

# Postscript to the Most Amazing case of All

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In this article, Mr. Creighton voices a few final thoughts on the story of the Brazilian farmer, which was published in the January/February number of the *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW*, and analysed in detail in the March/April number.

SEVERAL weeks after the publication of the January/February edition of the *REVIEW*, and at a time when the March/April number was already at the printers, copies of the Spanish language magazine *O Cruzeiro* of Rio de Janeiro found their way to us one by one. We discovered that they carried, in serial form, the story of our farmer from the remote backwoods of Brazil, who claimed that he had been abducted by the crew of a flying saucer, for the purpose of what the author of the *O Cruzeiro* articles calls "interplanetary procreation."

In our original source material, which was sent to us in 1962 by Dr. W. Buhler of the Sociedade Brasileira de Estudos Sobre Discos Voadores, the farmer was referred to only as A.V.B., his identity having been kept secret for "understandable reasons". We chose to call him "Adhemar", because it reads much easier than A.V.B. In the *O Cruzeiro* account, however, his name has been revealed. It is ANTONIO VILLAS BÔAS, and we learn that he lives near São Francisco de Sales, in a distant part of the province of Minas Gerais, near to the border with São Paulo province. My deductions that he lived in the Ponte Porã district are therefore incorrect, but in terms of distances as measured in South America, I was not so very far out in my reckoning. I do not think the story has lost any of its impact as a result of this disclosure.

It has been suggested to the editor of the *REVIEW* and to myself that the "Adhemar" story is sensational. I would like to suggest however, that far from being sensational, the "Adhemar" story is nothing new in the long history of planet Earth. We can speculate furthermore that it is also far from being new in the history of other planets.

## Pygmies and giants

We know of course that Evolution is a fact. Nature shows us some such system at work, and I see no reason to doubt that the same great Creative Powers are at work throughout the Universe. But are our scientists quite certain that they know everything about the origins of all the races and sub-races of Homo Sapiens now swarming on this planet of ours? That notable UFO researcher M. K. Jessup, for one, doubted it very much, and

he drew attention particularly to the mystery of the pygmies (*little men*, let us remember). Again, Cieza de León, in his *Crónica del Perú* (1555) relates an Inca tradition that Peru had once suffered a visitation of gigantic beardless men, with hair down to their shoulders, who were so tall that the tallest of the Incas only came up to their knees. "Their eyes were as big as plates", he added, and we recall our old friend José Higgins, and his description of the giants he met near Baurú in 1947. Cieza de León also informs us that they "brought no women with them", and goes on to say that the giants overran all lowland Peru, conquered the Indians, and took Indian women as wives, but that for obvious reasons they were unsuited to each other, and that many of the women died as a result.

## Psychism, Demonology and Witchcraft

If we are ever to get to the bottom of the UFO problem, we shall have to examine with a fine-tooth comb all existing human records, all mythology, all history, all religions, all traditions and superstitions too. Even Soviet UFO researchers (Agrest and Kazantsev) are beginning to search the Bible, and have come up with some highly interesting finds. All records of psychism, demonology, witchcraft and so forth, must be investigated afresh in the light of the phenomena now occurring.

For example, in a mediaeval book called *The Emperors' Capitularies* (Karoli Magni et Ludovici Pii Christianos Capitula) of the time of Charlemagne (A.D. 742-814), we read that one day at Lyons, three men and a woman descended from an aerial ship, one of a squadron that had frequently been seen. The local populace, in uproar, wanted them burned as magicians or wizards, whereas the truth of the matter was that the four people were "sylphs" who came from the World of the Elements. For centuries this episode, if considered at all as more than just rubbish, has been pigeon-holed in the category of *demonology* or *witchcraft*. Is there, however, another interpretation that can be put upon it, an interpretation that has only begun to force itself upon the minds of Earth Men since 1947?

## Incubi and Succubae

There is one field that I would particularly stress

as requiring fresh investigation in the light of current events. I refer to the persistent accounts, mainly in XIth and XIIth century ecclesiastical writings in Latin, of a creature called the *incubus* (male) and of another called the *succuba* (female).

In theological parlance, these were entities that were in the habit of appearing and tempting people: the offspring of such unions were demons and witches (see *Encyclopaedia Britannica*).

Modern psychiatry has seen in these concepts merely a product of the repressions that afflicted monks and nuns in closed Orders. I agree that this explanation may be entirely correct, but it would be a good thing if someone who has the time, and the special scholastic qualifications required, would look into this matter of *incubi* and *succubae*. It would be as well to make quite sure that it is not just one more aspect of the vast UFO phenomenon that our forebears failed to understand.

#### **Space entities mistaken for spirits, ghosts, or human beings**

As Coral Lorenzen notes in her book *The Great Flying Saucer Hoax*, farmers who saw Space people descend from saucers in 1954, simply thought that they were *spirits* or *ghosts*, and were evidently not greatly surprised about it. The Mexican taxi-driver Salvador Villanueva, who spent the night sitting in his taxi with two Space visitors in August, 1953, (see FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, March/April, 1956), merely thought he was entertaining aviators from some neighbouring country.

Swedenborg, the great XVIIIth century Swedish mystic and seer, was also one of the outstanding scientists of all Europe of his day, and he was in correspondence with most of the great men of his time. He was ennobled by the King of Sweden for important work in mineralogy, and for his services as Assessor-Extraordinary on the Swedish Board of Mines. There is no doubt at all that he was one of the top scientists of his time, and yet he has left us a description of some small *Moon-men*, "the size of children", whom he says he encountered.

Swedenborg realised what sort of beings they were, but others less sophisticated than he have probably been seeing Space Folk throughout the ages, and concluded that they were ghosts, spirits, goblins, demons, leprechauns, and so forth. (By the way, there are a number of very detailed reports

dating from the years since 1947, in which the creatures seen have had all the characteristics of the traditional leprechaun! Anyone who cares to look into this will be very surprised.)

#### **The sons of God**

Turning to the Bible, we read in Genesis, Chapter VI, verse 2, that "... the Sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose". Soviet writers have suggested that this refers in all probability to some species other than ourselves, quite possibly from Space. The Hebrew term here used is "Beneha-Elohim", which is quite correctly rendered as "Sons of God". But a little further on (verse 4) we are told that "there were giants in the Earth in those days". The context makes it clear that these giants ("Nephilim" in Hebrew) are the same beings as the "Sons of God", and I have received confirmation from one of the leading Hebrew scholars at an important London synagogue that this is how the experts normally read it. The *Sons of God* and the *Giants* are the same.

There is no part of this planet where we do not find legends and traditions about giants. Von Koenigswald has produced irrefutable evidence of the existence of these great hominoids and semi-hominoids, and those who have studied the subject know that one of them is still around in Tibet. The western world, satisfied with Sir Edmund Hilary's dismissal of the Yeti, little realises that serious plans for his capture are still being made by Soviet and Chinese scholars and scientists, who know quite well that he exists, *because they have studied the evidence*. That is a very unpopular and "non-U" thing to do, of course!

There is no doubt whatsoever that giants have existed, and it is my guess that very few of them originated here, and furthermore, not all of them were primitive. "Adhemar's" case certainly has its points of resemblance to the case of the "Daughters of Men".

*As there appears to be a number of points in the O Cruzeiro articles, which were not disclosed in our original source, it is proposed, subject to permission being given to summarize these in our next issue. We are indebted to Dr. W. Buhler for bringing the O Cruzeiro articles to our notice.—EDITOR.*

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