

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.

Desmond Leslie on George Adamski

Sir,—I was delighted with the funny letter in your March/April 1967 issue by a chap called A. J. Brunt, of Auckland, New Zealand, and his unconsciously fine support of Adamski's testimony.

I can well remember my visit to Adamski in 1953 when he first told of these (at that time) unknown phenomena, the fireflies in space, the belts of radiation round the earth, the ruts on the Moon and so forth. And it might be well to note that he also told me of a peculiar glowing greyish light, rather like the pre-dawn light, which he noticed in space at a certain height from the Earth's surface. I do not recall at what altitude he saw this light, but I seem to remember it was pretty high up—higher than the altitudes yet reached by our astronauts; so it will be interesting to see if they report this light when they venture off to the Moon.

In his book *Flying Saucer Farewell*, Adamski told of twelve planets in this solar system and *three*, not one, Asteroid Belts. Offhand I believe the second belt was somewhere between Neptune and Uranus, and the third belt somewhere beyond Pluto. It will indeed be interesting if astronomers also discover these, and further vindication for our splendid old Senior Astronaut. These belts he described as similar to the something in a TV tube which accelerates the speed of particles. In this case their function is to accelerate or to intensify energy from the Sun to the outer planets so that they are not as cold and dark as we think them to be. Again I am speaking from memory and readers should refer to the book for the full story. When the solar system is explored and these belts discovered it will indeed be a feather in Adamski's cap and cause a chuckle from whatever nicer planet he now inhabits, God Bless him!

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Mr. Brunt's support for the Adamski case was quite consciously given—if one reads between the lines!—EDITOR.]

Warminster Mystery

Sir,—I am sorry to see that the book *The Warminster Mystery* is in the worst tradition of the lunatic fringe—written in the most appalling chummy journalese: the data of what undoubtedly happened in Warminster blurred and obscured, often without precise dates and times: interspersed with unsupported material claiming personal contacts by the author, revelations to be made in his next book, etc.: accepting without discrimination every conceivable theory (for instance that the theory of orthoteny—now largely disowned by its own author—is linked with the highly dubious and in part discredited prehistoric 'ley' theory of the late Mr. Watkins.

As an example of the author's mental processes I need only mention that in

support of his unsupportable claim that UFOs land for water, and always where water is available, he points out (twice) that one alleged landing point is a 'watershed'. A watershed is of course the one place in the neighbourhood where there can be no water.

I understand the author has since been lecturing on the subject in the Isle of Wight, to the UFO Association there, where he made such wild claims and assertions that he met with a very mixed reception.

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The Wilmslow Police Sighting

Sir,—My account of the Wilmslow P.C.'s report on page 3 of the March-April, 1966, REVIEW needs correction in two respects. In particular, Mrs. Amy Walker was unable to corroborate the sighting—hers, although similar, proved to be about two weeks later. The other point is a minor one—apparently only one representative from the Ministry of Aviation interviewed Constable Perks, not two as stated.

R. H. B. Winder.
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The creatures at Bauru

Sir,—May one express the opinion that the first case on page 32 of *The Humanoids* is one of the most circumstantial yet logical contacts that has been reported. This is the incident at Bauru in Brazil in 1947. The entities indicated that they had come from Uranus.

From so great a distance the Sun must appear to be little more than a very large star and the daylight must be very dim, so the Uranians have large, round eyes to collect all the light they can, and for this reason our sunlight is too strong for them and they shun it.

It seems odd that such advanced beings should be gambolling and tossing boulders about until one remembers that Uranus is a very large planet with gravity correspondingly strong. Here they were able to hurl stones which they could scarcely lift at all at home, and they felt nearly weightless, so they were behaving exactly as we should behave on the moon!

It is believed now that Ufonauts may be projected. That is to say, their bodies are a temporary materialisation, a mock-up adjusted to the conditions prevailing on Earth, and they may bear little resemblance to the owners' true appearance. This would account for them all, in this instance, being identical. In their gravity it requires quite an effort to lift a foot; they don't want to do so more often than is necessary, so they have long legs.

In the same connection, the strange apparitions with claws and animal ears may have adopted this disguise, an absurd mask really, to avoid contact by inducing revulsion rather than by striking terror. When the time for contact does come they

would be greatly handicapped if they were universally feared. It seems to be an old trick—the Egyptian "gods" are portrayed with animal heads.

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The moon of Venus

Sir,—Having read recently reports that the two satellites of Mars, Phobos and Deimos, are suspected of being artificial 'moons', I wondered if any readers had heard about the mystery 'moon of Venus'.

For two hundred years, from 1690 until 1890, quite a number of astronomers, all of them reputable and some of them famous, had seen the moon of Venus. In point of fact the first sighting took place in 1672 when Giovanni Domenico Cassini noticed a small companion of the planet when observing it through his 34ft. long telescope. The object had the same phase as Venus, and its diameter was about one quarter that of the planet.

The moon was not seen again until 1740 when James Short watched it for an hour until the rising sun became too bright for observing. He never saw it again.

Another 19 years passed before it was seen again. In the year 1759 it was observed from Germany. Eighteen separate observations were made in 1761. While in transit across the disc of the Sun, Venus was seen accompanied by a small black dot.

Modern day astronomers scoff at the thought of Venus ever having a satellite, but the fact remains that something was seen in the vicinity of Venus in those days of old. Is it possible that it was an artificial space platform of some kind?

I am sure that if one were to study some of the notes made by those telescope pioneers some very interesting facts would come to light.

I would be very interested to hear from any readers who have any theories as to what the 'moon of Venus' was.

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Is 1968 the year?

Sir,—A few points raised in the May/June issue. The writing in A.V-B.'s saucer—which in part V of Dr. Fontes' article is mistakenly shown horizontal, rather than vertical as A.V-B. stated—is not only paralleled by the writing described by Betty and Barney Hill (*Important Discoveries*, FSR XII, 6). Writing of very similar character, with "sharp lines, some very thin, some medium, some very heavy", with "some dots, and straight lines and curved lines", and running vertically, is illustrated on p.35 of *The Flying Saucer Menace*, by Brad Steiger and August C. Roberts (Tandem 3/6). It is in the form of a scroll said to have been found by John Reeves of Brooksville, Fla., just after his encounter with a five-foot tall humanoid in March, 1962. The resemblance of many of the characters to those sketched by A.V-B. is quite striking.