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NASA SCIENTIST ANALYZES BIBLICAL PHENOMENA

Sixty year old Josef Blumrich, a scientist with NASA for 13 years and presently chief of future spacecraft design at Marshall Space Flight center in Huntsville, Alabama, states that 2,600 years ago a spacecraft landed in Israel.

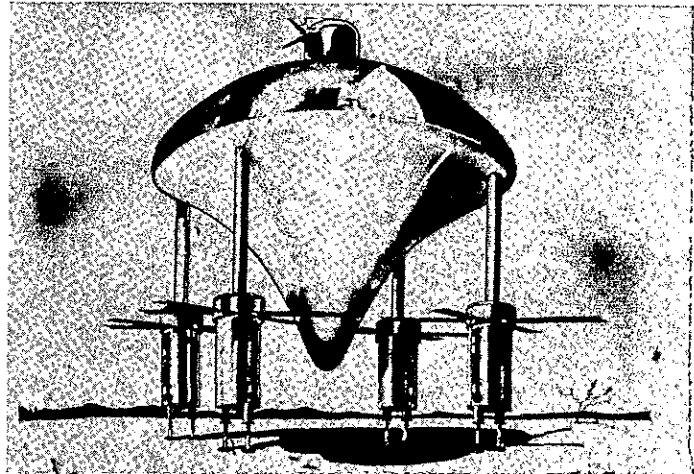
He has spent 18 months doing a scientific analysis on a specific chapter in the Bible. His opinion is based on the first chapter of Ezekiel in the Old Testament. The Prophet Ezekiel gives an explicit description of seeing a wheel-shaped craft spewing fire and lightning. "It descended from the heavens and out of the midst thereof came the likeness of man," is a quote from that chapter of the Bible.

According to Blumrich, the craft was more advanced than anything our present technology could produce even today. The scientist feels through his intense research that the craft was probably atomic powered with four landing legs that could be detached and flown independently like a helicopter.

MODERN TECHNIQUES USED TO ANALYZE AGE-OLD DATA

Blumrich started with a drawing of what Ezekiel described and then applied the same formulas that NASA would use for developing craft for orbital space flights. The finished analysis showed that the Prophet had seen a perfectly feasible spaceship (see diagram). The diagram is an artist's conception made by interpreting what Ezekiel saw.

Blumrich was intrigued by Ezekiel's description after reading Erich Von Daniken's *Chariots of the Gods*. He had been a complete skeptic and felt the whole thing was ludicrous. "I had to switch my opinions completely. The results of my investigations were not easy for me to accept because of my beliefs", stated Blumrich.



The NASA scientist admits now that he has no doubt that his analysis showed that Ezekiel had given an incredibly accurate description of a spaceship. The scientist further stated that we have been visited by life from other planets . . . and that these visits are continuing today.

Biblical passages have been interpreted as evidence of extraterrestrial visitation by numerous individuals. Blumrich's analysis takes us a step further than interpretation due to his background and method of analysis.

WITNESSES CHASED BY UFOs

Mrs. Sara Thompson of Franklin, Ky., reported an incident that will remain in her mind for years to come.

Sara and her small son were driving to visit relatives when they noticed, just several hundred feet over their car and slightly behind them, a huge, glowing, hissing UFO following their car. "I had never seen one before, and I hope to God I never see one again", Mrs. Thompson stated. The witness finally arrived at her relatives and immediately phoned for the police. Within minutes Sgt. Robert Baird sped to the area and discovered the object was still hovering in approximately the same area. The officer continued to watch it until it disappeared over a wooded slope. He reported the UFO as being a rounded disc shape and orange in color.

SIMILAR INCIDENT NEARBY

In the neighboring state of Indiana, a similar incident occurred to a farmer and

his wife. Mrs. Richard Pape reported she took her husband to pick up his truck 2 miles from their farmhouse. As Mr. Pape got out of the car, he noticed an unusual light in the sky which grew larger as he watched. He started driving his truck and was followed by Mrs. Pape in the car. As they proceeded toward home the object zoomed in and took a position right over the truck. Mrs. Pape described the object as being the size of a huge living room and disc shaped.

When they arrived home, the frightened couple sought refuge inside their house. The UFO hovered over their barn for a minute and then—at an incredible speed—disappeared.

At approximately the same time, 35 miles away at the FAA facility at Fort Wayne's Baer Field, Neal Rupert, the air traffic controller, reported that something appeared on the radar screen, moving very slowly, suddenly taking off at an unbelievable speed.

UFO RISES IN EARLY MORNING SKY

Closer Observation Required

A Maryland resident recently called NICAP's office and excitedly reported that she had observed a UFO. Questioning by a NICAP staff member revealed that the witness has 3 years of college training, is working as an administrator, and should be a qualified observer. The witness was asked to submit a written report on her experience and promptly did so.

The report reveals that the witness observed what appeared to be a solid object giving off a very bright light which was "brighter than any heavenly body." She stated that the object appeared to give off smoke and change shape and color, (changing from white to red light at times). She observed the object from her window and from outside her home. She reported that the light moved into the distance and back toward her at a rate of speed much faster than that of a jet aircraft. Her primary reason for feeling

that she had observed a UFO was "the tremendous rate at which it appears and recedes," and that it remains in a stationary position when it reaches its destination.

The witness had reported daily viewings with the "object first appearing at 7:10 a.m. and leaving in 30 minutes." Subsequent viewings had the object appearing earlier and being visible longer in the early morning eastern sky.

Experienced UFO researchers will immediately recognize this report as one of many concerning the planet Venus as a UFO. The color change and the observed movement toward and away from the witness is due to atmospheric conditions and normal limitations of visual acuity.

This report is presented on these pages for two reasons, i.e., to inform NICAP members of the need to analyze reports closely (even those from highly creditable witnesses) and to call attention to the fact that Venus now appears as an early morning celestial object instead of an evening celestial object.

A NICAP EXCLUSIVE

Many NICAP members may have read in their local newspapers an account of the alleged experience of a young man from Buenos Aires. To summarize briefly, this man claimed while supposedly under the influence of sodium pentothal he had been in contact with space creatures, was taken on board the spacecraft, and was the recipient of predictions of grave events which supposedly would affect earth in the future.

NICAP does not have a regional investigator located near Buenos Aires. Fortunately, NICAP has been informed by a highly reliable source that this alleged occurrence is most probably a hoax. It has been determined that the young man involved as the witness has a prior history of mental illness. Equally damaging to the possible validity of this story is the determination that the physician administering the sodium pentothal is working closely with a man who is writing a book on the UFO subject. There is strong indication that this whole report was not based on fact.

PROFESSOR PHOTOGRAPHS PHENOMENA

During a seven month study in Missouri, a physics professor from Southeast Missouri State University and his research crew viewed between seventy and eighty unidentifiable high altitude lights. Harley D. Rutledge, head of a team called Project Identification, says that the lights have been seen and photographed, but he refuses to speculate on what they might have been. The study, which was made in an area where many reports of UFOs had originated, states that the team reported sightings of unexplained lights on thirty-eight different nights. Rutledge made his own summary of the phenomena: "Blinking yellow lights that switched on in blue sky at twilight, twice; a row of seven lights, three of which exhibited a burned out or corona effect."

The physicist also stated that this investigation may well be the first time such extensive aerial phenomena has been reported by a team composed of scientists.

SIGHTING ADVISORY

Preliminary information on new reports. Details and evaluations will be published when available.

January 22, 1974—Norton, Mass. A man on his way home from work spotted what he described as a flying saucer near a gravel pit in this New England town. He saw a light in the air and as he approached it, the light became brighter and larger. His description of the object was that of a red dome on the top with another dome beneath it shaped similar to a child's swimming pool. The lower dome was edged with white lights which reflected onto the upper dome. A third dome was below the first two and appeared to have two ports at the rear which gave off an orange and white smoke as it disappeared into the night.

October, 1973—Sioux Falls, S. Dakota. While driving along a highway early in the morning, a mid-western couple spotted two UFOs. One was directly ahead of the car and the second one was off to the left approximately two miles away at an angle of about 33 degrees. The two objects were visible for about 10 minutes. Suddenly they simultaneously disappeared by ascending straight up without any other movement or sound.

December 13, 1973—Ellwood City, Pa. On a crisp, clear night a couple reported seeing a frightening object as they were about to get in their car. The UFO was described as first being observed as a red light in the sky. As the object moved towards the couple, a green light adjacent to the red light came on and within minutes the object was moving at an incredible speed at right angles to the east. While the object was moving, the red and green lights remained on. Losing sight of the UFO, they got into their car and drove away. The witnesses reported that they saw what seemed to be the same object about a mile and half from the first point, but this time the UFO was making very large circular motions over a golf course. The couple stopped their car and turned off the ignition in order to listen for sounds coming from the object, but there were none. They watched intently for about 5 minutes before the object disappeared again.

NICAP-APRO EVALUATE UFO CASES FOR NATIONAL ENQUIRER PANEL

APRO's director, Mr. Jim Lorenzen, and NICAP's President, Mr. John Acuff met in a lengthy session at the offices of the *National Enquirer* newspaper in Lantana, Florida on February 9th. The stated purpose of this meeting was to submit for review UFO reports for possible submission to the Enquirer's UFO panel. Quick agreement was reached on establishing guidelines and criteria for evaluating the merits and strength of reports as listed below:

1. Close encounter with a possible structured object is preferable to a mere light in the sky.
2. Physical residue left behind.
3. Photographs of object or some kind of instrumental support.
4. Behavior of the object suggests it was something other than conventional object.

Witnesses:

1. Multiple witnesses make the best sightings.
2. Should have a background which indicates reliability.
3. Competency of observation.
4. Conditions for observation.

Both organizations had gathered cases for review and these were added to information obtained on sightings by the staff of the Enquirer. In-depth evaluation was made on each case using the guide lines established earlier. At the close of the meeting the following cases had been deemed worthy of submission for further review and where necessary, further data gathering and analysis would be required:

ATLANTA, GEORGIA September 9, 1973

While filming an early morning (4:00 a.m.) interview with two state patrolmen who had observed a UFO the previous night, the patrolmen and the three member news crew of channel 5 (CBS) noticed two unusual bright lights in the eastern sky. The news crew consisted of the assistant director of news, a professional cameraman with 15 years experience, and a newscaster. The cameraman started setting up a tripod to insure a stable base for filming these lights and while doing so, he and the other witnesses noticed that one of the two lights dimmed and

disappeared. The other light remained stationary (while the star background changed) for the next hour and a half until sunrise. Seventy-five feet of color motion picture film (ASA 500) was taken of the white light source which changed to blue, red and yellow during viewing. The cameraman waited 30 minutes and filmed his remaining 75 feet of film. The brightest star (Sirius) in the area was placed in the camera's view finder during this time but did not produce an image. There were no planets in that area of the sky. The much brighter light being observed did produce an image on every frame and the color change can be clearly seen. A 100-times magnification of the 16 mm frames reveals grain and loss of resolution, but also reveals what appears to be a clearly structured object. (UFO Investigator, October 1973).

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Two boys, both 11, say they rapped on a dull dark grey object on the ground in a darkened field. Lights came on and the object rose up into the air and disappeared. Two young boys were the only witnesses, although there were reports of T.V. interference. Some foreign residue was found and is being examined.

CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA

Forty-five workers in Connersville saw a round object during their break. Only one man has been interviewed so far, but he said that at 7:30 p.m. on October 15, 1973, five men from the D & M Dishwashing Manufacturing Co. saw a round object over the AVCO test area. He rushed into the plant to tell others and a total of 45 watched it. The object descended into the trees and rose up again and flew off in a northeast direction. The object had yellow and blue lights reflecting onto silver. There was no sound connected with the UFO. It was agreed that this case needs to be investigated much further.

SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA

A UFO apparently triggered a freezer alarm in this West coast city. A family of three were awakened at 5 a.m. by inter-

mittent ringing of an alarm bell attached to their freezer. The witnesses reported seeing an object emitting an elliptical glow, with a line of white light through the middle, a reddish glow on top and a greenish glow on the bottom. The object seemed to be approximately 5 to 8 miles off the coast. It was observed through seven power binoculars, and rows of lights along the top and bottom were seen. The bell on the freezer was ringing in synchronization with the flashing of the lights on the UFO.

Two deputies from the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department were called. By then it had moved further away. They saw the object and heard the ringing of the bell, but were not certain it was synchronized. Investigators reported that if an alternating magnetic field from the UFO was affecting the freezer alarm bell, it would have affected the T.V. and shorted out other switches in the house. This did not occur.

OHIO October 18, 1973

U.S. Army helicopter crew members were buzzed by a UFO over the Ohio area. One full-time army captain and three reservists were flying the helicopter between Port Columbus and Cleveland when they were buzzed by a cigar-shaped object with a metallic grey body and a dome on the top. It became necessary to put the helicopter into a crash dive to avoid colliding with the object. The object seemed then to hover over the helicopter. At that point, the helicopter radio went dead. The UFO sucked the helicopter up more than 2,000 feet in a few seconds and then sped off northward. (UFO Investigator, November 1973)

FREEPORT, LONG ISLAND

Three policemen watched a small UFO link up with a larger one in Freeport, Long Island on November 6, 1973. Two policemen were sitting in their patrol car in a parking lot at 9 p.m. and saw a stationary ball of light in the sky with no red and green running lights. One followed in the car and the policeman got back on his motor cycle. The officers were in radio contact with one another

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during this time, but there is no record of conversation with the dispatcher.

Officer Steinberg described the UFO as shaped like a football, flatter at each end, glowing silvery blue with an occasional pulsating yellow red tint. The UFO seemed to be hanging in the sky but then moved off in a southwest direction. A smaller UFO came up from the right and joined the larger one. Officer Brown had also witnessed this occurrence. The two men returned to headquarters and spoke to a third officer about the incident and he too had seen the UFO's but refused to discuss the sighting with the investigator assigned to the case. (UFO Investigator, December 1973)

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

The president and vice-president of the Long Island Astronomical Society wit-

nessed a UFO on October 21, 1973. The two men saw a ball-like red shape and at one end of the object were three blinking lights, a white light in the center and green on the left end and red on the right. They were not a plane's lights. (UFO Investigator, December 1973.)

The meeting attended by decision makers of the National Enquirer, APRO and NICAP accomplished more than the stated purpose of evaluating reports. It is well known that data gathering and analysis can be an expensive task. In some cases the cost of analysis is beyond the scope of the APRO or NICAP budget allocations. Cases which are submitted for the Enquirer's UFO panel evaluation will now receive funding from the National Enquirer to insure complete analysis. Of equal importance is the resolve by both Mr. Lorenzen and Mr. Acuff to continue to seek means for mutual cooperation between NICAP and APRO.



NICAP received a note stating that there is a college in Georgia, which gives a non-credit course in UFOlogy. Anyone having any additional information regarding the name of this, or any other colleges offering similar courses please contact NICAP, so that we can print the information for our readers that live nearby.

There are a few areas of the country not presently covered by NICAP regional investigators. Any NICAP member who feels that he is qualified to serve as an investigator and resides in any one of the following states is urged to apply for investigator status.

Idaho	Nebraska
Montana	Utah
Wyoming	Nevada
South Dakota	Mississippi
	Missouri

Please write the NICAP office requesting that an application be sent to you.

AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

An 18-year-old and his companion reported an extraordinary chain of events which took place in Escondido, California. While driving home after visiting with friends at approximately 11:20 p.m. on the evening of December 13, 1973, Bryce Maritano and Tom Villalobos rounded a bend on a deserted road and spotted a glowing light. At first they thought it was an automobile accident. The young men stopped their car about 15 feet away and were about to get out for a closer look when they realized what they were seeing was a "flying saucer." The entire experience lasted only about 30 seconds, but they were very close and able to make a detailed observation. The witnesses described the object as being about 30 feet long, 8 or 10 feet wide and about 14 feet high. The object was opalescent orange in color, and was a single source of light, pulsating and radiating.

In the time it took for the young men to get out of the car, the craft ascended straight up about 8 feet, hesitated, and took off going in a westerly direction. "Nothing moves like that. The strangest part of all is that in all this time there was no sound," Bryce stated.

Bryce's mother attested to the fact that the young men obviously had seen something to cause them to be so severely shocked.

The following day, the two friends went back to the point of reference and tried searching for neighbors that might have seen the object. The young men did not really expect that they would find corroborating witnesses since there are very few homes in that particular area and the object had been soundless. However, almost everyone the boys questioned had a matching report of a similar sighting that had occurred within a few days, all in approximately the same area.



Q. Does anyone on the NICAP staff give "talks" on UFOs for private groups?

A. Yes. NICAP does provide this service for any organization that is interested. The NICAP presentation includes a background on the NICAP organization, slides of unexplainable UFOs and hoaxes, a discussion and their analyses and is usually followed by a question and answer period. (There is a fee for this service.) Any interested group should simply contact the NICAP office to make the arrangements.

COMING UP IN MARCH:

Among other features, your March *UFO Investigator* will bring you:

Encounter between DC-8 and UFO amazes crew.

UFO "Angel's Hair" still remains a mystery.