

DEMONOLOGY & UFO's— A Book Review

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SALVADOR FREIXEDO is already known to FSR readers through his article "UFOs over the Caribbean" published in *FSR Case Histories*, April 1973. His latest book, *El Diabolico Inconsciente - Parapsychology and Religion*, written in collaboration with Alfonso Taboas (Editorial Isla, Mexico, July 1973), contains a bibliography of 117 works, and the first thought that comes to mind is the enormous amount of research and personal investigation undertaken.

There is a practical description of twenty-two different forms of paranormal phenomena, including references to experts and their books on the various subjects, and considerable space is given to spiritualism, magic and psychic phenomena in religion throughout the ages. Unfortunately, in the reviewer's copy pages 165 - 180, dealing with the latter subject, were missing. After enumerating various religious miraculous happenings, the author reaches the conclusion that the relationship between parapsychology and religion goes much deeper than is generally supposed. He attempts to evaluate phenomenology in its various manifestations and points out that the characteristics of a phenomenon will be in accordance with the mentality of the receiver.

Much thought is given to demonology with reference to the Bible, and cases cited from the Church archives and lay writers. Parallels are drawn between the behaviour of UFOs and demons, and the writer, believes that UFOs help us to prove the reality of many demonic happenings and that demonology aids us in understanding the possible motives of UFO phenomena.

He expresses the opinion that UFOs are but one aspect of a great psychic-physical-spiritual totality, that they are not engaged in a war against humanity but rather against other beings or forces at their own level and that mankind is but a pawn in a gigantic game of chess.

Sr. Freixedo asks himself a series of questions and makes the very pertinent remark that there is possibly a connection between the increasing social, political and religious agitation of the last thirty years and the ever mounting number of UFO sightings.

Seventeen pages are given to showing the parallels in the lives of Christ, Krishna and Buddha, and there is an appreciative reference to Theosophy. This is a book to be read and pondered over and it is intensely interesting to follow the reactions of a brilliant mind, so long trammelled by the restrictions of the Jesuit Order, as it now discovers a new world with the deeper meanings of other religions.

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MIDLANDS CONFERENCE

A regional conference is scheduled for 10-11th May 1975 at the Grand Hotel, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent. It is anticipated that Professor John Taylor, who holds the Chair of Applied Mathematics at Kings College, London, will be the guest speaker. The conference is being organised in conjunction with the Staffordshire Branch of BUFORA, and Northern groups are particularly invited to attend. For details send a 9 x 4½" S.A.E. to the Chairman: Roger Stanway, Old Brook Cottage, White Cross, Haughton, Stafford.

LONDON LECTURES

Fortunately the current session has not been disrupted by industrial action, as it was in the early part of 1974, when we had to move to a nearby school in Kensington. The meetings provide an open forum for the exchange of information and ideas, and also an opportunity for members to meet socially. They normally take place on the first Saturday evening of the month and feature distinguished speakers. Programme cards available on receipt of S.A.E. Temporary membership, including admission to a meeting and light refreshments, is available for only 35p.

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