

THE EXTRAORDINARY “POLITICAL” ASPECTS OF FÁTIMA

By Gordon Creighton

All the really good material on Fátima - hardly any of it in English - was written long ago, and mostly in Portuguese, Spanish, or Italian. There was one curious feature about the affair, which few writers have dwelt on, and the principal reason for this was of course that the “prophecies” referred to events then said to be still far away in the future.

Let us visualize the situation: certain information is allegedly received by three Portuguese children, the eldest aged ten, and none of them able to read or write. Portugal was one of the poorest and most backward areas of Europe. **And it was the most distant from Russia, And yet a great deal of the important information related precisely to happenings in Russia! Could such children even have ever heard of Russia?**

Read the accounts, and decide for yourselves. You will find the whole thing uncanny.

The first (and more democratic, reasonable) Russian Revolution, led by Kerensky, was on February 26th 1917 under the “Old Russian Calendar” and on March 12th according to the Western calendar which the Russians then began to adopt. The second Russian Revolution, engineered by Lenin and his wilder, less civilized gang, was on October 25th 1917, or, under the “new style calendar”, November 7th.

There was thus a gap of precisely seven months between the two revolutions. And the Fátima apparitions, one per month (all except one, on the 13th of the month) occupied precisely six months of this interval!) The sole exception was August, when the “Lady” appeared on the 19th, because on the 13th the children had been in detention, undergoing a nasty grilling by the local trade union leader Arthur Santos, who threatened to boil them alive in oil if they did not confess that they were lying.

The two younger children died just a few years later, in the great ‘Flu Epidemic, as “the Lady” had said they would. Lucia, the eldest child became a nun in a Portuguese convent and lived on into ripe old age. In 1942, in the course of further revelations given by her about the events of 1917, Lucia wrote that the Lady had said, on July 13, 1917:-

“When you see a night illuminated by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign that God gives you that the punishment of the world is at hand

for its so great sins... To prevent this I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturday of the month. If my demands are listened to, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. Otherwise Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, arousing wars and persecutions of the Church. Many good people will be martyred: the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me; Russia will be converted and there will be some peace.”

Well - there it is. Just a little of it. The atheistic Marxist Russian Empire *has* collapsed. One can hardly say that Russia in 1995 is a very saintly or spiritual land, but at any rate her ancient Christian Church is free once more to resume its role, though admittedly not without plenty of “competition” from the Mafia and from the Chechen bandits who seem to have captured the financial field!

As I have indicated, it is a fascinating aspect, this “political” significance of Fátima.

Read about it for yourselves. Because it has an enormous bearing on what is coming TOMORROW.

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In the last few years I have been trying to learn all that I can regarding the latest Marian Apparitions (*still going on!*) since June 1981, at Medjugorje in Yugoslavia. As the lady had predicted, there has not so far been the slightest conflict in Medjugorje, but there has been plenty close by!

On May 2, 1982, her message was:

"I have come for the last time to call the world to conversion. Afterwards I will not appear any more on this Earth".

In all the Catholic religious centres and organisation in London where I have made enquiries about Fátima or Medjugorje I have received the strangest and coolest of "brush-offs". *It seems that they either do not know, or do not want to know? Is this possible?*
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BOOK REVIEW.

ALIEN ENCOUNTERS

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Hardback, 145 pages, published by Leonine Press,
1994. ISBN. No. 9523176-0-5.

Price £9.95, plus £1.50 for p & p, extra for over-
seas mailings.

Gordon Millington is well known for his scholarly writings on the subject of UFOs, aliens et al. He is also well known in Surrey for his regular talks, given either to SIGAP or to the Guildford Metaphysical Society (GMS).

The author is a former Captain in the Army Education Corps, and was a college lecturer for some years. I can highly recommend him for the UFO lecture circuit. Interestingly, the best attended GMS meetings are those with UFOs or crop-circles as the subject. In his book, *Alien Encounters*, Gordon turns his critical eye to both.

In an age when book publishers are perhaps less than discriminating in the quality of material they "bring to market" - and end up promoting books with amazing claims and alleged "staggering facts", which then disappear from public gaze for good - Gordon Millington has produced a work which looks behind the phenomena. The tenet behind the book's sub-title, "An interpretative approach to the UFO phenomenon and crop-circles mysteries", is adhered to throughout, with some interesting possible conclusions.

A considerable proportion of the book deals with well known cases, and as such "*Alien Encounters*" serves as a pocket book history of the subject. With the hindsight which the 1990s bring us, and with either additional details or Millington's interpretations of the strange events, these cases assume a new importance, whether as "actual" (truly apparent) close encounters, or as something even weirder. Readers of Dr. Jacques Vallée's works and of the material published in FSR will intuitively have an understanding of Millington's thinking.

In the chapter "*The Winged Serpent of Ashland*", for example, the writer perhaps enters the "Other World" (my use of the phrase, not Millington's), a sort of reality

which is parallel to and occasionally interlocking with ours.

The case involves an American police officer, Schirmer, who was seemingly abducted in 1967, after seeing a UFO at close quarters at 2.30am. He may have been given an "implant" behind his ear, or suffered an insertion of needles or something similar at the same spot - we do not know. We do know, however, that this man was of "strong character"; in addition to being in the police, he was also a former member of the United States Marine Corps.

He suffered severe headaches and dreams "with a landscape of three mountain ranges, strange domes and UFOs," Millington writes. Under hypnosis, he recalled meeting with the aliens from the UFO he had seen... On the right shoulder of one was an insignia representing a winged serpent.

Millington reminds us that the winged serpent, or dragon, is directly associated in myth and folklore with the "ancient astronauts". To writer and anthropologist John Michell, these serpents or dragons were how our ancestors described, or interpreted, flying saucers.

Were the police officer's captors, "by use of the serpent symbol, claiming some link with these ancient astronauts?" Millington asks.

"Biblical references in support of the (ancient astronaut) hypothesis are made to Elijah, Enoch, Ezekiel and Jacob amongst others, and mention is usually made of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah". Stonehenge and Avebury are among ancient sites which could support the theory.

After scanning the decades and the centuries for UFO fact and myth, Millington turns his attention to Zecharia Sitchin, some of whose work has appeared in part in FSR. The author of several books about ancient and not so ancient astronauts, Sitchin has aroused interest and controversy with his theory of the existence of a "*Twelfth Planet*" of our Solar System which periodically returns to the vicinity of Earth and is the home of an alien civilisation *who created us*.

It is theorized that they have a base on Mars and also possibly on Phobos, Mars' mysterious little moon (and allegedly an artificial one).

The majority of American and Soviet missions to Mars have failed, Millington reminds us. In an age when we have already been to the Moon, sent probes through the Solar System, and also to Venus and now to the Sun, Mars has presented a problem. We have the technology to visit the Planets, yet when we try to go to Mars, things don't work out and how they should.

If you want a hint of *why*, you should read this book.

Alien Encounters is a mini-classic in its own right. Well-written (what a relief in these days of meandering badly-planned and semiliterate UFO and corn-circle books) it deserves a place on the bookshelf of every serious student of the subject ■

MORE "UNKNOWNNS" REPORTED IN SWEDISH WATERS

Sir — In recent years there have been reports of "unknown submarines" intruding into Swedish and Norwegian coastal waters. On numerous occasions, the Swedish Navy has depth-charged certain areas where sonar responses had been received. They even pointed a finger at *Russia* as being the offender.

However, according to a news bulletin from Radio Sweden on February 17, 1995, the culprits have now been identified as minks swimming past. The news item even included recordings of sonar echoes from a submarine and from mink, these being entirely similar.

An apology has now been made to Russia by Sweden.

Yours sincerely

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NOTE BY EDITOR. Fine *Cosmic Supermink* indeed! FSR has now been going for 40 years and all through those 40 years we have been hearing this marvellous hogwash, not only from Scandinavia but also from Argentina, where, years ago, for about a week or ten days, the Argentine Navy was depth-charging "something" that they thought they had "bottled up" in Puerto Nuevo Bay. But it got away of course in the end. Mink again, no doubt. (Or maybe, since it was Argentina, could it possibly have been a giant *coypu*? East Anglian newspapers please copy).

HERETIC

Dear Friend — We are planning to publish a new Spanish magazine "on our subject", and Magdalena, my wife, has been appointed to serve as the international co-ordinator on UFOlogy for the project.

Could we please have a good picture of you, and also have your credentials? (I have tried to find both, in other journals and publications, but, as you know, you are an "auteur maudit", an accursed heretic, and therefore systematically ignored * by the "authorities" in the "UFO world")

Very best wishes to you both,

Yours sincerely

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*Yes - and one is obliged to admire the remarkably thorough "hatchet job" that has been done, both here in Britain and throughout the world. As Ann Druffel (USA) wrote to me some time ago, it "looks as though you might be right about something or other, to have merited so much vituperation!". EDITOR

APPRECIATION OF RON PEARSON

Dear Mr. Creighton — I would like to commend you for your excellent magazine, and all the different thoughts and ideas expressed in the articles. I was particularly impressed by Mr. R.D. Pearson's articles, even though I know nothing about physics, as I have read several books by physicists written in layman's language. I do hope that we will read more of Mr. Pearson's articles in the future.

Another aspect of your magazine which I would like to comment on is the wonderful English in all its aspects. It makes the magazine such a joy to read.

My best wishes for the future to you, and your wife, for the wonderful magazine you publish.

Yours sincerely

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FROM STAUNCH OLD FRIENDS

Dear Gordon and Eve — Congratulations on the Fortieth Year of FSR! We are proud to be associated with it, even in a small way, and we trust there will be many more years of fascination with, and new information, on "our subject".

With warm regards to both of you,

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Thank you both! It has indeed been a pleasure and an honour to have you. Your valued association with FSR has been anything but "in a small way" and I recall that I translated your first book into English. G.C.

A WEIRD SIGHTING

Dear FSR — It has taken me several years to be able to come to terms with, and speak openly about, an encounter that I myself, my wife, and three children, had in the summer of 1991 as I was driving in the Bathgate Hills in West Lothian, Scotland.

At approximately 2200 hrs. I was travelling on the road which runs adjacent to an area known as the Knock Forest. As I approached a dangerous bend in the road, my attention was drawn to my right by a sudden burst of movement.

What had caught my eye was a running figure of "humanoid" shape. The figure appeared to be moving at such a speed that I was left with only the image, as if frozen, in my mind's eye. It was approximately 6' tall, and appeared extremely unhappy that we had disturbed it. Its appearance was that of a "bright negative" against the dark background of the forest. It had a human-like face contorted in a snarl which was directed back at us as it sped effortlessly through the trees. The estimated speed of the figure was between 50 and 70 mph.

The encounter lasted for only a few seconds, but has left an indelible image with me that I find difficult to erase.

I would be interested in hearing from anyone who has had a similar encounter involving great speed and the appearance of "humanoid" negative types.

Yours faithfully

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COSMIC TOP SECRET

Dear Mr. Creighton — Re: *Flying Saucer Review* vol.39 no 4, p.16 "A word about the term 'Cosmic Top-Secret'". I want to confirm that such a security classification did in fact exist, and perhaps it still does for all I know.

When I was an officer in the Royal Canadian Navy, I was at one time attached to the staff of the Flag Officer Atlantic Coast in Halifax, and I held what was referred to as a 'dual appointment' in that I was, in addition, on the staff of NATO at the same time. In order to fulfill my NATO responsibilities, it was necessary for me to have a very high security clearance. The clearance I was given was Cosmic Top Secret.

So there you have it. It did exist. I held this position during the years 1954 and 1955.

Please keep up your excellent work. You are doing a marvellous job.

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