

"CHANNELLED" LITERATURE: WHAT THE PSYCHICS ARE SAYING ABOUT UFOS

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INTRODUCTION
By Editor, FSR

Mr. Vince Migliore, a writer and researcher on UFO matters who lives in Santa Rosa, California, contacted me early in 1992 and reminded me that some time ago I was bemoaning the current dearth of evidence for "Goodies" among our alleged Visitors, and he enclosed this article which he has compiled and which summarises much of the seemingly "better" channelled material that he has been able to pinpoint.

He has written for The MUFON UFO JOURNAL and for UFO MAGAZINE, as well as for various trade publications.

While I am, as most FSR readers probably know, inclined in principle to take a very sceptical view of this kind of completely unverifiable material (particularly of all this recent popular American channelling allegedly from "Space beings" or concerning what we call "UFOS") I do agree with Mr. Migliore that, if we are to claim that we are fair and even-handed, then it is probably high time that we at least take a serious look at the stuff, so I am very happy to publish his article.

After that, as Mr. Migliore says, it will be for everyone to judge for himself or herself as to its merits. I would particularly draw the attention of our readers to the remarkable fact that the whole body of this "inspirational" material dealt with in this article stems from the U.S.A. alone, and that, moreover, the same is still the case if one goes right back to the beginnings of the 19th century, for those three other astounding "channelled" documents, THE BOOK OF MORMON, OAHSPE and URANTIA, also had their origins in America. (Remember, too, that what we now call "Spiritualism" also had its beginnings in the America of the middle of the last century, and we still do not know the truth as to what lies behind "Spiritualism", or what is its connection (seemingly more and more apparent) with our so-called "UFO Phenomenon". Whatever the reasons may be for this state of affairs, there are thoughtful people who feel that all these strange "inspirational books" are of great importance in the study of the evolution of thought in the U.S.A. and of everything that we today sum up under such blanket terms as "New Age", "New Age Thought", "New Thought", etc.

Moreover it would be foolish to overlook the fact that most of the great religious texts and documents of mankind, in Hebrew, Arabic, Sanskrit, Greek, and other ancient languages, were also "channelled". (*Maybe this is how everything of any spiritual importance, including much of the Hebrew Old Testament, has come to mankind? We know that the Our'an is traditionally said to have been dictated to Muhammad in a cave - i.e., it was received clairaudiently. Received clairaudiently too, and in our own days, were the enormous COURSE IN MIRACLES (dealt with in the present article) and Pak Subuh's SUSHILA BUDDHI DHARMA, taken down in his native tongue, High Javanese, by the Indonesian Sufi Master.*)

There is a very great need for somebody to make a prolonged study of all these curious huge books, none of which, I emphasise, are claimed to be the product of the ordinary rational human intellect.

Of the eleven sources listed and used by Vince Migliore, I am already familiar with only four — namely Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 7. No. 4, THE URANTIA BOOK, an absolutely massive work, I personally find totally unreadable, boring and indigestible, though I am fully ready to accept that it really is "genuine" in the sense that it was "received paranormally". But I cannot for the life of me imagine that the TRUTH about the Cosmos and about Man requires to be wrapped up in quite such a tiresome and interminable mass of guff!

On the other hand I was also already fully acquainted with No. 7, A COURSE IN MIRACLES (another vast compilation) and with much of the associated writings produced by this active and articulate group of people. I heard their Dr. Gerald Jampolski speak at a large public meeting in London (at St. James' Church, Piccadilly), and I feel obliged to say that I think A COURSE IN MIRACLES truly is a highly valuable document for contemporary mankind, constituting as it does a powerful addition to the main-stream of the Christian Tradition. Unquestionably the work arrived in a markedly unconventional fashion (clairaudience) through a very educated, very intellectual, very critical Jewish (!) lady psychiatrist at Columbia University. (I intentionally emphasise this point that she was Jewish, for, as I have mentioned, the book bolsters the main thrust of Christian thought. *There is no conflict.*)

In fairness, therefore, I am obliged to say that I rate A COURSE IN MIRACLES as one of the most powerful "paranormal" documents of all time, and I would urge everyone at least to dip into it, even if they do not manage to read it completely. I feel positive that such a work cannot have come from anywhere but the highest SOURCES likely to be open to such a rather lowly creature as poor old *Homo Sap.* EDITOR

VINCE MIGLIORE'S ARTICLE

Why are people fascinated with flying saucers? Isn't it because of the impact that contact would have on our lives? The UFO occupants can be assumed to carry vast scientific and social knowledge, a galactic treasure of information that would be useful to mankind.

We can get a few precious insights into this information from interviews with people who have been abducted, but this is usually meagre and often contradictory. Then there are those sources that claim telepathic communication, or channelled messages. Unfortunately these are, more often than not, the work of charlatans and frauds.

The UFO movement seems to have split into two schools accordingly, the "hardware" group, and the "space brothers" group. The former tends to focus on such aspects as physical evidence, electromagnetic effects, and reliable witnesses. This is a relatively safe approach, but it's slow moving, and we haven't learned much over the last 40 years. On the other hand, the space brothers school, as I've warned, is prone to fakes and frauds.

So how do we make progress in understanding UFOs?

What I've attempted to do is examine a large number of so-called channelled works and see if there is any merit to them. Then I've tried to separate the wheat from the chaff. The approach I've used is admittedly subjective.

Here's what goes into the trash pile:

1. Any self-proclaimed guru that asks to be worshipped, followed, or paid large sums for his/her advice, and anyone who badmouths other gurus.
2. Any system of discipline that takes years of work, sacrifice or study in order to be "saved" or enlightened; anything with lots of special terminology; anything that reads like a grade D- paper from a psychology student.
3. Any theory or revelation that generates fear, hatred or anger.

Here's what I accept or read a second time:

1. Works that agree well with common sense, historical UFO cases or scientific findings of the hardware school of study (mentioned above).
2. Material that seems to be inspired, or that resonates with something inside me, that seems innately true and valuable.
3. Material that envisions a positive outcome, that

tends to heal, comfort, and bless.

From this, I've selected a few of what I feel are the best channelled books I can find. Each of these is examined in a sort of mini-review below. You're not asked to believe, but to judge for yourself.

I. The Urantia Book

The Urantia Book (1) consists of over 2000 pages of detailed descriptions of entities, personalities, angels and companions that make up our world and the worlds of space. It is divided into four parts.

Part I, "*The Central and Superuniverses*", describes the Universe, the Sons, Messengers, Angels and spirits that inhabit the Universe and relates over several chapters the definitions of God, His Son and the Spirits. It details the organisation of these various entities and the function they play in the hierarchical government of the Universe.

Part II, "*The Local Universe*", depicts our local Galaxy and our solar system, relating how Earth (Urantia) fits into the overall scheme. Part III, "*The History of Urantia*" chronicles in minute detail the geological history of the Earth, the development of plant and animal life, and the evolution of man. The development of early man and civilizations is constantly viewed in the light of our spiritual evolution.

Part IV, "*The Life and Teachings of Jesus*", devotes over 700 pages to the life of Christ, his spiritual development, and the relationship between his mission on Earth, the enlightenment of mankind and our role in the Universe.

I must admit a confused opinion on this book. Some chapters seem cluttered, like government gobbledegook on a cosmic scale. On the other hand, this work was channelled in the 1930s, and first published in 1955, yet it contains many detailed scientific descriptions of early man, genetic characteristics, land bridges and ice ages (to name a few) that were not discovered until the 1970s. Further, some of the passages on the life of Jesus are, in my opinion, definitely inspired, in the truest sense of the word.

UFO buffs might find plenty of specific material of interest. There are several descriptions, for example, of the taking of plasma samples for use by extraterrestrials. To quote:

"Fifty males and fifty females of the Andon and Fonta posterity, representing the survival of the best strains of that unique race, were chosen by the Life Carriers...Here the one hundred human subjects were given into the hands of the highly skilled volunteer commission from Avalon, who directed the material extraction of a portion of the life plasm of these Andon descendents. This living material was then transferred to the material bodies constructed for the use of the one hundred Jerusemite members of the Prince's staff." Page 742.

This calls to mind the many abductees who

all that is." Page 6.

More interesting is the picture given of what life will be like during and after the transition. There are references to a period of polarization towards greed and fear, and isn't that now evident in the world, and with the greenhouse effect? Yet we are advised to "not pay attention to the world that is crumbling around you", but focus instead on the building of the new. The first order of business will be the distribution of information, which has already begun in New Age centers. Islands of enlightenment will occur, then rise and expand to meet other islands. Afterwards, in a society capable of a singleness of purpose, we will be able to accomplish feats undreamed of before. Some quotations:

The majority do not have room in their belief structures to accommodate so grand a being as an angel or an extraterrestrial, so they respond to our influence as if it were coming from themselves.

They feel good, they feel clear, they feel the changes in the air. They wake up a little, throw off some of their defence mechanisms and bring a newer and fresher perspective into each situation." Page 32.

"Awakening will manifest as the building of great floating cities of light, massive fleets of inter-galactic star ships, constructed from biologic components brought to life by the Creative Intentionality that will work through all humans of that age." Page 37.

IV. A Course in Miracles

This epic work has been described as a cross between esoteric Buddhism and the Vedas of Hinduism. The three volume set purports to be the teaching of Jesus Christ for the 20th century. Although not directly referring to the UFO phenomena, the teachings dovetail nicely with some of the theories now being advanced to explain mysterious events, and coincide remarkably well with other channelled works. In essence, the *Course* (7) states that the physical world we see is not real. Our world is made up of mental projections that we have created to take the place of reality. We are in effect living in a dream. The goal then is not to change the dream, but to wake up to reality. This is accomplished through forgiveness, which restores our sense of oneness with all living things.

The *Course* consists of three volumes, the *Text*, the *Workbook for Students*, and the *Teachers' Manual*. The *Workbook* consists of 365 lessons, one for each day of the year. Some typical chapter headings: "32. I have invented the world I see", "129. Beyond this world there is a world I want", "325. All things I think I see reflect ideas", and "333. Forgiveness ends the dream of conflict here."

The *Course* was channelled secretly over seven years by two psychology professors at Columbia University, New York. Much of it was written in iambic pentameters. Some quotes:

"Miracles enable you to heal the sick and raise the

dead because you made sickness and death yourself, and can therefore abolish both. You are a miracle, capable of creating in the likeness of your Creator. Everything else is your own nightmare, and does not exist. Only the creations of light are real." - *Text*, page 2.

"Healing is the gift of those who are prepared to learn there is no world, and can accept the lesson now. Their readiness will bring the lesson to them in some form which they can understand and recognize. Some see it suddenly on point of death, and rise to teach it. Others find it in experience that is not of this world, which shows them that the world does not exist because what they behold must be the truth, and yet it clearly contradicts the world." Workbook, page 237.

V. Celestial Raise.

Celestial Raise (8) seems to have been put together by someone (Marcus) with the same ideals as mine. The book is actually a compilation of quotations from fifty six different channels. They claim to be angels, spirits, guides and extraterrestrials. Their message ranges from the fluffy to the factual. The quotations are well organized into top areas, with a focus on personal ethics, metaphysics, UFOs, and Earth changes. Although it leans more towards the spiritual, it has plenty of substance for the UFO researcher.

In the first few pages the sources of the channels are listed, with organizations and addresses for further information. Part of the value of the book is to be able to read the work from several sources, so you can assess the validity of each.

Some samples that I hope are representative: "Question: Could you tell us about your feelings on the space ships that we send up? Do you see them, and do you know if they (our astronauts) see you?"

"We see the ships that are sent up. We see the satellites that are circling. And in many instances we have had to alter, or shall we say modify, some of the flight patterns of some of the ones that have come forth from your Earth. There have been some of your astronauts that have seen our ships, that have seen evidences of our landings upon your Moon." Page 147.

"Our Mother-Craft are so large that your three-dimensional minds would find them inconceivable. From this base or rather these bases, our smaller craft operate. We monitor your waters and oceans to see just how far your pollution has regressed them and the life that inhabits them."

"We delve into your great mountains, and within your Earth's crust, but unlike you who are the natural habitants, we do not harm your Planet in any way." Page 141.

"You see, the predicaments of most of your governments, throughout the world, necessitate their trying to cope with a crumbling system, a

situation of chaos and disintegration of the status quo; if they were to release the information they hold, it would add to the chaos and confusion - and to some extent the lawlessness, which already abound. For when men and women realize that they have been 'hoodwinked', as you would say, for so many years, 'that the truth has been withheld from them by men in power, that Earth people are relatively unevolved, that there are 'Celestial Char- iots, and Celestial Scripts - that the Churches have failed to give them the Truth as to the sublime Nature of Existence and the Creator's Eternal Love, Mercy and Justice - if the peoples of the Earth became aware of the deliberate suppressions and procrastinations of their leaders they would tear them apart in their frenzied rebellion." Page 142.

VI. New Teachings for an Awakening Humanity

New Teachings(9) was supposedly authored by The Christ, and was channelled by Virginia Essene. Much of the material is of the "repent/forgive/awaken" genre, but again, the essence of the teaching is that we are part of a cosmic family, that we have the privilege and responsibility for living with the Earth and with other entities, and that we are about to awaken to our role in the great cosmic plan.

Some quotes:

"Yes, I refer to that which you label the UFOs or 'flying saucers'".

"Mentally superior beings have always monitored your life behaviours - in a constant surveillance of what Earth people are doing - especially in the ever-growing insanity of your Space Race and invention of advanced weaponry. Since the atomic bomb they have been particularly positioned around the Earth to assure protection to Space and to the lifeforms in it, but they have watched for thousands of years. For their seed is here germinating." Page 139.

"Since Space is not empty but part of a far-flung web of life so vast you would have to fall to the ground before it in awe, numbed by its breathtaking power and blinding light, you must awaken to your role regarding its use. The concomitant responsibilities that go with membership in the unending family of creation has been told many times. It is sacred." Page 138.

New Teachings is one of many works claiming to come from classical Christian personalities channelled through devoted servants. Others I recommend, but won't go into detail on, are *Emmanuel's Book*(10), and *All That You Are*(11), to name just two (see references). And what are they saying? They say the same things as all the other channelled books - 1) We are at the borderline of a new age, 2) We are part of a cosmic family, somehow tied with superior beings and a Supreme Being, 3) Our lives and history have been-guided by these beings.

Do you believe it? Or is it just more wishful thinking at a time when the world is desperate for a saviour? These other works are written in a New Age religious context which may be foreign to UFO enthusiasts.

This raises the final point I'd like to make. The "hardware" UFO researchers seem to be at a dead end. Some are content to speculate about propulsion systems and soil samples. The "Space Brother" school in the meantime is saying there's a separate reality out there, and we'd better wake up. The situation can be likened to a crowd hypnotized in a movie theatre. Some are following the screenplay. Others are opening the side doors and shouting that there's another world out there. Maybe it's worth a look.

Look for yourself. Read some of these channelled works, then you decide.■

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ideas.

"This undermines public confidence and trust in science, and counteracts much of the good reporting of more conventional science.

"Please remember and remind the public that for every crank who turns out to be right there are thousands who are utterly wrong".

It should not be thought that we do not feel for Sir Michael Atiyah and Mr. Highfield and the rest of their scientific fraternity. We do. We realize only too keenly the increasingly difficult position in which they are going to find themselves.

One of the most glaring examples of what we are discussing is to be seen in the field of "Psychical Research", or Parapsychology as it is now termed.

It is now a little over 110 years or so since the British Society for Psychical Research was established. Its founders were a brilliant generation of men, including many of the brightest minds among the academics of Cambridge University.

But if you study their findings, as published in their journals over the past century, you will see that they have not got very far. My own impression, as an SPR member, is that probably a great many of them do not really want to discover the facts. Every generation seems to be satisfied with getting more or less as far as a grudging recognition that "telepathy may possibly exist", but that is usually all.

It is many years since I became a member,