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EDITORIAL

From time to time, ever since FSR was launched in the Spring of 1955, there have been reports to the effect that the Vatican has its own UFO study department, and is following the situation very closely -(as, by golly, **any** religious body ought to be doing!)

Indeed, it is impossible to think that the principal leaders and thinkers in any of the world's religions or in any subsidiary sector or cult would not be taking very serious note indeed of such a weird and strange set of phenomena as are confronting mankind today.

Likewise it is well known that the so-called "Marian Apparitions and Phenomena", such as have occurred at Lourdes, La Salette, Fátima, Garabandal, Knock, Medjugorje, and elsewhere, have also been the subjects of intense study, but that by no means all of the hierarchy of the Catholic Church have necessarily concluded that all of these phenomena are of benevolent or divine origin, or indeed are not actually of sinister **-even demonic-** inspiration.

It is therefore exceedingly strange to hear that Monsignor Corrado Balducci, a Vatican "theologian insider" close to the Pope, has gone on Italian national television five times in recent months to proclaim that "extraterrestrial contact is a real phenomenon".

He announced that the Vatican is receiving much information about extraterrestrials and their contacts with humans from its Nuncios (i.e. its embassies) in various countries such as Mexico, Chile and Venezuela.

Monsignor Balducci said that he himself is on a Vatican commission looking into extraterrestrial encounters and how to cope with the emerging general realisation of the reality of extraterrestrial contact. Setting out the Catholic Church's analysis of the situation, he emphasised that the E.T. encounters are **NOT** demonic, **NOT** due to psychological impairment, **NOT** due to "entity attachment", and that they deserve to be studied carefully.

Since Monsignor Balducci is himself reputed to be the **Vatican's expert exorcist**, and since, as we know, the Catholic Church has historically been inclined to demonise many new phenomena that were not well understood, his proclamation of the Vatican's "blanket non-censure" of these encounters is all the more remarkable, and downright disturbing.

When a visiting American doctor from the Academy of Clinical Close Encounter Therapists recently visited Balducci, this is the judgement that Balducci gave him!

For our part, we consider it totally ridiculous to start by assuming that any part of the UFO phenomenon is necessarily from "Outer Space" -in fact we are certain that most of it, and indeed possibly all of it, is, as both Hynek and Vallée perceived long ago, most probably entirely from "other dimensions" or "Inner Space" -in other words, **FROM RIGHT HERE, AND NOT NECESSARILY FROM ANYTHING NICE.**

Nobody who has spent any length of time in examining the evidence can have failed to see that most of the UFO Phenomenon bears all the hallmarks of being profoundly sinister, profoundly hostile to mankind, and profoundly destructive and disturbing; and that there is no good evidence yet that **any** of it is from "Outer Space". (If it is indeed from "Outer Space", then the visiting entities are an awful lot of liars, for none of their stories add up.)

We understand that in the U.S.A. Whitley Strieber and Dr. Richard Boylan Ph.D. have both expressed their concern over the Balducci statement, and I concur. Extreme caution is called for.

And let us bear in mind that there is plenty of evidence that every one of the so-called Great Religions of Mankind was long ago thoroughly well penetrated and infiltrated by forces from the "Left Hand Path"! G.C. ■