

aspects of UFO flight seems to be that they do not move in ballistic orbits, but seem able to move in whatever direction they please - not at all in the manner of orbital type vehicles such as satellites. His ego was showing, concerning the "talking to us" - I suppose he felt that since astronomers are concerned with the external universe, if visitors were coming from outer space they would immediately speak to the astronomers. "They" apparently haven't asked for an audience with him or his colleagues so obviously we are not being visited.

I maintain that we need a frame of reference for the potential encounters between outerspace visitors and earthlings that does not involve such an egotistical assumption as our equality with the visitors. First, we have to recognize that it may well be that there have been official contacts between ET life and various governments on earth without our being informed of them. Many other significant, potentially less panicky, events have been kept from the peoples of the world by the governments of the world - always of course for the "good of the country" or at least the best interests of the governments - it says here in small print. Secondly, we must recognize the smallness of both our chunk of space and the chunk of time represented by earth's technological and sociological development when examined on a cosmic level. The planet earth has been around for roughly 5 billion years. Human type creatures have been on the surface of that planet for, at most, about 10,000,000 years, or 0.2% of the earth's history. We have recorded history available to influence our own development for roughly several thousand years. We have been aware of gravity for perhaps 300 years; have flown in powered aircraft for fewer than 75 years - have been capable of receiving a radio signal from outer space for fewer than 50 years, have discovered the means by which our own star, the sun, produces its energy fewer than 40 years ago and duplicated it on more than a lab scale fewer than 20 years ago - and walked on another body in our own solar system for the first time fewer than 3 years ago. Some parts of the universe outside of our solar system have been around more than 13 billion years. If we could advance from wood fires producing hot air to run balloons to the 6 million pound Saturn 5 rocket in a couple of hundred years, on what basis can we presume that others had not done so billions of years ago or say at least 5 billion years after the formation of their stars??? Why stop at travel within a quarter of a million miles of home (the moon) when the universe is so large? The moon is 1.5 seconds away at the speed of light. The sun is 8 light minutes away at the same speed and the nearest star is under 5 light years away. We are, however, aware of stars billions of light years away in all directions. In the light of even our own undoubtedly extremely limited knowledge of the universe, interstellar travel is as feasible today as moon flights were in 1940 - no "new science" needs to be discovered, though if we survive, we will undoubtedly discover plenty of new science.

To return to the apparent absence of contact - we should really ask "why should they make contact with us?", which in a very real sense would make us as important as they are. I really can't understand anyone's notion that we would be as important, exciting, helpful, friendly, informative, etc., to them as they might be to us. Their technology has to be well in advance of our own - quite easily a million years... this means we would have plenty to gain from them (since progress comes from doing things differently) but what would they gain from us? I can't see any areas of technology, agriculture, sociology, religion, cosmology or anything else in which we could expect to have information useful to them that they don't already have; except perhaps information about how earthlings will behave when we get "out there" and, perhaps information about why we behave in the primitive, anti-humanistic anti-all-religious faiths fashion in which we do indeed behave.

Can anyone seriously say that the behavior of the societies on this planet is desirable, humanistic, rational, or religious???

I believe that all the jokes about take me to your leader are a kind of whistling in the dark means of protecting our own egos and of trying to convince ourselves that we are OK, important, worthwhile, etc.

Would any earthlings seriously suggest that this planet has a leader to be taken to? Would any earthling seriously suggest and believe that the major governments on this planet would willingly and openly share the technology that is potentially available as a result of either capturing or being given a saucer to study?? Would any earthling seriously suggest that the inhabitants of this planet have shown sufficient responsibility as "universarians" to be trusted with the kind of "new" energy control and production systems such as must be involved in the saucers?? Do we deserve the gifts of the future without having learned how to use the efforts of the past?

Is there any reason to expect that mankind would have any more understanding and acceptance of the motivations of our visitors than whites have of blacks, communists of capitalists, Arabs of Israelis? How do astronomers and other scientists dare to suggest, as they have that, if "they" were coming here they wouldn't sit over swamps when they could visit Paris - they wouldn't land behind girls' college dormitories (as if the dormitories were why they landed) and wouldn't come near our planet without asking our permission or talking to the National Academy of Sciences or dropping in at the White House for tea. Surely men who study anthraps, bacteria colonies, flocks of kangaroos, or even dolphins don't enter into formal negotiations with the parties being studied. We don't deny the ants, bees, kangaroos and dolphins are worth studying or that these creatures have intelligence. We simply don't require their understanding, acceptance, love, before we make a move to look over their activities. We don't expect them to be able to tell us more about their activities than we can get from our own studying, do we??

Before attacking the mystery of why bother coming to the earth at all, we should not neglect the many reports of individual interactions between ET collectors and earthling specimens. I would heartily recommend John Fuller's "Interrupted Journey" as a detailed report of what I consider to be a genuine interaction between earthlings and extraterrestrials. It is frightening on the one hand that "they" could do as they please with their specimens - but comforting that there did not seem to be any desire to injure or in any way permanently damage the Hills - either physically or emotionally. One must ask how many other earthlings have been put through the same ordeal without discovering it?? After all there are few psychiatrists in the country and only a small percentage of them use regressive hypnosis on a regular basis, and only an even smaller percentage of those who do, have the background and skill of Dr. Simon and the raw material of the Hills to work with. I should add that I spent about four hours with Betty and Barney in November of 1968, a few months before Barney's death, of natural causes, in February of 1969. I was very impressed with them in every respect - intelligence, integrity, sensitivity, openness, sense of humor, etc. Incidentally, I am now aware of at least one case of persons in the Los Angeles area who have a missing time interval associated with a UFO sighting. I would be delighted to learn of others.

MYSTERY: "If they are not interested in making contact why come here in the first place?"

In a sense this question is unanswerable without talking to the UFO pilots. However, it is worth some specu-