

Was this what Bender found out?

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THE KEY TO the saucer mystery lies in the first three points of the theory outlined in this article. No other theory reconciles so much of the ambiguous and conflicting evidence reported.

Most proposals, from the simple Martian thesis onwards, fail to credit our visitors with the technical advances we expect ourselves in the next few hundred years. After all, a civilisation centuries beyond ours should have long-range methods of exploration, investigation and manipulation absolutely undetectable by us—including various subtle means for manipulating *people*. One of the strangest aspects of saucer reports is *why* there are saucers to report. Perhaps our visitors are as “backward” as they seem, but it would be wise to infer the opposite.

Outline of Theory

This theory is based on the following premises. In the interest of brevity, the supporting evidence is merely touched upon. There is much more of it.

1. The saucer operators are deliberately using obsolete equipment and methods.

Evidence: This should have been obvious when the older reports were publicised, since even a relatively stagnant culture would have shown much more change over the period of at least several hundred years. Saucer design indicates a technical level little beyond our own: nuclear investigation seems to lead almost inevitably to discovery of gravity-type fields and, left alone, we quite probably would have developed our own “saucers” in 50 to 100 years. In 1945 a few friends and I agreed that gravity research would be the next big step if only because it offered the best hope for defence against atomic weapons.

2. There are only a small number of saucer operators—a few thousand at most.

Evidence: On page 213 of *The Truth About Flying Saucers* Aime Michel points out the relative rarity of saucer sightings. Most saucer reports concern lights, dome-less discs, etc., which are probably automatic or remote-controlled. Wherever large numbers congregated (Farmington, New Mexico; Tremonton, Utah; Washington, D.C.; Gaillac and Oleron) their design and peculiar actions strongly suggest remote control, with the mother ship sometimes in evidence.

3. The saucer operators have methods of rapid interstellar flight and come from outside our Solar System.

Incidentally, the very earliest reports of the U.S. Air Force (and also of Major Donald Keyhoe in *True Magazine*, January, 1950) emphasised the most probable origin of flying saucers lay outside our solar system even if the speed of light were an absolute limit. However, this theory maintains that it is not the limit. Other competent authorities, including Professor Herman Oberth, have also stated the saucers come from outside our system.

In September, 1953, Albert K. Bender, who headed the International Flying Saucer Bureau of Bridgeport, Connecticut, U.S.A., was reported to have stumbled on the solution to the saucer mystery. Before he could publish this in the I.F.S.B.'s journal, *Space Review*, three men in black suits visited him, closed his organisation and frightened him into silence. Subsequently, Edgar R. Jarrold, who led the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, was also visited. He, too, had arrived at a possible solution of the saucer enigma and was known to have been working very closely with Bender. In this article our contributor presents a solution which he considers to be parallel to that reached by Bender and Jarrold.

Evidence: From the reported casual right-angle turns and sudden reversals of really large and massive craft, some saucers must be equipped with an anti-inertia system. Otherwise, the sudden deceleration and acceleration of the saucer's mass, required even with gravitational propulsion, would result in tremendous waste of energy. With inertia eliminated, a saucer would *in effect* have neither rest mass nor increase in mass with velocity as in the well-known formula: $M = M_0 / (1 - V^2/C^2)^{1/2}$, and the velocity of light would no longer be a limit.

It is odd that the role of inertia, so closely linked with gravity, has been almost completely neglected. The peculiar effects of anti-inertia explain so much of the saucer enigma.

While inertia and gravity are both effects of mass, they are distinctly *not* the same thing. A body might weigh 180 pounds on earth, only about 30 on our moon, and about 450 on Jupiter, but, neglecting friction, air resistance and so on, it would take "exactly" the same energy to move the body *along the surface* of all three worlds: Mass and inertia are independent of local gravity and would also be the same in empty space or free fall where the body would be in a gravity-free state.

Inertia

Although occupants of a gravity-propelled saucer might not feel the effects of sudden 90° and 180° turns, they would pay just as much in wasted energy as if using rockets of equal efficiency. Their power *may* be inexhaustible, but they probably nullify inertia.

A very fine article, "Inertia," by Dennis W. Sciama, Ph.D., of Cambridge University, appeared in the *Scientific American* for February, 1957. Like Berkeley, Mach and Einstein, Dr. Sciama offers evidence that inertia is not an intrinsic property but is due to interaction of all matter in the Universe. If true, an intense gravity-field with a steep gradient might be used to bend all emanations from other matter completely around a saucer which would thus disappear into an independent "Universe" of its own—the so-called "Hyper-Space."* The saucer then would have no apparent mass or inertia. Of course, saucers *seen* making 90° and 180° turns are not completely inertialess, but the apparent mass retained could be quite small. But whatever the means employed, with effective mass or inertia cancelled, velocity has no known limit. Even "jumps through Hyper-Space" may occur.

Evidence that saucers employ gravity fields is

* A state theorised for extremely dense, collapsed matter of White Dwarf stars.

well known. Refer especially to Keyhoe's *The Flying Saucer Conspiracy*, pages 283-285. In the report of B.O.A.C. Captain Howard, June 30, 1954, the saucer's sudden fading and apparent rapid reduction in size as it vanished is an almost classic description of the predicted appearance of an object entering "Hyper-Space." Other reports have been similar. The light-bending effects of gravity fields also account for the peculiar shifting shapes reported. Captain Howard may have seen merely a large "cylinder" with several gravity generators or outlets operating not quite in phase, especially at the ends, to permit entrance and exit of the smaller objects observed.

4. Saucers are not extra-dimensional in the usual sense.

Possibilities such as those discussed in (3) above make extra-dimension theories redundant. If a gravity-field can be adjusted to bend *selected* wavelengths completely around a saucer, the eye might see nothing, while radar and photo-film registered normally. Conversely, visible saucers might be undetectable by radar. Foo-Fighter types seem transparent to radar, while others pass visible light. Our "visitors" can probably project three-dimensional saucer images, though I think it's against their policy; and if the incident on page 221 of Gray Barker's *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers* is credited, an invisible saucer agent wearing a cloak of light-bending material was once detected when he raised it above the toes of his moccasins as he walked around.

5. Saucer operators also seem to have a "spy-beam" or focused "radar."

This appears to become visible near the focal point to radar, photography, or the human eye. Jets have sometimes flown through such radar "ghosts" while others have appeared on film as discs, ovals, or cones. A good visual account, which appeared on page 51 of the U.S. magazine *Flying* for November, 1952, described a pale blue, six-inch sphere which drifted slowly through the cabin of a transport plane and vanished near the tail. A crew member who put his hand into it reported only a slight tingling and raising of the hairs.

If the foregoing conjectures seem very advanced, it should be remembered only 32 years separate the Bohr theory from the atomic bomb. Practical exploitation would now tread on the heels of a similar gravitational discovery. Without saucer contact, such developments were certain within a century—probably in 50 years.

6. **The saucer operators have bases on Mars, Venus, our Moon and underwater** on Earth; but on Mars and the Moon, at least, they have done little more than lay a foundation for future development, although their activity has recently increased.

General Statement of Theory

Our "visitors," having enjoyed interstellar travel a very long time, must represent a widespread civilisation embracing many planetary systems and races. Contacts with new races must occur constantly. With vast territory to cover, this civilisation must rely on a policy of unity with diversity. It expands and develops by allowing the new races it contacts to make full use of their native talents and resources to develop their local area while being integrated into its larger framework. With no sudden uprooting, new races gradually grow into place, making their own peculiar contributions.

As the psychologist Dr. Jung pointed out, meetings of advanced and primitive cultures usually prove disastrous to the latter. To soften this impact and conceal the extent of their own attainments, our "visitors" deliberately limited operations here to a technical level only slightly above the minimum necessary to achieve space flight. This does, however, permit wide use of automatic and remote-control equipment, gravity-inertia systems, and various types of energy and force which we would probably discover ourselves in the next century or less. For reasons of economy or policy, this project seems pretty self-contained, with our "visitors" building most of their equipment here in the Solar System and using what resources come to hand. This explains the lack of standardisation of saucers, many of which seem to be "haywire" products improvised for some specific task, or for display.

The saucer operators—a comparative handful—consist mainly of humanoids, since they will be dealing with humans, plus a few other types included for various reasons—specialists, personnel for bases in certain environments, as on Venus or underwater on Earth, and visiting investigators and observers. Evidence on the use of artificial humanoids (androids), either mechanical or biological, is ambiguous, as is also the employment of telepathy or other of the "psi" functions; but the use of either must, in any case, be limited. Utilisation of humans flown from this planet would be of great advantage to such a small group, especially since their presence would be of great aid in our later integration.

Our "visitors'" actions suggest we are the sole intelligent race in this Solar System, or at least the most advanced on the inner planets. Their task, probably routine, was simply to observe us; to guard us from races not completely integrated, or from groups or individuals who might like to exploit us or experiment with us; and to prepare the groundwork for our later development and occupation of other worlds. To accomplish this, they set up bases on Mars, Venus, our Moon and on Earth. The Earth bases were probably underground in remote areas at first, later under water. Though limited by policy, our "visitors'" accomplishments should not be disparaged. If Venus rotates in about 22 hours, as recently indicated by radio telescopes, it is possible they actually altered the rotation period of both Mars and Venus to conform to that of Earth. The mechanism involved, a lever principle perhaps, may explain old astronomical reports of a Venus satellite. With sufficient time, much can be done with small forces, and a day of equal length on Mars, Venus and Earth cannot be coincidence.

As soon as our development approached space flight, with the advent of atomic energy and rockets, the saucer operators began an increasingly widespread publicity campaign designed to minimise the effects of contact by gradually bringing themselves more and more to our attention, to prove they know all about us, and to make plain the futility of any attack upon them. They make their greatest efforts shortly after each Mars conjunction to emphasise their interplanetary nature. The passes at airliners are designed both to attract attention and put pressure on our officials—shaken-up passengers usually demand an explanation.

Sense of Humour

It should be noted here, our "visitors" sometimes disclose an outrageous sense of humour, as in creating a huge, cloudy "M" on Mars during the last two conjunctions, but I suppose they can be forgiven a little fun at our expense.

Since it would be against their policy to rob us of our last great independent achievement, they will defer actual open contact until we reach the Moon, when it could scarcely be delayed longer, in any case. By that time, saucer publicity will have done its work and the meeting will be something of an anti-climax. The strange silence of governmental authorities is quite natural if they also believe contact will not occur until a landing is effected on our Moon. But long before this, those playful practical jokers operating the saucers are almost certain to force the governments' hand. I often wonder just what explana-

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February 3

M. Staevert, of the Brussels Observatory, saw upon the planet Venus an extremely brilliant point. (References: Works of Charles Fort; *Ciel et Terre*, Vol. 5, p. 127; *Flying Saucers Have Landed*, by Leslie and Adamski.)

February 5

Morales sees an illumination in the crater Kepler on the moon. (References: Works of Charles Fort; *L'Astronomie*, Vol. 9, p. 149.)

February 12

Astronomer Niesten sees similar light to M. Staevert, only this time it is at a distance from Venus.

February 18

Loud report heard at W. Mersea, near Colchester, England. (References: Works of Charles Fort; *Nature*, Vol. 53, p. 4.)

March 29

Misty light effects seen upon the dark part of the moon. Not like "earthshine." (References: *Sidereal Messenger*, Vol. 3, p. 121; Works of Charles Fort.)

April 22

Red appearance in the sky, followed by the severest earthquake in England of the nineteenth

century, centred around Colchester (see item for February 18 above, of loud report in Colchester area.) (References: Works of Charles Fort; *London Times* of April 23, 1884; *Daily Chronicle* of April 28, 1884.)

July 3

Luminous globe as big as the moon with structural features seen moving slowly over Norwood, N.Y., U.S.A. It was surrounded by a ring and had two dark lines across its nucleus. (References: *Flying Saucers Have Landed*, by Leslie and Adamski.)

July 26

A similar brilliant object (or maybe the same) the size of the moon was seen over Cologne, Germany. It appeared to be going up from this planet. Then it seemed to hover for some minutes before continuing upwards until it eventually disappeared. (References: Works of Charles Fort; *Flying Saucers Have Landed*, by Leslie and Adamski.)

August 17

An observer in Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A., sees a brilliant light on the planet Venus. (References: Works of Charles Fort.)

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tion could be given if our "visitors" decide to add the other three letters to that cloudy "M" on Mars.

Installations built by our "visitors" on other worlds will gradually be turned over to us, and we will carry on the work to make these worlds truly habitable to mankind and to generally develop the entire Solar System. A task of this magnitude, requiring large mutual efforts, will aid our integration and keep us out of mischief. Later, we will be called upon, in turn, to help contact still other races.

We may find people from our planet or their descendants already working with our "visitors." It is possible some of the bases and many saucers are even now under human control.

If humans work for the saucer operators elsewhere, there is certainly no reason why they cannot serve as agents here on Earth—assuming our "visitors" need agents. A few saucer opera-

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tors themselves must have walked among us from time to time, in disguise or concealment.

The saucer operators probably never intervened before, in any important respect, since they wished us to develop in our own way. But no one is going to let the achievements of centuries of painful efforts be wiped out just as they reach fruition, if a little subtle influence would make all the difference. Their recent expansion on Mars and our Moon indicates they expect contact soon. I do not expect they will allow themselves to be disappointed.

Of course, the words and actions of Albert Bender and Edgar Jarrold, as described in *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers*, were consistent with this theory. Bender does not seem to have entirely understood the situation at first after the visit by the three gentlemen in black suits, and another visit was necessary to reassure him.