

CROSSING THE COSMIC BARRIER

by

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IF ANYONE HAD suggested to us four years ago that we would now be writing articles on flying saucers—well, we would have said they were insane even to imagine such a thing! Now, of course, the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones who are suspect—suspected of being, shall we use a mild term, and say a bit “pixilated,” or “touched”! Verily the path of the “saucerer” is not exactly strewn with roses, as many a modern pioneer in this field can testify. But the rewards are truly great, and the ranks of pioneers grow steadily every year—those who have discovered for themselves that outer-space is indeed inhabited, and that we are dealing with the most fascinating, the most earth-shaking and awe-inspiring phenomena of modern times. We are very appreciative of having this opportunity to speak to our brother and sister researchers overseas. If our own humble efforts can help any other saucerer we will indeed be most grateful.

Please note that we both started out as sceptics. How come a staid engineer like myself, working with a respectable and staid manufacturing company, and my perfectly sane and sensible wife—how come we ever entered upon so bizarre a venture as a flying saucer research? Well, a good friend burst into our home in 1953 with a copy of *Flying Saucers Have Landed*, by Leslie and Adamski, and that started a very hot argument! To settle the argument we all finally agreed to bring George Adamski in person to Detroit and judge for ourselves, despite the fact that he lived far away in California. That started it and, incidentally, set a sort of pattern for the “in person” type of research that we eventually went into. In other words, if an individual claimed an exceptional saucer experience we adopted the policy of trying to know him intimately—live with him in person if possible—before endeavouring to evaluate his experience.

Adamski came and stayed and we became well acquainted with him on this and other occasions.

Then Dr. George H. Williamson came to Detroit, and then Truman Bethurum, and then Desmond Leslie.

Was it actually possible that flying saucers were real? What about all the conflicting testimony of witnesses? What about the secretive attitudes of Government agencies? Were all the investigators being fooled? Were all these people with outstanding saucer experiences just a bunch of publicity seekers, liars or psychopaths? Was there really some fire of truth behind all this saucer smoke? How could one tell? Where could one go to find the truth? What a challenge was this!

About this time I retired and we decided, my wife and I, that we would find out the truth about flying saucers for ourselves if it took us the rest of our lives to do it! We could not resist the challenge. When we say “for ourselves,” please understand that we are not trying to impute a purely selfish motive to our research. Far from it. But we sensed that the saucers might represent such tremendous cosmic phenomena that what constituted “proof” to us might not be proof to others at all. What constitutes “proof” in matters of this kind might be related entirely to an individual’s viewpoint, his background and even his attitude toward life itself!

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Thus it came about that we sold our home in Detroit, Michigan, piled into our car and actually started out on the trail of the elusive flying saucers! At the start we had no idea where this fantastic and uninhibited private research would lead us. We have now invested well over three years' time and have travelled over 30,000 miles in our quest, and we see no let-up ahead. Some of our experiences along the way have been fantastic. However, the strangest thing about our entire Flying Saucer Pilgrimage has been an inescapable feeling that forces beyond our control were helping us, and even arranging events and experiences to help to educate us not only in the actuality of saucers, but also to some extent in the great cosmic implications of their coming. We realise that this may sound like unmitigated hog-wash to some. However, we found that other saucer researchers were having similar experiences!

Physical Saucers

Naturally our first interest was in *physical* saucers. Where else can the ordinary sincere human investigator start if he does not start with physical saucers? What else is there—at first? This is the place to start! There is where we started, investigating physical sightings of physical saucers. But as we kept travelling and cataloguing sightings, a time finally arrived when sightings themselves actually became a little monotonous. Everywhere we went we found reliable people who had seen saucers in the air. Not all of these sightings were reliable, but enough of them were, so that we soon realised that something different and beyond mere sightings was needed. It was then that we decided to do a rather startling thing, namely to concentrate on purported “contacts”—physical contacts. We decided to seek out and investigate those individuals who claimed “contacts” with saucers and the occupants of saucers. This led us to some truly eye-opening experiences, to put it mildly. Our ideas on saucers and “saucerers” were now going through such an accelerated evolution that it almost took our breath away.

The saucer trail then led us to Old Mexico, where we spent six months studying saucers. In Mexico City we were surprised by the open-mindedness of Government officials and substantial business and professional men toward the saucer phenomena. Our apartment became a veritable Mecca for those interested in saucers south of the border. Then came a series of events that led to our participation in the discovery of the Mexican chauffeur who had sat up most of one night with two men from outer-space, the

saucer parked nearby off Highway 85, near Valles, Mexico. We helped organise the expedition which carefully investigated this contact. In the March-April, 1956, edition of *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW*, Desmond Leslie gave some details of this contact, but mistakenly gave our names as Mr. and Mrs. “Charles” Reeve. While the type of “proof” usually demanded by the human mind was not forthcoming, all the members of the party became convinced of the authenticity of this event.

On leaving Mexico we headed for Giant Rock, California, to stay with George Van Tassel for a time. At this stage of our Pilgrimage we reached a truly startling impasse. Starting with physical saucers, and never suspecting anything beyond this, we had gradually learned to our dismay that saucers presented aspects which were *more than physical!* While this startling fact had been dawning on us gradually and almost unawares, George Van Tassel's experiences brought this phase into such sharp focus that we were shocked. Yes, we were even terrified! What in the name of heaven were we really investigating—flying saucers or occult science? Was it possible there was a connecting link between the two? Was it possible to communicate with space-beings?

Mental Barrier

Friends, at this point our research actually came to a dead standstill! We were up against it. Up against what? Up against what we now recognise and have termed the “cosmic barrier.” This is not a “physical” barrier, like the sound barrier, or the thermal barrier. It is a *mental* barrier. It is the mental dividing line between physical understanding and incipient cosmic knowledge. It is the “veil” of ignorance separating physical life from other densities or frequencies of life, or consciousness. At this point we recoiled from our research! We even considered tossing in the sponge—quitting the whole thing—giving the saucers back to the Venusians! Terrafirma looked awfully solid and reassuring to us then. Why risk our reputations and even our sanity in trying to chase the saucers right “out of this world.” We held a prolonged family conference, and had a terrific debate with ourselves. Should we go on or quit right there?

After we calmed down a bit we finally made a deliberate decision to go forward regardless of consequences. We had gone so far that it seemed a shame to retreat. So we decided to push through the “cosmic barrier.” We decided to acknowledge the supra-physical aspects of saucers and, instead of running away, to study

and investigate this phase by every possible means at our disposal. Also, if there was any connection between saucers and what is usually termed the "occult," we proposed to find out about it.

May we state emphatically that we now regard this decision as the best decision we ever made in all our saucer research! Nothing has opened more doors. Nothing has helped us to understand the work of other advanced saucer researchers more than this. It has helped us to understand the great saucerers themselves and their transcendental experiences. It has also prevented us from ignorantly condemning or ignoring some of the greatest aspects of the subject.

Please mark our words. If you keep on studying physical saucers long enough, sooner or later you will be rocked back on your heels by the inescapable fact that saucers have aspects which transcend the physical. Then what are you going to do? No physical science will ever explain these more-than-physical, these supra-physical characteristics of saucers. The same applies to the space-beings themselves. How are you going to start to explain or to understand such things?

Bridging the Gap

In order to bridge this gap, to break through our own human ignorance into an understanding of the nature of outer-space, and the beings who live there, we started digging into information which does exist, but which is mostly overlooked, ignored and scorned by most researchers. We studied such things as metaphysics, parapsychology, psychic phenomena, Atlantian literature, Yogic abilities, and the so-called "occult." So far as we are concerned it paid off. To others who may be stalled at the cosmic barrier we say: "Go to it. Don't be afraid!" When one begins to get a little understanding of such things as levitation, precipitation, materialisation, dematerialisation, teleportation, prana, frequencies, projections of consciousness, E.S.P., etc.—then the supra-physical aspects of saucers and space-people will not seem nearly so "impossible." The close connection between such "occult" or "hidden" knowledge and space phenomena now seems to us beyond question! Why overlook these valuable helps in understanding? Heaven knows that the usual conventional sources of knowledge are woefully sterile, when it comes to cosmic concepts! We are grateful that we were able to cross this "cosmic barrier," this mental hurdle. Now we can pursue our study of the supra-physical aspects of saucers and the relationship of this to "occult" know-

ledge, with nothing more than a laugh at our former fears!

After we had crossed this barrier, not before, we went on to meet such individuals as Meade Layne, Mark Probert, Orfeo Angelucci and other advanced researchers. We have even studied hundreds of E.S.P. messages relating to saucers. If we had tried to understand these advanced researchers and their material before we crossed the barrier, we never would have grasped their contributions. Somehow we met the right people in the right order. If we had met the advanced ones first, we would have been floored! We regard this as a very important point in saucer research. Start easy, we say, and take one upward step at a time. Mentally prepare yourself for the next step. Never start at the top. It is fatal and many a good potential saucer researcher has become a cropper simply because he started beyond his height!

Reality

In conclusion, may we say that eventually we found out to our amazement that all the truly great saucerers, and all the truly great researchers, are individuals who have crossed the "cosmic barrier." They are perfectly aware of the supra-physical aspects of the subject. They have studied these aspects and have ideas about this, and explanations to offer. On the public lecture platform they may never admit it, and in talking to them you may never know it—unless something you say shows them where *you* stand.

Do the supra-physical aspects of saucers destroy their reality? Certainly not! Their reality merely passes into states we cannot follow. What is reality, anyway? We have found that "reality" always has two sides to it. On one side is something that has been created and is therefore "real." On the other side is the "receiving set," the mind, the consciousness which is capable of discerning, or tuning into this "reality." Our physical senses have a very limited tune-in range. They tune into *physical* reality only. But *cosmic* reality extends majestically onward without limit into outer-space—far beyond the tune-in range of the physical senses. Physical reality is but an infinitesimal part of the great cosmic whole. Those who understand these things have crossed the "cosmic barrier." Those who still wander in the doubts and denials of physical sense—well, they have a long way to go to understand saucers and outer-space, but eventually they will get there if they keep on going. As we see it, in saucer research the "cosmic barrier" separates the men from the boys!