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The Endless Procession

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ONA WARM June evening in A.D. 1430, four peasants in the village of Jaen, Spain, witnessed a remarkable procession. From four separate locations they watched an estimated 500 people parade along dusty roads, led by a tall, beautiful woman in a white robe carrying an infant in her arms. She wore a glowing mantle ablaze with iridescent colors casting so much light it nearly blinded the witnesses. The procession was headed by seven youngsters dressed in white and bearing white crosses, followed by twenty priests marching in two rows, all chanting in an unintelligible tongue. Hundreds of people swarmed behind them with the inevitable hordes of barking dogs bringing up the rear.

The procession wound its way through the deserted streets to San Ildefonso church where the glowing lady ascended a silvery throne. Suddenly, at the stroke of midnight, the entire mob vanished inexplicably, leaving the our amazed peasants standing alone in the darkness. There was not a single footprint or trace of the procession in the dirt along their route.

When they reported their strange experience, the four witnesses were subjected to weeks of questioning and investigation by civil and religious authorities. They had all apparently seen the same identical things and their report led to the origin of a sacred cult that flourished in Spain for several centuries.

According to the extensive records of the event, one of the witnesses had heard a voice on June 7th and 8th which whispered: "Do not sleep and you will see good things." The procession appeared at 11:30 p.m. on the 10th of June.*

Ghostly parades were not restricted to the fifteenth century. In my own investigations I have heard many bizarre tales from sincere witnesses describing gatherings of strange beings on beaches and hilltops. There have been mysterious convoys of automobiles lacing through small towns in the wee hours, their drivers pale and seemngly entranced. In one case on Long Island, two witnesses reportedly saw "hundreds of dogs, all sizes and breeds" blocking roads and converging on a field where UFOs had previously been seen. Oddest of all, phantom police cars and men in police uniforms have appeared in remote places, diverted traffic, and then vanished. Ivan Sanderson and his wife were once detoured by a mystery man in a naval uniform on a back road during one of their investigative sorties.

In a simpler age the testimony of a solitary witness was sufficient to launch a legend. The thousands of religious miracles, so carefully investigated by religious authorities through the ages, were usually witnessed by one or two people, most often small children. It is probable that a large part of all mythology and folklore has a basis in fact; that a few witnesses actually saw (or thought they saw) the gods or monsters. In the days before the printed and electronic media, such incidents were

*Source: Nuestra Senora de la Capilla, Madre, Patrona y Reina de Jaen by Vincente Montuno Morente, published in Madrid in 1950.

preserved by oral tradition. When a succession of witnesses had reported essentially the same thing, often in the same geographical location, generation after generation, the existence of the god or demon became an established fact. Even the most hard-nosed skeptic regarded the cumulative testimony as empirical.

The gods of ancient India and Egypt undoubtedly found life in this fashion, just as Ashtar and his cronies from outer space are now becoming a part of our modern culture.

The Propagandists

All of the manifestations of the past have served one primary purpose. They have advanced belief in some theological or philosophical concept, and supported one of the many frames of reference employed to hide the real nature of the phenomenon from us. They engage in what we now call psychological warfare, and they have always exploited our eagerness to believe. The modern UFO scene is a sociological minefield because it has produced a worldwide propaganda movement of willing evangelists advocating the existence of people from another planet who altruistically intend to save us from ourselves. The leading extraterrestrial proselytizers have not had direct experience with the phenomenon themselves. Most have not even seen a funny light bobbing across the sky. Nevertheless, they are convinced that there's someone out there and they happily spend all their time lecturing, appearing on radio and television, and making movies advancing their ideas of the great benign invasion from the cosmos. There are obviously many grave dangers in this kind of blind belief.

Our studies of the UFO percipients and contactees are teaching us that these encounters are more hallucinatory than real, that some complex hypnotic process is involved, and that the real phenomenon is hiding behind a carefully engineered smoke screen of propaganda. Those funny lights and their hypnotic waves of energy are part of something that is related to this planet, and to us. But that something may be far beyond our meager powers of comprehension. There are forces that can distort our reality and warp our fields of space and time. When we are caught up in these forces we struggle to find an acceptable explanation for them, and then the manifestations begin to conform to that explanation and so reinforce it. Every few centuries, however, we abandon the old explanations and come up with new ones. Then the phenomenon obligingly tailors itself to those new beliefs. This factor alone indicates that part of the phenomenon, at least, is directly related to the human psyche, and these events are in part the work of the individual and collective unconsciousness.

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quite similar reports of unidentified objects rising and descending there. The role the middle-earth could play in this scenario is already evident; indeed, it may have been a refuge of last resort for survivors of the great prehistoric cataclysms. Stations on the surface might not have been necessary for flights to the surface. A control base located, say a mile or so underground, might find the interposed layer of earth to have a negligible effect on the powerful, core-derived field-beam emitted from the base's crystal.

How might a control beacon work to motivate a UFO? We know that electromagnetic waves have the same velocity as light and other energy waves. Assuming that the source of the station's control beacon is metallic (i.e., the earth core), its force would be projected according to the beacon's wavelength (magnetic frequency). Variations in frequency patterns from station to station might be achieved by using crystal-faceting techniques and varying the metallic composition of the crystals. If a metallic object like a UFO (which may contain smaller crystals varying in faceting and composition to conform with crystals of certain stations) should lock itself into a certain station's beacon by adjusting its own crystals, the UFO might become a part of the beacon itself. Being strongly magnetized to a variable degree by the beacon through crystal adjustment, the UFO might then act as a partial energy quantum. As a following beacon magnetized the space particles in its path, a UFO in a state of variable magnetization and quantization might be able to travel at almost any desired velocity. For the adjustment of two different crystals to come into phase with each other in respect to wavelength frequency, metallic composition would be important. (Dowsers believe that a rod "loaded" with a metal such as gold can "pull selectively" toward a gold deposit. A more familiar example of "selective attraction" is the common magnet, which is selective for iron.)

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to be operating outside or beyond the human race, manipulating us constantly. That's the part we should worry about.

The gods of the ancients are returning, says Erich on Daniken. But actually they have been there all along. While many millions of people have been having casual sightings of strange things in the sky and on the ground, other millions have literally been abducted by the phenomenon and subjected to a brainwashing process. They emerge from the experience with total amnesia, or with a vague dreamlike theory of what happened. But their lives change suddenly and remarkably. Their I.Q. is elevated. Their characters and personalities are altered. In several well-documented cases, their chronic ailments have suddenly been cured. They divorce their wives, abandon their families, even change their names and move into new and better jobs. The process is more sophisticated now than it was in the time of the caveman because we are more sophisticated ourselves. We have changed slowly, and improved slowly, over those thousands of years.

In other ages these experiences were regarded as supernatural and mystical. Today we try to fit them into a Thus could a UFO pilot, by adjusting his crystals, be enabled to switch instantaneously from one station beacon to another, to execute the scarcely believable near-reverse turn that so amazes the many who have witnessed it. That varying magnetic frequencies could play such a strong role is reasonable if one accepts the hypothesis that core-reflective control beacons possess enormous intensity.

Until science undertakes a serious investigation (with such funding and technology as can only be imagined), the validity of the core as an historic and/or contemporaneous force-field must remain in the realm of speculation. The foregoing model suggests some of the valuable insights which might be obtained by diverting a portion of interdisciplinary attention from the outside to the inside of the globe we live upon. Although it is difficult to guess when such a diversion might take place, do not doubt that the great depths will someday be plumbed. The human mind has its own limitless force-field, called curiosity.

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technological framework. Some view the contact stories with alarm, fearing that an alien race is trying to take us over. One group of ufologists is, in fact, convinced that some of these brainwashed humans have managed to attain top jobs in government and industry, and that the affairs of the world are now being controlled by extraterrestrial aliens.

However, the phenomenon does not really seem interested in our mundane, day-by-day affairs except where they may influence the mysterious long-range plan. Darwin was partly right, perhaps, when he speculated about a process of evolution. But he did not see it as a completely controlled process. He lacked the historical perspective needed to view the development of man as a series of rungs on a long ladder of enlightenment. The phenomenon was completely hidden from view in his day, accepted as the exclusive province of religion.

The flaw in the ancient astronauts theory is the absence of motive. They arrived quietly, gave us some guidance, and then went away just as quietly. Were we just the recipients of an exercise in benevolence? Or were they already making plans for us?

If we really are biochemical robots constructed by some Tinker Toy addict in ancient times, we were undoubtedly meant to serve some purpose. An Adam and

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