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**Gordon Creighton as HM Consul
in Shanghai, China, 1938.**

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Subsequently served at various times at H.M. Vice-Consul at Tientsin, H.M. Vice-Consul at Chungking, and First Secretary again at the Embassy in Beijing. Further posts included various periods in the Far Eastern Department of the Foreign Office in London. Then as H.M. Consul at Nanking, H.M. Consul at Shanghai, H.M. Consul at Recife, Brazil, and Consul-General at Antwerp, Belgium, and New Orleans in the USA.

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Has been interested in Flying Saucers since the summer of 1941, when he saw one, over the Far West of China, not far from Tibet, when stationed at the British Embassy in Chungking, China's wartime Capital.

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However, for the past 16 years, presumably owing to the official posts that he has held and maybe owing to nervousness in certain quarters as to what he might say, Mr. Creighton has been rigidly excluded from participation in any British TV or Radio program on UFOs, and there appears to be an equally strict rule that neither he nor *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* can ever be even mentioned anywhere in the British media! ■



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EDITORIAL

We stand at the threshold -at a turning point of the utmost significance in human history. However, which way things will go is largely down to us, collectively, as a species, and as individuals.

I personally believe that the choice is one between Good and Evil. If we choose Good, then we may look forward to a true Golden Age of the flowering of humankind; a genuine renaissance at all levels in which all people may grow and prosper in body, economy, and spirit.

If, however, for lack of awareness, we choose the other -default- direction, I envisage that we may become plunged into a nightmare abyss of tyranny and enslavement, accompanied by the most appalling of human disasters and divisions.

The factor which will make the difference -and decide our future- is whether or not enough of us manage to wake up in time to a realisation of *what we really are* -and to individually and collectively assert and affirm our powers of action.

I maintain that we human beings are, in fact, nothing less than *-lesser gods!* The tragedy of our condition -and perhaps this is what is meant by the story of the Fall of Man- is that we have mostly lost our awareness of our true nobility, dignity, capacity, compassion, creativity, and curiosity -all those *qualities* which make us in fact *god-like!*

Instead we have come to accept a nihilistic and downgraded view of ourselves, and have become blind to the obvious about ourselves and the extraordinarily rich universe in which we have our being.

So corrupted by cynicism, nihilism, atheism, and reductionism have we become -that we have largely lost our mystical sensitivity which in fact connects us with a greater God, and is the *fount of all our inspiration.*

We have lost contact with the realisation that *Faith and Belief are in fact key factors in determining our reality.* This is partly because, in our brass-tacks world, we have started to suppose that imaginary things are not real. Well, actually they are. They are very real -but inner.

The entire edifice of human civilisation has in fact

been engineered through the operation of -the human imagination! So, how can we tell ourselves that the imaginary is not real and has no power over outer reality?

I maintain that thoughts and emotions are very definitely not unreal. They may be "imaginary" -which I take as meaning "inner"- but they are in fact the energies from which our whole world is constructed.

Thus we are truly the architects of our own destinies, in so far as we allow the creative process within us - which I fancy stems from what we call God- to flow freely through us.

We do in fact have the power of choice. However, it requires effort, and laziness could just be our downfall. "Whom the Gods wish to destroy they first make mad.." Well, just *lazy, blinkered and stupid would do...*

We live in an age in which it is literally possible to never need to think, for there is always someone prepared to do it for you...

Likewise there are many agencies which would like us to feel ourselves to be helpless, and whose objective it is to keep us as ignorant and slavish as possible... consumerism; governments and military; and dogmatic and flawed religions -to name a few. There may be others about whose agendas we can only speculate...

Already all the tools necessary to construct a nightmarish totalitarian society -of a kind hitherto impossible- are in place, and developing rapidly. These same tools, properly and wisely applied in the context of of an empowering philosophy, are the very means by which we could indeed achieve a Golden Age.

As the senior devil, Wormwood, admonishes the junior devil in C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*, in the course of his education in the business of corrupting and deceiving human life, "Remember, my dear Screwtape: Our trump card is that they (the humans) don't even believe we exist!"

We need to wake up -and affirm our individual power to build a better world! And it would be advisable to believe in both Go(o)d and (D)evil -and properly distinguish between them.

Remember: *The price of freedom is eternal vigilance!* -Philip Creighton.■