

She continued: "The noise-abatement officer drove me around the area to try to isolate the sound. We stopped outside one building - a water-treatment works. I can actually hear *three* noises, but only one of them is really annoying. The noise-abatement officer thought the sound could be from one of the generators.

"It's been going on for 18 months now, and it has had such an effect on my life that I'm going to move house. It is very bad in our front bedroom, but my husband can't hear it at all."

Eleven other women living within a two-mile radius had lodged similar complaints, all of which were being investigated by the Council's Chief Environmental Health Officer, Andrew Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert admitted to the journalist that the experts were worried by the noise, but he said he also wondered whether the problem was not perhaps principally due to the fact that the women tended to spend more time in their homes than their men did?

Mr. Gilbert said: "It seems strange that all the complaints came from women, but women's sensitivities do differ from those of men. Women tend to be annoyed by certain noises, and a lot of it is to do with the psychology of noise and stress. If women spend more time at home they will be more irritated by noise intrusion. It is certainly *my* experience that we receive more complaints from women about low-frequency noises."

(Mr. Gilbert conceded that he had ruled out the possibility that the noise could be emanating from the women's husbands!)

The report stated, in conclusion, that the women had been given diaries so that they could record the whine when they heard it, and have also had tape-recorders placed in their homes. *So far it had been revealed that the noise is stronger in their bedrooms than anywhere else, and is more common on cold, frosty nights.*

Mr. Gilbert said: "*The women are definitely hearing something - whether it is actual or perceived, and we have to apply objective analysis to find out where it is coming from. We have not closed the file yet.*"

NOTE BY EDITOR.

We have heard no more about this case and seen no more reports. Perhaps our readers in Cheshire can tell us whether there have been any further developments.

ADDENDUM.

A new report just in from the USA about the famous "Taos Hum" is interesting. (See the *Taos News*, Taos, New Mexico of January 6, 2000).

A survey by Dr. James Kelly of the University of New Mexico's Health and Sciences Department established that 2% of the people in Taos County could hear it. The hum had first become famous when a photographer named Bob Saltzman and his wife were so annoyed by it that they moved away to Southern California. (But in *Northern* California, a young woman at Willits next claimed that she has been hearing precisely the same hum all day, every day for the past four months).

The Taos people who hear it describe it as "a pulsing sound sometimes like a church organ and sometimes like a diesel engine."

Sara Allen, who is herself an engineer for KTAO, even swears that she hears it day and night everywhere she goes, from New Jersey to Florida, and has been hearing it since 1992. She says: "It's not an acoustical sound or a physical force that can be measured, It's in the quantum realm!"

In their report on the Taos hum, the scientists from the University of New Mexico say "an intensive set of measurements, including acoustic, seismic, electromagnetic, electrostatic, and magnetic, all failed to turn up anything that correlated with the sound being perceived by the hearers. But the sound (real) was easily recorded by the very sensitive microphones that we were using."

On October 13, 1999, two separate groups of campers at the Great Sand Dunes National Monument in Southern Colorado heard a deep humming sound "which was coming from the ground and so loud that it vibrated signs in the camping-ground and freaked us out."■

SIX MORE PLANETS FOUND OUTSIDE OUR SOLAR SYSTEM. BY GORDON CREIGHTON.

According to a report in the *Astrophysical Journal* (Jan. or Feb. 2000), at the University of California (Santa Cruz) four astronomers, Geoffrey Marcy, Paul Butler, Kerry Apps, and Steven Vogt, have found six more planets outside our own solar system, but orbiting around "relatively near-by stars".

This brings up to 28 (but one report says 33) the total number of such planets found outside our own solar system.

Steven Vogt says: "These new planets are orbiting around stars that in size, age, and brightness, are similar to our own Sun, and are at distances from us ranging from 65 light-years to 192 light-years. And the masses of the six new planets range from slightly smaller than

Jupiter to several times the size of Jupiter.

They are probably similar to Jupiter in their composition - basically gigantic balls of two gases, hydrogen and helium."

Like most of the other planets discovered so far, the six new planets were found by means of Doppler Spectroscopy, which detects the evidence for a "wobble" in the parent star's movement due to the gravitational force or pull exercised by the orbiting planet

The orbits of the six new planets tend to be quite eccentric, following trajectories which are rather more *oval* than circular.

one of the six new planets, orbiting around a star listed as HD222582, has the most eccentric orbit known so far.

It seems that circular orbits of the type we see in our solar system are relatively scarce.

But five of the six newly-found planets are located in the so-called "habitable zones" of their parent stars -i.e. in the regions that are sufficiently distant from the star to permit the right sort of temperature on the planet -not too cold, and not too hot for water in liquid state to exist there.

The majority of the extra-solar planets previously found were in fact *outside* the habitable zones of their suns. These new ones just found, says Steven Vogt, are at "just the right distances", with a temperature which -in one case- is of about 108° Fahrenheit, similar to what would be felt on a hot day in Sacramento, California, or in Arizona.

And Steven Vogt continues: "As these Jupiter-sized planets are similar to the ones of that size in our own Solar System, then they will probably have numerous moons around them. Such moons offer the possibility of water in liquid state, and finally, the possibility of the eventual emergence of life on them."

The six new planets were found orbiting the following stars:

1) **HD10697**, slightly colder and larger than our Sun, is at a distance of 106 light-years from us, in the constellation of Pisces. The planet has a minimal mass of 6.35 times the mass of Jupiter, and an orbit of 1,072 days.

2) **HD37124**, slightly colder than our Sun, is at 108 light-years from us, in the constellation of Taurus. Its planet has a minimal mass of 1.04 times that of Jupiter, and an orbiting time of 155.7 days.

3) **HD134987**, slightly colder than our Sun, is at 98 light-years from us, in the constellation of Libra. Its planet has eccentric orbit of 260 days, and a minimal mass of 1.58 times the mass of Jupiter. It is within the "habitable zone" of the parent star.

4) **HD177830** is slightly colder than our Sun, and is at 192 light-years, in the constellation of Lyra. Its mass is 1.22 times that of Jupiter, and it has a highly eccentric orbit of 392 days.

5) **HD192263** is colder than our Sun and is at 65 light-years from us, in the constellation of Aquila. Its mass is 0.78 that of Jupiter, and it has an almost circular orbit of 24.36 days.

6) **HD222582** is a star that is almost similar to our Sun, at a distance from us of 137 light-years, in the constellation of Aquarius. Its planet has a highly eccentric orbit of 576 days.

The discovery of these six new planets was effected by employing the Echelle High-Resolution Spectrograph on the Keck Telescope in Hawaii. G.C.■

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS.

DIMENSIONS OR FREQUENCIES. Nov. 14, 1999

Dear Gordon

When reading, in FSR recently, a reference to an article about the concept of the *dense etheric*, I recalled that, in one of his lectures, Rudolf Steiner had said something clearly extremely relevant!

I was sufficiently impressed by it at the time to write it down and, although I regret to say I cannot identify the lecture (Steiner gave hundreds), it has always remained in my mind, and I think you would like to see Steiner's remarks:-

"One cannot see the etheric body because, as regards substance, it lies a stage higher than the physical body.

"Still less can one see the astral body, because it lies higher still. But beneath the physical matter there are also substances which cannot be seen.

"Of all matter, only a middle strip or band is perceptible — just that strip which constitutes physical matter, perceptible to the physical eye.

"Just as substance continues upwards as physical foundation for the etheric and astral, so does it continue downwards and again become invisible".

Best wishes!

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Thank you Mr. Walker!

I think that without hesitation I can say that this is the most important and perceptive letter ever received at FSR in the 45 years since we started.

Mr. Walker is, of course, a firm follower of Steiner, and he knows what he is talking about.

What a pity it is that so few folk make the slightest attempt to find out what Rudolf Steiner -and so many others- have to teach us! Editor.

ALIEN MORALITIES. Feb. 7, 2000

Dear Mr. Creighton

Please accept my congratulations for your excellent journal. My impression is that you're right on track. I should venture to guess that many of those who disagree with your interpretations do so because they find them unpleasant rather than unrealistic. I believe you are right to take into consideration all observations from credible witnesses rather than to exclude some just because they are seemingly too absurd or fantastic. "Truth is stranger than fiction" is an expression to be borne in mind in ufology.

We are, presumably, looking at an intelligently-directed phenomenon. This, in itself, would make it extremely

complex; in addition, the phenomenon appears to know that it is being observed and may as a result modify its behaviour, making things even more indecipherable.

Regarding the negative behaviour of many of the strange entities reported, I wonder about moral issues. As far as I know, the bottom line of the moral teachings of most of our religions is the happiness and well-being of the *human being*. Perhaps you know whether any important religion takes into account the interests of other species? The only one that occurs to me is that of the Jains. However, even in this case, I understand that it is not the animal in its own right that is being considered. And the sacred cow, not exactly a moral issue, is sacred only because it helped human beings. Nature, on our physical plane, creates a constant state of conflict between living

beings which no doubt contributes to the process of physical evolution. Other intelligent forms of life might have a high level of "morality" regarding their own species or group; but they might nevertheless justify damaging members of other species to further their own ends. Is it not morally justifiable to sacrifice a few chimpanzees in experiments if the results could save some human lives? What is morally "good" or "bad" would not seem to constitute the absolute values that we should like it to; this depends, rather, on the species making the assessment. The popular belief that "...intelligent beings which are more developed than human beings *must* be benevolent toward us because if they were bad guys they'd have blown themselves up long ago..." is irrelevant.

The behaviour of our own species toward other less developed species is extremely variable. One might expect to observe a corresponding variability regarding the way we are treated by other species which are more developed than we are. Whether we are encountering veterinarians, or members of the Human Beings Protection Society, or investigating geneticists, may be hard to determine. There does seem to be evidence that we, or some representatives of our species, are participating as involuntary subjects in ongoing experimental work connected with genetics. If people in general are not supposed to know about abductions, then the simplest tactic would be to dispose of the human victims when the job has been completed. Perhaps this happens; many people are reported "missing". However, the fact that human subjects are sometimes subjected to interference and then released is perhaps significant. This kind of procedure is reminiscent of some kinds of biological experiments. The perpetrators surely know that memories of abductions can often be recovered by hypnotic techniques. Three speculative possibilities come to mind: (a) the experimenters desire the information about abductions to be propagated among human beings. The fact that it is recoverable only under hypnosis gives it more credibility; (b) the experimenters have a genuine desire to reduce the psychological trauma in the subject and attempt to avoid his internment in an institution for the mentally sick by making him/her forget the experience; (c) It is necessary for the investigation itself that the subject should have no conscious memory of the interventions.

The book "*Mankind - Child of the Stars*" by Flindt and Binder (published in English some forty years ago, and which I cannot now locate) expressed some rather interesting possibilities about extraterrestrial intervention in the creation of our species. It seemed to make much sense out of what is said in the *Hebrew Pentateuch*. Consistent with an important operation concerning a group of beings with a lot of free will are the Lord's firm rules, including some very specific ones for Israel, the selected group. And of course, transgressions used to be punished drastically, there and then.

On a completely different topic, the phenomenon of

"crashed UFOs" provokes my curiosity. I suppose, compared with the number of UFOs which seem to violate our airspace quite happily without suffering from accidents, the proportion is small. Even so, the crashed "machines" seem to negate the apparently magical abilities often displayed by the other-world entities. What is most disconcerting is that dead occupants are reported in the crashed machines. One may speculate any of the following: (a) The mission is of an importance high enough to justify the danger to the personnel; (b) the job is expensive, and on a large scale, justifying economy in the UFO production lines at the expense of safety; (c) the eventual death of occupants is not considered of extreme importance (*maybe they are "bio-robots" or something*); (d) the incidents were being set up as distractions.

I wish you continued success with the *Review* and I thank you for providing information of such high calibre.

Yours sincerely

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NOTE BY EDITOR.

I agree that the *bio-robot* theory seems highly likely to be right - and for more than one species. So these robots are of course *three-dimensional - like us*. But we have no proof that whatever made them and sent them was *also* three-dimensional! It may very likely *not* have been!

As regards the *causes* of the crashes at Roswell and elsewhere, we heard, right from very early on, rumours that the saucers had been *brought down by our radar!*

This theory always struck me as ridiculous and it may indeed *be* ridiculous. But if one is honest one must now go on to admit that more and more qualified *scientific* people are beginning to say that this radar story is true!

And note that those crashes, at Roswell, at Aztec, in Northern Mexico, and maybe a few more places, soon came to an end by all accounts. Which could easily be an indication that the Visitors had rectified a "weakness" in their machines.

As for the whole general problem of *origins*, I still agree totally with Dr. Hynek and others in finding the "E.T. theory" *improbable*, and the "Multi-Dimensional Theory", or "Other-Dimensional Theory" far more attractive. Clearly we have not yet discovered much about these questions, and **maybe we never will know much more, simply because we weren't "programmed" to know more.** G.C. ■

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