

impossible boot tracks, and deliberate communication with witnesses. Indeed, the abundant evidence more than indicates that there are giants roaming Israel today, as there were 5,000 years ago, and they also left proof of their existence.

DESCENDED FROM THE NEFILIM (OR NEPHILIM).

The giants were descended from the Nefilim, literally the "fallen ones". In ancient time, entities fell on Israel from the heavens and later became the mortal enemies of the Hebrew nations. One giant king was Og of Bashan. The Bible records that his bed was thirteen feet long. Bashan's territory included the Golan Heights. Sitting on the Golan Heights is the Israeli version of Stonehenge. (See photo.)

Called Gilgal Refa'im, the Circle of the Refa'im (or giants in English), this site consists of five concentric rings whose beauty can only be appreciated from above. Unfortunately, there was supposedly no way for the simple nomads of 5,000 years ago to see the circles from above. The site is enormous. The outside circle has a diameter of 159 metres, and over 37,000 tons of rock went into the construction of the complex. Two openings in the circles may have been used to measure

the solar solstice and the rising of Sirius in 3,000 BCE.

The fact remains that Israeli archaeologists are totally mystified by the Gilgal Refa'im. No other complex built in the Middle East resembles it, and it predates the Pyramids by more than 500 years. The indigenous nomads of the time did not engage in this kind of megalith building, so outsiders were probably the builders. According to the Bible, the only outsiders living on the Golan Heights back then were giants.

Maybe it's a longshot, but no one has come up with a better explanation for Israel's current UFO wave. I believe the ancient giants may be coming home. I conclude on a sombre note. The Biblical giants were God's enemy, and Israel's armies were the means to their utter destruction. There is a legitimate reason to contemplate the recent re-arrival of giants in Israel with a good measure of dread.

NOTE BY EDITOR.

In addition to the photograph of the Gilgal Refa'im, we have a photograph of a trace site on Shikmona Beach and another of a UFO over Migdal HaEmek, taken in 1990 by Shmuel Wascheky, but these are not clear enough for us to try to use them.■

MY PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH THE INFAMOUS "MJ 12". © BY DESMOND LESLIE,

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I must be one of the very few people to have interviewed the chief scientific member of MJ-12, Dr. Donald Menzel, Harvard Professor of Radio Astronomy. He was Hatchetman-in-Chief to the U.S. Government, and his job was to shoot down and obfuscate anything to do with *Roswell* or, indeed, with UFOs.

I had originally arranged to visit another celebrated American astronomer at Harvard, Professor Clyde Tombaugh, who had claimed to have seen a large UFO with rows of windows. But, at the last minute, and for reasons best known no doubt to Menzel, I was shunted off to see Donald Menzel instead. (Tombaugh, as will be remembered, was the man who, in 1940, had discovered PLUTO when working at the Lowell Observatory).

I arrived at Menzel's house and was courteously though not warmly received by him and his wife. I was offered a drink. Then we talked.

He amazed me. He kept up a non-stop harangue. For openers alone he said: "*I've seen hundreds of UFOs*". (*his actual words*). "*They were all birds or clouds or optical illusions.*"

Thereupon I drew his attention to some careful drawings, sent to me by a well known British astronomer, and showing V-shaped formations of very bright objects similar to Adamski's. (At high magnification each was seen to have a turret, a dome, and four brightly lit windows. (1) The lead-ship flashed a red light from the top of its dome).

"*Birds*" said Professor Menzel handing them back to me.

"But, ... why do their eyes glow in the dark?" I asked. "*Moonlight*" replied the Sage.

"And what bird has four eyes?" I asked. "*Optical refractions*" he replied (or something of the sort).

"What about the one with the flashing red eye - was it blinking?" -NO REPLY.

He then went into his party-line spiel -everything ufological was "a fake or a mistake". Q.E.D.

In our book FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED I had already taken him to task, strongly criticizing his "scientific methodology" as being *unscientific*. Later, Dr. J. Allen Hynek himself did a perfect demolition job (2) on Menzel's specious report concerning the very famous Papua (Boinai Mission) sighting of June 26, 1959, as reported by the Rev. Father William Gill and discussed at length by him and by the Rev. Norman Crutwell in FSR 5/5 (1959), FSR 5/6 (1959), FSR 6/6 (1960), and finally by Michael Jordan recently in FSR 42/4 (1997).

On that Papua case poor old Menzel really had been clutching at straws. As will be recalled, Stephen Moi, a teacher at the local Mission School, and the entire congregation, had just come out of church from the evening service and had observed a friendly (should we not say "*seemingly* friendly"? G.C.) hovering UFO with entities on deck who exchanged hand-waving signals with the crowd below. As I have emphasised, this case is famous, and is well documented. Menzel's attempt at a put-down was so assinine that one could hardly credit that it had been written by a man who called himself a

scientist. For the best that Menzel was able to do was to say that, IF Stephen Moi had been short-sighted (*which he wasn't*) and IF he had left his spectacles at home (*which he hadn't - and anyway he was using binoculars!*) he MIGHT have mistaken some ordinary object, such as a cloud, for a large UFO with a railed-off upper deck from which a friendly crew were waving!

-Pathetic indeed. Hynek's comments are well worth re-reading.

Well, of course the wretched Menzel had been given a very difficult task - STOP THE GREAT AMERICAN LUMPENFOTARIAT FROM BELIEVING IN UFOS, OR YOU'LL SCARE THEM, SCARE STALIN, UPSET THE OIL COMPANIES, AND MAKE OUR ARMS INDUSTRIES OBSOLETE!" To this end, Menzel discarded every last vestige of scientific integrity. Having been handed the hottest potato of all time, I suppose he had no other options. As I listened to him I was horribly reminded of Hamlet's famous line on Queen Gertrude who had helped to murder his father: "*Methinks the lady doth protest too much*". Professor Menzel did protest so

much that methought he must be hiding something. We now know what he was hiding, He was a leading member of the team of politicians and scientists who were secretly studying the new phenomenon - UFOs!

NOTES BY EDITOR OF FSR.

(1) For several years past I have had up my sleeve some astonishing material which relates to Adamski's so-much-maligned photograph of the "Scout-Ship" as he called his small disc-shaped UFO and which, in particular concerns the *port-holes*. *It may upset an awful lot of people, because it looks likely to go far to prove that Adamski's UFO photos are genuine! I shall publish it soon.*

(2) Unfortunately, forty or more years after Desmond Leslie's interview with Dr. Donald Menzel, I have not the slightest idea as to where I can read what it was that Menzel wrote about the Papua case or what was Dr. Hynek's comment on Menzel's views, and Desmond Leslie does not tell us. Possibly some U.S. reader of FSR may be able to tell us?■

THE "OBSKIY METEORITE" (SIBERIA), 1966.

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The Moscow ufologist Nikolai Kuzmin has managed to interview the principal eyewitnesses in this heavily censored and covered up case which occurred at the end of June or early in July of 1966 at a place about 10-15 kms. to the north-west of the West-Siberian town of Topolevka (Tomsk region).

THE FIRST ACCOUNT.

A Moscow geologist, Oleg Ivanovich, gave this account to Kuzmin:-

"Early in 1966 I was invited to join a geological expedition to the Trygorodskaya district. We started out early in June from Moscow and flew to Tomsk and then continued on by river-boat. It was exceedingly hot, and it was my first experience of the *taiga* (Siberian forest). Our job was to search for deposits of petroleum and gas. (Unsuccessful.)

"We were in camp in thick forest 20-30 kms. north-west of Topolevka. One day our horse got badly stuck in the swamp-mud. We decided to make camp and that night we were awakened by a deafening noise from the sky. Running out of my tent, I found that, all around us, *the forest was on fire*. The trees were burning, the heat was intense, and we jumped into the river to escape from it.

Next morning, pockets of forest here and there were still burning and we set out to see where the explosion appeared to have been.

"Then queer things started to happen. *Our compass went spinning out of control. The radio would not work*

properly, and we began to experience a sensation of powerlessness. The trees were seemingly all bent over in one direction, and their tops were lopped off as though by a gigantic knife.

THE CRAFT, AND A PROTRUDING 'TENTACLE'.

"Then through the trees we perceived, flashing brightly and as though in a sort of semi-circle, a series of coloured lights.

"Approaching cautiously over the very swampy terrain, we saw the wide outline of a burnt object, like two washbasins set face to face, with the flashing lights around its central part, and we could see a small door from which dense smoke was coming. And, emerging from the dark interior, through that door, a sort of 'tentacle' sticking out.

"Owing to the swampy soil we could get no nearer. We were now 25 metres from it.

"We started taking photographs of it (But none of them came out very well).

"I suspect that we were all affected by radioactivity because - even in that brief period, we all felt overcome by vertigo and nausea. I felt my eyesight was also being impaired somehow, so we decided that it was safer to retreat to a safer distance.

"By then it was getting dark, and we heard the sound of the first helicopter. "

THE "PHANTOM HELICOPTERS" ARRIVE.