

# Check on 'probe from outer space'

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THE astonishing idea that a probe from another civilisation may have arrived in the Solar system 13,000 years ago, and may still be actively investigating the Earth, is now being considered by space experts.

The theory was discussed last week by the British Interplanetary Society.

Leading the discussion was Mr. Anthony Lawton, manager of the computer division of E.M.I. He drew attention to curious, long-delayed echoes in signals broadcast from Earth which, as yet, have no scientific explanation.

### Less than a second

The echoes were first noticed by radio pioneers exploring the ionosphere, the layer 50 to 200 miles above the Earth which reflects radio waves round the Earth. Signals that penetrate the ionosphere are normally dispersed in space and will not be reflected back.

Usually it takes less than a second for radio waves to travel round the world by reflection from the ionosphere.

As long ago as 1928 Störmer, the Norwegian mathematician and geophysicist, and Van der Nuys, a Dutch radio telecommunications researcher, recorded echoes taking from three to 15 seconds. This would place a reflector at least as far away as the moon's orbit, about 238,000 miles.

### Morse-code style

Now Mr. Duncan Lunan, a Glasgow University graduate, has made an analysis of the delayed radio signals. He puts forward the theory that they can be read as a "pattern" which may be a message from outer space.

It is, he suggests, as though an artifact in the vicinity of the moon's orbit was returning our own transmissions. These return transmissions from the artifact are arranged in a Morse-code style as if the beings responsible for the artifact are testing whether the intelligence of people on Earth is sufficiently developed to recognise a pattern.

The object would be first to attract attention and then to transmit information.

### Charts shown

At the British Interplanetary Society meeting two of Mr. Lunan's charts, recording the results of his analysis, were shown for the first time. They reveal a marked resemblance to star maps of the Northern hemisphere and appear to mark the origin of the probe as the double star Epsilon Boötis, which is 103 light years away.

Positions of stars marked on the map appear to show the arrival of the probe in the solar system around 11,000 B.C.

Naturally, a good deal of controversy has been raised by Mr. Lunan's claims. His work will be published by the British Interplanetary Society, but the society insists that a full investigation into the delayed echoes be made to see if they could have a natural explanation.

### Easy to find

If such an artifact exists it should be easy to find by radio and radar techniques. We could even inspect the likely position with an unmanned spacecraft.

Just imagine what is implied: A space probe from another civilisation in the depths of space has been sent to inspect possible planets which orbit a medium-hot yellow star which we call the sun. There are perhaps 1,000 such stars of our type within our distance of Epsilon Boötis.

The probe may have spent centuries in travel and its builders may have perished long ago. But in its memory banks and logic circuits it may contain the inheritance of an entire planetary culture.

### More evidence needed

The very thought is mind boggling. But we need much greater scientific evidence than we have at present to confirm or deny the possibility.

In 1960 the American astronomer R. N. Bracewell, of Stanford University, suggested that the sequences of long-delayed radio signals could mean that an alien space probe in the vicinity of the Earth might be trying to make contact by returning our own signals to us.

No-one could place any meaning on them. This is precisely what Mr. Lunan claims to have done.

When I spoke to him he told me that nothing he had found subsequently had given him cause to change his mind. Everything had fallen into place once he had found the key to the apparent coding.

Mr. Lunan, 27, a bachelor and native of Edinburgh, is now a full-time writer of books on astronomy and space flight. He graduated from Glasgow University in English and Philosophy with French, physics and astronomy.



## CAN STARS MOVE ?

By Arthur Shuttlewood.

According to astronomers and astro-phycisists, stars are celestial luminaries that are immobile and static in the heavens. If one could prove that stars are living, thinking, wilful bodies that can move and change position, theories about the universe and universal structure would have to alter radically. It would upset all the calculations of man so far, and give experts food for furthur thought that would probably prove to be indigestible! For, if one dared suppose that suns are living creatures, then it is not so illogical to assume that inhabited planets in various systems throughout the immense universe may well be living entities, too. Just imagine what this would mean to modern thinking in this world, if this was indeed fact!

Although I cannot present concrete evidence that the present concepts of star systems are entirely wrong, a letter which reached me in November of 1972 was fascinating in the extreme. Of course, the writer might have been mistaken, sadly at error, in what he imagined he saw on a late August night in 1963...Yet, if his account is considered to contain more than a degree of truth in its astonishing revelation, then we are confronted by a mystery even more profound and meaningful than our elusive UFOs and ufonauts. Here, in its simple form, is the story related to me by keen amateur astronomer Colin Ebdon, of Essex, his tempory address 42, The Ridgeway, Warwick, in Warwickshire :

" I had better explain the background to the biggest event in my life, as it will be pretty difficult for you to swallow, as I implied in a previous letter. At the time of the incident I had been an amateur astronomer for some while and knew the sky pretty well; certainly all the major constellations. I was familiar with night time aerial activity, also, such as aircraft, satellites, meteors, etc. From a scientific viewpoint, the observation I made on the night in question was fairly hopeless. I have no precise time, date, weather conditions or other essential details. The only explanation I can give for this, dubious as it may sound, is that I was absolutely over-awed by the occasion; so much so that it was several weeks before I could view the incident in a more rational light, and had already forgotten the surfacial details.

"In fact, the shock was so great that I have been recieving echoes of it ever since - and every time decide that something must be done or said. But what ? I decided, among other things to inform the newspapers, but quickly dismissed the idea because I thought that, in the long run, I would probably make a complete mockery of the whole thing. I thought of contacting interested parties, such as one or two professional astronomers, but then decided I would be branded as a crank and my observation put down to a weather balloon or some such aerial phenomenon of a natural sort. All in all, I came to the conclusion that it would best be forgotten, for the sake of my own sanity if nothing else.

"Anyway, here is the story for better or worse. As I have said, I am not altogether sure of the date, but it was a clear summer's evening, sometime in late August 1963. I had been to visit a friend who lived close by in Dagenham, and who shared my interest in astronomy. I cannot now recall the exact circumstances but we had probably been looking at the sky through his refractor a little earlier. It must have been about 10.30 pm and I was just taking my leave... We were both standing at the gate of his front garden, when a bright light about '0' magnitude rose from behind the roof of his house, looking in a westerly direction.

"This light gave the impression that it was a satellite. Indeed, that is what it appeared to be, although we realised after a while that it appeared to be tracing around the outlines of various constellations. I did not follow the object closely, as by this time my attention had been captured by two fainter stars in the South. I might explain that my attention was drawn to these two stars because I could not recognise the constellation to which they belonged. I realised suddenly that this was where the constellation of Aquila (The Eagle) should be situated. As this thought crossed my mind, we both noticed another bright light appear from roughly the direction of the first, and it slowly approached the two fainter stars at the normal rate of a satellite. As it approached closer, it slowed down - and I suddenly knew what was going to happen. As I did so, I became more frightened than I have ever been or am likely to be again. My hair stood on end and I felt as though I had been plugged-into the mains! As the star centred itself between the two fainter ones, it came to a halt; and I prayed that it would move again, to prove me wrong...But it simply stopped there, and, as far as I can see, has been there ever since.

"Yes, I am referring to a normal, first magnitude star called Altair, which was on this particular summer evening missing from its place in the heavens; yet later moved slowly back, at a visible pace, to resume its usual position in the constellation. If all this sounds too unbelievable, well, I suppose it is. I do not know why I should be telling you this story after all these years, or why I should expect you to believe it. I know you to be open minded and can only say, even if this  
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particular UFO is identified, in that it has a name, the star Altair, the fact that it can apparently move about at will has consequences for us all; and, I suspect, a special bearing on the UFO mystery.

"I have tried all the rational explanations - and a few more exotic ones, but none seem to fit. I have heard of atmospheric disturbances causing stars to appear to oscillate around a degree or so, and I have seen the effect for myself during much skywatching; but I know of nothing (excluding the will of the creator) that could cause what is accepted as a normal star, at a distance of about fourteen light years, to cross an apparent distance of fifteen to twenty degrees of the night sky and re-align itself between an observer on earth and two stars, with which it has no connection astronomically speaking, just the way it always was on any star atlas you could name. What is more, it is still there and I can see it tonight...I have had many inexplicable sightings in the UFO field.

"Unusual as they are, they appear relatively mundane when compared with this occurrence. I have kept the matter more or less to myself all this time, because it seemed pretty fruitless to tell anyone. Also, I suppose, through fear (of laughter, more than *Men in Black*!)" added Colin, whose account I respect, even though it will probably, as he fears be derided by all the so-called experts.

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#### WARMINSTER IN RETROSPECT

Witnesses : Miss Christine Airey and three other people names not on file.

Date : 31st October 1965.

Weather : Not on file

Account :

Four young people at Shearwater saw two bright spherical objects converging overhead. They tilted inwards slightly, facing one another and rested motionless for nearly an hour. "Stars do not move around or slide sideways," said one of the four, Miss Christine Airey, "These did, before they finally came to rest above our heads. The moon was over our shoulders, so there could be no mistake about these objects."

They then left the scene - but as they reached the tee junction at Shearcross in the car, Christine and her girl-friend in the back seat, both saw something else; the two objects were now descending, floating down toward the lake surface. Anxious not to be home late the four did not go back to see what happened, although they were tempted to do so.

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Witnesses : Mr. Trevor Marsh, IO, The Close, Warminster.

Date : 10th May, 1968.

Weather : Not on file.

Account :

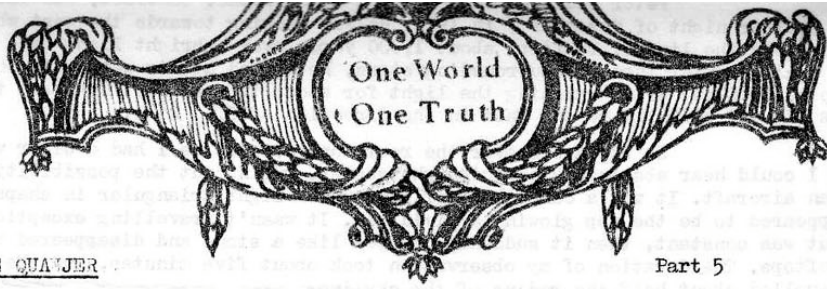
Telecommunications engineer, Trevor Marsh, used to have an open mind about the 'Warminster Thing', but after it hovered over his car on the main Warminster to Bath road, he has no doubts left. As stated in a report in the 'Wiltshire Times' and News' :

"Trevor was driving home between 10.45 and 11.00 pm after visiting his girl friend when he saw a flashing light over Norridge Wood. He thought it was a helicopter's navigation light. But the light came towards the car, almost blinding him and creating static on his car radio. He slowed down to almost 10mph because he was dazzled. As the light came right over the car, it was blotted out by a huge circular object underneath it. Trevor estimates the object to be about three times as big as his Morris 1000 and about thirty feet above it.

"But it could have been bigger and higher or smaller and lower. The object was blue - green at one end and red at the other. He was unable to tell what it was made of and unable to see any metallic shine. As soon as the light was masked and he could see properly again, Trevor drove into Warminster as fast as possible. "It gave me a right old breeze up," he admitted later, "I was shaking all over".

"When I got into town I slowed down and looked back, but it had gone. There was no sound. I came along this road the same times on Tuesday night. I went like hell, I can tell you, but I didn't see anything this time."





By JOHAN QUANJER

Part 5

In part four I mentioned that I would place at your disposal some far reaching notions and stimuli to ponder over. This of course has been my aim throughout, and if you took to heart what has already been written; truly comprehending what I have said, you may have noticed that a change has taken place within your mind sphere giving you not only ample scope to look deeper within yourself but also further out into the solar regions without any sense of loss of identity.

This time I want to discuss with you what the power of thought can do. Experiments in telepathy and thought transference have been made all over the world. In such places as the De La Warr laboratories and Duke University. Among members of the medical profession it has been found, through sustained experiment, that prayer has a therapeutic effect on patients. The French Philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin in "The Future of Man" has written about a 'Stupendous thinking machine' encircling the globe which he calls the no-os sphere from no-os (mind). He claims that man's gradual liberation from physical toil is part of a 'cerebralisising' process which will eventually result in a world of pure consciousness or thought, where the psychic energies of all mankind will converge sympathetically into a vast indivisible union. This power of thought can most assuredly be infectuous. When riots start for example many people, rather than remaining calm, aggravate the situation by injecting their excited babble into the ethers which serves as excitement for the rioters. In the realms of evil there is great jubilation when people's minds dwell on war, disasters and 'predictions' of the end of the world. Those thought patterns dominate the weak minded, rob them of their will to good and not infrequently nurcture morbid attitudes in them. Fortunately there are the stalwarts who will not succumb to the devil's lures but who continue to protect the strongholds of Light and mental uplift.

The vibrations generated by thought transference are as obviously possible in the invisible realms as our radio waves. Today an increasing number of scientists are no longer dismissing out of hand positive evidence of dimensions beyond the purely physical. It is precisely in the realms of spirit that we can make greatest contact with beings from outer space. If, as we know from telepathic experiment, our thoughts can 'whiz' through space, then could not their spacecraft, by changing its entire molecular structure to another space-time continuum, (through some means at present unknown to us) achieve the same speed of movement from one place to another?. And in this inner space where progression from point A to B becomes virtually instantaneous, the time required for space travel will then be merely a matter of acceleration and deceleration into the various dimensions through which extra terrestrial craft move. The study of possibilities such as these may well give us the clue to genuine open contact, and communication with our friends and relatives in space. If we sincerely wish for such an open contact we must give serious consideration to ways of bridging the heavenly bodies via inner space rather than by the conventional propulsion methods used today in rocket technology for we could not conceivably travel the vast distances in space by these dangerous and clumsy means and at last end our isolation within the solar system. Exactly what man will find when he achieves this glorious goal is anybody's guess. It is my expectation that he will land on terrain bustling with intelligent life.

From there, this intelligent life can be carefully directed to our rather stunted minds and engender thought patterns on which we will act. If on this planet one person can influence another by means of telepathy, so can an extra-terrestrial do the same from above. Those of us who are open to higher frequencies can be instructed from above even though they may not be consciously aware of this. We can then become the receivers of wisdom and knowledge emanating from the living reservoirs of the cosmos and telepathically blend with thought beings on other far away planes or frequency bands. If we can pick up their thoughts (ie the intuitive flash of the genius) they in turn can pick up our thoughts and speak to us within our own thinking. It is of course vital to know the source of inspiration whether good or evil and I shall write about that in my next instalment. It rests to be said that neither good or evil can



UFO SIGHTING

Peter Dearsley from Wynford Road, Frome, Somerset, was walking his dog on a clear night of November 7 th 1972. He was looking towards the west when he noticed above the line of rooftops about 1,000 yards away a bright light came into view a good deal brighter than the surrounding stars, He looked at his watch and noted the time to be 10.07pm. After watching the light for about two minutes, it began to move towards him and slightly to the East in the direction of Cley Hill.

As it passed over the roof tops towards me I had a clear view of it and I could hear absolutely no noise whatsoever, ruling out the possibility of it being an aircraft. It was a constant brilliant white light, triangular in shape with what appeared to be the top glowing a vivid red. It wasn't travelling exceptionally fast but was constant, then it suddenly dropped like a stone and disappeared behind the rooftops. The duration of my observation took about five minutes, and the object had travelled about half the radius of the skyline.

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