

IS THE EARTH A CULTURE MEDIUM?

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H G. Wells was right, as we remember the "pay-off" in his story *War of the worlds*: the aliens were vanquished by Earth's bacterial infections, to which man was immune, but to which the aliens had no immunity. My contention is that a similar situation could have been occurring with occupants of UFOs.

First we notice the reluctance of the aliens to make contact with humans; perhaps they are afraid of contagious infections. To support this point we notice that they are said always to wear protective covering and helmets, but not, apparently, as we originally speculated, to protect them from our atmosphere, but to prevent them breathing in spores from that atmosphere. Again, this would explain the strange antics of UFOs in various areas of the world — from taking up water, to testing for sterility in samples of plants and soil — for they cannot land and expose themselves unless the area chosen is free from bacterial and virus invaders.

Secondly, we see another piece of evidence in several contact stories, where blood samples have been taken from "victims," and frequently by tubes and suction, as in the case of A. Villas Boas. Surely this must be for testing for antibodies which we earthlings all have in our blood. They may use this blood for developing a vaccine for immunising themselves against current infections.

For it would appear that the UFO entities are unable to sustain an existence on our planet without previous immunisation against all the current viruses and bacteria which permeate our atmosphere and lives. This immunity could be short lived and fresh samples of blood from earthlings must be obtained at frequent intervals to keep their immunity high.

During times of epidemics on the earth — when fresh immunisation is required against virulent organisms — so there may be a rash of UFO sightings, landings and abductions, for an immunisation programme.

It would be instructive to plot incidences of landings against incidences of epidemics in the last fifty years when I assume we would find identical

curves. We can conclude that the aliens may have lost their powers of immunity to infection, or they may have had it suppressed by radiations on their own planet, or from space. Is the earth a giant "culture medium" for bacteria and viruses, and do space aliens come here to obtain blood samples, to prepare vaccines to build up their immunity? Failure of immunity, or lack of immunity, would mean the death of the alien — and, by the way, how do they dispose of their dead? By burial, or by cremation? We must not forget that they often have been reported digging holes, and the purpose of this may not always be for retrieving soil samples.

I feel that the time has come for a new appraisal of the whys and wherefores of the landings and sightings, for we must remember that the earth's gravity field attracts all manner of space debris including spores of bacteria and viruses. These sink down into our atmosphere where warmth and moisture are ideal for their multiplication. This is repeated in humans until conditions are ripe for an epidemic. During this period a high titre of antibodies is built up in human blood. After the epidemic, the blood concentration of antibodies is very high, an ideal time for non-immune aliens to prepare a vaccine.

So we must study areas of the earth, after epidemics, for sightings of helmeted and protective covered creatures. Later, having immunised themselves, for a short time the aliens will be safe to make direct contacts... Still later, their immunity wears off, and they avoid contact and appear only in isolated sterile surroundings well away from human habitations.

Let us not forget that we can read in the Bible, and no doubt elsewhere, of objects being seen in the skies after epidemics or plagues, and of "contacts" having been made. There springs to mind the story of the Plagues in Egypt, of the Flight of the Hebrews, of the passage of the Red Sea and of the Pillar of Cloud by day and of fire by night.

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ON THE SIRIUS MYSTERY

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AN excellent new book *The Sirius Mystery* by Robert K.G. Temple (published by Sidgwick and Jackson, £6.95; 272 pages with appendices and index), presents a serious research into knowledge which has been lost but which, apparently, was well established over 5,000 years ago; it seems to have influenced profoundly the Sumerian and Egyptian hierarchies towards civilisation. Robert Temple's researches make it evident that these leaders civilisation were actually guided in their thoughts towards their great achievements on this planet, and it is to be hoped that more and more people will become aware of his work. There is a good chance that this is likely to come about because, already, a second printing has been ordered by the publishers, and the author and his book are to be welcomed in America this year. No doubt, a new edition of the book will be published in the U.S.A. Indeed, one of the most remarkable aspects of this publication has been the widespread and extensive reviews that have been published in the Press and the many interviews which have been broadcast by radio featuring the author and his work.

Briefly, the story is that some beings called Nommos arrived in the country now called Libya more than 3,000 years B.C. before the start of the Egyptian dynasties. These Nommos were received, so Robert Temple's researches show, by a community in Libya who have been identified, after successive migrations, as a tribe by the name of Dogon. They have been found in the Mali region of the South Sahara. They have a religion and a priesthood which are based upon a remarkable knowledge of the brightest light in the heavens, after the Sun, Moon and Venus — the star, Sirius.

The mystery featured in the title lies in the process by which advanced astronomical knowledge came into the possession of men who lived so long ago and had no technological means of gaining that information. Sirius, of course, has been an object of interest to mankind considering the heavens for many years, but the fact that Sirius is more than a single star has only been known to astronomers for about one hundred years. The further fact that there is a secondary star moving around the main star has much more recently been discovered. Furthermore, there are things about this tiny, adjacent star — Sirius B — which make it remarkably interesting astronomically. For instance, it was the first-to-be-discovered White Dwarf; it has been proved to be immensely heavy — its specific gravity being several thousand times that of water. Also, its orbit around Sirius A takes about fifty years, and that orbit is uneven in its track because of some interference which is now believed to be an as-yet-unobserved Sirius C, and either Sirius C or Sirius B is believed by the astronomers to have a satellite revolving around it. But all the facts just mentioned and the final theories about Sirius C and

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a satellite are included in the beliefs and religious rites of the Dogon tribe now living in Mali.

The mystery is diligently explored in the book by the author who thus clearly establishes himself as a man of intellectual integrity. And the fact that he has latterly been accepted as a Ph.D student in the University of Warwick in the Historical Faculty shows that he is also well regarded by our Intellectual Establishment.

Readers may not all need to study in detail the middle part of the book which is largely concerned to prove the reliability of the evidences which go towards solving the mystery; that is, the explanation of the influences upon the Dogon tribe and upon the Sumerian and Egyptian dynasties. But a mystery which remains is in regard to the means of arrival of the Nommos on this planet from Sirius, if, indeed, they came from Sirius B. The evidences for this supposition are hard to accept but, nevertheless, are very strong that these Nommos (capable of dematerialisation, perhaps) arrived on Earth in a space craft and that they were of a "merman" type of being, which required occasional if not habitual immersion in water. For that reason, the space ship landed in a hollow which was then inundated with water.

The reading public throughout the world has become accustomed to the idea of spaceships and, through their interest in UFOs, they may be ready to accept the idea of dematerialisation. It may be that starry-eyed acceptance has too readily been given to the modern range of literature about extra-terrestrial technologies and the beings which are said to fly in UFOs. None of that literature, however, has been based on serious original research by any of the many authors. *The Sirius Mystery* is clearly an entirely new departure perhaps not in the same

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