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IN 1944, near the end of his life, Aleister Crowley wrote one of his students in California:

“My observation of the Universe convinces me that there are beings of intelligence and power of a far higher quality than anything we can conceive of as human ... the one and only chance for mankind to advance as a whole is for individuals to make contact with such beings.”

Scattered individuals throughout modern history and all over the globe have picked up on some aspect of this Ultraterrestrial mystery, but none, up until now, has pulled all of it together. However, this outstanding sampling of the best the human race has to offer have, in their own way, provided us with clues and building blocks. Some are geniuses, some saints; a few are absolute scoundrels. All are fascinating. What follows is a thumbnail sketch of some of these individuals, listed alphabetically.

Aaron, Rabbi Y. N. ibn, also known as Yonah Fortner. Rabbi ibn Aaron was a key figure in the 1950s and 1960s in the New York City area UFOlogy circle centered around the Saucers and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society's (SAUCERS) Discussion and Lecture Committee. Rabbi ibn Aaron collaborated with the late Dr. John J. Robinson in the Consultants Committee on Semitic Philology. A satirist of some talent, ibn Aaron collaborated on the “I Go to See...” series, which took a wickedly mirthful look at various UFO personalities, cults and groups. Rabbi ibn Aaron's key contribution, however, was his “Extraterrestrialism” series published in *Saucer News*, which postulated that ancient documents, including the Old Testament, were really *specific accounts of extraterrestrial visitations*. A linguist of great talent, he postulated that many biblical passages had been mistranslated, especially when Aramaic texts were mistaken for Hebrew. For example, the phrase *Ruach Elohim* — usually translated “Spirit of God” or “Wind of God” — may actually refer to a specific form of energy used by a race of extraterrestrial beings. Rabbi ibn Aaron anticipated the “chariots of the gods” idea by many years, and was far more literate in his exposition than anyone in the field, up until the comparable scholarship of Robert Temple's *The Sirius Mystery*. Rabbi ibn Aaron was an early organizer of The National UFO Conference. He died in 2005.

Achad, Frater, also known as Frater Parzifal, real name Charles Robert John Stansfeld Jones, born 1886, died 1952. Frater Achad is a key figure in the magical revival of the 20th century. Recognized by Aleister Crowley as his magical son (and presumable heir), Achad quickly rose to the leadership and initiatory summits of both Crowley's Ordo A. A. A. and the Ordo Templi Orientis (OTO). After World War One he and Crowley parted company. Achad produced a number of remarkable works on the occult, notable for their originality and logical consistency. His *Book Thirty One (Liber XXXI)* provided the first serious clue to the cipher of the UFOnuts.



Adamski, George, the author of *Flying Saucers Have Landed* (with Desmond Leslie) and the first major claimant to UFO contact. Adamski's legendary contacts fell roughly into the category now called "the Blonds." The Polish-born American visionary was often derided for his humble vocation and high pretensions, as well as for his claims. But his story, first unsuccessfully submitted as a science fiction novel, has strong archetypal and mythic qualities that have repeatedly proven their psychological power. Said to have been seen immediately after his sudden death as a reborn space being with the name "Yamski." Adamski is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. His close early association with the initiate and New Age Guru George Hunt Williamson plays a key role in the saga of the cipher of the UFOnuts. He died April 22, 1965.



AIWASS, or Aiwaz, the “præter-human intelligence” who appeared to Aleister Crowley in Cairo in April 1904, dictating to him *The Book of the Law*, or *Liber AL vel Legis*. Although primarily associated with the Law of the New Aeon or Age of Aquarius, *The Book of the Law* predicts and contains the complete cipher of the UFOnuts. As far as is known, although not fully decoded until the 1970s even in the classical form, this cipher seems to have been in use both among the UFOnuts themselves for some time prior to the appearance of Aiwass. The physical description Crowley gives of Aiwass is virtually identical to those given in modern “men in black” cases.

Arnold, Kenneth. A pilot who made his way into history on June 24, 1947, when he reported sighting nine unidentified objects in the Cascade Mountains, which he described as “like saucers skipping over water” — the basis of the term “flying saucer,” which has become part of the UFO story ever since. Arnold became closely associated with the late magazine publisher Raymond A. Palmer, for whom he investigated the first “men in black” incident.



Ballard, Guy Warren. Founder of the mystical I AM movement, Ballard was also associated with the fascist Silver Shirts prior to World War Two. George Hunt Williamson was associated with Ballard for a time.



Barker, Gray. Founder of Saucerian Publications and author of the first book on the “Three Men in Black” called *They Knew Too Much about the Flying Saucers*. Closely associated with Albert K. Bender, who founded the first UFO group (later suppressed by the Three Men in Black), Barker became a leader of the National UFO Conference. Never very far from the folklore of his native rural West Virginia, Barker’s allegorical novel, *The Silver Bridge* ostensibly centers on the High Weirdness of the Mothman Scare and UFO sightings culminating in the Silver Bridge disaster of the mid-1960s. His work provides the closest clue to the solution of the UFO Mystery, up until the discovery of the Cipher of the UFOonauts. Barker, a close ally of James W. Moseley, died suddenly in the early 1980s.

Bell, Dr. Fred, contactee in communication with a female UFOonaut, one Semjase, a Pleiadean being, since 1971. Semjase has shown up in a number of other cases over the last twenty or so years.

Bethurum, Truman, became a contactee in 1952, with the female UFOonaut Aura Rhanes from the planet Clarion. A physical contactee of the Adamski type, Bethurum seemed a down-to-Earth person with an extraordinary story to tell.

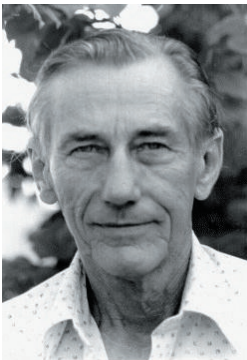


Bimstein, Louis M., also known as Max Theon and Aia Aziz. The son of a Polish Rabbi, Bimstein traveled in nineteenth century Egypt and became a disciple of the Coptic Initiate Paolos Metamon, under whom he became the Grand Master of the Hermetic Brotherhood of Light. Bimstein later married the trance medium Mary Ware and became the conduit of “The Cosmic Philosophy.” Virtually every modern occult movement, from the Theosophical Society to the followers of Sri Aurobindo in India, owe him a debt in their origins. Bimstein was a High Initiate, quite a mysterious person, and probably in constant contact with UFOonauts early on. He died in the early 1920s and has been largely forgotten until recently.



Blavatsky, Madame Helena P., affectionately known as “HPB” by her followers, co-founder and primary moving force of the Theosophical Society. A High Initiate, she was in communication with Exalted Adepts of the Great White Brotherhood through the main years of her career. She appears to be the first major historical personality to actively conceal the true names and origins of Initiates using the Cipher of the UFOonauts.

Crowley, Aleister, the scribe of *The Book of the Law* as dictated to him by the intelligence Aiwass. Crowley is the most significant figure of the occult revival of the 20th century. An initiate of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, and later leader of its successor Order, the A.∴. A.∴., Crowley was a magus, prophet, poet, mountaineer, author, lecturer and contactee. He wrestled all his adult life with the nature of the Higher Beings he contacted, such as Lam, Aiwass and Abuldiz. Reviled by many as a “black magician,” he was a late Victorian English Gentleman to the end of his life. A man “intoxicated” with God, to borrow one of his biographers’ terms, Crowley was neither a Satanist nor Black Magician. He died in poverty in 1947. Under his deathbed was found a considerable sum of money belonging to the Ordo Templi Orientis (OTO), which he had declined to spend, even on medicines that might have saved his life. His considerable contributions to the allied war effort in World War Two are little known. Little understood even by many of his (supposed) followers, his death in the same year that the UFO phenomenon came to public attention seems more than coincidental.

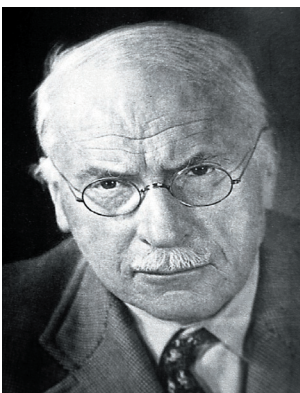
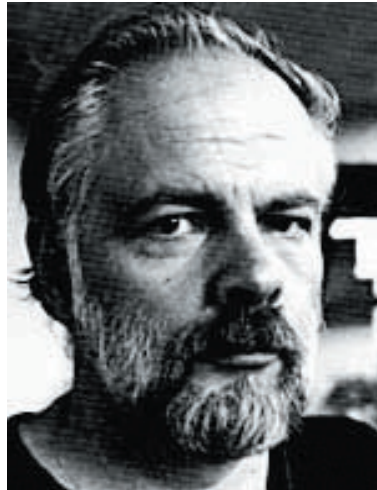


Damon, Frater, the Primate of the Qabalistic Alchemist Church. This organization, along with its sister group OAA in Britain, is most responsible for decoding and spreading the cipher of the UFO-nauts. Damon studied the work of Frater Achad with the late Meade Layne in the 1950s, and co-founded the QAA/QBLH with Robert Dunlap in 1960.



Derenberger, Woodrow, a West Virginia contactee investigated by both author John Keel and, independently, by the late Gray Barker. His fateful encounter with a being “from a country weaker than your own” came during the heat of the Mothman Scare in West Virginia in 1966-67. An unassuming man, Derenberger, along with John Reeves, Joe Simonton and others, was a new breed of contactee with physical contact of the Adamski type, but without the philosophical content. These cases coincide roughly with the advent of the Betty and Barney Hill-type abduction cases.

Dick, Philip K., author from the 1950s until his death in the early 1980s of many allegorical novels dealing with alien civilizations and states of consciousness. He eventually revealed that his novels were built upon alien transmissions and a hidden cipher. In 1974 he received a spontaneous high initiation in cosmic consciousness. At his untimely death he was working on a series of novels based on his understanding of the aliens’ intentions towards Earth. Notable works include *The Man in the High Castle*, *VALIS* and *The Divine Invasion*. The critically acclaimed science fiction film *Blade Runner* is loosely based on his novel *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep*.



Jung, Dr. Carl, the famed Swiss psychiatrist and creator of Analytic Psychology, a theory that relies on the importance of archetypes. Dr. Jung was a member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and author of a book about UFOs considered from an archetypal and mythic base, *Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Sky*.

Keel, John A., adventurer and author, his early pursuit of occult mysteries are chronicled in *JADOO*. His interest in UFOs led to the development of an Ultraterrestrial alternative to the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis. A prime investigator of the Mothman cases, his *UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse* and *The Mothman Prophecies* clearly show the linkage between things UFOlogical and things occult. A man of dry wit and a speaker with considerable personal charisma, Keel's hidden asset is his ability to tune one in to the high strangeness aspect of the UFO phenomenon in a way that can only result from direct field work.



King, George, one of the premiere “trance channel” contactees since 1955. King and his Aetherius Society form one of the direct links between occultism and UFOlogy, in that King claims to be a direct agent of The Great White Brotherhood working diligently with our extraterrestrial allies against the Black Lodge.

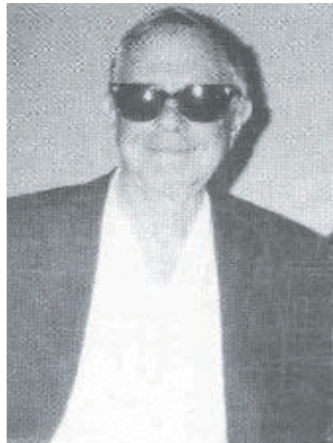
Lamed, Frater who, as the former Timothy Coutu, a chief of the QBLH and computer programming specialist, learned computer programming for an opportunity to do serious original work with the Cipher. Laying out the 1974 cipher solution on a 26-point star pattern, Frater Lamed was eventually able to generate thousands of “cipher star” variants, highly suggestive of a “starseed transmission” based on the cipher hidden in *The Book of the Law*.

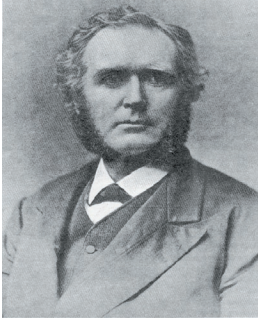
Lightlines Group, organized in Kentucky by Carla Rueckert and the late Don Elkins. Lightlines is one of the few trance channel contactee bodies making no claims for the true nature of its channelings, and known for doing systematic research on the process of communication. Elkins was an Eastern Airline pilot but also an accomplished trance medium, best known for the work eventually published as *The Ra Material*.



Layne, Meade, founder of the venerable Borderland Sciences Research Foundation. Layne was for many years the editor of BSRF's *Round Robin* and other journals, and he worked closely with trance channeler Mark Probert. Layne was also a student of the work of Frater Achad. At one time, Layne had been a member of the Society of the Inner Light, a direct offspring of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn. At the end of the 19th century, this Society developed its rituals from certain Rosicrucian cipher manuscripts based in the teachings of the Third Order, or Secret Chiefs, or Ascended Masters — which are identical with the Space People in contact lore. That so much cipher material shows up in and around Layne, who was said to be in frequent communication with the Great White Brotherhood, is highly suggestive that he was one of those who introduced the cipher into UFO trance-channeled contactee lore. Layne was also writing about flying discs before Kenneth Arnold's sightings. He also introduced the idea of channeled masters to UFOlogy.

Moseley, James W., the founder of the Saucers and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (SAUCERS). Since 1954 he has published some variation of *SAUCER News*. For many years Moseley was the primary mover and shaker in UFOlogy in the New York area. He was a fixture on early talk radio programs, and was an intimate collaborator with the late Gray Barker. The wealthy son of a U. S. Army General, Moseley has always approached the UFO mystery with a note of humor and common-sense skepticism, which has brought him more than a few critics. He has for many years served as Chairman of the National UFO Conference.





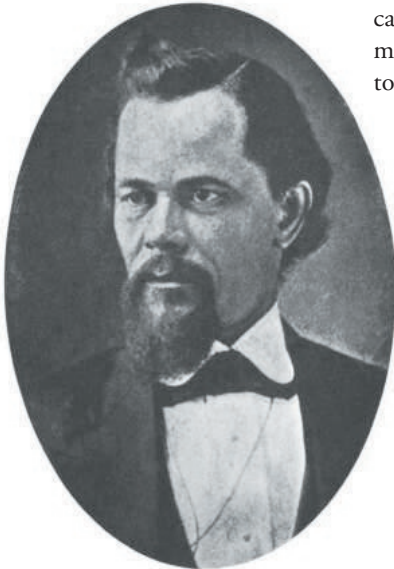
Newbrough, John, known mainly for his channeled communication of the mystical work *Oahspe* in the late nineteenth century.

Palmer, Raymond A., was a publisher of conventional science fiction magazines until 1943. Then he began publication of the writings of Richard Shaver, which purported to be accounts of real extra terrestrial visitations and an off-world origin for the human race. For this, Palmer was eventually drummed out of science fiction circles. After cofounding *Fate* magazine with Curtis Fuller in the 1950s, Palmer went on to publish *Flying Saucers* magazine and *Search* until his death in the 1970s. He republished the Shaver material in the early 1960s and was a fighter for unorthodox causes until the end of his life. He claimed for many years to be in possession of a mysterious "FACT" that explained the UFO mystery. This "FACT" appears to have been the cipher of the UFO-nauts. Little known to his admirers and critics alike, Palmer was a victim of great physical handicaps, apparently the product of birth defects and a tragic accident in childhood. Living a retiring life in rural Wisconsin in his later years, Ray Palmer overcame great personal obstacles to be a literary figure of some note.





Prophet, Elizabeth, and the late **Mark Prophet**, (r), crosses between classical mediumship and modern trance channeling. It is significant that some of the beings Ms. Prophet purports to channel are the very real and physical Adepts known a century earlier by Madame Blavatsky and others, under their assumed names.



Randolph, Dr. P. B., an American occultist who introduced some of the more profound secret hermetic doctrines to both American and European initiates.

Shaver, Richard Sharpe, an untutored, unlettered blue collar worker who began hearing voices and wound up developing an entire mythos peopled by cavern-dwelling survivors of ancient space-based races of beings who long ago settled and later abandoned the Earth. His wild, unstructured imagery was polished for publication by Ray Palmer, creating a major scandal and a now largely forgotten furor in science fiction circles in the 1940s. His Mantong Alphabet bears a startling resemblance to the Cipher of the UFOnavts. Shaver asserted that all languages were descended from Mantong, the ancient language of the universe, and could therefore be decoded by those not conversant in a specific language, such as English. In Shaver's view, English is a bastardized reinvention of Mantong.



Stranges, Rev. Frank, California clergyman and UFOlogist who met a man at the Pentagon claiming to be an alien being. A minister and the son of a minister, Stranges received much flack by talking about aliens in communication with the government a generation before other UFOlogists were even willing to consider the idea.



Tassel, George Van, early physical contactee and founder of the first UFO conclave, the long-defunct Giant Rock Conventions. Van Tassel also engaged in psychic communications and was closely associated with the earliest New Age groupings, which, to some extent, started at Giant Rock. Of particular interest is that, beginning in 1952, Van Tassel was in communication with a being calling itself “Ashtar” — the name of a medieval demon said, in the old magical texts, to have relocated to America. Ashtar has shown up in many subsequent cases.

Williamson, George Hunt (“Ric”)

claimed a doctorate in anthropology and was a one-time follower of Guy Ballard’s I AM movement, an organization with an unsavory reputation for overlap with the pro-Nazi Silver Shirts, an American subversive body broken up by the U. S. Government after America entered World War Two. Williamson, who was born in 1926, was one of Adamski’s original contact witnesses, but speedily developed a vast following of his own for his channeled communications. Other communications were by radio. A mysterious and elusive figure, his best-known works include *The Saucers Speak* and *Other Tongues, Other Flesh*, but he was sometimes rumored dead long before his (presumed) actual demise in January 1986. Ric Williamson organized the mysterious Brotherhood of the Seven Rays, which he presided over as Brother Philip in a remote retreat high in the Andes Mountains of South America. He was certainly an Initiate, much given to ciphers and intrigue. One can only guess at his complex motives.

