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When you have finished reading this magazine please pass it on to someone interested. We have to date posted out some 1800 free copies and this has now had to be cut down, so please let people see Fountain Journal for themselves as information is knowledge, so please pass it on. Our target for No. 5 is 225.

There are so many oddities to consider when trying to make each clue fit into a definite pattern in Ufology. Can strange things that happen at ground-level possibly be connected with the amazing aerobatics of UFOs above our heads? for example, a minor mystery near Warminster, at Frome in Somerset, has police as well as public well and truly puzzled. The phenomenon has been happening for a long while... He looks to be an ordinary hitch-hiker, as dozens of frustrated motorists have testified in local newspaper accounts. But the young man who begs nocturnal lifts to Nunney Catch is anything but the flesh-and-blood entity he is mistaken for by unaware travellers. Like the conjuror's rabbit, one moment he is present - the next, gone !

Although some drivers lock the car door after he has been picked up, when the vehicle arrives at Nunney Catch the passenger has disappeared! If it was an isolated incident, the story would lack the substance of truth. Yet it has occurred with a rather frightening regularity. The Bath Evening Chronicle gives a typical example in its issue of April 14th, 1975, under the heading of 'Phantom Hiker':

Motorist travelling between the villages of Nunney and Critchill, near Frome, should think twice before they pick up hitch-hikers late at night, for it could be the phantom hiker of Nunney ... The report continues: Several motorists travelling in the area late at night have reported picking up a stranger who has asked them to take him to Nunney Catch. On each occasion the man has climbed into the car, but on arrival at Nunney Catch has disappeared. Frome police report that one motorist was so frightened by the occurrence that he reported the matter to them...

The phantom hiker recalls early mysteries in the Warminster saga of UFOs. Commercial traveller Ian Hann, of Bath, was overtaken by an unlit van at night, en route to Warminster. The vehicle, Ian said, was without registration number or illumination, and minus wheels ... vanished in a giant puff of yellow smoke in front of his car!

In early October 1965, Wilhelm Simonsen was on his way back home to the village of Klofta, 20 miles north of Oslo, Norway. He tells his story: I became aware of a sound coming from the village... It was like a loud-speaker car being used for a public announcement. As this is something that happens occasionally, I tried to catch the words, but could not make them out ... After a minute or so, it occurred to me that the sound came from a portable radio nearby, as it seemed

to be closer than I first thought. I was still unable to make out the words, but the voice had a very distinct metallic sound, as one might expect from a small high-powered loud-speaker.

However, to my utter astonishment, the sound continued to come nearer, and passed over and in front of me at a distance I would judge to be not more than 50 metres or so, taking into account the previous flight-path. At this point I called out to a girl some hundred metres away, and she too heard the noise, but could not distinguish the words. She suggested afterwards that the noise came from a loud-speaker... Then the phenomenon approached and passed, I was able to make out clearly a metallic voice repeating these words, "Hallo, Hallo, er det noen her? Hallo, Hallo, er det noen her?"

In English this is: "Hallo, Hello, is there anybody here? Hello, Hello, is there anybody here?" Naturally, I was too startled to answer such a question coming from the sky, but I have often wondered what would have happened if I had? ... The time of this strange incident was about 2130 local time, 8.30p.m. GMT, and it lasted for a few minutes. After passing me, it apparently continued on its straight course, the sound growing weaker and weaker finally disappearing. At the time of the incident it was fairly dark and overcast and nothing could be seen apart from a possible dark shape, of indeterminate size, floating through the air ...

This may, however have been an illusion stemming from the fact that a sound is expected to come from somewhere. On reflection I feel that the phenomenon must have moved at a speed of between 5 and 15 m.p.h., probably nearer five than fifteen, and at a low altitude - perhaps about 35 metres ( $\pm$  100ft). No plausible 'natural' explanation has been found so far, as one must consider the possibility of a talking bird as rather unsatisfactory. The possibility of some kind of practical joke can be excluded too, as the 'thing' was completely silent except for the "voice". This should rule out anything like a model aircraft equipped with a loud-speaker and other necessary equipment for the repetition of words.

Perhaps we have here a link between the mysterious telephone calls reported in large numbers throughout the USA, and a regular sighting. Or was it possibly an instance of a link between the physical and the parapsychological?

Compare this item from the I.O.W. County Press, 24th April 1976.

'On the evening of October 20th, 1970, at about 8 p.m. on the way from Brading to St. Helens, I saw a complete circle of crystal-clear red lights which were hovering and dipping over Culver Downs.

Whatever this was (and it was no aeroplane or helicopter) dimmed most of its lights and followed me along for several miles. At one time I thought it intended to land.

The report continues with an account of a friendly alien ...

"This is not the oddest thing by far. During an afternoon in May, 1973, my daughter - who was seven years old at the time - was attracted by a strange wailing noise, which led her and her friend towards a patch of marshland near the unused Sandown airport. They encountered a weird creature, who stood nearly 7ft tall.

A metallic 'hut' stood nearby. He spoke to them through a microphone that amplified the sound, so that, however far away they were the voice seemed right next to them.

He talked to them for some time, first by writing on a pad and then by talking - the voice being deep from within his throat. He was friendly and expressed a fear of people. He wore a green tunic and blue gloves.

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BATMOBILE - MARK 2. (see Journal No.2, re. mk.I)  
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Commercial artist and designer Pauline Roberts, of Bitterne Southampton, writes: "I was much interested in the tale headed, 'Batmobile' in your No.2 issue, because three or four years ago I had an experience involving a jet black object, although mine was not dragging a baby black object along with it.

"Most of the details remain clear and I remember the time was at the January sales in Southampton ... Then, I was working in an office facing Plummers Stores in Above Bar, and it was about 4.30 in the afternoon of the beginning of January.

"They had a sale in progress and a number of flags were waving from the rooftop. My office was on the third floor and almost on a level with their roof. All the lights were on in the office and from my desk by the window the sky appeared clear and a lovely deep blue

"I was working at my drawing board when out of the corner of my eye I thought I saw a large smoke ring outside the window. This sounds crazy but I am telling you exactly what happened and what I did. It made me go to the window and look out, but the bright lights inside caused the windows to shine like mirrors and reflect everything from within... So I had to cup my hands round my eyes to shut this out and above Plummers Store was a moving thing that appeared jet black against the deep blue sky. To me it appeared as big as a door, but its edges were flapping and undulating like a Manta Ray fish. It was moving away from me rather swiftly and I called people in the office to come and look.

"One or two did so, but only one person saw it. She did a drawing for me and we compared notes. The annoying thing is that I was called

away from the window and - as I momentarily turned - it disappeared. There was no light or shade on it, it was perfectly black, and I had the impression that it was moving under its own power. I thought it might have been a break-away flag, but in the morning there did not appear to be one missing, and in any case the thing had been moving quite swiftly against the wind!

"If you print this true little story, it might at least make Miss Humphries happy to know that she isn't alone!"

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LINE ASTERN OVER SOMERSET!

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Brenda Simpson of Weston-Super-Mare writes, dated 22nd July 76 This evening whilst returning to our home from the Barwell direction towards Weston, we were admiring the pretty evening sky. There were a few rosy streaky clouds about and while we were directly opposite the Locking Airforce gates and looking at the sky an iridescent orange 'cloud' suddenly appeared. I stress suddenly. My husband, myself and two children all said, "Look at that", and my husband stopped the car. This was 9.10p.m. We watched altogether until 9.25p.m. and during this time five separate streaks appeared each one slightly longer than the last with a short break between them. The last one completed its formation and we waited for another to appear but instead a brilliant point of light appeared above the last streak and arced over to the right until it was over the first formation. It suddenly disappeared. We could tell no shape, it just appeared as a point of light. To me it increased and decreased its intensity but not to the others. It disappeared instantly and all that remained were the streaks which were fading slightly. They were each double (two parallel streaks to each of the five) in formation. Looking towards Weston it was over Wharl Hill and in total length from the quarry to the golf course (approx).

We felt astounded at what we had seen and when finally we decided to carry on our journey my son said, "Was it from outer space?" This is exactly what my husband, older son and myself were thinking but did not voice in front of the little one, or even admit out loud. Whilst we have both wondered if people who reported UFOs were cranks or had high and vivid imaginations we kept fairly open minds. Now however we are positive, no doubts at all, that we saw what to us was a UFO. It could have been no plane with the twin trail, colour of the trail, not a cloud because of its quick formation and straight line, not a con trail because it was broken. Nor can we find any possible

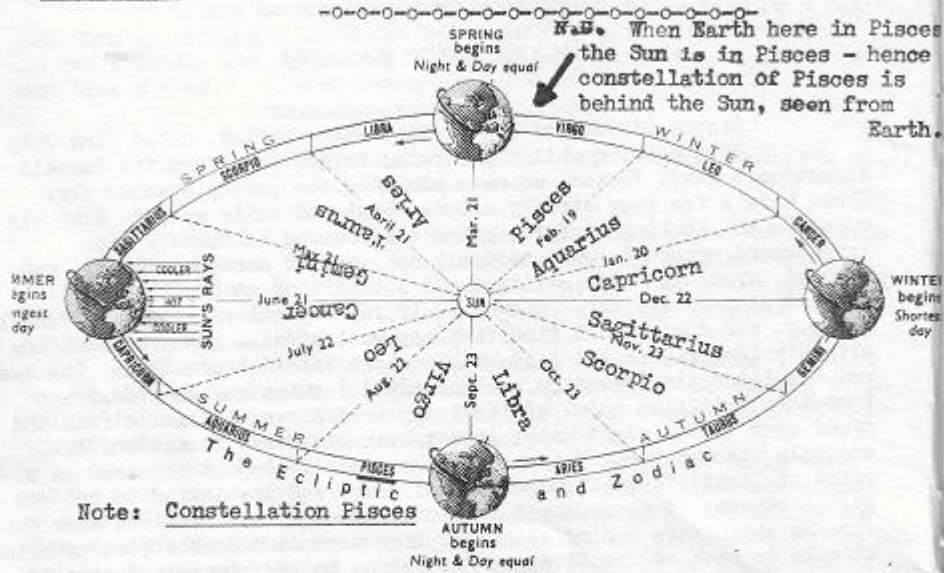
explanation for thearcng light and its disappearance. In fact although we were just admiring the view we were all immediately of the same opinion as to what we saw - UFOs were the last thought in our heads.

I hope this letter finds you. We are sensible, ordinary, office workers and parents and we don't have vivid imaginations.

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NEW SERIES:

ASTROLOGY EXPLAINED - No. I, BASICS



The Earth describes two important movements through space, its rotation about its axis and its revolution or orbit around the Sun. The Earth rotates about its axis once in 23hours 56minutes, and whilst spinning, travels around the Sun in an anti-clockwise direction, completing one revolution in 365½ days (approx). This is a solar year and as a calendar year has 365 days an extra day is added every fourth year (a leap year) to balance the odd hours in the solar cycle.

The Earth is inclined away from the perpendicular to the plane of the orbit by an angle of 23½°, this along with the Earth's curved surface is responsible for the varying length of day and night and for the seasons. The uneven heating of the Earth's surface at any

