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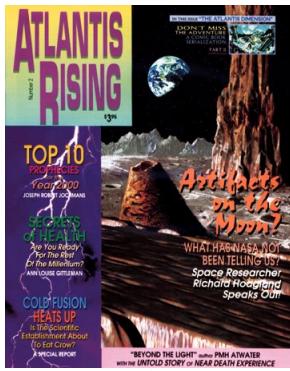
Alas, the holiday season is once again behind us, and as musical performers everywhere are gearing up for their next big recordings, for Christmas of '95, the rest of us are still trying desperately to forget the lilting strains of the Beastie Boys: Holiday Classics and other such fare that graced our ears in music stores throughout December. If you're still suffering from any post-holiday-syndrome, here are a few selections that might be just what the doctor ordered.

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## WELCOME TO THE DAWN OF ATLANTIS RISING,

a different kind of new age publication.

by

Douglas Kenyon, Publisher

As you leaf through the pages of our premier issue, I believe you'll sense what we have in mind, but lest there be any doubt, allow me to spell things out.

Most new age magazines focus strongly on holistic health and life-style matters, and well they should. If the new age is not about developing a higher understanding of the human body and its relationship to the world, then what is it anyway? So we agree with the preeminent importance of holistic health issues and we intend to give them plenty of quality space in this publication.

Having said that, though, it seemed to us that a couple areas very much neglected by most magazines with similar demographic intent were ancient mysteries and future science. We were at a loss to explain why. Here were two subjects which, by virtue of their broad appeal, have a greater potential to attract a large following to the new age banner than yoga or vegetarianism ever could.

Sadly, it appeared that both ancient mysteries and future science have, in fact, been co-opted by those notorious crowd chasers, the tabloid press. In the meantime, those with serious aspirations to raise the planetary consciousness seemed to find such matters somehow beneath them, choosing instead to concentrate on more rarefied concerns. The curious public is left to choose between interesting material presented without credibility or boring material presented in an apparently credible way. An unhappy state of affairs, indeed.

The public's growing fascination with the hidden secrets of our ancient origins and the extraordinary possibilities of our future is an open door to the kind of universal consciousness-raising that all of us hope to see in a dawning new age. Besides, we at Atlantis Rising share that fascination, and we can think of nothing we would rather do than cater to it. We do believe, however, that it is entirely possible to cover such areas with dignity and credibility, while avoiding the sin of becoming bland or boring.

Now you can now decide for yourself if we have succeeded. Be sure to write and let us know what you think. In the meantime, we'll keep raising our sights.

J. Douglas Kenyon

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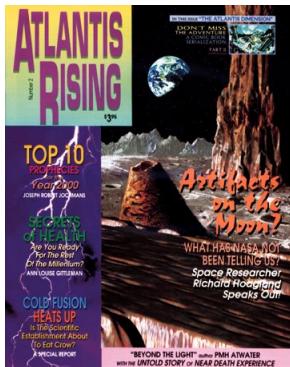
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Since discovery in 1981, a gigantic and enigmatic face gazing upward from the Cydonia region of Mars has held out the tantalizing promise of scientific proof that intelligent life in the universe is not unique to Earth. Though photographed from satellite five years earlier, the face had gone officially unnoticed, so space expert Richard Hoagland (author of *The Monuments of Mars*) and his associates, including many top scientists and engineers who felt anything but optimistic about the chances for an effective official follow-up, proceeded to launch their own investigation. The photos of the Face on Mars and an apparent complex of ruins nearby were subjected to years of exhaustive research. Utilizing the most advanced tools of scientific analysis, The Mars Mission, as the group terms itself, has produced more than enough evidence to argue plausibly that the objects of Cydonia are not only the remains of an ancient civilization, but one possessed of a science and technology well beyond our own.

The startling possibility that such artifacts exist has created considerable public pressure to return to the red planet, and was cause for more than a little consternation in the summer of 1993 when NASA lost contact with its Mars Observer probe just as it was about to begin a detailed photographic survey which could have proved the issue, one way or the other.

How long now must we wait until the argument can be tested? Well, perhaps not too long after all. As it turns out, the cherished concrete evidence that man is not alone in the universe may well exist in our own back yard, relatively speaking. Within the past two years, the Hoagland group claims to have discovered in numerous NASA photographs evidence of ancient civilization on our closest neighbor, the moon. And in this case, if NASA isn't up to the verification job, Hoagland insists that he and his backers are. The result could be, sometime within the next few months, the first privately funded mission to the Moon.

If anybody can pull it off, Hoagland may be the man. For more than 25 years a recognized authority on astronomy and space exploration, Hoagland has served as a consultant for all of the major broadcast networks. Among his many valued contributions to history and science, the best remembered is probably his conception, along with Eric Burgess, of Mankind's First Interstellar Message in 1971: an engraved plaque carried beyond the solar system by the first manmade object to escape from the Sun's influence, Pioneer 10. Hoagland and Burgess originally took the idea to Carl Sagan, who successfully executed it aboard the spacecraft, and subsequently acknowledged their creation in the prestigious journal *Science*. It was Hoagland who proposed the Apollo 15 experiment in which Astronaut David Scott, before a worldwide TV audience, simultaneously dropped a hammer and a falcon feather to see if it was true, as Galileo predicted, that both would land at the same time. Once again Galileo was vindicated. Since the 1981 discovery of the Face on Mars Hoagland had devoted most of his time to the pursuit of scientific evidence for extraterrestrial intelligence.

We caught up with him the day after Hollywood's latest space epic *Stargate* had opened nationwide to enormous audiences. Since the film deals with the idea of extraterrestrial intervention in Earth's history, we wanted to know what portents, if any, he saw. The problem with the movie, Hoagland offered, is that the vehicle for anything interesting isn't there after the first half-hour. It disintegrated into a kind of shoot-em-up with an awful lot of ends totally unfulfilled. But the film's quality, or lack of it, notwithstanding, Hoagland is encouraged by the public reception. The fact that people are rushing to see this indicates to me there is almost an archetypal compulsion to know more, and if we put together the right vehicle, which we are attempting to do, we may have a ready audience.

Hoagland was alluding to a couple of possible film projects now in the talking stages based on the Mars and Moon work. The outcome, hopefully, will be both a scientific documentary and a fictionalized treatment presenting some of the more speculative aspects of the research. Such matters, though, are not his primary concern.

Uppermost in Hoagland's mind and those of his associates are recent discoveries on the moon. In clear NASA photos, some nearly 30 years old, from both manned and unmanned missions, from orbiters and landers, can be seen giant structures unexplainable by any known geology, what Hoagland calls architectural stuff.

In sharp contrast to the Mars data, where we have been constrained to look at two or three pictures of the Cydonia region with increasingly better technology, 3D tools, color, polarimetric, and geometric measurements, with the moon we are data rich. We have literally thousands, if not millions of photographs.

Yet with pictures taken from many directions and many different lighting conditions, angles and circumstances of every

kind, Hoagland's team has produced stunning corroboration that all the photos are of the same highly geometric, highly structural, architectural stuff. In fact, he says In many cases, the architects on our team now are able to recognize the standard Buckminster Fuller tetrahedral truss, a hexagonal (six-sided) design, with cross bars for bracing. I mean, we're looking at standard engineering, though obviously not created by human beings. The structures appear to be very ancient, battered to hell by meteors...it looks like it had gone through termite school. It's been moth-eaten and shattered and smashed by countless bombardments. The edges are soft and fuzzy because of micro meteorite abrasions like a sand blasting.

Hoagland explains that on an airless world there's nothing to impede a meteor from reaching the surface or reaching a structure on the ground. Nevertheless, we're seeing a prodigious amount of structural material. Spread over a wide area the material is turning up at several locations. It looks as if we're seeing fragments of vast, contained enclosures, domes, although they are not inverted salad bowls. They are much more geometric, more like the step pyramids of the Biosphere II in Arizona. We're looking at something which is extraordinarily ancient left by someone not of this earth, not of this solar system, but from someplace else.

One of the most interesting structures appears to be an enormous free-standing tower, a crystalline glass-like partially preserved structure, a kind of a megacube, standing on remnants of a supporting structure roughly seven miles over the southwest corner of a central part of the moon called the Sinus Medii region.

If all of this exists, one of the most important questions may be: Why didn't NASA notice? If Hoagland is right, Something funny has been going on. Indeed.

Recently Hoagland presented the Lunar material at Ohio State University. In the months since, discussions have raged on the Internet, Prodigy, Compuserve and other on-line computer services. Many questions now being put to him are coming from scientists and engineers within NASA, many of whom have had direct experience with the lunar program, yet who have been kept in the dark regarding any ET evidence. Hoagland has passed on the present state of the research and asked for input, and he's left with the inescapable impression that something incredible has been missed.

As Hoagland sees it, there are only two possible explanations: Either we're dealing with incredible dumbness, in which case we spent \$20 billion for nothing because we went there, took photographs, came home and didn't realize what we were seeing. Or we're dealing with the careful manipulation of the many by the few. The latter may not be as implausible as it might at first sound. If you're in a system which is corner-stoned on honesty, integrity, openness, full disclosure, he explains, and there are folks in there who are operating contrary to those precepts, they won't get caught because no one is suspicious.

Actually Hoagland has moved beyond suspicion to belief, and he says he can prove his point. The smoking gun is a report by the Brookings Institution commissioned by NASA at its inception in 1959. Entitled Proposed Studies on the Implications of Peaceful Space Activities for Human Affairs, the study examines the impact of NASA discoveries on American society 10, 20, 30 years down the road. On page 215 it discusses the impact of the discovery of evidence of either extra-terrestrial intelligence, i.e., radio signals or artifacts left by that intelligence on some other body in the solar system. The report names three places that NASA might expect to find such artifacts, the Moon, Mars or Venus. It then goes on to discuss the anthropology, the sociology, the geo-politics of such a discovery. And it makes the astounding recommendation that for fear of social dislocation and the disintegration of society, NASA might wish to consider NOT telling the American people. It's right there in black and white. It recommends censorship. Now that's what they've been doing. Hoagland believes that anthropologist Margaret Mead, one of the authors of the report, was responsible for the recommendation, which he believes came out of her experience in American Samoa. In the 1940s Mead witnessed the devastation of primitive societies exposed for the first time to sophisticated Western civilization. That experience so moved her, so changed her perspectives that when she examined the whole ET possibility, she projected and mapped on that experience. She basically felt that if we even learned of the existence of extra-terrestrials it could destroy us, therefore people can't be told.

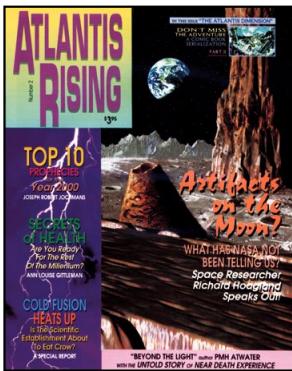
Believing as he does that NASA and perhaps even higher levels of government have been committed to keeping people in the dark regarding the realities of extraterrestrial intelligence, Hoagland is not very sanguine about the chances of success for such high-profile programs as SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence). They are a complete, absolute farce. They are a false front Western town. They do not mean what they purport to mean. They are a red herring. They are a bone to the Star Trek generation. In fact, Hoagland has become so dubious of government intentions on such matters that he suspects the entire alien abduction phenomenon is a misinformation campaign calculated to scare people off the subject. If there has been a policy to obfuscate and confuse people on behalf of the objective data, he reasons, what would that policy do and how far would it extend to the idea of ET contact? If you had a few real contacts with someone who was trying to give us messages and trying to lead us to new insights and the fear on the part of government structure had been that this will destroy civilization itself, would not that government also put in place a program to misinform, to confuse, to politically spin in the wrong direction those few real contacts by submerging them in a sea of misinformation about contacts?

Part of the evidence for benign extraterrestrial contact, Hoagland sees in the crop circle phenomenon. The thing that makes them different from the monuments of Mars or the ancient cities on the moon, he reasons, is that they are occurring in the crop field here on earth and they are occurring in the present time. He sees little doubt that the circles are not of this world. We simply do not have the technology, let alone the knowledge base, to construct the multileveled communication symbols that the crop circles represent. So that once you eliminated the hoaxers.... He chuckles, If Doug and Dave hoaxed the circles, they deserve a Nobel prize. Hoagland resumes his thought. The level of sophistication of the information encoded in these symbols is so vast and so congruent with the lunar and Mars work that you're forced to conclude that whoever the artists are, they know a bit more than contemporary science, and/or the media or, for that matter, the government.

At any rate, Hoagland's group is now planning an end run around the government's monopoly on ET-related space exploration information. The time has come, he believes, for a privately funded mission to the moon. Already investors have expressed interest. We're talking a few tens of millions of dollars, not really the price for the special effects in one major motion picture. We could go to the moon and get stunning live CCD quality color television images of the things we're seeing in these 30-year-old NASA still pictures, still frames. Such a mission, if funded, could be launched within 15 months. Using new technology and a solid fueled rocket, a 500 to 600 lb. payload could be delivered into lunar orbit where it could provide stunning camera and telescopic live transmission capabilities. The mission could even do more science. One group has expressed interest in sending a gamma ray spectrometer designed to survey the moon for water, which in Hoagland's scenario there now has to be.

The mere possibility of such a mission may already be forcing NASA to be more open. Hoagland and other members of his group have recently received a front-door invitation to view extensive previously unreleased film archives. The bureaucracy, he feels, is already moving to cover itself and forestall the eventual embarrassment of being proved out of touch, to say the least.

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## HEAVY WATERGATE

by  
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Scientists would like us to believe they are objective creatures, like Mr. Spock on the Star Trek series. The purely objective scientist, however, may be as fictitious as the pointy-eared Vulcan. The controversy over cold fusion, an emotionally charged battle between scientific orthodoxy and a band of heretics illustrates the point. What we have, Jim, as Spock might say, is not science, but opposing belief systems. This is the dilemma science finds itself in when new data contradicts old dogma. Scientists reveal a religious fervor, dropping the pretense of objectivity, showing that they, like Spock, are at least half human, capable of pride, belief, even inspiration. Einstein didn't bother pretending he was purely objective. He had beliefs about the way the universe works, gleaned from the Vedas in some cases, which he then tried to validate through the arcane calculations of theoretical physics. He said he wanted to know the thoughts of God, an admission that his own perspective could be enhanced by a new understanding. So stating, he, like Socrates, recognized the limitations imposed by intellectual pride, that knowledge requires the admission of ignorance.

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio...

The cold fusion story began in 1989 at the University of Utah, when two electro-chemists, Professors Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann, told the world they had fused atoms at room temperature, reproducing the power of the sun. Ever since, they have been the subject of criticism and ridicule from hot fusionists and theoretical physicists who say cold fusion is impossible. While Pons and Fleischmann claimed to have produced nuclear reactions in water cells, hot fusionists had been trying to do so for decades in large, expensive reactors. Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, having tried and failed to reproduce Pons and Fleischmann's results, cast them and cold fusion into disrepute. Physicists around the country, including a panel assembled by the U.S. Department of Energy, charged the professors with bad science, forcing them to set up a lab in France with the financial backing of Mitaru Toyota, the Japanese car manufacturer.

Pons and Fleischmann, and now numerous others, claimed to have produced nuclear reactions by placing palladium electrodes in water cells and creating excess heat', or energy. The theory is that palladium packs deuterium oxide atoms (heavy water) so tightly together inside the electrodes that they fuse and produce nuclear energy. If the significance isn't immediately apparent, be aware that fusing atoms at room temperature, if applied technologically, would change the world. Cold fusion would create clean, cheap, decentralized energy. Water cells would power homes and cars. Environmental pollution would greatly decrease. It would be the end of the fossil-fuel age and the beginning of the water-fuel age. Wars over oil, like Desert Storm, would become a thing of the past. The possibilities would be endless. Imagine irrigating Ethiopia or the Sudan with cheap, desalinated sea water, indoor fusion-heated farming complexes in Alaska. Imagine filling your Chevy with a garden hose.

While cold fusionists have suffered charges of bad science', the veracity of MIT's results have also been called into question by Dr. Eugene Mallove, author of a Pulitzer-Prize nominated book about cold fusion and former chief science-writer for the MIT News Office. Mallove resigned his post in protest, claiming top level people at MIT's physics department manipulated cold fusion data. Currently he edits Cold Fusion Technology magazine in Concord, N.H. Mallove claims the fix was in from the start, that negative conclusions were drawn before research data was analyzed, and that those involved have a vested interest in maligning cold fusion.

A Canadian Broadcasting Company documentary raised the same question about the MIT research, citing an obvious discrepancy between MIT's real and interpreted data. On the CBC program, MIT's Dr. Ronald Parker explained away admittedly shifted data curves used as evidence that there's nothing more to cold fusion than bad science. Parker said anyone who didn't understand the interpreted data, the shifted curves, doesn't understand how measurements are made.

Dr. Keith Johnson, a theoretical physicist at MIT who presumably does understand how measurements are made, responded, I don't understand what he (Parker) meant.

Even so, the bad science epitaph stuck and is even the title of an anti-cold fusion book by Gary Taubes. The D.O.E. panel drew, in effect, the same conclusion as Taubes. The panel produced a very negative report, putting the kibosh on cold fusion in the U.S. In fact, the report was so negative that officials took cold-fusion research off the table, suppressed research results at Los Alamos National Laboratory and denied patents to anything that even sounds like cold fusion., Case closed?

Hardly.

Mallove says the fix was in with the D.O.E. panel too, that the chairman, Professor John Huizenga, who labels cold fusion 'pathological science', and others, were biased from the start regarding cold fusion. Mallove says the co-chair, Norman Ramsey, threatened to resign if the panel completely nixed the potential of cold fusion. A small concession was made in deference to Ramsey, but the report still drew overwhelmingly negative conclusions.

While Pons and Fleischmann suffered the usual fate of voices crying in the wilderness (intellectual decapitation by DOE), cold-fusionists around the world report experimental results that conflict with the MIT tests and support the Utah results. Reproducibility of the phenomenon called excess heat', where more energy emerges from a cold fusion cell than is put in, is central to scientific credibility. And where MIT's experiments showed no reproducibility, research at the Stanford Research Institute (SRI), the University of Moscow, in Japan, China, France, Italy and India have shown not only reproducibility (100% in SRI's case) but in some cases a second result crucial in proving cold fusion is real: nuclear by-products (i.e., gamma rays).

Dr. Mallove charges that scientific bigotry, as mean-spirited as religious or racial bigotry, has poisoned the waters for cold fusion in the U.S. If that sounds harsh, Mallove offers examples of high-level vindictiveness and subterfuge directed against respected individuals in the scientific community simply because they favor cold-fusion research. Mallove ascribes such bigotry to, among others, Dr. Robert Bergineau, MIT's current Dean of Science who reportedly asked, How did those flakes get on campus? referring to Professor Peter Hegelstein, an MIT graduate and cold-fusion theoretician who invited onto campus Dr. Fred Mayer, an expert in laser fusion who also published a paper on cold fusion. Furthermore, Mallove says, Hegelstein was almost denied tenure because of his support for cold-fusion.

And there's another factor working against cold fusion: \$30 million dollars in research grants going into MIT's hot fusion program annually, with the director's salary at \$200 thousand. Cold fusion, if perceived as viable and worthy of funding, could diminish hot fusion funding or even kill it entirely.

Mallove believes the water-fuel age will arrive within a decade. When that happens, he says, cold fusion's opponents will be struggling to regain their reputations after having launched bitter assaults against a discovery that will greatly benefit mankind. While labeling the current subterfuge surrounding cold-fusion Heavy Watergate, he predicts a more violent reaction when the first prototypical technologies appear, cars or home generators. Then, he warns, the battle will become regulatory, when fossil-fuel interests will try to pass laws to derail cold fusion technology, insisting the matter needs endless study. But Japan, Mallove says, is cold fusion's ace in the hole, a prosperous oil-dependent nation actively engaged in cold fusion research.

In the U.S. there is a degree of envy among cold fusion researchers for their Japanese colleagues. In Japan, the debate over cold fusion is polite and scientific. Researchers are not rashly judged or branded incompetent for suggesting cold fusion could be real. Their American counterparts would like to conduct research in a similar atmosphere, without accusations and emotionalism. In Japan, where over one hundred university research groups are actively trying to tap the power of the sun, the government and private sector lend legitimacy to cold fusion. The Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) recently established an R&D Center and a laboratory with a four-year budget of \$30 million. That's in addition to \$90 million a year already allocated to research. Not surprisingly, the new R&D Center is one floor above the Toyota IMRA Institute in Hokkaido, suggesting close cooperation between the government and private industry. And Japan is only one of several countries active in cold fusion. At the Fourth International Conference on Cold Fusion, in December, 1993, in Maui, Hawaii, scientists from major universities and research groups around the world convened to share recent advancements. Significantly, some attendees claimed to have produced nuclear by-products. The fifth annual conference is scheduled for the spring of 1995 in Nice, France, Pons and Fleischmann's new back yard.

Despite this worldwide support, DOE panelist, John Huizenga, MIT's Ronald Parker and other physicists contend that the idea of cold fusion is preposterous. At the heart of their contention is seventy years of theoretical physics and an intellectual and economic status-quo backed by multi-million-dollar research grants. Atoms simply do not want to fuse, they say, and will not, except in extremely high temperatures or pressures, as in the sun. Moreover, if atoms somehow did fuse in a water cell, the release of energy would kill anybody standing around. (Witness the explosion at SRI's cold fusion lab which killed one scientist and injured another.)

These objections are accepted facts and clearly make sense. But charges of bad science coming out of DOE and MIT do not make sense, given the almost universal reproduction of the baffling excess-heat phenomenon. What makes even less sense, unless we subscribe to Spock's belief-system theory, is the arrogance and verbal brutality described by Mallove when cold fusion is put to the high priests at MIT and elsewhere. Pons and Fleischmann, for instance, were reportedly executed in absentia at a gathering of the American Physical Society in Baltimore. Mallove speaks of a wake for cold fusion at MIT even before the research data was analyzed. Things get ugly when cold fusion is brought up, as if a sacred dogma has been called into question. Like medieval Inquisitors, guardians of the faith recoil, literally red faced, we are told, charging heresy. A reasonable, scientific response, one would think, would be to recognize the reproducibility of the excess heat phenomenon, hence its validity, then try to find out why it is happening.

Dr. Keith Johnson, a theoretical physicist at MIT, thinks intellectual pride plays heavily in the debate. He says theoretical physicists are notoriously confrontational egoistic people who look down their noses at electro-chemists such as Pons and Fleischmann, even though Fleischmann is considered one of the greatest electro-chemists ever. Johnson agrees that belief systems are at play, not only in the cold fusion debate but in other areas of science as well., Spock concurs.

Dr. Johnson, who says he probably understands hydrogen and palladium better than anyone, recognizes the excess heat phenomenon as being real. He says, however, that the reaction has to be chemical, not nuclear. He says recent successful experiments using light water prove that fusion is not taking place because it cannot in light, or ordinary, water.

Even so, he believes water-fueled technology is viable, having filed a patent for a water-fueled motor.

The Japanese share Johnson's view that cold fusion may not be cold fusion at all, having named their MITI-financed research arm, the Institute for New Hydrogen Energy. This semantic, if not substantive, distinction may have a great deal to do with the bitter controversy over what many people call, perhaps mistakenly, cold fusion. The words have taken on a negative connotation similar to perpetual motion', especially at the U.S. Patent Office and DOE. One official in the U. S. government was reportedly enraged at the mere mention of the words, throwing out of his office an unfortunate individual who tactlessly uttered the forbidden words. Nobody wants to be associated with something that some claim is in the realm of crystals and pyramid power. Bill Clinton, no stranger to image problems, talked up cold fusion during the 1992 presidential election. But he and vice president Gore have since gone mute on the subject. Ditto Ira Magaziner, Clinton's policy aid. From the Oval Office down, officials concerned with perception more than reality have distanced themselves from this promising technology because serious scientists told them it was nutty.

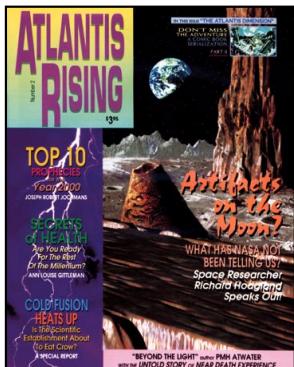
One of the more interesting projects validating the excess heat phenomenon didn't start out as a cold fusion experiment at all, and may help explain why excess heat occurs when science says it should not. It was an attempt by Dr. Randall Mills of MIT to solve the long-standing mystery regarding the nature of dark matter in the universe. Astrophysicists don't know exactly what dark matter is, but they know it exists (dark matter is all the missing mass in the universe physicists can't account for). Mills, a free thinker, thought there was a problem in the calculations of quantum mechanics, which is the way subatomic reality behaves. He courageously set out to recalculate the quanta, theorizing that dark matter is actually a form of hydrogen, the most abundant element in the universe, with a twist: an electron that rotates close to the nucleus in conjunction with a shrinking atom. The revolutionary theory, if correct, would explain why cold fusion isn't fusion at all, but the effect of a physical reality no one ever knew existed. In essence, Mills created a new belief system about the nature of the universe.

Opening a lab in Lancaster, Pa. to test his theory, Mills built a cell, much like a cold-fusion cell, using the hydrogen in water and a nickel electrode instead of palladium. Like so many others, he discovered the excess heat phenomenon, but his conclusion based on his new hydrogen theory bridged the gap between the perceived impossibility of cold fusion and the Pons and Fleischmann results. Whether by nuclear means or not, Mills produced energy from the hydrogen in water. And his theory, if correct, could account for two puzzling results present in many cold-fusion experiments: excess heat and a lack of significant radiation.

Currently, U.S. cold-fusion research continues in a quasi-underground. Some university labs, in the wake of the DOE report, continue their efforts on the sly. Ever since the report, the field has been cast into the realm of pathological science by panelist Huizenga and others, a pathology of epidemic proportions given the international efforts underway. Even so, a reliable source reports an unnamed DOE official as having said, We believe excess heat is real, but we know it's not nuclear. It seems even DOE may come around at some point, but by then it may be too late. While the U.S. sits on the sidelines, breakthroughs of historical significance take place abroad. Dr. Yan Kucherov of Moscow University has reported finding nuclear products in his experiments, perhaps the most significant development yet. Other researchers at the Maui conference claimed to have reproduced parts of Kucherov's results, including Pons and Fleischmann in France. Every year, despite all the protestations, progress continues. Researchers speak of time frames from three to twenty years for the creation of viable water-fueled technology. If they are right, we are approaching the dawn of a new era in human history.

For the environmentally aware, keep in mind that cold fusion, or whatever this phenomenon is, may produce nuclear by-products. But the amount, if any, is inconsequential. Cold fusion, or new hydrogen energy, is clean, safe and infinitely abundant, potentially the best thing for the environment in the modern age. Realizing these benefits, however, may require profound change. Science, like Einstein and Socrates, will have to confess its ignorance in order to gain new knowledge. Ordinary people may have to demand en masse that no special interest stand between them and the invisible abundance of the universe. We may have to become visionaries of a sort, disentangling ourselves from the power grid, the limitations of fossil fuel, the old thinking. We may have to claim a new freedom and a better world as our birthright. That will require some daring, and a new belief system.

To boldly go...

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## NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE: THE UNTOLD STORY

by  
Cynthia Gage

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Imagine being able to smell colors, see music and hear numbers....to look at the air and know the coming weather, or to know the health of people, animals and plants in an area just by sifting a handful of dirt through your fingers. These gifts were natural to author PMH Atwater, who thought all children could feel and sense things as she did. Born in South Idaho Falls near the lip of the Snake River Canyon, PMH seems to have been destined to lead an extraordinary life. She had five fathers and two mothers, and recalls playing with fairies and having tea parties with God. Her imagination and talent weren't often appreciated. She remembers an extremely traumatic first grade year, when I often sat in a front corner of the classroom with a pointed Dunce hat on my head.

Despite the trauma, PMH grew up to become successful in both intuitive and analytical fields, working as a professional astrologer, hypnotherapist, psychometrist, bank analyst, secretary, writer and reporter, as well as being a housewife, mother, prize-winning cook and Sunday school teacher. And, after dying three times in 1977, she became a near-death survivor.

Since being hit with what she calls a heavenly sledgehammer nearly twenty years ago, she has worked seven days a week researching and writing about the near-death phenomenon. She is a Board Member of the International Association for Near-Death Studies and a recognized authority on the subject. While she supports the current media coverage being given bestselling authors Dannion Brinkley (*Saved by the Light*) and Betty Eadie (*Embraced by the Light*), Atwater feels the public is being surfeited with *The Myth of Amazing Grace*, and isn't getting much of what needs to be said about dying and returning to life. So, with the recent publication of her third book, *Beyond the Light What Isn't Being Said About the Near-Death Experience*, she's said it. With the identification of six types of experiences, a detailed examination of both positive and negative after-effects and an extensive resource section, *Beyond the Light* stands as the definitive guide to the near-death experience.

As Joseph Chilton Pearce (author of *The Crack in the Cosmic Egg*) states, ...This brilliant analysis of a controversial subject displays an extraordinary intelligence, knowledge and intuitive insight....if heard, it could lift the issue into the clear realm of a scientific objectivity that could revolutionize our concepts of self and world.

Self-described as pushing 60, PMH has astounding energy and is still delightfully child-like (My grown son calls me whenever he feels down and needs a lift). Daily prayer and meditation are non-negotiable; as she emphatically states, I would not start my day without it. I won't do it...I won't for any reason allow this time to be preempted. According to her, There is no source more powerful, practical or usable. That's where my strength and energy come from. And it has taken enormous energy to conduct the exceedingly fastidious research she began in order to make sense of her own experiences.

Atwater has clarified four distinct types of phenomenon, and distinguishes two other related experiences. The Initial or non experience, characterized by a loving nothingness, the living dark, or a friendly voice is often had by those who need the least amount of shakeup in their lives. The Unpleasant or Hell-like experience may involve an encounter with a threatening void, stark limbo or hellish purgatory, or elicit hauntings from one's past. It is usually had by those who have suppressed guilts, anger or fears and who expect to be punished after death (Atwater found one in seven experiencers reported a hell-like episode). The Pleasant or Heaven-like experience, characterized by scenarios of loving family reunions, reassuring religious figures of light beings or affirmative and inspiring dialogue, is often had by those who need to know how loved they are and how important life is. The Transcendent experience exposes one to other-worldly dimensions and may include revelations of greater truths. It is usually given to those ready for a mind-stretching challenge or to those who would be most apt to utilize the truths revealed to them. The two related phenomenon include the near deathlike experience and anomalies. The near deathlike experience occurs when one experiences near-death phenomena without an accompanying life-threatening event. Anomalies include such things as pre-arranged out-of-body meetings, angels, walk-ins and encounters with aliens.

Atwater has found that, all four types of experiences may occur to a single individual during one episode, may occur in varying combinations or can spread out across a series of episodes. She has postulated that the four distinct experiences may actually be phases of an evolving consciousness, and sees each stage as a model of what happens as consciousness begins to awaken to itself (Initial Experience), untangle false perceptions (Unpleasant or Hell-like experience), recognize true values and priorities (Pleasant or Heaven-like experience) and embrace its oneness within The All (Transcendent experience).

Regardless of the type of experience, says Atwater, there is an overall pattern which is typical not only of the thirteen million American experiencers, but of people all over the world. Everywhere on earth, near-death survivors report roughly the following:

- A sensation of floating out of one's body
- Passing through a dark tunnel or encountering some kind of darkness, usually accompanied by a sensation of acceleration
- Heading toward and entering into a light at the end of the darkness
- Being greeted by friendly voices, people or other beings
- Seeing a panoramic review of the life just lived
- Discovering that time and space do not exist
- Reluctance to return to the earth plane
- Disappointment at being revived; feeling a need to shrink or squeeze to fit back into the physical body.

Such an awesome, life-shaking event seems magical, but Atwater's own years of re-entry and countless conversations with other survivors and their families have led her to a different conclusion. She says it takes seven years for a survivor to reintegrate and that The experience is not magic, even though it may seem so. Being a near-death survivor does not automatically make one superhuman, enlightened or holy. The near-death experience enhances, enlarges and accelerates that which is already there for the individual. It tends to act like a giant washing machine in the way it cleans up and scrubs out one's psyche. We are not saved by having a near-death experience, even from ourselves.

After-effects from the event can be negative as well as positive. Atwater summarizes the likely re-entry scenario: After the initial lightshow, there comes inspiring upliftment and enthusiastic vigor, then a letdown at the frustration of trying to apply new wisdom atop old prejudices; depression, the surfacing of repressed or suppressed guilts and fears, confusion and disorientation followed by feelings of being overwhelmed or abandoned.

Yet, once a survivor has managed to reintegrate, there are some interesting rewards. Physiological changes include a younger appearance, a playful vigor, enhanced metabolism, increased overall health and lowered blood pressure and pulse rates. Heightened sensations and synesthesia (multiple sensing), as well as the ability to see airborne water molecules and movements of energy is common. Many survivors show a new preference for open doors, windows and shades; some acquire an ability to merge into things. Atwater describes being sent by her employer to troubleshoot a large, computerized switching system in a New York City hotel, whose engineers had been unable to determine the cause of persistent malfunction. I checked out every plug and cable, interviewed operators and hotel staff, then, when no one was watching, I'd open the doors to the main cabinets and merge with the circuit cards and the power system so I could sense and feel whatever pulse might be amiss. I handed in a fifty-point report and thought no more of it. Several months later, my boss asked me to come to his office. With head bowed, he muttered, Thanks to your report we fixed the unit in two days and haven't had a problem with it since. Uh, but promise me you will never ever tell me how you figured out what was wrong. That said, he jumped up and ran out the door, refusing to look me in the eyes. I worked for this company as a telephone systems analyst for nearly three years, doing field investigations, writing technical manuals, and training switchboard operators, with no prior background whatsoever. I instantly knew that equipment as well as if I had been its inventor and I understood circuitry and power flows.

Some survivors acquire the ability to hear plants and animals speak or voice their needs, or may hear voices and music in the air. Interestingly, only one of over three thousand Atwater interviewed could continue listening to rock music. Virtually all of the others could no longer tolerate short, choppy beats and craved the longer, pure sine wave of classical music, chimes, bells, crystal bowl instruments and other melodious, natural sounds. Increased sensitivity to light and sound is nearly universal among survivors, as is the often humorous, though sometimes problematic sensitivity to electrical equipment. A near-death survivor's body energy almost always interferes with electronic equipment, light sources, security systems, power lines, magnetic fields and microphones, etc. Atwater theorizes that there is a correlation between exposure to etheric light and these intriguing physiological after-effects. She feels that it's the intensity of the light, not length of exposure that seems to determine the prevalence of physiological after-effects.

Atwater's personal after-effects include being more analytical, more goal oriented; now I look ahead and plan. I was a producer behind the scene, now I'm on-stage. I'm happier, more joyful. I always knew how to love, to serve, work and sacrifice, but now I have interpersonal skills and it's easier for me to make friends. And, as is apparently common, her brain hemisphere dominance has switched. She went from being 100% feeling oriented to being more intellectual. My memory has improved markedly, my mind is now intense, disciplined, careful and conservative.

The near-death experience seems to have a fascinating effect on the brain. It may well be that the brain is restructured, that neural pathways are rewired, rerouted or revitalized. Atwater notes that the near-death phenomenon seems to stimulate the brain hemisphere that was not previously dominant. There is also an observable movement in the brain, toward data clustering and creative invention, as if the experiencer were developing a more synergistic type of neural network. Her theory that the brain undergoes physiological and structural changes during an episode is now being verified by the scientific community. She further theorizes that the near-death experience is a piece of the evolutionary puzzle: People need to be more flexible, to be able to thrive on change, to have brains that can reason and intuit with equal skill, to have bodies that can adjust to fickle climates and to have energy levels that can mix and merge efficiently with technological equipment...at this exact moment in history when we need people who can increase their intelligence and extend their faculties and enhance their perception without lengthy training...here we have a grass-roots movement, unplanned and without leadership, of people discovering who they really are and responding to the need for change.

Some of her findings address the explanations voiced by the medical community, that experiencers are tricked by the chemicals in their own brains, that their experiences may have been drug-induced or created by an abundance of oxygen. In fact, most reports of near-death experiences come from people who were either not given drugs until after their experiences were over or not at all. Research has repeatedly shown that drugs actually impede the phenomenon.

And the consistent detail, clarity and long-term recall demonstrated by near-death survivors doesn't fit the pattern of temporary hallucinations induced by oxygen. As for chemicals in the brain phantomly fabricating the whole thing, there is no doubt that chemicals play a role, but again, long-term after-effects and abilities defy the effects endorphins and other brain chemicals would have over such a time frame.

Most near-death survivors report being asked two simple questions that do have profound meaning and consequence: Whom have you served? Whom have you loved? Atwater provocatively asks each of us, Stop right now. Pretend it's your turn.

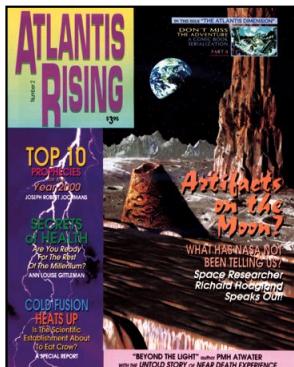
How will you answer those two questions?

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If you have had a near-death experience, you may wish to contact the International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS) at P.O. Box 502, East Windsor Hill, CT 06028 (phone 203-528-5144). You may also want to contact Justine Owens, Ph.D., who is conducting an in-depth, ongoing study of near-death experiences. She can be reached at the Division of Personality Studies, Box 152, Medical Center, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22908.

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## SECRETS OF VIBRANT HEALTH

by

Ann Louise Gittleman

It's really not an easy task to be a healthy, balanced individual in the Nervous 1990s.

Taking good care of ourselves can become a full time job. As more and more of us juggle a career, bring up children and try to participate in community activities, sometimes our own health suffers.

As we approach the turn of the millennium, let's take a look at some simple and maybe startling health secrets everybody needs to know to defy aging and ward off degenerative disease.

### 1. MOVE THAT BODY.

Exercise is still one of the very best natural routes to general well being. It is also one of the best stress relievers known to man. It promotes the production of those happy hormones called endorphins and has amazing health benefits besides. Exercise helps the heart, the arteries and the lungs while lowering blood pressure and cholesterol and triglycerides.

While researching my book Super Nutrition for Menopause, I learned that it is none other than exercise which is the best preparation for menopause because it strengthens bone, stimulates new bone formation, and aides in calcium metabolism. This latter benefit helps to reduce the risk of osteoporosis (bone thinning disease) which affects half of all women over the age of 45.

Well, O.K., this health secret wasn't a big surprise to most of you. But, what I bet you didn't know is that exercising on a full stomach is a lot more effective than working out on an empty stomach. For example, if you take a brisk three-mile walk without eating anything previously, you might burn around 300 or so calories. But, if you take that same walk after a meal, then you will burn 15% more calories in addition to the initial 300. So, try walking a mile or two after dinner for some extra fat-burning bonuses. And, while you are walking, remember to move those arms. Research has shown that exercise which vigorously works both the arms and the legs is a better fat burner than leg movement by itself. That's why cross-country skiing is the best workout for fat burning and that's also why the Nordic Track rates so highly.

### 2. WE'RE NOT ALL CREATED EQUAL.

Women certainly know that one. Women have more fat cells than men and consequently have more trouble losing weight than men. Lean muscle tissue uses up more calories than fat.

Furthermore, based on our heredity, we're programmed with different biochemical needs. This is why some people thrive on a vegetarian or Macrobiotic style diet while others starve and lose energy rapidly. No one diet works for everyone all of the time.

One of the most fascinating ways to figure out our constitutional requirements is to take a lesson from your blood type. The blood type (either O, A, B or AB) is a genetic blueprint courtesy of our ancestors that can clue us into the right kinds of fuel mix for us and whether animal foods or a vegetarian food plan is a good biological option.

Most blood type research was done in Europe prior to World War II and by the Japanese throughout the 20th century. In fact, the Japanese base a whole psychological profile on blood typing!

Blood Type O appears to be the oldest type known, the cave man blood type, if you will. O's are the majority in North America, and the basic Cave Man Diet of animal protein, veggies, twigs, berries, nuts and seeds, seems to be the best for the O individuals. Those hard core O type vegetarians should consider amino acid supplementation.

O's don't do well on a heavy grain-based diet and are usually sensitive to dairy products as well. You see, both grains and dairy are relatively new agricultural developments to this oldest blood type. The highest number of gluten intolerant

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individuals (the inability to assimilate the protein portion from wheat, rye, oats and barley) is reported from this blood type group. O's also thrive on vigorous exercise more than any other type.

The A's are the next most prevalent group and they are fairly opposite to the O's. The key to the A's is that genetically there can be a lack of digestive enzyme production and so a hydrochloric acid/pepsin product is beneficial or a plant-based enzyme can be used. The A blood type is considered a risk factor for parasites, particularly giardia whose symptoms can masquerade as hiatal hernia, belching, and tons of flatulence.

The B's like the AB's are later blood types and so seem more biochemically adapted to cultured dairy products (like yogurt and kefir) and a varied grain intake (some rice, buckwheat, millet and wheat as part of a balanced diet). B's need to watch their stress levels and the AB's may need some digestive support because of the A component in their makeup. Word has it that the AB's are from the Gypsies and so be careful of their intuitive and perceptive abilities.

### **3. THE RIGHT FATS CAN BE YOUR HEALTH FRIEND.**

Yes, there is such a thing as the Friendly Fats, Virginia. This good news was recently substantiated by Dr. Edward Siguil of Boston University whose research was hailed in the New York Times by Jane Brody. Siguil believes that a massive essential fatty acid deficiency is affecting America's hearts, hormones and even the intelligence level of our children.

The good fats come from salmon, sardines, mackerel, nuts, and seeds. Flax seed oil is particularly high in the Omega 3 family, perhaps the most deficient essential fatty acid of all. The good fats protect the heart, nerves, and even are beautifying for skin, hair, and nails. If you are aware of that fat friend, then you must be aware when fat can be your enemy.

### **4. EXCLUDE THE FUNNY FATS.**

Fat is a foe, not a friend when it is unnatural and manmade. In May of last year, Harvard Medical School published a study demonstrating how the transfatty acids in margarine, shortening, and partially hydrogenated vegetable oil (like in soybean oil) can double the risk of heart attack by depressing the HDL cholesterol (the good one) and raising the LDL cholesterol (the bad one).

Trans fats may be connected to a whole host of health problems like infertility, breast cancer and prostate cancer. Veteran researcher Dr. Mary Enig of Silver Springs, Maryland has written that the rising levels of both heart disease and cancer correlates with the levels of vegetable fat consumption.

Just think of all that food that margarine or vegetable shortening is part of, pie crust, cookies, cakes, muffins, and even those McDonalds french fries.

### **5. AX THE ASPARTAME.**

Aspartame, as many of you know, is the trade name for NutraSweet or Equal. It is a synthetic sweetener presently consumed in one form or another by over half of all the adults in America today. This substance is contained in over 6,000 different foods. The bad news is that a variety of health problems has surfaced since the introduction of this so-called miracle sweetener. Nearly 80 percent of the 6,500 complaints received by the Food and Drug Administration in 1990 involved aspartame.

Aspartame may also be the reason that the number of overweight individuals has increased in the last seven years despite our low fat, low cholesterol diets. Aspartame has been linked to brain seizures, vision problems, and even dry eye syndrome. So if confusion, memory loss, and difficulty wearing contact lenses due to decreased tears are your problems, stop your diet drinks and aspartame sweetened yogurt. Use a drop of real hone, molasses, maple syrup or stevia instead. And if you don't know what to substitute for those diet drinks, then pay attention.

### **6. H2O TO THE RESCUE.**

This means to remember on a daily basis to Drink Your Water. Many of us eat not because we are really hungry but because we are dehydrated. Our bodies need water because it keeps our tissues moist and lubricated and can help burn calories. Purified or bottled water, taken at least between meals, about 6-8 glasses a day will do wonders for your system. Drink two cups on arising, two cups before lunch, two cups before dinner, and two cups before bed. This is a good way to make sure you get your daily requirement of water. It will also help you rid your body of metabolic wastes and keep everything smoothly flowing. And speaking of flowing...

### **7. ELIMINATE EVERY DAY.**

My favorite health axiom is that death begins in the colon. One of the best tricks to achieving lasting health is to make sure you move your bowels every day. There is no such thing as moving your bowels every four days or twice a week... even if that is normal for you. Where does that waste material go? Remember that fiber will make you free. Healthy fiber in the form of fibrous vegetables like carrots, broccoli, cauliflower and those leafy greens plus beans and legumes will sweep, tone and detoxify the system and help to lower cholesterol levels and provide even blood sugar levels so you are

not constantly hungry. Believe it or not, even headaches and bloatedness as well as nervousness can often be relieved when you have proper elimination.

## **8. IF YOU ARE OVERWEIGHT, BLOATED OR TIRED, CURB THOSE CARBOHYDRATES.**

Numerous studies have proved that Americans are getting fatter. According to a July issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, the percentage of Americans who are overweight is on the rise. Despite improved diets and lowered cholesterol counts, the weight of the average young American has increased by 10 pounds in the last seven years. Although people normally gain weight with age, this weight gain was found in two groups of young adults of the same age. Therefore this weight gain could not be attributed to growing older.

This new statistic demonstrates what I have been writing about all along in Beyond Pritikin and Super Nutrition for Women. Americans have gone overboard in loading up on carbohydrates since the Pritikin explosion in the 1980s and are now suffering the consequences. The indisputable fact that the percentage of overweight Americans is on the rise dramatically supports my stance that a diet top-heavy in carbohydrates without the right kind of fat and small amounts of protein plays havoc with body chemistry and results in weight gain. A biochemical fact of life is that people who are overweight have a higher level of insulin, a hormone secreted from the pancreas in response to eating.

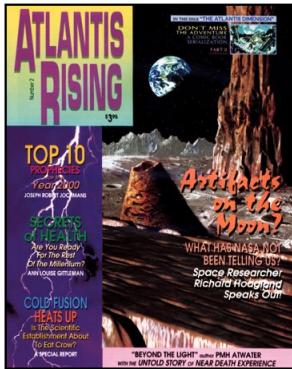
The bottom line is that all excess calories from carbohydrates are converted by the body into fat. Thus a diet with excess calories is just as harmful as a diet high in saturated fat!

## **9. SUPPLEMENT YOUR DIET WITH IMPORTANT VITAMINS AND MINERALS.**

In today's hectic world we don't always have time or energy to fix a good, nutritious meal for ourselves, even though we all know that a diet deficient in essential nutrients lowers the quality of daily life by causing fatigue, forgetfulness, and stress as well as leading the way to poor health and disease. In fact, a new study every day shows that poor diet increases the possibility of such devastating ailments as osteoporosis, cancer, and heart disease. Daily contact with stress and environmental pollutants (like cigarettes and automobile emissions) cause nutritional demands to soar. Adding supplements to your daily regimen helps combat these problems by rounding out your diet. It seems that magnesium, zinc, and chromium are particularly important for everybody's body. Antioxidants such as Vitamin E, beta-carotene, and vitamin C help prevent heart disease and slow aging. When we are unable to eat enough fresh fruits and vegetables, vitamins and minerals are a great help.

## **10. REST, RELAX AND REJUVENATE ON A REGULAR BASIS.**

Just like we feed the body, we need to take time and feed the spirit. Just 10 minutes a day of deep breathing, meditation or prayer time can nourish the soul and revive us again. Toning has been my favorite meditation. It makes me feel grounded and amazingly relaxed. There is a dramatic connection between body, mind and spirit that we need to honor and cherish. Thank God we are living in this wonderful challenging time and we are alive and well for the rest of the millennium.



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## THE CROP CYpher ENIGMA

by

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As you leaf through the pages of our premier issue, I believe you'll sense what we have in mind, but lest there be any doubt, allow me to spell things out.

Most new age magazines focus strongly on holistic health and life-style matters, and well they should. If the new age is not about developing a higher understanding of the human body and its relationship to the world, then what is it anyway? So we agree with the preeminent importance of holistic health issues and we intend to give them plenty of quality space in this publication.

Having said that, though, it seemed to us that a couple areas very much neglected by most magazines with similar demographic intent were ancient mysteries and future science. We were at a loss to explain why. Here were two subjects which, by virtue of their broad appeal, have a greater potential to attract a large following to the new age banner than yoga or vegetarianism ever could.

Sadly, it appeared that both ancient mysteries and future science have, in fact, been co-opted by those notorious crowd chasers, the tabloid press. In the meantime, those with serious aspirations to raise the planetary consciousness seemed to find such matters somehow beneath them, choosing instead to concentrate on more rarefied concerns. The curious public is left to choose between interesting material presented without credibility or boring material presented in an apparently credible way. An unhappy state of affairs, indeed.

The public's growing fascination with the hidden secrets of our ancient origins and the extraordinary possibilities of our future is an open door to the kind of universal consciousness-raising that all of us hope to see in a dawning new age. Besides, we at Atlantis Rising share that fascination, and we can think of nothing we would rather do than cater to it. We do believe, however, that it is entirely possible to cover such areas with dignity and credibility, while avoiding the sin of becoming bland or boring.

Now you can now decide for yourself if we have succeeded. Be sure to write and let us know what you think. In the meantime, we'll keep raising our sights.

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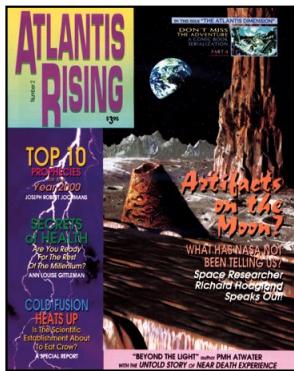
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## TOP 10 PROPHECIES FOR THE YEAR 2000

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### WILL THE YEAR 2000 BE A THRESHOLD OF FEAR OR A DOORWAY OF HOPE?

As we approach the end of the current century and millennium, we feel the steady rising of a certain world-wide anxiety. The year 2000, which for older generations once symbolized some far-off future, is suddenly only five years away. Historically, when humanity has approached a year whose number is a round figure, there has been a psychological tendency to see it as a sign of atoning completion, as well as a possible cataclysmic termination of preexisting conditions.

As a good example, during the last years before the advent of the year A.D. 1000, all Christendom in medieval Europe was thrown into a panic by religious doomsday preachers who predicted that the end of the world was imminent. As a result, homes were abandoned, crops were left unharvested, and great mobs of the devout took refuge in churches or fled on pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

Now that the year A.D. 2000 looms, we are beginning to see similar increases in cases of eschatophobia, a fear of the ending of all things, and the need to somehow escape an imagined inevitable destruction. This time around, however, the collective anxiety is being fueled by a curious mixture of fundamentalist evangelists, space brother messengers, tabloid psychics, so-called channelers with messianic complexes, and meta-fuzzy New Agers. Even a few astrologers have joined the apocalyptic bandwagon.

Part of today's anxieties concerning the year 2000 comes from misconceptions and misunderstandings regarding a number of famous well-publicized prophecies. By taking a more in-depth look at these predictions, we see what their real message for the future is all about.

#### I.

### IS 2000 AN ARBITRARY YEAR, AN INVENTION OF OUR CALENDAR SYSTEM, OR IS IT BASED ON AN ACTUAL PROPHETIC CYCLE OF TIME?

While there will be a lot of celebrating at midnight on New Year's December 31, 1999, technically speaking the next millennium itself will not start until a year later on January 1, 2001. This is because our Western calendar system, which is the most globally accepted system for recording the passage of years, is based on the anno Domini time count. Within such a system, in the transition from 1 B.C. (Before Christ) to A.D. 1 (anno Domini, Year of Our Lord), there was no zero year in between. This means that each succeeding century always begins with a year one and ends with a year zero (A.D. 1-100, 101-200...1801-1900, 1901-2000). Therefore, A.D. 2000 will really be the last year for the old millennium, and January 1, 2001 will mark the beginning of the next millennium.

Orthodox Christian scholars will tell you that this counting was calculated from the birth of Christ. Yet we now know from both historical and astronomical observations that Jesus of Nazareth was actually born in either 5 or 7 B.C. The usual explanation for this discrepancy is that a major miscalculation crept into the record-keeping during the early Christian era. Since we are off by several years on the event upon which our calendar is based, the birth of Christ, then the year 2000 becomes only significant as a numerical change, nothing more.

While this is the standard textbook version of history, by digging more deeply, we find an entirely different story. From classical sources we discover that the Greeks recognized what was called the Phoenix Cycle, derived from Egyptian legends of the Bennu bird that rose from its own ashes every 500 years. There are some indications this Cycle was linked with the Plutonic revolution of 247 years doubled. The Phoenix Cycle was considered to be so important that in the 1st century A.D. early Egyptian Christian mystics under Saint Mark combined forces with the Alexandrine Greeks to develop a calendar system that would be coordinated with the Phoenix Cycle's rhythm, past and future. It was not fully accepted into Europe until one cycle later in A.D. 525, when it was introduced by the Roman theologian and mathematician Dionysius Exiguus, who christianized the Cycle and was the first to apply to it the term anno Domini.

According to the Pythagorean/Neo Platonic Greeks and Egyptians, with each Phoenix culmination and for a hundred

years on either side of it, it was prophesied that an influx of special souls would be incarnating, variously called savants, masters, teachers, messiahs, avatars, and bodhisattvas by different traditions, whose chosen work was to raise overall planetary consciousness.

Right on schedule, the 20th century, which marks the beginning of a new Phoenix Cycle (1900, 2100), has already seen the advent of numerous great minds and spirits Albert Einstein, Eleanor Roosevelt, Anwar Sadat, Mother Theresa to name only a few. As we approach the peak of 2000 in the present cycle, many more are prophesied to arrive: the Hindu Kaki, the Buddhist Maitreya, the Iroquois return of Degawanida, the Mahdi or Imam to the Moslems, Kwan Yin to the Chinese, White Buffalo Woman to the Great Plains peoples, Viracocha to South America, the Messiah to the Jews, the White Burkhan to Central Asia and Merlin to the Celts.

If the Phoenix Cycle is valid to any degree, then the year 2000 may have some significance after all. And with so many important people predicted to yet appear, it doesn't sound like the world is going to end. Instead, it may be just beginning.

## II.

### **IS THE YEAR 2000 THE START OF THE PROMISED MILLENNIUM IN BIBLICAL PROPHECY?**

The concept of the Millennium or a thousand years of peace is derived from Saint John's Book of Revelations. Based on 2 Peter 3:8 which says that Every day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years is one day, some fundamentalist Bible scholars believe that the seven days of creation given in the beginning of Genesis were symbolic of a duration of seven millennia for the world.

In applying what they accept as the Archbishop Ussher calculation date of circa 4000 B.C. for the creation, many fundamentalists believe that by A.D. 2000 a total of six thousand years or six days will have already passed, and that the next thousand years beyond will be the Seventh Millennium, equivalent to the seventh or Sabbath day of rest. Thus, the Millennium of the Latter Day is almost upon us.

What this comes down to, however, is that these calculations are based upon the chronologies of the Hebrew Old Testament, and the Jews today have a very different traditional calendral system from the Christians. For Jews, 1994 is the year 5754/5755 A.M. (anno mundi, Year of the World). Therefore, the Jewish year of 6001, and the advent of the Sabbath Millennium, will not officially come until the year A.D. 2240.

However, going back to what we discovered previously, we may note that there is not only a Plutonic revolution pulse of about 250 years and a Phoenix Cycle pulse of 500 years, but also a millennial pulse of about a thousand years. What this larger pulse symbolizes is a swing between the extremes of spirituality and materialism, with one or the other cresting at the change of each millennium.

Looking back only two millennia ago, at the inauguration of the Christian era, the pendulum had swung toward abject materialism. Accompanying it, typified by the Roman Empire, the Chinese Empire, and the first seeds of the Toltecs and Aztecs in the Americas, was an obsession with power, conquest, wealth, and slavery.

In sharp contrast, moving ahead to A.D. 1000, spiritual pursuits were once again the predominant preoccupation, characterized by the rise of the Church in Europe, Islam in Africa, Buddhism and Confucianism in the East, and the Sun religions of the Pacific and the Americas.

A millennium later brings us to our current shift. The pendulum has clearly swung again toward materialism. Yet now it has been taken to new forms and extremes via our obsession with science, technology, progress, commercialism, and exploitation. Yet if the pendulum maintains its rhythm, we can expect the next thousand years to see the dawning of another Age of Religion, only hopefully this time it will be in the truer sense of its original meaning, re-ligio, to reconnect.

If there is to be a millennium of peace, perhaps this is the one.

## III.

### **ARE THERE ANY BIBLICAL PROPHECIES THAT PREDICT THE END OF THE WORLD IN THE YEAR 2000?**

Definitely not, although you wouldn't know it by listening to today's televangelists. Actually, they have chosen the year 2000 and just about every other date, both before and after, as the end-time or apocalypse.

Both the Old and New Testament texts mention such time frames as 2,300 days, 42 months, 70 weeks, 1,260 days, and time, times and dividing of times. Attempts at creating prophetic periods out of these have been as varied as the number of interpreters. However, the last century and a half of Bible prophecy has been a resounding flop beginning with William Miller's widespread preaching throughout New England that the Second Coming of Christ was to occur in 1844 and on up to Oakland, California's radio minister Harold Camping's recent announcement for the same event to happen on September 7, 1994. A new calculation, this one published by M. J. Agee in his book, Signs of the End Times, now places

the Last Day for May 31, 2008.

As these erroneous prophecies continue, we are reminded of what happened to an English preacher, William Partridge, who in 1695 distributed a religious tract prophesying that the world was about to end in 1697. In 1698 he released another tract, this one claiming that the world had indeed ended in 1697 but that no one had cared to take notice.

The truth is, when we delve deeply into the purpose behind Biblical prophecy, we become aware that its highly symbolic language was really meant to be fulfilled not once but several times. The prophecies were designed to be a-historical, outside actual time and space. They can be read in any era, and because they deal with the more cyclic rather than progressive nature of the human collective consciousness, their messages are always relevant. In other words, the world is continually ending, the Divine Spirit is constantly moving behind global affairs, and the promise of a New Earth is forever present, waiting for humanity to awaken to its possibilities.

#### IV.

### HAVEN'T THE HINDUS PREDICTED THE DAWNING OF AN AGE OF LIGHT FOR THE YEAR 2000?

If one goes by the traditional method that Hindus use to figure their Yuga cycles, yes, there is an Age of Light coming, but not as soon as A.D. 2000. In Hindu literature, the Great Cycle or Maha Yuga is thought to total 4,320,000 years. Within it is the Satya or Krita (Light) Yuga of 1,728,000 years, the Treta (Three Fire) Yuga of 1,296,000 years, the Dvapara (Doubt and Uncertainty) Yuga of 864,000 years, and the Kali (Darkness) Yuga of 432,000 years. The ratio of Yuga duration is thus 4:3:2:1 totaling the 4,320,000 years of Maha Yuga. The Age of Light is the longest Yuga and the Age of Darkness the shortest.

Hindu teachers believe we are currently in Kali Yuga, but exactly where in it is a debatable question. Within each Yuga are a number of sub-periods, and their beginnings and endings vary, depending on which Hindu sage you follow. One set of calculations, for example, puts the Dawn of the present phase of the Kali Yuga at 3606 B.C., the Middle at 582 B.C., the Twilight at A.D. 1939, and the End at A.D. 2442. Other sages have correlated the beginning of the Kali Yuga itself with the start of the Hindu calendral system in 3102 B.C., which means we still have 427,000 years to go. Thus the year 2000 falls somewhat short.

#### V.

### DOES THE ASTROLOGICAL AGE OF AQUARIUS BEGIN IN THE YEAR 2000?

This is definitely a sticky topic. If you get two astrologers together, they will give you three different dates as to when they think the Age of Aquarius begins. Some published estimates have ranged anywhere from 1835 to 2597. Most astrologers see the underlying problem to be defining exactly where one zodiacal sign ends and the next one begins.

However, an alternative way to determine when a new astrological age begins is to focus on how much the precession of the equinoxes has traveled beyond astrology's original Babylonian settings. Today's astrological calculations are done not by how the heavens actually appear, but rather as they were more than four thousand years ago. Because the precession has taken the equinox points slowly backwards, the gap between the astrology and astronomy of celestial events has gradually widened. Thus for sometime the difference between the astrological and astronomical calculations has been off by one full zodiacal sign. However, just recently, from 1990 on, the two calculations are beginning to be off by two signs. With astrology having been born near the start of the Age of Aries, one sign off would have designated the advent of the Age of Pisces, and now two signs off heralds that the Age of Aquarius has already come.

#### VI.

### WHAT HAVE THE HOPIS, MAYANS, AND OTHER NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLES FORESEEN ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD IN THE YEAR 2000?

Both the Hopis and Mayans recognize that we are approaching the end of a World Age. But the former, however, offer no time limits, while the latter have a calendar system whose grand Thirteen Baktun cycle will end either on December 24, 2011 or June 6, 2012 (depending on your method of calculation). In both cases, however, the Hopi and Mayan elders do not prophesy that everything will come to an end. Rather, this is a time of transition from one World Age into another. The message they give concerns our making a choice of how we enter the future ahead. Our moving through with either resistance or acceptance will determine whether the transition will happen with cataclysmic changes or gradual peace and tranquillity. The same theme can be found reflected in the prophecies of many other Native American visionaries from Black Elk to Sun Bear.

This concept that we can make choices concerning our future destinies is one found not only in Native American prophecies but is really an essential ingredient in all true prophetic pronouncements. True prophecy is meant to be a reflection on the hidden natures and motivations of human behavior, both individually and collectively, as well as the future options based on the human ability to make a choice. True prophecy is thus more than merely a forecast. Its purpose is to provide the lesson that is to be learned from a potential future prognostication so that, if possible, the lesson

is accepted and processed beforehand. Thus the course of the future can actually be changed, and a different pathway of prophesied events can be manifested into reality.

In this context, the period of time between now and the year 2012, with 2000 as the benchmark, appears to be shaping up into a decisive time period when important choices will be made and when any number of timelines for the future are possible. True prophecy is our guide to determine what those different timelines are and how we can make the right choices.

## VII.

### **WHAT ABOUT EDGAR CAYCE'S WARNINGS OF EARTH CHANGES FOR THE YEAR 2000?**

Before his death in 1945, Virginia Beach psychic Edgar Cayce, one of America's most famous seers, gave several trance readings in which he foresaw a series of catastrophic earthquakes and eruptions to plague the world from 1958 to 1998. While we have had a number of significant tremors and volcanic activities over the past 40 years, very little has so far taken place on the scale that Cayce predicted. However, since we still have three more years to go, we are not out of the woods yet.

Even when the seer's forebodings have been fulfilled, they have occurred with unexpected results. One of Cayce's readings warned that South America will be shaken from one end to the other. The scenario of such a mega-quake has conjured up terrible visions of mass cataclysmic destruction. Yet on June 9, 1994 an 8.6 Richter earth movement took place below northern Bolivia that shook an area from the southern tip of Argentina to Toronto in Canada. Cayce's prediction was not only fulfilled but it was exceeded, since the tremor shook two continents instead of one. Yet, because the quake occurred at a depth of 395 miles below the surface, the damage, which was centered in La Paz, was relatively minor, and all that was really disturbed were several hundred seismograph needles jiggling up and down the Pacific Coast over a very wide area.

Perhaps, if Cayce's other prophecies of earth changes are yet to happen, they may manifest in the same subdued manner. The year 2000, rather than being feared as a time of major geological destruction, could instead be approached as a time of planetary peace.

## VIII.

### **DIDN'T NOSTRADAMUS PREDICT THE END OF THE WORLD IN THE YEAR 2000?**

It is unfortunate that many people today have the notion that the famed sixteenth century French seer was a prognosticator of doom and gloom, since the majority of modern books, tabloid articles, television specials, and movie videos made about his prophecies have focused primarily on his more dire forebodings. The truth is, Nostradamus also gave quite a number of very positive predictions about the year 2000 and beyond.

In essence, what Nostradamus did in his prophetic messages was to set a mirror before us, showing us the different pathways we can take that already exist within us. Which of his prophecies we choose to fulfill remains up to us.

Here are a few samples of his verses for the years 1999 to 2001:

Saturn moving from Sagittarius through Aquarius (1988 to 1994),

Will be at the high point of its exaltation (a time when choices need to be made), After that comes epidemics, famine, death by military action (war), When the century and millennium will find their renewal (2001). 1,16.

The year 1999, July,

Through the sky will travel a great King of terror, He will be the King of the Mongols (Genghis Khan) returned, Against everyone, he will inflict Mars (war) to his advantage. X, 72.

Now contrast these predictions with the events foretold in the next two verses, for the exact same time frame:

All things shall be set into a new order of the ages, The new century and millennium (2001) will see an opening to a new way, Those who have hidden behind masks of lofty power will be utterly changed, Few will be found who shall remain in leadership. 11,10.

Mars and Jupiter conjoined,

In Cancer (next occurrence, June 2002), an end to all forms of warfare will be realized, A new King will be anointed (enlightened, or born), One who will bring Peace to the Earth for a very long time. VI, 24.

It would appear that the French prophet was giving us a choice of someone who will help us enter the new millennium, one who will be either a taskmaster or a teacher, a King of Terror or a King of Peace. However, even the prediction that the King of Terror, the Mongol Genghis Khan, will soon return may not be as bad as it looks. At this writing, Chicago commodities broker Maury Kravitz has announced he believes he has found the location of Genghis Khan's lost tomb and is preparing a multimillion-dollar expedition to travel to Outer Mongolia to unbury the remains of the thirteenth century warrior. Could this be what Nostradamus really meant by the Khan's return?

According to the French seer, the year 2000 will not see the end of the world; instead, it may exemplify either a time of trouble or a time of transformation, depending upon how we wish to enter the millennium. After that, Nostradamus prophetic visions actually forecast events for the 21st, 23rd, 32nd, 54th, and 86th centuries.

## IX.

### ISN'T THERE A PROPHETIC TIMELINE INSIDE THE GREAT PYRAMID THAT ENDS IN THE YEAR 2000?

Ever since two centuries ago when Sir Isaac Newton took a special interest in the sacred geometry of the Great Pyramid at Giza in Egypt and speculated that its inner labyrinth of tunnels and chambers was a prophecy calendar in stone, there have been a host of scholars who have attempted to elaborate on this idea by cracking the Pyramid's prophetic code. The basic theory of what has come to be known as pyramidology is that if you mark off one pyramid inch (a value inherent within the structure) as representing one year, and measure along a baseline that extends from the Pyramid casing stone exterior and runs parallel to the Ascending Passage, the Grand Gallery, the Antechamber, and King's Chamber, you can discover that the Pyramid's stonework design points out significant spiritual events in the history of humanity, past and future.

Unfortunately, because much of early pyramidology's speculations were predicated on narrow perceptions of Biblical prophecy, many of the attempts at predictions using the Great Pyramid's internal geometry were dismal failures, with the result that detractors of the theory sarcastically labeled proponents as pyram-idiots.

Today, the best and most accurate layout of the Pyramid's prophetic message has been interpreted by Peter Lemesurier in his book *The Great Pyramid Decoded*. Unlike his predecessors who made the mistake of assuming that all prophecy ended in the year 2000, Lemesurier has found that elements of the Pyramid's timeline extend all the way to the 83rd century.

Closer to our present day, the next event in the timeline is delineated by where the limestone floor in the Antechamber ends, and the Aswan granite floor, composed of a high quantity of quartz crystal, begins, which leads directly into the King's Chamber. Lemesurier predicts that this changeover from a dead to an energy-living stone can only signify a major quantum leap in the spiritual development of future humanity. In our calendar, this is to begin on February 21, 1999. This may indeed be a prediction of the end of the world as we know it. Yet at the same time the indication is that within each one of us something very different is also about to be born.

In correlation with the prophecy inside the Great Pyramid, the nearby enigmatic statue of the Sphinx may hold its own symbology of past and future events. Before the Sphinx was carved into its present configuration, its earlier form, according to ancient Egyptian and Coptic traditions, was that it had the front paws of a lion, the back paws and tail of a bull, and the face of a human. Furthermore, along its sides, where today one can see the remains of stone incendiary boxes, fires were lit at night to give the Sphinx the appearance of having the flaming wings of an eagle.

Lion. Bull. Human. Eagle. We have here not only the four beings before the throne of the divine as described in the Books of Ezekiel and the Revelation, but we also have here the four fixed signs of the zodiac, Leo, Taurus, Aquarius, and Scorpio.

Most significantly, in the precession of the equinoxes, the distant Age of Leo 12,000 years ago saw the burial of the Hall of Records beneath the Sphinx's front paws, as described in Egyptian, Hermetic, classical, Coptic, and medieval Arabic chronicles. Recent archeological and geologic surveys conducted by John Anthony West and Robert Schoch have demonstrated that the Sphinx does indeed date to such a remote period.

It is striking to note in Nostradamus prediction for A.D. 9000 and in the Pyramid's timeline ending in the 83rd century that all fall within the Age of Scorpio. Once again, the year 2000 does not appear to be an ending but instead a stepping-stone to greater transformations yet to come.

## X.

### CAN WE BELIEVE MODERN PSYCHICS AND SEERS WHO PREDICT THE WORLD WILL END IN THE YEAR 2000?

Within the last few years a number of self-proclaimed psychics and visionaries have suddenly sprung up, making headlines with predictions about imminent major earthquakes in California and other similar doom-and-gloom forecasts, many that are supposedly to take place on or before 2000. The chief problem with these predictions is that they offer only a half truth concerning the future. Prophecies about potential disasters are often presented as if the future is only single-

tracked and that the coming catastrophes are going to happen no matter what. Thus, all we can hope for is to somehow survive and try to live in the destroyed world that will follow. Limited to such dismal prospects, it is no wonder the subject of the future generates so much fear.

In reality, however, the true future is not single-tracked but is instead multitracked. There is a far wider spectrum of possibilities of what can happen from which we can choose to fulfill. If we desire it and actively work toward it as an achievable collective goal, a future can be manifested without any violent or disastrous prophecies having to take place. In fact, there are far more upswing options available to us than there are downside options. Therefore, those who claim that catastrophic events must inevitably happen are, in truth, robbing us of our inherent power to change the course of things to come by building our own scenario for a very different future.

In the final analysis, while it is still important to be aware of the existence of various doom-and-gloom prophecies, we do not have to get caught up in them as our only future alternative. Such prophecies are not an end unto themselves but are a means toward a greater goal. A prophecy of doom and destruction that is actually fulfilled is a prophecy that has failed. It has failed because it did not get its listeners to change themselves and avert the destruction.

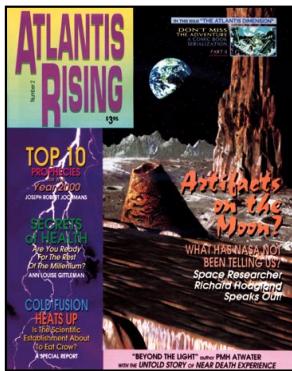
It is time to accept the real message behind the prophecies for the year 2000 and to make the coming years of the new millennium a veritable doorway into a new world. We already have everything it will take to make it happen. All that is needed now is the clear vision, the clairvoyance, to see it and to become it. True prophecy can show us the way.

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### NBC'S 'OTHER SIDE MAKES THE CUT

Responding to the powerful American fascination with extra-ordinary events that even science cannot always explain, NBC has launched a one-hour daytime program titled *The Other Side*. The non-traditional reality/talk show explores the out-of-the-ordinary experiences of everyday people.

Since its debut in October, the show has dealt with topics like reincarnation, out-of-the-body and near-death experiences and UFO abductions. Host Will Miller has talked with guests like Bettie J. Eadie, author of *Embraced by the Light* and Dannion Brinkley (*Saved by the Light*) before live studio audiences.

Miller, a licensed psychotherapist, ordained minister and veteran stand-up comedian, encourages audience members to describe their own extraordinary experiences.

Initial response has been strong enough to persuade the network to commit to at least the balance of the season

### EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITIES OFFICIAL PREFERENCES TUNNEL TO CHAMBER

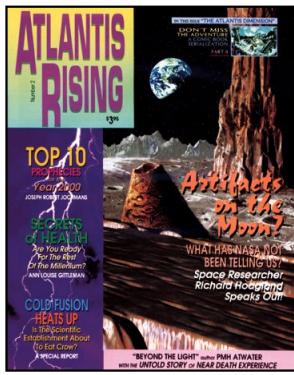
The widely reported discovery of an unexplored tunnel into the right side of the Sphinx has drawn something of a shrug from veteran Egyptologist John Anthony West. It's nothing new, he says, despite representations from Giza antiquities director Zahi Hawass and others that the passage is a new mystery of the Sphinx. It's amazing, said Hawass, After all this time, the Sphinx still holds its secrets.

At any rate, official exploration of the tunnel is set to begin shortly. West says he'll be surprised if they find anything. In fact he sees not a little hypocrisy in the eagerness of the establishment to investigate the old tunnel, while ignoring the large chamber which he and geologist Dr. Robert Schoch have seismographically demonstrated lies beneath the paws of the Sphinx. The existence of the chamber, West feels, is likely to prove of far greater potential significance than the tunnel. Nevertheless, proposals to excavate that site continue to be vehemently opposed by Hawass and his confederates.

### VON DANIKEN, BACK IN U.S., ACCUSES ARCHEOLOGISTS OF COVER UP

For the first time since mysterious opposition, including unfounded rumors of tax fraud in Switzerland, made him unwelcome in U.S. publishing circles, Erich Von Daniken has returned to America. After an exile of 14 years, the Chariots of the Gods author made a featured lecture appearance in October at John White's 7th annual Omega UFO Conference in North Haven, Connecticut.

No stranger to dispute, the man who introduced millions to the ancient astronaut theory of biblical miracles was on hand to promote another controversial thesis. In his forthcoming book *The Eyes of the Sphinx* (Putnam), Von Daniken argues that prominent Egyptian and European archeologists have deliberately covered up discoveries of new shafts and chambers in the Great Pyramid of Giza. With dramatic slides, he showed the sympathetic Connecticut audience how one shaft was explored by a \$200,000 robot developed by German inventor Rudolph Kantenbrink. After rolling up a steep incline, the robot was blocked by a wall which appears to be a door to another chamber. Von Daniken says the story was suppressed until a British publication came upon it indirectly.

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## STARS OF U.S. DESTINY

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We mark July 4, 1776, the signing date of the Declaration of Independence, as America's Conceptional Birthchart. Dane Rudhyar chose 5:12 pm local time as the time of the signing, a subject of much debate among astrologers. Elizabeth Clare Prophet matches Rudhyar's estimate, moving the time up one minute to 5:13 pm. I agree with Rudhyar and Prophet and am basing my analysis on the 5:13 pm time.

With her Sun (national ego) in the sign of the mother, America will continue to see herself dedicated to harboring, nurturing and protecting others, not only her own but with Jupiter conjoined the Sun and ruling the Ascendant, those beyond her own boundaries. She could, however, be overbearing, patronizing or prone to establishing co-dependent relationships with other nations and even within the social systems of her own boundaries. More so, with the fiery conviction of Sagittarius Rising she will justify herself in doing so, even at the expense of reason at times. Cancer is a water sign. Even as Americans as a whole are a compassionate and caring people, we have also been known to be sentimental, overly extravagant perhaps in our generosity (Venus) or at times acting in an almost adolescent (Sun/Jupiter/Venus) optimism, as well as wasteful in government.

Not only the nation as mother, but the government as father. If we were considering the birth chart of an individual, we would note the square to the Sun from Saturn and we would surmise that this person would have conflicts with the father, would redefine him/herself (Saturn trine Uranus) within a unique ideology, would struggle to reconcile loyalty and independence without losing original roots. So it was since America's very beginnings when in severing her ties to the father country England, she redefined her new identity. This basic mistrust of government assuming too much control is part of the national consciousness. Nevertheless, Saturn (father) in Libra (the scales of justice) dominating the chart in the 10th house of government shows the strong American respect and love for the law as mediator (Libra) and ultimate authority (10th house) as well as her highly developed social sense (Libra).

This Cancer grouping is also a powerful influence for trade and commerce. (Cancer is the most prevalent sign in the charts of the 500.) After all, no one manages like the mother! The Conceptional Pluto lies in the 2nd house of banking and national income in opposition to Mercury in the 8th house which represents the national debt and interest rates. Mercury, meanwhile, forms a quincunx aspect to the Moon (public) and a square (block) to Saturn (restriction). The square shows an ignorance public attitude or occulting of the truth from the public despite the prolific press (Mars in Gemini) or perhaps abetted by them (Mercury rules Gemini). With Pluto governing the 12th house cusp (hidden enemies) placed in Scorpio (power/financing) we see the suggestion for the need of the public (Moon) to become enlightened (Mercury) to the presence of the power elite (Pluto/Capricorn) in the economy and in the government (Capricorn). Furthermore, Saturn, which rules the Pluto position in the money house, while well aspected in Libra high at the top of the chart forms a challenging square to Jupiter in the 7th house. Pluto will always challenge the highest potential in a natal or collective chart as well as stimulate the darker elements. In the 2nd house of money, we see the seed of many of the nation's ills and inconsistencies. Attachment to material gain, for example, certainly fed the evils of slavery, and the mass destruction of the American Indian, policies so in contrary to the basic spirit of freedom and equality of opportunity America is all about.

Now, the positioning of the Squares can indicate dynamic energy, especially when in Cardinal signs, and so as Elizabeth Clare Prophet points out in the Astrology of the Four Horseman, the square of Saturn (system and organization) to Jupiter (wealth and expansion) establishes a theoretical (Jupiter) and practical (Saturn) framework for a dynamic economic system capable of producing wealth through a free market economy (Uranus) and property rights. Nevertheless, as Prophet also explains, this stressful grouping at times interacts in such a way as to seriously reduce economic activity in the United States.

Strong transits to this opposition during the nation's history have made a lasting impression. Note, for example, during the Jacksonian years (1820s) as Uranus (disruption, reform) entered the U.S. 2nd house, when Jackson determining to undermine the newly created Bank of the United States an institution he viewed as corrupt and undemocratic, placing too much power in the hands of a few men in private enterprise, waged his wars on the banks.

Another time economic activity was severely hampered by challenging transits was in 1929. On December 30, 1929, Venus, Mars, Saturn, the Sun and Moon all conjoined in the first ten degrees of Capricorn, thereby activating the U.S. Conceptional Venus/Jupiter/Sun//Saturn square forming a temporary T-square, an aspect of significant, in this case, economic, tension. Meanwhile, transiting Mercury at 27 degrees Capricorn activated the U.S. natal Pluto/Mercury opposition in the banking houses. The effect was limited cash flow, unemployment and the worse financial crisis in

recorded history up to that time. The times were exacerbated by Neptune in Virgo, a Neptune Return, activating the U.S. Moon-based Finger of God, and bringing forth deep-seated anxieties and depression and perhaps an inherent mistrust of government as manager.

In 1988, Mars, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune entered Capricorn, activating the collective subconscious memory of the 1929 depression and kicking off a period of economic recession. Suddenly (Uranus), we found we would have to do more with less. This cycle gained momentum with the famous Megaconjunction of Jan. 11, 1994 when 7 planets met in Capricorn. The major agents of philosophical and active change in this grouping, Uranus and Neptune, are headed for 27 degrees Capricorn, Uranus as early as January, 1995 where for two years, the Awakener (and shatterer) once again activates the U.S. Pluto/Mercury opposition.

A strong Cancer focus implies a great love for the land and her bounty. Sagittarius Rising is ruled by Jupiter, planet of expansion. In 1816, Uranus crossed the Ascendant and entered the U.S. Conceptional first house. In a natal chart, a person might change their image radically and would be cautioned not to gain too much extra weight! These were the days when talk of America's manifest destiny to expand her territories westward were on everyone's tongue. During the six years Uranus remained there, six new states, all of them frontier and five of them definitely Western, were added to the Union: Indiana (1816), Mississippi (1817), Illinois (1818), Alabama (1819), Maine (1820) and Missouri (1821). Unlike water, fire signs tend to be self-centered. A negative expression of the Sagittarian personality is hypocrisy. Unfortunately, in her fulfillment of her manifest destiny westward, the government (certainly not all the people) broke treaty after treaty with the native American.

Now, the Cancer Crab when injured, or when in danger, retreats into his shell. So, despite the idealism and naturally expansive influence of Sun/Jupiter, the individual patriot, the nation herself will retreat within in times of duress. In a natal chart, we would see a person who couldn't do enough for others, who could be overprotective and who probably at times sets himself up to being used, but when unappreciated would either retreat or snap back! Yet because Sagittarius (foreign lands, investors, peoples) figures so prominently in the U.S. chart, we know these periods of withdrawal will be the exception, not the rule. Sagittarius reaches out even as Cancer draws in. A Sagittarius trait is no limitation and don't fence me in.

Since Sagittarius relates to foreign countries, significant aspects to the U.S. ascendant, especially conjunctions from major outer planets, will strongly color her foreign policy and how she comes off to the rest of the world.

On the negative side, Jupiter ruled Sagittarius can be impulsive, impatient with detail, and not prone to getting involved without proper planning. The opposition to Mars (military) shows the danger of military involvements of this type as well as a weakness of failing to maximize military victories by following them through to completion and seeing to post-war details, as indeed happened in WW II, Vietnam and Desert Storm.

When we think of Cancer, we think of Mom and apple pie and homespun virtues, and common-sense management, certainly part of the traditional American can-do spirit. But with Cancer's natural ruler, the Moon, representing the family and women, in radical Aquarius, we know the American family and specifically the American woman would never fit the common mold.

Aquarius deals with innovation and invention. The U.S. Aquarian Moon trines U.S. Venus and Jupiter. America has been the home to many inventions and technological breakthroughs. Many of these have freed women (Moon) from the humdrum of household existence to actively seek integration in the work force.

The Moon rules the people, women in particular, as well as the collective subconscious. The Moon is quincunx Mercury and Neptune, forming a Moon-based Finger of God, a major challenge in the chart especially as the Moon rules the Sun (national identity).

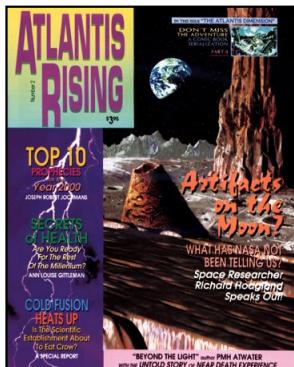
One of the most positive aspects in the U.S. conceptional chart is Saturn in Libra trine Uranus in Gemini; Novo Ordo Seclorum, the makings of a new order, based on the best of the past (Saturn) restructured with a new vision of freedom (Uranus), diversity of expression (Gemini), and economic opportunity (6th house) in a free enterprise system. The success of this great vision is based on education (Gemini) of the people.

Uranus has an approximately 84-year cycle. The next Uranus return found Americans united against a common enemy: Hitler and the forces of Nazism and Fascism. Neptune had by then returned to its home position. On Pearl Harbor Day, Neptune formed a tight trine to the U.S. Pluto which you recall is in her 2nd house of banking.

Pluto in Capricorn: all beginnings begin in Capricorn. Capricorn deals with political power structures. In the U.S. conceptional chart Pluto in Capricorn enjoys a supportive trine to Neptune in Virgo, both being earth signs, showing the potential crystallization of spiritual and mystical goals into the physical, and particularly in government (Capricorn) and in the economy (2nd house). The Neptune/Pluto sextile which characterizes all those born in the latter half of the 20th century will restimulate the Neptune/Pluto trine in the U.S. chart. We need to recapture and update the vision of the original American patriots and come back to first principles. When the last Pluto opposition occurred, America found herself in the grips of the depression (late 1930s). When Pluto returns to Capricorn once more, the U.S. will have completed a major cycle of definition. New structures will emerge. These are in the works even now as the planets of the powerful Megaconjunction conjoin Pluto in the U.S. conceptual chart. The every-man struggle to make ends meet will demand a major restructuring of the economy. How much of a role government has to play in free enterprise is a major issue. As Uranus slips into Aquarius and trines the U.S. natal Uranus/Saturn trine, exciting new reforms will take place (1997), integrating the electronic revolution into the workplace, and individual enterprise will boom bigger than ever before. The health system is likely to find its much-awaited restructuring. Pluto, however, creeps toward the U.S. Ascendant, conjoining the Ascendant in January of the year 2000, after a series of opposition to Uranus. Social unrest

and impatience threaten the peace as well as the threat of foreign wars. Threats to the social order from within and from without as well as terrorism loom upon the horizon. Nevertheless, if America retains the eye of her true identity and mission, she will emerge victorious. The reaction to these changes and much social changes will occur especially as a result of Uranus and Neptune's transit over the Conceptional Moon. The position of women will continue in her revolution. Our hope is in a revolution in education. Pluto will return to Capricorn in 2010. The cycle will be complete and we will see if this great experiment of the ages will indeed renew on a higher order still, free men having secured their right to live in freedom, prosperity and peace.

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## Book Review

### Journeys To Other Worlds

by  
Dr. Joseph Ray

Our focus is a diverse selection of books spanning five millennia, and including the realm across the river. The oldest of the books, *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, is still available although no longer in clay tablets! The others are relatively recent, and our first one, *The Monuments of Mars: a City on the Edge of Forever*, has just been reprinted in a second edition.

Since 1983, Richard Hoagland has been a man possessed of and by a purpose. That purpose has two aspects: firstly, to learn as much as possible concerning certain anomalous features on an area of Mars. This region has been characterized by astro-geologists as stripped plains and called Cydonia. Secondly, to get NASA, the federal government and the scientific community to take seriously the possibility that these anomalous features were constructed by intelligent beings, perhaps even 500 million years ago for some purpose that we don't yet know. One might think that this second goal would be easily achieved, as genuine progress towards the first goal was being made. After all, shouldn't compelling arguments (for the intelligent-construction hypothesis), based on painstaking examination of the data, dissolve the skepticism of open-minded, sensible and empirically oriented people? The scientific method is empirical. It's a method to test a hypothesis or theory deriving from limited experience and the scientists thoughts and hunches about this: we call this inductive reasoning. In the light of relevant, coherent data supporting a hypothesis, continued skepticism must be considered closed-mindedness. Thus, Hoagland's efforts of a dozen years have included confrontation with the closed minds of people in positions of scientific and political authority who summarily refuse impartial examination.

The story of the discovery of the face, the D and M pyramid and eventually the city by NASA researchers and later Hoagland himself is interesting if not entirely gripping. For some, its autobiographical nature may diminish the account somewhat. Hoagland's being neither an academic nor a Ph.D. exacerbated his difficulties dealing with this establishment, no doubt he's proud of his successes. He certainly deserves credit for his perseverance, ingenuity and spirited diligence.

Gradually, Hoagland was able to enlist various (usually independent) scientists into the Mars project. Their different, often remarkable contributions lead clearly, in my opinion, to a conclusion: that the Cydonia plains are the Site of some astounding structures whose authenticity and demonstrated relationship to one another (their organization) should be fully examined. Any self-respecting scientist who has impartially examined the data, the analyses of the data and the subsequent interpretations derived from them cannot avoid this conclusion.

A great deal hinges on a mere two frames among thousands of photographs taken by the Viking Orbiter 1 spacecraft in 1976. Frames 35A72 and 70A13 together are probably the two most examined photographs in history. From exhaustive computer imagings and re imagings, enhancements, colorings, overlayings, etc., reasonably clear structures are visible. Further, studying these has uncovered various mathematical relationships (called constants) that indicate their relationship to one another. The position asserted by Hoagland and his colleagues must be well taken: a mathematical constant might arise once randomly; even twice, or perhaps three times. But repeatedly? And then, to find these same mathematical relationships among the great pyramids and sphinx of Egypt, that is, I think, asking more of Lady Luck than by her very nature she can deliver. Oh, I also was surprised to learn that the original name for Cairo was El-Kabira, from the Arabic for Mars. An interesting coincidence, I suppose.

The last chapter of Monument... was, for me, the most interesting. Hoagland presents hypothetical relationships, speculations, scenarios and ruminations in an effort to understand the why and wherefore of this possible monument. Five hundred million years definitely is a long time. If the possible beings were humanoid, what is our relationship to them? Even more, I wondered about the two forces identified in everything by the ancient Egyptians: an involutionary force and an evolutionary force. In modern physiology, for example, we identify these processes by the terms catabolic and anabolic. Have we descended (literally) from what had once been a consciousness elevated far beyond our own today? Is our comprehension of evolution in humans incomplete, inaccurate, distorted, rather like the conceptions of those blind men, each who rubs an elephant in a different region and draws valid but limited inferences from his necessarily different experiences?

Arrogance is a human attribute. Unwillingness to be influenced by fact and empirically based rational conjecture is a form of arrogance. It is everywhere in the history of science because it is everywhere in humanity. Open-mindedness is unnatural. Possibly, it was an aspect of the consciousness of the pyramid builders, the Sphinx builders, the Face builders. It seems that only by striving for this mental attitude will we ever be able to answer any of these questions.

Hoagland mentions that Carl Sagan, at a time when he was more able to entertain disturbing thoughts open-mindedly,

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presented a corroborated myth concerning human contact with extraterrestrial beings. These beings had come to earth to teach humanity civilization. Their area of intervention and activity was (by coincidence?) the land of Sumer between the Tigress and Euphrates rivers, in Mesopotamia. So I left Mars and journeyed to Sumer.

The list of Sumerian firsts is a long one and it includes the oldest epic poem known to us, The Epic of Gilgamesh. Inscribed in cuneiform on numerous clay tablets, these were found around the turn of this century, translated, and then made public about 1915. Archeologists have hypothesized that the epic, as a whole or in parts, was composed and kept alive by word of mouth through the generations. Concerning this epic and this means of transmission, a remarkable story is told by G.I. Gurdjieff in Meetings with Remarkable Men.

As an ashokh (a bard, poet and narrator), Gurdjieff's father knew by heart hundreds of songs, poems, legends and tales. Gurdjieff had learned the Gilgamesh epic by heart early, from his father. He describes his excitement upon seeing the recently translated verses in a magazine, in almost the same form of exposition as in the songs and tales of my father. Through thousands of years of transmission from one ashokh to the next, they had reached our day almost unchanged. Ordinarily, we would not think this possible. Elevated beings, on the other hand, would have known that it was.

Gilgamesh, King of Uruk, greatest of men. Conceived by the gods, he was, in fact, only one-third man. Wise, able, physically magnificent and courageous, he possessed also lesser attributes, including arrogance, a love of wine and a prodigious sexual appetite. He had a great capacity for friendship too.

His friend, Enkidu, although entirely human, was created by the goddess Aruru as his equal. She ...conceived an image in her mind then ...dipped her hands in water and pinched off clay, she let it fall in the wilderness and noble Enkidu was created.

After a great joust, barely won by Gilgamesh, the two became as brothers. Together, they accomplished great feats, including the slaying of the ferocious giant, Humbaba, guardian of the great Cedar Forest. In language that, today, would surely fail any creative writing class, we are told of their journey, their fears, their strategies and their eventual success in this and another great venture. Gilgamesh and Enkidu complement one another mightily, together they appear to be invincible. However, because Enkidu is Gilgamesh's servant, it is easy to forget that the two were created equal.

Alas, Enkidu dies. Following their slaying of the Bull of Heaven, Gilgamesh is cursed by the goddess Ishtar. Hearing this, Enkidu, in response, offends her vanity deeply. The next day he recounts a dream from the previous night to Gilgamesh, from which he realizes, O my brother, so dear as you are to me, brother, yet they will take me from you. He becomes sick. During his sickness, he curses various beings, for he does not want to die. He converses with Shamash (the sun god) and conveys to Gilgamesh realizations and dreams. The depth of feelings, the anger and the love between them both cannot be adequately described. Mighty Gilgamesh is crushed by his friend's death.

Gilgamesh, still grieving and now fearful of his own death, embarks on a journey, searching for Utnapishtim, a man to whom the gods had granted everlasting life. His journey is arduous and when he finally speaks to Utnapishtim, he is told that there is no permanence. Then Utnapishtim tells him...a secret of the gods. This secret is the story of the flood including a variety of numbers, ideas and personal experiences, for it had been Utnapishtim who had constructed, loaded and launched the ark on the instructions of a god, Ea. The gods had agreed to rid the earth of men (their clamor had become intolerable) but Ea had contrived to save a good one.

Further challenges and disappointments await Gilgamesh. But eventually, after terrific hardship, he returns home to Uruk where shortly,

On the bed of fate he lies, he will not rise again,

From the couch of many colors he will not come again.

We need to bear in mind, this writing is not an ancient predecessor of a John Le Carre novel or Ian Fleming's 007. You can feel it deeply: There is unplumbed depth to every aspect of the story. In Jungian terms, it validates and activates archetypes. One might call it conscious art, true literature whose potential impact was fully appreciated by its creators when it was written. Read enough (once or twice a year for a few years) it could beneficially impact any reader, help a younger one grow up and an older one to mature. It's filled with humanity, wisdom, love and power beyond words.

Interest in the near-death experience and the beings who meet the dying in this other realm has grown considerably, of late witness works like P.M.H. Atwater's Beyond the Light (see page 28), Dannion Brinkley's Saved by the Light and Betty Eadie's Embraced by the Light. Today, these subjects are discussed in 30 or so popular books. But I want to tell you about two older and excellent books of which you've probably not heard, that can still be bought.

The first, The Boy Who Saw True, author anonymous, is simply the journal of a young British boy growing up in a family of some means. This book is charming, delightful, sometimes marvelous, and fun to read to youngsters. Why?

The boy, who wished to remain anonymous and would only allow posthumous publication of his book, saw spirits and angels all the time, regularly. Naturally, he presumed others did as well. Learning that others did not was a rude awakening. Since both his mother and grandmother received his stories with closed minds, he literally had no one to turn to.

Eventually, his family found him a tutor, Mr. Patmore. He was an open-minded, decent and kind old man we later learn the boy had known in a previous life, along with the fellow who tells them this, an elevated spirit referred to as Elder Brother (and E.B.).

Many instructive conversations occur between Mr. Patmore and E.B. through the boy. Frequently, however, he doesn't know what's being said (by his own lips) and Mr. Patmore has to explain it to him afterwards.

There is more to this book than I've indicated, including talks with deceased spirits the boy had known, synchronistic events and even some misfortune. Everything is related with such an ingenuous quality (not to mention sincerity, simplicity and purity), one cannot avoid feeling gratitude toward this anonymous fellow who allowed his late 19th century journal to be published posthumously.

Many years before, a remarkable scientist who had forsaken science to write only on spiritual topics, had published Heaven and Its Wonders and Hell, from Things Heard and Seen (1758); this also was done anonymously and not-for-profit. The man was Emanuel Swedenborg, whose extraordinary experiences in the spiritual realm subsequent to a period of preparation at age 57 led to some of the greatest spiritual books ever written.

By entering an altered state of consciousness (which he meticulously describes and that we now call the hypnagogic state), he was able to converse with spirits and to be educated by the angels. They showed him, he says, the entire organization of the spiritual realm, how it runs and how it gives rise to the natural domain in which we all live.

Over a period of nearly 30 years, he recorded their teachings to him, saying that God had prepared him for this by means of his extensive scholarly and scientific education. (He wrote ground breaking works on the brain, physiology, biology as well as other scientific disciplines.)

To suppose, as seems natural to me, that Heaven and Hell deals with those phenomena of the spiritual world is a mistake, for the book is much more than that. Indeed, H & H is absolutely filled with a thousand statements of wisdom, knowledge and what has been much later found to be fact. Few men, far less only one, understood or knew all that is written in the 63 chapters of this amazing book.

Swedenborg's exceptional intelligence and knowledge of all the science of his day serves us well. Everything was observed carefully and penned (literally) with utmost precision. Occasionally, his writing becomes a trifle tedious. Even so, not all the books on near-death experience, angels and channeled books taken together constitute a fraction of the wealth contained in only this one volume. Now and then, one's brain may tire, for Swedenborg, although clear and precise, cannot make the new, intellectually awkward and strange something else. It is good to expand the limits of one's intelligence, however, so one must read it slowly, digest the pages and read it again.

The spiritual realm consists of positive planes (heaven) and negative ones (hell) that are maintained in equilibrium. Virtually everything occurs by influx, he says. Life, love, knowledge all flow into humans and angels. Angels (as did ancient peoples in Sumer, Egypt, Mars?) thought in correspondences, a mode of thought unfamiliar to us now. Its currency is intuition, which may be conceived as the influx of man's internal (higher) mind into the external (natural and lower) mind.

The speech of the highest, wisest angels, whose abode is celestial heaven, has no consonants and ...has much of the tones of the vowels u and o: because ...the vowels are not essential to a language, but serve by means of tones to elevate the words ...; ... it is especially in tones that affections express themselves.... An angel speaks to a human by turning to him or her, at which time the thought is insinuated into the person's mind. Hearing us speak, these angels know us entirely, as open books!

Swedenborg tells us that a person's life is comprised of the primary love of one's will and the acts, through life, given rise by the will. Everyone is free to choose what to love, i.e., the natural or the spiritual, truth or falsity, perception or obfuscation, confirmation or rationalization and so on; anyone wishing to can understand truths but many choose not to. Hypocrites: ... talk like angels, but interiorly have acknowledged nature alone and not the Divine.... One must be vigilant about oneself, for hypocrisy is easy.

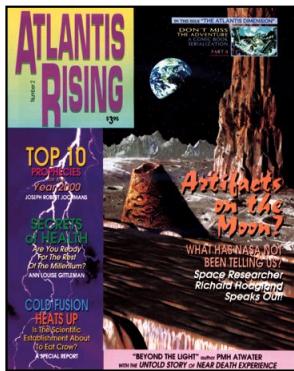
When a person dies, the... inmost communication of the spirit with the breathing and with the beating of the heart... ceases and separation results: The actual experience was granted to me that I might have a complete knowledge of the process. Topic number 449 of chapter 46 is his description of the process. It is essentially what we read in near-death experience books, only more detailed and focused.

The entire Bible, says Swedenborg, is written according to the science of correspondences. Thus, the literal (lowest) meaning hides and contains the truer (middle) and finally the truest (highest) meaning. For example, precious stones signify truths of heaven, a garden or grove corresponds to intelligence, trees stand for perceptions and knowledges. There are thousands of these significations, all of which can be known through influx from one's internal mind to one's external mind. When read, the Bible must be delivered to the higher intelligence which can understand its interior meaning. The external mind with its literal comprehension results from brain activity and must be still. The angels showed him how to meditate, a practice he commands.

The principles of right living, says Swedenborg, are not complex. Love God and don't do to anyone that you wouldn't want done to you. This seems straightforward enough. But the task seems to be more difficult by the alignments of today's world, in which unenlightened self-interest and materialism have infiltrated themselves throughout everything in our

society. But then, I remember a quotation of a great sage: Where there is great evil there is also great good. Assistance is available, and comes mysteriously through synchronistic events and other inexplicable phenomena.

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## SWEET SOUNDS

by

Robert J. Resetar

Alas, the holiday season is once again behind us, and as musical performers everywhere are gearing up for their next big recordings, for Christmas of '95, the rest of us are still trying desperately to forget the lifting strains of the Beastie Boys: Holiday Classics and other such fare that graced our ears in music stores throughout December. If you're still suffering from any post-holiday-syndrome, here are a few selections that might be just what the doctor ordered.

### **ROMANCE** Music for the Piano (various Narada artists)

So you need to de-stress, eh? Seek no more. Romance is a quiet collection of 17 pianistic compositions by nine Narada artists, artfully packaged with printed snippets of classic romantic poetry by the likes of Shelley, Blake, Yeats, and others. The music is sufficiently of a style to work well as background ambiance for massage and the healing arts. For soothing and un-winding, Romance is the Pick-of-the Month. Although most of the compositions are not particularly memorable, the overall feel and sound is genuinely relaxing and very well done.

- Style: Romantic piano
- Instrumentation: Mostly solo piano. Solo violin on one selection and light strings on a few others
- Feel: Warm and cuddly
- Performances: Very good overall
- Compositions: An appropriate variety. From semi-classical to pop ballad feels.
- Arrangements: Simple and effective (no drums)
- Tempos: All slow to medium slow. Excellent for creating a de-stressing ambiance.
- Recording quality: A wide variety of grand pianos, each with their own sound. All recorded very well.
- Comments: Recommended for quieting jangled nerves and obvious alternative uses. At most retail outlets.

### **OPEN TO THE NORTH** Harper Tasche

A natural grass-roots, back to basics (no synthesizers or samplers), Celtic sounding recording inspired by the classical and folk music traditions of Scandinavia and Northern Europe. Open to the North is a worthy collection of original music featuring the 26 string harp (similar to the Celtic harp), the bowed psaltery, recorder, hand drum, bell sphere and finger cymbals.

- Style: In the style of ethnic folk music. Kind of like Patrick Ball (Celtic Harp) with a few other folk instruments.
- Instrumentation: see above
- Feel: Mostly lyrical and light
- Performance: Very good overall, but a few selections have a certain awkward hesitancy. A lack of flow.
- Compositions: Very lyrical folk-like melodies
- Arrangements: Appropriately sparse with sufficient variety to keep things interesting
- Tempos: Slow to medium. Nothing too upbeat. Suitable for massage and such.
- Recording quality: Excellent

Comments: A worthwhile addition to your CD or cassette collection. But why not listen for yourself. You can hear narrated excerpts by calling (206) 233-8517. That's in Seattle. The telephone can't duplicate the fine recording quality of this CD but it can certainly give you a sampling of the music.

To order send \$11.50 per cassette, \$16.50 per CD to: Harper Tasche, PO Box 9581, Seattle, WA 98109 (price includes shipping).

### **CANTILENA** Bill Douglas (Hearts of Space)

Cantilena by Bill Douglas has a warmth and purity that I haven't heard in a long time. A recording that brings comfort after a long hard day, and works equally well to gently segue in and out of quiet times or rest. A delightful combination of woodwinds and synthesizers. Creative, playful melodies and harmonies never lose sight of their goal, giving a feeling of calm to the listener. Bill Douglas has really given a part of himself in this recording which resonates deeply as the heart of the child in each of us. I highly recommend it.

- Style: gentle new-age
- Instrumentation: Woodwinds, piano, cello, synthesizer, occasional light percussion. One vocal selection, a Celtic-like ballad.
- Feel: Extremely calming
- Performances: Very well done
- Compositions: Simplicity with classical character & depth
- Arrangements: Colorful and varied with a delicate touch.
- Tempos: Mostly slow to medium with two more lively selections.
- Recording quality: Excellent
- Remarks: Two thumbs up!

Sound is perhaps the greatest power in the universe. In ancient China the philosopher Confucius believed that changing the music of the kingdom would result in the altering of society. He insisted that having the right music was just as important for the nation as having the right economic conditions or the right protection against invading armies.

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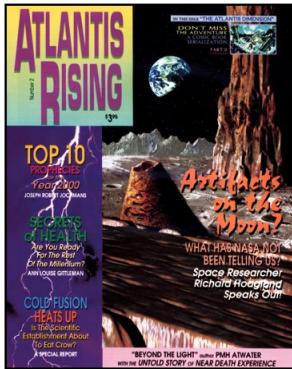
If you can't find the reviewed selections at your local store, most of them can be ordered through The Present Moment book store in Minneapolis, MN. Their toll-free telephone number is 1-800-378-3245. Ask for John.

All reviews by Robert J. Resetar, a composer/orchestrator currently living in the Minneapolis area. His musical scores and orchestrations have been heard on network television programs, recordings and performed by symphony orchestras.

To have your recording considered for a review in Atlantis Rising, please send it to Robert Resetar, P.O. Box 23528, Minneapolis, MN 55423.

No selections will be returned and due to the constraints of space only a limited number will be selected for printing. Please include information on where readers can purchase them and what formats they are available in. Preference will be given to alternative styles that are especially calming, colorful or unique.

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## PUBLISHER'S COMMENTS

by

Douglas Kenyon, Publisher

That Atlantis Rising has created something of a stir among those who care about such things should come as no surprise. The wait, after all, had been considerable.

Nevertheless, we were caught a little off guard by the intensity with which people seemed to welcome our endeavor. The considerable mail generated by our first issue seems to be almost entirely congratulatory, reinforcing our perception that we are doing the right thing. So, having heard your verdict, we will continue.

On a few points, though, a word of explanation seems in order.

If you were mailed a complimentary copy of either of the first two issues, it is because your name appears on a mailing list which we have acquired. Hopefully you will consider yourself fortunate and respond by subscribing. Don't make the mistake of assuming that you will continue to receive free issues. You won't. We, like you, have significant bills to pay and, if this venture is to prosper, we will need to ring the cash register regularly.

Very soon, Atlantis Rising will be appearing on a newsstand near you. If you'd like to see the magazine in your favorite store, call us and we'll point you to the appropriate distributor.

Regarding our comic-book section. To some, unaccustomed to such artfully illustrated material as anything but kids entertainment, our purpose may not seem entirely clear. For those, we recommend a more careful and patient examination. As our tale unfolds, and they begin to sense where we're going here, we think they will develop a keener appreciation for our purpose. Indeed, we believe we have an intensely interesting story to tell which will help to clarify some of the more complex issues with which we are all so deeply concerned, and will do so in an entirely novel way. By packaging things in this fashion, we expect to bring some valuable understanding to an audience which hitherto has been exposed to very little of transcendent value. Our approach may be unusual, but we are confident that time will vindicate our strategy.

This magazine is intended to be stimulating and entertaining to a wide variety of readers. An open mind is the only requirement. We have no intention to preach or threaten. We wouldn't mind being persuasive, however.

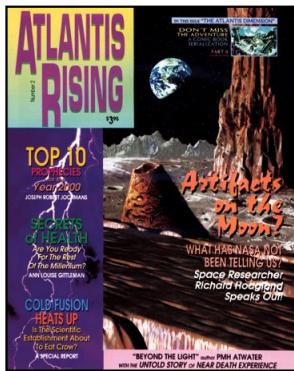
We'd like to hear from you. Let us know if you think we're succeeding. Suggestions and subscriptions are both welcome.

J. Douglas Kenyon

Publisher

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## Letters To The Editor

### READERS RENDER VERDICT

***It didn't take long for readers of the premier issue of Atlantis Rising to make themselves heard, but we're not complaining. Here's a sampling:***

A great idea for a magazine! We read it cover to cover...

Julia Jones, screenwriter

Winthrop, MA

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Thank you for a great publication!

Richard Lampese

W. Babylon, NY

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#### **Internet Alert!**

I've already mentioned your magazine on America Online and the Internet and have run into a couple other people who have received your promotional issue. Oddly enough, I (or rather my roommate) received your magazine's premiere issue the day after I began a folder in the New Age section on America Online entitled The Millennium Matters..., intending it to be a place to discuss all things millennial. Several of us are going to be subscribing to millennial newsletters, especially predictive ones, in order to track accuracy. We're also dealing with topics like Weird Weather, Historic Prophecies, Present-day Prophecy, Book Lists, and Newsletter Lists.... There is a LOT of millennium-related stuff on the Net'...

...the article choice for the premiere issue was just terrific!

Judith Paulson

New York, NY

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Somewhat my name got on the mailing list for your first issue. If it is a gift subscription, I would like to thank the person who sent it....An outlet for material such as your first issue is very much needed...

Don Pelton

Colfax, CA

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***No Boundaries!***

This is the best magazine I have ever read. Every single article talks about different dimensions of our times in an objective manner. Also your magazine focuses more on the quality of the articles, not the quantity... This past year I subscribed to Archeology. I was very disappointed in their articles...they lacked depth. By contrast, ATLANTIS RISING has no boundaries to which it has to conform. It is when you start building walls upon (the) foundation of your knowledge, many potential discoveries are lost.

Tracy M. Markham

Mililani, HI

P.S. I told most of my friends about it on the Internet.

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...I've enjoyed it tremendously.

Jacalyn Lantrip

Columbia, TN

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***Not Tabloid!***

I really enjoyed the entire magazine! (So did my husband.) He is interested in ancient Civilizations and I am interested in anything we can learn from the past that will help us all grow spiritually.

I pray that your magazine grows big time...

Your magazine is definitely not tabloid or sensationalizing. It's informative, causing all of us to question and search for truth, which is needed badly in these times.

Jo Wisor

Cortland, OH

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***On the Mark***

Your magazine is very intelligent and on the mark as to realistic esoteric info and wholistic ideas. The articles are very good...I'm obviously impressed all-in-all, or I would not be subscribing or writing. Good Luck!

John J. Hvozda

West Palm Beach, FL

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Most interesting and stimulating. I read it cover to cover...

Kent Broadhurst

New York, NY

It's a publication whose time has come...

Greg Steuck

Golden, CO

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### ***Likes Our Concept of History***

I am pleased with your concept of history and new science. The idea of Quantum Physicist Dr. Fred Wolf that we are a dreaming universe could well be explored.

I am very pleased you will not concentrate on holistic health and various methods of living without pain. Our American society is inundated with the wish for immortality. On one hand they love hearing about angels and OOOE's yet at the same time want to live forever, certainly pointing to a lack of faith. Why such a desperate search in our culture for anything which will prevent death? It is a curious phenomenon. What has made us so fearful?

Adele McCormick, Ph.D.

Calistoga, CA

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### ***Soul Food***

I enjoyed your first issue very much, agreeing with both your premise and purpose for existing. I stopped subscribing to other new age publications because I was bored with the same old wholistic health/lifestyle information that we should all be quite clear on by now. My physical self is doing just fine but my mind and soul seek expansion and expression. Membership in the Institute of Noetic Sciences has provided some benefit, but the tone and some of the materials tend to be a little stuffy at times. Your format and intelligent approach to a wide range of topics is exciting and I am thrilled to be aware that despite all of our knowledge many mysteries still exist.

Lynn V. Northrop

Rocklin, CA

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I am impressed! Thank you.

R.B.

Altoona, PA

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### ***Friend of J. A. West***

We do not know how we happened to receive the very first issue of ATLANTIS RISING, but we were very pleasantly surprised with the type and quality of the articles it contained. the book review by Dr. Joseph Ray, The Legacy De Lubitz, gave us a deeper insight into the books he reviewed, which we have in our home. It was a very scholarly review, well written and extremely interesting.

My wife and I have been studying metaphysical philosophy and related field for 46 years. I am a native Egyptian, Coptic Christian, and my wife is from Atlanta, Georgia. It was because of my metaphysical studies that I changed from my original specialty of surgery to that of psychiatry (including hypnotherapy) when I came to the United States permanently in 1960; I had become very interested in the working of the mind. I am acquainted with John Anthony West. He visited my sister in Cairo some years ago and sent me pictures he took of her in her home...

My wife and I wish you every success in the new magazine! We will be telling others about it.

Albert Hugh T. Doss, M.D.

Raleigh, NC

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Great first issue!

Many thanks and much success in continuing the quality of the first Atlantis Rising issue in years to come.

Andris Priede

Murphy, NC

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Your first issue was great! Keep it up!

Henry Kreiner

Raton, NM

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This is the kind of magazine we've been looking for. Loved it! Am looking forward to coming issues.

Helen Talbot

Westminster, CO

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I just finished Redfield's latest book the day before your magazine arrived. Coincidence?

Norman Knaack

Edmonds, WA 98026

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### ***Up the Cosmic Alley***

Wow!

What a magazine! Don't know how you heard about me but ATLANTIS RISING is right up my cosmic alley! I'm a big Egypt nut (I was there in many incarnations) and am a fan of John Anthony West. I'm eagerly awaiting the opening of the chamber (have known about it for years, eons actually)...

Keep it up folks. I love it and I'll show your rag around!

Charmaine Marie Ferreira

Salinas, CA

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Finally a magazine that feeds my curiosity as well as stimulates my intellect without all the scientific lingo that only a physicist can understand.

Sherri Johnston

Tecumseh, MI

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Atlantis Rising is Great!

Dr. Kathy Hornbaker

Upland, CA

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It is a fabulous publication.

Janis B. Hern

Rancho Cucamonga, Ca

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I prayed for a RISING for 20 years. There is none happier than I to see a sober elite emerging in force from among the academic sleeping bags zipped up to the chin. It's about time.

Inge Marambio

Spring Valley, CA

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***Not the N.E.A.***

I received your book, Atlantis Rising, today. To be very honest, I thought it was my N.E.A. magazine and started to throw it away. Then I noticed the spirit and some of the stories and thought, well at least they finally wrote about something interesting, still thinking it was an N.E.A. magazine.

To make a long story short, I really got into reading it and loved every bit of it...We have needed this kind of magazine for many years.

Barbara L. Williams

Roswell, NM

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I don't know how I received the first issue, or whom to thank, but I must say I was thrilled with it. It was utterly fascinating, I couldn't put it down until I had read it from cover to cover.

You have certainly exceeded your goals of providing a publication with dignity and credibility, while avoiding the sin of becoming bland and boring. On the contrary, it is intelligent and exciting.

Ray Snow

Whitefish, MT

I like what I've seen. Keep up the good work.

A. H. Oberholtzer

Santa Monica, CA

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### ***Powerful Medium***

I really enjoyed the John Anthony West article, also the Celestine Prophecy article. I'm glad you mentioned the Cydonia site or space archeology meeting with Richard Hoagland and company, however I would like to know much more about that. How about some photographs and a Hoagland interview. No doubt you'll try to get to it. I'm letting you know where my main interests are.

All of your articles were valid. Keep them rational and informative as they are in your magazine already and I will continue to appreciate it....

Something I'd like to add is that when I read your magazine, I had the realization and sense of what a powerful medium and focal point for change such a thing could be, especially the way you present it. Keep up the spirit of positive change.

Darren Hasting

Springfield, OR

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### ***Bringers of the Dawn***

Congratulations on the launch of your magazine. Looks like a joyous meeting place a powwow in print for the tribe of souls who showed up to help at this, um, interesting turnover of millenia. Your title ATLANTIS RISING has a triumphant ring to it that I believe will resonate with all Bringers of the Dawn.

The mix of topics gave me reasons to recommend it to a variety of folks. In talking to new energy researchers, I cite the article on Searle as a welcome change its tone is neither credulous nor sneering. Too many other fellowjournalists think that they have to always affect the Amused Skeptic approach and take it to extremes, subjecting the inventor to ridicule if the academic authorities say that the invention is impossible. But finally we can read your David Lewis, who writes with a light touch yet in a credible, professional manner and leaves the door open to possibilities...

And I want to read the comix. The Atlantis Dimension hooked me in one installment!

JeaneManning

Writer/Researcher

Vancouver, B.C.

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### ***Psychological Contagion***

Congratulation on your inaugural edition of ATLANTIS RISING! As far as I am concerned, it accomplished everything that you hoped that it would as outlined in your A Word from the Publisher....

I have a very strong feeling, as I think you, West, Redfield and Childress have each expressed in your own way, that the discovery and dissemination to the world of this kind of information may be the key to forestalling the apparent potential destruction of our current civilization either by physical catastrophe or further social erosion. I believe this because I also believe that, if people can come to know what has happened before to build and destroy great civilizations and can learn to recognize their causes and effects, we might be able to significantly enhance the spread of what Redfield called the positive psychological contagion that is desperately needed now and which is beginning to come about with astounding speed.

Thomas M. Henkel

Orlando, FL