1974/75, both Fräulein Zinnstag of Switzerland (Karl Jung's cousin) and Frau Ilse von Jacobi of Germany sent me copious and beautiful sets of Billy Meier's colour photos of "UFOs" snapped by him. The Times newspaper had assured us, years before, that Mr Percy Hennell FIBP was recognized as one of the top experts in Britain on all aspects of photography, and Percy had kindly agreed to become FSR's Photographic Consultant as far back as the spring of 1968. He lived in a huge old manor house quite near to me, and had his stables and outbuildings rigged up and expensively fitted out as a laboratory, so that he could do all his work on the premises. I took the Meier pictures to him and he had a good laugh over them and said they were just about the choicest lot of fakes he had ever seen. (That is why you will find no rave notices in FSR of the 1970s on the marvels of the "Pleiadians".) Not long before his death, in August 1986, Jim Lorenzen wrote me an urgent letter asking whether we knew anything about the Meier photos, and what we thought about them? He had, it seems, already compromised himself by saying that he thought they looked genuine. Apparently his request to me, and my reply were too late to prevent publication of his endorsement of the Meier marvels.

Today, sadly, we are bereft of the wisdom and experience of Jim Lorenzen and Percy Hennell, both of whom have departed to other regions of Being. (For some curious reason we are consequently expected to describe them as "the late...") — G.C.

### Why don't the "ETs" save us from our destructive selves?

Dear Sir, — One of the main arguments claiming the "ETs'" indifference or even malevolence towards humans (ref. Budd Hopkins' article "What They Are Doing To Us", in FSR 33/2) lies in the question: "Why — given their super-technology — aren't they saving us from the infernal mess we've produced on our planet?"

No doubt this thought of "evolved super-beings coming from Space to establish some order in the chaos we've created" is most attractive.

However, the Cosmos — so far as we can deduce from daily life — does not function in that way. Two of the cardinal Cosmic Laws are the Law of Free Will and its derivative, the Law of Responsibility. Persons (i.e. individual souls) as well as whole planetary cultures are free to establish and lead their own life-styles according to their free choice, the price (or bonus) being that they are to assume *responsibility* for the respective results of that choice. There seems to be no way of avoiding this bilateral Cosmic Law.

Thus, the Cosmos hardly ever allows a situation where people, organizations, nations, or cultures, (or entire planets, for that matter) can profitably and irresponsibly break the Laws of Creation and still conveniently "get away with it". Sooner or later the price of corruption, evil, and moral deterio-

ration must be paid, and often painfully.

Therefore, it seems that peoples' expectations that the "ETs" should save us from paying this inevitable price spring from a somewhat childish, embryonic primeval — even pagan — mentality. A mentality based on the notion that the negative feedback for moral degradation can be avoided because eventually a sort of saviour will appear who will absorb the blow and take the suffering instead, with the result that one can hope to get away from one's misdeeds — be it on the global or on the personal scale.

Well — life doesn't seem to work that way at all. Such an "arrangement" would be too convenient, too easy, and too useless. If people (i.e. souls) do not learn what is to be learned from the negative results of their misdeeds so as to avoid further Evil in future, then what moral and educational purpose is there to human suffering?

Therefore: the key concept in this issue is RESPONSIBILITY. In this context, our longing for the "ETs" to save us proves, in fact, the total denial of our own responsibility for the criminal way in which our planet is run.

Moreover our own World Leaders — Heads of States and heads of giant economic and financial organizations, who control the world's wealth and the lives of billions of people — are totally indifferent to human suffering, or else they would have run the world on a totally different basis from that of personal material gain.

So, on what moral ground can we expect salvation from the "ETs"?

And yet as a matter of fact the "ETs" did and do offer us non-stop assistance! Through their innumerable messages to individuals and groups during the last decades they have bestowed on us a tremendous amount of information as to the lethal way in which we run our planet; as to our poor spiritual and moral standards which need so much to be improved; as to the criminal handling of our ecology, etc., etc. And what have we done with all this information? Nothing at all!

To say that these truths are merely cultural platitudes does not shatter their tragic validity as facts. Classifying these messages as "banalities" does not absolve us from coping with them. Because our reality is composed of these "banalities".

Instead of studying open-mindedly and beneficially all this ocean of knowledge and information that they have delivered to us, we developed a tiresome mass of so-called "reliable tools" for "examining" the "phenomena". We have developed and set up "UFO research centres" which prefer so-called "HARD DATA" (meaning physical and tangible "proof"); we arrange symposiums, conferences, where people read learned papers. We publish books, and innumerable We maintain Research bulletins. Groups, Metallurgic Test Labs, photographic detectors, etc., etc. All this we do, while avoiding the one central issue: where does OUR responsibility lie for the diabolic mess in which our planet is? And how are we going to start coping with this responsibility?

It seems that we had better take a

good, deep, and painful look inside ourselves before we have the moral right even to expect the "ETs" to play the role of Saviours for us. Yours sincerely, (Miss) Hadassa Arbel, 22 Fichman Street, Ramot-Remez, HAIFA 32542, ISRAEL. September 30, 1988.

I am publishing this letter because it is typical of a great deal that I receive. The only possible comment that I can make is this: while I find it impossible to find fault with all the admirable philosophical and ethical considerations adduced, I can only say that there are overwhelming discrepancies in the mass of alleged "messages" received, and that so far there is not one shred of evidence that any of those messages come from "Extraterrestrials" or from beings of higher status than man. As for the actual conduct of the numerous creatures that humans claim to have encountered (and may well have encountered) I see precious little evidence so far of benevolent purpose or posture. Massive and clandestine nocturnal abductions of humans, and sexual-genetic tinkering don't exactly coincide with my idea of anything from a "high" or "noble" source. In fact in many respects it seems clear that they are even worse than we are - difficult as this may be to believe.

As for the question of "responsibility" for the state of affairs in our world, where can anyone show me any evidence that man is in control of ANYTHING? How then can we be thought responsible? Is it not the sad truth that he is not in control of anything - not even of himself - but that he is the plaything and tool of malignant Forces which mercilessly kick us to and fro like footballs and make merry with our sufferings, from which those Forces derive enormous benefit and pleasure. Mankind cannot hope to find its way out of this mess until it begins to wake up, and to realize WHO it is that really runs this Human Farm. (And it can be stated with utter certainty that this "WHO" won't turn out to be who and what man fondly imagines it is!)

Alas, the day when such an awakening could happen seems far distant. Because there is one thing on which the CONTROLLERS are absolutely determined. That is: THAT WE SHALL NOT WAKE UP! FOR, WERE WE TO AWAKEN, WE WOULD KNOW WHY WE ARE IN THIS FINE MESS, THIS SCHEISSHAUFEN ABOUT WHICH OUR LADY IN ISRAEL IS SO WORRIED. — EDITOR

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