page 742.

This calls to mind the many abductees who

report scars, or the taking of tissue samples. There are also a number of reports of contacts with Space visitors and subsequent teachings to mankind.

More important than the details, I believe, is the overall message, that the human race is one small but vital part of a community of civilizations in Space, and that our evolution is closely monitored and influenced by a host of caring extraterrestrial and spiritual entities.

II. The Ra Material

Here is a treasure to satisfy the hungriest of seekers. In one book many of the UFO mysteries are explained. Alas, it may not be to everyone's satisfaction, but it offers an explanation that is both coherent and believable. It takes in everything from Bigfoot and the pyramids to Tesla, clones and Easter Island.

In brief, *The Ra Material* (2) claims that souls evolve through reincarnation, that a "Confederation of Planets in the Service of the Infinite Creator" has guided our development from the beginning, yet adhering to a rule against overt contact, since that would interfere with the free will of individuals. "We are attempting to extract the greatest possible harvest from this planet. This is our mission, for we are the Harvesters...We offer them no concrete proof, as they have a way of expressing it. We offer them Truth. This is an important function of our mission — to offer Truth without proof. In this way, the motivation will, in each and every case, come from within the individual." Page 35.

Now, many in our society, through a devotion to love and service, are ready for what is called "the harvest". A cycle is coming to an end, where those of a high enough vibratory rate will jump to the next level of awareness. This is called the 4th dimension, in which individuals become of one mind, and, communicating telepathically with each other, form a new group-consciousness, a societal complex. This explains the "hive behavior" that Whitley Strieber describes in *Communion*. (3).

Other civilizations in Space have already achieved this oneness of mind, and joining with other groups have formed the Confederation. The transition to group-consciousness requires a certain level of dedication to service towards others. The same type of group-power, however, can be also achieved through dedication of service to *self*. At least one civilization, the Orion Group, has achieved this "negative" orientation. The Orion Group, accordingly, has a purpose of creating an elite class and the enslavement of all others. They will at times break the quarantine and abduct certain individuals, making them feel like laboratory animals. The Travis Walton case (4) is an example of this.

The Confederation, using the Ra title, claims to be the same Ra referred to in Egyptian history. Contact was essentially through channelling. Sam-

ple quotations follow:

"QUESTIONER: What is the density of the Orion group?"

"RA: I am Ra...Their power is the same as ours. The Law of One blinks neither at the light nor the darkness, but is available for service to others and service to self." Page 100.

"QUESTIONER: What did they do to Charlie Hickson when they took him on board?"

"RA: I am Ra. They used his mind/body/spirit complex's life-experience, concentrating upon the experience of the complexes of what you call war." Page 103.

"We ourselves, when we chose a mission among your peoples, needed to study your peoples, for had we arrived in no other form than our own, we would have been perceived as light." Page 103.

"QUESTIONER: Can you tell me how Yahweh communicated to Earth's people?"

"RA: I am Ra. This is a somewhat complex question. The first communication was what you would call genetic. The second communication was the walking among your peoples to produce further genetic changes in consciousness. The third was a series of dialogues with chosen channels." Page 173.

"QUESTIONER: Do any of the UFOs reported at this time come from other planets, or do you have this knowledge?"

"RA: I am Ra...There are approximately fifty-three civilizations, comprising approximately five hundred planetary consciousness - complexes in this Confederation. This Confederation contains those from your own planet who have attained dimensions beyond your third. It contains planetary entities within your own solar system, and it contains planetary entities from other galaxies." Page 94.

III. Starseed Transmissions

The Starseed Transmissions, an Extraterrestrial Report (5), was written by a channel calling himself Rafael. In a later book, *Vision*, (6) he uses his real name, Ken Carey. Both books are valuable, positively oriented and uplifting spiritually.

Several themes are repeated here, that we are in the "final days" of our history, that there is a Galactic Intelligence guiding us, and that we are about to make a leap into group-consciousness, or oneness of mind.

"You feel defined and limited by flesh and bones. You are only beginning to comprehend your oneness with other forms of life." Page 3.

"With guidance, you will learn to release your definitions of who you think you are, open your self up to the experience of a much greater reality than you presently believe possible, and return to a level of consciousness where you will be able to communicate with us, not through cumbersome words and concepts, but directly, through communion with

all that is." Page 6.

More interesting is the picture given of what life will be like during and after the transition. There are references to a period of polarization towards greed and fear, and isn't that now evident in the world, and with the greenhouse effect? Yet we are advised to "not pay attention to the world that is crumbling around you", but focus instead on the building of the new. The first order of business will be the distribution of information, which has already begun in New Age centers. Islands of enlightenment will occur, then rise and expand to meet other islands. Afterwards, in a society capable of a singleness of purpose, we will be able to accomplish feats undreamed of before. Some quotations:

"The majority do not have room in their belief structures to accommodate so grand a being as an angel or an extraterrestrial, so they respond to our influence as if it were coming from themselves. They feel good, they feel clear, they feel the changes in the air. They wake up a little, throw off some of their defence mechanisms and bring a newer and fresher perspective into each situation." Page 32.

"Awakening will manifest as the building of great floating cities of light, massive fleets of inter-galactic star ships, constructed from biologic components brought to life by the Creative Intentionality that will work through all humans of that age." Page 37.

IV. A Course in Miracles

This epic work has been described as a cross between esoteric Buddhism and the Vedas of Hinduism. The three volume set purports to be the teaching of Jesus Christ for the 20th century. Although not directly referring to the UFO phenomena, the teachings dovetail nicely with some of the theories now being advanced to explain mysterious events, and coincide remarkably well with other channelled works. In essence, the *Course* (7) states that the physical world we see is not real. Our world is made up of mental projections that we have created to take the place of reality. We are in effect living in a dream. The goal then is not to change the dream, but to wake up to reality. This is accomplished through forgiveness, which restores our sense of oneness with all living things.

The *Course* consists of three volumes, the *Text*, the *Workbook for Students*, and the *Teachers' Manual*. The *Workbook* consists of 365 lessons, one for each day of the year. Some typical chapter headings: "32. I have invented the world I see", "129. Beyond this world there is a world I want", "325. All things I think I see reflect ideas", and "333. Forgiveness ends the dream of conflict here."

The *Course* was channelled secretly over seven years by two psychology professors at Columbia University, New York. Much of it was written in iambic pentameters. Some quotes:

"Miracles enable you to heal the sick and raise the

dead because you made sickness and death yourself, and can therefore abolish both. You are a miracle, capable of creating in the likeness of your Creator. Everything else is your own nightmare, and does not exist. Only the creations of light are real." - *Text*, page 2.

"Healing is the gift of those who are prepared to learn there is no world, and can accept the lesson now. Their readiness will bring the lesson to them in some form which they can understand and recognize. Some see it suddenly on point of death, and rise to teach it. Others find it in experience that is not of this world, which shows them that the world does not exist because what they behold must be the truth, and yet it clearly contradicts the world." *Workbook*, page 237.

V. Celestial Raise.

Celestial Raise (8) seems to have been put together by someone (Marcus) with the same ideals as mine. The book is actually a compilation of quotations from fifty six different channels. They claim to be angels, spirits, guides and extraterrestrials. Their message ranges from the fluffy to the factual. The quotations are well organized into top areas, with a focus on personal ethics, metaphysics, UFOs, and Earth changes. Although it leans more towards the spiritual, it has plenty of substance for the UFO researcher.

In the first few pages the sources of the channels are listed, with organizations and addresses for further information. Part of the value of the book is to be able to read the work from several sources, so you can assess the validity of each.

Some samples that I hope are representative: "Question: Could you tell us about your feelings on the space ships that we send up? Do you see them, and do you know if they (our astronauts) see you?"

"We see the ships that are sent up. We see the satellites that are circling. And in many instances we have had to alter, or shall we say modify, some of the flight patterns of some of the ones that have come forth from your Earth. There have been some of your astronauts that have seen our ships, that have seen evidences of our landings upon your Moon." Page 147.

"Our Mother-Craft are so large that your three-dimensional minds would find them inconceivable. From this base or rather these bases, our smaller craft operate. We monitor your waters and oceans to see just how far your pollution has regressed them and the life that inhabits them."

"We delve into your great mountains, and within your Earth's crust, but unlike you who are the natural habitants, we do not harm your Planet in any way." Page 141.

"You see, the predicaments of most of your governments, throughout the world, necessitate their trying to cope with a crumbling system, a

situation of chaos and disintegration of the status quo; if they were to release the information they hold, it would add to the chaos and confusion - and to some extent the lawlessness, which already abound. For when men and women realize that they have been 'hoodwinked', as you would say, for so many years, ' that the truth has been withheld from them by men in power, that Earth people are relatively unevolved, that there are Celestial Charities, and Celestial Scripts - that the Churches have failed to give them the Truth as to the sublime Nature of Existence and the Creator's Eternal Love, Mercy and Justice - if the peoples of the Earth became aware of the deliberate suppressions and procrastinations of their leaders they would tear them apart in their frenzied rebellion." Page 142.

VI. New Teachings for an Awakening Humanity

New Teachings(9) was supposedly authored by The Christ, and was channelled by Virginia Essene. Much of the material is of the "repent/forgive/awaken" genre, but again, the essence of the teaching is that we are part of a cosmic family, that we have the privilege and responsibility for living with the Earth and with other entities, and that we are about to awaken to our role in the great cosmic plan.

Some quotes:

"Yes, I refer to that which you label the UFOs or 'flying saucers'".

"Mentally superior beings have always monitored your life behaviours - in a constant surveillance of what Earth people are doing - especially in the ever-growing insanity of your Space Race and invention of advanced weaponry. Since the atomic bomb they have been particularly positioned around the Earth to assure protection to Space and to the lifeforms in it, but they have watched for thousands of years. For their seed is here germinating." Page 139.

"Since Space is not empty but part of a far-flung web of life so vast you would have to fall to the ground before it in awe, numbed by its breathtaking power and blinding light, you must awaken to your role regarding its use. The concomitant responsibilities that go with membership in the unending family of creation has been told many times. It is sacred." Page 138.

New Teachings is one of many works claiming to come from classical Christian personalities channelled through devoted servants. Others I recommend, but won't go into detail on, are *Emmanuel's Book*(10), and *All That You Are*(11), to name just two (see references). And what are they saying? They say the same things as all the other channelled books - 1) We are at the borderline of a new age, 2) We are part of a cosmic family, somehow tied with superior beings and a Supreme Being, 3) Our lives and history have been guided by these beings.

Do you believe it? Or is it just more wishful thinking at a time when the world is desperate for a saviour? These other works are written in a New Age religious context which may be foreign to UFO enthusiasts.

This raises the final point I'd like to make. The "hardware" UFO researchers seem to be at a dead end. Some are content to speculate about propulsion systems and soil samples. The "Space Brother" school in the meantime is saying there's a separate reality out there, and we'd better wake up. The situation can be likened to a crowd hypnotized in a movie theatre. Some are following the screenplay. Others are opening the side doors and shouting that there's another world out there. Maybe it's worth a look.

Look for yourself. Read some of these channelled works, then you decide.■

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ideas.

"This undermines public confidence and trust in science, and counteracts much of the good reporting of more conventional science.

"Please remember and remind the public that for every crank who turns out to be right there are thousands who are utterly wrong".

It should not be thought that we do not feel for Sir Michael Atiyah and Mr. Highfield and the rest of their scientific fraternity. We do. We realize only too keenly the increasingly difficult position in which they are going to find themselves.

One of the most glaring examples of what we are discussing is to be seen in the field of "Psychical Research", or Parapsychology as it is now termed.

It is now a little over 110 years or so since the British Society for Psychical Research was established. Its founders were a brilliant generation of men, including many of the brightest minds among the academics of Cambridge University.

But if you study their findings, as published in their journals over the past century, you will see that they have not got very far. My own impression, as an SPR member, is that probably a great many of them do not really want to discover the facts. Every generation seems to be satisfied with getting more or less as far as a grudging recognition that "telepathy may possibly exist", but that is usually all.

It is many years since I became a member,

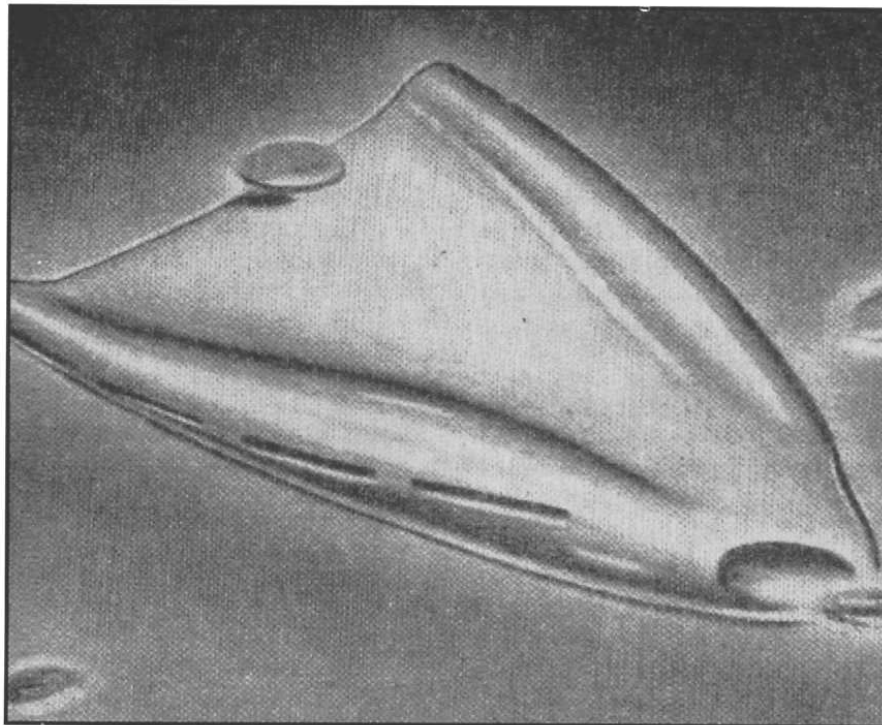


Fig 3 . The 'ocean-going' space ship with 'flying saucer' scout pinnacle 'entry-exit' apertures on the nose.

MYSTERY OVER LABRADOR (June 1954)

By Leonard Cramp ©

Because our very few remaining old readers (of nearly 40 years ago!) have by now probably forgotten all about it, and because, in all likelihood, not a single one of our more numerous newer and younger readers will have ever heard of it, I have today decided to reprint — from FSR's very first issue, No. 1 (Spring 1955) — part of Leonard Cramp's famous account of one of the most extraordinary UFO happenings of all time — the sighting of a massive alien craft (thought by at least one witness to have been "as big as the Queen Mary"!), together with smaller attendant vessels, over the North Atlantic near Labrador.

Through the years since then FSR has carried several further articles on this same case, and in due course I propose to look them out and re-issue them in full or at least in résumé.

So far as we know, Captain James Howard, the "skipper" of the B.O.A.C. Stratocruiser *Centaurus*, is still around, and he too has, over the years, given further details about the story when being interviewed by TV or radio programme writers, and has figured in the later FSR reports.

Finally, I can add that, through a mutual friend, I have by chance traced the lady who was serving as the airhostess that day aboard the *Centaurus*. Along with Captain Howard and First Officer Lee Boyd and the other nine crew members

and about a quarter of the 51 passengers, she was a witness to the entire sighting, and I have been given to understand that she will let me have her story.

Unquestionably the "Labrador Affair" can now be seen as something of enormous importance in the history of "our subject", and several reasons for this can be quoted.

Firstly the date — June 29, 1954. Because the following day, June 30, was the date of the astonishing affair of the filming of two UFOs over Norway by scientists engaged in observing the eclipse of the Sun. (We recently gave a re-run of this story, on pages 11 to 14 of FSR 36/2, Summer 1991, but I warn you that we are not finished with it yet, because I still have some extraordinary new things to reveal about the Lifjell UFO film seen by our friend Mr. Denny Densham who, I am sorry to have to mention once more, has now left this world and is no longer with us.)

The second reason for the probably very great importance of the Labrador Sighting is the fact that it seems to have been part of the prelude to the fantastic and unequalled UFO Wave of 1954 over the whole of Western Europe, and in particular over France and Italy, regarding which Aimé Michel and Jacques Vallée and several of the leading Italian investigators have provided such lengthy and detailed reports. EDITOR.