

An associate of mine has a 6 x 8 inch enlargement from the (Knutson) original negative, in colour. This blow-up shows in the top of the frame what appears to be a second UFO of similar shape.

I myself placed an advertisement in the local area newspaper in an attempt to locate witnesses to this particular sighting. Although not successful in this regard, I did however receive 16 phone calls in three days from various observers who had seen objects in that particular area within a three month period.

Two months prior to the Knutson sighting a UFO landed in a sandpit five air miles north-east. I spoke to the three young witnesses, saw the triangular landing pattern and had soil samples from the site analysed at two local universities, with interesting results.

Two weeks after the Knutson sighting an older couple witnessed a UFO at a low altitude and less than a hundred yards away. This sighting took place two miles south-east of the controversial Knutson area.

On April 8, 1975, a young man described an object seen one afternoon around 4.00 pm in clear, sunny skies. This sighting was two miles east of the location of the Knutson photograph.

This much I am aware of, but how

much more is going on I can only guess. It is also worthy of note that this corridor, fifteen miles long by two miles wide, is where these sightings occur. Right up the centre is a cross country power transmission line, carried on a series of tall pylons. These terminate at a transformer station, then branch off in three directions.

It is good that we don't accept all UFO photos that are offered to us as being the "real thing", and Mr. Greenwood should be given credit for drawing attention to the possibilities of a hoax being perpetrated. However on the basis of what I have seen, heard, and suspect, I think this is another jigsaw puzzle, the Knutson photo being one small piece, and a valid one at that.

Yours sincerely,

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Information required

Dear Sir,—I am writing to request that FSR contain the brief notice which I have typed below within the box. As this notice makes clear, I am presently collecting various information for a book that is dealing with the psychological component of the UFO phenomenon. I would very much like to include an appendix which lists all

current UFO groups, organizations, with addresses and key officials. Flying Saucer Review could play an important part in my search for this information. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Richard F. Haines

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UFO Study Groups Around the World — Notice

A technically orientated book is being prepared on the important subject of the psychosocial factors associated with UFO sightings. I would like to include as complete a list as possible of current UFO study groups in one of the appendices. If you would like your group to be referenced please provide the following information: 1. Full name of organization (in English & in native language). Also give initials (if any). 2. Mailing address of organization. 3. Name or names of current officials/leaders. 4. Brief statement of major objectives or areas of interest (one paragraph maximum).

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ON VALLEE'S INVISIBLE COLLEGE

Gordon Creighton

FROM the French scientist who gave us a thought-provoking little classic in *Passport to Magonia*, here is a new book — also surely destined to be one of the classics of 'our subject.' **The Invisible College; what a group of scientists has discovered about UFO influences on the human race** by Dr. Jacques Vallée (E.P. Dutton & Co., Inc., New York, 1975. Hardback, \$8.95) supplies a masterly coverage of many of its more bewildering aspects, ranging from the Control System and the triple cover-up, right through the psychic and paranormal component; prophecy; 'the physics of the B.V.M.'; Lourdes; Fátima; Guadelupe; the Mormon revelations; 'Ummo'; Puharich and Geller and the contact with 'Spectra'; the conditioning of 'Homo Sap.' (who gave him that title?); to the way in which religious creeds doubtless arise, and closing with some pointers to the form that the next Religion is likely to take. All in all, readers will probably agree that Dr. Vallée has made a further powerful contribution to the thesis (advanced by FSR for many years past) that, while the UFOs are 'real' enough, it is highly likely that some of them — if not indeed all of them — represent an

entirely different 'reality' from this day-to-day reality with which we are familiar in our ordinary waking lives, and that the correct historical precedent for the whole UFO problem, and the backdrop against which it must always be viewed, is *the traditional religious revelation*. (Also a thesis that some of us have been attempting to promote for years past.)

Science, concludes Dr. Vallée — or rather, one supposes we ought to say *our Science* — will never give us the answer to the UFO mystery.

(Doubtless for the excellent reason that the UFO mystery exemplifies someone else's Science — not ours!)

Listen however. The final sentences of the book convey an important message for us:—

"It is not simply our freedom that is in danger now. It is a certain concept of humanity. And it is no longer to science that we must turn to understand the nature of this psychic crisis and find its key. Nor will the answer be discovered in some secret file in Washington. The solution lies where it has always been: within ourselves. We can reach it any time we want."

The author of these words — do I have to emphasise it? — is not the non-scientist Gordon Creighton, but the holder of a Master's degree in Astrophysics from a French university and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, where he spent four years as an associate of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, at that time the U.S. Air Force's Scientific Consultant on UFOs.

As Dr. Vallée perceives the situation then, and as more and more other folk around the world are beginning to perceive it, our species, this 'naked ape' that greeted the New Century but 75 years ago with so much fulsome, facile optimism, is far down on the skids now, and the much-trumpeted dream of the Marxists and materialists of the Earthly Paradise has faded away. Somewhere along the line things have gone wrong, badly wrong, for Smart-alecky Homo Sap. To a discerning few whose inner eyes are open, the cause is plain. For all too long has the naked ape harkened to the promptings of demonic playmates against which every true prophet and seer (Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn the latest) has warned. If disaster is now to be avoided, we have very, very little time.

What precise role the various categories of UFO entities are here to play in all this we may not yet see clearly, but there seem to be pointers, and it should now surely be our primary objective to ascertain as speedily as possible whether these matters are something that, by his very nature, a mere naked ape is even capable of knowing?

That the whole picture is immensely complex we cannot doubt. As William James once observed: "The Demonic Theory will come into its own again one day, mark my words." (My quotation is approximate.) Some of us, while concurring in this view, may also feel that *where there are Demons — and they are here already in immense strength — then it is certain that there could be, and perhaps will be when the Crunch comes, Angels too.*

There is a suggestive passage in one of Carlos Castaneda's books, where Don Juan warns him about a certain type of person, present among us, *who possesses no aura.* This is a most important pointer to what is happening here beneath our very noses.

Time is running out fast. All the indications — economic, social, political, demographic, geographic, geological, scientific — are that we are now in an exponential situation, and that before the close of this century, cataclysmic and apocalyptic events will rend the planet. Maybe few of our species will come through what lies ahead. And it may well be that, even now, certain categories of our 'Visitors' are engaged in the preliminary work of selecting the survivors. (This could make sense of the biological and genetic examinations so frequently reported.) Anyway, let us not delude ourselves. We shall see *The Four Horsemen.*

As the waves of senseless, irrational violence (telepathically induced?) rise higher and higher on the Earth, soon to engulf every country, and as the signs of moral and spiritual decay multiply, who can doubt that certain of the 'UFO entities' have a hand in the wrecking, and in the stirring of the

nauseating brew? From the cases regularly carried in FSR it should be clear to all of us by now what can be achieved by the control of minds. *If individuals or groups can be thus controlled, so too can governments and whole nations. The Gadarene swine can be skilfully steered over into the abyss.*

It is difficult not to feel a real degree of admiration. A truly marvellous wrecking job is being done! Even the Christian Churches (along with every human organization, political, social, scientific, economic) have been deeply infiltrated!

For the great mass of mankind who are not — and by their very nature cannot be — awake, events must probably take their course. Decision-making does not lie in the hands of naked apes, but in the hands of Powers That Stand Above. (Some might employ the no longer fashionable or trendy blanket term 'God.')

For a minority who are awake however, possibilities exist — indeed even greater possibilities than in more normal epochs. An Eastern saying runs that *the Light burns brighter in the darkness.* And Gurdjieff always taught that the amount of 'knowledge' available to mankind is finite, and that times of war and breakdown of civilization, "when others are abandoning knowledge and throwing it away," are unequalled opportunities to get more of it...

There is a source from which the Renewal can come, and always has come, whereby a naked ape may once again become a Man. But as Dr. Vallée sees, the process must start inside the naked ape. And it requires some help from outside too ("Grace", some old-fashioned folk might call it.)

As the planetary cauldron heaves and seethes, and as the "Others" — both "Goodies" and "Baddies" — hover over and around the mess, playing their appointed roles, surely one thing at least ought by now to be clear to even the dimmest wit among us — namely that neither "Goodies" nor "Baddies" are likely to be here for the mere purpose of social chitchat or 'cosmic visiting' with the naked ape! "Sky-watches" and the like may bring plenty of rheumatism, but precious little else.

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World round-up

of news and comment
about recent sightings

England

Teeth-grinding encounter

This account has been sent to us by Miss Jenny Randles who is BUFORA research co-ordinator,—

“During late January there was considerable reported activity of unidentified objects in the region to the north and west of Greater Manchester. This seems to have centred on the town of Bolton, though an interesting case was recorded from Blackburn which is just to the north.

“The first hint that things were happening came with a brief note in the *Bolton Evening News* on January 24, 1976, that a girl had witnessed something the previous night. On January 27 the same paper featured a more detailed story, with mention of a further sighting on Sunday the 25th. The Direct Investigation Group for Aerial Phenomena began investigation, under the supervision of Arthur Tomlinson. They discovered that the January 23rd sighting was quite significant, involving as it did a close encounter with possible physical effects.

“Miss Shelley Barnes (17), a receptionist, was the witness. She was returning home from work at about 6.05 p.m. when she saw a brilliant light over the nearby Rumworth Lodge Reservoir. It was over an area where houses were being built, and at first looked like a car's rear light transposed to the sky. Suddenly the light shot towards her at a speed she estimates as about one mile per second. Then it was hovering low down over the roof tops just ahead of her and she could now quite clearly make out its shape.

“The object was described as like a ‘flat topped diagonal’ with a rounded part underneath. There were two lights on it, one a dim red and the other a rich amber. They appeared to be coming from *within* the object and although not very bright allowed the shape to be seen and left a clear impression of a metallic structure. She estimated the width of the object as about 20–25 feet.

“Miss Barnes noticed what appeared to be a diffuse whitish glow around the rim, but this suddenly disappeared as the object tilted away at an angle — still hovering — and began to spin extremely fast. She had heard no sound at all despite the extremely close proximity of the object (only a few yards). As it began to spin, however, she felt a peculiar grinding sensation in her lower teeth.

Could this have been due to the presence of ultra sonic sound?

“Being absolutely terrified by this time, she fled the scene leaving the object still there. She reported it immediately to the police who were very convinced by her sincerity, as also were the investigators who interviewed her. No explanation, such as an aircraft, was found for the sighting, and perhaps, as a further testimony of the seriousness of the witness, she refused to appear on a Granada TV programme to be interviewed about her observation because ‘they were not treating it seriously enough.’”

Bulgaria

Another sighting from Sofia

Our correspondent in Bulgaria sends us the account of a close friend of hers of a sighting she made just before sunrise from a mountain which rises in the neighbourhood of Sofia, the Capital city:—

“On Saturday, February 28, I climbed to the Black Peak and spent the night there. On the next day, Sunday February 29, a bit before sunrise, I went out of the house. It was very beautiful, and the sky was perfectly clear without a single cloud. Turning east I saw two objects each in the form of a crescent moon but twice as big as we usually see the moon. They were glittering like silver. The one was a bit higher up and the other was more to the right and lower down towards the horizon, near to where the Sun was about to rise. They were not moving. They stayed there as if pinned to the sky.

“Thinking I might be having an hallucination, I went in and told the woman warden of the tourist hostel that the morning was very beautiful and that she should come out. She did come and after a minute she exclaimed: ‘Look! Two flying saucers!’ So I was not having hallucinations. She too saw what I was seeing. We both watched them for some time and then the woman who was in charge of the meteorological station on the Peak came out and in a minute she too asked: ‘Are you watching the two saucers up there?’

“Soon the two women went in to attend to their jobs. I stayed for another five to ten minutes until the sun came up. But when it did come up, I could no longer see the lower object that was nearer to the sun's rising place, perhaps due to the great brilliance. Not one of the objects made any movement. Feeling chilly I went in and did not see how the other body vanished. In about half an hour or so

two young men came to the Peak. They had started early that morning from the city itself and were talking about how, whilst climbing the mountain, they had for a long time watched two saucers, one higher than the other, hanging immobile in the eastern sky.”

Our correspondent adds that she is very sorry that she was not with her friend on this occasion. Usually she takes her camera and surely a very good picture could have been taken, the sky being perfectly clear. But, she hopes, there will be another time.

Spain

Frequent landings

The Buenos Aires newspaper *El Cronista Commercial* May 19, 1975, quoted a report from the newspaper *Sur*, published in Malaga, Spain, regarding lengthy investigations carried out by the local UFO group, C.I.D.E.

This account states that, from the second fortnight of February until the end of April 1975, frequent UFO landings took place on hills in the neighbourhood of a local village, Valle de Abdalajis.

Eyewitnesses described how they saw the objects moving about in the sky over the El Cepillar plain, the Cerillo Conejo, and the Molina hill. The objects had powerful orange lights and were of the apparent size of 1½ metres.

The C.I.D.E. investigation group visited the Abdajalis Valley on April 15 and 25. The party, consisting of scientists and intellectuals, commenced their night observation at 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 19. At 01.00 a.m. they observed an object emitting an intense blue light “like a halo” (this effect being described as “due to the low clouds”) and with a red light at one of its ends.

The observers stated that two powerful reflectors, of an intensely white light, came on on the object. These seemed to be articulate and directional.

The whole object emitted a yellowish glow. The total length of the sighting time was 15–20 minutes. (After two minutes or so the witnesses were forced to stop using the binoculars, as the light was so powerful that it was blinding if they tried to look at it through the binoculars for more than a few seconds.)

One member of the party, who was sitting in a car, finally switched on the car headlights, whereupon the object made off at high speed.

Credit to Jane Thomas of Buenos Aires, and thanks to her for the translation.