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*TO ALL
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TO OUR FRIENDS
FROM
OUTER SPACE.*

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Imagine the consternation which would ensue if a Man from Mars should land his spacecraft at one of our commercial or military airports and announce to the world that he was the first of a contingent of visitors to our planet, and that they did not come here as invaders or migrants, but on a mission of peace and friendship, leading to the inauguration of an era of helpful cultural and scientific relations between the inhabitants of our respective planets.

Nothing quite so sensational will be likely to take place in our congested areas at present, and certainly not if we do not change our official attitude and mode of reception to all visitors from outer space—namely, shoot them down first and talk to them afterward, if they are still able to talk! With our new Nike guided missiles it is doubtful if they could get near enough to be recognized as anything but an "unidentifiable flying object."

Nevertheless, we propose to tell you about an event precisely like our imaginary landing, except that it was executed in a much less spectacular and

far more discreet fashion in a remote area where the danger of being shot out of the skies was avoided. The full account will follow a discussion of some preliminary considerations.

First of all, why should we be alarmed or even surprised to learn that someone has done precisely what we have been hoping and planning to do just as soon as we possibly can? It is a well known fact that when many minds are at work on the same problem the solution is obtained by several of them almost simultaneously. Very likely it will be so with space-travel. In view of our own present efforts it should not take too long.

For centuries men have speculated about the possibility of visiting other planets, but it is only since the development of high-powered rockets that men of science have taken the matter seriously. First the possibility of reaching the moon by means of a space rocket appealed to them as the nearest objective in the heavens. Today reservations are being taken for the first trip at all planetariums, and the movies and television programs have brought space travel to the attention of children as well as adults. But the scientific investigation of the subject now has gone far beyond these initial stages. Space platforms and artificial satellites are no longer considered mere dreams but rather necessities for our future survival as well as stepping stones to interplanetary travel.

Mars has been the planetary objective usually considered the most likely to be achieved, but more recently there has been some consideration to the possibility that Venus might be equally within reach once we have mastered space travel, and the actual distance is some fourteen million miles less at time of its nearest approach to us! That is a small matter where space travel is concerned. No resistance to travel is expected from space, so the speed of the space ship can be tremendous if it can only get away from earth fast enough. Here is the crux of the whole matter. But there is no doubt that it will be solved, for many of the world's greatest minds have turned their whole attention to this problem.

During the past seven years the public interest in so-called "flying saucers" and space travel has become so widespread that it has reached out into every portion of the globe, and has been the subject of comment and discussion in the press of all lands. In countries behind the "iron curtain" it is of course understandable that little information about such a subject filters out to the western world, for it is surely regarded as a military secret. Perhaps the wily comrades have even figured out a way to use the "flying saucers" in their propaganda or "cold war" against the western democracies! They seem to have used about everything else. Be that as it may, we certainly would like to know more about "flying

saucers," and kindred phenomena, as witnessed by those behind the "iron curtain." It is, however, likely to be a useless wish.

Even some of the supposedly free countries of Europe are extremely reticent about this subject, but recently we had the privilege of receiving a most remarkable communication describing in detail an amazing encounter with a Martian spaceman who landed his craft high in the mountains of Austria. Of course, it was impossible for any public mention to be made of this important event in that country. Their "security" regulations are far more stringent than ours! However the full particulars of this marvelous experience, together with the "message" of the Man from Mars, eventually reached us, and it is of such an important nature that we are giving it to you just as we received it, except for the fact that it was originally in the German language and has been specially translated for your benefit.

We regret that the man who had this wonderful experience does not desire any further mention of his name. We would like to give him full credit for the splendid description of the saucer landing and of the spaceman, but as he feels that any publicity regarding his adventure might embarrass him with the authorities, we must accede to his wishes.

We do not believe a disclosure of this experience in this country will cause any repercussions in any

other land, although there may be as many people in other countries who would be most interested in this narrative.

While it has been obvious that flying saucers did not confine their operations to England and America little information beyond reporting an occasional sighting has come from other lands. Recently there have been some indications that other things have been going on that cannot be so easily ignored.

The day is long since passed when a mere sighting of a flying disc is news or even remarkable. It has become a common occurrence all over the world. Even government spokesmen no longer are amused when the subject is mentioned. Many are less ready to scoff since Professor Hermann Oberth has stated definitely that they not only are real, but that they come from outer space. So it is no longer necessary to first attempt to establish their existence before we consider what usually happens when someone comes into close contact with them or with the people to whom they belong.

No longer does the landing described in this book stand alone and isolated. From widely separated places have come reports of similar happenings, but each has its own distinctive features. Our Austrian friend noted some things which throw considerable light upon the nature and development of Martian

people, or at least of the higher types among them. Naturally they are not all of one degree of advancement and certainly those among them who have mastered space travel are far above the rank and file.

As in all other contacts with the "people of space" some form of telepathy or extrasensory perception is involved, so also in this Martian landing there is a peculiar form of communication used which makes it possible to understand the message without the use of words, which was very fortunate for it is extremely unlikely that our friend would have understood the Martian language had the spaceman spoken aloud and, of course, the spaceman may not have been able to speak German. Mr. Allingham was not so fortunate in his encounter with a Martian spaceman in Scotland for he could not understand the Martian's language and not being able to use extrasensory perception, was forced to resort to drawings and gestures. But he at least got a photograph which was some consolation for not being able to talk with the spaceman. In the future all aspiring souls wishing to contact the people of space should prepare themselves by developing the needed talents.

In recent months there has been a considerable interest in flying saucers developing among the German people, who have been from the first greatly intrigued by the possibilities of space travel, having produced many great scientists in this field. The

impact of the flying saucer upon the trend of thinking among serious minded people is well illustrated by the following quotation from a recent issue of "*Das Geistige Reich*."

"The fact that other-world beings are penetrating into our atmosphere, and into our self-destructive affairs, be they science, politics or commerce, forces all those in 'the know' to reverse their thinking in many fields. Some vaguely 'sense' things, others definitely feel that they are being inspired or led. It is not a question of our miserably limited, personal life, of health or sickness, of being 'saved' in a physical sense, but rather is it a question of a greater spiritual development of mankind, or of complete retrogression.

"We, the people of today, have the choice either to grasp the hand of the other-world helpers, or to carry on the deceptive business of the underworld of Lucifer. . . . *We are being warned by all too obvious signs in the heavens.* Yet these very signs are being understood only by the few, while those of influence and authority wave them aside as superstition or the phenomena of an over-wrought imagination."

In the same article we are informed that flying saucers have been seen several times over Austria. In one instance five persons made the observation and insisted that it was not a question of meteors.

In another article the question is raised: "Is the earth being watched by other-world beings?" The editor thinks that perhaps, humanity being what it is, the time is not yet ready for the full recognition of worlds that could only be known through extrasensory perception. Would governments *admit* employing men who have extrasensory perception? Hardly! How could they afford to? They would be labeled "crack pots" now, but times may change!

In fact the time may soon come when (*if* they are not doing so now) the defense and intelligence departments will find it necessary to employ *specially endowed* men as well as specially trained men to alert them to what is going on above and below the world as well as within it! The phenomena already observed and recorded together with those described in this book and many others, point to the obvious fact that there are already abroad in the world men (wherever they may come from), possessing faculties and powers which render our present use of our usual five senses as obsolete as the tools of a savage. That the trend is in this direction can no longer be ignored by any thinking person.

Elsewhere in the same magazine we find an article which sheds considerable light upon the scientific explanation of the means by which the flying saucers travel so rapidly through space. Usually the subject

is conveniently dismissed with the cryptic statement that they are magnetically propelled or that they are equipped with a means of overcoming gravity. Both of these statements are undoubtedly true, but are so meager in their information that the unschooled layman might think that all that would be necessary for him to do to achieve the former would be for him to secure a powerful magnet! As to the latter method it is obvious that when it is so far developed that it may be dismissed so easily, then the time will have arrived when we may all levitate at will! Just press the button and, presto, you float away, out of reach of earth's gravitational pull! This you may do in your dreams, but mechanically it just isn't that simple! Actually huge sums have been spent in research in magnetics and as yet very little is known. Many efforts have been made to harness the earth's magnetic currents to power airplanes. But it has not occurred to many that there may be magnetic or other currents in space which may be equally useful. So far the Canadian government's Project Magnet seems to have made the greatest progress in this field. They are reported to be on the verge of making an actual sustained flight. Of course this kind of research is always far ahead of any publicly released statements. Research in magnetics is also known to be going on behind the Iron Curtain on a huge scale.

Large sums of money have been invested in anti-gravity study and devices by private enterprises and undoubtedly much more in classified research projects. All of which points to the likelihood of the realization of an age-old dream in the near future, namely, flight through space without the usual very cumbersome power plant. Hints of this possibility were recently given by Daniel W. Fry a rocket technician, in his book "*The White Sands Incident.*"

In "*Das Geistige Reich,*" we find some additional confirmation of these ideas from leading physicists. In this magazine, we are informed that the scientist Lewetzow insists that the universe is filled with hitherto unknown radiations which not only have their origin in the stars but also in an invisible source of power. He continues to say that these radiations or rays would come from all directions and stream throughout the universe, and that the individual rays would, so to speak, neutralize each other and cause a state of equilibrium. Naturally these radiations exert a pressure upon all bodies, but in so far as they exert an equal pressure from all sides these bodies would be weightless in a free universe. When two bodies stand near each other the equilibrium in which they find themselves normally is disturbed, because the rays which have penetrated them have suffered a loss of some of their original force. Now that body which is bombarded by weak rays on one

side finds itself "pushed" by a greater force on the other side. Thus it finds itself drawn to another nearby body, or to be more exact, pushed toward it.

Now if such a "radiation apparatus" were fastened to the side of a vehicle, it would ride on forever, because the pressure of the radiations would be neutralized on one side and exert pressure on the other side. This same principle could be applied to an airplane or any other means of transportation.

Many technicians have long believed that the Flying Saucers are propelled on magnetic force lines. These are known to cross each other everywhere in the universe and thus create force fields. But it is still a mystery just how the space travelers take advantage of these to operate their "saucers."

In regard to the anti-gravity research, the noted German physicist, Prof. Hermann Oberth, is said to have made the following very significant statement: "*There is a substance, which practically withdraws gravity from any object which it covers.*"

While Prof. Oberth does not inform us just what this wonderful substance is, no doubt it will be much sought after in scientific circles and we will hear a great deal about it if it is not already regarded as a vital military secret. The implication is that we may be able to nullify gravity by the simple device of an anti-gravity paint! Marvelous, but almost too easy!

That the people of other worlds may have solved the problem of interplanetary travel before us, seems not to have occurred to many of our otherwise very advanced thinkers. Only since the widely heralded advent of the flying saucer has any serious consideration been given to this possibility. While hesitatingly admitting that some other worlds may prove to be inhabited, most of the astronomers and men of science generally are reluctant to concede that men of other planets could be so far in advance of us. It was a great step to even discover that perhaps we are not alone.

Once the evidences become more concrete as well as more numerous that space travelers have actually succeeded in navigating the vast interplanetary space in our time, and have made themselves known to at least a few of our earth's inhabitants, then all of the pre-conceived notions now prevalent will undergo a change, whether these notions are in the minds of scientists or laymen, in order to incorporate the newly observed data and adjust their thinking to the new situation. Not actually new, perhaps, but new to the minds of this generation.

That such a change in outlook will take place in the near future is evidenced by the increasing number of men of highest rank in scientific and governmental circles who are revising, or even reversing, their former pronouncements upon these matters.

They are already aware that we are on the verge of some new and startling developments which may change the entire picture and modify our way of life.

During the past three or four decades there have been numerous attempts to establish conclusively the existence of intelligent beings on the planet Mars by radio, radar and light beam transmissions designed to attract the attention of the inhabitants of that planet. The Martians were expected to recognize that an attempt was being made to communicate with them by means of these signals and to reply in kind, if at all possible. So a careful watch was kept for some acknowledgement of the reception of our beamed messages. Many reports of strange signals were received from time to time, beginning with the report by Marconi of having mysteriously received the letter V in international wireless code along with some other undecipherable signals emanating from some point in outer space, which he thought to be from Mars. As no one could interpret the meaning of the various messages, little progress was made in this line of investigation.

It does not seem to have entered the heads of these early investigators that the Martians might have developed a means of communication entirely different from our various conventional methods! That the Martians might have developed some form of extrasensory perception did not occur to those

merely interested in proving intelligent life to exist on Mars, and so it was not until the prevalence of the flying saucers when Mars was closest to the earth, caused many laymen to wonder if it were not possible to communicate with them, for they felt sure human beings must be aboard them or at least in some way maneuvering the discs.

No longer was the interest in other worlds confined to scientific observers nor the investigation of "unidentified flying objects" confined to military or Air Force personnel. Thousands of laymen got into the picture who were no longer primarily concerned with mere sightings. They wanted them to land or at least communicate with them. Perhaps this deep seated desire was largely responsible for the deluge of "messages" from the People of Space coming by all manner of means and to, and through, all manner of people, from the most ignorant to the most highly intelligent.

No longer was elaborate and expensive electronic or light beam equipment required, nor long years of scientific or engineering training needed! The basic equipment was in the possession of everyone. The human instrument, the nervous system could be used! And it did not occur to many that in the new field of extrasensory perception the old adage could well be extended, namely, that "All is not gold that glitters." Likewise all "messages" are not messages

from Mars or Venus or from "spacemen" for that matter, just because one would like to think so, or even if the message says so. The possibilities for deception in this field are legion. Here one might well apply the Biblical injunction to "try the spirits" to see "if they be of God" or in other words for your good. For spirits they are whether embodied or not, and this kind of communication should be regarded as no different basically than other types of spirit communication. So we still need to "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good," and cultivate our reasoning ability and judgment to the highest degree while retaining an open mind concerning all unknown and future possibilities, for the door is just beginning to become slightly ajar.

But the desire to shine by becoming a channel for communication with the denizens of other worlds could well be the undoing of many an unwary soul, for the dangers are many for the neophyte in the world unseen.

While many beautiful and marvelous messages have been received by automatic writing and kindred methods by some, there are others who have been unable to close the door to unwanted communicators who insisted on taking complete control of the helpless victim. Proper knowledge and training would of course prevent this, but such an obsession usually leads to, or is considered insanity!

When one compares the messages received from "the people of space" as revealed through the several "contacts" who are acting as spokesmen for them, one wonders if our contagion of fear has actually reached out to other planets. In all cases there seems to be great concern as to the activities of men of earth, especially in the field of rocketry and space travel, but more particularly in regard to nuclear fission and thermonuclear experiments. The power of the atomic bomb explosions have undoubtedly caused great discomfort to the denizens of the ethers immediately surrounding our earth, as has been repeatedly stated by writers who claim to know something of the creatures and beings living in these realms. That there is life in these regions may be doubted by many but there is every reason to believe that life in one form or another is spread throughout the universe, and the opinion is fast gaining ground in all circles that we are not alone and that mankind may yet be found to dwell in many other portions of the universe, and not be the exclusive inhabitants of Venus and Mars. But that worlds teeming with life may exist in space around us and yet not be seen by us is a new concept to some but it is by no means a new one, neither is it too difficult to understand when one realizes that the visible universe comprises only a very small portion of the vast unseen portion, unseen only because we do not have the means to

see it but none the less real and substantial. Those living in such a realm might well wonder why we do not see them and respect their right to dwell in peace in their rightful home. So the Etherians have plenty of reason to complain, but that our experiments in the realm of nuclear physics should disturb the people of Venus and Mars requires another explanation, namely, that they are genuinely concerned lest we contrive to destroy our planet or its people. The likelihood that we might succeed in shattering our planet is very remote, but it is far more likely that we might render it uninhabitable if we ignore the cumulative effects of atomic explosions and the consequent radioactive fallout. There is a definite saturation point which the nations of earth will do well to observe. Fortunately, so far, careful checks are being made, but with the increasing use of atomic energy in "peaceful uses" this may not always be the case. and some other nationals might not be so scrupulous. And it is precisely here that the writer sees a greater danger than in a few carefully controlled military atomic explosions, such are soon to take place again, and which have caused a great deal of uneasiness among the civilian population who cannot be expected to understand the nature of the precautions taken. But the extensive civilian use of atomic devices will be something much more precarious. Just consider for a moment

a day when not a few submarines and airplanes are powered by atomic energy, but civilian motor cars as well—and the day is not too far off—with the penchant of the inquisitive young American for taking his car apart to see what makes it tick, hoping to build another “hot rod” to out-shine all others! Watch out for an unpredictable amount of atomic radiation from thousands of illicit sources. Let’s hope that protective absorption devices keep pace with the development of those emitting the deadly radiations. If no more progress were made in this direction than in the elimination of the smog menace then indeed the human race would be on the road to self-asphyxiation, and might have just cause for dreaming nightly and praying daily for rescue by the people from outer space!

While we appreciate the value of an alertness to possible danger, we feel that there is an equal danger of a psychosis of fear engendered by too intense pre-occupation with thoughts of disaster, cataclysms and death. From an overall or long range viewpoint it does not matter too much just when any of us shuffle off the mortal coil. Our petty affairs may become temporarily discommoded but the timetable of the cosmos is not upset thereby. In fact we only confirm the departure schedule. Any soldier who has seen active service is well aware that no one gets shot unless the bullet “has his number on it.” Of course

he does not mean this too literally, but does become convinced that no one dies before his time. From this we should learn that the affairs of man are being watched over from a point view beyond our ken, where the missing parts of the picture are clearly seen. So it is useless for us to allow ourselves to be driven into either terror or despair in anticipation of coming changes which may or may not materialize.

Even death itself is not finality for life is forever recurrent and continuous. Modern research has accumulated abundant evidence which confirms the testimony of the great seers and mystics of past ages, so that today one has vastly more certainty than the hope of future life offered by practically all religions of the world. So at last “the great enemy” (the fear of death) “shall be destroyed,” as stated in the Bible.

This shall be very disconcerting to those who prey upon our fears of both this life and the one to come. Some phases of religion, of course, thrive upon our widely established fear of Hell, and this may have had a salutary effect upon some of our more basely minded ancestors who could be tamed in no other way, but today most of the ministry look askance at a too literal fiery Hell and hasten to find that this dire future prospective home is a picture which stems from a gross mistranslation of certain words together with a misunderstanding of the nature of the place alluded to in the text. On the other hand there are

those among the irreligious that only wish they had a Hell to scare us with in order to undermine our sense of security and so scare us into accepting their pet utopian scheme, which somehow always seems to have the cloven hoof of slavery and materialism.

Those who see a utopia in dialectical materialism are not likely to look with favor upon the present day trend of looking to the people of other worlds and other planets for help in securing a solution of the problems inherent in their mundane existence. This is decried as an escape mechanism and heresy against an all-wise materialistic or in some cases a very narrow-minded religious leadership who cannot see how they can fit it into their program. In the Iron Curtain countries it is reported that even spiritualistic seances are frowned upon, if not actually outlawed, lest the people should get guidance from the spirits instead of from the all-wise State. So there is not much chance for a "flying saucer" contact to be made or for a message from the people of space to get through to the people, unless perchance the government itself is forced to recognize the existence of flying saucers and the validity of the contacts. While it appears now to be a frail hope, this may indeed provide the eventual answer, not alone in those countries, but in our own as well.

Now that modern science is rapidly extending its confines into realms long known to the great mystics,

seers, clairvoyants, occultists and alchemists, it has also been the fashion to discredit and ridicule their predecessors who did not have the research facilities now available and consequently made some mistakes or were unable to establish their hypotheses. New lights appear on the horizon and new discoveries are heralded far and wide, while the tomes of the old masters are forgotten or ignored and dismissed as the product of an unenlightened period, yet therein may be found many learned discourses upon the very same subjects which are uppermost among the great thinkers of today.

Among the forgotten writings are many accounts of visits to other worlds and descriptions of life on other planets. More recently the great German mystic Jacob Lorber wrote extensively of the people of Mars, stating that they lived a rather primitive but spiritual life, dwelling in peace and harmony with each other, as children of the one Father.

This statement will become more significant as we proceed, especially so because the general opinion seems to have been for centuries that the people of Mars could only be a martial warlike people bent on conquest and destruction. This conception sprang from the association of the name of the planet with Ares, the Greek god of war. The Romans evidently adopted him bodily. While Ares was a son of god,

Zeus, and a consort of Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty, there is nothing but the mythology and associated astrology to link him with the actual planet Mars or Aphrodite with the planet Venus. The ancients cast their gods upon the heavens and found their images among the stars and taught their mystery lore by this means, but they were not stupid enough to think that the planet Mars was the abode of warlike people under the leadership of the god of war. That remained for a later generation with less knowledge and more superstition. The soothsayers and astrologers, who in ancient times were concerned only with national events, basing their predictions upon the positions and motions of the planets could only conclude that the influence of Mars led to war just as in our day many think that mere possession of a strong army would lead to war. This of course is a fallacy, for the result depends upon the disposition, will and desire of the people possessing the strength. A strong armed force could be a great deterrent to warfare, and according to modern astrologers Mars merely indicates strength and dynamic energy, both good qualities for the peace-loving people as well.

It is, of course, regrettable that a planet and its people should be so slandered that their emissary should find it necessary to protest our attitude toward them upon the occasion of his first contact with us. The tendency of our radio, television and motion

picture script writers and producers to regard H. G. Wells' "*War of the Worlds*" and Orson Welles' "*Invasion from Mars*" as master pattern for all of their themes is too obvious to require comment. The latest insult to the goddess of love and her planet is a movie entitled "*Attack from Venus*." How the Venusians must deplore this charge against friendly gentle people who, we are told, have already come to us and wish to make a sojourn here. No wonder the people who claim to have contacted them plead with us to extend a friendly welcome to them. It would seem to be time for a change. Perhaps after all the people of other planets may *not* be quite so much like us, perhaps they *do* have other interests than real estate, industry, commerce and warfare. Perhaps they may even have seen the futility of the struggle and have developed other interests which are less competitive and thus have learned how to dwell in peace with their fellowmen. From what we have learned from those who have made contact with them, this is the case. Many are convinced that herein lies the solution to most of our difficulties.

While it would be unwise to ignore the possibility that there may be inimical forces and creatures or perhaps even people in other parts of the universe, we should not start out with the assumption that all visitors from outer space are bent on our destruction. We certainly do not know all about everything that

may exist in the space surrounding us, and there is no need to relax our vigilance just because we have learned that friendly space visitors have arrived or are on their way here. For aught we know there may be some types of unfriendly flying saucer but so far they have not been in evidence, although a few people have had experiences which have led them to that conclusion. But it must be remembered that the space visitors are strangers here and may not be too sure what kind of a reception to expect from us, and so might, in some cases, take some defensive precaution. This is generally understood by people who have attempted to make contact with the saucer people. Consequently nearly all of them feel that the title "*Flying Saucers on the Attack*" was an unfortunate choice for Harold Wilkins' very comprehensive and informative work, for it is somewhat misleading and tends to create the impression that the "saucers" are our enemies, whereas they wish us to regard them as friends. Perhaps, when man gets into the saucer enterprise, we may yet have enemy saucer-like aircraft, or even spacecraft, to contend with, but until that time let us continue to look forward with pleasant anticipation to the friendly visits of our neighbors in space.

The landing which we are about to describe has one thing in common with all flying saucer contacts, it took place in a remote and deserted place where

uninvited witnesses would not be likely to appear or interfere. Possibly there are other considerations such as the proximity to fault lines, magnetic centers, etc., but the choice of such sites and the absence of witnesses always prove embarrassing to the person making the contact not only because he lacks evidence to support his story making it difficult to get anyone to believe him, but also in some countries unauthorized communication with an inhabitant of another planet is considered to be in the same category as communication with a foreign power or an enemy country, and is strictly prohibited by law.

This would not be likely to disturb the space people but accounts for the fact that not many contacts are reported, and but for a fortuitous chain of circumstances no one would have heard about the one recorded here.

This case is remarkable in many ways. First the man who made the contact was a spiritually minded man, highly educated and a careful observer. Also he was wide awake and alert, and had not been sleeping, when he saw the saucer and its Martian occupant, which disposes of one explanation frequently offered. Then again he sought no publicity, which is not the case with many others who have been visited by beings from outer space. In fact he did not *dare* to report his experience. But being somewhat overwhelmed he could not refrain from telling a few friends.

The Martian, too, seems to have been of an unusually advanced type, not at all like the Martian described by Cedric Allingham in "*Flying Saucer from Mars*"—a tall man very much like one of our own airmen. That our Martian visitor was no ordinary person is evidenced by the fact that he was luminous in the early evening light and had the countenance of an angel. Certainly not even all Martians are like that. But most important of all he had quite evidently developed the third eye, for the observer first noticed only a luminous spot then there came forth from it an ethereal feeler like the antenna of a snail. While this is seldom seen with ordinary sight, its description is recognized by those possessing etheric vision. The third eye is not merely a vestigial organ of past generations, rather it is a future development of humanity, manifesting to a degree in a considerable number of advanced souls of the present generation. and accounts for some of the unusual faculties possessed by certain individuals. Our Martian friend being one of them, certainly is in the vanguard of the race. His ability to wordlessly convey his thought is eloquent testimony to his own attainment. But he has made a severe indictment of our present day civilization and its leaders, such as is seldom heard from a contemporary. Happily a spaceman is immune from reprisal from those who do not like his criticisms!

Many people might well envy the Martian his ability to see the overall picture by means of his extended vision but more his ability to speak his mind with impunity, for tyranny and slavery have not yet vanished from off the earth and in many places behind the iron and bamboo curtains it is not possible to air one's views. Fortunately we have some freedom here in our own country, but we should nevertheless remember "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Our liberties have been hard won and should not be lightly surrendered. What happens when that is done is quite apparent in the world today. But humanity as a whole is not to blame. The crafty and unscrupulous will doubtless always find their victims and take the lion's share, but the villains need not always get the upper hand. Soon the day shall come when their deeds shall all be known and there will be no longer any place to hide!

Small wonder that so many hope and pray for the day of deliverance, of divine intervention, or perchance, for a fleet of spacecraft to take them to a place of safety before the day of reckoning when few men shall survive.

But now let us see how it looks to a Martian spaceman, as communicated to our correspondent, while camping in that lonely spot high in the mountains of Austria. His letter follows:

THE LETTER

"Nothing much seems to happen here, yet I had an experience which towers above all else.

"I have told you in former letters that I have a great love for sleeping in the open, especially during my occasional wanderings which take me over meadows, mountains, rocks and woods. And always I make it a point to spend the night in the open. The woods, as you know, is a great source of ozone, and the ozone of the mountains and woods refreshes my entire body, heart and soul. I awaken in the early morning hours, and a new joy fills my heart and new forces flow through my whole being. Then I hurry over the meadows, wet with morning dew, through the awakening woods, even before the sun sends down its glowing rays of light.

"Now the border line between Austria and Styria is composed of an ancient massive rock formation, having an altitude of about 4600 feet. The name of this vast mountain range is "Change" or "High-change," because the weather there is always changing. On one side you will see the sun shining and on the other side it will be raining. On this mountain

there stand, separated at great distances, only three tourist homes. The tourists here keep very much to the beaten paths and seldom wander off alone on the paths that lead to the Alp meadows. Therefore the territory around this region is very lonely and you could spend weeks, without ever seeing a human being.

"About a month ago I was up there under the dwarf pines, and that particular evening after I ate the supper I had brought with me, I used the last rays of the sun to make some notes in my diary, and then wrapped myself in my tent blanket and thought about the happenings of the day and made plans for the following one. The purpose of my wanderings is the study of lonely places of which there are told tales of mysterious and occult happenings. I try to collect mood pictures. I lie relaxed and still in the great stillness about me and await the appearance of the stars. The deep gazing into the starry heavens makes one realize the smallness of man and keeps one humble and thoughtful.

"I was not yet asleep. I was too tired after my long march which requires strength and endurance. Nor was I dreaming with open eyes. I am aware of the slightest noise. And when I today re-read in my diary about the incredible happening that was about to take place, and to think about it, I can scarcely believe it myself, that I should have experienced this

wondrous strange event only a short time ago, and that I should be a witness of an event that, for me, has become of outstanding significance.

"I was gazing at the evening sky. Already twilight had set in and nature was enveloping itself in an opalescent veil. Yet I could still make out the trees in my immediate vicinity, clearly and distinctly, and the first stars were just appearing.

"Then it happened. . . .

"Slowly, and absolutely without the slightest noise, a strange object lowered itself gently towards the earth and landed about 150 feet away from me.

"It was a strange beautiful thing that had the shape of one of those circular, luminous balls one hangs on Christmas trees, but of gigantic size. It was about 20 feet across, and silvery in color. As the twilight deepened, its luminosity increased. At first it had been quite dim.

"I jumped up, staring at this wonder as one transfixed. Its reality could not be doubted. There, in my immediate vicinity—in the midst of all the night's loneliness, miles away from any human habitation—upon the ground before me, there was a Flying Saucer, a secret mysterious flying machine from an other world.

"Now we have been hearing about these strange and "unidentifiable flying objects" in the newspapers,

a curious mixture of truth and fancy. America has recently been known to have issued the news that beings from other planets are visiting our earth for some reason. I recall having read strange descriptions of these beings which the journalists describe. Some describe them as over developed frogmen of human size. Others have made an elephant's nose of their noses. Others described them as human beings, but of all sorts of grotesque shapes and sizes.

"All of this was revolving in my head as I stood gazing at the Flying Saucer, when all of a sudden, the lid of this strange machine was lifted, and a luminous being issued forth. Slowly and carefully he stepped from his machine, which grew more and more luminous. But he too was luminous. His entire body seemed to be enveloped by a sort of aura which radiated a deep and most beautiful shade of blue. This color had a most soothing effect on my eyes, and on my whole being, so that I opened my hands and with outstretched arms proceeded to approach this wondrous being with slow and measured steps. Then I began to see his face. It was a human face, similar to ours, but in expression like that of an angel, and of a strange but mild beauty. The eyes were larger than those of us humans, but they radiated power, kindness and goodness simultaneously. The nose was smaller and the mouth seemed barely indicated. On the forehead I could

see a round and very luminous dot, which seemed to grow larger and take on the shape of an antenna, somewhat like that of a giant snail. Actually this luminous ethereal feeler seemed to grow larger and larger, and moved about as though seeking in the air in the direction in which I stood, now motionless. Then he too remained still and thus we both stood still, as though hypnotized.

“He wore a tight garment, closely adhering to his body, that enveloped head, hands and feet. Only the face was uncovered and free. The material of the suit seemed as though made of spun glass. His legs were very thin and the arms like our own. His hands and fingers seemed to be very muscular.

“Now, all of a sudden, the figure came to life. Slowly he approached me, lifted his arms high and as he came close to me, laid his hands upon my head. And thus we remained standing a long time. Then I felt as though his feeling organ touched me on the forehead between the eyes, directly above the nose. And it was as though a new sense had awakened within me. I could comprehend the thoughts and messages, which his mouth did not pronounce, perhaps could not. But I knew immediately, intuitively, what this being had to convey to me. Yet no speech was necessary. I understood immediately, just as long as he touched me with his antenna, which was perceived by me, not as cold or moist, but of extra-

ordinary delicacy and pleasantness, and I sensed his thoughts as a stream of fire pouring through me.

“As I later realized, he used the short duration of a dream, so quickly did it all happen. Then he lowered his hands, remained motionless for a short time, and then placed his right hand over my heart and turned away, stepped into his wondrous flying machine which slowly arose and disappeared quickly before my very eyes.

“Now I must emphasize the fact that I definitely understood his inaudible speech—if it may be so called—and I shall endeavor to clothe the context of his speechless message in words. One thing is certain, thinking as such is never bound by any language.

“I sense that you are differently constituted from your fellowmen. Therefore I will reveal to you, who we are and what our purpose is on earth. Yes, we come from the star that you call Mars. Why do you name our planet after a God of War? Why do you fear that we will bring disaster and new wars? Yes, it is true that our planet is older than yours and more highly evolved. We have progressed further in science, but also further in our inmost being. We love peace above all things and know vaguely that in the hoary past there was such a thing as war, in which human beings, for the sake of unimportant

and worthless things, wound and dismember each other—and only because a few so-called Supermen have willed it. I am astonished to learn that you are still living in this most primitive condition and that this most unholy and sinful thing is clothed in words of virtue, so that men may more quickly become excited about it. You speak of honour, of necessary sacrifice on the battlefield. You speak of love to your rulers and of tyrants who kill those who do not and cannot understand. But he who makes the sacrifices demanded by war and loses his all—he is forthright forgotten after the war has ended.

“I feel the question in your heart, ‘How have we come to know all this?’ Surely you know that we have been coming to earth for a long time, that we encircle the earth, and we do not have to learn the various languages of men. We have evolved to the point where we can read thoughts and this is due to the fact that we possess an organ which you also possess but have neglected until it has atrophied. It is the third eye. Just as you can expand your vision by means of optical instruments and thus can see into immense distances, so we also have tools and instruments by means of which we can see immense distances. But we also have the third eye, and this single eye is not merely used for seeing, but with it we can also hear, or rather, we can become aware of everything that transpires in men’s hearts—

whether it be joy, happiness, irritation, dissatisfaction or anger.

“We do not come as your enemies. We want to help you to ban these unholy crises on earth that occur again and again, so that you poor human beings shall at last attain to that lasting peace and happiness which we possess. You have remained backward in science to such an extent that you use it mainly to destroy mankind. And this is not the fault of humanity, but solely the fault of a few human beings who enslave you and feed you with false words and concepts, and who do not live in Truth. They have given you great ideals and systems of religions, but none of these so-called lords live according to these ideals. On the contrary, they sneer at them and drag them around in the mud. But woe be unto you if you do likewise, for then you shall stand before the tribunal and you shall be burnt like living torches for having desecrated a God. And the judges themselves do not believe in a God. They only know the dead letter of their law books. O how unhappy you are, because your so-called free will is forever being shackled with new speeches and high sounding words while being derided. And so that you shall more easily succumb to this disgrace, they give you alcohol and tobacco, which are taxed by these high lords, so that you have to earn and pay for your shame and disgrace.

“My friend, all this have we become aware of by witnessing the radiations or vibrations that issue forth from the hearts of men. We know everything that is transpiring on this earth, and we often have to go back into our own past in order to understand these horrors, which devour the tiny little bit of happiness you have here, just as ants eat up what is strewn in their path.

“We will help you. And in the near future you will stand face to face with events that shall fill you with wonder, but which you will greet with joy as soon as you comprehend their true significance. And so that you may do so, we will help you. And now, good-bye! That which I have made known to you in my own way, that freely give out to others after what you would call a month. God bless you!”

“These were the words, or rather the vibrations, that he conveyed to me and which I have endeavoured to put into words. I repeat—he did not speak. I have only tried to translate his message into our language.

“Dear friend, this was the greatest experience that I have ever had in this life—that I was privileged to experience. The following day—and I remained in this selfsame spot two days longer, for I had brought food with me—I wrote down my observations in my diary. And about these I would like to add a few personal comments.

“What would happen if such a Flying Saucer should land in a city or village? And supposing it is seen by all men? First of all the police would come running and ask the being for his passport. If he does not have any to show, he would be arrested. And since one cannot speak with him, he would be delivered to the ones in high positions who will have him measured and lock him up in a cage, feed him by force, and when he dies, they will preserve his body in alcohol to be dissected at a later date. Thirdly, if he is not immediately taken away by the authorities, he would be surrounded by the people who would treat him like an animal in a zoo. I have also made some other notes that I would rather not tell you about! In short, when the man from Mars approaches us in peace and love, then he is lost. The political parties—if all goes well—would seek to make use of him, and each would try to make some kind of a deal with him to find out if it were possible to have military outposts on Mars from which they might shoot at their enemies.

“Yet perhaps—and this I believe—perhaps we do not yet know all the possible powers that these men from Mars may make use of. They will know how to protect themselves—otherwise they would have landed long ago and would have shown themselves to the people.”

IN CONCLUSION

It is quite evident from the message conveyed to the writer of the letter just quoted that the Martian did not have a very flattering opinion of the conditions he found in our world of today. Not only did he criticize and denounce our attitude toward our visitors from outer space, but also our hypocrisy, conceit and selfishness in all walks of life come in for their share of his condemnation. Even religion and politics are not exempt. Small wonder that our correspondent wanted no part in the publication of such a communication!

But from our point of view there is much to justify the Martian visitor in his scathing denunciation of conditions. In the first place we all deplore war as much as he, yet somehow we seem to be always on the verge of it. Even today we are sitting on top of an atomic powder keg, but happily no one dares to explode it. Not even the tyrants he so loudly condemns, are willing to risk the consequences of the new kind of total war! Thus we may be able to learn what not even history could teach us. But what we need most to learn from our Martian friend is how to dwell in peace with all our fellowmen. If

they have learned this secret they certainly have progressed further than we. In ages to come perhaps we too will be able to say that we can vaguely remember a primitive people who thought war glorious and to die upon the battlefield for one's country, a signal honour. But that would be a memory long buried beneath the debris of total war and atom-bomb destruction. With these two agencies passed the last vestige of the feudal lord's glory. For no longer were kings and princes exempt, and generals could not keep out of the way. Even bankers could not profit from such a calamity. When we can look back upon this nightmare, as did the Martian, from the promised land of happiness and lasting peace, then we too will share his secret, the understanding and love of his fellowmen.

True the Martian does not blame humanity at large for the plight of the people of earth, but rather the few who have led and betrayed mankind with deceits, sophistries and false concepts. These he finds have so enslaved mankind that they cannot themselves discover the Truth, new shackles being forged, in new speeches and high sounding words, as soon as the old are removed.

While he says the Martians have long known all this and have been coming here for a long time, they did not until now see a way to help. But now they foresee events which will fill us with wonder, the

true significance of which they will make plain to us, and when we comprehend these events we will greet them joyously. And then the Martians will stand with us and help us.

The awakening of the third eye has ever revealed the self-same truths now proclaimed in no uncertain terms by visitors from outer space, for the Martian is not alone in pointing out the errors of our ways and the direction which humanity must take for emancipation or even survival.

Seers and prophets have always had premonition and pre-vision of the fate of humanity, but seldom could they do anything about it, for what was shown to them was to transpire in the far distant future. Others found their utterances so unpalatable to the ruling classes that they were compelled to conceal the import of their prophecies in cryptic phrases to be deciphered by later generations with the author safe from the rack or guillotine. While we have in general progressed beyond this condition it is still decidedly unhealthy to voice opinions a variance with the political or religious administration of our respective lands, and in a large segment of the world individual deviation is as ruthlessly suppressed as it ever was during the so-called dark ages.

That the time is ripe for relief from this oppression by some form of divine intervention as set forth in

the various prophetic utterances of seers both ancient and modern is evidenced by the widespread hope for a sign in the heavens of the fulfillment of prophecy. Thus many see in the coming of the flying saucers and other appearances of the space people, the heralds of the return of Christ.

Others see in the "Coming of the Great White Chief" among the Indians the precursor to the return of the "ten lost tribes" who are believed to have been taken to another planet from which they shall return to take part in the building of Zion, the City of Peace. Further particulars of this mysterious movement among the Indians may be found in a manuscript entitled "The Coming of the Great White Chief."

That humanity is approaching a time of crisis is indeed evidenced on all sides, and particularly by the outpouring of warning and prophetic messages from outer space and from the people of other worlds.

Not the least of these inspired messages comes to us through one who has long been an intermediary between the spiritual hierarchy in the Great Beyond and the dwellers of earth. The following excerpts from "The Beginning of the New Age" are so appropriate to the purpose of this book that we have taken the liberty of including them at this point.

.. “None may enslave and debase the dwellers upon any planet without, in due time, suffering the full penalty for their insubordination to the eternal Cosmic Laws by which the Universe of Universes be governed and sustained in its orderly movements!

“Many millions of mortals have been robbed of their rightful opportunities to embrace these Primal Principles. None may thus usurp the prerogatives of Omnipotence and hope to escape their merited fate. . . .

“For the Day of the Great Illumination be at hand. That great day so long foretold!”

If the reader will refer to “The Coming of the Great White Chief” he will find that the Indians too are looking forward literally to a “Day of Great Illumination,” the light of which shall fill the skies and be seen all over both the North and South American continents! This will be their signal for a great migration to the much prophesied City of Peace from whence Christ shall rule the earth! The hope of emancipation is no longer the dream of a small minority, but now is seen to be arising from all quarters of the globe and among all manner of people.

“Not in their own puny strength shall men claim their freedom from bondage to unjust and iniquitous decrees forced upon them by alien dictation; but

through the power given them by a merciful God who hath heard and heeded the cries of anguish arising from the lips and hearts of millions of mortals baffled and betrayed by those they did not recognize as their arch enemies until too late! . . .

“By means of an overwhelming invasion of all countries (looking to their Creator for succor) by Beings of supernal clarity of vision, wisdom and strength of purpose, men erstwhile cringing under the heel of brutal oppression shall arise and denounce their two-faced and treacherous task-masters, demanding their removal from those offices they have defamed. Yes, verily, the Lord God of Hosts shall marshall legions upon legions of the Shining Ones from on High to come close to the earth and lend their assistance to those Chosen Ones, that they may suffer no harm at the hands of their sworn enemies.”

Here we have reference to divine intervention by means of the Shining Ones which some think to be the people of the Flying Disks but could also be taken as a re-appearance of the Angels of Mons as seen on the battlefields of France. In any case we shall not be alone!

It has long been anticipated that the Flying Disks would eventually make mass landings, but not until the people have become accustomed to seeing them and have learned that their purpose is friendly, but it will be more difficult to convince the Air Force.

Then comes a description of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon men everywhere, inspiring them and giving them courage to speak of that which the Spirit reveals, and of great transformations that are to take place as the impact of the Great Unseen World registers upon the visible world and its inhabitants and the ethereal forms emerge from out of the fourth dimension into view of the man on the street—a sight most disconcerting to the unprepared.

“Not in a few isolated instances, but all over the nation will men be given the courage to speak as they be inspired by the Holy Spirit of the Almighty that the eyes of the blind may be opened and their minds illumined to discern ’twixt darkness and light, ’twixt falsehood and Truth!

“With fortitude and confidence will each one play their part in changing the present chaos into an orderly progression toward a praiseworthy Way of Life. . . .

“Be ye prepared for strange happenings in the earth, the sea, the sky, and likewise in the behavior of the peoples of the earth. . . . But think not they shall all be of a terrifying nature; many will be marvelously beautiful!

“As the time draweth near for the great and glorious transformation to take place upon the earth

plane, there be many things which will become possible, among which be the soon-to-be-realized visibility of astral forms manifesting at a rate of vibration which will render them visible to the physical eye of mankind, although unseen at the present time.” . . .

This is described as a future event, but it is now transpiring all about us, and is evidenced by the ever increasing number of persons who are experiencing contact with the things of the ethereal and astral worlds which have so obtruded themselves upon their environment that they cannot regard them as anything but physical. Really where does the physical end and the superphysical begin? Only at the point of limitation of our sensory organism! Were we to extend the vibratory range of our senses we would be bound to perceive new worlds, for they are there only awaiting our development of the necessary organs to perceive them! Here and there we find the advance guard of the more highly endowed coming new race. So let us continue a bit further with these prophecies of the coming New Age.

“By a seeming miracle shall men’s eyes be opened to the wonder of the world now unperceived by them. Not a miracle but a perfectly natural action of an ever-existent law will bring this phenomenon to pass. . . .

“As hath been told thee aforetimes, there be a change rapidly metamorphosing much of the material world through the introduction of Cosmic energy into the very atomic structure of all material objects.”

The transformation taking place in the physical world will be accompanied by a corresponding series of alterations of consciousness, for life and consciousness always adapts itself to changes in structure and environment. Thus mankind ever advances on the upward spiral of evolution, but at every turn of the spiral there are new crises to face and new adaptations to be made until we achieve a perfect understanding of the Plan and a complete mastery of the Way.

And in the words of “The Coming Golden Age”—

“As the consciousness of all men is raised to a point where they become aware of their half-forgotten gropings toward a true understanding of Life, there will come a curious revulsion against all those thoughts and acts which have deprived them of their divine birthright. . . .

“Were ye aware of the true purpose of each succeeding incident in thy Life Pattern, ye would rejoice in the Wisdom of the One who directs thy way, providing for each one the buffetings or blessings best designed to bring them to a realization of

their dependence on divine direction and protection throughout their earth lives. . . .

“Keep thine eyes fixed on the goal set for this nation and let no deceptive propaganda swerve thee from thy destined course. A strong man meeteth an enemy boldly, thereby gaining an advantage ere the battle begins. . . .

“Let not fear possess thy souls. Behold, there cometh a great and mighty army from out the stellar spaces of thy universe. Come they with power and authority from on High to utilize the cosmic rays beating upon all portions of thy small planet at this time. . . .

“A New World be arising from the smoking ashes of a defunct civilization! Lo, the heavens shall be panoplied in Light and the morning stars shall sing together!”

And in the Golden Scripts we read:

“In that hour shall men be glorified; they shall stand with the Host, from which they departed long aeons bygone.”

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