

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE SAUCERS

by **Wilbert B. Smith**

POSSIBLY ONE of the most interesting aspects of the study of flying saucers, beyond the realisation that they are real and extra-terrestrial, is their philosophy. What manner of creatures build and fly them? What do they look like? How do they think? Are their ideas and ideals similar to ours? Could we understand them? All these and many other questions plague the serious investigator.

If we are to rely on sighting data alone we are bound to get a rather one-sided idea of these creatures. For example, we see saucers travelling at terrific speeds and then suddenly stop or change direction. Under our concepts of physics no creature of flesh, blood and bone could withstand the terrific forces which would be associated with such actions. Therefore, we are likely to assume that the Saucerians must be either some manner of robot or a creature the like of which we have never encountered.

If Tables Reversed

Again, it is hard to understand why any race of creatures having the tremendous power at their disposal which we see demonstrated by the saucers, should be content to fly rather aimlessly over our globe, without doing something more definite. If the tables were reversed, we most certainly would. After a very brief reconnaissance we would land and announce to the natives that we were taking over. The fact that the Saucerians have made no such move appears to indicate that they must regard us in the same general category

as the other flora and fauna native to this planet, and to them our civilisation is so primitive as to be indistinguishable from that of the lower animals and insects.

We could go on speculating in this manner for quite a while without coming anywhere near the truth. Fortunately the people who come to us from elsewhere in flying saucers have seen fit to make contact with people of earth, and to impart as much information and understanding as the contacts were capable of assimilating or passing along to others. There have been many published instances of contacts between these people from outside and people of earth, and a very great many more which have not been published. As is always the case in any new and romantic field, there are those who prevaricate and exaggerate, but it is not too difficult to establish that the vast majority are honest and authentic. For instance, when a dozen or so independent contacts having no common connection, and each alone believing that he or she has been favoured above all others to receive this message, all tell the same message, even to names and descriptions which tally perfectly, one has little choice but to believe that they are all telling the truth.

Magnificent Philosophy

Furthermore, when the material given to us through the many channels is all assembled and analysed, it adds up to a complete and elegant philosophy which makes our efforts sound like the beating of jungle drums. These people tell us of a magnificent Cosmic Plan, of which we

A few years ago the Canadian Government established the world's first official flying saucer sighting station at Shirley Bay, about 10 miles west of Ottawa.

In charge of the station was Mr. Wilbert B. Smith, the contributor of the article on this page. He was at the time of his appointment also engineer in charge of the Transport Department's broadcast and measurement section, intercommunications division.

Subsequently, the Canadian Government became embarrassed by questions being asked in the Canadian Parliament about the Shirley Bay station. So it was officially closed down. But Mr. Smith's research into flying saucers went on unofficially. He has now reached the conclusions that the space ships are real and that some have landed.

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are a part, which transcends the lifetime of a single person, or a nation, or a civilisation, or even a planet or solar system. We are not merely told that there is something beyond our immediate experience; we are told what it is, why it is, and our relation thereto. Many of our most vexing problems are solved with a few words; at least we are told of the solutions if we have the understanding and fortitude to apply them. We are told of the inadequacies of our science, and we have been given the basic grounding for a new science which is at once simpler and yet more embracing than the mathematical monstrosity which we have conjured up. We have been told of a way of life which is utopian beyond our dreams, and the means of attaining it. Can it be that such a self-consistent, magnificent philosophy is the figment of the imaginations of a number of misguided morons? I do not think so.

If the only evidence we had was philosophical, we might justifiably suspect it, but when coupled with the reality of the observations, thousands of them, we cannot dismiss it so easily. This is especially true when we consider that the science which has been passed to us from these people from elsewhere explains in a manner which we have been quite unable to do why the saucers behave as they do, and how it is that they can do things which to us are virtually impossible. The science and the performance check perfectly!

Again, we have been told where our scientific ideas are wrong, or inadequate, and experiments have been suggested and carried out, and in every case the alien science has been vindicated.

You cannot make him drink

We may ask, if all this is known, why has it not been publicised, why are not these matters being studied instead of atom bombs? The answer: *it has been publicised*. Books have been written and hundreds and thousands of copies sold. There are available many periodicals containing this material which may be had for quite a nominal sum. Reports have been prepared by serious investigators and presented "through the proper channels." But it is truly said that one can lead a horse to water but one cannot make him drink! Those who are in control of our society are satisfied with it the way it is, and will resist any attempt to change anything which is likely to disturb the equanimity of their lives. There are those who can't be bothered to get the facts and make up their own minds; they would rather dismiss the whole matter as nonsense, because some-

one who holds their respect says it is nonsense. There are those who fear for their social security, and will therefore have no part of anything which might place it in jeopardy. There are those who say our science works and gives us many things which we would not otherwise have. What is wrong with that? Why discard it? There are probably as many private reasons for not facing up to the facts as there are people who refuse to do so. However, it is consoling to realise that, through the humble and often criticised comic strip and science-fiction stories, the younger generation is being conditioned to accept the reality of people from elsewhere, and when given the opportunity to do so avidly assimilate all they can get on flying saucers and the people who fly them.

The Future

The question may well be asked, what of the future? This question has been posed many times, and to the people from outside. The answer; we don't know for sure but we are aware of trends. We ourselves are also aware of trends, but considering our limited means for gathering data we must of necessity do a vastly inferior job of predicting events. Our experience has been that when they choose to do so, the people from outside can be quite accurate in their predictions.

We may summarise the entire flying saucer picture as follows. We have arrived at a time in our development when we must make a final choice between right and wrong. The people from elsewhere are much concerned about the choice which we will make, partly because it will have its repercussions on them and partly because they are our blood brothers and are truly concerned with our welfare. There is a cosmic law against interfering in the affairs of others, so they are not allowed to help us directly even though they could easily do so. We must make our own choice of our own free will. Present trends indicate a series of events which may require the help of these people and they stand by ready and willing to render that help. In fact, they have already helped us a great deal, along lines which do not interfere with our freedom of choice. In time, when certain events have transpired, and we are so oriented that we can accept these people from elsewhere, they will meet us freely on the common ground of mutual understanding and trust, and we will be able to learn from them and bring about the Golden Age all men everywhere desire deep within their hearts.

A New Dimension in UFO Phenomena



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AS IF TO dramatize a relatively unprecedented feature of UFO sightings, Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, former U.S. Air Force officer in charge of Project Blue Book, has recently characterised as "a whole new dimension to the UFO investigation" the reports of spectacular electromagnetic disturbances associated with appearances of aerial phenomena this past November.

Looking backward over the past fourteen years, one cannot help but be impressed by the apparent succession of different features of UFO appearances, which, each in its turn, strangely enough, seems to emphasise a new aspect of outer space contrivances. It is as though almost unsurmountable difficulties of communication by outer space intelligences with human intelligence seems to exist. One could speculate that one artifice after another is exploited by those from afar in order to penetrate the terrestrial iron curtain set up by short-sighted terrestrial intelligence.

1. In the years 1944-45 the curious gyrations of **foo-fighters** were time and time again observed about the combat planes of both Nazi and Allied airmen in the war theatres.

2. In the spring and

summer of 1947 the **disc-shaped flying saucers** began to haunt the skies, and in July, 1952, by their many appearances literally took over by storm the news headlines of the American Press.

3. The disc-shaped objects were shortly followed by the much larger **cigar-shaped craft**, which from all appearances seemed to be the carriers of the smaller vehicles. Both disc-shaped and cigar-shaped objects were being identified by experienced radar men as solid objects on the **radar screen**.

4. In his book, *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*, Captain Edward J. Ruppelt devotes an entire chapter to accounts of several projects carried out by unnamed American scientists wherein great increases in **background radiation** were measured by geiger counters in connection with observed sightings of UFOs. These measures of nuclear radiation covered a period extending from the fall of 1949 to the summer of 1951.

5. In the fall of 1951 nine noiseless **green fire balls** streamed across the skies of New Mexico in paths that ignored the influence of gravity, and Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, of the University of New Mexico, is still wondering what they were.

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6. Between the years 1952 and 1955 there were numerous reported falls of the magic fibrous material known as **Angel Hair**. This material, in several cases seen to fall from UFOs, has not yet been identified by the chemist.

7. Now in November, 1957, are encountered such spectacular **electromagnetic phenomena** associated with the appearance of luminous egg-shaped objects as stopped automobile engines, dimmed automobile headlights and caused failure of radio receiving sets.

Yet, in spite of this dramatic succession of unexplained aerial manifestations, the scientific world as a whole, like the traditional ostrich, keeps its orthodox-minded head buried in the sand.

Previous Electromagnetic Disturbances Associated with UFOs

Before going into detail about the November, 1957, happenings involving UFOs, it would be well to note the few scattered incidents previous to this date wherein electromagnetic influences were associated with them.

On June 24, 1947, in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon, a Portland prospector spotted five or six discs in the sky for some fifty seconds. The compass hand on his watch weaved wildly from side to side while the aerial objects were in view.

On August 19, 1952, a Scoutmaster and three Boy Scouts encountered a UFO in Florida woods. Soil and grass samples were taken from the place over which the UFO had hovered. The roots of clumps of sod were charred, but the blades of grass above were not damaged. The only possible explanation is electromagnetic heating by induction.

On August 19, 1953, at West Haven, Connecticut, a fiery ball came from out of the sky, crashed through a steel sign board making a hole about one foot in diameter, hovered over the road, and then passed upward over the trees. This occurrence was accompanied by a terrific explosion which dimmed house lights and jarred the whole area.

On May 31, 1957, a British airliner was flying over Kent on its way to Holland. An oval-shaped UFO was sighted. Thereupon the plane experienced complete radio failure and was unable to contact London. The radio circuit-breaker had broken circuit. The equipment was fully serviceable after the UFO had gone.

On September 1, 1957, a man and his wife from Sioux City, Iowa, were driving in a car about one mile from Le Mars, Iowa, when they observed a flash of light in the sky which stopped their motor and cut off car lights.

The November 1957 Flap

Between November 2 and November 14, 1957, in several different localities in the United States, as well as one each in Canada and Alaska, the sighting of UFOs was attended by the stopping of car engines, the dimming of headlights and the interference of car radios, only during the times UFOs were visually in evidence. Among these localities are the following thirteen different places:

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| 1. November 2 & 3. | Levelland, Texas. |
| 2. " | 3. Springfield, Illinois. |
| 3. " | 3. Calgary, Alberta, Canada. |
| 4. " | 4. Elmwood Park, Chicago. |
| 5. " | 4. Alamogordo, New Mexico. |
| 6. " | 4. Kodiak, Alaska. |
| 7. " | 5. Houston, Texas. |
| 8. " | 5. San Antonio, Texas. |
| 9. " | 6. Plattsburg, New York. |
| 10. " | 6. Danville, Illinois. |
| 11. " | 7. Moutville, Ohio. |
| 12. " | 10. Hammond, Indiana. |
| 13. " | 14. Jamara, Illinois. |

In most instances reports of these occurrences were made by officers of the law, such as sheriffs, policemen and highway patrolmen. Officers of the law are not given to tall tales of fantastic happenings. Moreover, they are trained to observe, record and report accurately on all happenings in the districts in their charge, where such happenings pertain to the public safety, or are related to the protection of the general public.

The Levelland, Texas area sightings

On the Saturday night of November 2, 1957, several persons at scattered localities in the vicinity of Levelland, Texas, encountered close up, above the highways, a large luminous egg-shaped object some two hundred or more feet in length. Among the observers and reporters listed were the following officers of the law:

Police patrolman A. J. Fowler.
Sheriff Weir Clem.
Deputy Sheriff Pat McCulloch.
Constable Lloyd Bollen.
Highway patrolman Lee Hargrove.
Highway patrolman Floyd Cavin.

Three of the reports from separate areas read very much alike in the description of the object and its apparent effect on car engines and lights. At least a score of motorists had similar experiences.

Police patrolman A. J. Fowler told of at least fifteen persons getting a good look at an object estimated as two hundred feet in length, shaped

like an egg and lit up as though it were on fire. When it got close, car engines would stall and lights would go off.

Sheriff Weir Clem and Deputy Sheriff Pat McCulloch also saw the object. The Sheriff said it streaked noiselessly across the road two hundred yards in front of him, but did not affect his car. "It lit up the whole pavement in front of us for about two seconds," said Clem. He called it oval-shaped and said it looked like a brilliant sunset.

Two men, Pedro Saucedo and Joe Salaz, driving a truck, reported their experience. Said Saucedo, a Korean war veteran, "When it got near, the lights of my truck went out and the motor died. I jumped out of the truck and hit the dirt because I was afraid. I called to Joe, but he didn't get out. The thing passed directly over my truck with a great sound and a rush of wind. It sounded like thunder and my truck rocked from the blast. I felt a lot of heat. Then I got up and watched it go out of sight toward Levelland."

Each of several observers was interviewed separately by Sheriff Clem, and fortunately these interviews were witnessed by N.I.C.A.P. member James Lee, who had rushed to the scene to investigate for the Committee. In Lee's telephoned report to N.I.C.A.P. he stressed the witnesses' sincerity. Both he and the Sheriff were convinced the reports were true.

The Alamogordo, New Mexico Incident

Within the next few days scores of sensational reports of sightings were received. Just to mention another which occurred close to the Air Force Missile Development Centre, near Alamogordo, New Mexico, a little more than two hundred miles west of Levelland, Texas. This incident took place on Monday night, November 6.

James Stokes, a research engineer of the Centre, reported a dramatic encounter with a UFO. A huge elliptically-shaped object, Stokes said, had appeared between the Centre and White Sands. As it passed near Highway 24 it had cut out his radio and then stopped his engine *and those of ten other cars*. Stokes estimated the UFO's length at five hundred feet. At its closest point, he said, he could feel a wave of heat. The object had no visible portholes nor any exhaust trail.

Stokes related his experience to Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen, of Alamogordo. Mrs. Coral Lorenzen is Director of Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation (A.P.R.O.) and through her bulletin internationally known in UFO research. Holloman Air Force Base officials had Stokes scheduled for a physical examination due to the fact that he had a rather pronounced sunburn after the inci-

dent. While he was sitting in the Lorenzen living room on that Monday evening he continually scratched or rubbed his neck and face, complaining of itching sensations. However, the discolourations and irritation were completely gone the next morning. On Tuesday evening Stokes was invited to the Lorenzens' where local members of A.P.R.O. met to talk over current events. He looked quite normal then.

James Stokes, an electrical engineer engaged in high altitude research at the Government Development Centre, surely deserves to be thought of as a reliable scientific witness.

Some Interpretations of the November Incidents

An Air Force statement released on November 15 read: "The Levelland incident was caused by ball lightning or St. Elmo's fire. The cause of the stalled cars—wet electrical circuits."

J. C. Ballard, meteorologist-in-charge of the United States Weather Bureau in Atlanta, said that ball lightning has never been reported more than a few feet or a few yards from observers. He also said that the balls are the size of a man's fist. A good many scientists even deny that ball lightning even exists.

The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* states that St. Elmo's fire is a brush-like discharge of atmospheric electricity, which is seen around masts of ships and church steeples. It has also been seen around tips of aircraft propellers and wings. It is invariably attached to some solid object. The Air Force statement does not identify any solid object.

Explaining the Levelland and Alamogordo cases, Dr. Donald Menzel, Harvard Observatory, said the objects were nothing but mirages. He said it was not surprising that a "nervous foot" could stall a car in such cases, but did not mention the radio fading and reported effect on car headlights.

Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, head of the Air Force Project Blue Book between 1951 and 1953, immediately threw cold water on Menzel's claims. He unequivocally denied that UFOs could be explained as optical tricks. "There has been a lot of talk about mirages," said Ruppelt, "this is one thing we proved saucers are not."

How thorough was the Air Force

On November 6, the *Levelland Daily Sun News* reported "Air Force 'Mystery Man' leaves City; Actions, Identity cloaked in Secrecy."

The anonymous visitor drove an Air Force vehicle, wore civilian clothes, and "said he could not give his name or any identification."

Around noon on the 6th he spent thirty minutes in Sheriff Weir Clem's office. He returned about 2.30 p.m. for another half hour. About 3 p.m. he headed for Lubbock, some thirty miles away. He came back about 6.30 p.m., said to Sheriff Clem, "Well, I'm gone," and drove off into the dark night. Adds the paper, "There was never any hint as to what he found out, or whether he was really a civilian or an Air Force officer."

Heat Radiation from UFOs

On three instances among the sightings of UFOs in November, 1957, persons in close proximity to the objects felt heat. Engineer James Stokes in the Alamogordo incident and Pedro Saucedo in the Levelland sighting both had very distinct sensations of heat. At Merom, Indiana, on November 6, it was reported that a man was put in hospital after his face had been scorched by a 40-ft. object that hovered one thousand ft. above him.

In the case of the Scoutmaster incident in the Florida woods on the night of August 19, 1952, the subject reportedly was under a UFO only 30 ft. above him. It is said that the heat seemed to him as "unbearable." In this case the subject was examined by an Air Force official, a flight surgeon. Minor burns were on the arms and the backs of the hands of the Scoutmaster, according to Captain Ruppelt. There were indications

that the inside of his nostrils might be burned. The degree of burn could be compared to a light sunburn. The hair had also been singed, indicating a flash heat.

And so another chapter is added to the steadily accumulating evidence for the reality of UFOs. The mystery of these strange phenomena of the skies grows more puzzling as the evidence gains in weight. A paradox indeed!

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Just to Remind You

IN THE LAST issue we announced that the sixth International Flying Saucer Sighting Day will take place on Saturday, June 7. Why were these special sighting days started? Actually, flying saucer reports reach this magazine from somewhere on the planet almost every day.

If you ask the public, even saucer enthusiasts, to watch the skies every day all the year round, well . . . let's face it, people just would not do so. After all, we all have our daily jobs to do, earning our living and various engagements to attend to. We cannot always be gazing up into the clouds! But, if you have a special "Derby Day" each year, when everyone can join in watching for a few hours, that is something quite different. And if it is held on a Saturday when people have the opportunity to be out of doors, that is better still.

Furthermore, on one of these "Derby Days" when more people are purposely watching than normally, a saucer stands more chance of being corroborated by other observers, and the object's course can be plotted at Headquarters as reports come in and valuable information and evidence gained.

Readers of this magazine and all members of the Inter-

national UFO Observer Corps, together with saucer groups throughout the world, are asked to watch the skies on Saturday, June 7. It is preferable to watch in groups, rather than singly, for if you do have an important sighting it is essential to have a witness. It will be appreciated if all those forming parties will advise the editor beforehand (1) where they will be watching, (2) the approximate size of their party, and (3) what equipment, if any, they will have with them, i.e., telescopes, binoculars, etc.

If anything unusual is seen observers are asked to note it down on our special sighting forms, and to return the form as soon as possible to the editor. Supplies of these forms may be had on application.

Saucer groups throughout the world will be taking part. Japan has already advised participation plans. Yusuke Matsumura, chief of the Flying Saucer Research Group in Japan, reports that his members will be on the watch all over Japan. Radio Tokyo will broadcast details on Sighting Day itself. Mr. Torio Itoh, Chief Manager of Japan Aircraft Pilots Association, has alerted all pilots, including those of Japan Air Lines, to keep a special look-out on that day. Sighting Headquarters in Japan will be on the summit of Mt. Takao.