all its aspects is thoroughly legitimate and in no way incompatible with the philosophy of Materialism, the ruling creed of the Marxists. Such research, the magazine argued, might even result in vitally important discoveries and be very appropriate for China! The magazine's position was backed up by a number of distinguished and influential scientists, particularly Dr. Ch'ien Hsüeh-Sen, China's "Father of the Guided Missile." The opposition have fought back fiercely, and the course of this struggle will be recounted in Chap-

ter 15 of Paul Dong's book, which we understand will appear in 1984 in both Chinese and English editions and will be published in USA by Prentice-Hall Inc.

G.C.

POSTSCRIPT

In the mean time we are awaiting receipt from the Hong Kong publishers of another book by Paul Dong which is already in print and is entitled Feidie Bai Wen Bai Da (Questions and Answers on UFOs). G.C.

CE-IIIs: NEW DIMENSIONS IN INVESTIGATIONS

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Mr. Richard Sigismond is a Contributing Editor of Dr. J. Allen Hynek's *International UFO Reporter*, which is an Associate-Publication of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois. We are grateful to both Dr. Hynek and the author for their permission to reprint this very interesting report in FSR.

FOREWORD BY DR HYNEK

The investigation of Close Encounters of the Third Kind presents very special problems and calls for qualities and abilities in an investigator not generally called into play in the less complex UFO sightings. Mr. Sigismond, a social psychologist of many years experience, possesses these special qualities to a high degree. His report on the CE-III presented here is based entirely on his own work with the primary witness, including the regressive hypnosis, in which technique he has an expertise developed over many years. The reader will come to appreciate, especially if he reads this report with care, the complexity of the CE-III case when it involves communication and abduction, and the delicacy of approach by the investigator that is required. Here the investigator must be as much a counselor as an investigator; he is dealing with persons who have had what has been to them an extremely real and generally traumatic experience. They are very often extremely puzzled, and remain so, often with profound effects on their personal lives. Mr. Sigismond's article should prove deeply instructive to all serious ufologists, even though, as will be seen, his investigation ended in frustration. This is, indeed, all too often an integral part of the UFO phenomenon as we experience it today.

The Case

TYPE:

CE III

DATE:

November 19, 1980

TIME:

11.45 p.m.

DURATION:

60 Minutes

WITNESSES:

: 2

PLACE:

24 Miles North of Denver, Colorado

Names of witnesses have been changed to protect identity; names are on file.

URING a recent conversation with Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the topic of discussion moved to the subject of close encounter cases and the hidden problems frequently associated with any attempt to conduct a thorough investigation. We recalled the many times we have been approached by newly turned-on discoverers of the UFO subject eager to do investigative work but with no idea of the time, effort, frustrations (and, frequently, expense) required to resolve the more complex cases. As we have seen over the years, these close encounter events are characteristically fraught with varying degrees of trauma and are frequently layered with a perplexing stratum of amnesia. They may consistently be expected to be as frustrating and time consuming in their unravelling as they are provocative in the data which they yield.

We frequently find that witnesses are impelled on the one hand by a strong desire to both explore and communicate the event and on the other by a sometimes quite subconscious but equally strong compulsion to keep the entire episode buried, lest investigation of the event bring forth information and reactions which they fear they may be unable to handle.

This ambivalence can create a real dilemma for both investigator and witness.

The following case illustrates such a situation and hopefully may dispel any notion that serious investigation of the more interesting UFO cases can be conducted by merely spending an hour's time filling in the blanks on pre-printed pages of ready-made UFO questionnaires.

The Blue Light

In early December of 1980 I received a call from a man who informed me that he had been given my name after inquiring of a number of persons in the Denver, Colorado area as to whom he might contact to discuss a very unusual event. He felt the event might be UFO-related, but if not, was in any case quite distinctly out of the ordinary. My caller set an appointment time for a few days hence and proceeded upon his arrival to tell of a very strange encounter a few days before Thanksgiving of that year with an intense beam of blue light which appeared suddenly while he and his wife were driving home at night to Longmont, Colorado (a small city some twenty seven miles northwest of Denver). This strange light had "locked onto his car" accompanied by a loud sound described as being like the "whish" "whish" of a bull whip but very much louder. The time was 11.45 p.m. The sound was indicated as being louder than a helicopter and as loud as being near a jet airliner when it is taking off!

The Lost Hour

The couple then noticed the lights of their car beginning to dim while the radio began emitting static before fading out. This radio and electrical interference, as we have so often observed, is reported in many cases throughout the world at certain times when cars are reported to be in close proximity to UFOs. In this case no UFO was seen, however, neither the husband nor wife had time to open the car windows to look up - it was a cold winter night and the windows were closed - before the next event immediately engaged their total attention. For at this time they felt the rear wheels of their station-wagon leave the pavement as the car began lifting up into the night air at a distinct angle. And then apparently, as far as the couple's conscious recollection is concerned, both the light and the sound abruptly disappeared and the car continued its 50 m.p.h. journey down the road. At this moment, feeling that somehow they had lost time, they checked their watches discovering that it was 12.55 a.m. Over an hour was missing.

These are some of the basic consciously remembered facts related by Michael during our first meeting. He was very curious to discover what might have caused the hour's missing time and, having heard of my previous case work using hypnotic regression to unlock amnesia in certain UFO cases, had come to request that we undertake whatever sessions might be necessary to achieve this result.

I explained that I would be agreeable, especially since the witness appeared to be extremely sincere,

mature, and quite above average in intelligence. More than this, the fact that there were two witnesses made the case attractive from an investigator's viewpoint for a multiple witness case is capable, as we know, of yielding a depth of dimension which is not possible with a single observer, however percipient. I set as a condition for investigating the case and conducting the hypnosis sessions that I would not make any of the tapes of the sessions available for playback until the hypnosis work with both husband and wife was fully completed.

Unfortunately, as it turned out, I was not to be given the opportunity to view this case through the eyes and the experience of two witnesses.

A Change in the Witness

Following this initial interview I did not hear again from Michael for seven months while he considered whether or not he and his wife should go ahead with the hypnosis sessions. Finally, after over seven months had gone by, he came to see me again, declaring that during this time he had been undergoing a profound and inexplicable change in perspective, actually a struggle in which two forces seemed to be contending for dominance. The one was his conservative and orthodox conditioning, the other consisted of a series of very powerful impulses of quite unidentifiable origin which kept prompting him to set this rigidity aside.

"I have been going through a confusing and puzzling attitudinal change which seems to be coming from knowledge which I somehow suddenly have but have absolutely no knowledge of where I might have picked it up," Michael related following his long absence.

This change in attitude seems to have been centered about subject matter which Michael had always regarded, within his very conservative and quite rigid philosophical framework, as controversial and therefore highly suspect. The fact that this change in perspective stemmed from the time of his baffling encounter with the strange blue light and the subsequent loss of time experience, had finally persuaded Michael to try to discover whether there might be a correlation. When, however, during the investigation of the case, he discovered that there might indeed be such a correlation, he apparently backed away, leaving an excellent case unable to be completed.

Returning to our narrative relating to the consciously remembered part of the case we find that the husband and wife were very confused by their encounter with the intense beam of blue light, the loud sound, and the resultant time loss. They tried to find some rational explanation or perhaps some other mo-

torist who might have possibly seen something unusual, but to no avail. The couple proceeded on into the town of Longmont. They stopped at a gas station where the husband Michael was accustomed to getting a pack of cigarettes on each of the nights he would make the late commute from Denver where he taught art classes. Much to his surprise as he stepped away from the car he found he had no equilibrium and discovered that he was walking in semi-circles in a difficult attempt to get to the front door of the gas station. Unable to adequately correct this problem, to his embarrassment as he finally reached and opened the door, he proceeded to walk directly into the door jamb! The attendant, Michael relates, regarded him with a strongly disapproving glance expressing more than a bit of suspicion that this late-night motorist was quite solidly intoxicated.

The Mark on Mary's Abdomen

The following day Mary pointed out to her husband a strange mark on her lower abdomen in the shape of a rectangle with a white line around its perimeter. She later had a vivid dream of being in a field with her husband near some sort of strange craft and in the presence of an unusual entity, described as a man possessing strong charisma who communicated with them without speaking.

Mary did not know at the time of the experience that she was almost two months pregnant. She discovered this fact soon after, during a hospital confinement for an extremely serious case of streptococcal pneumonia, an illness which brought her to the brink of death. Since she became almost fatally ill very soon after the strange encounter with the blue light, she for some time formed an association of the one traumatic event with the other. This resulted in a fear of ever mentally returning to the blue light event and whatever it might imply. This fear was very difficult to overcome and proved to be one more impediment to the resolution of the case.

The Child

As a final note concerning this illness, in spite of its extreme severity Mary did not abort as was expected but continued to carry the child, although short of full term. The child was born prematurely at seven months. The infant, however, was not retarded or brain damaged as had been predicted because of the great likelihood of having suffered severe oxygen deprivation during the mother's struggle with streptococcal pneumonia. On the contrary, the child was born more developed than was expected and continues to be very healthy and mentally vital and alert, to the point of precociousness.

Regarding this child, we are making no claims that its course of development or present condition is related to the experiences of the mother with reference to the blue light and the subsequent events, the nature of which were brought forth during her husband's hypnosis sessions. The information is given here simply because it is part of this complex and puzzling story.

The Hypnosis Session

I conducted a series of three deep hypnosis sessions with Michael. There have been no hypnosis sessions conducted to date with Mary. Since Michael is an excellent artist, the last session involved the drawing of four pictures during deep hypnosis. Linda Moulton Howe, the award winning film maker and chief of special projects for KMGH, Channel 7 TV, Denver, Colorado, was technical assistant during the hypnosis sessions. The tapes of the hypnosis sessions were not played back for the subject to hear during the course of the sessions. This was done so as to prevent earlier information from possibly influencing later sessions. And, under deep hypnosis there is no spontaneous recall.

Perhaps the single most interesting event brought forth by these hypnosis sessions aside from the value of the pictures produced, is the description of a mental examination where Michael, under hypnosis, states that he feels his memory bank has been entirely "drained away," examined, and eventually replaced intact, with the exception that something of significance has been added.

We may speculate as we wish concerning the motive behind this mental examination, given, of course, that we place credence, at least for the moment, upon the information given during these hypnosis sessions. What first comes to mind is the Freedom of Information Act release in January, 1979, of data by the Defense Department revealing visits during the autumn of 1975 by UFOs to our nuclear bomber bases and missile launch sites. It may be relevant to note that Michael was at one time in the military service in duty involving anti-ballistic missile defence systems set up by the United States.

The Results of Hypnosis Sessions I and II

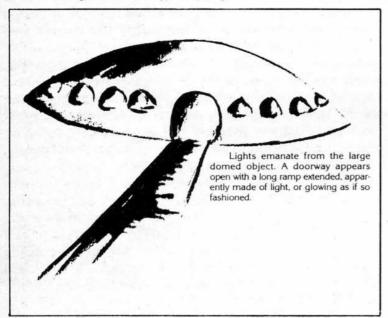
Under deep hypnosis, Michael relives the following experiences which are presented here in very brief detail, space considerations precluding of course the presentation of a full report.

With the blue light surrounding the car and in the presence of the very loud sound described earlier, the vehicle is lifted up and transported into the presence of a large object which has the shape of a dome. A heavy mist envelops the area as if both car and dome-shaped object are in the midst of a dense cloud. A strong and penetrating odor suffuses the immediate

environment reminding Michael of the missile bases to which he was attached while in the service. He strongly dislikes the odor and does not conceal the fact. He exclaims that the odor has to do with electricity. His wife, Mary, is extremely frightened.

Lights emanate from the large domed object. A doorway appears open with a long ramp extended, apparently made of light, or glowing as if so fashioned.

In the doorway stands "a strange looking person," as Michael relates, wearing shiny gold colored clothing of some unusual design. The head is described as "long... bald, with grey skin." The entity indicates to the couple that they are to proceed to him.



They go inside the object, the odor remains, the walls glow, while the outer perimeter of the room displays a series of arches which radiate orange on their outside edges. For some reason the fear that they experienced while outside the object now leaves them. Michael suddenly realises at this point, however, that Mary is gone, is no longer beside him; he becomes very angry, then belligerent, going after one of the entities, threatening to "get that bastard!"

He finds himself quickly restrained by silver bands which pin his arms. He is greatly alarmed and very disconsolate at losing his wife. Another entity appears near him. I ask Michael to relate to me the appearance of this being. The description given is identical to the picture, reproduced here, of the entity which Michael drew during the final hypnosis session which was conducted over three months later.

Michael feels that this entity is in tune with his mind, and exclaims "he knows everything I'm doing, I'm thinking...he knows everything...he's picking my mind...like he can read every thought."

In the room a table appears which at first seems to be made of a gaseous substance but which later seems to become solid. Michael finds himself lying on this table which has achieved solidity. A floating light moves overhead. He feels that his mind is being connected to the mind of one of the entities. He is naked

and feels certain spots on his legs burning. (Michael has a serious skin problem, having several large melanomas on his legs which are suspected to be cancerous. Upon last contact with Michael the melanomas were greatly reduced both in size and in their discoloration.)

He remains very concerned about his wife whom he hears upon at least one occasion screaming. She is with an entity far to one side of the large room with the glowing arches and if he tilts and turns his head he is able to see her. At the time that he does so he finds her standing with an entity and he exclaims, "She looks like a zombie...she's just standing there... blank...a blank face. No expression on her face."

"No nothing" he continues "... and naked, naked as a jaybird." "So am I," he adds, dejectedly.

Michael then describes in detail the shape and size of the hands of the humanoid entity, the extremely long fingers; he cannot see a thumb. The pictures which the subject eventually drew at the last deep hypnosis session show the type of hands he carefully now describes. They are, incidentally, very similar to the very long and unusually formed hands quite evident in Len Stringfield's photos which purport to be of the small alien bodies recovered from the alleged crashed saucer. (See the reproduction of Michael's picture of the humanoid entity.)

The drawing was made on November 10, 1981, two months after the detailed description of the entity given under hypnosis on September 8. As stated earlier, the hypnosis tapes were not played back for Michael to hear prior to his making of the drawings. And under the quality of the deep hypnosis to which he is subjected, he has, of course, a total lack of recall. Nonetheless, the drawings and the descriptions taken from the hypnosis transcripts match.

His legs continue with the burning sensation. He then experiences a rushing sound accompanied by the sensation that everything has been "pulled out" of his head.

He cries out that "My thoughts... everything in my mind is stripped."

"Stripped?" I inquire.

"It's just gone. I've got it but they've got it too."

"You've got it and they've got it too?" I again inquire?

"You're goddamn right! Got the whole thing . . . the whole damn thing," Michael proclaims. Then with a small futile laugh mumbles, "it's crazy, crazy!"

Then, "I'm sitting up now."

He eventually experiences a spinning sensation and what he describes as a terrible sound (quite possibly internal). At this time his memory flows back into him. With this sensation he states that not only has his memory been returned but that he feels a significant increment has been added.

"It's like he took out everything that was in me and it's like he put something else in...took out every thought I ever had. It seems like he's put it all back but he's put more there. It's like he's given me something. That's wild!"

He continues.

"Put something in my life ... I don't know what it is ... whatever it is, it's good. Gave me abilities." "Abilities," he repeats but adds in a helpless tone, "I don't know where Mary is!"

After a long pause, he exclaims:

"Knowledge!, the man gave me something," Michael repeats incredulously, "took everything I had and examined it and gave it back and gave me something else. He was very nice."

Then he muses forlornly, "I really don't want anything... I just want to get home... and I want my

wife!"

Hypnosis Session 3, November 10, 1981: (This ses-

sions includes the drawing of four pictures).

The examination is over; Mary is brought to Michael. He finds his clothes in a heap by a control panel, and he is assured by what appears to be the chief entity that everything is alright, that they may



leave the ship. Outside, Michael is aware of a pulsating, humming, noise and again perceives the very heavy mist which he reported earlier. He is amazed and alarmed as he tries to comprehend the apparent fact that both ship and car are suspended within the heavy mist.

He exclaims with great agitation, "Son of a bitch! I think the whole thing is suspended. I don't know . . . I can't tell . . . I think everything is suspended (laughs nervously) a 4,000 pound car! . . . I think we're suspended . . . maybe we're on the ground . . . I don't know. Sure as hell misty! It's misty . . . misty. I must be crazy! It's suspended. That damn car is up in the air! So are we. Everything's up in the air. Must be . . . must be!"

The blue light then surrounds the car again, just as in the initial part of the experience; the heavy "whish" "whish" sound like a bull whip also reappears and the couple find themselves on the road once again. "But the rear end's up in the air!" Michael says with great disbelief. "Going 55 miles an hour and my rear end's up in the air!" The car slowly settles down fully upon the road. The blue light and the sound are now gone.

When it is apparent that the couple are proceeding down the road towards Longmont (Michael is still of course under deep hypnosis) I ask if when he was aboard the domed object, did he get any idea where it was from? He replies "No, I have no idea. They gave us both something, however (meaning he and Mary)... they gave me strength I didn't have... and they gave me some of their knowledge."

"Is that what they gave you?" I asked. "Yes, there's more to life... more to the world, more dimensions... things coexisting... there are other dimensions, there are more dimensions... it all works together, everything coexists. There's different dimensions we can't go into."

"Is this what you learned?" I inquired. "I guess so. Maybe that's where they're from . . . a different dimension. Maybe they're from here . . . just a different dimension. Maybe that's where we're going. I don't know."

Michael continues under questioning, "I have the power now, to go into myself, I didn't have before, can quiet down, it's a strength I didn't have, it's not a physical strength, it's like energy...it's developing more." "I don't want it to develop!" he suddenly adds. "You don't what?" I exclaimed surprised at this last outburst. Michael repeats, "I don't want it to develop. I've got too many other things to worry about besides that."

The Psychological Conflict

Michael's final comments reveal the psychological conflicts building within him concerning this close encounter experience. This reaction, along with his previous strong scepticism regarding the reality of the UFO phenomenon, may help to explain his failure to continue with the additional drawing session which was planned, his failure to bring his wife for her regressive hypnosis session, and his subsequent retreat into anonymity, an abrupt disappearance leaving no telephone and no forwarding address.

Michael's final statements made during the last

hypnosis session follow:

"What am I going to do with that? (meaning the knowledge and the newly found strength) I sure as hell don't want to be different. I don't want to be different, just me. Do my thing and let people leave me the hell alone! The responsibility that goes with something like that. I don't want any more responsibility. Got enough!"

I ask Michael to tell, if he could, what sort of responsibility he feels so compelled to abjure. He responds in a quieter, more subdued tone of voice, "Not specifically...just that you've got to give...got to give all I can give...I've got to give more. Guess if I've got it, I'll give it," he adds with a note of resignation.

The Drawings

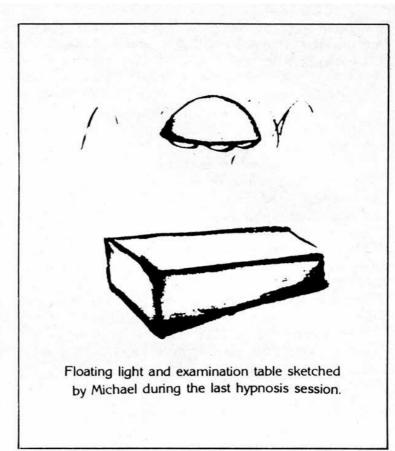
The last hypnosis and drawing session with Michael occurred on November 10, 1981. Our last contact via telephone was on February 16, 1982. He has since moved, giving no address or telephone. Because of this, hypnosis sessions were never able to be conducted with his wife, Mary, depriving this case of the recognition which its excellent potential might have indeed commanded. The tapes of the sessions have never been heard by the couple.

Michael's very considerable talent in art (he is a gifted artist) has given us perhaps the first portrait of a UFO entity, however unusual the conditions under which that portrait was produced. My regrets concerning this case are several, one being that more pictures were not evidently to be had. It was also my hope that future drawings would be done in colour. In those which we see reproduced here the medium used is charcoal. It also goes without saying that the loss of Mary's invaluable input into this intriguing close encounter case is difficult to accept.

Conclusions

In conclusion, we might say that however motivated Michael might have been to discover what may have happened during the puzzling loss of an hour's time following his even more perplexing encounter with the strange beam of blue light, this desire could not evidently overcome his conservative mental set. This is well expressed in his statement, "I have been conditioned to regard UFO people as fringe people."

The dilemma which we spoke of earlier is not just that of the investigator who in this case invested a



good deal of time and energy without being able to fully complete his work; it is ever so much more the dilemma of a witness who was torn between a desire to resolve a puzzling experience to which he was subjected and an apparent fear of discovering something which might alter his orthodox view of the world.

"Up to the twentieth century, 'reality' was everything humans could touch, smell, see, and hear. Since the initial publication of the chart of the electromagnetic spectrum... humans have learned that what they can touch, smell, see, and hear is less than one millionth of reality. Ninetynine per cent of all that is going to affect our tomorrows is being developed by humans using instruments and working in ranges of reality that are nonhumanly sensible."

R. Buckminster Fuller

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

The Devils

Dear Mr. Creighton, — As you stated in A Brief Account of the True Nature of the 'UFO Entities' (FSR 29:1), Christian writers have opted to steer clear of any appraisal of the devilries masquerading as UFO phenomena. Exceptions there are — notably Encounters With UFOs by John Weldon & Zola Levitt (1975) and UFOs and the Christian by Rev. Eric Inglesby (1981) — but such rarities are not found on the UFO shelf in general bookshops, and Christian bookshops tend to have no UFO shelf.

Apart from simple ignorance, there may be some positive (if largely unconscious) reasons for this reticence on the part of those who might be expected to have most to say. Those whose lives have been renewed in Christ feel less inclined to advertise the mechanics of demonic bondage than to spread the good news that brings release; while it would be clearly irresponsible to expose the



'deep things of Satan' to persons (including many nominal 'Christians') who are not 'reborn in the Spirit'.

The explicit references made by St. Paul to the 'demons of the air' and the 'elemental spirits of the universe' seem to have been tempered by such considerations. When he wrote, 'We have to struggle not with blood and flesh but with the angelic Rulers, the angelic Authorities, the potentates of the dark present, the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly sphere', he did not go on to relate juicy encounter and abduction cases but immediately drew up a strategy of defence: 'So take God's armour, that you may be able to make a stand on the evil day' (Ephesians 6:12-13). Paul knew that only the sealing of the Holy Spirit provides an effective shield against the terrors and allurements of the 'powers'. 'For I am certain that . . . neither angels nor principalities . . . nor powers of the Height or of the Depth . . . will be able to part us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 8:38-9).

Why not? Paul claimed to have once been 'caught up into the third heaven' and wrote that the risen Christ is established 'in the heavenly sphere, above all the angelic Rulers, Authorities, Powers and Lords' (Ephesians 1:21). Christ shares his perspective with his faithful and enables them to see the 'powers' as they often are: 'gods who are really no gods at all', 'weak and beggarly elemental spirits' (Galatians 4:8,9).

All this seems to have been understood perfectly well by the filling-station attendant in the Brazilian 'Rat-Faces' encounter (FSR 29:1) when, overwhelmed by the enthrallment cast upon him by the UFO, he 'knew that God would help him'. (The two principal witnesses had no such faith and were severely tampered with. Do we who pore over these accounts subtly expose ourselves to any lesser danger, and do we have any greater defence?)

Alongside your quote from C. S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* there

might stand another passage that sheds an alarming prophetic light upon the moral dilemma of Ufology. The senior devil Screwtape gloats over the diabolic plot against mankind: 'I have great hopes that we shall learn in due time how to emotionalise and mythologise their science to such an extent that what is, in effect, a belief in us will creep in while the human mind remains closed to belief in the Enemy.' (Here 'the Enemy' = God.) These words were written (by a Christian exercising his imagination along the divine perspective) in 1941 — six years before Kenneth Arnold's sighting and eleven years before Adamski's first encounter!

Yours sincerely, Malcolm Dickson, 29 Hey Street, Sawley, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 3HA. October 24, 1983

N.B. New Testament quotations are from *The Moffatt Translation*, which follows the original Greek. Malcolm Dickson.

Note by Editor, FSR

For years the Moffatt Version of the New Testament (1913) certainly stood quite unchallenged as the best English rendering of the original Greek. However, I think the New English Bible, issued in 1961-1970 by the Joint Committee on the New Translation of the Bible, is marginally even better. For example, see their rendering of the crucially important passage in Ephesians, Chapter VI, verses 12 and 13, for which Malcolm Dickson has given the Moffatt version above. This New Translation reads:-

"For our fight is not against human foes, but against cosmic powers, against the authorities and potentates of this dark world, against the superhuman forces of evil in the heavens. Therefore, take up God's armour; then you will be able to stand your ground when things are at their worst..."