

# MANKIND & THE UFO PHENOMENON

Review of a new book about sky people, degenerate beings and the erring human race

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THE fifth book from the pen of Brinsley le Poer Trench is now on sale. **Operation Earth**, somewhat shorter than average at 128 pages, is published by Neville Spearman Ltd., 112 Whitfield Street, London W1P 6DP at (I quote) "£1.50 = 30s."

Many of the UFO example cases, and incidents and topics peripheral to the subject, will be familiar to readers of FSR and to others who have studied the subject over the years.

New to most readers will be the brief account of Mr. Eugene Browne of Belfast, who claims to have been the victim, on October 6, 1967, of a saucer "abduction", with sexual experience in the style of A. Villas Boas. I should point out that Mr. Browne was known to FSR in connection with another alleged sensational experience before October, 1967. A personal report of his observation, on July 17, 1967, of a landed "craft" and of silvery beings who emerged from it, defied investigation at that time because a representative was unable to locate the claimant. A brief account of the latter incident appeared in our issue for November/December 197 (p. 31).

One or two pieces of minor "bad luck" for the author, occasioned no doubt by the delay between completion of his text and the date of publication, are his apparent ignorance (p. 48) of the death in February last year of Barney Hill of 1961 "Interrupted Journey" fame, and his statement that Project Blue Book is still in operation (p. 26). Dr. J. Allen Hynek, whose contract as Civilian Scientific Consultant to the Project was not renewed when it expired in the summer of 1969, wrote in October 1969 to tell me that Blue Book was being wound up.\*

## Awaiting the cleansing process

Friends of Brinsley le Poer Trench know him as a warm-hearted and kindly person, and these qualities have long been apparent in his appraisals of the flying saucer situation. Not surprisingly, his "Sky People" are stated to be friendly in their dealings with the erring human race. However, the "Sky People," we are told, have not openly visited Earth for thousands of years, apart from their sporadic dallings with contactees and "Illuminated ones", and those undetailed instances when they "... unobtrusively inject an idea here and there so that it appears to come from inside the civilisation concerned." Mr. Trench stipulates that they will not come openly to this planet of ours until it has been

cleansed of its impurities (and he suggests this cleansing could be in the manner predicted by Edgar Cayce).

To date the author's line has been predictable, but in *Operation Earth* he takes what for him is a new step. We see that he is puzzled, and possibly a little irritated by the growing number of reports of seemingly hostile UFO acts. And so we find him, perhaps a little reluctantly, putting forward suggestions as to the meaning of these cases and of other matters like the enigmatic "Men in Black"-type visitations. Beyond this he outlines the way in which mankind should endeavour to conduct themselves in the face of the developing cosmic situation.

The author's "degenerate beings" in the "invisible area around us" smack of the elementals, fairies and their kind, which feature, for example, in those items from folklore and other sources which Dr. Jacques Vallée compares in his *Passport to Magonia* with the expanding list of reports of humanoid creatures in UFO landing cases.

## Other researchers' surprising ideas

There are many other ufologists who come to somewhat surprising conclusions in divers ways, linking UFOs with the history of mankind, but, understandably, they are reluctant to publicise them. It is easy enough to formulate ideas of this kind. One could suggest, for instance, a "solution" in similar vein which may well have been pondered by someone somewhere: that most of the ethnic groups are indigenous to planet Earth and that they have lived alongside equally indigenous elementals in a kind of *parallel* existence; that they were—and still are—subject to a measure of control by the elementals; that technologically superior extraterrestrials, coveting the planet Earth, but thwarted by the elementals, infiltrated another ethnic group in a take-over bid which failed, although the protracted struggle has gone on ever since. This idea, like others of its kind, is no more than a wildly speculative interpretation of the UFO evidence, examined in conjunction with historical and Biblical records, with discoveries concerning prehistory, and with folklore and fables. It may be right, but it is more likely that it is wrong, so we must resist the temptation to state categorically that ideas like this are true.

For the present I find it safer just to play a part in the collecting and recording of reports of the UFO phenomenon, and, supposing a superior extraterrestrial technology is trying to control us both by probes and from afar, to permit myself to wonder *how* they're doing it.

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\* The closing of the Project was announced officially on December 17, 1969, after much of this issue had been completed.