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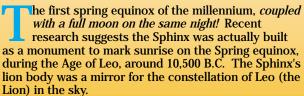
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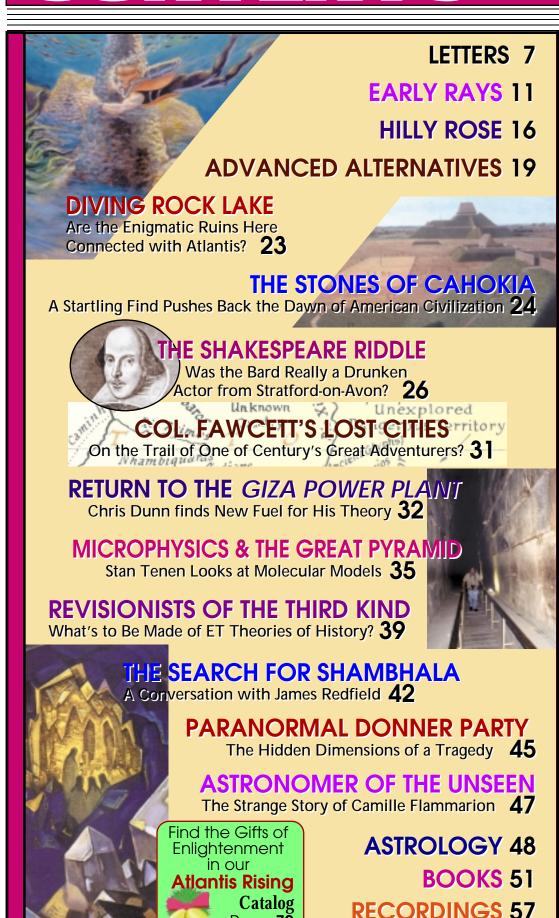
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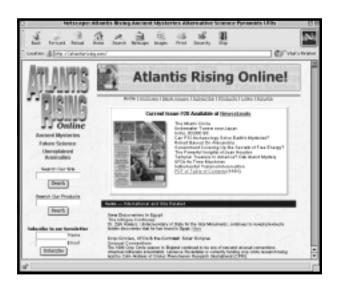
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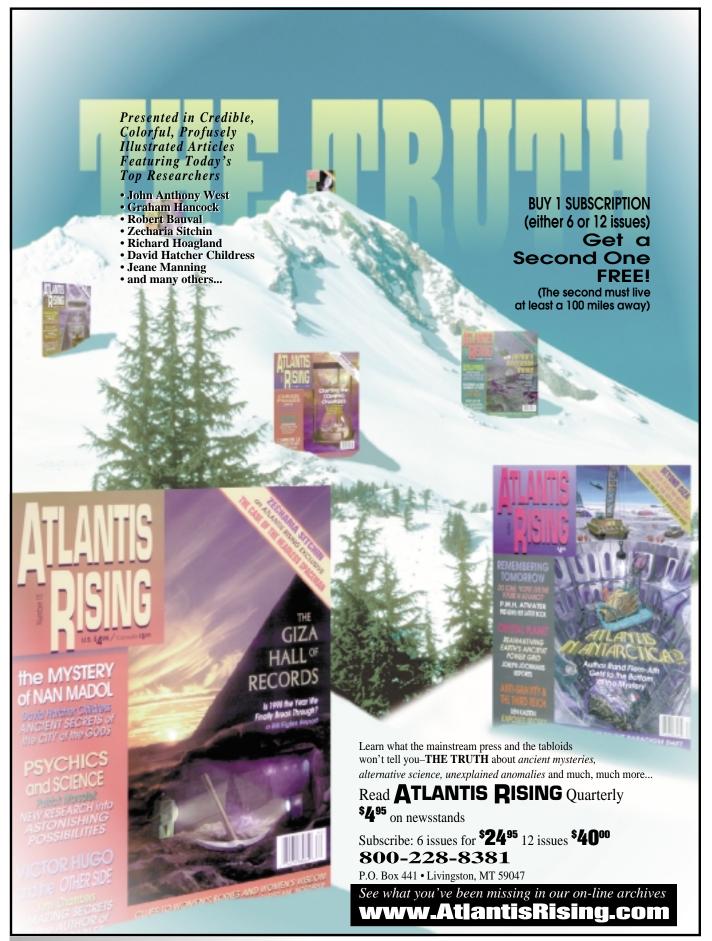
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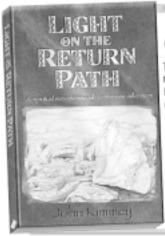
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#### **WONDERS OF ABYDOS**

In your #20 issue a certain Edmund S. Meltzer Ph.d takes issue with (Richard) Hoagland (A.R. #19 p. 12) and claims that what appears to be a depiction of a helicopter (Seti Temple at Abydos) is simply a bow and goes on to give what I am sure is an erroneous translation. He claims that it reads to the effect of "Repeller of foreign lands" and I must wonder how he could have arrived at such an obvious misconception? The simple hieroglyph for bow can be clearly seen as such in a laying down position (see The Hieroglyphic Dictionaries A & B by Sir Wallace Budge) and it has no upright rudder attached nor is the form of the bow as elaborate as the picture from the Seti Temple.

Furthermore Mr. Meltzer is grossly in error while suggesting "repeller of foreign lands" as the correct glyphs are nothing alike in comparison. Therefore I must wonder why the supposedly trained (Ph.d?) Mr. Meltzer would suggest that the glyph in question was simply that of a bow when it obviously is not and in fact does for all the world appear to be as Mr. Hoagland suggests, a helicopter? In support of Mr. Hoagland (as impossible as his case may seem at first glance) I would also like to add that I have spent numerous hours with my nose buried in the great body of work done by Sir Wallace Budge and I have yet to turn up anything that resembles those glyphs seen at the Seti Temple.

Perhaps further on-location close examinations are in order relating to this very interesting artifact as it may well be one more weighty stone to help raise a curtain of ignorance from the true glories of ancient Egypt.

R. B. McEntire Internet

Thank you for the opportunity to send a follow-up message. Since sending my E-mail of 5/14/99, 1 think I have succeeded in reading other



carved-over signs in the Abydos hieroglyphs (with some help from photographs credited to Dr. Ruth McKinley-Hover, published in World Explorer vol. 2 #4). 1 think that DER "repeller, subduer" is carved over another word, probably SEQER "striker, smiter." Thus the first version would have read "striker/smiter of the foreign lands." The horizontal cartouche at the left edge of the photo is a palimpsest: Usermaatre-Setepenre (= Ramesses 11) carved over Menmaatre-Tytre (= his father Sety 1). Of course, the best way to correctly identify all the palimpsest traces would be to examine the surface itself.

Edmund S. Meltzer, Ph.D. Internet

I know from research that I'm doing for another book that there is a hidden chamber in the lower level of the temple of Abydos and that it relates to origins in some fashion. As a matter of interest (though most of you must know) Abydos is always mentioned in connection with Osiris, ie., "I ascend to the sky, my wing feathers are those of a great bird. My entrails have been washed by Anubis, and the encircling of Horus and the embalming of Osiris have been carried § 1123 out in Abydos."

"Raise yourself as Osiris, as a spirit, the § 794 son of Geb, his first-born! You arise as Anubis who is on the baldachin, the Ennead tremble at you, the three-day festival is celebrated for you, you are pure for the New Moon, your appearing is for the monthly festival, the Great Mooring-post calls to you as to Him who stands up and cannot tire, who dwells in Abydos."

I'm not able to conduct an in situ research of the site myself, but I can help find the chamber. I know it's hidden behind swinging doors in the lowest accessible level, (The door is most probably hinged, although I'm not certain, on centrally located, horizontally opposed, trunnions of the type used on the entrance to the Great Pyramid.)

In response please copy: dbowles @earthlink.net & tlhoward@ dmci.net.

James Bowles Author of "The Gods, Gemini, and The Great Pyramid"

#### **SHIFTING POLE?**

A few issues back in Atlantis Rising, I told you I observed 'the sun traveling a more northern route. I now have measurements. Solar noon is the most accurate time. My information is that the measured angle of the sun on June 16, 1999 was 73°18', which verifies my 1998 measurement. This works out to a declination of 18°52' on June 16.

What does this mean? Let us do the background. Traditionally, the Earth is tilted (declined) at 23°25' out of the orbital plane. When measured at my latitude on June 16, I should get a sun angle reading of 77°38'. The formula is:

\* Sun angle = 90° - Latitude + Decliation \*

The declination of the day I measured is available from any *Farmer's Almanac*. I used Blum's. Substituting:

Sun angle =  $90^{\circ}$  -  $35^{\circ}34'$  +  $23^{\circ}12'$ 

Sun angle =  $77^{\circ}38'$ 

Since I had 73°18', I can feed that into the rearranged formula:

Declination = Sun angle - 90° + Latitude

 $d = 73^{\circ}18' - 90^{\circ} + 35^{\circ}34'$ 

 $d = 18^{\circ}52'$ 

This gives a declination difference of:  $23^{\circ}12' - 18^{\circ}52' = 4^{\circ}20'$ 

The Summer Solstice d = 23°25', or

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13' beyond June 16, so we add that to our new declination reading for the <u>new</u> Summer Solstice angle of 18°52' + 13' = 19°05'. This is the present tilt of the Earth.

We are more upright than before, creating new temperature and weather patterns. Have you noticed? The night star pattern will also be shifted in perspective if you have a way of measuring it. We have a new "north pole" location in the northern stars.

You should verify this information. To do so, you need to establish a true North-South line. A compass reading will be off some according to your longitude and the magnetic pole location. Once your N-S line is established, scribe it onto your driveway or sidewalk. Drive a metal rod into the ground at the south end, so a determined length is above ground. When the rod's shadow is on the N-S line, it is solar noon. Mark the shadow length.

You have the rod length and the shadow length, and by trigonometry can find the sun's angle for the day of measurement.

Tan angle = opposite adjacent.

A trig book will give the angle in degrees and minutes. Feed that information into the first formula, and you are on your way!

David A Wilson of Lorien House Black Mountain, NC

#### **SHIFTING HORIZONS**

Regarding the Halton Arp Quasar article in AR 20; I did not observe a Doppler shift in the Hale-Bopp Comet with my unaided eye. Did telescopes see the comet as blue when it approached and red when it went away? How fast must an object be traveling for the effect to be observable? With sonics the object need not be traveling near the speed of sound to create a very noticeable shift, as many have observed with the howl of truck tires or the shriek of a train whistle

I am guessing the Doppler effect is produced by the mechanism used by John Keely's water hammer motor. i.e. light comes to a telescope reflector, reflects back toward the source, meets and synchronizes with the next wave and is carried toward the telescope by that wave creating an additive synthesis. This increases the energy of the light. causing a rise in frequency. I wonder however if the second incident wave is capable of capturing the first reflected wave. Also, while this guess explains the blue shift of an approaching object, I do not see what

could explain the red shift of a receding one.

Does this guess (I hesitate to call so simple a program by the dignified name of theory) say that refracting telescopes and human eyes have not enough reflection to create a blue shift? Has a blue shift ever been observed by a refractor telescope?

As a quasar ages it loses some of its red shift. The author says this is a function of age not velocity. Why can it not be both? When a quasar is ejected from a galaxy it is moving away from us faster than the parent, but with time it could slow, especially if the parent is gravitically pulling it back, until a stasis position is reached due either to the presence of a repulsive force matching the gravitation or to an outward yearning of the quasar created by internal forces (of which I know nothing) native to all quasars.

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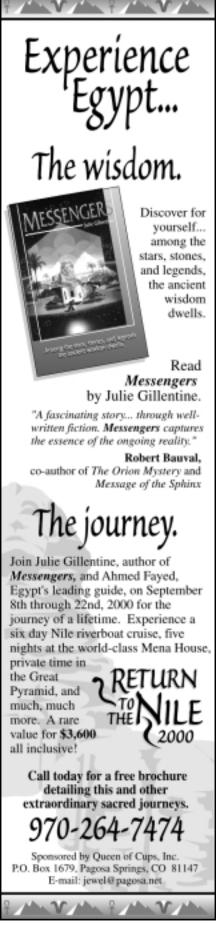
#### CHALLENGING MATRIARCHY

I would like to take exception to the opinions voiced in your Threshold article "Does Literacy Undermine Left/ Right-Brain Harmony?" Good science cannot result from bad logic—in the form of seriously flawed syllogisms.

The author's basic syllogism goes something like this. Major premise: In prehistoric and early historic times, the right hemisphere of the brain of humans was dominant. Minor Premise: the right brain is a repository of matriarchal attitudes and is the source of good; the left hemisphere of the brain is male, and not so good. Conclusion: the introduction of left brain dominance (signaled by the introduction of writing) led to the down fall of the good, matriarchal, egalitarian world of the past.

The author writes "Although rightbrain religious messages of love and tolerance clearly benefited human society, when written down they were often used to denigrate and destroy." And I would ask the author, "This didn't happen in pre-literate societies? Blood sacrifice, slavery, the imposition of ideas and beliefs on the multitudes?" One doesn't have to go far to find, historically and currently, evidence of very negative things associated with over-emotional, right hemisphere dominance. In fact, one has to wear historical blinders (assuming as a lima the correctness of the author's proposition about right and left hemisphere control) to overlook all the negativity associated with ancient matriarchal socie-

(For another revisiting of history and examination of its relation to the  $\rightarrow$ 



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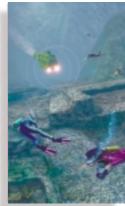
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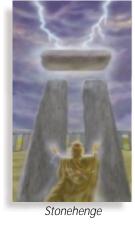




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right and left brain dichotomy, one might read Julian Jayne's fascinating "The Origins Of Consciousness In The Breakdown Of The Bicameral Mind." Jaynes makes essentially the same argument, only he ascribes the changes to shifting consciousness from right brain to left, not to literacy per se.)

The author goes on (I visited his web site) to draw correlations between hallmarks in historical literacy and various bad things that happened. I could just as easily draw correlations between the changing fashions in pottery and various historical circumstances (600 B.C. The Greek pottery makers began using a phi cure in the upper quadrants of their amphoras; 601 B.C., orgies began flourishing in Sparta and Athens. Ah ha!)-but that is not proof that the former influenced the latter.

Finally, in support of Dr. Shalin's theories, the article states he backs up his thesis with copious references." (emphasis added) Mind you, if all it took to make good science was copious references, we'd still be in the dark ages.

The assumptions that all religious principles and precepts were manifestations of the right hemisphere of the brain, and that our au courant view of split-hemisphere functions is correct, are simplistic at best and certainly not supported by history, physiology, or psychology.

Writing is, after all, merely an extension of speech. Is speech bad for a society? Look at our primate cousins and decide if you'd trade in your pen and notebook for a life unfettered by that mean old literate left brain. When one gives just consideration to the pastruled by mother goddesses or notalongside the simple pleasures of agrarian and riparian culture one might note the frequency of war, endemic ignorance, starvation, slavery, checked disease, blood sacrifice and rule by tyranny.

Neither Dr. Shalin's major nor minor premise is valid and his conclusion is thus insupportable.

As for me, I'll take a digital, information overloaded, traffic-jammed seventy years or so in the twentieth century proudly over an excursion into Dr. Shalin's mythical vision of an egalitarian, matriarchal past.

As for my left and right hemispheres, they are in agreement on one thing: Copious references or not, they know a key-hole theorizing when they see it.

Michael R. Warren

#### **HALL OF RECORDS SEARCH GETS HAWASS GO AHEAD**



Cover art by Tom Miller for Atlantis Rising #15

As the fateful hour approaches and millions prepare to celebrate the turn of the millennium in exotic locales all around the world, probably no spot will get more attention on that celebrated eve than the Giza plateau in Egypt, where the possibility that a "hall of records" may yet be discovered has now been given new life. Most of the players in the great debate over the origins of the pyramids, and in fact, of civilization itself will be on hand, including Robert Bauval, Graham Hancock, Zahi Hawass and many more.

Many of the group were in Virginia Beach for the A.R.E. (Association for Research and Enlightenment) annual Egypt conference in August where attendees were provided with previews of upcoming events at Giza including plans to place a new gold capstone on the Great Pyramid at midnight December 31. Most of the news, however, was made by Egypt's antiquities director Zahi Hawass. Conferees were astounded to hear him announce that the Joseph Schor Group is being given another chance to find the "Hall of Records," and before the end of the year. Schor and associates had initiated the project several years ago but had been rebuffed in efforts to obtain an excavation permit, despite evidence from sonic testing that an anomalous cavity appears to exist beneath the Sphinx. At the time the story created considerable excitement, seeming, as it did, to corroborate the prophecies of Edgar Cayce and others, that a Hall of Records left by builders from Atlantis would be found in the area. Later when almost no conclusive results were forthcoming, many felt that a cover-up was underway. The internet has buzzed with dark speculation ever since. It is still not clear just how far the Schor group will be permitted to go this time, but hope springs eternal.

Hawass also announced that the much discussed "Gantenbrink Door" at the end of the shaft from the Queen's chamber will be opened in the Spring of 2000. The "door," discovered in 1993 by the robotic camera of German engineer Rudolph Gantenbrink has also been the subject of conjectures from many, including Graham Hancock and Robert Bauval, that it also might lead to some kind of records cache left by the builders of the Great Pyramid. As it turns out Hancock and Bauval have also announced plans to be at Giza for the first equinox of the new century.

At the A.R.E. conference another presentation was from Chris Dunn author of the Giza Power Plant. You can read his account elsewhere in this issue of new evidence from Egypt to buttress his case that the ancients possessed advanced technology. You can also participate in forums on the issues Dunn has raised, as well as on other topics related to ancient Egypt (and, for that matter, anything else we cover) on our web site at AtlantisRising.com. Just click on the "forums" option.

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#### DEBUNKERS GO AFTER BIBLE 'CODE'

he controversial theory made popular by a best-selling book that the original Hebrew text of the Bible contains a code which can be read to obtain information about current events has been attacked by the scientific establishment.

The academic journal Statistical Science, which published the original report which drew attention to the possibility of "The Bible Code" has now published another report essentially debunking its first report. The three re-



searchers challenging the theory say, "Despite a considerable amount of effort, we have been unable to detect the codes."

The hidden references, it had been purported, could be detected by turning the Hebrew text into a string of letters without spaces and looking for equally spaced letters which spelled out anomalous messages. Some of those messages, claimed Michael Drosnin in his *The Bible Code* (Simon & Schuster, 1997) predicted many of the most important events of our time including the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Most leading Bible scholars have ignored "the code" all along, pointing out that nobody has a letter-by-letter version of the Bible as originally written.

For the story of another controversial code based on the works of William Shakespeare, read the article elsewhere in this issue.

#### **EARLY RAYS**



Teotihuacan. Temple of the Moon in foreground, Temple of the Sun in the distance

## DOES A SKELETON BENEATH TEMPLE SOLVE MYSTERY OF TEOTIHUACAN?

ew clues to the mysterious past of Mexico's Teotihuacan are emerging.

For the past year, archaeologists have been digging a tunnel beneath the Pyramid of the Moon, and in September the skeleton of a man surrounded by offerings including greenstone figurines, obsidian knives, eagles and jaguars was unearthed. Scientists are excited by what they believe will provide a great deal of information and hopefully clues to the untimely end of

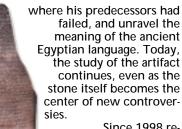
the astounding civilization which once occupied the spot.

Early speculation has it that the skeleton is about 1,800 years old, dating it about 500 to 600 years before the immense city was inexplicably deserted and left to the mercies of the jungle. Yet while questions regarding the city's demise may perhaps be closer to solution, the riddle of Teotihuacan's origins remains completely beyond the reach of the scientific establishment.

## **COULD ROSETTA STONE STILL HOLD KEY TO WISDOM OF THE ANCIENTS?**

As the millennium turns, the original key to our understanding of ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics, the Rosetta Stone remains central to continuing efforts by the modern world to understand the origins of civilization. To celebrate the bicentenary of the discovery of the Stone, a special exhibit, featuring the artifact itself, now at the British Museum will run through January 16.

In 1822 the translation of an ancient Ptolemaic inscription into three languages, including hieroglyphics provided the brilliant young French Egyptologist Jean-Francois Champollion the means to succeed



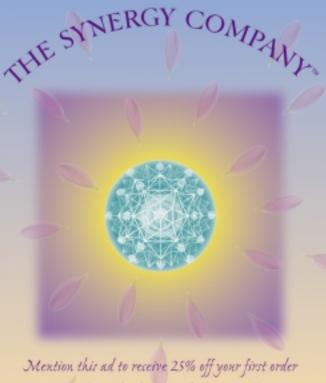
Since 1998 researchers Graham Hancock and Robert Bauval have conducted an international campaign to get the stone returned to its original owners, the Egyptians,

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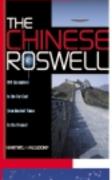
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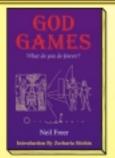
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#### **NEW POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE** TARGETS OFFICIAL U.S. UFO SECRECY

he first political action committee in history to directly target the politics of UFO/ET phenomena was announced by executive director Stephen Bassett in July on Art Bell's Coast to Coast. Funding of the PAC will center on its website at www.X-PPAC.org and national radio appearances by Bassett throughout the year.



Secret anti-gravity testing in Nazi Germany? (Artist's Conception)

The Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee, X-PPAC, filed papers with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) as an independent PAC on February 13, 1999. It will be based in the Washington, D.C. metro area.

The primary mission of X-PPAC is to end the government embargo of facts confirming the presence of extraterrestrial life forms in our world and to form a partnership between the government and the American people to create policy dealing with this fact.

Secondary targets include reforming the massive secrecy infrastructure built up in the U.S. since 1947, and freeing up technology currently sequestered behind the National Security Act curtain which could impact the escalating destruction of the global environment.

X-PPAC will seek to assist a full range of pending political activities such as: the UFO State Ballot Initiative, national Open Congressional Hearing Petition, direct lobbying, newspaper and television ads, direct contributions to candidates, grass roots education, and more. X-PPAC will also be in a position to reach out to established environmental and secrecy reform groups to define common interests. Citizens would have a long-needed vehicle to direct their concerns to government in unambiguous, unavoidable terms regarding the cover-up of UFO/ET evidence and policy.

As a champion of secrecy reform and open government, it is appropriate that X-PPAC will exceed minimum disclosure requirements. All financial transactions, including bulk deposits and itemized expenditures, will be posted to the X-PPAC website within 48 hours. This will allow contributors and the interested public to follow X-PPAC activities in real-time. This extraordinary openness coupled with the required FEC financial filings will ensure that operations will be above reproach.

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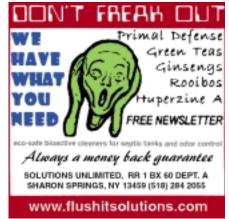
#### **POSSIBLE NAZI CANCER CURE SUGGESTED BY NEW RESEARCH**

id Nazi doctors discover a cure for Cancer? According to author Jerome L. Cohen, they may have. It seems that in 1945 a captured SS physician Fritz Fischer told Nuremberg investigators, "I have found a solution to the cancer problem." Whether there is further direct corroboration for the statement isn't clear, but Cohen says he found evidence that Nazi doctors were allowed to escape the gallows, "physicians who," he says, "practiced beyond the constraints of the Hippocratic Oath." Holocaust survivors who had met the notorious Dr. Josef Mengele were among those he interviewed in his extensive research and he also spoke to former American soldiers

ries of secret Nazi documents which were ordered destroyed by high-level U.S. officials.

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Now Cohen, a U.S. Army veteran and registered nurse, has written a novel based on the possibility that there may have been a massive conspiracy to hide a Nazi cure for cancer. The Gravestone Accord is published by Tristan von Taus & Co and is available in bookstores.



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#### THE PRIORITIES OF COMMUNICATION

y business is communicating. Whether I am writing to you by way of this column or hosting the Art Bell radio program, I am communicating ideas and opening new avenues for you to better relate to so much that is unknown in the paranormal world. The question in my mind is, "Are you receiving the message I am sending?"

It is so ironic to me that with all the billions spent in the communications industry (and that includes the internet), we spend practically nothing either sending or listening for signs of extra-terrestrial life (SETI aside). There are clearly messages being sent to us by some form of ET, but we really don't try to interpret what is being said. If it is handed to us in a simple document or a speech, we would comprehend. What makes us so arrogant as to believe ETs communicate as we do? What makes us think that they have radio or television communication equipment? Are we waiting for them to send us all e-mail?

The most obvious messages have been appearing in England and Holland in recent years. This past season of 1999 was a bumper crop. There were designs of all sorts, way beyond the basic circles of years ago. One circle was in the shape of a Hebrew Menorah. What is being said? That they, too, are Jewish? That they believe in the Old Testament? That they celebrate the same holidays?

Doug Rogers of the Center for Crop Circle Studies (a worldwide organization based in London) is most impressed by one of this year's crop circles that contained a summarization of many of the circles from years ago. In other words, ETs apparently know we don't understand what they are communicating, so they tried to make it easy for us by putting a number of designs in one circle. Perhaps it represents a complete thought, or a complete story. I am aware of thousands of archaeologists beating the bushes (or should I say rushes?) of Egypt trying to understand what the ancients had to say on many issues. Vast amounts of money have been spent in archaeological research to interpret the tablets available to us. Other than Zecharia Sitchin, how many folks do you know who can read the Sumerian Tablets directly? I am unaware of any projects (especially funded ones) where scientists, archaeologists or shamans spend their time poring over these incredible crop circle designs to begin to decipher what is being communicated to us.

Reporters such as Jaime Mausson in Mexico and Michael Hesseman in Germany have thousands of photos and documents of UFO sightings. NASA scientist Dr. Richard Haines has collected thousands of case histories of pilot sightings of UFOs. To quote him, "I conclude that the likelihood is very high that our planet is being visited by manufactured aerospace vehicles of non-terrestrial origin which are under highly 'intelligent' flight control."

To the best of my knowledge, not one major British newspaper has covered the unusual crop circle events happening in their own country. Almost yearly, the BBC has produced a program that sets out to prove these circles are fakes. In fact, they hire people to go out and create a circle to show how easy it is to make a fake. In the United States, most papers will not report a UFO sighting no matter how many people saw it. If they do report such sightings, it usually includes comments like, "No little green men were seen."

The number of pilots, police officers and even Presidents of the U.S. who have seen UFOs is legend. We are talking about very intelligent people who are beyond reproach. Most scientists will not even admit they have seen UFOs.



With the exception of brave souls such as Dr. Leo Sprinkle of the University of Wyoming (who decries academic bias), there is an intellectual smoke screen and barrier dropped over honest investigations of UFO and crop circle phenomena, even though both are increasing in frequency.

Dr. Alan Hynek of Northwestern University

(and member of Project Blue Book) said, "We may be confronting a phenomenon which requires a revolution in scientific thought and a shift of paradigms before it can be dealt with scientifically. Dr. Hynek wrote this back in 1972, nearly 30 years ago. Scientific societies haven't budged an inch in their thinking. In fact, they condemn and punish other scientists who do. The scientific community does not want their comfortable positions challenged. They want to finish their careers, all agreeing that the earth is flat. Only those with tenure dare speak out at all.

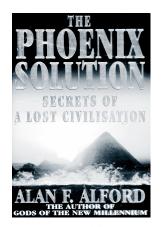
So we remain today where we were centuries ago, in basic ignorance of what is being said to us by intelligences from other worlds who are trying to communicate.

The public interest remains high or there would not be such a rash of motion pictures and television programs that deal with paranormal events. The amazing blockbuster hit of this past summer was *The Sixth Sense*. It was all about communications from another world, another intelligence. When we die, does our spirit go somewhere? This, of course, is the age-old question. In this movie, at one point Bruce Willis is listening to a tape recorder. Suddenly he realizes that if he turns up the volume he can hear voices in the background that appear to be spirit voices with messages.

Konstantine Raudive was a Latvian electrical engineer who (in the 70s) devised a method of turning on a tape recorder and asking a question. He would then walk out of the room. When he returned, he would rewind the tape and listen. There were frequently responses to his questions that were quite decipherable. They were not, however, as clear as radio is today. That gets back to my earlier point that these ETs may not have the same technology we do, and are trying their best to mate what we have with what they have to communicate.

In his experiments, Raudive asked the spirit voices if there was music in their world. There indeed was, but it was nothing like I have ever heard before. I was broadcasting over KFI radio in Los Angeles. This was in the days before satellites. KFI was then (and still is) one of the most powerful 50,000 watt clear channel stations in America. It was an integral part of the Civil Defense system in America. One night I decided to play the Raudive music. At the precise moment that I played this music, the KFI transmitter went off the air.

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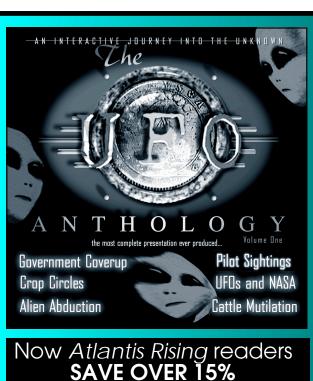
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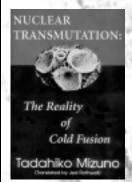
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#### PHOSPHATIDYLSERINE—CAN IT BE A WEAPON AGAINST THE AGING OF YOUR BRAIN?

• by Richard Conant, L.Ac., C.N.

As baby boomers age and the senior population swells, more and more people are faced with the impact of aging on the brain.

Loss of memory and thinking ability ranks high among aging's most debilitating consequences. Gradual memory loss in people over fifty, when not caused by a specific neurological disease or other medical problem, is defined as "age associated mental impairment" or "AAMI."

Memory loss can be devastating. The ability to reminisce and enjoy our "memories" is one of the activities that brings joy and happiness to our later years. Memory maintains our sense of identity and appreciation for our lives. A haunting song about aging recorded by Simon and Garfunkel in the 1960s ends with the words, "Preserve your memories, they're all that's left you." How tragic that so many people spend their final years with few memories preserved.



The physiologic processes that regulate thinking and remembering have gradually run out of gas.

Communication between brain cells is controlled by complex functions occurring in and near the membranes surrounding these cells. (Cells in the brain and nervous system are called "neurons.") Neuron membranes hum with activity twenty-four hours a day. Conduction of electrical impulses and transfer of chemical messages from cell to cell are examples of membrane functions that keep the brain and nervous system working.

Brain cell membranes are highly vulnerable to wear and tear. As these membranes wear out, neuron function falters. Loss of memory and cognitive function invariably follow.

But debilitating memory impairment doesn't have to be inevitable. Promising natural therapies for the brain are emerging. Noteworthy among these is a nutritional supplement called "phosphatidylserine." A phospholipid (fat-like molecule containing phosphorus) found in lecithin, phosphatidylserine has been the subject of scientific research for the last fifty years. During this time knowledge about brain physiology and function has expanded substantially. A large volume of animal studies on PS have been followed by a total of 64 human clinical studies, including 17 controlled, double-blind trials.

The research on PS is highly fruitful, giving insight into the fascinating biochemistry of the brain and nervous system. These results can be summed up with overarching concept: phosphatidylserine is an effective anti-aging brain nutrient. Consumed as a dietary supplement, PS can help renew cell membrane functions that falter as aging proceeds.

Age-associated deterioration of brain function, with its concomitant loss of memory and cognitive ability, happens largely in brain cell membranes. According to one brain researcher, "The perfect functionality of neuronal membranes is a fundamental prerequisite for integrated cerebral performance. Age dependent changes in neuronal membrane composition and function are known to impair overall brain functions." Let's take a close look at the brain cell membrane and the activities in and around this thin molecular layer which allow us to think, feel, remember and respond to the outside world.

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#### SEARCHING FOR ATLANTIS IN BOLIVIA

The legendary lost continent of Atlantis might be located above sea level in Bolivia. Jim Allen, a former Royal Air Force photographic interpreter and author of *Atlantis: the Andes Solution*, believes that Quillacas, near the capital city of La Paz, was the center of that lost continent.

Allen thinks that Quillacas exhibits many similarities to the description of Atlantis written by the Greek philosopher Plato in the fourth century B.C. This area in Bolivia was flooded by heavy rains tens of thousands of years ago, and Allen has found at least 50 characteristics that coincide with Plato's tale.

The town is in a volcanic area, and its buildings are constructed with red and black rock similar to Plato's Atlantis. The most important similarity is the remains of an enormous channel 600 feet (180 metres) wide that matches Plato's description of Atlantis' irrigation canal. Allen also points to the fact that Plato mentioned that the walls of the fabled city of Atlantis were plated in gold, silver, bronze, tin and "orichalcum," a natural alloy of gold and copper found only in the Andes.

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#### ANCIENT ARTIFACTS TURN UP NEAR MIAMI CIRCLE

Experts have been searching for additional artifacts inside and outside the borders of the formal archaeological area of the Miami Circle. A team appointed by the Miami mayor and the Florida State Department was to complete exploration and excavation in November

At present, two radiocarbon date de-

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terminations have been completed. Charcoal samples collected from within one of the Miami Circle's cut basins and from the midden within the Miami Circle both dated to circa 100 A.D. Human occupation of the site may date to well over two thousands years ago.

VÍSIT: http://savethecircle.org/ circfacts.html.



#### DIG AT JERUSALEM'S TEMPLE MOUNT INFLAMES ANCIENT PASSIONS

Denounced by Palestinian Muslim leaders, a new Jewish archaeological site beneath Jerusalem's Temple Mount has already become a flashpoint of religious rivalry. The Herodian-era staircase, known as the Hulda Ascent, led to one of the entrances to the Second Temple, which now houses the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa mosque, the third holiest shrine in the Islamic world. Tourists, guarded by Israeli police, can now visit this huge staircase used by Jewish pilgrims at the time of Jesus to enter the Temple Mount.

The London Times reports that Mr. Barak told an audience at the unveiling of this archaeological site "that it was up to the political leaders to ensure Jerusalem became a center of peace and not war between the three great monotheistic religions." Barak further stated that, "It is our duty, leaders entering the third millennium, to turn these areas—holy sites for Islam, Christianity and Judaism—into a bridge and symbol of freedom of religion and free access."

VISIT: http://www.thetimes.co.uk/news/pages/tim/99/10/ 05/timfgnmid01002.html?1124.

#### CROP CIRCLES, UFOs & THE CORNWALL SOLAR ECLIPSE

The 1999 Crop Circle season in England continued to be one of new and unusual connections. On June 19, a 400-foot-long new formation, named by some as the "Wings of Horus," appeared below Silbury Hill near Avebury in a wheat field. Stuart Dike states on his web site, "The disk itself included the Falcon wings,

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#### HOLISTIC HEALTH RESEARCH

#### A Dynamic Field of Bioelectric and Biochemical Activity

Aging slows down vital cell membrane functions. Enzyme activity within the membrane decreases, and there is a loss of membrane receptors. These receptors, made of proteins embedded in the membrane, receive signals from extra cellular messengers such as hormones and neurotransmitters. Without receptors the cell is like a house with no telephone hookups to the outside world.

The membrane controls information "transduction," the cell-to-cell communication which allows for integrated function within tissues. Neurons receive communication from other parts of the body in the form of chemical messengers and communicate with each other and with other tissues, through conduction of electrical impulses along the surfaces of their cell membranes. This dynamic bioelectric activity, unique to

the brain and nervous system, is the motor of life.

The cell membrane is a double-layer ("bilayer") composed mainly of phospholipids and proteins.

Membrane proteins are responsible for a variety of cellular functions, including cell to cell communication, the transport of chemical messages into and out of the cell, and transmission of electrical signals along nerve and brain cells. In this double layer, phospholipids form the structural matrix, or "glue," for the membrane proteins.



Phospholipids, sometimes referred to as "membrane lipids," are made up of fatty acids, glycerol and phosphorus. The major structural components of cell membranes, phospholipids form the sandwich-like membrane bilayer. A phospholipid molecule has a "head" and two "tails." At the membrane's outer layer, the phospholipid heads face out, toward the exterior of the cell. At the inner layer, the heads face toward the cell's interior. The tails extend inward, toward the center of the membrane.

Phospholipids consist of two long-chain fatty acid molecules ester-linked (esterified) to glycerol. These fatty acids form the tails of the phospholipid molecule, while glycerol serves as the "backbone." Linked to the backbone, the head is composed of a phosphate group with another subgroup attached to it. Individual phospholipids are named according to the name of the subgroup; in the case of phosphatidylserine, the subgroup is serine, an amino acid.

Phospholipids do more than just hold the membrane together, they also play important functional roles. The phospholipid head, which carries an electrical charge, determines the particular tasks handled by individual phospholipids in cell membranes. Phospholipids, the glue of cell membranes, coordinate activities of the enzymes, receptors and other proteins involved in the membrane activities that keep us thinking and remembering.

#### The "Master Switch" for Membrane Activities

While all cell membranes contain phosphatidylserine, it is most abundant in brain and nerve cells. Phosphatidylserine represents ten to twenty percent of the total phospholipid content of the mammalian brain. Phosphatidylserine concentrates mainly in the internal portion of the cell membrane bilayer, where it acts as a "master switch" for membrane functions. Phosphatidylserine coordinates the transmission of nerve impulses along the membrane surfaces of brain neurons and helps neurotransmitters carry these impulses across the gaps ("synapses") between neurons.

Phosphatidylserine activates a number of enzymes involved in brain cell function, including N+/K+ ATPase, tyrosine hydroxylase, and protein kinase C. Protein kinase C potentiates various brain cell functions, including conduction of electrical signals and neurotransmitter synthesis, by transferring energy to membrane proteins in the form of phosphate groups.

#### **Restoring Function in the Aging Cell Membrane**

The findings about how phosphatidylserine works in brain cells, although derived largely from animal and "test tube" research, lend support to the use of

phosphatidylserine as a key anti-aging nutrient for the brain.

Phosphatidylserine appears to have an overall effect of restoring cellular processes that depend on healthy cell membranes, and it seems to protect nerve cell connections from age-related deterioration. In animal studies, phosphatidylserine has improved various biochemical parameters of brain function such as acetylcholine output and dopamine synthesis. Acetylcholine is one of the body's most important neurotransmitters, and the brain's supply dwindles with aging.

PS promotes the movement of mineral ions in and out of cells by ion pumps. PS increases the brain's supplies of glucose and of cyclic AMP, a key "second messenger" that helps coordinate cellular activity. Phosphatidylserine is involved in the formation of secretory vesicles, the containers for transport of cellular products such as hormones and neurotransmitters. Activity of the receptor for nerve growth factor (NGF) requires phosphatidylserine.

Results from clinical trials suggest that phosphatidylserine works much the same in humans as in animals.

#### **Phosphatidylserine-Clinical Results**

In 1991, a group of researchers led by Dr. Thomas Crook from Memory Assessment Clinics, Inc. of Bethesda, Maryland, studied the effect of PS on 149 people with AAMI. Patients took either 300 mg of PS or a placebo every day for twelve weeks. The study was meticulously done; the patients were carefully randomized to



minimize pre-treatment differences between subjects in the two test groups that might have otherwise skewed the results. The outcomes were measured using a number of tests of cognitive function, such as the ability to remember faces, associate names with faces, remember telephone numbers and locate misplaced objects. Thorough analysis of the data revealed statistically significant improvements in those taking PS, as compared to those who took the placebo. Some of the PS patients began the test with a level of brain functionality equal to a 64-year-old and ended up with that of a 52-year-old.

Italian researchers conducted a large double-blind study in which 425 people took 300 mg of PS daily for six months. Again, significant gains were achieved in various parameters of memory and thinking ability.

The remaining 15 double-blind trials have produced similar results. PS also has an admirable track record of safety and lack of side-effects.

#### PS from Soy vs. PS from Cow Brain-Is There a Difference?

Until recently, phosphatidylserine research used PS derived from cow brain, designated as "BC-PS." Due to the legitimate concerns over Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (Mad Cow Disease), this source is no longer suitable. Ordinary soy lecithin contains only very small amounts of PS, but lecithin with a high PS content is now available. The two molecules are not identical, but the difference is minor. They differ in only the structure of one of their fatty acid "tails." The structure of the phosphate-serine "head" is the same. The electrically charged head determines the properties and functions of PS in cell membranes.

A clinical study using soy-derived PS has been done by a team of geriatrics researchers in Israel. The subjects were men and women between the ages of sixty and eighty with AAMI, and the parameters of the study were similar to the trials on bovine PS. The soy PS produced significant improvements in memory and mood. It appears that soy PS is equal in effectiveness to bovine PS, and soy PS is now the preferred form for consumption as a dietary supplement.

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which is what we see in the field around Silbury Hill . . . Could this latest design be a sign of two worlds possibly meeting as we approach a new era?"

#### http:cropcircleconnector.com/ anasazi/connect/html.

American billionaire industrialist, Laurence Rockefeller is currently funding crop circle research being lead by Colin Andrews of Circles Phenomenon Research International (CPRI). Rockefeller continues to seek evidence of the existence of UFOs. This funding will help carry out a detailed aerial and ground infrared photographic mission in England with a two year program designed to record the crop formations and surrounding areas by movie and still photography.

VISIT: http://www.cseti.org, http:// www.circlemakers.org and http:// www.cninews.com/ CNI Search.html.

#### NOAH AND THE BLACK SEA

Geologists William Ryan and Walter Pitman of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University might have found the natural disaster described in the Babylonian epic Gilgamesh. Their core samples from the bottom of the Black Sea demonstrate a sudden and massive in-



flux of salt water around 5600 BCE. In their book, Noah's Flood, they postulate that rising water levels in the Mediterranean during an interglacial period warming were forced into a bottleneck by the Bosporus Strait resulting in a massive tidal wave. The academic and scientific communities are beginning to seriously research the relatively little understood questions about the impact of this type of natural disaster and environmental change on the course of human development.

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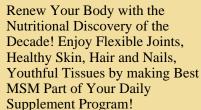
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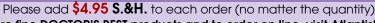
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#### **ANCIENT MYSTERIES**

n a July afternoon, in 1967, John Wayne Kennedy was kicking his way through the murky depths of a Wisconsin lake. The water was cold and dark, with limited visibility. Alone at 40 feet under the surface, a massive shape suddenly loomed up before the startled scuba diver. Almost swallowing his regulator, he paused, suspended in front of the prodigious mass towering some 15 feet away.

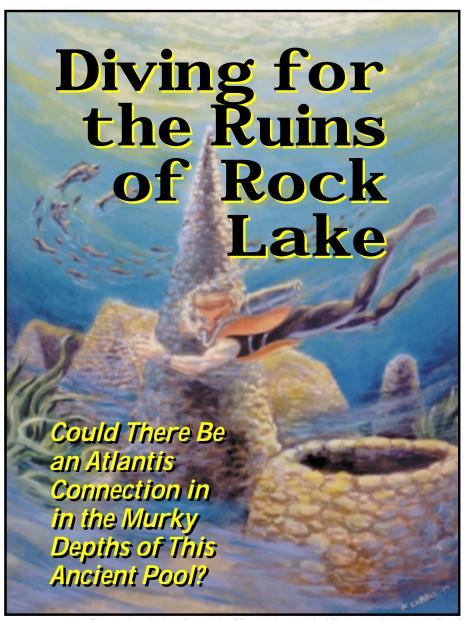
Recovering from his astonishment, Kennedy slowly advanced toward an impressive rampart rising at sloping angles from out of the mud on the lake bottom. Running his hand over its surface, he noticed it was composed of undressed, black rocks all neatly fitted together into an organized pattern. The lone diver rose up across its pyramidal flank, some 15 feet high, then swam across its flat top. The structure appeared to be a stone mound about 10 feet in diameter at its base and 100 feet long, terminating at either end in triangular configurations.

As Kennedy floated mid-point over the top of the monument, something like an electrical shock galvanized his body. It left him stunned but conscious and acutely aware that only a few breaths of air remained in his tank. He had to have some evidence, however, for his discovery. Almost in desperation, he randomly dislodged two stones from the hulking, black figure, then rose painfully to the surface, his lungs screaming for air. At last, he popped up near the little boat carrying his dive buddies. They stared in surprise at the slime-covered specimens their colleague heaved clattering on board before they could pull him from the water. Gasping with exhaustion, he excitedly related the story of his deep encounter.

Late afternoon with its lengthening shadows made a return dive impossible, but the members of Lombard, Illinois' H20 *Diving Club* vowed to relocate Kennedy's sunken find the following day. They were to be sorely disappointed. Despite repeated and prolonged forays throughout summer and fall in the same area of the lake, they never found its 100-foot-long monument.

The so-called "Lost Pyramid of Rock Lake" had successfully played its game of hide-and-seek, leaving John Wayne Kennedy with nothing more than a pair of unusual rocks. He brought one to the renowned Lapidary Museum of Elmhurst, Illinois, where he was shocked to learn from the curator that his specimen was not native to the

BY FRANK JOSEPH



"Discovering the Lost Pyramids of Rock Lake," original illustration by Kenneth Caroli

American Middle West. Instead, it had been imported from the Rocky Mountains of Colorado! How could it have possibly found its way into the construction of an apparently ancient, manmade structure under 40 feet of water in a Wisconsin lake?

Kennedy took his other stone to geologists at Washington, D.C.'s Smithsonian Institution. They told him it was dolomite with high levels of manganese. Although found throughout the Midwest, dolomite was used by the prehistoric copper miners of Upper Michigan. Could his retrieved specimen have somehow been associated with those unknown engineers who excavated an incredible half a billion tons of ore, from 5,000 to 3,200 years ago?

Since John Wayne Kennedy blundered into the Rock Lake enigma more than thirty years ago, teams of profes-

sional surveyors, archaeologists, divers and geologists, abetted by enthusiasts of all backgrounds, have pooled their finds to uncover the real story of what some investigators have come to call "the last great archaeological discovery of the 20th century." Today, Rock Lake is some 2.5 miles long from north to south, approximately 1.7 miles wide, 90 feet at its deepest part, with an average depth of 40 feet. The 1,227-acre body of recreational water is located in southern Wisconsin, between Milwaukee in the east and the state capital, Madison, in the west.

It was born about twelve millennia ago, when the last Ice Age withdrew across the face of the Upper Midwest. Its retreating, mile-high glaciers gouged out a small valley, depositing hardly more than an ovoid tarn set near its northern extremity. During subsequent

## New Discovery Beneath an Old Mound Perplexes Investigators

#### **Anomalous Stone** Structure Points to Much Greater Antiquity for Cahokia Complex

long the sleepy Mississippi river, just across from the modern Saarinen Arch at St. Louis, lies an enormous complex of pyramids, temples, and dwellings now reduced to gently sloping mounds. To the north of this area, however, looms a pyramid which has only recently presented an archaeological puzzle of unparalleled scope! Modern archaeological tools had made great advances at uncovering many of its puzzles, yet pure chance has revealed another! The huge ceremonial area, with its estimated occupation of 20,000, was considered by early scientific explorers to be a total mystery, and much of its 3500-acre extent given over to farmland. Yet hidden beneath the crops lay a forgotten complex including a manmade plaza flanked at both ends by huge, standing earth structures in typical pyramidal but flat-topped form. Dating of the temple city was formerly placed at 900 - 1400 A.D., well in line with most other smaller mound complexes in the North American continent.

The surprise discovery of what appears to be a totally unsuspected and large stone structure lying hidden below the great pyramidal mass known as Monks Mound could push the dates back much further, linking the area to others whose origins range from 3,000 to 3,500 years of age (such as Poverty Point). As it did over many centuries of the past, the pyramid itself stands proudly above the flat river floodplain, rising in gentle terraces to more than one hundred feet, and covers seventeen acres, a base larger than Giza's Great Pyramid. The apex, as at Giza, was left deliberately flat and is known to have held at least one temple building of heavy timbers whose evidences still remain.

#### A MIDWINTER SURPRISE

Originally designed to a slope of 26 degrees, according to Dr. William Woods of nearby Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, the pyramid was constructed of 22-million cubic feet of soil, sand and earth carried in baskets on the backs of men, and deliberately engineered on its unusual clay founda-

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tion to withstand the humidity and rainfall of prehistoric Illinois. Such construction techniques are almost unique amongst these early temple builder cultures. This solid structure has undergone some amount of failure in the upper layers over the ten or more centuries since the great construction was completed, and it was in an effort to protect this outstanding monument from further erosion and slumping that the major new mystery was discovered. Archaeologists had been surprised from time to time by this site, but the general thinking was that the huge temple held few more new discoveries. This perception was to be proven wrong.

Early on a cold and snowy January 24 of 1998, a local drilling crew had begun work on a potential control, a new drainage system on the western face of the pyramid, when their flexible drill suddenly hit stone!

No stone had ever been found at this site other than minor artifacts, tools, spear points and grain-grinding millstones; and the drill crew at first imagined that they'd struck an especially large artifact similar to the carved stone plagues found at Cahokia.

When the drill, working at a horizontal level, continued to gouge into stone, however, the drillers wondered just what they'd found. Drill crews of this type can 'feel' what they are coring, and when the stone was found to continue horizontally for more than thirty feet, they began to withdraw the heavy drill, which broke as it was being extracted.

Archaeologists at the site were alerted and they, too, were puzzled by the unseen stone, thinking it might be a large piece of some kind. The driller, however, revealed that his flexible point had gone through what he knew had to be stones of fair size, but closely placed in a continuous and deliberate manner, deep into the western face at about 140 feet, and 40 feet below the 'terrace' surface on that side. Nothing had ever been encountered at that

On-site archaeologists Andy Martignoni and Steve Fulton quickly alerted Woods, who'd been asleep. He then hurried to the site and was astounded at the possibilities the totally unsuspected stone might portend. "It has to be older, much older than Monks," he theorized in an interview last month in his cluttered office. "This was a really interesting find-not to mention that the closest source of any stone is more than ten miles from Cahokia."

There have been several small excavations in the past and several vertical corings through the Mound, but they'd completely missed this amazing feature. More extensive work had not been planned, as it might have accelerated the slumping of the earthen face.

It was decided to bring the aid of modern technology to the problem and to use the latest of scanning equipment in order to determine what other surprises might lie beneath the mound itself. Bill Iseminger, Cahokia Archaeologist and PR Director, listed sources of such scans which encompass everything from seismic 'shock-wave' studies popularized by Jurassic Park, to oilgeology-based satellite scans from space, plus magnetometry and resistivity tests which are being used in this ongoing detection effort.

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n February of 1999, just in time to pick up a handful of Oscars, a surprising film appeared on wide screens everywhere. Miramax's Shakespeare in Love did what the literary world had not been able to do for some time-it brought the 'cult' of Shakespeare back into the limelight again. Although certainly never obliterated, the popularity of the world's greatest dramatist had been on a downward sliding scale since the early 20th century. The young of today have, to a degree, relegated the wonderful plays to a category of 'don't-bother-to-read' classics. They know little and care less about the genius who wrote them until, that is, handsome young Joseph Fiennes appeared in the ever-powerful media as a composite character of the youthful

playwright and his most-favored creation, Hamlet. Screen writers Tom Stoppard and Marc Norman had done the unimaginable—they had brought Shakespeare into focus again. In the process they won the 'best original screenplay award' of the Writer's Guild. Of a sudden "The Bard Is Back" became

the topic of the day!

What would the author of the plays have thought about all this? Those who consider Shakespeare as 'a man of mystery' due to the scarcity of facts about his life can only manufacture an answer. Those who feel better acquainted with the true identity of the author can say with conviction: "He would have been delighted!" Obviously the plays were written to entertain audiences and that was now happening on a bigger scale than ever. But it was also the intent of the playwright to instill into sluggish minds strong visual representations of the whole range of human psychological errors. The hope being that recognizing wrong attitudes would help to raise race consciousness to a higher notch. "Shake-speare is able to examine the depths of our souls and bring to the surface issues with which, on some level, we must deal," says one discerning modern commentator. A third but little recognized purpose of the author was to 'conceal at the same time as to reveal' one of the most poignant and tragic stories ever told, the story of his own personal life.

That the works of 'Shakespeare' were intended as a cover text for a cipher under which the secret history of the author could be hidden has long been known by a few researchers. Now, in this millennial time of unexpected exposures, the real story can be told without ridicule.

Would this mysterious author have approved of the choice of Ralph Fiennes as the lead? The screenplay uses the clever device of allowing the movie character to quote himself as Shakespeare/Hamlet. When the true story of the playwright is accepted one is able to imagine young Fiennes as a very recognizable Hamlet, the prototype of the youthful author himself—handsome, sensitive, slightly fantastic, aristocratic and troubled. It is in this way that the secret history reveals him—a true Prince of England, not of Denmark.

It is not presumptious to assert the intents and motives of the famous author when one learns actual details of his personal life-details that are certainly not known about the uneducated peasant from an obscure and drab country village such as the thencontemporary Stratford-on-Avon. Mainstream scholars strive to come up with a believable biography for the country lad, son of an illiterate family by the name of Shaksper (or Shakstpur, or Shagster—(there is a variety of spellings of such a name). But they are attempting the impossible. There is no indication that their candidate ever received more than a year or two's education in a one-room, one-master

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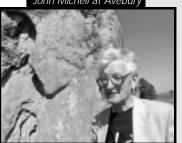
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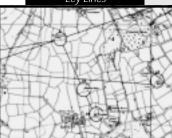
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country school. Neither can it be shown that he ever had an acquaintance with French, Latin or Italian literature not yet translated into English, or

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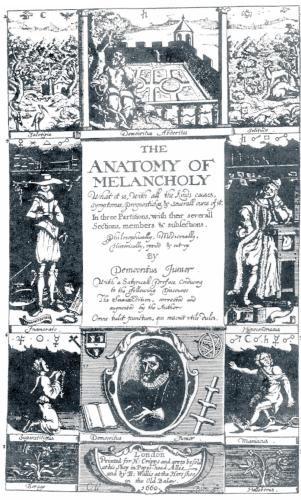
Recognizing the dichotomy between the works and the supcertain author, searchers have been convinced that the immortal blank-verse could not have been written by country-bred Will Shaksper. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Shakespeare is a voice merely; who and what he was that sang, we know not." Henry James said, "I am haunted by the conviction that Shakespeare is the biggest fraud ever practised on a patient world." Samuel Coleridge asked, "Does God choose idiots to reveal divine truths?" And more recently, the Yale Research Society has agreed unanimously that the plays could not have been written by the Stratford man. Many others were doubters.

So where does one find an alternative? A hundred and fifty years after the 1623 publication of the First Folio a clergyman from a village neighboring Stratford, James Wilmot, spent many hours in and around Stratford in what turned out to be a fruitless search for information about the great playwright. Reluctantly he had to admit that not one single item indicating that a poetic genius of any kind had ever lived in the village could be found. Few villagers could even write their own names, (both Shaksper's wife and his two daughters among them), there were no books that could have been used

by the author; not one inhabitant remembered even a small detail or anecdote about the life of so famous a name. The rector concluded that the only man in England of the time who was qualified to write such works was the brilliant, superbly-educated philosopher, psychologist, lawyer, Sir Francis Bacon. Wilmot confessed his secret only to the Ipswich Literary Society demanding that they keep it mum. So faithfully did they keep the secret that it wasn't discovered until the early part

of the 20th century in their private files.

Since then numerous contenders have been named for the honor of authorship—Christopher Marlowe, Herbert Spenser, various British Lords such as Derby, Essex, Pembroke, Rutland and Oxford—even Queen Elizabeth her-



According to Manly P. Hall, this title page of Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy is in reality Francis Bacon's scrapbook containing many strange and rare bits of knowledge. This title page is said to be a cryptic message. The key to the cipher is the pointing maniac in the lower right hand corner. According to Elizabeth Wells Gallup, the celestial globe at which the maniac is pointing is a cryptic symbol of Sir Francis Bacon. The planetary signs opposite some of the marginal figures signify the planetary configurations which produce the mania depicted. The seated man with head resting in hand is said to be Bacon.

self. Francis Bacon has long been the undisputed favorite, strongly promoted by the Baconian Society, a London group founded in 1876, who have published over 150 periodical journals containing hundreds of articles on their careful research. Currently, however, it is Edward De Vere, the 17th Lord Oxford, who has been receiving much attention as a likely candidate. Such recent and worthy researchers as Charleton Ogburn and Charles Vere

Lord Burford, an Oxford descendent, are pushing the Earl to the top of the list.

Lord Oxford is not an unlikely choice; he was a highly educated aristocrat, an 'insider' in Elizabethan court affairs, a multilingual and classical scholar conversant with works that had

not yet been translated into English. He was also a sportsman well-acquainted with falconry, horsemanship and other activities never engaged in by the peasantry but talked about in the plays. Oxford was a European traveler, a military expert and a participant in every cultural upper class privilege of the British aristocracy. He was even a protege of Elizabeth's illustrious Secretary Lord Burghley, generally recognized as the prototype for the pedant Polonius in Hamlet.

Francis Bacon, however, as well as Lord Oxford qualifies under all of these terms with even higher credentials as it turns out. His supposed mother, Lady Ann Bacon, was even the sister-in-law of Burghley.

There are a few stumbling blocks for Oxfordians-the Earl died in 1604, twenty years before the bulk of the Shakespearian dramas was published or could even have been written. Their only defense is that he must have begun some of the plays and left them to be finished by someone else. Of necessity, they deny the great play, The Tempest, for their canon since it could not have been written at that early date. Another major problem is that the known poetry by Oxford is dull and uninspired, in no way to be compared with the brilliant verse of the dramas. Then there is the difficulty that the young lord's character, demonstrably wild, wayward, quarrelsome and irresponsible, is not compliant with the philosophy and moral stature that

is so obviously portrayed in the plays. Of Bacon, contemporaries said kinder things. "All who were great and good loved him," said his chaplain Rawley. "I loved him this side of idolatry," said Ben Jonson. "He was the ornament of his age," said others.

Such complications are readily overlooked by Oxfordians and it is important to realize that Oxford was one of the poetically minded young dandies

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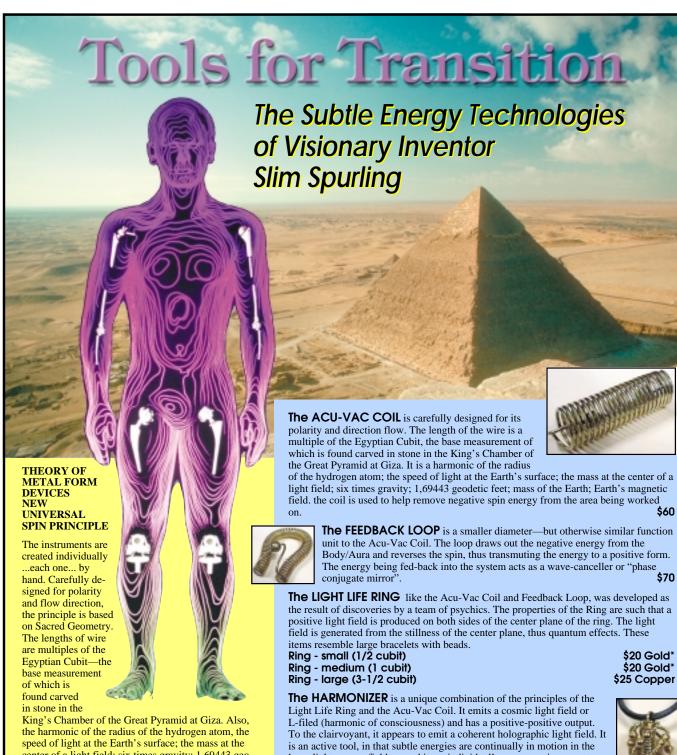
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Editor's Note: The Illinois-based World Explorers Club-a society devoted to alternative archaeology-reports that earlier this year an expedition sponsored by a Mr. A. Bayer set out to follow the trail of the legendary Colonel Percy Fawcett beginning in the National Park of Xingu in the Amazon.

Headed by James Lynch and Rene Delmotte the team began what they called Expedition Autan with high hopes but were soon stopped and threatened with death should they proceed.

About 60 thousand dollars of equipment was confiscated, and those involved were physically detained by the Indians at the jungle outpost operated by a Leonard Villas Boas. The team was released but the Indians demanded their Jeep Land Rover in exchange for the release of more equipment. At last report, Funai, the government organization responsible for the Indians, did not seem optimistic about chances for recovering the equipment or continuing with the expedition.

The incident is but the latest, in a long string of failed attempts to unravel one of the most enduring archaeological puzzles of the cen-

hen the English explorer, Colonel P.H. Fawcett, disappeared in 1925 in the steamy interior of Brazil, the incident was given a great deal of attention in the news media. For years afterward, speculations concerning the Colonel's whereabouts or his ultimate fate abounded. And though a number of expeditions were dispatched to find him, he was never seen or heard from again. The rumors and the mystery, however, lingered for years... and still persist in the minds of those who seek lost cities and lost civilizations.

Colonel Fawcett, it would appear, was not interested in lost mines or treasure. His whole life revolved around the idea that somewhere in the dense jungles of South America there existed ruins, old cities, etc., that would prove beyond a doubt the existence of a lost civilization, older than ancient Egypt and probably proof that Atlantis was real.

Rumors of lost mines, cities and old ruins are quite common in South America's deep jungles. Fawcett based most of his beliefs on a document found in the archives at Rio de Janeiro.

The manuscript stated that somewhere back in the early 1600s, a half-Portuguese, half-Indian, known to the natives as Muribeca, discovered mines of silver, gold and precious stones.

BY TOM R. KOVACH

When he died in about 1622, the secret of these valuable mines died with him.

In 1743 a group of Portuguese along with slaves and a number of Indians, set out in quest of these fabulous mines. Eleven years later the survivors were heard of in the coastal regions of West Central Brazil, but they never reappeared again in the civilized world.

Their report, which was found in the middle of the 19th century, tells of finding a city built of huge blocks of stone, deserted and apparently destroyed ages ago by an earthquake. The expedition found a few gold coins and a number of mine shafts. The nearby river could also be easily panned for large quantities of gold. A statue and some inscriptions in stone appeared to these men as being very Grecian in nature. The expedition made haste to get back to civilization, planning to return with a larger, better-equipped force. Unfortunately, they never made it. They did mention one more strange incident in their report; On the return trip they said they saw two members of the much-rumored "white Indians". They had white skin and long, black hair.

Colonel Fawcett put much faith in the account. As he told a friend, "The story is too circumstantial to be dismissed. And its details are beyond the imagination of more or less illiterate

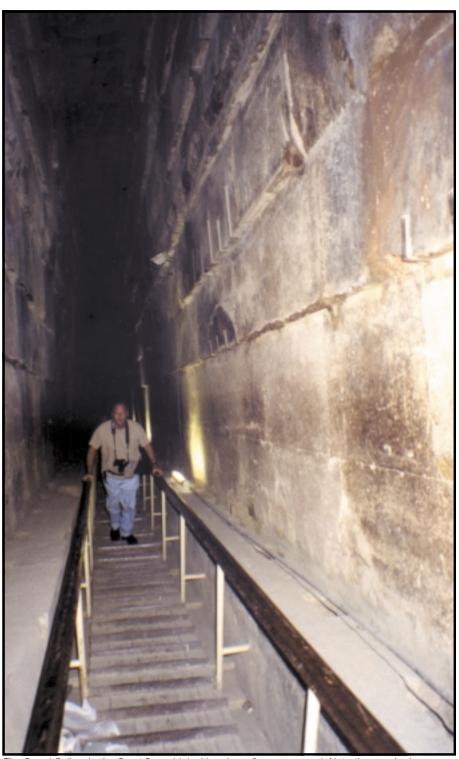
# RETURN TO THE GIZA POWER PLANT Technologist Chris Dunn Finds New Fuel for His Thesis

he Giza Power Plant:
Technologies of Ancient
Egypt was published in August 1998, and an article summarizing its theory appeared the same year in Atlantis Rising #16. Since then I have been overwhelmed by the response to the theory. The reviews have been nothing short of incredible! I have received letters and emails from all over the world that support the argument that high levels of technology existed in prehistory and that the Great Pyramid represents the pinnacle of that technology.

Though the power plant theory may explain every characteristic and noted phenomena found within the Great Pyramid, without actually replicating its function (way beyond my own personal resources), it could be ignored or dismissed as being too fantastic by those who feel more secure with conventional views of prehistory. Not so with the hard evidence of machining! There is a section in the book that is increasingly being seen as the "smoking gun" which proves, beyond doubt, that the pyramid builders used advanced technology. It is not a simple matter to dismiss the physical constraints imposed on those who would attempt to accurately replicate the granite artifacts found in abundance all over this ancient land. Those who try to dismiss it do so from inexperience and do not understand the subtleties of the work, or they cling desperately to the belief that Western Civilization is the first civilization to develop science and translate that science into products that require advanced methods manufacturing.

My article, Advanced Machining in Ancient Egypt, has been under public scrutiny for around 15 years. (A shortened version appeared in Atlantis Rising #9 as An Engineer in Egypt, and a complete expanded version with the latest updates fills two chapters in the book.) With the level of support that it has received from those who, today, would be charged with performing the same kind of work performed by the ancient Egyptians, along with additional proof, it is rising from the rank of theory to fact. Since its original pub-





The Grand Gallery in the Great Pyramid, looking down from upper end. Note the scorched areas on the right wall and the notches in the surface between the wooden railing and the wall.

lication in Analog magazine in 1984, this tentative, controversial thorn in the side of Egyptologists has been reinforced time and time again by my own on-site inspections and others who have had the opportunity to see these incredible artifacts for themselves. The weight of evidence and the educated opinions of those who understand are creating a consensus that is overturning our understanding of prehistory.

exist, and somehow became extinct! The purpose here is not to belabor the obvious or to restate what others have stated more eloquently, (I know I'm "singing to the choir" for the most

fact remains that their industries did

part), but to bring you an update on what has happened since the book was published. There has been a lot of activity and some startling discoveries since I last had the honor of appearing in this magazine, and I have looked for-

ward to and appreciate this opportunity to tell you about them.

On a recent trip to Egypt in May, as a participant in the conference "Egypt in the New Millennium," I was able to perform additional on-sight inspection of some of the artifacts I described in my articles and book. I was also blessed to discover startling evidence that supports and confirms a unique and important aspect of the Giza **Power Plant** theory! Evidence that made chills run

down my spine, for it came about in a rather unexpected, though fortuitous. manner. This evidence was inside the

**Great Pyramid** 

in the Grand Gallery, and I am still amazed by what I found. But more on that later.

port the power plant theory has now

been captured on video and becomes part of the historical record.

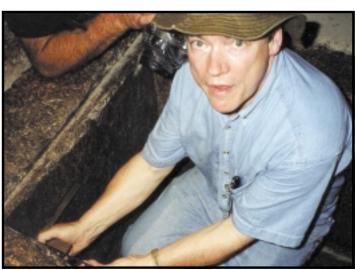
A large part of my presentation at Gouda Fayed's conference center in Nazlet El Samman was to be on-sight inspection and demonstration of the precision of several artifacts. Gouda's place overlooked the Sphinx with the Giza Plateau and the pyramid complex forming an awe inspiring backdrop.

Though I can say with great confidence that I have proven that the ancient pyramid builders used advanced methods for machining granite, the full scope of the work has not yet been determined or documented. While I was in Egypt in 1995, I had taken some instruments with me to inspect the flatness of artifacts that, just by simple observation, appeared extremely precise. Just looking, however, is not good enough when attempting to determine its true characteristics. I needed some kind of known reference with which I could compare the precision. I also needed something simple and transportable. The precision ground straight edge I used in 1995 allowed me to determine a higher order of precision in many different artifacts than what has been described in any previous literature.

This year, in my backpack I carried a precision-ground 12-inch long parallel, or straight edge, precise to within .0001 inch. I also had a precision toolmaker's solid square. I knew exactly the artifacts I wanted to use it on-the inside corners of the granite boxes at the temple of the Serapeum at Saggara and inside the pyramids. Also in my tool kit was a set of precision Starrett radius gauges for inspecting the machined radius that makes the transition from one surface or contour of an artifact to another. These instruments are critical to our understanding of the basic attributes of the artifacts.

Unfortunately, I was unable to access the rock tunnel at the temple of the Serapeum, where over 20 huge, black granite and basalt boxes weighing over 70 tons reside. We pleaded with the officials at the site, and I even discussed it with a local businessman who claimed to have considerable power and influence in such matters. Nevertheless, I was told that the Serapeum was closed because it was a danger to the public. What kind of danger, I asked, and was told dripping water threatened to collapse the roof. I chose not to ask the obvious question about where the water came from in such an arid country. There was enough other work to do.

Following my morning presentation on the advanced machining methods of the ancient Egyptians, the entire conference group and the film crew pro-



The author with is 'edge' in the Khafre 'sarcophagus



Dunn shows a cruder sarcophagus at Memphis could possibly have been made with tools such as the stone balls postulated by Egyptologists.

The most awesome implication may be that civilizations are mortal!

Civilizations such as ours can rise to great heights and be dashed by natural or engineered effects. In a blink of an eye, we can lose it all! Whether as one or multiple blinks of an eye, our distant ancestors in prehistoric Egypt received a mortal blow to the industry capable of creating the artifacts we see there today. Whether that blow came from extraterrestrial forces, a comet, geophysical disturbances, or even a nuclear war, is open to speculation. The

It is with great appreciation to the organizers, attendees and speakers of this conference that this article is written. Their spirit, diversity and camaraderie buoyed my spirit and gave me strength. But more than that, through their support and patronage (which was sometimes accompanied with frustrating and arduous conditions, with our blessed guide Hakim almost being thrown in jail), further evidence to sup-



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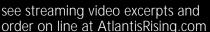
Such is the conventional scenario for the dawn of civilization on Earth. The assumption is, that the rise of highly organized society was unprecedented. If there had been an earlier advanced civilization, we would have discovered unmistakable evidence—highways, and bridges and electrical wiring; plastic bottles, city dumps, and CD Roms. Those, after all, are the things which we will leave to puzzle future archeologists.

But could an ancient civilization have risen to heights similar to our own and, perhaps, have traveled a different road? Would we understand a world which might have employed fundamentally different—though no less effective—techniques to harness the forces of nature? Would we understand, for example, the transmission of energy by means other than a power grid, rapid transit without internal combustion engines, or highly complex calculations involving

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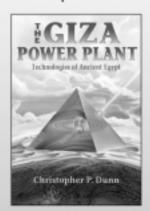
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## Microphysics and the Great Pyramid

## A Provocative Theory Sheds New Light on the Wisdom of the Ancients

Editor's Note: Physicist Stan Tenen is best known for his theories regarding sacred geometry and the Hebrew letters (see A.R. #13), but he has been a student of all aspects of ancient science for years. The following is a synthesis of three different papers written over the last ten. Many, familiar with the ideas of Christopher Dunn (see article on the preceding pages) will see several theoretical connections, but it is important, if not startling, to note that Tenen is unaquainted with Dunn's work and vise versa. Both arrived at their corroborating views independently.



Image of an actual Calcite Cleavage Rhomb superimposed over the pyramid entrance

here is no shortage of data and no shortage of theories and legends when it comes to the Great Pyramid. The theory outlined here can provide insight into the mathematical philosophy of the subject, but it doesn't tell us if the ancients believed their models represented physical reality or if they were understood only as metaphors, and without actual physical experiments we can't tell either.

There are three primary legends about the Great Pyramid: The Pyramid is, somehow, the Bible in Stone: the Pyramid was built by the use of levitation; and the Pyramid is not a burial mound, but an initiatory temple.

As clues, we have the very intriguing macroscopic physical and architectural facts about the Pyramid: that there are mathematical constants built into the shape and structure of the Pyramid (including  $\pi$  and the golden proportion), as well as the material used, the enormous mass and the high precision of the structure; that there are astronomical alignments built into the structure of the Pyramid (including the suggested alignment of some passages to the Pole Star, to Alpha Draconis, to the Pleiades, and to Orion); and that there are various Earth-constants built into the structure of the Pyramid.

These include the size of the planet and a scaling factor relating the Pyramid to the dimensions of the Giza plateau, the Nile delta, and the planet.

Besides the macroscopic features there are important, rarely examined microscopic features of the Pyramid. These include the internal structure of the building materials. The traditional teaching, "As Above, So Below," suggests that we can learn more by comparing the large, outside features of the Pyramid with the small inner features of the material it is made from.

The Hebrew Bible tells us that Moses was raised as a prince in Egypt and that he was taught the spiritual and technical knowledge of the Egyptian priests. The Hebrew and Egyptian cultures were very different, but regardless of their different customs and theologies, the technical knowledge each possessed was likely the same or very similar. This is why it isn't surprising to find connections between the traditions recorded in the Hebrew Bible and Egyptian priestly architecture.

Philosophers, engineers, artists and scientists have all commented on the connection between form and function. We also know that the composition of form—what something is made of—is important when we are dealing with real technology. This is not true when only symbolic meaning is at issue. Anything can be a symbol for

anything else—there is no limit to human imagination. But no one would build a gasoline engine out of wood, because wood burns, and it can't contain the explosive fire in the engine. Regardless of wood's symbolic value, we don't make wooden engines.

We can also learn from the precision used. For example: While automobile fanciers might polish the outside of a carburetor so it will shine, they would not hone it to microscopic tolerances. This would be wasteful of effort, and the effort would not improve the function or beauty of the carburetor. But even a person who only wanted reliable

transportation would want the cylinders in their engine honed. The cylinders cannot be seen, but they must be honed to microscopic tolerances or the engine will rapidly fail. The use of expensive precision—particularly when there is no esthetic improvement—is only affordable when it is required for performance. Thus precision where it cannot be seen (like in the inner structure of the pyramid) can tell us that something is likely to be a machine.

#### THE MICROSCOPIC PYRAMID

The pyramid is made entirely of limestone blocks (except for the passages and chambers which are lined with red granite). Limestone is microcrystalline CaCO<sub>3</sub> (calcium carbonate)— the second (to the silicates) most common mineral class on the face of the earth. It is almost entirely produced by the dissolved, recrystallized and crushed skeletal remains of sea invertebrates—metaphorically, calcium carbonate could be called the "ash" of life. There is an extremely abundant crystal form of pure CaCO<sub>3</sub> known as calcite (Iceland Spar to the gemologists).

The calcite crystal cleaves cleanly at just under 76 degrees. 76 degrees is also the apex angle of the pyramid: In an isosceles triangle, the side angles are determined by subtracting the apex angle from 180 degrees, so: 180 - 76 = →

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104; 104/2 = 52 degrees, the slant angle of the sides of the Great Pyramid.

Comparison of the calcite crystal rhomb with a scale drawing of the Great Pyramid shows that the apex angle and passage slant angles of the pyramid mimic the cleavage

angle of the crystal of the material it's made of. Not only are the viewable features of the pyramid matched by a fundamental property of its microstructure, but the internal buttress angle of the pyramids is believed to be just under 76-degrees also.

The microscopic physical properties of calcite include many special numbers and universal constants. That it and the golden proportion are modeled in the external

features of the pyramid's architecture is well known, but it is less well known that the two refractive indices of calcite are the golden proportion (1.618...) and the square root of 2 (1.414...). (This produces a double-image.) These values could have been measured by simple optical experiments in the ancient world.

The density of calcite is 1.557..., which is the Tangent of 1-Radian, the natural unit of angular measure (based on  $\pi$ ). The complement of 1-Radian (about 57 degrees) is 33 degrees-the highest rank in Masonry. We know that the Egyptians understood trigonometry and angular measure. The Specific Gravity of calcium carbonate is 2.72, very close to the universal exponential constant "e". It is likely that ancient Egyptians knew about density and specific gravity because they were masters at floating barges of heavy stones on the Nile-which requires that knowledge. The molecular weight of calcium carbonate is a natural unit of 100.09 times the mass of a proton. I am not aware of any evidence that the ancients were aware of molecular weight, but it is not impossible.

What do all of these interesting coincidences mean symbolically, and how could practical and/or spiritual use have been made of them?

Since the Great Pyramid is very massive and is made of stone, and since we are interested in gravitational forces (which are mediated by massive bodies), we should examine the pyramid with an eye to geometry that might allow gravitational forces—no matter how weak—to add coherently.

This special geometry is provided by the pyramid's shape, which mimics the shape of the molecule of the material the structure is made from.

The explanation I propose involves the possibility that the pyramid is an acoustically pumped (probably infrasonic, possibly earthquake driven) single pass gravitational "laser", dependent for its operation on a res-

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calcix, "burnt lime,"

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onance between the pyramid's macro and micro structures. Again, the underlying principle is As Above, So Below.

#### HOW IT MIGHT WORK

The chambers and passages may serve as the acoustic energy injection/pumping system that aligns with the buttress structure. This is based on geometry shown by R. Buckminster Fuller. Fuller describes the two states of

the calcite crystal which give two different internal gravitational energies.

In Fuller's model, we start with a molecule whose (oxygen) atoms form an octahedron and we distort it by an internal twist of 90° so that the atoms are arranged pentagonally. Each molecule has the same number of atoms with the same masses as before. But now the distances between the atoms are changed. Therefore the internal gravitational forces between the atoms is changed—because gravitational attraction depends on mass and distance. This is what Fuller calls the Octahedron as Conservation and Annihilation Model for gravitation.

Limestone has randomly oriented crystals which could be pumped (by sound or shock) from their octahedral form into a pentagonal form. When the crystal "snaps" back to its rest form, the gravitational quantum that Fuller notes is released. If this theory is correct, the gravitational forces in the calcite crystals in the pyramid are added coherently due to the geometry of the pyramid, and the electrostatic binding forces of the crystals are added at random. This lifts the infinitesimal gravitational forces out of the electromagnetic background which would otherwise swamp them.

The gravitational force is many orders of magnitude weaker (billions and billions and billions of times weaker) than the electrostatic forces which hold molecules together. Normally there is no practical way to detect, measure, or use the gravitational forces holding a molecule together because



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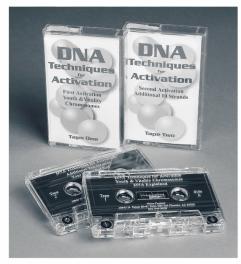
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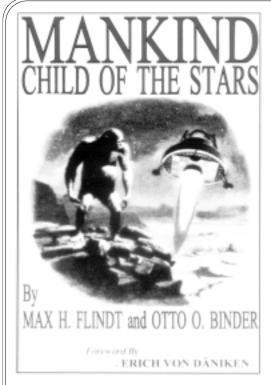


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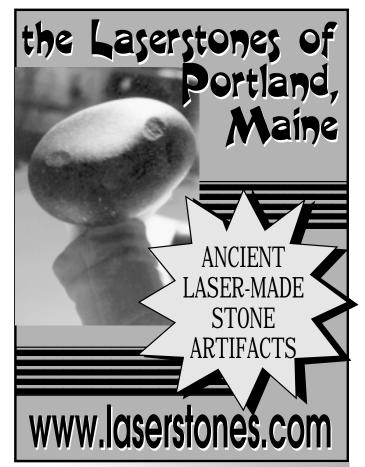
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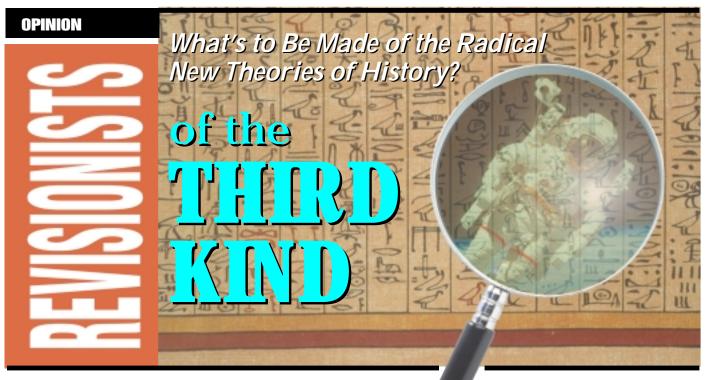
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e live in heady times. It's the era of the paradigm shift, if you hadn't heard. Old ideas about human origins, the origin of religion, and even the origin of life have begun to crumble. Seeing man as the product of material causes alone no longer holds water, if it ever did. Darwinian evolution fails to account for our most fundamental gifts as human beings, our developed consciousness and intuitive nature.

And Newtonian physics no longer explains the mysteries of reality, nor does the dogma of old-time religion, the injunction that we believe for belief's sake. With the advent of the new paradigm, we can now look at old questions and the mystery of life from a fresh point of view, free from the prejudices that once bound us. We paradigm busters have achieved a sort of liberation.

Or have we?

Several prominent writers and researchers have redefined, for many, beliefs about the human race—who we are and where we come from. These are the revisionists of the New Age. Through scholarship, insight, and provocative theories, they have painted a new picture of man and his origins. One of the main tenets of this particular facet of the paradigm shift is that technologically advanced extraterrestrials, *aliens*, are responsible for mankind's presence on earth, a notion that would fill in some of the gaps, perhaps we should say gaping holes, in the

theory of evolution, particularly the gap left by the *missing link*, a phenomena that exists not just in human evolution, but wherever science tries to draw an ancestral connection between one species and another on the evolutionary

Humanity's gods, the new revisionists say, and his interaction

with those gods recorded in middle Eastern scriptures, are actually encounters with extraterrestrials—beings stepping out of the dazzling light of spacecraft rather than the aura of the divine. We came to interpret these visitors as heavenly beings. And they are indeed heavenly, the revisionists say, but they come from the heavens, rather than heaven itself.

The God of our fathers, and his angelic emissaries, scholars like Zecharia Sitchen explain, were alien materialists-super scientists with the ability to genetically design and create species like homo erectus and homo sapiens. These ETs may have created mankind outright, as a slave race, and as a source of genetic material, so that they could perpetuate their own existence. The ET's intervention would explain the missing link in human evolution, having iump-started the human evolutionary process. It would not, though, explain the missing link that occurs between virtually every species on earth, considering the volume and variation of those species throughout time.

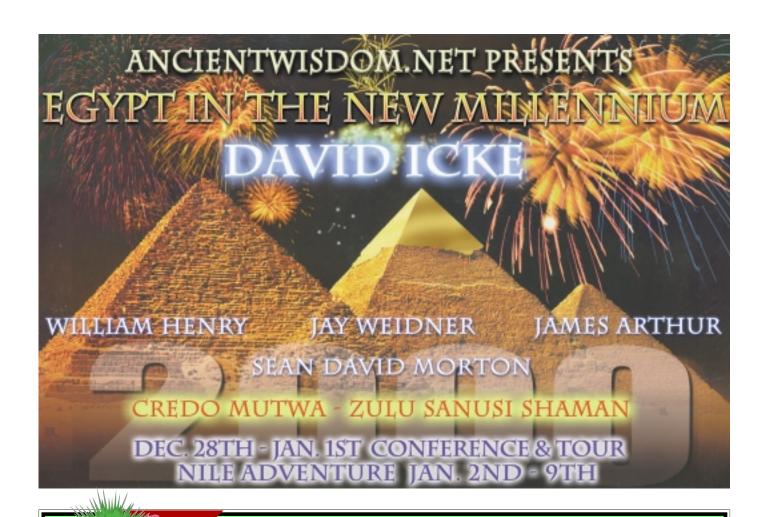
In Sitchin's astonishing and often

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persuasive interpretations of ancient Sumerian texts, he writes about the Sumerian god Enlil and his progeny Enki, managers of early genetic experiments in human creation. What began as a non-reproducing slave-labor Sitchin tells us, went the way of Frankenstein's monster. The humans asserted themselves and eventually reproduced, owing to a difference of opinion between Mssrs. Enlil and Enki. The younger god/alien, Enki, went against his father's wishes, endowing the human prototypes with reproductive abilities. (Thanks Enki, by the way.) The rest would be, quite literally, history. And the divine exchanges between creator and creation formed the revelatory episodes we now look to as the basis of early Western religious experience.

Sitchen, author of *The Twelfth Planet, The Earth Chronicles* and *Divine Encounters*, leads the charge of writer/researchers propounding this view that man's origin lies literally in the stars, and not in the Garden of Eden, in conventional Darwinian sce-

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narios, or in forgotten mists of an advanced prehistoric civilization, the vestige of an ancient planetary history, as frequently purported by some in these pages. Sitchen has compiled a body of work over the decades dedicated to this alien progenitor proposition, supported by his considerable talents as a scholar and translator of ancient texts, and so have others. Erich Von Daniken, for example, though never taken seriously in scholarly quarters has probably done more to popularize the idea of ancient ET involvement in earth's history than anybody else. His Chariots of the Gods series sold in the millions worldwide.

In its scholarly impact, Robert Temple's *The Sirius Mystery* runs toe to toe with Sitchin's work, a magnum

opus of sorts, arguing that human beings are a cross between a now extinct ape and a divine/alien being with human qualities. Temple's dedication spans the decades too, and then the millennia, supported by revelations that African tribes somehow gained advanced astronomical knowledge of the Sirian star system in ancient times. Temple presents us with a story of alien intervention in human affairs, turning the

heads of *Nature* and *Time* magazines for having done so. He proposes that man is, in effect, an alien hybrid, influenced in ancient times by amphibious aliens from the Sirian system.

Alan Alford picks up the gods-fromouter-space torch with his *Gods of the New Millennium* in which humanity's deities become a flesh-and-blood super race. He too seems to have found Darwin's missing link, accounting for the sudden appearance of homo sapiens 200,000 years ago, a creature with a brain 50% larger than his most recent known ancestor. The gods intervened, Alford tells us, creating man "in their own image" and as a slave race through genetic engineering.

Sitchin's considerable talents as an interpreter and translator of ancient texts have made him something of a demigod himself. It's hard to dismiss, after all, a man who can read ancient Sumerian writings, even if he says they are about aliens. And so a following has gathered around the venerable scholar, along with emulators like Alford writing in the same vein, and then Neil Freer with *Breaking the Godspell*, for which Sitchin wrote a compelling fore-

word. Even channeled material, expressing Sitchin-like scenarios, have invoked the scholar's name, along with a troupe of believers known in some quarters as Sitchinites, united in cyberspace and often through the pages of magazines like this. The whole of the New Age movement, in fact, some would suggest has been taken over by alien worship, those preferring the glitzy shimmer of spacecraft to the time-worn but narrow path of self-transcendence.

Sitchen, Temple, Alford and Freer go a long way toward explaining the mystery of human origins, though. Some transcendent agent, the new paradigm holds, stands as the cause of human creation, not mere materialistic accident. And the proposition that ETs were responsible carries as much weight as other older theories: Darwinian Evolution, the Garden of Eden, or the cabbage patch, for that matter.

Conventional science, what's more, dabbles in ideas about extraterrestrial origins, wondering if Earth wasn't seeded by microbes riding piggy back on meteorites, jump-starting the evolutionary process. It's certainly as believable as a bolt of lightning striking an unlikely grouping of amino acids in a primordial sea, creating the first living cell—an oft-touted Darwinian scheme.

But the new revisionists, their emulators and

followers, in certain crucial ways, take up where Darwinists and creationists leave off. The Darwinists, for reasons peculiar to themselves, wholly dismiss the spiritual in favor of the material. They would like to believe that science means materialistic science-absolutely so. They have no time for revelations by Nobel Prize winning physicists about the timeless, spaceless underpinnings of reality, the essential nonmateriality of our universe that sounds more like the Upanishads Darwin. Nor do they care about data supporting ESP and near-death experience-research that aids our understanding of reality and therefore of our origins. And the Garden of Eden crowd, religious fundamentalists of various stripes, dismiss the material evidence in favor of literal interpretations of ancient scriptures, while having no mind at all for mystical inquiry.

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The new revisionists, with all of their insights and scholarship, fall prey to these same mind sets. With Sitchin, an encounter with the angels or Elohim becomes a Close Encounter of the Third Kind, a material event dependent

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or thousands of years rumors and reports have circulated somewhere beyond that Tibet, among the icy peaks and secluded valleys of Central Asia, there lies an inaccessible paradise, a place of universal wisdom and ineffable peace called Shambhala. James Hilton wrote about it in Lost Horizon, Hollywood portrayed it in the 1960s film Shangri-La, and recent films such as Kundun, Little Buddha and Seven Years in Tibet allude to the magical Utopia.

The Sanskrit name means "place of peace, of tranquility." Though it's true location has never been found, its beginnings are unknown and its existence is unproven, Shambhala is recognized and honored by at least eight major religions, and is regarded by most esoteric traditions as the true center of the planet and the world's spiritual powerhouse. It is said to be inhabited by adepts from every race and culture who form an inner circle that secretly guides human evolution.

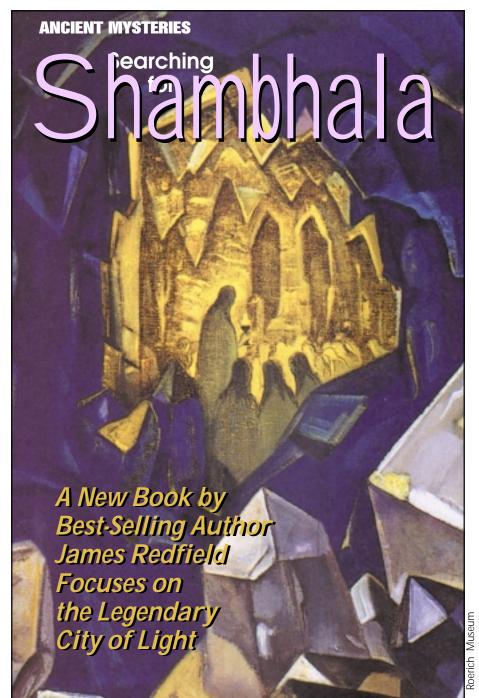
This remarkable kingdom reputedly exists both above and below ground, with a network of tunnels hundreds of miles long. "Cars of strange design flash along their length," writes Andrew Tomas, author of Shambhala, Oasis of Light, "and they are illumined by a brilliant, artificial light which affords growth to the grains and vegetables and long life without disease to

the people."

Victoria LePage writes in her superbly researched book, Shambhala: "Modern society is in desperate need of a zone of order, a mandalic center within spiraling chaos." And she maintains, the quest for this center leads us directly to Shambhala, which she calls "The World Axis." LePage, who has been studying Shambhala for nearly fifty years, says that many marvels are supposed to have been seen in this underground world: museums, libraries, stores of jewels, and technological inventions thousands of years before their time. And, according to Chinese lore, the aircraft and space vehicles of the Immortals of Shambhala journey among the stars, observing the habitats of other races and kingdoms.

It would be easy to dismiss Shambhala as pure mythical fantasy, were it not for a very credible explorer who searched for, found and returned to tell us something about his experiences in Shambhala. Nicholas Roerich, a Russian-born artist, poet, writer and distinguished member of the Theosophical Society, led an expedition across the Gobi Desert to the Atlai mountain range from 1923 to 1928, a journey which covered 15,500 miles across 35

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Treasure of the Mountain, (Nicholas Roerich)

of the world's highest mountain passes. As LePage puts it, "Roerich was a man of unimpeachable credentials: a famous collaborator in Stravinsky's Rite of Spring, a colleague of the impresario Diaghilev and a highly talented and respected member of the League of Na-

He was also influential in the FDR administration, and was the pivotal force behind placing the Great Seal of the United States on the dollar bill. Roerich may have been on a mission to return what was said to be part of the sacred "Chintamani Stone, which was itself believed to be part of a magical

meteorite from a solar system in the constellation of Orion. According to lamaist legend, a fragment of this Chintamani Stone from what is probably the star Sirius is sent wherever a spiritual mission vital to humanity is set up, and is returned when that mission is completed. Once held in the possession of the League of Nations, it was entrusted to Roerich after the organization failed. Though it is not known whether he was able to return the fragment or not, the expedition lent credibility to those who believed that Shambhala was more than a myth.

Roerich kept a diary during the trip



James Redfield

and, while in Mongolia, noted that; "belief in the imminence of the era of Shambhala was very strong." In his book, Heart of Asia, Roerich describes both his scientific observations and his personal spiritual quest. This blending of the scientific and the spiritual is also present in the hundreds of paintings Roerich made throughout the expedition. "His eye captured the shapes and colors of the mountains, monasteries, rock carvings, stupas, cities and peoples of Asia," writes Jaqueline Decter in Nicholas Roerich; "his soul understood their spirit; and his brush forged a synthesis of beauty." Throughout his life, Roerich strove to link all scientific and creative disciplines to advance true culture and international peace, citing the power of art and beauty to accomplish such a feat.

The Roerich Peace Pact, which obligated nations to respect museums, cathedrals, universities and libraries as they did hospitals, was established in 1935 and became part of the United Nations organizational charter. "Today," notes Le Page, "every major Russian city has a Roerich organization that expresses his ideas for a new type of enlightened civilization based on the utopian principles of Shambhala."

Tomas, an admirer of Roerich and a strong believer in Shambhala's physical reality, claims that Vatican archives contain reports by Jesuit missionaries which concern importations from the emperors of China to the "Spirits of the Mountains" in the Nan Shan and Kun Lun Ranges, "usually in times of national crisis when the Chinese rulers could not reach a decision."

Tomas wasn't the only one to consider Shambhala a physical reality: his conviction was shared both by a growing metaphysical school in Europe, and by Rene Guenon, a Sufi



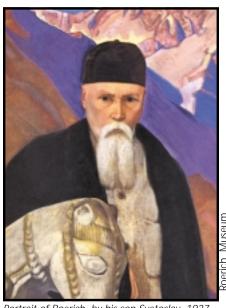
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scholar and skilled student of the ancient Jewish Cabala, and a contemporary of Roerich and spiritual teacher George Gurdjieff. His book, *Le Roi du Monde* (The King of the World), though written in a cryptic style that requires decoding, contains some of the most specific information available on the sacred site.

He considered Shambhala the prototypic Holy Land, of which Jerusalem, Delphi and Benares are or were simply reflections. The neo-Theosophist Alice Bailey wrote that "Shambhala is the vital centre in the planetary consciousness." And, interestingly enough, a belief in Shambhala's powers is documented to have been the driving force behind the Nazi neo-occultist mystique.

Numerous writers have stated that the Nazis attempted to contact the hidden center by sending emissaries to Tibet, seeking to elicit the secrets of a great "Ahrimaic" earth-force, unknown to science, that exerts power over all of material nature, which they believed had its seat in Shambhala. But the power-base is reputed to have invincible, divine protection, and attempts by malevolent forces to penetrate its sacred boundaries are always thwarted. Indeed, even benevolent individuals who seek to enter before they have been "called" are said to meet with disaster. One must be a purified "initiate" willing to sacrifice the human ego and human comforts before she or he is considered ready to make the arduous "journey up the mountain."

According to many esoteric traditions, the secrets of initiation are now opening to the masses, as they have in past ages. And James Redfield's latest book, *The Secret of Shambhala, In Search of the Eleventh Insight,* outlines what Redfield intuits those initiations



Portrait of Roerich by his son Svetoslav, 1937

might be. The author of best-seller *The Celestine Prophecy* says he wrote Shambhala to "capture the essence of the insight that I think is occurring to people already; I'm not trying to create the Eleventh Insight, I'm trying to describe what I think is already occurring," he emphasizes.

Like Celestine, Shambhala is an adventure meant to be a parable. The central character is again unnamed, reflecting every man's identity. It's Redfield himself, you and me and anyone else who cares to come along. This time, trekking to Tibet ala Brad Pitt, we build on previous insights, consciously connecting with our higher energy, breathing it in, sustaining it and extending it out to influence circumstances around us. We learn the "Four Extensions," ways to enhance and channel our energy fields required in order to master our thoughts and emotions and be eligible for entry into Shambhala.

The First Extension improves the quality of energy we take in physically, beginning with food; maintaining higher energy is impossible if one eats meat, we are told. Indeed, the arduous adventure, fraught with traumatic occurrences in a frigid climate, is made with little more than soup and vegetables as sustenance. Redfield, who is vegetarian, feels there is a fundamental relationship between diet, physical movement and spiritual consciousness. He is impressed with research being conducted by Robert Young (author of One Disease, One Cure) on the acid/ alkaline approach to nutrition and longevity. "The medical model of the microbe being the enemy is going to be laughed at hilariously in the coming

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#### The Flood

*The Flood* continues Dr. Ziegler's assault on traditional religion through his knowledge of physics. Rather than belittling religion, though, he takes it to new heights in understanding the past.

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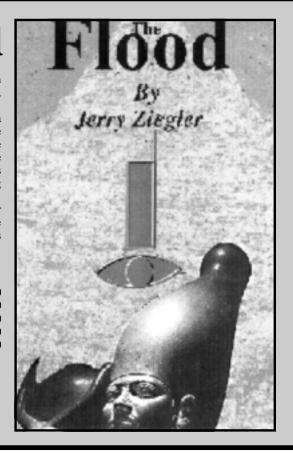
While the Zohar and the Bible are the center from which Dr. Ziegler draws his knowledge, he has chosen to examine an Egyptian text in the tomb of Rameses VI to begin this work since it confirms so well his arguments that he has already made in *YHWH*, *Indra Girt by Maruts*, *Prologue To A Beginning. and In A* Beginning.

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#### THE OTHER SIDE

n 1847, a group of eighty-seven pioneers headed west to settle in California. They were only one of many wagon trains who were making the months-long trip across the United States to start a new life in the wild west. Unfortunately, the Donner Party (as they came to be known) suffered an incredible streak of bad luck. A series of misfortunes left them snowbound and trapped in the Sierra Mountains with no supplies, no food and no way to escape. By the time winter was over, more than half of the settlers had died, and many of those who survived were reduced to cannibalism.

The horrifying events were so shocking and unbelievable that the public became instantly electrified. The news spread across the world and became the object of intense scrutiny. How could this have happened? Who was responsible for this tragedy? How were the settlers able to survive?

These and other questions mystified the public. And today, more than 150 years later, the grim events of the winter of 1847 and the fate of the Donner Party remain well-known.

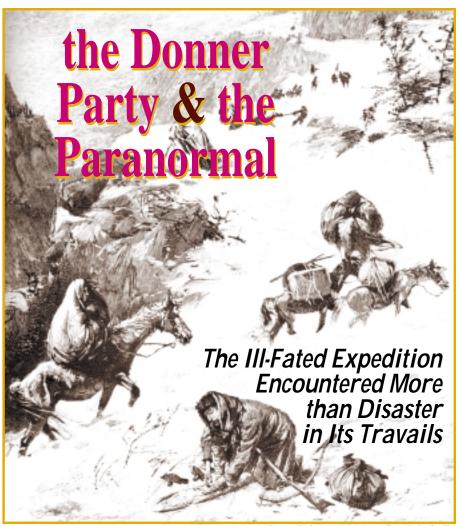
What most people don't know, however, is just how extraordinary and unlikely the events were that led to the disaster, or how the rescue of the surviving members of the Donner Party depended on a bizarre coincidence that very nearly didn't happen. It is a story of such incredible misfortune and fantastic good luck that it boggles the mind and makes one wonder-how could something like this have happened? Was it all just an accident, or could there be another explanation? Was it all just a series of random events, or was there any meaning behind the disaster?

A closer look at the events reveals a remarkable hidden side to the story filled with accounts of near-death experiences, angels, divine guidance, fantastic coincidence, premonitions and survival against impossible odds.

The Donner Party was composed of eighty-seven members, about ten families of varying size, the majority of whom were women and children. From the very beginning, the group was stricken with extraordinary bad luck.

Their first mistake was following the guidebook of Francis Parkman, whose claims about a short-cut across the Wasatch mountains and the Great Salt Lake were greatly exaggerated. Because of this, the group ended up becoming delayed by nearly a month.

BY PRESTON E. DENNETT



A struggle to climb a mountain trail ends in futility

This time would be crucial as it was necessary to cross the mountains before the winter snows fell.

Their second stroke of bad luck occurred when they suffered repeated attacks by hostile Indians. Many pioneers had suffered this type of attack, but it was particularly severe in the case of the Donner Party, who ended up losing many of their cattle to the arrows of Indians.

A third stroke of bad luck occurred when a knife-fight broke out between two settlers resulting in the death of one of the men. Many considered it an ill omen of things to come.

By the time they made it to the foothills of the Sierra mountains, their streak of bad luck had left some of them nearly destitute. One family had been forced to abandon most of their property in the Great Salt Lake.

Others had to double up their wagons due to loss of cattle. Further delays had left many of them with little or no food supplies.

So by the time they made it to the foothills of the Sierras, it was either go forward or die.

Then fate reared its ugly head again.

On the very night that they were trying to go over what is now known as Donner Summit, the first winter snows began. A severe blizzard struck and persisted for days, preventing the settlers from getting over the pass. They were forced to retreat back down and make camp.

Unfortunately, winter came early that year and the snowfalls were to reach record levels. It was to be the worst snow in more than fifty years. The Donner party was snowed in for the winter with no food and little hope of rescue.

So began the events that would be remembered more than 150 years later. After attempting to cross the pass, the settlers had no choice but to make camp for the winter. They settled in two major groups, and began the long wait for the winter snows to melt. Unfortunately, the snow only got deeper, and soon covered even the tops of the tall pine trees. Before long, all the food was exhausted, and the pioneers began to perish from starvation.

Knowing that they were doomed to die from lack of food, they decided to organize a rescue party. At first it was →

composed of mostly men. However, five women insisted on also joining the group to attempt to cross the Sierras on foot. This was where the story became incredible. As the group of ten men and five women crossed the mountains, one by one, the men died. The survivors were forced to consume the flesh of those who died in order to live. By the time they reached the other side of the mountains, all but two of the men had died. However, every single women had survived!

Back in the days before women had the right to vote or own property and were considered the "weaker sex," this was truly shocking. That all the women had survived where nearly all the men had died - that was considered miracu-

As it turns out, some of the survivors of the Donner Party do attribute their survival to miracles. As the first rescue party struggled across the mountains, two of the group, William Eddy and Mary Graves, had gone ahead in search of food. They had been days without food of any type and were extremely weakened from starvation and exposure when they spotted a place where a deer had obviously been lying recently. The two survivors began weeping. Eddy turned to Graves and said, "Don't you feel like praying?"

Graves replied, "Oh, yes. I do, but I

never prayed in my life."

Eddy said that he had never prayed either. Nevertheless. both felt compelled to pray.

Afterwards, they went along the path in search of the deer. A short time later, they spotted the deer. Knowing that he had only one chance, Eddy carefully aimed the gun and shot.

To their delight, the bullet hit. That single fortuitous shot allowed their group to survive a few more days.

One of the most striking paranormal events that occurred during the Donner Party disaster was the neardeath experience of little Patty Reed, a child of only eight years of age. Although she was very young, the events of the past few months had given her a wisdom beyond her years. As one survivor remarked, "I was under the impression that she was older. She had a wonderful mind for one of her age. She



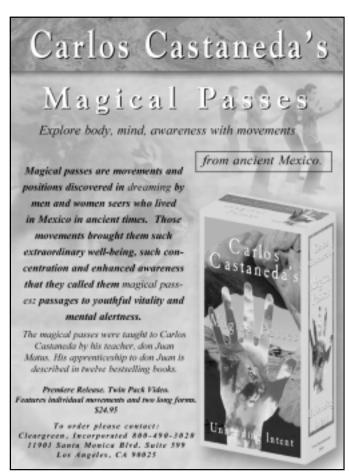
Donner survivor Margaret Reed and her husband James who had rejected by the group.

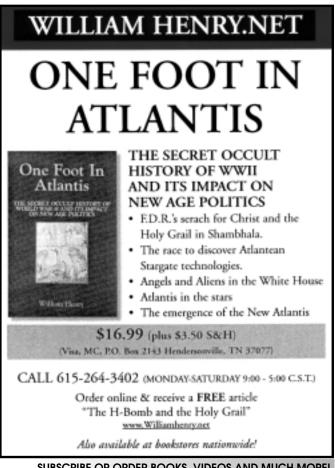
had, I have often thought, as much sense as a grown person."

Sadly, little Patty Reed had been starving for weeks and had no choice but to try and walk out of the Sierras with the rescue group. The deep snows proved too much for her, and she gradually lost awareness of her surroundings.

To her surprise, she beheld a "picture of such glory and brightness as seldom comes to human eyes. It was of

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# Astronomer of the Unseen

#### French Scientist Camille Flammarion Was Ahead of His Time and Then Some

ost astronomers of the modern era observe the heavens scrupulously and meticulously calculate its measurements; they believe only in what they can see, even if that vision is an expanded one and extended across both the visible and invisible electromagnetic spectrum.

Such was the case with the distinguished French astronomer Camille Flammarion, who lived from 1842 to 1925, and whose many notable achievements include the detection, in 1903, of a rapidly expanding ring of luminous gases surrounding the star Nova Persei—which discovery led to the recognition that novas are exploding stars.

Yet Flammarion also sought to tune in psychically to the vibrations of the stars and planets. Almost unique among astronomers of the time, he held the twin beliefs that the spirit world existed, and that matter and spirit were aspects of a single reality. Flammarion took advantage of the tremendous interest in spiritism and channeling in the France of his time-one held even more fervently by the upper classes and the intelligentsia than by the man in his street-to attend numerous seances at which he either channeled, or took down from other channels, spirit messages ostensibly from the unseen reaches of the spirit universe.

Flammarion didn't do this uncritically; he was, in fact, every bit as thoughtful and searching an observer of the séance as was Harry Houdini in our time. But he also had a Madame Blavatsky side, and, along with publishing several popularizations of cosmology which made him the French Carl Sagan of his day, he wrote a

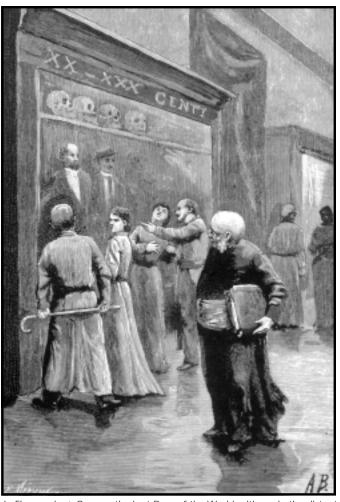
number of visionary/early science-fiction works in which lie embedded, usually in disguised form, the knowledge which the visionary/astronomer brought back with him from his probing rounds of the séances.

Beginning with the re-issue this past spring by the University of

Nebraska Press of the 1894 first English translation of Flammarion's once hugely popular novel, *Omega: The Last Days of the World*, interest is once again focusing on the protean achievement of this many-sided genius. But the academic world may soon find itself in possession of far more than it bargained for. The symbology of Flammarion's novels goes much deeper than just our physical universe, and seems to contain intimations of the unseen spiritual contours of the cosmos through which we move.

In the little town of Juvissy-sur-Orge, just a few miles south of Orly Airport near Paris, lies the now-deserted but once proud and productive Camille Flammarion Observatory. The observatory was built by the astronomer in 1882-83, on the land and in the chateau with which a patron and admirer, one C. Meret, had presented him. Today, the splendid 42-centimeter refracting telescope lies covered up. The 12,000-book library and its archives are under lock and key. The Observatory grounds serve as the final resting place for Camille and his wife, Gabrielle.

In its heyday, the observatory was not only the site of solid and deter-



In Flammarion's Omega: the Last Days of the World, citizens in the distant future study an exhibit of fossils from the 20th century.

mined observations such as those of Nova Persei in 1903, but also of many an audacious experiment. Shortly after its construction, Flammarion added a meteorological and climatological station. Over a period of three decades, the astronomer took 1,500 exposures of cloud and halo phenomena. He used balloons to carry out observations, winning considerable notoriety by making a series of personal ascents over Paris to carry out high-altitude meteorological observations. In 1897, he was the first person to use motion-picture photography for astronomical purposes.

The astronomer who would probe both seen and unseen worlds got off to a fast start. Nicolas Camille Flammarion was born on February 25, 1842, at Montigny-le-Roi, in the region of Haute-Marne. He was a hugely precocious child, beginning not only to read at four but also to put together the collection of books which would end up as the 12,000 volumes housed in the Camille Flammarion Observatory at the time of its owner's death on June 4, 1925; the reason Flammarion gave his friends for his book-collecting mania

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BY JOHN CHAMBERS

# **Challenging the Stars**

#### The State of a Birth Chart Need Not Determine One's Fate

he young Paramahansa Yogananda refused to let astrology rule his life. His natal chart clearly stated that as a matter of destiny he would marry three times. This, however, was not his desire nor his purpose. Even as a young boy, he knew that he would become a Yogi, and that he would dedicate his life to serving others. In his plan of self-realization, marriage simply did not fit in. Determined that no curse of a predestination would limit him, he one day dramatically rolled up his horoscope, set fire to it and placed the ashes in a paper bag. On the bag he wrote, "Seeds of past karma cannot germinate if they are roasted in the fires of divine wisdom." Witnessing this act of defiance against the edit of the stars, Yogananda's brother, Ananta, declared, "You cannot destroy truth as

easily as you have burnt the paper scroll."

Years later, when Yogananda's Guru, Sri Yuksteswar, advised him to wear a special armlet to offset a difficult astrology, his disciple hesitated. Yes, it was true that his parents had tried to arrange a marriage for him on three different occasions but he had refused to fall in with their plans, confidant that his love for God was greater than any astrological persuasion. He didn't believe in astrology. Science cares not if you believe or do not believe, insisted his teacher. "As long as man struggles with his mortality, he is affected by the myriad mutations of heaven and earth." Yukstewar told Yogananda that his astrology would soon bring upon him a grievous liver condition. By wearing the bracelet, his Guru advised, he would suffer for only 24 days rather than 6 months as predicted by the chart. The healthy Yogananda soon became so ill that he was immensely grateful for Yukstewar's warning. He wore the armlet for years

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Jacob Wrestles with the Angel (Frans Frank: the Prado, Madric

to come. Nevertheless, Yogananda taught that "the starry inscription at one's birth, is not that man is a puppet of his past. Its message is a prod to pride; the very heavens seek to arouse man's determination to be free of every limitation." Mystical tradition teaches that karma can be transcended, that we do not have to reap and weep, prisoners of our fate and the die of our astrology. But how?

The factor upon which destiny hangs is the conscious exercise of the will. Esoteric astrology teaches that the astrologer's interpretation should depend on the assessment of the spiritual evolution of the person whose chart he is reading. Even the planets said to rule the signs change when a person has taken charge of his destiny. An Arian, for example, normally ruled by Mars, will, once he has conquered the tendency toward impulsive action based on egocentric desires, be ruled by Mercury. Thought and action are one. The Gemini person, who must learn decisiveness through many seemingly equal choices, will, when his will is focused to Divine Will, be ruled not by changeable Mercury, but by Venus, symbolizing the union of twin flames in love. The pillars of the temple no longer are rivals, but are one in purpose and in understanding. But few astrologers are advanced enough themselves to determine the spirituality of their client. Dane Rudhyar wrote that when a person elects the Path of Initiation, his chart needed to be read totally differently than for the person who walks the slower, less aware route of "the highway of evolution." (See *Atlantis Rising #* 15)

Author Zen ben Shimon Halevi is regarded as an authoritative writer on both Kabbalah, the mystical tradition of Judaism, and astrology. From the Kabbalah's point of view, writes Halevi, fate can change, according to the degree and depth of choice. A man cannot change his fate to a great extent unless he understands his true nature. According to the Kabbalah, what distinguishes man from the animal and the angelic kingdoms is the gift of free will. Man alone, has the capacity to live in the physical psychological and spiritual kingdoms described by the Tree of Life

in the sacred scriptures. We have all made choices. Our astrology, for better or for worse, describes the effects of the choices we have made in the past. If we want to change our fate, we must first choose to live above and beyond a physical, materialistic existence. We must, in essence, become the governor of our lives.

Writing in 1978 (The Anatomy of Fate), Halevi remarks that the majority of human beings do not take this choice. Being greatly influenced by the collective unconscious, most people live primarily under the influence of the Moon and the Ascendant as described in their natal chart. Even for those ignorant of the power inherent in free will, Providence will create crisis situations meant to stir them up, to force them to choose. Then, they may move to a somewhat higher level of expression and begin to manifest more of the influence of the Sun. This person, whom Halevi dubs as "animal man," has a marked sense of individuality which manifests in his life and in his fate. Animal man may have varying degrees of dominance in the physical world. He may be self-made. He often is subject to be taken over by another rival animal man. His drive for success is apt to express positive and negative qualities of his Sun sign. His achievements, however great in the eyes of the world, are in reality more of a compulsion and less of a choice. Such a person, then, is still locked into his fate "until the victory or defeat of himself ceases to have any purpose."

The animal man lives in the physical realm. Typically, he's not overly concerned with why he does what he does and he has little or no regard for the

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spiritual implications of his actions. He is only dimly conscious of the "inner sun." Halevi notes that there are more spiritual movements available now than at any other time in known history. Sleeping suns are awakening! When we make the shift from a basically materialistic lifestyle to one of psychological awareness, we enjoy a greater degree of self-understanding. At this stage, we emerge from the preoc-

cupations of the Ascendant (image) and the illusions of the Moon-ego and into the first state of the Sun. We take on a conscious awareness that we can become "a useful servant to reflect the truth of the Sun." The Sun in the natal chart studied in aspect to the different planetary bodies can help further our quest for self-gnosis.

At this level of awareness, fate cannot necessarily be avoided. But our response to circumstance changes as we determine to walk through our fate but not be affected by it. Halevi warns of pride deceiving us into believing that we have won the battle at this point. Even heroes, he notes, can be fools.

Since man was created originally in the image of God, the spiritual destiny of the microcosmic man is to realize within himself the macrocosmic attributes of the Creator. He has the opportunity to realize his destiny as a Son of God, a co-creator with the Divine. On the Tree of Life, the Sun occupies the central position, Tiferet, the connection between the upper world of the spirit and the lower world of material existence. Judaism emphasizes practical spirituality. If the Sun is obscured by some factor of ego reflected by the Moon or if the person lives only in the

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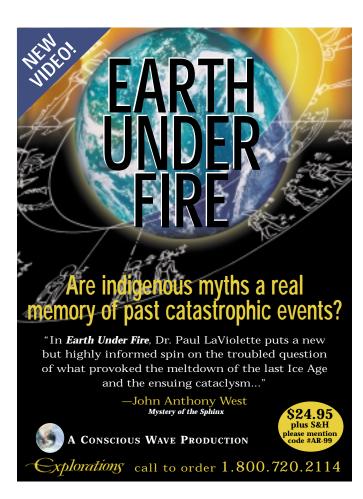


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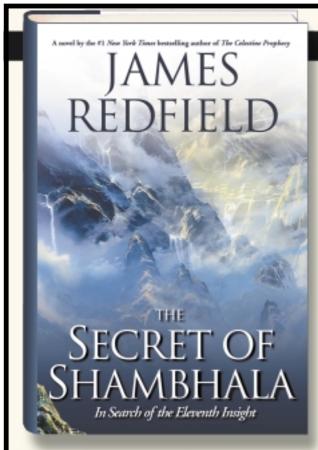
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# Darwinism Under Fire

#### Questions of Origin—Human and Otherwise—Hotly Debated

n recent years an increasing number of books challenging some accepted scientific view has appeared. Some of these, books have been written by scientists, some by journalists and some by others. AR readers know the scientific community typically treats such books similarly, i.e., with disdain, derision, or by ignoring the book entirely. How easily that can be done depends, partly, upon the overall caliber of the book.

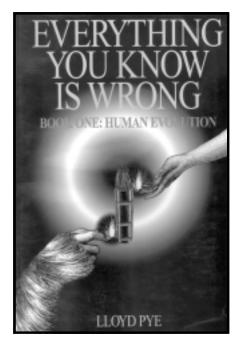
Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings, A New Science of Life, Shattering the Myths of Darwinism, Fingerprints of the Gods, Serpent in the Sky, Forbidden Archaeology-all question accepted explanations and are worthy of anyone's reading, as each is thoughtful, properly documented, intelligently organized and carefully written. It is a pleasure to report on books like these, as the ideas they contain are expressed in such a manner that I, at least, am convinced an impartial reader will have to acknowledge the power of the arguments as presented and admit the views or conclusions suggested justify consideration.

Any number of books that purport to fulfill these criteria is published every year. Because most do not, they aren't discussed here. Recently my attention was attracted by an incorrectly titled book. How could such a thing be, you wonder? Well, the author himself says so, after arousing one's interest by a title that, ultimately, is merely hyperbole and a sort of trick.

The book is *Everything You Know-Is Wrong*, book one: human evolution, by Lloyd Pye (published by Adamu Press). Not by any of my criteria does it attain "good book" status. Indeed, as the author obliges me to demonstrate, much about this book—but not its concept—is third rate. Considering the book's physical quality, its price also is too high.

In the preface, Mr. Pye states that the book, "is designed to be a basic text for that unsanctioned course of study (how humans came to be on earth), and to help current 'students' (of the Invisible College) enroll their friends and acquaintances." Mr. Pye

■ BY DR. JOSEPH RAY



wants people to buy his book, read it and to take his ideas seriously. Toward that end he has spoken on numerous radio talk shows.

At the very end of the last part (Part TV), Pye states that his book "will be derided and dismissed by official mouthpieces. Critics always will first try to disparage any lack of 'proper' academic credentials .... (and) will get busy locating whatever flaws or misstatements of fact they can find—large or small—and use those few mistakes to discredit everything that is accurate" (ng. 311)

I am not an "official mouthpiece." Rather, I am a retired scientist, well-acquainted with the mode of thought scientists should pursue and with the many deviations from that. My interests are to provide readers with as much food for thought as I can, to commend the reading of deficient as well as better books (thereby does any reader develop a true perspective) and, throughout, to maintain high quality by carefully and impartially considering the material. From that perspective, *Everything* ... represented a challenge.

The basic hypotheses of this book (which are never actually stated as such) are: 1.) that "life," i.e., unicellular

organisms that metabolize energy and replicate themselves, arose here as the result of a collision with another planetary body, 4-5 billion years ago; 2.) humans, i.e., Homo sapiens, were "manufactured" (Pye's term) by a race of people about 285,000 years ago. These are not currently acceptable ideas and Pye goes to such extreme lengths apprising readers of the restrictive nature of the scientific establishment (the "priesthood" embraces a "doctrine" which is "preached" from "pulpits") that brief explanatory comment about science seemed appropriate.

Scientists express outwardly a natural characteristic of cerebral intelligence that Carl Jung called misoneism. Misoneism is fear of the strange: strange entities (e.g. aliens) strange experiences (e.g. food), and strange ideas. Closed-mindedness is a natural mental quality that stabilizes the current paradigm. When scientists ignore troubling evidence, they are reacting naturally.

True scientists, however, transcend that impulse.

Thus, scientists, as regards their nature, are no different than other people. If they were not narrowminded, if they were impartial, if they had foresight, we would not today be suffering from all the unforeseen side-effects of scientific "progress." Scientists today are less well educated than in earlier generations. They regularly have enlarged egos, a fact that drives them toward personal gain (fame and notoriety) and further exaccerbates the negative effects of their activities.

Narrow-mindedness alters, literally, one's perceptions. It may even necessitate that one not "see" something at all. There are hundreds of stories now of the closed-minded old-guard of a scientific discipline dismissing new findings, research or new ideas. But the timeframe for change in a scientific discipline typically exceeds the life span of humans: scientific revolutions require generations.

The source of science's self-correcting is the feedback that continues to be accumulated from new experience. As long as the goal of science remains truth and is not adulterated to satisfy egos, then the continued feedback eventually will restore its course →

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back to truth when it strays from it. That is the nature of self-regulating, self-correcting, self-organizing, cybernetic systems.

Modern biology's understanding of evolution is flawed. On the other hand, the concept of evolution by natural selection is not entirely incorrect: Darwin already had experienced selective breeding (by ourselves of plants and livestock). However, even along with mutation, which is supposed to account for new species, there exist too many impossible cases and situations. As Pye states, Darwin's "innumerable intermediate forms" which he anticipated would be found eventually, never have been. And there's been no new animal phylum to evolve since the original 26 came into existence about 500 million years ago. Furthermore, in a paragraph too long to quote here, Darwin himself expressed misgivings about the important principle, "survival of the fittest," for he had seen that it wasn't always true, and ironically, even saw himself as an obvious exception, sickly, yet surviving admirably. In short, the evolution of man cannot adequately be explained by modern biologists utilizing the accepted concepts of the current paradigm.

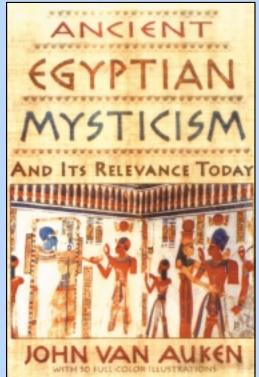
Because "a well-entrenched cadre of 'experts' who control the relevant discipline's power structure... (and who) have a deeply vested interest in preventing changes to the status quo on which their careers have been built..." (pg. 26), and because Darwinism's "deceptive simplicity" enhances its "appeal," biologists hang onto it, apadditional pending theoretical concepts. Such a one is "punctuated equilibrium," an effort to explain the typically sudden appearance and lack of morphological change over time (stasis) of a new species.

The accepted "evolutionary" story of ourselves, Pye says, deviates clearly from the facts. The various named primitive, supposed precursors to ourselves are not our progenitors at all. Homo habilis, H. ergaster, H. erectus, H. Heidelbergensis indicate by their bone structure and what can be inferred that there is no ancestral relationship to us: Their bones are too heavy, their leg/hip arrangement unlike ours, their brow ridges too heavy, their arms too long, and their brains too small for any of these brutish creatures to have been our ancestors. H. Neanderthalis, however, which lived from 200,000 years to 30,000 years ago, had larger brains and were widely distributed. In an interesting fashion, they are our ancestors, although they too were brutish.

"Because the world's scientific and religious establishments would be devastated if hominoids were recognized as real. . . "(pg. 74), biologists don't consider the obvious possibility: the ancient brutes are the direct antecedents of the modern ones. These are "Yeti," "Bigfoot," "Sasquatch," "Alma," "Mehtek," "Gin- sung," "Muhala," to list only a few of the names from virtually everywhere in the world these creatures have been seen. They have at their disposal a vast area of earth, says Pye, millions of square miles including all sorts of climates in places where humanity seldom goes.

In this century several "credentialed" scientists have studied the question of the existence of modern hominoids. All have concluded that some kind of creature like these does exist. Encounter reports are worldwide and, Pye says "provide plenty of valid, convincing proof" (pg. 150). Nevertheless, all is "officially disregarded because of the syllogistic logic that says hominoids don't exist because they can't exist because they don't fit into the current status quo's world view" (pg. 150). Several apparently well-documented stories might raise your eyebrow-and not out of incredulity either. One concerns Zana, a captured (Russian) Alma (human-sized hominoid) who pro-

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Homo Sapiens Neanderthalensis

duced eight human-sired children, four of whom were raised by the village women. These children looked human and behaved as such, two even having children of their own by their human mates.

Pye says the population of hominoids is quite large. He estimates that northern California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia harbor 200,000 Sasquatch. We seldom see hominoids there or in the other regions of the world they inhabit for reasons discussed in the book.

A host of questions may have arisen in your mind—they certainly did in mine. Chief among these was, "What then is our ancestry?" Mr. Pye's answer, arising from a literal comprehension of ancient Sumerian writings as translated and recorded by Zecharia Sitchin, is unequivocal. It is partially buttressed by justifiable inference based upon fact.

The hominid fossils through 4,000,000 years indicate thick-browed, large, powerful creatures of low intelligence. There are no human-like creatures until Cro-Magnon man, and no evidence that pre-hominoid brutes transitioned into Cro-Magnon man. Additionally, 120,000 years or so is too brief a time for humans to have evolved by Darwinian means from Cro-Magnons. Thus, "I believe humans were developed (created on Earth by human-like 'aliens' by using a combination of genetic engineering and crossbreeding with native hominids (hominoids)" (pg. 186). These hominoid beings would have been something like Zana, the Russian Alma who, Pye hypothesizes, was a Neanderthal. (Ironically, in Forbidden Archaeology, Michael Cremo presents evidence that humans, Homo sapiens, have lived here for millions of years.)

AR readers certainly are acquainted with the name Sitchin if not with his work. It is based upon a careful but highly literal translation of Sumerian cuneiform tablets. The literality of this work matters, for many tablets are said

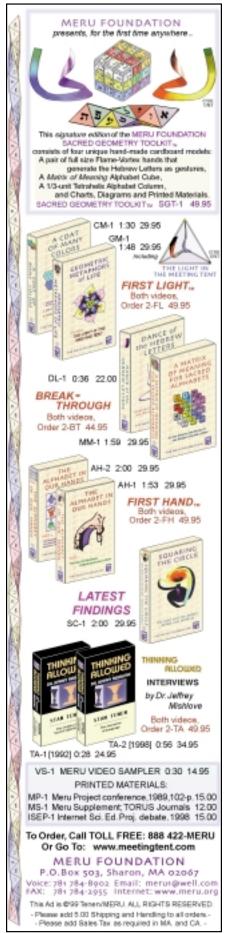
to contain allegorical writings. Allegory, of course, is meant for the Intelligence of the Heart (AR #19.) and is not to be understood literally. Allegorical writing may incorporate historical fact.

Interestingly, the Sumerian creation epic, entitled Enuma Elish, describes planetary collisions and solar system perturbations that occurred long ago. It states further that another planet, Nibiru, comes close by us every few thousand years and from there, human-like people came here searching for gold needed to rectify defects in their atmosphere. These people were the Anunnaki, and allegedly, following their arrival here 430,000 years ago, they built the ancient structures, pyramids and cities, developed Cro-Magnon man from Neanderthals whose evolution they also influenced and taught the Sumerians everything. The Anunnaki left earth following nuclear battles among themselves, returning to Nibiru on their spaceships when Nibiru was last close by.

In *The Twelfth Planet*, Sitchin refers to the Anunnaki by the Hebrew word Nefilim (it is mis-translated as giants in most versions of the Bible). Sitchin stated it meant, originally, "Those who Were Cast Down." In Heavenly Secrets, concerning Genesis VI, v. 4 ("there were Nephilim in the earth in those days.")

Emanuel Swedenborg wrote, "By 'Nephilim' are signified those who through a persuasion of their own loftiness and pre-eminence made light of all things holy and true." (A.C. 580). He described the Nefilim as a "poisonous race" stating further, "That race which lived before the flood, is such that they so kill and suffocate all spirits by their most direful fantasies..." (A.C. 581). Considering the eventual fate of the Anunnaki, that they destroyed oneanother, a goodly portion of their adopted home and a large proportion of its fauna for trivial reasons, i.e., territory, jealousy, power, Swedenborg's description of them appears apt.

Sitchin says that all the Sumerian



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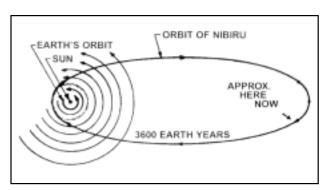
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writings tell us we, Man, were created by the gods, the Nefilim or Anunnaki. This was to relieve themselves of their difficult labors in their S. African gold mines. Pye states further, "(assuming) the Sumerians recorded history accurately when they said the Anunnaki created humans by genetic manipulation..." (pg. 288). Did they say that? Genetic splicing, the method suggested, is subject to great error and is imprecise besides. These methodological deficiencies could account for the inordinate number of gene-based disorders to which humans are subject, says Pye. Considering a Nefilim year (a "shar") equalled 3600 earth years (and about 140 human generations) any method known to work probably would have sufficed.

Some suggestions struck me as plau-



sible, some as less so. I bridled upon reading that Gilgamesh was a "bold demigod" whose "faithful sidekick, Enkidu" (which means "creature of Enki, "one of the Nefilim gods in charge) was a hominoid. In my many readings of this marvelous epic, the story has never made physical sense. Considering the powerful psychological impact it can have on attentive readers, particularly young males (which I witnessed in essays in a course I taught for years), it is an extraordinary allegorical tale, written about much more than Pye appears to appreciate. Gilgamesh himself was a super-human, a demigod, says Pye, the product of union between a Nefilim and a Cro-Magnon.

The suggested sequence is as follows: 1.) the Nefilim began with Homo erectus and produced Neanderthals; 2.) by genetic manipulation, some Neanderthals were transformed into Cro-Magnons; 3.) the Cro-Magnons then "mated with the Anunnaki to produce demigods" (pg. 306); 4.) these demigods mated with Cro-Magnons who had been rejected or had escaped and their progeny eventually became humanity. Perhaps such a scenario exceeds your own personal paradigm,

perhaps not. Something like it is within the realm of possibility, whatever its probability may be. What will members of relevant scientific disciplines say and do about this book and its hypotheses? The indisputable answer is—nothing, but not for the reasons Pye would like to think

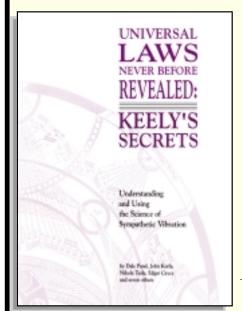
In spite of the fact that the book contains facts and some reasonable inferences from these, frequently it reads like a tabloid ragsheet. Poorly constructed sentences pop up everywhere ("Chinese people stubbornly predominate where they are biologically designed for" pg.125). The choice of words varies from mentally lazy ("Microevolutionary pressures slacken enough to permit playing around with the gene pool." pg. 101) to inappropriate ("a difficult grind, but not a

back-breaker." pg. 264). No writer who writes, "living at a level of extreme primitiveness" (pg. 278) vs. living at an extremely primitive level, or who utilizes trite phrases and jargon everywhere, ("came up with," "tremendous amount of," "pin it down," "head up the project," "a toss-up," "staged a walk-out")

can hope to command the attention of the scientific or even the educated community. Such writing works against the implied goal of being taken seriously by people who know what they are talking about. There is no such low-calibre writing in any of Sitchin's books and I couldn't help wondering why Mr. Pye's mental processes hadn't themselves been elevated by his many hours of exposure to the work of erudite individuals who expressed themselves with care and forethought.

Technical difficiencies of this book are in evidence also. The worst of these is that not a single quotation appears with its page and only some are associated with a book. The bibliography seems to be more a list of books than books consulted. Thus, all in all, Everything... is a book that presents information which some readers will not have read, information that could interest quite a few. Unfortunately the book suffers from hyperbole, careless thinking and shoddy execution. It promises but fails to deliver. If this book is meant as a text for the Invisible College, what a party-place that must

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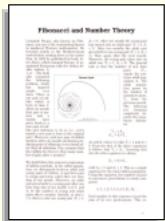
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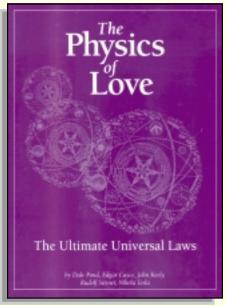


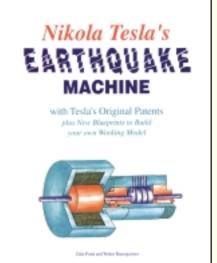
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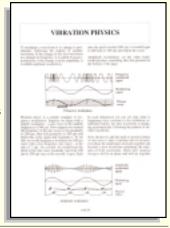
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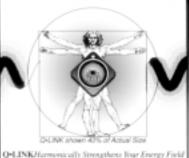
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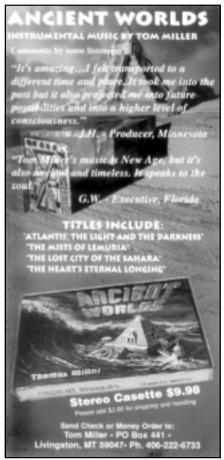


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This is such an extraordinary video lecture that I've chosen to dedicate the major portion of this article to it. Bruce Lipton, cellular biologist and author, presents a scintillating, step by step, scientific explanation of how we actually change our genes by our beliefs and thoughts. This is not just some fanciful theory he's come up with. We're talkin' real science here, folks. Not the "I have no idea what he's talking about" kind of science. This is like Mr. Wizard & Bill Nye the Science Guy teaching you incredibly deep biological and spiritual concepts and making it so easy a kid could understand it. Bruce is the kind of professor I "wish" I had at college to teach me just about anything. Don't get me wrong, I still had to listen to this video a few times to really grasp it all, but the essence and implications of what he's saying were clear with one viewing.

He begins with a background of the building blocks of biology: proteins, amino acids, cells, etc., and brings you to the inevitable realization that you are NOT a victim of your genes. For decades science has been telling us we are controlled by our genes. But research has now shown that genes will mutate in order to adapt to specific conditions. Even when the nucleus of a cell is removed, the cell will still function very well for quite some time, again proving that genes do not control the behavior of the organism. Genes are just the blueprints and can't "control" anything. He describes how the cell membrane is a liquid crystal semi-conductor complete with gates and channels which is exactly what a computer chip is. Essentially, we are an "organic computer". The way information gets into the cell

is through the cell surface or membrane. And our perception of life is what determines the kind of information that goes in.

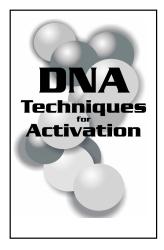
For example, in the face of a lifethreatening situation, our physical body responds differently. Muscles get tense and blood flows more to the hind-brain as the self-preservation mode of fight or flight kicks in. In our day-to-day world, the more stress we're under, the less blood flows to the forebrain and the less intelligence we're capable of expressing.

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Psychics tell us they are in communication with the spirits of loved ones who have entered this other world, whatever that may be. Too many of them are suspect in their

endeavors. Some may be perfectly legitimate, but this is a field I cannot verify and am not discussing right now. I am talking about verifiable phenomena that clearly are saying SOMETHING to us. We are not making any real effort to find out

Rupert Sheldrake, a biochemist who earned a Ph.D. at Cambridge, has just published a book entitled, Dogs That Know When Their Owners Are Coming Home, and Other Unexplained Powers of Animals. This is the story of dogs, cats, goats, parrots and many other animals that show behavior indicating they know when their owners

are coming home. How many stories have you heard about dogs who have found their people over hundreds and hundreds of miles of distance? There are now not only seeing eye dogs, but dogs who warn their masters of an impending epileptic fit or, in the case of diabetics, that their blood sugar is too low. Yet, other than seeing eye dogs, most restaurateurs won't let these necessary and highly trained dogs into "people places" out of their own ignorance. Think about it. There is so much that we think we know about people and animal relationships, but we don't. Sheldrake's book, only published this fall, is the first scientific look at a phenomena that we knew, but didn't pay attention to. These animals were communicating with us, but most of us weren't listening. These stories were treated by the press as a novelty. What a loss to humanity that we are only now beginning to harness the ability of animals to be useful to us in a medical sense. How many more directions could our animals help our civilization if we would just make an effort to listen to them communicate with us?

Recently there has been a lot of talk about Joe Firmage. He is a young (29-year-old) multimillionaire who quit his job in the Silicon Valley to spend his time and money investi-

gating paranormal phenomena. Rather than reinventing the wheel with his own research teams, Firmage and other wealthy and interested people should get behind existing organizations that are starving for funds to continue their research. Society would be many miles down the road of understanding what ETs are trying to communicate if we could only break the code with one wellfunded and coordinated scientific effort.

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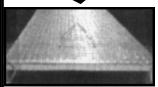




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centuries, the state's natural waterways swelled and expanded, and a new, powerful river surged from west to east only several hundred feet from the little valley with its tear-shaped pond. As the glaciers continued their inexorable, northward migration, the land of southern Wisconsin rebounded from their shifting weight, dropping a foot per century, even unto the present day.

Over time, the post-Ice Age river began to spill itself into the scooped out valley, filling its small lake, deepThird Millennium B.C.E., was only 30 feet deep and 300 feet long from north to south. The sepulchers were impressive structures, unlike anything seen before. First, workers excavated a lengthy, deep pit, into which were reverently laid the bodies of important persons-shamans, heroic warriors, outstanding artisans, perhaps political leaders and wealthy men and women. They were interred with grave-goods to honor their spirit and serve them during their journey to the Otherworld. These included simulated weapons-axheads, arrow-heads and spear-points-of precious and semi-precious stone, and body ornaments of mother-of-pearl, gold and polished copper. Sometimes a

One of the stone structures in Rock Lake

ening and expanding it over the milennia. Following hard on the heels of the Rock Lake glacier were the first human settlers in the area. They were the ancestors of today's Native American peoples, nomadic tribes of huntergatherers following the spoor of animal herds. These earliest inhabitants were, of course, a pre-literate people, and their sole surviving legacy appears in scattered collections of stone arrowheads. Whether or not they attached any spiritual significance to the lake is not known. But 4,000 years ago, Rock Lake was suddenly transformed by the arrival of what must have been a different people.

They represented a community of organized labor for the construction of monumental architecture. Familiar with astronomy, they operated a codified system of weights and measures, and practiced a sophisticated religion dedicated to the human soul's survival of death in a hereafter. They raised great burial mounds around and near the shores of Rock Lake, which, in the

dog was sacrificed to accompany them on their spectral path through death.

Close to this mass-grave, hundreds of workers collected huge piles of rocks selected for size and retrieved from dry river-beds nearby. A large, rectangular foundation was laid out around the burial pit. Then, within this defined precinct, a funeral feast of butchered deer was held to honor the dead in a last supper. Only now could actual construction of the mortuary temple commence.

While work-gangs of men struggled to heap up the delineated rectangle with stones, their work area was entirely surrounded by women choristers, whose task it was to sing continuously, without interruption, when construction was in progress. Such choruses accompanied every moment of labor in the belief that only through such communal singing could the sacred harmony of their monumental task be achieved. A strange musical instrument some women employed was a light, wooden staff strung with thin, copper

plates that tinkled and jangled pleasantly but mysteriously when the bottom end was struck rhythmically on the ground to help the choristers keep time.

Meanwhile, their men, supervised by design authorities, piled up the many thousands of rocks into a tentlike configuration with sloping walls more than 100 feet long, 20 feet at the base, and rising to an apex 15 feet high, with either end fashioned into triangular shapes. Then the entire surface was coated with a bonding paste produced by many thousands of ground-up mollusk shells. This primitive cement made the exterior appear smooth and uniform, as its millions of tiny, mica flecks sparkled in the sun. Finally, a band of geometric designs, with special emphasis on the spiral as the sacred image of eternal life, was painted in indigo-blue paint distilled from local plant fibers and encircled the base of the monument.

To these first civilizers, Rock lake was already a holy place, a revered site where they entrusted their esteemed dead. They do not appear to have settled at the lake, which was probably used only as a necropolis, or city of the dead. They may have built a settlement not far away, to the east-Aztalan, today an archaeological park, once a 42-acre ceremonial center of fortified walls and pyramidal temple-mounds. But the earliest known date for Aztalan goes back only to the 3rd Century B.C.E., nearly 2,000 years after the first structures at Rock Lake were raised. Still, an ancient, 3-mile-long stone aqueduct once connected Aztalan to Rock Lake, and further investigative dating may push the prehistoric city's origins still further back in time, perhaps even contemporary with Rock Lake's deepest and therefore oldest monuments.

Much of the Rock Lake enigma begins to reveal Itself when we cease to examine it strictly within the narrow confines of local archaeology, and view it in the broader context of something else of extraordinary importance that occurred at the same time in another part of North America, about 300 miles north, along the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Lake Superior's Isle Royale, the Kewanee Peninsula and the Great Lakes Region feature the world's richest deposits of high-grade copper on earth.

5,000 years ago, somebody began suddenly mining them in huge quantities, employing sophisticated engineering techniques that were not equaled until the 19th century. The story of this mind-boggling enterprise is detailed in my second book about Rock Lake, *Atlantis In Wisconsin*. Suffice it to mention here that between 3000 B.C.E and 1200 B.C.E., an ultra-→



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conservative minimum estimate of 500,000 tons of the world's finest copper was mined from Michigan's Upper Peninsula—and disappeared.

Simultaneous with the abrupt mining of the Great Lakes Region was the equally precipitant beginning of the Old World Bronze Age, first in the Near East, and soon all across Europe. Bronze was the atomic fission of the Ancient World. The kingdom that possessed it in quantity and quality held the leading edge In weapons technology. Proof that the Michigan miners were ultimately interested in bronze are the equally ancient tin mines found along the Kewanee Peninsula and elsewhere in the region-bronze is produced by combining copper with tin and zinc. Meanwhile, European sources for highgrade copper and tin were relatively

sparse and inferior.

Trying to make sense of Rock Lake within the confines of southern Wisconsin archaeology is blindingly subjective, like trying to figure out a television image by sitting just a few inches away from the screen. When we strive for objectivity by pulling back to view the 3rd Millennium

B.C.E. globally (not only within the parameters of what was going on in Upper Michigan), the Rock Lake mystery begins to fall into place, because we are able to see it as part of a broader, prehistoric mosaic. In short, it is apparent that the world's richest copper deposits, located at Michigan's Upper Peninsula, were mined beginning 5,000 years ago by European visitors, who re-crossed the Atlantic Ocean in freighters laden with ingots for the weapons' manufacturers of Homer's Greece and Troy, Pharaoh's Egypt and all the civilizations from Celtic Iberia and Etruscan Italy to Hittite Asia Minor and Babylon in the Near East.

To underscore the close fit between these two widely separated (geographically) events, the Old World Bronze Age came to a sudden halt in 1200 B.C.E.—precisely the same moment in

time the Michigan copper mines abruptly ceased to function. With the collapse of early Western Civilization in the mutual wholesale destruction and Dark Age aftermath of the Trojan War following 1240 B.C.E., connections between the Great Lakes' copper mining enterprise and the Old World snapped. Rock Lake was part of this world drama, because it lies just below Wisconsin's hard-snow line.

North of the lake, winters are far more severe. The ancient miners extracted their colossal quantities of copper and tin only during the high summer months, then hurried back to the relatively milder climate around Rock Lake. There they interred their dead in monumental sepulchers. This scenario is affirmed by the total absence of any ancient graves in the Upper Peninsula mining region, and the discovery of prehistoric burials at Rock Lake of men interred in funeral



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mounds with mining tools. The Great Lake Region's ancient mining began to peak around 2000 B.C.E., the same time associated in hydrological studies undertaken by scientists at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1990, with the large, tent-like stone mound located at the early, former shoreline of Rock Lake and found by Mr. Kennedy.

Although many modern archaeologists denigrate Native American traditions as distracting fables, myth is not only the sole means available to a nonliterate people to perpetuate their most important tribal memories; it is also among the most effective. Myth enshrines the deep past in its retelling, and is a more enduring conservator than flammable paper. For example, the Menominee Indians of northern Wisconsin tell of the "Marine Men," white-skinned travelers from across the

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Sunrise Sea, who long ago arrived in "great canoes" along the shores of Upper Michigan. There they sinned by wounding Mother Earth, digging into her flesh to tear out her shiny bones, which they then carried back over the sea.

Menominee oral tradition is a clear tribal memory, spanning not centuries but millennia. It preserves their ancestors' encounter, 5,000 years ago, with fair-skinned seafarers from ancient Europe, turned aggressive copper miners in America. The Menominee go on to tell that these foreign "Marine Men" were virtually exterminated in a series of bloody clashes with native warriors. The survivors intermarried with indigenous tribes. Here too, Indian lore coincides with probable historical events when the copper trade collapsed, leaving the European enterprisers stranded in the Great Lakes Region, where they mostly fell victim to local uprisings. Over the following centuries, the raging river still running north of Rock Lake continued to spill itself into the little valley. Water levels rose over the abandoned stone monuments until the structures slowly sank beneath the waves.

Only when the newly formed The Rock Lake Research Society brought its sophisticated electronic search (including underwater equipment infra-red cameras) to bear on our quest in 1998 did Rock Lake at long last begin to reveal itself. Garden beds, walls, foundations, even the colossal image of a dragon-like effigy suddenly came to life. These efforts came to the attention of newspapers like The Chicago Tribune and The Arts & Entertainment Network, which telecast a special about the Rock Lake structures last February. Recently, camera crews from The Discovery Channel documented our Rock Lake expeditions for another special slated for release later this year.

Recognition of evidence for Rock Lake's artifactual identity is now beyond question, despite the dwindling arguments of professional skeptics. As the investigation into its secrets continues. new finds are still taking place. Perhaps the greatest yet remain to be made. Meanwhile, the last major archaeological discovery of the 20th century is approaching its validation and unfolding its ultimate answers to our continent's deeply civilized origins.

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#### CAHOKIA MOUNDS

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CITY OF THE SUN

Some surmises can be made already, based on what the scans are revealing; plus the known architecture of sites in Mexico and Central America built along similar lines. Mayan plaza-temple sites were built exclusively of stone, which was not easily available to early Missis-



Aerial View of Monk's Mound taken in 1936.

sippian cultures which ostensibly began construction at Cahokia. This complex lies in a deep-mud area called the American Bottom, circumscribed by many waterways, large and small, and is but a few miles from the oftflooding Mississippi. Stone lies too deep or too far away to be useful.

As exploration has shown, most such complexes were devoted to Sun worship, and in this aspect Cahokia is no different. The immense ceremonial area contains several observatories called 'wood henges' to distinguish them from Stonehenge in the UK. These were huge circles of wooden posts designed as solar horizon markers, allowing observation of the yearly equinoxes to an exact degree. Some of the smaller 'henges' may have been used to properly align the flatted pyramids which supported ancient temples at Cahokia. Few visitors to the Site were aware of these enormous additions to Cahokia's extensive plan until a discovery in 1961 of trenches and postholes in exact circular design. One of these observatories has now been reconstructed, though the largest is bisected by a four-lane highway.

At Cahokia, the usual format of pyramids at either end of a large parade and ceremonial plaza is followed. The Grand Plaza, largest of these was more than forty acres in area, and is sharply defined by a drop-off at one existing

end. This assured archaeologists that the Plaza had been built on a surface which was hand-leveled and filled with clays and soil materials to make a completely hard, flat surface for ceremonial usage. Causeways fed into the Grand Plaza, also engineered in the same manner.

Studies have shown that an unusually sophisticated and advanced method of architecture formerly unsuspected in supposedly primitive societies was employed in building the great

pyramid base. It incorporated a twenty-foot-high platform of clay that was topped by very deliberately chosen and laid layers of sand, clays and soils that would withstand rains and erosions of the climate. This ingenious building method utilized a melding of the known drainage properties of clavs and soils within the structure, designed to facilitate artificial an drainage system for surface water which would percolate down into the pyramid from above. It was an increasingly wet environment that has created the present prob-

lems—and led to the surprise discovery of the stone interior form. "If they hadn't built it the way they did, the massive weight of that much earth and clay would have resulted in just one big mud pancake." Woods grins at the idea.

Monks is three football fields long, and only slightly smaller in width. Evidence of an enormous temple palace upon the top still exists in the soil. A modern two-level concrete staircase made to look like wood has recently been finished, adding even more to the look of a typical Mayan structure.

Exactly as seen in Mayan temple cities, the looming pyramid's massive structure is faced by a smaller pyramidbase at the southerly end of the Grand Plaza, just as the pyramids of Sun and Moon are placed in Mexico and other jungle complexes. Beside the smaller base is a cone-shaped mound which may contain burials, but has not been excavated. Mound 72, which has yielded the largest number of gravesites, including a spectacularly grand burial of an undoubted ruler or noble, lies only a few hundred yards south of the 'twins'. (Not thought to be common in this culture, this burial was accompanied by many bodies of obviously sacrificed attendants, wives and family).

Along the Grand Plaza, site of major ceremonial processions, lay a series of smaller temples, buildings in which the →

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aristocracy, priests and royalty lived, and others in which ceremonial materials were cached. These were constructed on sturdy earthen platforms, which have now slumped into anonymous 'mounds'. It was the weathering of the once-pristine platforms that has resulted in the designation of 'mound-builders', for the cultures which once were built with such difficult precision.

Cahokia also possesses another anomaly amongst temple cities, the fact that the entire main ceremonial area, including the pyramid and 17 other platform constructions, a total of roughly 200 acres, was completely enclosed in a solid stockade of 20,000 timbers set into the ground almost five feet deep and furnished with outlooks and guard station placements along its two miles of length. This unique wood construction is currently being studied and excavated by field teams from colleges and universities around the U.S.

Outside the solid barrier lay the smaller subsidiary earth platforms on which the more modest homes of lesser nobles were built and surrounded by homes of the general population. It is these mounded remains that have been gradually plowed, dug away, and many eventually lost, so that estimates reveal only 80 of the 120 such platforms are still in place.

#### A MAYAN TEMPLE?

News of the amazing new find at Cahokia flashed across the archaeological world, conjuring images of a Mayan stone pyramid lurking beneath the innocent-appearing mound. Some cited the prospect of more tablets of carved stone, such as the 'Birdman' tablet which was found on one face of the pyramid, featuring a winged 'messenger' figure with a beaked mask, along with a second image on the 'Ramey tablet' found just East of the pyramid; showing several figures with a decidedly Mayan look to their highbridged noses and bunned hair.

It has long been speculated that many more such tablets formed a decorative facing of the large pyramid, but have since vanished into the ground (or private collections). More conservative thinking held that the obviously worked and placed stones might protect a previously unknown burial tomb,

even more splendid than the one in Mound 72; or an elaborately built ceremonial platform of fascinatingly unsuspected nature. Other theorists wondered, yet were content to wait until the more modern scanning techniques have yielded additional data. Cahokia's own archaeologists and those nearby at SIUE are literally holding their collective breath at this point.

William Woods comments, enigmatically, "We just have no idea what we're likely to find under this thing." while Bill Iseminger echoes this, adding "This was undoubtedly the largest community on the continent in its time. And a major trading center. Twenty two million cubic feet of soil, sand and clay were used to construct just Monks Mound, yet we know so little about the people."

Completely unspoken is the fact that early scan returns have shown that several 'anomalies' (walls?) appear to stand above the area thought to be a platform, and perhaps more beneath. Is there a connection to the Mayan

temple plaza sites, the supposedly much older Poverty Point site? Or does some link exist to the Toltec or the Mixtec cultures? Or not? ■

#### **SHAKESPEARE**

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who joined with the much younger Bacon in the exclusive and prestigious literary group known as the Areopagus Society. The lives of the two men were frequently intertwined. There is, however, one major circumstance that gives Bacon an undeniable lead over Oxford, the one concrete proof of authorship that cannot be disputed. This is the discovery of a secret story hidden in the very body of the plays-a socalled code or cipher system that the original playwright had painstakingly concealed in the actual writing of the plays to reveal truths that he dared not speak of aloud.

As fantastic as it sounds, an entire secret biography of the true author, Francis Bacon, had been inserted at the time of the original writing of the plays. There is no possibility that this could have been done by anyone except for the original author himself.

In the end of the 19th century a doctor from Detroit by the name of Orville Owen made a startling find. A great fan of Shakespeare, he had memorized every word of his plays by heart. After becoming thoroughly familiar with the dramas he found some very strange discrepancies that he could not explain. Years of close study and experimentation revealed an

amazing thing—all the plays of Shakespeare contained an inner play, an actual play-within-a-play, a device that the author had also been fond of using in the outer works. Certain phrases from the originals were marked by special keywords to be lifted and arranged in a different context which told an entirely different story.

After tedious scrutiny and study Owen learned that the inner play, or the 'cipher' story, was actually a personal and totally unexpected biography of the true author of the plays, Sir Francis Bacon. The puzzle was, why had Bacon used this method to leave his incredible life story to posterity? The answer was that his life depended on secrecy. The truth of his birth was a great secret of state. His true name was not

Francis Bacon but Francis Tudor—the true child of Elizabeth the Queen of England and her lover, the dashing Robert Dudley, Lord Leicester!

The two had carried on a lively romance which has been well-documented historically. Not so well-known was that a bigamous marriage had been performed by a monk while they were both prisoners in the Tower of London. (Leicester was already mar-



Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester

ried but his wife was conveniently and shortly killed by a mysterious fall from her balcony.) Elizabeth subsequently refused all suitors for her hand although she delighted in portraying herself as the chaste Virgin Queen wedded only to her beloved country. Careful scrutiny of historical records of the time reveal many hints as to the possibility of this situation, although it

would have been considered treasonous and punishable by death to hint at them. The first child of this union was given to the Queen's matron-ofhonor, the pious Lady Ann Bacon and her honorable husband Sir Nicholas

Elizabeth I

Bacon to raise. A pact made between Lady Ann and the Queen promising that the truth would never be revealed. Elizabeth herself dramatically broke that pact at the time Francis was sixteen years old, as is revealed in the secret account.

A second son born to this odd couple was given to the Devereux family to raise. This was the fascinating young Lord Essex whom history sees as been Elizabeth's having strange young lover. Much history is clarified when it is realized that the odd relationship was that of a mother with her adored but rebellious child rather than that of an aging queen and a glamorous youthful courtier.

There were many tragic events concerned with Elizabeth's story and her catand-mouse treatment of her two sons, now promising to acknowledge them, now threatening their very lives. Essex cracked under the strain, tried to take over the throne for himself and was beheaded in the Tower. Francis relieved the nearly

unbearable strain by determining to leave a true account to the world. He knew, however, that to reveal the truth would have been his death sentence. Inspired by a vision in a dream he conceived of the device of the cipher to tell his story.

As Owen went on with the deciphering the Word Cipher, as Bacon named it, he hired two women to assist him in the tedious work. One of the assistants, Elizabeth Wells Gallup, a Detroit school superintendent, found as she proceeded that a second cipher was also included. This one is based on the so-called bi-literal system which Bacon had carefully explained and demonstrated in his own acknowledged work, The Advancement of Learning. It is an alphabet based on various arrangements of five letters or units much as the Morse Code is. Gallup pored over these works until she was almost blinded, but what she discovered was amazing. She was reading in prose the exact same story that Owen had discovered written in the Shakespearian blank-verse of the Word Cipher. They exactly corroborated each other.

Dr. Owen, following instructions given in the cipher itself, constructed what he called his Cipher Wheel. It is an awkward and huge contraption consisting of two large wooden wheels →



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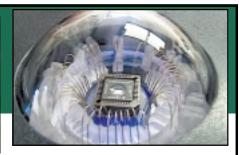
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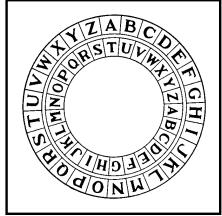
#### **SHAKESPEARE**

with over a hundred feet of linen stretched between them in such a a way that they can be rolled back and forth on the principle of a modern reelto-reel tape player or an ancient parchment scroll. Onto this linen are glued pages cut out from books of the plays-The scroll can be rolled back and forth for easier viewing. According to certain clues and keywords Owen would mark the relevant passages and read them off to his assistants who would then type them onto slips of paper. Owen would then place them in correct order thus revealing the secret history. Both Owen and Gallup published their cipher findings in book form and both, needless to say, were unmercifully ridiculed. Although now out of print, all the books are still available in various public and university libraries and used book stores.

Through a set of remarkable coincidences, perhaps what Jung would call 'synchronicity', this strange machine came into my possession from the hands of the most recent owner, Elizabeth Hovhannes, a well-known American musician. It is now stored in a safe place and is being examined by alert young students who are enthusiastically attempting to duplicate the cipher findings through the use of the computer.

Not surprisingly the cipher story has not received universal acceptance for the reason that mainstream scholars think that it just couldn't be true-ergo, it isn't true. They see the books and figure that they were concocted by Owen and Gallup themselves. Dr. Owen advertised, while he was alive, an offer to demonstrate the method of deciphering to any and all who would listen. Few came, but in the early 1900s Detroit's leading paper, The Tribune, sent a reporter to one of Owen's lectures. They then published a scathing review ridiculing the situation. Owen immediately got an injunction against the paper for \$10,000 which prohibited publication of further issues of the paper. He offered to demonstrate his findings to whomever the paper chose to examine them. A Miss Sherman, their best arts critic, was sent and Owen went to work. He showed her his method of deciphering, gave her the relevant materials and left her alone in his office to experiment. When he returned she had followed his instructions and had come up with the identical passages that he had found. Immediately an apology appeared on the first page and the injunction was lifted.

There were others who could duplicate the findings of Dr. Owen but still others who refused to accept them.



The above diagram shows a simple wheel cipher. The smaller, or inner, alphabet moves around so that any one of its letters may be brought opposite one of the outer letters. With some wheels the inner alphabet is written backwards. (Manly P. Hall)

Their only argument was that it must have been faked. If Owen and Gallup had been so creative as to insert the cipher into the plays themselves, it is clear that both would have had minds more brilliant even than that of the author himself. Two new rivals for the genius of Shakespeare!

As this second millennium comes to a close it is time for some of the anomalies of less enlightened centuries to be solved. One of these must be the revelation of the Shakespeare mystery, the true story of the brilliant Francis Bacon and the granting of full credit for the ultra service he performed.

As a charter member of the Virginia Company and a colonizer of America, as an active promoter of Freemasonry and Rosicrucianism, as an advocate of experimental science and as an author working under the pseudonym of William Shakespeare, he was of prime importance in preparing for the incoming age of enlightenment. But, as he often wrote of himself: "Mihi silentio"-"Of myself I am silent." "To dare; to do; to be silent." But there is no longer the need for silence. It is time for truth to be known.

Incredibly, denied acknowledgement by a jealous and selfish mother, he was forced to carry on his brilliant work undercover. He left his amazing life story to the offhand chance that some alert student would one day discover the secret and reveal the truth of a man whose credit is long overdue. As he frequently said in cipher: "Truth is not dead; it merely sleepeth."

The author is an investigator for many years of the Bacon Shakespeare mystery, possessor of the Owen Cipher Wheel, writer of several magazine articles and booklets on the subject, and author of the soon-to-be-published full length book The Shakespeare Code.

#### **COLONEL FAWCETT**

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people." There is some truth in what Fawcett said. The details, including the hieroglyphic inscriptions, are very explicit.

The Colonel was certainly no stranger to the South American jungles. Before beginning his own ill-fated quest in 1925, he had been there first in 1906 to do survey work for the Bolivian government. From then until the beginning of World War I in 1914, he led several expeditions into the Brazilian jungles. After the war he again returned, but this time with the prime purpose of finding his lost cities.

In looking into his background we find that Colonel Fawcett was not only a man of action, but also a mystic, a student of the occult. His interest in the occult hurt his credibility and his reports of strange findings in the jungle were largely discounted. The conventional view was that anyone believing in psychic matters could not be taken seriously. Nevertheless, Colonel took his work very seriously. He neither smoked or drank. And although considered a dreamer, by some, he was always anxious to find facts to back up his theories.

Fawcett believed a large continent existed between the present continents of Africa and South America. In fact he believed Brazil was part of it. Or at least had some close connection



with it. At any rate, this lost continent, also know as "Atlantis," was destroyed by a terrible catastrophe.

As evidence Fawcett cited similarities between artifacts found in Africa and South America. He also believed the so-called "white Indians" of the interior jungles were remnants of this lost civilization, perhaps Atlantis. Finding the ancient cities would enable him to prove this for once and for all,

he believed.

Another thing Fawcett pointed out was that Solimoes was the native name of the Amazon. It is the same as Soliman or Solomon, suggesting that ships of King Solomon and King Hiram of Tyre made voyages to South America many years in the past. Even rock inscriptions in the Amazon region have more than a little similarity to Phoenician letters.

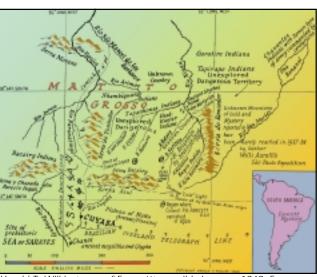
Fawcett also spoke of another story that he claims was quite widely known. In this the Indians described certain towers or buildings in the jungle with "lights that never go out." If so, perhaps this lost civilization still retained some of the secrets of their past...like electricity or atomic power.

The Colonel had in his possession a stone idol given to him by the English novelist Sir H. Rider Haggard. Haggard obtained the idol from Brazil and felt that it

came from a lost city. Fawcett said that while holding the idol, it felt as though an electric current were flowing up a person's arm, sometimes so strong that the holder would have to lay it down. Experts at the British museum acknowledged that it was no fake, but could shed no light on its origin.

In 1925, Colonel Fawcett, his son Jack, and Jack's young American friend, Raleigh Roomily, set out to find the lost cities in Brazil's Central Plateau, the Matto Grosso region. The last letter from the expedition was received in May of that year. And that was the last heard of this legendary explorer. Several search parties were sent out, including one in 1928 by the North American Newspaper Alliance, an organization that had financially helped Colonel Fawcett. Alas, nothing substantial was ever found.

Did Fawcett find his lost cities? Proof of Atlantis? Some believe he did. Others say Indians killed the Fawcett party. Now only the jungle knows. Many parts of the Brazilian jungle are still almost inacessible. But much of that mysterious wilderness is being rapidly pushed back by de-foresting and settlements. Will Colonel Fawcett's lost cities finally be revealed? Will the mystery at last be solved? Maybe. But the jungle does not give up her secrets too easily.



Harold T. Wilkins' map of Fawcett's possible journey, 1949. From Secret Cities of Old South America (Adventures Unlimited Press).

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#### **GIZA POWEER PLANT**

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ceeded to the Giza Plateau and into the bedrock chamber of the second largest pyramid on the plateau, Khafre's. In this chamber in 1995 I had discovered the perfect flatness on the inside surfaces of the black granite box (commonly and mistakenly, in my opinion, known as the 'sarcophagus'). I had exclaimed, at the time, "space age precision" to a group of Spanish tourists who were looking on as I beamed my flashlight behind the precise edge of a steel parallel and revealed the stunning precision of the surface.

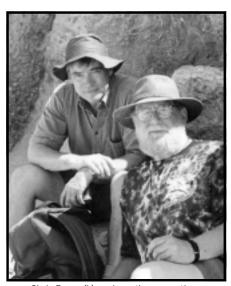
Though I confidently wrote articles citing this as additional proof of the level of technology practiced by the pyramid builders, in the back of my mind was the nagging need to go back to Egypt with additional instruments and do more tests. Each time I go to Egypt I approach these relics with eager anticipation and some trepidation. Will I find them the same? Will the next range of instruments confirm or deny what was gleaned on the previous visit?

The cool confines of the passageway to the bedrock chamber of Khafre's pyramid were a welcome relief from the burning Egyptian sun. My backpack weighed heavy as I made my descent, but it felt familiar and right to be there. I was excited to share the discovery I had made four years earlier with the wonderful people who attended the conference, as well as being able to document the event on video. But still there was that tinge of doubt in the back of my mind. Had I made a mistake in the past? Will the new instruments reveal anything significant?

Climbing into the black granite box set into the floor of the chamber, I placed my 12-inch straight edge on the inside surface. The 'edge' used this time had been prepared differently than the one in 1995, as it had a chamfer on both corners. For those interested I slid this edge along the smooth interior of the granite box with my flashlight shining behind it and demonstrated its exact precision. But in the back of my mind I was anxious to perform other tests. The squareness of the corners was of critical importance to me. Modern machine axes are aligned orthogonally, or exactly perpendicular, to each other to assure accuracy. This state assures us that the corners cut into an object on the machine are square and true.

The requirements for producing this condition go beyond coincidental simplicity. I wasn't expecting the corners of the sarcophagus to be perfectly square, for perfection is extremely diffi-

cult to achieve. However, I was not prepared for the degree of perfection I found. I was flabbergasted as I slid my precision square along the top of the parallel (I used the top of the parallel to raise the square above the corner radius) and it fit perfectly on the adjacent surface (see illustration). "Bloody Hell!" I exclaimed, as the significance of this find came over me. I pointed it out to others in the group (Alan Alford spent the next few days mimicking me with a good natured "bloody hell"). The film crew was busy capturing it on video as I went to each corner and found the same condition. On three corners the square sat flush against both surfaces. One corner had a gap that was detected by the light test, though it was probably only about .001 inch.



Chris Dunn (L) and another sometime contributor to Atlantis Rising Stephen Mehler near the entrance to the Great Pyramid.

So not only do we have an artifact with perfectly flat surfaces, the inside corners are also perfectly square. What else is significant about this so-called sarcophagus? The corners themselves! After conducting the test with the parallel and the square, I pulled out my radius gauges to check the corner radius. As I checked the corner, I chuckled to myself with memories of a documentary I had seen in March.

Those of you who saw the Fox Special early this year will remember the world's foremost Egyptologist and director of the Giza Plateau, Zahi Hawass, pick up a dolerite ball in the bedrock chamber under one of the satellite pyramids next to Khephren's pyramid. He was describing to the Fox anchor, Suzie Koppel, the Egyptologist's theory of the methods the ancient Egyptians used to create granite artifacts. This method involves bashing the granite with a round ball until the desired shape is achieved.

I'm not disputing that this is a viable means of creating a box, and, indeed,

there is evidence at Memphis near Saqgara that some boxes were created in this manner. These boxes had large corner radii, it was extremely rough and tapered toward the bottom. Exactly what you would expect to produce using a stone ball. However, as Hawass was wielding his 8-inch diameter ball in front of the cameras, my attention was focused on the shiny, black so-called "sarcophagus" behind him, which sat in mute contradiction to his proposition. The inside of this box had the same appearance as the box inside Khafre's pyramid. The surfaces appeared smooth and precise, but more importantly, the inside corners were equally as sharp as what I witnessed in Khafre's pyramid. Just looking at it you could see that to create such an artifact with an 8-inch diameter ball would be impossible!

Likewise, creating the corner radius of the box inside Khafre's pyramid using such primitive methods would be impossible. Checking this corner radius with my radius gauges, I started with a half-inch radius gauge and had to keep working my way down in size until selecting the correct one. The inside corner radius of the box inside Khafre's pyramid checked 3/32 inch. The radius at the bottom, where the floor of the box met the wall, checked 7/16 inch. It should go without saving that you cannot fit an 8-inch ball into a corner with a 3/32 radius, or even a 1inch radius.

#### THE GIZA POWER PLANT: THE PROOF

I don't think I have ever been as surprised as I was while filming inside the Grand Gallery. (Not even when my teenage son gave me a hug.) It was especially rewarding as I had my doubts whether I would get to go into the Great Pyramid. It had been closed to visitors, ostensibly for restoration, and we had spent almost a week of uncertainty over whether access would be granted. But after numerous calls and visits to officials, we finally got the goahead.

While most of the group meditated in the King's Chamber, the video crew and I went out into the Grand Gallery to do some shooting. I was going to describe, on camera, my theory about the function of the Grand Gallery. This involved pointing out the slots in the gallery side ramps, the corbeled walls and the ratchet style ceiling. Equipped with microphone, I stood just below the Great Step, the camera at top. While the sound man adjusted his gear, I scanned the wall with my flashlight. It was then I noticed that the first corbeled ledge had some scorch marks underneath it, and that some of the stone was broken away. Then, as the camera lights came on, things became really interestina.

In all the literature I had read, the Grand Gallery is described as constructed of limestone. But here I was looking at granite! I noted a transition point further down the gallery where it changed from limestone to granite. I scanned the ceiling and saw, instead of the rough crumbling limestone one sees when first entering the gallery, what appeared to be, from 28 feet below, smooth highly polished granite. This was highly significant to me. It made sense that the material closer to the power center would be constructed of a material that was more resistant to heat.

I then paid closer attention to the scorch marks on the walls. There was heavy heat damage underneath each of the corbeled layer for a distance of about 12 inches, and it seemed as though the damage was concentrated in the center of the burn marks. Then visually I took a straight line through the center of each scorch mark and projected it down towards the gallery ramp. That was when the chills ran down my spine and the hair stood out on my neck. The line extended down in alignment with the slot in the ramp!

In *The Giza Power Plant*, I had theorized that harmonic resonators were housed in these slots and were oriented vertically toward the ceiling. I had also theorized that there was a hydrogen explosion inside the King's Chamber that shut down the power plant's operation. This explosion explained many other unusual effects that have been noted inside the Great Pyramid in the past, and I had surmised that the explosion had also destroyed the resonators inside the Grand Gallery in a terrible fire.

Only with the powerful lights of the video camera did the evidence become clear, and illuminated before me, as at no other time before, the charred evidence to support my theory. Evidence that I was not even looking for!

Even as I conclude this article, I continue to receive additional confirmation that I'm on the right track. Others are stepping forward with their own research along the same lines. A more complete update on all of this, though, will have to wait for another time. Perhaps when the Egyptian government discloses what they find behind Gantenbrink's "door" in March 2000? I am most anxious to know what is discovered behind this so-called "door." If my own prediction is correct, then yet another aspect of the power plant theory will be confirmed.

It has been an interesting year.

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#### **PYRAMID PHYSICS**

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the gravitational contribution is both ultra-minute and completely swamped by the other forces.

However physicists can detect and measure extremely weak signals (in this case, gravity) in the presence of very strong noise (in this case, the molecular binding forces) by a technique called coherent addition-co-adding. This is what makes a gas laser possible: in one preferred direction or at one preferred phase in time, the intended signal is added linearly while the unintended signal is added proportional to its square root. (RMS, root mean square, in electronics.) To use coherent addition we must construct a geometry that enables the intended

pendent on different forces will either not be affected by the geometry that works for the intended signal, or they will be affected differently—so they will not add linearly.

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bers of the pyramid may be an injection system for acoustic (phonon-wave) excitation of the randomly oriented microcrystals of CaCO<sub>3</sub> which form the bulk of the marble-

limestone structure of the pyramid much like a gas laser is pumped by the electric discharge used to excite the gas. It is possible that the stepped echelle-like structure of the CaCO<sub>3</sub> macro-crystal geometry of the pyramid works like the mirror geometry of the gas laser. The pyramid's crystal-mimicking geometry co-adds the infinitesimal gravitational "quanta" from the "pumped" CaCO<sub>3</sub> molecules. This causes the emission of a coherent gravitational pulse.

In the pyramid, as with the gas in a laser, only a small proportion of calcite molecules are properly aligned and therefore actually pumped. However, because of the pyramid's geometry, the calcite microcrystals are resonantly coupled to the macro features of the structure; the pyramid is impedance matched and resonantly coupled to the Giza plateau (the natural limestone outcropping on which it is built); the Giza

plateau is coupled to the Nile delta, which in turn is coupled to the limestone "eggshell" which (along with varieties of granite) makes up the surface of the earth. In this theory, the pyramid is so large not because of the vanity of some pharaoh, but because its mass is the minimum needed to

couple to the Giza

plateau and for the

coherent addition of the gravitational forces. Without this recursive, selfresonant coupling between the calcite of the pyramid and the calcite of the planet, gravitational effects would be much too weak to be experienced. There are several possibilities on how the CaCO3 might be "pumped". The passages and chambers are lined, for the most part, with red granite. This material is at least 55% quartz. Piezoelectric effects in the quartz, perhaps powered, biased, or pumped by the approximately 50-kilovolt atmospheric electric potential available at the top of the pyramid, combined with the compression of the quartz crystals by the enormous (perhaps, critical) mass of the pyramid could be related to a Above: Tetrahelix Column standing on its triangular base at means of vibrating the CaCO3 molecules of approx. 51 degrees Below: Davidson's scale drawing the bulk of the pyrof the Great Pyramid amid. Or, perhaps, earthquakes might set

#### **GRAVITY, TIME, AND INITIATION**

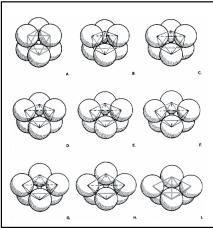
the pyramid resonating.

Gravity and time are intimately linked by relativity: it is not possible to tell the difference between acceleration (change in time) and immersion in a gravitational field. Thus a gravitational pulse would also just as well appear to distort time as it would appear to distort gravity.

My work suggests a way of relating a mathematical decipherment of Genesis, to the microcrystal structure of the material(s) of which the Great Pyramid is built, with the macrocrystal form of the pyramid and its passage, chambers, and internal buttress wall construction.

It is possible that the pyramid's shape (octahedral) and the Genesis letter-pairing shape are intended to represent a gravitational field. This may

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Octahedron as Conservation and Annihilation Model, From Synergetics II by Buckminster Fuller. "If we think of the octahedron as defined by the interconnections of six closest-packed spheres, gravitational pull can make one of the four equatorial vectors disengage from its two adjacent equatorial vertexes to rotate 90 degrees and rejoin the north and south vertexes in the transformation completed as in

help to explain the "mystical" legends of levitation and initiation associated with the pyramid and the Genesis text.

Initiation, according to Haich's version of the story in her book *Initiation*, consisted of experiencing past and future "incarnations" while "asleep" in the King's Chamber. This dream-incarnation scenario is consistent with a description of time travel—just the sort of experience that might be reported by a person subject to a gravitational and temporal pulse.

The initiation consisted of learning to become lucid in each dream so as to be able to consciously wake up and go on to the next, and the next, incarnational dream. For the potential initiate to fail to remember or to discover they are dreaming traps them in the dream, fails the initiation, and requires reliving the entire sequence of incarnations again. The successful initiate regains their volition and transcends the reincarnational dream sequence.

How does a person become lucid in a dream? Many traditional sourcesfrom the rabbis to Casteneda-suggest that one way to do this is to look at your hand in your dream. Since our hand represents our volition, seeing it regains our consciousness of our volition. How are we to see our hands? Perhaps the meditational sequence of hand-gestures represented by the letters in the Hebrew text of Genesis IS the means of seeing, articulating, and recognizing our hands, our volition, in THIS incarnational dream. That would make Genesis the key to the Pyramid meditation: truly the Bible in Stone.

#### **REVISIONISTS**

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on a literal interpretation of ancient texts. The exalted angels, what's more, on behalf of Commander Yahweh, the God of the Israelites who Sitchin relegates to the role of a highpowered alien. (Undoubtedly, many readers, unschooled in the traditional role of Yahweh as God, and of Elohim, as God, associate these terms with space aliens alone.) And with Alford, man's impulse toward immortality derives from the genetic longevity of his alien architects, rather than any inherent predisposition of the soul for spiritual liberation, ascension, nirvana the traditions and reality of which, independent of the god-as-alien proposition, Alford and the others tacitly deny.

And by repeatedly interpreting mystical experience as encounters with aliens, Sitchin and the others assert their non-belief and lack of familiarity with spiritual revelation and mysticism. These authors are, and would probably admit to being, mystical illiterates, unfamiliar and unschooled in the arts and language of the Mysteries of East and West. Mystical experience, or any sense of it, seems not to exist in their world, a state of affairs not uncommon to the academic immersed in the dogma of scientific materialism. While producing works of daring scholarship, Sitchen et al discount mystical content entirely, in ancient writings and traditions that are inherently mystical, asserting by omission of any such discussion that man has no capacity, being a product of materialist causes, to engage in divine experience.

The new revisionists are, in short, literal-minded materialists.

Another fascinating breed of revisionist charts a parallel course, those who reexamine the origins of Christianity, from Baigent and Leigh's stunning exploration of the bloodline of Jesus in *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*—in which the authors make a case for an ongoing lineage from Solomon through Jesus to the present—to Ralph Ellis' *Jesus, Last of the Pharaohs*.

Baigent and Leigh in *Holy Blood* and then *The Messianic Legacy* show us a Jesus we never knew. We see him in the social and political context of his day, shaped not by the Spirit but by the upheaval of the times in which he lived and the significance of his ancestry. We find what may be the true meaning of the word *messiah*—not an avatar, but a priest/king destined to lead a nation. And of *sangraal* (Holy Grail), the *sang* royal (Royal Blood) of what becomes the Merovingian dynasty of France, later suppressed and erased from history by the Church of Rome. In *Last of* 

the Pharaohs, Ellis unfurls a kindred scenario, attributing Jesus' status to an ancient, exiled Egyptian dynasty. And in one massive indexed conspiracy theorist's dream (or nightmare?) The Biggest Secret, the Book that Will Change the World (don't count on it), David Icke advances his belief, backed by what some would call questionable logic with an attitude, that Jesus never existed. Rewriting reality in the context of shape-shifting aliens posing as royal families and notables throughout history, Icke glibly explains just about everything in 500 plus pages.

Lawrence Gardner's Blood Lineage of the Holy Grail, a must read in this genre, tells a somewhat similar story, an account of the lineage of Christ that derives, the author claims, from the secret annals of a Scottish family, one that claims kinship with Jesus' royal line through the Stuart kings of Scotland and England. Preserved through the centuries by a secret society, we learn of an underground esoteric church deriving its mandate not from the spiritual presence of Jesus, but from his DNA.

Each of these works, like Sitchin's and Temple's, make for compelling reading, even Icke's. They reveal what may have been the secret history and circumstances surrounding events and people who have become little more than figures in a child's pop-up book. Whether the agents be aliens or Templars guarding the sanctity of the royal line, we see history in a new light.

But what these works ignore stands out with equal and perhaps more compelling importance. Impressive as some of these works are for their scholarship, they've drawn unspoken conclusions before a single word is put to paper. They virtually deny, by omission, the availability of spiritual power to human beings. Jesus may well have been an avatar, an incarnation of the divine, and the experiences recounted by Sitchen in *Divine Encounters* from *The* Book of Adam and Eve. for instance. may well have been a characterization of a man's encounter with an Archangel, not an ET, a divine hierarchy that deserves as much consideration as an alien one and probably more, given the availability of validating traditions from the Kabala to the Christian Mysteries.

And we might ask why advanced aliens would need human genetic material as a resource in the first place. Wouldn't these aliens, had they created humans, and with all their technological mastery, have no need to harvest their genes? Wouldn't they already have them at their disposal? What is so special about human DNA?

A journey eastward of a few thousand miles may well answer this and

other questions.

Sitchin and the others rely, in certain ways, on Western scientific models of cultural origins and understandings about human beings. Consider, though, the model that derives from the East, in which man's very body and being, when highly tuned, serves as an instrument of the divine and a holographic model of the uni-

verse. This wisdom, of course, has its place in the West. *Man*, being *the* measure of all things. But in the East, the physical body has been demonstrated over millennia to be a virtual cosmic generator, as practitioners of yogic, Taoist and Buddhist arts have mastered the subtle currents of invisible dimensions coursing within the body. These currents, when cultivated and

stored, render the experience of cosmic consciousness, bilocation, and universal omniscience. The divine literally beholds creation through the spiritual eye of man, housed in the forehead and activated through the pineal gland. The glandular system, moreover, and the body's subtle energy systemits chakras, nadiis, and intuitive channels-avails man literal congruency with the universe in vastly expanded

states of consciousness.

Every human being is, then, a microcosm of the universe capable of mastering time and space. With all the detail and precision of a scientific textbook, the great yogis and lamas of all time have laid out the map of the human body and the experience of the divine to be had through spiritual discipline, obviating any need for aliens,

spaceships, or subservience to their technology. Validated by scientific observation and accounts throughout the centuries, these adepts surpass the material, as does any true mystic. And their DNA, the blueprint for their bodies and glandular systems, is human DNA. If alien intervention in human origins ever had anything to do with mankind, it is hardly evident here, not

when the created beings would have quickly leapt past their flying-saucer dependent creators into the realms of soul travel, Cosmic Consciousness, and Self-Realization. More likely, human DNA represents a design to be coveted, hence all those spooky stories about alien abduction and their tampering with human reproductive organs. And this may shed light on the Holy Blood of the revisionists, DNA being the code of life not only for ordinary humans, but for avatars and their progeny.

In the Eastern systems, the design of man's physical body points toward his transcendent origin and purpose. The application of these systems so demonstrate. Yet even the most ordinary of human beings possess degrees of the same capacity, an understanding available to the mystically inclined; but not to the academic, the materialist, or the fundamentalist.

Weighing the various possibilities reveals just how mysterious the origin of spiritual and material life on earth actually is. Yet we know ourselves to be marvelous beings, if only through our talents and aspirations. The more profound among us find themselves rooted in the heart of the universe, from the depths of mystical insight and then through the universal phenomena of near-death experience. Aliens may well have had a hand in human affairs, perhaps a large grappling one. The case being made for their presence among us serves the cause of reevaluating old dogmas. But alien intervention hardly solves the mystery of existence, or explains the depth of our capacity to perceive and experience. It only complicates it. And even if extraterrestrial origins could be proved, where did ETs come from-The Cabbage Patch?





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century," states Redfield, who elaborates: "When we eat, metabolized foods leave a waste or ash in our bodies. If this ash is alkaline, it can be extracted from our bodies quickly with little energy. If it is acidic, it is hard for the blood and lymph systems to eliminate it, and the waste is stored in our organs and tissues as solids lower vibrational crystalline forms that create blocks or disruptions in the vibratory levels of our cells, rendering our body chemistry acidic, which signals bacterial, viral and fungal microbes that it is time to decompose the dead tissue.

Not an ideal platform from which to connect with the divine energy within us, which is our next step. We learn that we must intentionally ask to connect with the divine, and that determining our success is measured by our sense of beauty the standard Roerich espoused. "The degree of beauty we see measures how much divine energy we are receiving within us; the higher our level of energy the more beauty we see," writes Redfield, who says we can learn to visualize this higher level of energy flowing out from us into the world, likewise using the emotional state of love as a measure that this is occurring. We are instructed to expect that level of energy, to believe that it will be there in all situations, and to visualize it as a "prayer-field" that goes out ahead of us.

Redfield acknowledges Dr. Larry Dossey's pioneering work on the power of prayer to positively influence medical conditions, noting that; "some forms of prayer assume we have no role other than to ask, while others assume that God has set up the laws of human existence so that whether the request is fulfilled or not depends in some part on the certainty of our belief that it will be done. All great prayers in the Bible are affirmations, not requests. All our expectations have a prayer effect. We are in effect praying all the time for some kind of future for ourselves and others; we just aren't fully aware of it."

The Second Extension begins when we set this extended prayer-field to enhance the synchronistic flow of our lives, staying in a state of conscious alertness and expectation for the next intuition or coincidence that moves our lives further along. The Third Extension involves another expectation: that our prayer-field go out and boost the level of energy in others, lifting them into their own connection with the Divine. The Fourth Extension involves learning the importance of anchoring and maintaining the outflow of

our energy, in spite of fearful or angry situations. We do this, says Redfield, "by always maintaining a posture of detachment toward events as they occur, seeking a positive meaning in the situation and always expecting the process to save us, no matter what is happening. If we find a negative image coming to mind, we must consider whether it is an intuitive warning and, if so, take appropriate action, but we

must always return to the expectation that a higher synchronicity will guide us past the problem." A second step in the Fourth Extension involves fully expecting that the human world can move toward the ideal modeled by Shambhala. "Visualize people everywhere mastering technology and using it in the service of our spiritual development," writes Redfield. "See them focusing on the real reason we are here on this planet: to create a culture on earth that is conscious of our role in spiritual evolution and to teach that

understanding to our children." After outlining the dangers of currently developing technological trends, Redfield states; "I'm very optimistic: Besides my book, there have been a host of others, all talking about a new awareness that's emerging. I think there is a lot of buzz spiritual dialogue around the world, a great interest in rediscovering the mysteries surrounding human life and about our origins. I contend that out of this dialogue is emerging the first design of a new world view that will replace the old Cartesian/Newtonian world view that still rules science, government and popular consciousness. I think things are moving towards a more positive spiritual culture on the planet, even though there are some terrible situations existing."

The secret of Shambhala, that the angels await our invitation and directives to influence earthly situations, is our ultimate hope for bringing about the positive outcome Redfield envisions. He suggests that if we could fully embrace the idea that we are spiritual beings in a spiritual world, then food, health, technology, media and government would all move into their proper roles in the evolution and perfection of the planet. "My new book is about the power of transpersonal creativity the way we create the situations in our

lives, the way we influence others. In my view, we are connected interpersonally, but we're not necessarily communal."

Redfield thinks that civilization has been slowly evolving towards an ideal world, and has spent time in "intentional communities" that try to share a single vision. He comments: "Often, these communities don't understand that humans have a need to create an

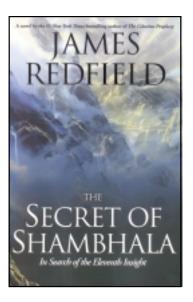
individual, personal vision in which we artistically create the future for ourselves first, then communicate that to others. Out of that comes a spontaneous evolution towards a collective vision."

LePage notes that
"High Asia has always
been a collective
melting pot." Though
many younger Tibetans consider Shambhala to be no more
than myth, the traditional culture of Tibet
is totally dedicated to
the spiritual life. Yin, a
Tibetan in Redfield's
book, says; "We are arguably the most religious culture any-

ious culture anywhere. And we have been attacked by the most atheistic government on earth. It is a perfect contrast for all the world to see. One vision or the other will prevail."

Tomas sees only two types of people those who recognize a truth first and the ones who admit it last. "It is the pioneers who have always advanced culture and civilization," he says. "There are no honor rolls anywhere for those who rejected the spherical shape of the earth, the Theory of Relativity, steamships, airplanes or spaceships, but there are monuments to the creators of bold ideas."

As yet, the thesis of a hidden community of perfect beings guiding the evolution of mankind belongs to the realm of speculation. But for LePage, such a thesis needs no outer proof: in her mind, Shambhala, and Shambhala alone, is the hidden force that has been driving the race onward towards its spiritual destiny. "As the plant grows by heliotropism, so humanity grows by an inner compulsion towards the Light that draws it to itself. I believe Shambhala governs this spiritual tropism, drawing us soulward as though by the pull of an interior lodestone. It is our sun; under its burning lens that refracts divinity, the metamorphosis becomes possible."



#### **DONNER PARTY**

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angels and brilliant stars." The child cried out with delight and pleaded with those around her to look at the awesome "radiant forms" that hovered over her. Everyone stopped, but all they could see was Patty smiling ear to ear, beaming and pointing and ex-

claiming about the beautiful angels.

Finally, one of the men realized what was happening and said, "Why, Patty is dying!"

The group quickly placed their last morsels of food in Patty's mouth and warmed her tired body. She slowly revived, but like most near-death experiences, she expressed anger and regret at being forced to come back. The experience left the young child with a

deep impression that never left her. To the day she died, she cherished the memory of that vision as "the dearest, most enchanting" of her entire life. (Fifteen years following the incident, Patty's mother, Margaret Reed, would experience a profound death-bed vision involving a similar heavenly light.)

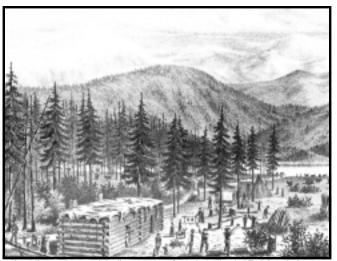
Because there were so many settlers and because so many of them were women and children, multiple rescue parties had to be formed. The second rescue party was composed of three men who, loaded with supplies, attempted to cross the Sierras and bring food to the starving families.

However, like many people, they underestimated the power of nature. While pushing through the waist-deep snow drifts, they became disoriented and thought they were lost. They took a vote and decided that the only thing to do was to return. One of them, however, pointed to a nearby mountain-top and said, if they climbed to that summit and couldn't see the Donner encampment from there, then they would turn around.

And so the three men began the climb to the summit. Unknown to them, they were about to go in the wrong direction, and if they reached the summit, would definitely be lost. However, right as they turned towards the mountain, they came across the lifeless body of C. T. Stanton, one of the men from a previous rescue party,

who had been abandoned on a previous rescue attempt. They had discovered his body just in time to point the right direction to the rest of the survivors.

Undoubtedly counting their blessings, they quickly turned back on the trail and reached the Donner encampment shortly later, bringing the muchneeded supplies to the starving people. None of the rescuers revealed just how



An advance group hastily prepares for winter in the Truckee Lake area.

close they came to being lost themselves. For many of the survivors, the food had come just in time to prevent further deaths.

At the Donner encampment, some felt that food came to them in very fortuitous ways. One day, the settlers were astonished to see a solitary Indian carrying a heavy pack, walking by the camp. Because of their previous experience with hostile Indians, the Donner party was even more surprised when the Indian made a gesture for everyone to keep their distance. Then he took his pack and removed a half-dozen fibrous roots, laid them down on the snow, and disappeared as quickly and mysteriously as he arrived. One of the settlers rushed forward and retrieved the roots which were shaped like onions, but tasted like potatoes. Although the portion was tiny, the food helped the survivors live that much longer.

On another occasion, one of the men had gone to fetch some firewood when he came upon the tracks of a young bear. He followed the tracks which led into a dark cave. The man decided to try and frighten the bear out of the cave with a single shot into the darkness. Unfortunately, the bear remained inside. By this time, the man was desperate. The possibility of food gave him courage, and he decided to enter the cave and, if necessary, kill the young bear using the gun as a club.

So he crept inside and suddenly

slipped. He fell headlong into the cave and landed directly onto the bear — which was totally still and obviously dead. By pure chance, his random shot had pierced directly into the bear's brain, killing it instantly. This single animal provided food for over a week for dozens of the survivors.

One man who has little doubt that the fate of the Donner Party was predetermined was survivor Luis Keseberg. Keseberg suffered a perhaps worse fate than many of the other survivors. A lame foot had left him abandoned by all the rescue parties, and he was stranded at the cabins until early May, making him the last person rescued alive from the lake. Says Keseberg, "If I believe in God Almighty having anything to do with the affairs of men, I believe that the misfortune which overtook the Donner Party, and the terrible part I was compelled to take in the great tragedy, were predestined."

Keseberg has good reason to believe in pre-destiny. As he says, "One day, while we were traveling on Goose Creek, we saw so many wild geese that I took my shotgun and went hunting. Ordinarily I am not superstitious, but on this morning, I felt an overwhelming sense of impending calamity. I mentioned my premonitions to Mrs. Murphy before starting on the hunt. Becoming excited with the sport, and eagerly watching the game, I stepped down on a steep bank. Some willows had been burnt off, and the short, sharp stubs were sticking up just where I stepped ... and one of these stubs ran into the ball of my foot, between the bones and the toes. From this time, until we arrived at Donner lake, I was unable to walk, or even to put my foot on the ground."

Because of his lameness, Keseberg was left at the cabins by each succeeding rescue party, until finally, he was the last survivor of the tragedy at Donner Lake. Unfortunately, Keseberg never fully recovered from the ordeal. Misfortune followed him wherever he went. He was accused of murdering and cannibalizing one of the Donners. He was vilified in many accounts of the disaster. In the years that followed, he lost his home twice to fire and flood. His wife died, leaving him with two mentally handicapped daughters. Further failed business ventures left him largely penniless. He traces all his bad luck to his experiences in the Sierras.

One enduring legend about the Donner Party is that the entire disaster was foretold in a precognitive dream. The legend can be tracked down to an old trapper and ranch owner, George Yount of Napa Valley. Yount claimed that for three nights in a row during

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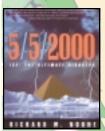
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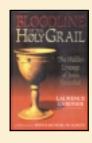
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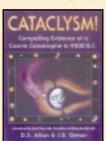
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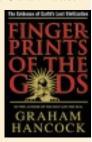
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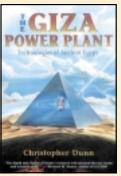
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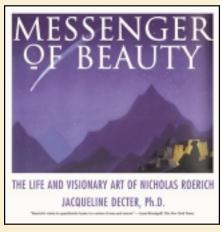
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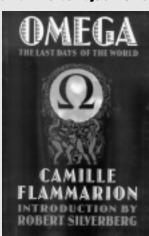
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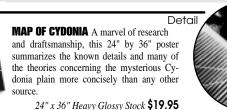


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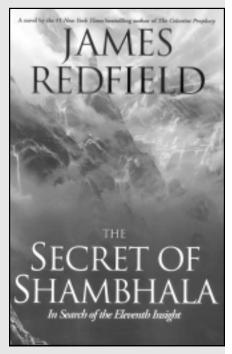
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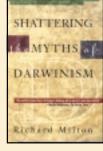
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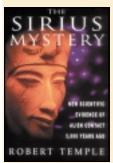
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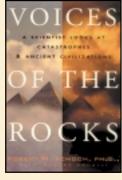
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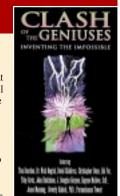
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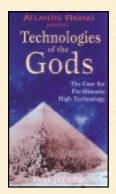
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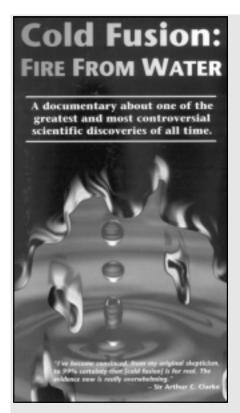


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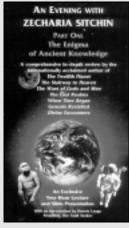
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#### **DONNER PARTY**

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the winter of 1846, he dreamed of a frozen mountain lake and a band of emigrants snowed in on the shore of the lake. In his dreams, he saw that the settlers were in such an advanced stage of starvation, that they had taken to consuming the bodies of those who had died in order to survive. Yount described the landscape of his dream to friends, who told him that it sounded like Truckee Lake (later named Donner Lake). According to the account, Yount was inspired by his dreams to organize a rescue party to save the settlers. Although this story was widely believed at the time of the disaster, others have discredited the account, saying that Yount was not involved in the rescue. However, further research revealed that Yount did in fact have some role in the initial rescue attempts. He was the owner of a nearby ranch, and helped supply at least one rescue attempt. Whether or not his dreams were actually precognitive, however, remains a matter of some debate.

Probably the most poignant and incredible coincidences of the whole catastrophe concerns the fate of one member of the Donner Party by the name of Augustus Spitzer. He was one of the very few single men who were members of the Donner Party. Like most of the single men, Spitzer was among the first who died of starvation. And because he was alone, none of the survivors knew of any relatives to contact. And that's where the story seemed to end.

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#### **FLAMMARION**

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was that he needed to remain completely free of public libraries.

The chronology isn't clear, but Flammarion seems to have undertaken theological studies in the nearby town of Langres when he was only eight or nine. Then he went to Paris, completing training as an engraver by the age of twelve; a skilled lithographer, he would illustrate a number of his books. At the age of sixteen, he began an apprenticeship in astronomy at the Paris Observatory, in the same year writing a 500-page book, Universal Cosmology, which would later serve as the basis for his The World Before the Creation of Man. This was still not enough for Flammarion's blossoming, protean en-

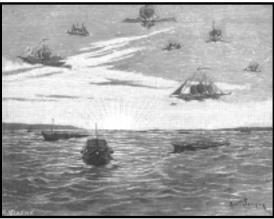
ergies; in the same period he wrote a fantastical novel called Ecstatic Voyage to the Regions of the Moon. Four years later-at the age of 20the astronomer/author published the enormously popular The Plurality of Inhabited Worlds (1862), which was scientific in tone; in the same period, he brought out his The Inhabitants of the Other World-a second flight of fancy along the lines of Ecstatic Voyage to the Regions of the Moon.

Science-fiction writer Robert Silverberg remarks, in his introduction to the University of Nebraska Press edi-

tion of *Omega: The Last Days of the World*, that Flammarion intimated that much of his *The Inhabitants of the Other World* had been communicated through the medium Mademoiselle Huet. In fact, even as the astronomerto-be was continuing to perform mathematical calculations as an apprentice at the Paris Observatory, he had already embarked upon not only a double life as a popularizer of cosmology, but also an extraordinary triple life.

Flammarion seems to have been fired in 1862 from his post at the Paris Conservatory by his boss, Urbain Jean Joseph Leverrier-the man who in 1846 had predicted the location of the planet Neptune, paving the way for its discovery by the English astronomer John Couch Adams. But Flammarion was certainly not fired for incompetence, and he immediately found similar work at the Paris Bureau des Longitudes. Rather, Leverrier may have been irritated by the time and energy the young astronomer was already putting into the third great passion of his life. Flammarion had begun to frequent the seances which the French *spiritism* movement, launched in the mid-1850s, had made so popular; he was already seeking to communicate, through mediums, tapping tables and Ouija boards, with the inhabitants of those planets whose movements he had meticulously plotted at the Paris Observatory, and would in later years plot in his own observatory.

The seances of the day were attended by the high and the mighty among the intelligentsia. To get the full flavor of them, we have to imagine Carl Sagan, Tom Stoppard, Prince Charles and Yale English professor Harold Bloom attending a séance at Jane Roberts' house at which all four of them manage to channel the likes of Albert Einstein, James Joyce, Andrew Wyett and one or two Arcturians. Jules Bois, the French journalist/séance enthusiast who later wrote a notable article on



Flammarion's air ships of the future

Victor Hugo's channeling experiences, has typically written of the "wellknown experimenters in the occult [who] met together in the Rue des Martyrs-namely, Tiedmen Marthèse, the ruler of Java and a German cousin of the Queen of Holland: St-René Taillandier, professor at the Paris Faculty of Letters; Victorien Sardou [the dramatist who created French bourgeois vaudeville] and his son; and Camille Flammarion. A simple table became the common meeting ground of talented humans both dead and alive. Galileo rubbed elbows with Saint Paul; Voltaire and Joan of Arc were reconciled."

Many years later, in his *The Unknown and Psychic Problems* (1901), Flammarion would provide us with his own description of the séance goingson of the time: "...my illustrious friend Victorien Sardou...wrote bizarre pages about the inhabitants of the planet Jupiter, and produced picturesque and compelling drawings that depicted things and creatures in that gigantic world. One of those drawings showed us Mozart's house, composed entirely of musical notes, and others, the man-

sions of Zoroaster and Bernard Palissy [the famed sixteenth-century leadglazed earthenware potter], who are, it appears, neighbors in that planet. For my part, I channeled some pages touching upon astronomy, which I signed with the name 'Galileo.'" Flammarion did not only confine his accounts to channeling; he wrote, for example, that, at a not-typical séance in 1868, "as the result of essential help by a medium whose role was too complex to be able to describe precisely, "articles that nobody touched moved, pencils spontaneously levitated and were made to write, handwriting appeared on slates locked in sealed boxes.

We shouldn't think that Flammarion approached these seances in an uncritical manner. On the one hand, he plunged right in and channeled with the best of them, recording what was said by all the spirits, and, later, both

consciously and unconsciously inserting the material in his visionary/science-fiction books. On the other hand, he carried on scientifically rigorous investigations of these and other types of paranormal phenomena, seeking to understand their origins and parameters. Over the course of his lifetime, he would draw up reports on 6,000 different cases of psychic manifestation.

Flammarion did not believe he and his fellow channelers were

necessarily talking to Mozart, Galileo, and company; but he suspected that he and his colleagues might be tuning in on discarnate intelligent energies from the reaches of our outer solar system and beyond. The astronomer/psychic sleuth was one of the first investigators to conclude that, while channeled phenomena might well have its origins in the spirit world, still, in passing through the human mind, it necessarily became very garbled. "The medium's mind and the minds of the experimenters certainly play a role in it," he was to write in his The Unknown and Psychic Problems. "The answers obtained usually correspond with their intellectual capabilities, as if their powers had been exteriorized and had an influence over the table, though such persons may not be conscious that this is happening."

At the same time as he was plunged in the enjoyment and the study of these seances, Flammarion was carrying on observations in astronomy, writing extremely successful popularizations of science, and producing highly visionary fantasies. His Popular Astronomy, published in 1879 and soon to be a worldwide bestseller, won the Paris Academy's Prix Montyon for that year. Flammarion's other works of popular science would come to include The Planet Mars and the Conditions of Its Habitability, Astronomy for Amateurs, and Dreams of an Astronomer—the latter book having been the preferred light reading of more than a few astronomers. And he would continue to publish the results of his investigations of psychic phenomena, including his final book, The Unknown Forces of Nature, appearing in 1907.

For the student of modern-day "New Age" literature, Flammarion's other works of visionary, speculative fiction—with their hints of deeper levels of channeled, occult meaningare of the greatest interest. Lumen was

> the next to appear, in French in 1872 and in English in 1892. It's the story, in a series of dialogues, of a being who has undergone a number of incarnations on other worlds, including planets round Capella, Gamma Virgo, Sirius and in the constellation Orion, and of the knowledge he has derived from these incarnations. It is also. writes one commentator (Locke, in A Spectrum of Fantasy), "...the first work to offer any real idea of

the scale of the universe; the first to investigate the implications of the finite speed of light (and thus to toy with the notion of the relativity of space and time); and the first to examine the implications of evolutionary theory in the modeling of alien life-systems. In all these endeavors it was ahead of its time." Flammarion's later Urania: A Romance, was published in French in 1889 and in English in 1891; Locke describes it as "A mixture of mysticism and science fiction which sold well in its day" and which featured "spirit travels through space and time and a visit to an advanced Mars."

The author/astronomer/psychic investigator's best-known novel, though, is Omega: The Last Days of the World, first published in French in 1893 and very shortly thereafter translated into 11 languages. This book predates, and no doubt greatly influenced, a number of later apocalyptic novels, such as H.G. Wells' The Time Machine and Olaf Stapledon's Last and

The first part of Omega: The Last Days of the World, takes place in the twenty-fifth century, and is a rather dry and academic discussion of the chances that a comet, seemingly on a collision course with the earth, will destroy our planet. But the comet barely brushes the earth; once this happens, Flammarion's Omega proceeds by millennial leaps and bounds up through the entire history of our planet till its apparent death millions of years in the future (actually, the earth will blossom again, since Flammarion is a believer not in the Western notion of the end of history and the Apocalypse, but in the Eastern notion of the "eternal return.")

What evidence is there to suggest that occult, "channeled" lore lies embedded in Omega? Here is one example, of several: Flammarion's description of a highly-evolved humanity in "the one hundredth century of the Christian era" with a sixth sense consisting of an exquisite refinement of our first five senses, and new seventh and eighth senses, sounds very much like analogous descriptions of the evolved senses of humankind which have been "channeled," allegedly from ETs, in our own time. Flammarion writes in Omega: "Through the study of the electrical properties of living organisms, a seventh sense, the electric sense, was created outright, so to speak; and everyone possessed the power of attracting and repelling both living and inert matter, to a degree depending upon the temperament of the individual. But by far the most important of all the senses...[was] the eighth, the psychic sense, by which communication at a distance became possible." The development of two other senses had been arrested from the outset: that of the ability to see ultraviolet light; and an innate sense of orientation using terrestrial magnetism."

Throughout all of his writing, both speculative and scientific, Flammarion did not cease to make astronomy observations. At his private Camille Flammarion Observatory in Juvissy-sur-Orge, once the 42 cm refractor became operable he began making numerous observations of Mars, even mapping the planet. He made a number of lunar observations, along with observing double stars and computing their orbits. It was Flammarion who suggested the name Triton for one of the moons of Neptune. Eventually, the French government made him Commander of the Legion of Honor because of his contributions to astronomy. If Flammarion's private observatory lies fallow today, his speculative novels may be about to make a comeback which even he with his vaulting imagination, could never have imagined.

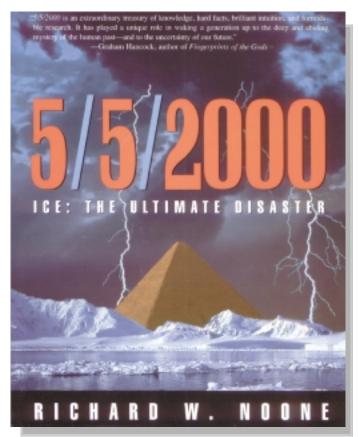
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spirit, there is no figure eight-flow between the worlds, and therefore no growth or evolution. The Sun works through the planets in its physical phase of existence in a natural body. Thus, the Kabbalistic astrologer reads the character as well as the fate of an individual, this life seen as but one in the long chain of spiritual existence or destiny. To rise above his fate, natural man must become supernatural man or woman. Normally, this longdrawn journey takes lifetimes, but the Kabbalah teaches that it can be done in one lifetime, if there is enough will.

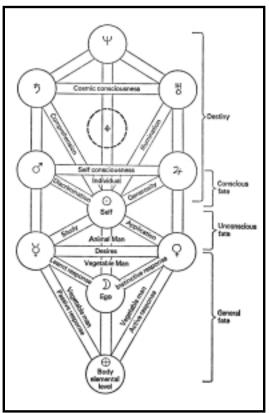
Halevi echoes Rudhyar's words almost exactly when he describes the experience of the "superior man or woman." Rudhyar, referring to the spiritual disciple on the Path, says that the events in his life might out-picture themselves according to the cycles of his chart, his environment might remain the same, but in his altered state of awareness, his interpretation of the meaning of events and the significance of situations in which he finds himself will be totally different. Once focused on the Path of Initiation or what Halevi calls the third Solar Level, the person understands events in light of lessons to be learned to help him in the evolution of his soul. So, if transiting Mars were square his Saturn, for example, he might face a crisis in his work, just as would a person of lesser awareness under the same influence. Both individuals would likely feel some sense of frustration. But whereas the person on "the highway of evolution" will ex-

perience the situation as something happening to him and move predictably from aspect to aspect, the person on the Path would strive to understand the inner meaning of his circumstances. He might consciously strive to achieve patience rather than emotionally react. He would view even this adversity as an opportunity for soul growth. An such, he is not just a participant, but an objective observer of his life. He begins to take on Buddhic detachment. In essence, by taking command over himself, and being less attached to events and more concerned with the quality of consciousness, he begins to take command over his destiny.

Jung said that fate is only the unconscious made conscious. Halevi remarks that the hallmark of a superior man or woman is "conscious work." This means making the unconscious conscious by perceiving what is really hap-

pening in a given situation. Recognizing not only the unconscious motivations of others, but also our own. Describing this stage of Solar awareness, Halevi writes, "it then means that one takes on the responsibility for one's exterior and interior action, cultivating the useful and good and curtailing the useless and bad. This is an occupation that is worked at every second, minute and hour of the day and night, year in and year out."

This third Solar level has direct ac-



cess to Spirit. One begins to partake of a cosmic overlook over events and Creation. "This place in a man is where the beads of psychological choice thread themselves into the string of free will." This stage is represented astrologically by the middle triad, associated with Mars and Jupiter in relation to the Sun. Kabbalists call this the "moral triad." While Martial principle demands that everything has a price, as a person takes on the Jupiterian capacity to forgive, heaven looks down upon him with Grace and the person no longer necessarily must be involved in all the physical and psychological effects of his karma.

The upper triad related to Saturn, Uranus and the Sun encompasses the world of Spirit and Creation within a human being. Pluto, the agent of transformation, is situated in the center of the spiritual triad. This complex, says

Halevi can be seen operating within the collective destiny of a nation but for the most of humanity lies deep in the psyche as a potential possibility. At a certain point the soul sees beyond the boundaries of one's fragmented view of the universe and begins, through the reflection of Saturn, the revelation of Uranus and transformational potential of Pluto to grasp, however dimly, the entire general scheme. This experience which alters one's viewpoint forever is spoken of by Rud-

hyar in *Galactic Astrology* as the process of "shatter, dissolve and purify" which changes man into "more than man."

Halevi places Neptune at the crown of The Tree of Life, "giving direct access to the Will of the Divine." Here we see operating the principle of miracles. The definition of a miracle is when a superior world intervenes in an inferior world. Rudhyar tells of the Ascended Masters of the Great White Brotherhood intervening between the person and a karmically fated event, thereby changing the destiny. The mystic walks through whatever life brings him with unattachment but expects miracles!

A fascinating principle of mystical astrology is that not only do the energies of the Cosmos affect our lives, but we also, affect Cosmos. This quality to affect from below one side or another of the cosmic battle is unique to human beings. In everything we do, in every choice we make, in every thought we think, we exercise good or evil. While this is true of all, the spiritually developed person has the opportunity to rise above his fate and play a more significant role in the Creative World and in the cosmic drama of the great battle

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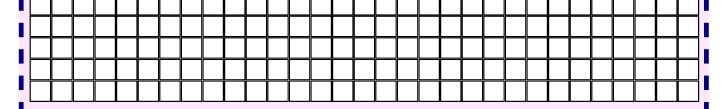
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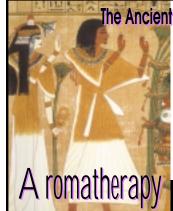
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