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Editorial

THE COSMIC POLICE FORCE

In our last editorial it was stated that according to messages purporting to come from the Space Brothers, our space friends had claimed that if there was a great outpouring of prayer and positive thought issuing from the inhabitants of our world, thus raising the spiritual vibrations of our planet, they could draw on this power to assist us even further. A question put to the Space Brothers as to exactly what was meant by this statement, brought forth an extremely interesting reply which may shed some new light on a vital reason for their presence around Planet Earth. The explanation given was that a large number of the Space Brothers whose special mission it is to safeguard the spiritual welfare and evolutionary progress of earthlings, had banded themselves together to form what might be described in earthly terms as a "Cosmic Police Force". The true role of any police force, they added, is a purely defensive one - a protective measure designed to ensure the safety and well-being of society-at-large and the maintenance of law and order to safeguard this objective. This, in effect, is the role that the special contingent of the Cosmic Police Force dedicated to the protection of inhabitants of Earth and the planet itself, is carrying out.

This role is mainly a dual one: (1) to keep at bay negative forces from Outer Space who attempt to inflict their stronger evil influence on negative and borderline-negative earthlings; and (2) to assure that all Outer Space beings permitted to visit our world observe strictly the Cosmic Laws governing non-interference with and non-hostility towards the inhabitants of Planet Earth. The Space Brothers emphasize that (1) must not be interpreted by war-conscious earthlings as in any way a battle or an act of aggression against negative beings who, they remind us, are still God's creatures but in the early kindergarten stage of spiritual development - quite the reverse, for their method of dealing with such beings is to beam out to them intense thoughts of goodwill which emanate in the form of a radiant light through which no ungodly thought can penetrate. The negative forces, being the powers of darkness, are rendered impotent by this strong, pure light of goodwill and spirituality and, blinded by its dazzling glow, they are unable to carry out their evil intentions. This, say the Space Brothers, is the only way to deal successfully with negative forces and that we too, should use this same method. It is fatal to hate or fear them for in so doing we only fall into a trap and lower our own spiritual vibrations. Rather, we should extend goodwill and have compassion for these backward children of darkness by praying for them, as this way, we not only protect ourselves but, good begetting good, we help both them and ourselves.

In the case of (2), the Space Brothers speak of what might be termed as a United Planets Organization, members of which are drawn from planets that have reached a certain level of spiritual enlightenment, but just as it is with our own United Nations Organization, some members are more backward than others and a constant vigil must be kept to ensure that they observe fully the Cosmic Laws laid down in the space charter of this interplanetary organization.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that the main purpose of the protective role of the Cosmic Police Force is to allow the inhabitants of Planet Earth to evolve on their own merits without any undue influence from either the positive or negative forces. This is Cosmic Law. Therefore, we must not allow our knowledge of the work of the Cosmic Police Force to lull us into any false sense of security. We are strictly on our own when it comes to spiritual unfoldment for, as the Space Brothers are quick to point out, while the Cosmic Police Force can protect us from outside influences, it cannot protect us from ourselves or our own free thinking. However, if we, of our own free will, send out sincere prayers and positive thoughts for good, our space friends claim they can use this light force to help us further. It was added that there is an urgent and specific need for this at the moment. Querying this, an interesting factor came to light.

It was explained that the explosion of nuclear devices (a negative force) has not only torn parts of Earth's protective atmosphere (which, if continued, may have drastic physical consequences to Man on Earth, involving violent weather patterns, floods, earthquakes and deformed biological mutations caused by increased radioactivity, etc.), but these massive explosions have, by their negative nature, also damaged the metaphysical protective "envelope" surrounding this planet thus allowing negative astral entities to penetrate through these ripped portions and further influence negative thinking on Earth - hence much of the trouble and strife we are experiencing in our world today. While the Cosmic Police Force can shield us from unwarranted outside negative influences, they cannot protect us from the consequences of negative emanations coming directly from our own planet. This would be contrary to the Universal Law of Karma. Only we can repair the damage we have created ourselves. This, say our space friends, we can do by sincere prayer for the cessation of nuclear explosions and positive thought envisualizing the closing of the gaps in our protective atmosphere and its metaphysical counterpart. Such a spiritual emanation from Earth would take the outward form of radiant light with which the Space Brothers claim that, with our expressed desire to do so, they could mend the torn portions of our atmosphere and thus block further entry of negatives forces. They call on us urgently to play our part in an all-out effort to save ourselves and our planet from the total destruction it is otherwise headed for. Time is running short and we must act NOW.

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"Now we have vital need of this account in order to better understand how and why the space people qualify substance and how we can qualify all things by thought, molding them to meet our desire."

Margaret Storm.

THE CASE FOR THE "HUMANOIDS".

An Analytical Review by Carol Halford-Watkins.

I don't think you will locate the word "humanoid" in the dictionary although undoubtedly it will find its way there in due course. This deftly-coined word is strictly a product of the UFO Age and it was invented as an apt and necessary measure with which to compare the extraterrestrial beings of a similar biological structure to ourselves as reported to have been seen by many witnesses as the landed occupants of UFOs, with their earthly counterparts. In short, a humanoid is an extraterrestrial biped with the basic physical characteristics of homo sapiens on Earth.

While much of the data on which this article is based was obtained from various books, magazines and newspaper articles containing reports of alleged contacts with humanoid occupants of landed alien spacecraft, its main source of information has been from an excellent booklet on the subject put out by "Flying Saucer Review" under the title of "The Humanoids - A Survey of World-wide Reports of Landings of Unconventional Aerial Objects and their Alleged Occupants". As it is not the intention of the writer to list complete details of these individual reports, it is suggested that any readers who may be seriously interested in the humanoids story, should obtain a copy of "The Humanoids", study the wealth of data given, views expressed by well-known UFO writers, and then form their own conclusions. This booklet may be obtained from "Flying Saucer Review", 21 Cecil Court, Charing Cross Road, London, W.C.2., England, for \$1.75 - remittance payable to "Flying Saucer Review". It is well worth reading.

Rather, the purpose of this article is to study the humanoids en masse, analyze the various reports, seek any pattern or possible relationship between them and to put forward a few suggested hypotheses for these strange phenomena. Let us then first study the humanoids en masse - and what a queer, motley crew they make, ranging from midgets to giants, from esthetic, Christ-like creatures to horrific monsters! At first glance, if we are to believe these reports, we might well be tempted to conclude that all the many races of the entire Universe are visiting Planet Earth! Of course, different climatic and environmental conditions on other planets could well produce certain variations in the humanoid form, even as on our own planet we have our mongloid, negroid, caucasian and other ethnic groups, but whereas all Earth races have the same biological features in common, i.e., 2 eyes, 2 ears, 1 mouth, 1 nose, 2 arms, 2 legs, etc., the wide divergence from this orderly theme of human construction as described by some witnesses of humanoids, such as mouthless, noseless, having 1 or 3 eyes, fingers with no thumbs, etc., make it appear doubtful that all of these creatures belong strictly to the humanoid race at all. To give our readers a clearer picture of what is involved and omitting here those humanoids described as basically the same as ourselves, let us run a check-list down some of the major physical features of Man on Earth and compare them with those of some of the humanoids as described in published accounts:

Head: "large, high, pointed head with facial features low down", "large", "huge", "large, with high forehead", "round and bald", "extremely round", "oval with pointed ears", "pointed", "tapered at top", "white-domed", "melon-shaped", "pumpkin-like", "a flattened ball", "large and round, with very long ears", "painted-on hair effect looking like rolls of fat running from above eyes over the whole head", "gnome-like, with huge elephant ears", "pear-shaped, with bulbous portion on top".

Analysis: The "Big Heads" seem to have it, with "Long Ears" running a close second!

Face: "long", "round", "oval-shaped", "triangular", "Oriental", "high cheek boned", "Mongolian", "Chinese-looking", "pointed chin", "very pointed chin", "red, with sharply pointed chin", "hairy", "hair-covered", "sparsely bearded", "mouthless", "no ears or nose", "shrivelled", "furrowed", "pasty-white", "putty-coloured", "frog-like".

Analysis: Composite picture seems to favour a hairy, Mongloid face, with pointed chin.

Complexion: "pallid", "extremely pale", "fair", "yellow", "sallow", "grey", "of greyish metallic cast", "waxy", "yellowish-green", "green", "light brown", "brownish", "tanned", "reddish-brown", "reddish-orange", "blood red", "vivid red", "just like wax".

Analysis: Predominantly, a waxy red complexion.

Hair: "bald", "totally bald", "long", "short", "shaggy", "long, silky black", "abundant and black", "red", "brown", "mousy", "sandy", "blonde", "long and white", "streaming fair hair", "long and blonde".

Analysis: Of these descriptions, the long-haired blonde seems favourite.

Eyes: Eyes come in ones, twos, threes or multi, viz: (1) "one eye, Cyclops fashion in middle of forehead", "single golden-coloured eye, with other smaller eyes up and down body"(!), "one large brown eye"; (2) most descriptions are of 2 eyes as listed below; (3) "three eyes staring fixedly, without blinking". Eyes in pairs: "glowing", "large and luminous", "larger than human", "large as a raven's egg", "large and slanted", "large as cow's", "huge and round", "large and slit", "narrow and slit", "slanted", "huge and set wide apart", "glowing with an orange light", "glowing greenish orange", "glowing yellowish orange", "big and red", "blue", "very blue", "vivid blue, Chinese type", "violet", "plum-coloured", "dark brown", "grey like stone", "muddy", "protuding" "protuberant and frog-like", "deep-set", "wide-spaced and deep sunk", "wide, slit eyes" "moon-eyed", "yellow cat's eyes".

Analysis: The prevailing picture seems to be large, glowing, slanted, orange eyes.

Nose: "long", "very long", "large and long", "straight and long", "squat", "blob", "two slits for nostrils", "beak-like", "arrangement of 4 diamond-shaped things where nose should be", "indeterminate" and "no nose at all".

Analysis: Odds-on favourite - long nose.

Mouth: "big and red", "drop-open, making rectangular hole in face", "thin line going across smooth face", "slit-like, extending from ear to ear", "barely discernable", "none".

Analysis: long slit-mouth.

Body: "hairy", "abundant hair", "fur covered", "hairy and dwarf-like", "blinking blue lights on chest", "bulky", "bristly", "large", "strong", "dwarf-like", "slimly built", "broad shouldered", "black and resembling a shrub", "lopsided and abnormally large on right side, bulging from shoulder to armpit", "barrel-like, with side to side waddle"(!)

Analysis: Well, really! The only possible picture that emerges is a sort of deformed King Kong!

Hands: "clammy", "white", "green, claw-like, with 8 fingers", "webbed extremities with claws", "4 even-length, spread-out fingers with no thumb", "square", "rectangular", "globular", "huge talons", "outsized webbed hands equipped with claws", "no hands".

Analysis: Claw-like.

Arms: "unusually long", "long and thin, with claw-like appendages", "arms with metal plates attached and numerous small lights", "one arm longer than other", "very long and ending in claws." Analysis: long and clawed.

Legs: "stiff-gaited", "thin", "short and thin", "longer than human", "long & slender".
Analysis: long, thin legs.

Voice: "definitely human", "high pitched", "Chinese-sounding", "guttural", "chattering", "like cackling of geese", "pipe-like, sounding like a kazoo", "clacking", "hooting", "cooing" and "unintelligible". Analysis: I give up. Take your choice!

Height: 2'6", 3', 3'6", 4'6", 4'8", 5'4", 5'5", 5'8", 6', 6'8", 7', 10', 10-15'(!)
70cm, 80cm, 85cm, 90cm, 1M, 1.2M, 1.25M, 1.30M, 1.60M, 2M, 2.10M, 5M, 6M(!)

Analysis: Math. was never my strong point, but when I'm asked to visualize beings ranging from under 30" high to about 20' tall, my mind just boggles!

Clothing: "diving gear", "coveralls (in all shades)", "silver suits which rustled like tinfoil", "shiny suit like glass", "one-piece garb with boots attached", "suit of armour", "rubber overall", "luminous suit", "metallic diving suit", "garments like plastic bags", "potato sacks", "black sack like a cassock", "transparent suits inflated like rubber bags", "one-piece garment resembling suede, with zippers", "loincloths", "white robes", "yellow sacks", "plastic diver's suit", "greenish one-piece suits, close-fitting at neck, wrists & ankles", "dark grey suits glued to bodies", "green phosphorescent diver's suit", "brown leather diver's suit, with gauntlets", "shining, violet-coloured garments", "seamless, 1-piece garments of metallic and unknown fibres", "white clothing emitting flashes of light", "grey tights", "baggy trousers", "ghost-like & lit by internal source", "black, skin-tight suit, material from thighs down glistening as though wet", "shiny, nickel-plated suit". Helmets: "with pale green lights each side", "with antenna", "translucent & connected by tubing to gear on back", "football", "crash", "transparent", "glass-like", "inverted glass bowl", "with instruments giving off coloured flashes", "with 2 cables linked to spacecraft"; "gas masks", "luminous haloes"(!)
Analysis: Above list reads like an invitation to a Halloween Party! However, the typical spaceman's "diver's" suit, with helmet, seems to emerge prominently.

Well, there you have the descriptive details, all taken from published reports. Confused? You should be. I am, too. But, in the words of a famous comedian: "You ain't heard nuthin' yet!" Dig this crazy composite picture of a humanoid based on deductions from the reports given: A big-headed, long-eared, hairy-faced Mongol-type, with pointed chin, large, glowing orange eyes, long nose, long slit mouth, red apple complexion and long blonde hair falling to gorilla-like body, with long arms ending in claws and long thin legs! And if this doesn't strike you as funny-peculiar, how about this one? Jerry Townsend's Tin Men, whom he described as: "Three little beer-can shaped objects, 6" high, that walked on 2 fins and when they stopped, a third fin came down from the rear."! Could Jerry have been watching too many TV commercials? More seriously, I think the answer for this one is that the objects were not "men" but remotely-controlled monitoring devices operating from a landed UFO. But to add further to the general confusion, a number of scientists, apparently for the lack of a more rational explanation, are now theorizing that the UFOs themselves are space animals, living organisms of a "low order of intelligence" that inhabit the atmosphere and live on cosmic energy. They even go so far as to interpret the oft-reported cigar-shaped mother ships releasing the smaller scout discs, as a space animal giving birth to offspring! Strange how such 'alibis' are so often more fantastic than the simple truth. And are our Earth scientists so egotistical that they cannot accept the possibility of extraterrestrial intelligence superior to their own? Personally, I cannot buy this theory that the UFOs themselves are organic creatures and particularly of a "low order of intelligence". This is far removed from the vast majority of reputable reports that UFOs are space-

craft of superior technology under the highly intelligent control of space beings, many of whom have been actually seen. Nevertheless, it does seem that the more we dig into this puzzling enigma, the more complex and inexplicable it all becomes. For example, I started off this article in a serious enough vein, hoping to arrive at a few intelligent conclusions from my analysis of the reports, but the more I read, the more ludicrous it all sounded and all I wound up with was a lot of laughs and some big fat questions, such as: Who's kidding whom? Are some of these reports bordering on the lunatic fringe? Could some of these apparitions be the work of poltergeists or astral entities? Are we being made the victims of some great cosmic joke? Are some of our human observers being hypnotized or hallucinated into seeing such grotesque figures? Could the whole range of peculiar shapes and sizes be a deliberate disguise to cover up the true identity of the extraterrestrials? One could go on and on asking questions of a complex situation like this.

But let us take a final and more serious look at the Humanoids as far as we can know them from earthly descriptions. On the one hand, we have the Adamski-type Venusians described as having a pleasant, round face, with high forehead, calm, grey eyes slightly aslant at the corners, finely chiselled nose, average sized mouth, complexion medium-coloured sun-tan, slender hands with long, tapering fingers, wavy, shoulder-length hair of a glistening sand colour and about 5'6" in height - in short, beings very much like ourselves in physical appearance but more spiritually evolved. These I can believe in - and from a personal experience - so this is not just idealistic, wishful thinking. To me, it seems quite logical that the Deity, having created a functional physical body such as we inhabit on earth, should extend this same biological structure to human-type life on the estimated millicns of other planets similar to our own, even allowing for a few minor physical changes brought about by different environmental conditions. If we are to believe the Bible, God created Man in His own image, and as all life is created by the same Divine Intelligence, it seems reasonable to assume that the same basic physical form would be given to all human-type races in the Universe. On the other hand, the composite picture of the humanoids en masse presents a fantastic and somewhat frightening spectacle to the earthly eye. Even allowing for a reasonable amount of superficial differences, if a being is basically the human animal, why do such grotesque peculiarities exist among them? The human body, in a normal, healthy person, is a near-perfect biological mechanism in which no superfluous function exists and nothing important has been omitted for the survival of the species. Why is it then that descriptions of humanoids include such inexplicable differences which are not compatible with the efficient functioning of the human-type body? One of these differences I am unable to accept as the logical outcome of a Divine Creator is a humanoid with 4 fingers and no thumb. As we all must know, a thumb, along with 4 or even more fingers, is an all-necessary appendage without which we would be unable to perform most of the useful and creative manual functions. Having once sprained my right thumb, I am well aware of its utilitarian importance! Equally, the human mind cannot possibly conceive the purpose or even the physical relationship in a humanoid body, with presumably a central nervous system connected to the brain, of one eye, 3 eyes and still less, multi eyes!

Why then do all these strange differences continually crop up in an ever widening variety in so many reports of the occupants of alien spacecraft? Perhaps the answer is to be found in the interpretation of what the witnesses actually saw. While not discounting the claim that these observers did experience a physical encounter with landed extraterrestrials, is it not possible that they underwent some psychological compulsion, possibly at the subconscious level, to include these 'differences' as frills to be in-

terpreted as proof positive that they had indeed contacted alien beings from another planet? Another interesting theory put forward in the Introduction to "The Humanoids" is that the extremely varied descriptions of UFOs and their occupants may be due in some way to the "environment" of the witness, i.e., that what he sees is "in the eye of the beholder". One might be inclined to go along with this theory, as it is an interesting fact that most of the more grotesque descriptions of humanoids come from ill-educated peasants and farmers in the rural areas of South America, France, etc., - people with an understandably limited outlook. In contrast, men with wider horizons, such as Wilbert B. Smith, George Adamski and quite a few others, have described our space visitors as being built in the same shape as ourselves, but more advanced mentally and spiritually. Of course, this may be an over-simplification which does not cover the whole humanoid story. For instance, some reports include descriptions of dwarves who appear to be robots under the mental control of the humanoids proper and who perform limited tasks on Earth, such as collecting samples of water, soil, minerals, plants, and even small animals (a farmer in Isola, Italy claimed such a dwarf immobilized him and stole his rabbits). We might theorize that these robots evolve from 2 possible sources: 1) They are the natural inhabitants of a more backward planet whose sub-normal mentality is susceptible to 'brain-washing' and submission to the will of more advanced beings from another planet; or 2) They are artificially-created beings with no real will power of their own who respond mechanically to the wishes of their creators. A number of reports indicate that such landed dwarves work under the control of a taller being seen in the spacecraft. Apparently, although immensely strong for their size, these dwarves never use their strength to harm humans. If it becomes necessary to defend themselves, according to a number of reports, they use a ray or vapour gas ejected from a belt or chest contraption which temporarily paralyzes any human interfering with its activities. As for the few reports of giants and monsters, while open-minded, I am more inclined to write these off as figments of the observer's imagination.

From analytical deductions based on such evidence as we have, we seem to have broken down our original heretogeneous collection of humanoids into 4 major categories: 1) beings physically very much like ourselves; 2) humanoids sharing many of our physical characteristics but with certain inexplicable differences; 3) dwarf-robots apparently master-minded by the humanoids; and 4) a small sprinkling of doubtful giants and monsters. What does all this add up to? Groping in the dark and with so many pieces of the jigsaw puzzle missing, we can only theorize. Undoubtedly, time will add more pieces to the puzzle and the full picture will gradually emerge. But for now, we can only sum up as follows: Out of an estimated 1000 reported contacts with humanoids over the past 20 years, many from reputable sources, it is reasonable to assume that at least 25% of the claims are genuine; actually it would only take 1% to prove the case for the Humanoids. Whether all the physical descriptions are accurate is a debatable question, but there is good evidence to believe that various types of extraterrestrials are actually landing on Earth. From most accounts, it appears that humanoid encounters with earthlings are purely accidental, i.e., humans stumble on the scene of their landing and usually, the extraterrestrials take off at speed shortly after the confrontation, presumably not wishing to tangle with that aggressive species, homo sapiens, against whom in self-defence, they might have to use weapons of superior technology! This may well be the key to the mystery of lack of contact. The fault lies in Earthman's own aggressive nature. If and when the day finally dawns that we can, in vast numbers, welcome our space visitors with genuine friendliness, there may then be a valuable exchange of scientific and cultural ideas between us and our brothers in space.

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THE LIFE OF NIKOLA TESLA.

Part 2 of a condensed version of a tape recording by Arthur H. Matthews.

Tesla's life reads like a fairy tale which has the added advantage of being true - for Tesla was no common mortal. He led a charmed life. As a highly adventurous boy, he emerged from one escapade after another, as if by magic. Almost drowned a dozen times, nearly boiled alive, lost and frozen, nearly cremated, chased by mad dogs, viciously pecked by a flight of crows, he was extracted from these perils "by enchantment". Fascinated with the thought of flying (which was to lead one day to the construction of aircraft), he once jumped with an open umbrella from the top of a building and miraculously landed without being seriously hurt. Struck down by malaria and cholera and given up by doctors at least 3 times for dead, he recovered to even greater strength. These constant escapes from danger led Tesla to believe that his "preservation was not altogether accidental" and furthermore, his adventurous boyhood led to complete mastery of his physical body which carried him through his adult years with unusual mental and physical vigour. To illustrate this physical self-control, it is worth quoting an amusing experience which happened to Tesla when he was 59 years old and living in New York. He was walking home one freezing night when there were no taxis to be had, when he slipped on the icy sidewalk. Both his legs shot up into the air. Instantly, his alert brain flashed a message to responding muscles and he swung through 180°, landed on his hands and resumed normal walking position as though nothing had happened. An amazed onlooker exclaimed: "I've seen a cat do that before, but never a man!"

According to the records, Nikola Tesla was born on July 10, 1856, in Smiljan, a remote mountain province in Croatia (now Yugoslavia). And yet, Tesla, in his book, describes this place as "where I was supposedly born" for, as fantastic as it may sound, particularly in those early years, Tesla was convinced that he originated from Venus. However, when one reviews the many strange qualities about this man and his unsurpassed genius as the discoverer and inventor of most of the sophisticated electrical equipment that mankind enjoys today, some credence may be given to this belief. Arthur H. Matthews claims that in 1947, 3 years after Tesla's death, he received confirmation of Tesla's origin from the space people, who stated he was born on a spaceship en route from Venus to Earth in July, 1856. The spacecraft landed at midnight July 9 in this mountainous area where the infant was placed under the care of a specially selected couple, the Rev. Milutin and Djouka Tesla. They added that Tesla's special mission on Earth was to pave the way to the Space Age. That Tesla was aware of his destiny was made evident by his expressed belief in inhabited planets and when, in 1938, he gave Mr. Matthews his design for an Interplanetary Communications Set, he predicted correctly that a few years later spaceships would visit Earth from these planets.

In Tesla's own words, his earth father "was the son of an officer who served in the army of the great Napoleon and thus he received a military education, but singularly enough, he later embraced the Clergy in which vocation he achieved eminence. He was an erudite man, a natural philosopher, poet and writer and his sermons were said to be as eloquent as those of Abraham. He had a good memory and frequently recited at length works from several languages. He often playfully remarked that if some of the classics were lost, he could restore them! The training he gave me must have been helpful. It comprised of all kinds of mental exercises, such as reading one another's thoughts, discovering the defects in some form of expression, reading long passages or performing mental calculations. These daily exercises were intended to strengthen my

memory and reason and especially to develop a critical sense, and they were undoubtedly beneficial."

Nikola's earth mother, Djouka Tesla, was by all accounts a remarkable woman. Although she had little formal education and could neither read nor write, she had natural culture and refinement. Possessed of an unusually retentive memory, she could recite correctly long passages from the Bible and thousands of verses of Serbian poetry. She had great wisdom and deep spiritual qualities and it was claimed that she too, was of Venusian origin which may well explain her unusual skills for Djouka also was an inventor who undoubtedly had a great influence on the life of Tesla, who was terrifically proud of his mother. In later years, in New York, when he was established as the world's most revolutionary inventor, he still found time, apart from his superhuman efforts in the scientific field, to translate and publish the Serbian Saga of Verse as a tribute to his mother. Of his mother, Tesla wrote: "My mother was an inventor of the first order and would, I believe, have achieved great things had she not been so remote from modern life and its manifold opportunities. She invented and constructed all kinds of tools, including a weaving loom, and many labour-saving devices. She wove the finest designs from thread which was spun by her. She even planted the seed, raised the plants and separated the fibres herself. Most of the wearing apparel and furnishings of the house were the products of her hands. When she was past 60, her fingers were still nimble enough to tie three knots in an eyelash!"

For the first 7 years of Tesla's life, he lived at Smiljan where his father had a parish church. Here, in idyllic surroundings, he lived close to nature and was at his happiest when alone with his thoughts in the solitude of the mountains or forests. There was, however, one shadow that clouded a happy boyhood. His father had decreed that Nikola was destined from birth to follow him in the clerical profession, and this thought oppressed the young boy constantly. At an early age, he longed to be an electrical engineer, but his father was inflexible. Highly intelligent, Nikola's flair for inventiveness showed itself at a young age. Before he was 6 years old, he had invented an infallible hook for catching frogs and had designed and constructed a water-wheel across a nearby mountain stream. This water-wheel, crudely constructed from a disc sawn from a tree trunk, small branches, sticks and rocks, rotated successfully without paddles. It was a childish experiment which, in later years, was to lead to the development of the Tesla Smooth-Disc Turbine. He was 9 years old when he invented his first "motor" - a wooden contraption shaped something like a windmill. For its motive power, young Tesla followed a concept which in years to come was to be used on a massive scale - that of harnessing the energies of nature - for the first Tesla motor was powered by June Bugs! With their feet partly glued to a wheel, these flying insects flew round and round endlessly!

It was around this time that Nikola was plagued by a curious visual phenomenon. Images of scenes and things he had already seen, often accompanied by flashes of light, would superimpose upon his vision, marring the sight of real objects and distracting his thoughts and actions. For some time he battled with this confusing experience until, at his mother's suggestion, he learned to control it, banishing or summoning back these images at will. This strange ability was to serve Nikola Tesla well in years to come for he used this method of instant recall to bring back images of things seen and also mentally-visualized diagrams and designs for inventions. Thus, even at school, he was able to summon up a "mental blackboard" on which he worked out complex calculations quickly and accurately. At first, his amazed teachers, nonplussed at no evidence of written calculations, accused him of cheating, but finally came to realize that they

had a genius in the classroom.

Nikola was, by this time, living in Gospic where his father had been assigned in the Ministry. Here, an incident took place which was to have a profound effect in later years. The town had set up a Fire Department and when the new, pump-type fire engine arrived, all the townsfolk turned out to witness its first day of operation down at the river. After the official ceremonies, the command was given to pump, but not a drop of water came from the nozzle. Experts tried in vain to locate the trouble, and it was young Nikola Tesla who saved the day. Acting more by instinct than knowledge, he examined the suction hose and found it had collapsed. Wading into the river, he opened it up and the water rushed forth - incidentally, ruining quite a few Sunday-best clothes! But the town elders carried the boy high on their shoulders and called him the hero of the day. The pump incident set a fire in the imagination of Nikola and in the school laboratory, he turned his attention to water turbines. Niagara Falls had always fascinated the boy and at the age of 10, he joyously announced: "Some day I am going to America to harness the Niagara Falls for power!" Thirty years later, he did this very thing!

At school, Nikola distinguished himself at physics and mathematics, but strangely enough, failed at free-hand drawing. To the boy who could summon up mental pictures of complex designs and diagrams, the laborious task of free-hand drawing seemed both unnecessary and annoying. At the age of 14, his school days at Gospic were over. We see him then as an extremely sensitive, highly intuitive, slimly-built lad, with fine features and a pair of deep-set, piercing blue eyes. At this time, 1870, his father felt that Nikola, with his high scholastic marks, was sufficiently educated not to continue his studies but go directly into the Ministry. This thought appalled Nikola Tesla and he developed what was probably a psychosomatic illness. He lapsed into complete lethargy and the Gospic doctors, unable to diagnose his sickness, gave up all hope of saving his life. Tesla claims that it was a passage in a book by Mark Twain that restored him to health. Later, the two men were to meet in New York and become close friends, and when Tesla expressed gratitude for the book that saved his life, tears trickled unashamedly down Mark Twain's face.

Tesla's father, thoroughly frightened at Nikola's illness, was now anxious to please the lad and he agreed to send him to Carlstadt College in Croatia to continue his studies. Here, Nikola lived with an aunt and uncle, under strict discipline, and they were not particularly happy years for young Tesla. However, he thrust all his vast mental energy into his studies, working day and night, and in 3 years, he completed a 4-year course, with high honours, and obtained his certificate.

Returning to his home in Gospic, Nikola, weakened by overwork, was immediately stricken with cholera and confined to bed for 9 months. He was sinking rapidly when his father was summoned to the youth's death bed. Trying to cheer the boy, he asked if there was anything he could do to help him. Nikola whispered weakly that if he had something to live for, namely a career as an engineer, he might recover. The old man willingly gave his promise to send him to the finest technical college in the world. So the wheels of Fate turned in Tesla's favour and the old magic, which had saved him so many times before, re-appeared in the shape of a strange decoction brewed from bitter beans, which cured the boy. And thus Nikola Tesla was ready to launch on an electrical engineering career destined to change the world and richly benefit humanity.

(To be continued in the next issue of Topside.)

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT REVEALS 13-YEAR OLD UFO SECRET!

The "Ottawa Journal" of July 20, 1967 carried the report that Canada's Defence Minister, the Hon. Paul Hellyer, had disclosed in an interview a hitherto Top Secret UFO project, i.e., that 13 years ago the Canadian Government had made available the Defence Research Board Experimental Station at Suffield, Alberta, as a landing site for Unidentified Flying Objects. He stated that no extraterrestrial flying objects ever sought to land on this 1,000-square-mile restricted tract of land over which no aircraft, defence or civilian, was allowed to fly without special permission. The idea behind the classified project was that if any UFO tried to make contact with Earth, it could land at the DRB station without being shot down by defence interceptors.

He went on to say that after checking out the rash of flying saucer sightings in the late 1940s and in the 1950s, special scientific committees set up in Canada and the United States concluded that the evidence presented on UFOs showed no indication that they represented a threat to national security. According to Mr. Hellyer, the special Canadian committee ceased to function about 10 years ago. Surprisingly, after a long governmental silence policy and even flat denials from the Department of Transport, it is now admitted that our founder, the late Wilbert B. Smith, was a member of this early committee and furthermore that he set up at the Shirley's Bay Research Station near Ottawa, specially designed apparatus for the purpose of detecting any UFOs passing overhead although it is claimed that while recording all aircraft flying above it, it did not register any object which could not be explained away.

As a result of the recent increased number of UFO sightings in Canada, particularly in Manitoba, it is now reported that the National Research Council is planning to set up a special committee to study the latest reports on UFOs and that it will probably operate under the chairmanship of Dr. R.S. Rettie, Head of the Space Research and Facilities Branch of NRC in Ottawa. Its objective will be to check into the current crop of UFO sightings to determine whether there is justification for launching a new scientific investigation of the UFO phenomena.

Mr. Hellyer has refused to commit himself one way or the other on UFO reports, but states he is keeping an open mind on the subject. We feel that Canada's Defence Minister is to be commended on his open-minded approach to the UFO mystery and for releasing more information to the public on this fascinating enigma.

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TORONTO MAN WITNESSES LANDED UFO AND WHITE-CLAD HUMANOIDS

According to a report in the "Ottawa Journal" of August 23, 1967, Mr. Stanley Moxon, a resident of Toronto, was travelling in his car to Montreal when at 4 a.m., this day, he saw a green light in a field to his right on Highway 15 near Joyceville (about 40 miles south-west of Ottawa). He turned off his lights and drove down a side road. A few minutes later he turned on his lights and "they shone on a huge saucer-like craft. Two persons, about 4-ft. high and wearing white suits and helmets, were startled by the lights and appeared to fly back into the saucer." Mr. Moxon reported the incident to the Smiths Falls Police who, in turn, forwarded the information to the Kingston Provincial Police for further investigation. In making his report, Mr. Moxon assured the police that he was not tired and had not been "seeing things".

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ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

In our last issue, we published the message received by Mr. X from his space contacts, "The Two Friends" warning of the approach of a third global war, together with our appeal for prayer and positive thought to avert this great tragedy. It would appear that this appeal has been answered to some degree for Mr. X has now received a further message from the Two Friends in which they hold out greater hope for the future and thank us for our help. The message reads: "We are making further attempts to rectify the world trouble. We believe we have made some headway, but we cannot do the impossible. Israel is on the side of justice for she has a destiny to fulfil. We shall watch her with much interest. That is where our sympathies are. Her part is all-important to us and to the whole world. In our prophesies of long ago, we told of her rise to great things. Justice is on her side. We believe we can soften the blow. There is now vileness in the highest of places and men are afraid of the things that are on earth, for they know not where to look for help. We know, and you know. We thank you for your help. The Two Friends."

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"UFO CONTACT"

As with many other UFO publications, "UFO CONTACT", a high quality periodical put out bi-monthly by IGAP, has just about managed to weather the inevitable financial storms of its first year of publication, but is in need of further support to continue its excellent work. We, as subscribers to this magazine, can highly recommend it as a well-produced publication full of interesting articles and UFO data and also for its "Open Letters" to world leaders and VIPs to whom complimentary copies are sent on a regular basis. "UFO CONTACT" is carrying out a very worthwhile project, with a positive approach to the UFO problem, and it deserves our continued support. Yearly subscription rate (6 issues) is \$3.50 (surface mail) or \$5.00 (air mail). Remittances by international money order should be sent to: IGAP Information Service, Bavnevolden 27, Maaloev SJ, Denmark.

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ETHERIAN PHILOSOPHY

The Etherian Religious Society of Universal Brotherhood is putting out an extremely interesting little booklet explaining the Basic Concepts of the Etherian Religion, its 12 Points of Belief, 5 Laws of Behaviour and the 5 Levels of its Brotherhood of Light. The keynote to this philosophy is Universal Love and its ultimate objective is the establishment of an Etherian Race on this planet. A copy of this inspiring and enlightening booklet may be obtained for 30¢ from: E.R.S.U.B., P.O. Box 446, San Marcos, Calif. 92069, U.S.A.

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UFOLOGICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA

Mr. John J. Robinson, Assistant Editor of "Saucer News" and "Searchlight", is at present collecting data from all over the world on UFO researchers, groups and their activities, published UFO books, articles, etc., with the objective of compiling this material into a comprehensive Ufological Encyclopedia which he hopes will fill an acute need in present and future UFO research. Mr. Robinson, in explaining his motive for this extensive project, describes himself as "a UFO researcher for at least 15 years, and a settled man, age 60, who wishes to leave something worthwhile behind."

He appeals to all sincere Ufologists and UFO groups to assist him in this work by supplying relevant information on a questionnaire which he will send out to interested parties. He also asks for listings of UFO organizations and researchers in various parts of the world and states that any helpful suggestions will be honoured with gratitude. Any of our readers willing to co-operate with Mr. Robinson on this worthwhile project should write to him at: 336 Palisade Avenue, Jersey City, N.J. 07307, U.S.A.

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"UFO". by Earl J. Neff.

Review by Lucius Farish.

The author, a prominent figure in UFO research, has given us a very interesting and well-done little booklet. He begins by acquainting the reader with the background of his subject, pointing out that UFOs are by no means a new phenomenon. Ancient Egyptian sightings of 3500 years ago are mentioned, as well as Biblical and Sanskrit references to strange aerial objects.

A total of 8 UFO photographs are included, plus other illustrations. These add greatly to the appearance of the booklet and Mr. Neff gives the pertinent details concerning each one. Data are given concerning UFO sizes, shapes, movements, etc. A review of government policy regarding UFOs is also included, showing that the Air Force, for example, takes the subject much more seriously than their public pronouncements would indicate.

Perhaps the most unusual part of the publication deals with an event which is supposed to have occurred in Africa in 1954. Briefly, it involves a native village in which all inhabitants were killed by "beams of light" from a UFO. This startling story was told to Mr. Neff by an African student attending school in the U.S.

In closing, the author lists several books on the UFO subject which he considers worthwhile, and also gives information on the two leading American organizations, NICAP and APRO.

Although most of the material contained in UFO will be familiar to other researchers, it is an excellent choice for anyone just becoming interest in the subject.

Published in 1966 by Trade Shows Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa. USA. Price: \$1.00 (20 pages).

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BOOK REVIEWS.

"THE WARMINSTER MYSTERY" was written by Arthur Shuttlewood, Features Editor of the "Warminster Journal" and perhaps no-one else was in a better position to record the daily and nightly weird happenings which struck this small Wiltshire town in England for over 2 years commencing Christmas Day, 1964, in a series of strange UFO sightings of various shapes and sizes, often with an accompanying array of lights, smoke, fire, explosions, nerve-shattering sounds and other inexplicable phenomena. To the bewildered residents of the Warminster area, these curious and disturbing occurrences became known as "The Thing" and news of it soon spread across the world, with the result that Mr. Shuttlewood received 1000s of letters and calls from interested people, many of whom offered theories or explanations for these extraordinary events. Mr. Shuttlewood, who kept a daily record of all the puzzling manifestations of "The Thing", gives us a dramatic, blow-by-blow description of these strange events, quoting the reports of eye-witnesses and giving their names, occupations, etc., also his own personal sighting of "a colossal, cigar-shaped spacecraft" which convinced him beyond any doubt of the reality of "The Thing". The eye-witness accounts plus interesting comments by the author and quotes from highly qualified UFO researchers who collaborated with him, make fascinating reading and the whole fantastic story adds up to one of the biggest UFO mysteries of the century.

Mr. Shuttlewood is to be commended for his indefatigable research into the Warminster Mystery, his open-minded reporting of the data gathered and for his collection of a series of interesting photographs taken of the Warminster UFOs which appear in the book. In a final Addendum to the book, the author, after much deliberation, decides to give his readers details of telephone calls he received purporting to come from space entities on other planets. While uncertain in his own mind as to whether these calls were hoaxes, as much of the philosophy expounded by his telephone contactees is of a high spiritual level, he has included them and leaves it to his readers to make the final judgment as to their genuineness. This book is well worth reading and we recommend it to all interested in yet another puzzling aspect of the UFO Mystery.

Publishers: Neville Spearman Ltd., 112 Whitfield Street, London, W.1., England.
Price: 25/-

"INITIATION AND MAGIC" by Mervyn Llewellyn. This book deserves a better title, as to the uninitiated, it smacks a little of witchcraft and occult sects, whereas in reality it is a very learned treatise on Yoga concepts and Zen Buddhist philosophy, with emphasis on the development of the Real Self by means of a discipline consisting of Self-Observation, Self-Remembering (the art of withdrawal) and Non-Identification, which it is claimed, leads to a knowledge of all truth. Early in the book, the author gives his readers a true interpretation of the word "magic", explaining that Transcendental Magic is the Art of Conscious Evolution and that the original word "magick" was derived from the old Persian word "magus" meaning a wise or enlightened man. Yoga, he claims, is the oldest science in the world; an exact science of the development of consciousness. Yoga says: Carry out certain instructions and certain results will unfailingly follow. Of Zen, he contends that all true religion has at some period partaken of the nature and spirit of Zen and that even Christianity owes its origin to Zen concepts. In Chapters dealing with Mind and Evolution, Centers of Consciousness, Dimensions of Intelligence, etc., he traces the development of consciousness from the

unicell to Man. Recognition of Man's Real Self and the development of "4th Dimensional Intelligence", i.e., Conscious Evolution, he states, leads to a life which has meaning, with increasing enlightenment and better physical and mental health. Transcendental Magic, he claims, brings immunity from wounds, harm and danger, as when Man perceives his meaning and takes up his own evolution consciously, he ceases to be subject to the law of accident and comes under his own fate.

Dealing with a highly complex and transcendental subject, Mr. Llewellyn writes in scholarly and impeccable English, using an extensive vocabulary which will no doubt delight the intellectual reader, but the reviewer is of the opinion that, while acknowledging Mr. Llewellyn's obvious literary talents and the intricacy of his subject matter, his valuable message might reach more people if it were couched in less academic and more simple language. Nevertheless, this book represents an extremely valuable contribution to the art of the development of Conscious Evolution.

Publishers: Helios Book Service Ltd., 8 The Square, Toddington, Nr. Cheltenham, Glos. England.

Price: U.K. 21/- . U.S.A. and Canada - \$4.00.

"ELEMENT 79" is the title of one (and incidentally, a most amusing one, which many of us would like to see come true!) of a collection of short stories written by Fred Hoyle, the internationally-renowned astronomer. These stories are mainly in the realm of science fiction but science fiction with a difference, for they are written by a scientist who employs all the skills and knowledge of his profession in such an expert manner that the reader is often left wondering where the facts end and the fiction begins. Based on present-day science and its projections for the future and incorporating Earth's scientists' headlong plunge along a course towards a specific goal, often with little heed of the consequences for future humanity-at-large, Fred Hoyle takes us on time capsule journeys into the future and paints graphic and sometimes frightening pictures of the life of homo sapiens in days to come. Into this series of stories, with widely differing themes, Mr. Hoyle manages to inject a fascinating mixture of high drama, the challenge of science, the spice of sex, a sense of morals, intriguing glimpses of the future our descendents may be headed for, and curious 'twist' endings, which all add up to highly stimulating reading. In short, another triumph from the Hoyle pen.

Publishers: General Publishing Co., Ltd., 30 Lesmill Road, Don Mills, Ont. Canada.

Price: \$5.65.

"BE YOURSELF - THE ART OF RELAXATION" by Dr. Israel Regardie. This small book contains an abundance of sound advice and practical instruction on how we can all combat the biggest enemy of today's Rat Race - muscular and emotional tension - by learning the gentle art of relaxation by both physical and metaphysical methods. The author, a practicing physiotherapist and trained psychoanalyst of many years experience, has also made a deep study of the psychic and meta-physical sciences and is well qualified to pass on the knowledge gained from a life-time of study and practical experience. In lucid and extremely well-written language, he gives clear-cut examples of physical and mental exercises which can be easily undertaken by most of us and which bring about complete relaxation with the result that latent abilities and mental powers become sharpened and our true personalities evolve to their fullest extent. In dialogue form, he takes us through a series of such exercises, in conversation as between

the doctor (himself) and the patient (the reader), illustrating the amazing benefits obtained from the resultant complete relaxation. This method of relaxation, he claims, results in improved health, happiness and ability and a spiritual capacity considerably beyond the normal, as we become our new and true selves. To all who may be interested in taking on a new lease of life, with limitless possibilities, this excellent little book is highly recommended.

Publishers: Helios Book Service (Publications) Ltd., 8 The Square, Toddington, Nr. Cheltenham, Glos., England.

Price: \$1.75.



"UFOs FOR THE MILLIONS" by Howard V. Chambers. This book, one of the "For the Millions" series on mainly metaphysical subjects, represents a concise, historical account of the more important UFO happenings around this planet from ancient to modern times, recounting Biblical interpretations, records from ancient history, sightings throughout the centuries and on to the modern "classics", commencing with the Kenneth Arnold epic up to the latest reports at time of publication. The author deals capably and with a commendably open-minded approach, with most of the puzzling aspects of the UFO Mystery and while one is left in no doubt that he is a convinced ufologist himself, he presents arguments for and against the UFO case and leaves the reader to be the final judge. In two chapters entitled "Foes of UFOs" and "Friends of UFOs", Mr. Chambers gives both sides of the great UFO controversy, presenting the pros and cons, with actual quotes from well-qualified participants in the battle of words on the biggest enigma of this century. He devotes a chapter to "The Contactees" in which brief accounts of some of the better-known claims are discussed, including those of the "Famous Five" who allegedly have ridden in UFOs. Another chapter deals with UFO study groups and alleged communication with space beings. Some interesting theories are put forward in the chapter "Intelligent Life on Other Planets" including details of a somewhat startling proposal that earth scientists may in the future work on a "reconstruction" of the solar system with the objective of the extensive colonization on uninhabited planets of Earth's over-populated masses! In his last chapter, Mr. Chambers puts forward some extremely valuable advice on exactly what to do in the event of witnessing a UFO. Bearing in mind that many genuine UFO sightings are rendered valueless or inconclusive due to poor investigation and reporting methods, these practical, down-to-earth suggestions on how to get the most value from a sighting are, alone, worth the modest price of this interesting book.

Publishers: The Copp-Clark Publishing Co. Ltd., 517 Wellington St. West, Toronto 2B, Ontario, Canada.

Price: \$2.55.



"ONE LITTLE CANDLE"

One little red candle - this, and a silent prayer for World Peace at a given time on Christmas Day, are all that it takes for you to become a member of the now millions-strong International Christmas Candle Club. With Christmas Time approaching, your Editor thought it appropriate to bring to the attention of our readers in good time, details of this Christmas Day candle-lighting ceremony which, from very humble beginnings, has now become a world-wide custom and a terrific power for Peace on Earth and Goodwill towards Men. It all started off about 10 years ago, when the Editor's sister, now Madame President of the ICCC at World Headquarters in England, suggested a

simple candle-lighting ceremony on Christmas Day at a set hour (8 p.m. in England and 3 p.m. in Ottawa, Canada) as a means of linking up the absent member of the family with her relatives in England. Over the years, friends on both sides of the Atlantic asked to join in the ceremony. The idea was passed on and extended to many parts of the world and thus the International Christmas Candle Club came into being and a simple prayer for World Peace was incorporated into the candle-lighting ceremony.

Just prior to Christmas, 1965, the "Ottawa Journal" featured an article on the Candle Club. The story was picked up by various news media and featured on TV, radio and by newspapers right across Canada and the U.S. As a result of this unexpected publicity, the Canadian Secretary received a flood of correspondence from individuals, church groups and various organizations stating they had joined in the ceremony and while, with a "snowballing" operation of this kind, it is impossible to assess accurately the exact number of people taking part, it is estimated that membership must now run into millions across the world - a wonderful power for the Peace Prayer! We therefore invite our readers to join in this charming Christmas Day custom, with its vital power for good. There are no fees, rules or regulations - all one has to do to become a member of the ICCC is to light a red candle at the appointed hour, send out thoughts of goodwill to other candle-lighters across the world and make a silent prayer for World Peace. In order that the Peace Prayer concentration may have its optimum effect, it is desirable that we all light our candles at the same time to correspond with the lighting of the red candle on Christmas Day by Madame President at World HQs, England, i.e., 8 PM (20 hours) in that country. The following list gives the appropriate candle-lighting times for those countries to which Topside is sent or likely to reach - and it's amazing from what odd corners of the Earth we receive enquiries!

: AUSTRALIA	:	: CYPRUS	10 PM	:	: NORWAY	9 PM	:
: Victoria/N.S.W.	6 AM	: CZECHOSLOVAKIA	9 PM	:	: PANAMA CANAL ZONE	3 PM	:
: Queensland	6 AM	: DENMARK	9 PM	:	: PHILIPPINES	4 AM	:
: Tasmania	6 AM	: EGYPT	10 PM	:	: PORTUGAL	8 PM	:
: S. Australia		: FINLAND	10 PM	:	: RHODESIA	10 PM	:
: N. Territory	5.30 AM	: FRANCE	9 PM	:	: SIERRA LEONE	8 PM	:
: W. Australia	4 AM	: GERMANY	9 PM	:	: SINGAPORE	3.30 AM	:
: AUSTRIA	9 PM	: GHANA	8 PM	:	: SOUTH AFRICA	10 PM	:
: BELGIUM	9 PM	: GIBRALTAR	9 PM	:	: SWEDEN	9 PM	:
: BERMUDA	4 PM	: GREECE	10 PM	:	: SWITZERLAND	9 PM	:
: BRAZIL	4 PM	: ISRAEL	10 PM	:	: TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	4 PM	:
: CANADA		: ITALY	9 PM	:	: UNITED STATES		:
: Newfoundland	4.30 PM	: JAMAICA	3 PM	:	: Eastern	3 PM	:
: Atlantic	4 PM	: JAPAN	5 AM	:	: Central	2 PM	:
: Eastern	3 PM	: KENYA	11 PM	:	: Mountain	1 PM	:
: Central	2 PM	: MALTA	9 PM	:	: Pacific	12 NOON	:
: Mountain	1 PM	: MEXICO	2 PM	:	: Alaska - East	12 NOON	:
: Pacific	12 NOON	: NETHERLANDS	9 PM	:	: Alaska - West	9 AM	:
: Yukon	11 AM	: NEW ZEALAND	8 AM	:	: Hawaii	10 AM	:
: COSTA RICA	2 PM	: NIGERIA	9 PM	:	: SPAIN	9 PM	:

In wishing our readers a Joyous Christmas this year, we hope that you will all join in the candle-lighting ceremony and make the Peace Prayer your Christmas Gift to the World!