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If, as now seems certain, this sort of thinking is a piece of gross folly, and in all probability one that has been deliberately sown in human minds by the alien creatures, then the whole fatuous idea that they are "other human beings who want to meet us" collapses in ruin.

There is in fact not the slightest shred of evidence that any of them are here to "visit with us", or "to meet us". They have doubtless known all about us for ages past, and it may well be that many of them are the true "natives" of this Planet, and were here long before us. *And they are here for their own purposes, and for their own benefit, not for ours. They are not "human beings", but creatures of an entirely different order.*

If we fail to understand this, and still cling to the daft and ridiculous "E.T." theory of "Visitors or tourists from other planets", our peril will only be the greater.

AUSTRALIA: ON THE UFO TRAIL: IV

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For Paul Norman's carefully researched and very important previous articles on the Nullarbor Encounter of the Knowles family, and on related cases in Australia, see FSR 33/2 (June Qr., 1988); FSR 33/4 (December Qr., 1988); and FSR 34/2 (June Qr., 1989). — EDITOR

DURING September 1970, I crossed the Nullarbor Plain in Western Australia for the first time. Since then, my visits to the area have been many, stopping off at first one road-house then another. On each and every trip across that interesting desert outback of Australia I have encountered stories of strange lights, of objects and experiences that have occurred to numerous motorists, truck-drivers and bus-drivers, as well as reports from pilots who have flown over the region.

One of the most recent encounters was that of a Pioneer bus-driver and his passengers who were

paced for 10 km. Although the object was near ground level and the sky was overcast with no stars visible at that time, the planet Jupiter was the "explanation" put forward by dedicated debunkers. *If true, it was the first recorded appearance of Jupiter below the clouds of Earth.* From this same source debunkers also tried to convince the nation that the right rear tyre of the Knowles' family car had been damaged by running at high speed on the rim. Just how this could be done without battering the rim was not explained. Such debunking attempts coming from this crop of so-called experts is giving them the reputation of the leading

"SCIENCE"

IT is astonishing to see how much talk there still is about a "scientific explanation" of the UFO Phenomenon.

The Phenomenon has been a reality for an ever-growing proportion of mankind since it burst upon their consciousness in 1947. (Which of course does not mean to say that it had never existed here previously to 1947. Maybe it has "always been there", but we simply weren't smart enough to know about it!)

So, since 1947, vast numbers of people have been beavering away with their typewriters and, later, with their word-processors and their computers, churning out reams and reams of articles and scores of books. And what has been the upshot of it all? I have yet to learn of any sure evidence that anybody or any Government has gleaned anything whatsoever about the alien vehicles, about their means of propulsion, or about the source or sources from which they and their occupants come. (It is true that we now know — alas — a very great deal about what the entities are doing to us humans. But this unwelcome knowledge does not seem to have brought any compensating benefits to mankind.)

And so I still say: I see no evidence that we have learned anything *scientific*. Perhaps we ought to bear in mind that the Latin word "*Scientia*" simply means "KNOWLEDGE". AND WHAT WE CALL "SCIENCE" IS *OUR KNOWLEDGE*.

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