

magic, Satan worship, contacts and experiences with evil powers are relatively commonplace" and "the fact of evil spirit powers is all too well attested" (pp 93-4) and numerous other such statements all quite unsupported.

We have in this book a scientist who is obviously as unscientific in his support of evil spirits as he accuses von Daniken of being in his support of visiting astronauts. Herein lies the enigma.

I am forced to conclude that Wilson felt a compulsion to pull the rug from under von Daniken simply because of the latter's success in turning much public favour away from archeologists thus downgrading their stature in the public eye. This conclusion is supported by the facts that Wilson begins his treatise with a vehement defence of archeologists and their methodology and finally (p 112) admits "von Daniken appears to have a special 'thing' against archeology as we have already pointed out. In fact it was because of this that a number of people urged me to write this survey". (Italics mine).

Finally, the alternative to "Chariots of the Gods?" which the cover and title page claim this book offers is not at all obvious. The author appears to be suggesting that any 'gods' which may have appeared on Earth were not physical astronauts but evil spirits, but he does not claim any relationship between such spirits and the evidence von Daniken attributes to astronaut-gods.

Dr. Wilson has done nothing to raise the stature of archeologists and by stooping to the same unscientific tactics of which he accuses his opponent he has failed to defrock von Daniken.