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Mystical organizations quietly dominate NASA, carrying out their own secret agendas behind the scenes. This is the story of men at the very fringes of rational thought and conventional wisdom, operating at the highest levels of our country. Their policies are far more aligned with ancient religions and secret mystery schools than the facade of rational science NASA has successfully promoted to the world for almost fifty years. The conquest of the next frontiers are fully intertwined with tapping into spiritual dimensions and making contact with the so called “ascended masters”.

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Carl Jung, *Memories, Dreams, Reflections*, 1963
1. CAN WE FORESEE THE FUTURE?

Pauwels and Bergier, authors of *The Morning of the Magicians*, frequently cited in Book One of *Power Quest*, relate a fantastic and proven coincidence of life imitating art. “In 1898 an American science-fiction writer, Morgan Robertson, described the shipwreck of a giant ship. This imaginary ship of 70,000 tons was 800 feet long and carried 3,000 passengers. Its engines were equipped with three propellers. One night in April, when on its first voyage, it encountered in the fog an iceberg, and sank. Its name was: *The Titan.*”

They go on to compare the core plot of his book with the reality of what happened to the *Titanic*, “which was wrecked in a similar circumstances years later, displaced 66,000 tons, was 828 ½ feet long, carried 3,000 passengers and had three propellers. The catastrophe happened on a night in April” [April 15, 1912].

The 100th anniversary of the tragedy was recognized publicly as this author wrote this book. Art often predicts life. *The Titan* constitutes one such story. Can it be that such predictions speak of our ability to foresee future events? Is it possible what we imagine will come to pass in the real world?

Evidence mounts for the reality of supernatural experiences. But most scientists not only ignore the momentum of public opinion, they overlook an irrepressible, cold hard fact that the ‘nonreligious’ (i.e., secular government of the United States) has, for almost sixty years, operated aspects of its intelligence service assuming the paranormal is reality.

What’s even more pertinent to our study is how this program was first initiated in the practices of the Third Reich which influenced American intelligence. Psychological research into ‘mind control’ was a significant factor introduced into America at the conclusion of World War II; it was reinforced by the invasion of thousands of Nazis into Military and CIA Intelligence operations thereafter. Not only did they bring their technical knowhow, they brought their fascist ideology. In America, our ideals in their most essential form extol the liberty of the individual and establish the State to protect that liberty. A fascist mentality reverses this perspective. The priority rests with the State not the individual. Because individual liberty in the American worldview is derived from the rights bestowed on us by the Creator, God is assumed. But in Fascism, God is not assumed. The State is God. Ancient Rome, through its emperor worship, mirrored this approach to governmental rule.

In the Cabala, the symbol of a *green tree* represents the tree of knowledge. The Nazis built a secret team of psychics with the project name *Doktor Grenbaum* no doubt drawing upon this symbol. The project’s mission was to provide additional *intelligence* to the Third Reich. Additionally, some speculate these mediumistic sources might have been the basis for many of the German wonder weapons, *wunderwaffe*, frequently publicized today in many television documentaries. What stands out clearly: ‘Doktor Grenbaum’ was a facet of Nazi obsession with mind control.

Jim Marrs comments:

> *Behind the horrors of the Nazi regime rested a foundation of European study of the human mind. Justification of euthanasia and extermination programs was provided by some of Germany's most learned men. “Hitler's philosophy and his concept of man in general was [sic] shaped to a decisive degree by psychiatry… an influential cluster of psychiatrists and their frightening theories and methods collectively form the missing piece of the puzzle of Hitler, the Third Reich, the atrocities and their dreadful legacy. It is the overlooked yet utterly central piece of the puzzle,”* wrote Dr. Thomas Roeder and his coauthors Volker Kubillus and Anthony Burwell in their 1995 book *Psychiatrists—the Men Behind Hitler.*

As Marrs concludes, whether or not such psychic ability was a factor in Hitler’s battle plans is likely never to be uncovered or verified; however, it is beyond question that studying the human mind began earnestly in Germany with “far reaching consequences.” According to him, those who have studied the issue suspect
the knowledge of non-human technology likely came through Nazi occultists using similar means to what is now called remote viewing, which we will define shortly.

Marrs quotes Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke, from his 1992 book, *The Occult Roots of Nazism: Secret Aryan Cults and Their Influence on Nazi Ideology*, stating the power motivating the mystics surrounding Hitler and Himmler “is characterized either as a discarnate entity (e.g., ‘black forces,’ ‘invisible hierarchies,’ ‘unknown superiors’), or as a magical elite in a remote age or distant location, with which the Nazis were in contact” through their mediums or remote viewers.  

Marrs quotes a member of the American military’s psychic team, Lynn Buchanan, who elaborates that when the Americans and the Soviets divvied up the various technologists from Germany which they would cart back to their respective countries, America had no interest with psychics and mediums doing such ‘intelligence work’ (or perhaps other tasks far more sinister). Not so with the Soviets—they grabbed the psychics and began their program of psychic exploration immediately after the War. Apparently, the then (1940s) commonplace, secular, and naturalist world view of American leaders (unlike many Europeans) simply got in the way, giving the Soviets an edge they would parlay to their advantage for several decades before psychic efforts began in the U.S. in earnest, funded by the military and civilian intelligence services.

Purely from the stand point of promoting American interests, it would appear a woven web of skepticism doesn’t serve national interests particularly well—especially when it practices to deceive.

Hal Puthoff, one of the fathers of psychic spies working for the U.S. Intelligence Service since the 1970s, states it this way: “Scientists and nonscientists alike often find it difficult to confront data that appear to be greatly at odds with their world view. Entrenched belief structures die hard, even in the face of data.” But the ‘about face’ (better yet, ‘change of mind’) came about as the military and intelligence services became sensitized to the activities of mind control behind the Iron Curtain. In a defensive maneuver, the U.S. levered the basic knowledge of these activities from German scientists and expanded such operations with many insidious projects, most notably MKULTRA and BLUEBIRD to name just two.

However, leading authorities on psychiatry continued to study paranormal capabilities even while operating under the cover of dismissal and denial. Overseeing MKULTRA projects, which investigated various ESP-related phenomena and the potential for drugs such as LSD to enhance the performance of test subjects, was the infamous Dr. Jolyon West. In 1980, while Director of UCLA's Neuropsychiatric Institute, Dr. West wrote critically about paranormal activities and the changing climate for investigative studies by scientifically credentialed researchers. He observes:

In the past few years some psychiatrists have shown a growing and unabashed interest in parapsychology, including telepathy, psychokinesis, clairvoyance, and presience [sic]. A distinguished psychiatrist (Stevenson, 1966) has written on reincarnation, another (Eisenbud, 1967) on mediums, a third (Ullman, 1973) on thought transference in dreams. Experiences with hallucinogenic drugs have led some behavioral scientists, such as Castaneda (1968) to formulate different, even mystical, ways of knowing reality. However, even the biological scientist (Lilly, 1972) and the astronaut (Mitchell, 1974) is no longer hesitant about involving themselves in experiments and self-revelations that would have seemed outrageously mystical 20 years ago but that are not taken as a matter of course.
Astrology and prophecy seem to be as much in vogue today as they were in the 16th century. Many citizens eagerly accept the idea that the earth is being visited regularly by benign denizens of solar systems who are ferried by spacecraft seen as unidentified flying objects (UFO’s).\(^7\)

However, it is most interesting, as Dr. Colin Ross well documents, that Dr. Thelma Moss, an assistant professor under Dr. West, over many years wrote dozens of favorable papers on paranormal phenomenon while working with Dr. West. Citing author Ross:

*Dr. Moss consulted to NASA, the Rand Corporation (contractor on MKULTRA Subproject 79), ARPA (The Defense Department’s Advanced Research Projects Agency) and the CIA on radiation photography, also known as Kirlian photography, according to her curriculum vitae. One of her papers published in the Journal of Parapsychology was entitled “ESP Effects in ‘Artists’ Contrasted with ‘Non-Artists.’” Other papers included “Quantitative Investigation of a “haunted House”; “ESP Over Long Distances”; “Telepathy in the Waking State”; “Hypnosis and ESP: A Controlled Experiment”; “The Effect of Belief on ESP Success”; “Skin Vision and Telepathy in a Blind Subject”; and “Is There An Energy Body?”.*\(^8\)

Given inconsistencies like this, we can easily regard psychiatrists working for the CIA and the military most disingenuous when denying paranormal activity. They hid what they really believed and sought to prove scientifically.

2. FUNDING FOR PSYCHICS—THE PROOF IS IN THE PAYING

It is no small thing that our military and intelligence leaders managed to spend millions in tax dollars to support clairvoyance with congressional approval from the 1950s to the 1990s (and perhaps to the present day).\(^9\) As an unintended consequence, we can say without hesitation the U.S. Government has generated mountains of documented proof for the reality of the supernatural.\(^10\) Carl Jung wrote, “The risk of inner experience, the adventure of the spirit, is in any case alien to most human beings. The possibility that such experience might have psychic reality is anathema to them.”\(^11\) While often true for empirical scientists, importantly it proved not to be true for pragmatists in the military. Inadvertently, the U.S. government was building the foundation for a rejuvenation of spiritualism—this time, embraced by the government and paid for with tax dollars.

According to Marrs in another of his books, *PSI Spies: The True Story of America’s Psychic Warfare Program*, research into and the use of remote viewing (RV) has been funded by four separate administrations for over a quarter of a century. My research says the truth goes deeper: It had been funded by the Departments of the Navy since 1947, the Army since 1949, and the CIA since 1952. It was driven, no doubt, by the awareness the Russians were up to their earlobes in psychic research and America had better get in the game. In effect, our psychic spies were the result of the Cold War and the
fear of our military and Congress that, like the story of Sputnik in the so-called Space Race, if we didn’t take action we would finish in second place. The dread of the ‘Red menace’ was crucial to the task of making a supernatural ability a repeatable technique capable of being trained to secular intelligence operatives who had no particular allegiance to religion of any kind.

At the outset of Marrs’ book on the PSI Spies, he picks up the story of psychics in the military in the 1990s. Marrs indicates that Dr. Hal Puthoff and Ingo Swann who, along with Russell Targ, were the men most responsible for the development of RV. But PSI Spy number one, Chief Warrant Officer Joseph McMoneagle, was actually in the business in the early 1970s. However, as I stated above, the beginning of the story goes much farther back in military annals.

The original research was done by several mysterious characters, indeed, bona fide shamans commencing as early as the late 1940s. Indeed, Roswell (1947) wasn’t the only abnormal thing on the radar of our military after World War II. These enigmatic individuals, in particular one Andrija Puharich, had a far-reaching impact on the whole story of psychic activity both in the intelligence services and even more bizarre nature of psychic activities outside of the military—both then and now. We will explore his contributions in more detail later. Here we need recognize only that many highly strange partakers in occult spiritualism were at work helping to build an occult orientation inside our military and intelligence services. Supplied with massive ‘black ops budgets’ they would engage in extraordinary projects to research the paranormal and transform the ‘supernatural’ into what the Germans called the wunderwaffe of war. The paranormal would be the stuff of secret weapons—whose mechanisms were even more secret.

3. THE HISTORY OF CLAIRVOYANCE

Let’s first confirm what we mean by clairvoyance. It is the supernatural power of seeing objects or events removed in space or time from natural viewing. The word simply combines two French words, clair (“clear”) and voyance (“vision”), comprising clear vision for things unseen. Wikipedia provides this general definition:

Within parapsychology, clairvoyance is used exclusively to refer to the transfer of information that is both contemporary to, and hidden from, the clairvoyant. It is very different from telepathy in that the information is said to be gained directly from an external physical source, rather than being transferred from the mind of one individual to another… Clairvoyance is related to remote viewing, although the term “remote viewing” itself is not as widely applicable to clairvoyance because it refers to a specific controlled process (italics and bold added).¹²

Marrs relates: “In the Vedas, the most ancient written record of man, there are references to supernatural powers called ‘siddhis.’ According to the venerable Hindu scriptures, these were unwanted paranormal side effects of meditation that tended to distract the meditator.”¹³

Marrs continues recounting the history as follows:

Dr. Richard Broughton, director of research at the Institute for Parapsychology in Durham, North Caroline, has quoted from Pantanjali’s Yoga Sutras, written some 3,500 years ago. His descriptions of Pantanjali’s yoga meditation techniques sound remarkably similar to the techniques developed for remote viewing: “[Y]oga mediation… [is] a succession of stages in which outside distractions are reduced… In the stages of the meditational process—termed Samyana—paranormal phenomena may be produced, most commonly a feeling of clairvoyant omniscience, but sometimes including physical effects such as levitation, object movements, and healing.”¹⁴ [Brackets in original]

In the modern era, research into the paranormal began in 1882 when a group of interested scientists in London formed the Society for Psychical Research (SPR).
For the first time, the techniques of modern science—standardized descriptions and methodology, disciplined experiments, and so forth—were applied to psychic phenomena.

Among the accomplishments of the SPR was the exposure of fraudulent mediums and spiritualists. In 1884, following an investigation of Elena Hahn, better known as Madame Blavatsky, founder of the mystical Theosophical society, the SPR caustically termed her “one of the most accomplished, ingenious, and interesting impostors in history.”[15] [Emphasis added]

The arrival of J.B. Rhines at Duke University in September 1927 began the formal discipline around psychic research in a laboratory setting. Rhines was motivated to begin the research after hearing a lecture on the topic of the paranormal by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes. It was Rhine who coined the term *extrasensory perception* (ESP). “In 1940, the Rhines, along with other parapsychologists, produced a book entitled *Extra-Sensory Perception After Sixty Years*, a compendium of psychical research since the founding of the SPR in 1882. The research presented in this book was so careful and scientific that the book became assigned reading for introductory psychology classes at Harvard for the 1940–41 academic year.”[16]

Psychic occurrences during World War II so frightened military authorities that psychics were not only considered genuine, but were seen as a strategic threat. One psychic in England became notorious for predicting a series of unfortunate events; particularly making statements regarding the sinking of two ships in 1944 before this had become public knowledge. Her name was Helen Duncan. She was arrested and charged with conspiracy, specifically after a 1735 law against witchcraft was updated by Parliament to permit authorities to act against her. After her arrest and conviction, Duncan served a nine-month prison sentence. This step was taken by the British to ensure information about D-Day would not be leaked by Duncan inadvertently due to her growing reputation for clairvoyant capacities. “Even Prime Minister Winston Churchill futilely tried to intercede for Mrs. Duncan. In his memoirs written years later, Churchill credited psychic guidance in leading him to a friendly home during his escape as a prisoner during the Boer War.”[17]

Tim Rifat in his 1999 book, *Remote Viewing*, commented, “A country such as the UK, obsessed with secrecy, cannot allow remote viewing to become public knowledge.”[18] The threat of psychic intelligence chills the spine and upsets military minds all at the same time.

4. THE COLD WAR—THE IMPETUS TO ACT

Yet, it would be the Cold War with the Soviets which would propel the American government to explore the unexplainable. As early as January 7, 1952, a CIA document (released under the Freedom of Information Act in 1981), clearly indicated the agency was considering projects involving ESP.[19]
Although these projects, primarily Projects ARTICHOKE, BLUEBIRD, and finally MKULTRA through 149 subprojects, mostly dealt with the creation of the so-called ‘Manchurian Candidate’, remote viewing was often a topic of interest as well.

According to the research of Dr. Colin Ross, who uncovered details not previously disclosed about various CIA projects, the primary funding for the conduct of remote viewing was through Project STARGATE that ran through 1984, costing taxpayers $20 million. It was paid through contractors Edwin May, Russell Targ, and Hal Puthoff at Stanford Research Institute. Earlier research was part of Projects ARTICHOKE and BLUEBIRD which were launched immediately before and overlapped with MKULTRA kicked off in 1953. Ross provides these details:

Technically, STARGATE was not a mind control program in the usual sense, although it involved controlling certain properties of the human mind. It perhaps could be better described as a program that tapped certain powers of the mind. There is no evidence that any STARGATE activities violated medical ethics. The remote viewing was conducted under a series of cryptonyms including STARGATE and GRILL FLAME. Remove viewing work was being done in the private sector into the 1990s, with medical oversight by MKULTRA contractor, Dr. Louis Jolyon West.20

After a clandestine period in the 1960s, the topic popped up again in full force as the next decade began: “In 1970, two Western authors, Sheila Ostrander and Lynn Schroeder, published Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain, detailing what they had learned about such research after a lengthy visit through the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. The book was a great success and proved to be an impetus to psychic research, particularly in the United States.”21

Nevertheless, both the U.S. and Soviet governments distanced themselves from such work, declaring it sensational and untrue. Explanations were offered such as “the stories were fabrications of research scientists seeking more financing.” Of course: Who wants to admit an ‘unscientific’ point of view—even if it’s something into which the entity in question is pouring millions of dollars (or rubles)? Scientists may believe in the paranormal; they just don’t want to go on record divulging such things. That’s why it has always seemed essential to keep quiet about what was really going on behind the curtains—whether those curtains were iron or not.

Playing a major role in the government’s work was the Stanford Research Institute (SRI) mentioned above.22 In 1970, SRI went independent of Stanford University as a result of protests from students who feared SRI had become too cozy with the military-industrial complex. During the early part of the 1970s, SRI did indeed serve as a cover for the psychic research being carried out by the CIA and Army intelligence. The principal figure working under contract for SRI at the time was one Ingo Swann, who became the father of remote viewing, not only demonstrating the technique to the astonishment of most everyone familiar with the project, but throughout the next two decades, mentoring and training over twenty other remote viewers for the government. When Uri Geller was brought to the United States, Geller was studied carefully at SRI. Edgar Mitchell (previously mentioned, of Apollo 14 astronaut fame) was the “funding and contracting agent” at SRI which investigated Geller. “Significantly, the Geller experiments at
SRI coincided exactly with the first CIA involvement with psychic experiments there, specifically their sponsorship of research into Ingo Swann’s extraordinary talent for remote viewing. And in Uri Geller they had the golden child of the Israeli secret service, [the] Mossad. Is it too unlikely that Geller, also, was being investigated by the CIA? Geller has gone on record as admitting he worked for them.

But the story of PSI spying can’t be kept under wraps forever. On August 27, 1995, the account of PSI Spies broke in a London newspaper: “Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, PSI,” written by Jim Schnabel who went on to publish a book on remote viewing in 1997. Marrs tells us about the ‘official disclosure’ of this supernatural approach to spying:

Remote viewing was officially acknowledged by a CIA news release dated November 28, 1995. The story received superficial and dismissive coverage in the New York Times and the Washington Post, which described the PSI Spies merely as “a trio of citizens with suspected paranormal powers who were located at a Maryland military base.” Even with this watered-down version, the story moved no farther than the East Coast. Nowhere was there any mention that remote viewing was simply dispersed to even more secret government agencies where its use continues today, according to several separate unofficial sources.

This reluctance to admit the level of what had been going on for the previous forty-five years is, once again, classic intelligence service disinformation (note also the New York Times was at the forefront of the denial). After all, what benefit exists for the military to give away any secrets just to satisfy public curiosity—even if we do pay for such activities with our taxes?

To put this in perspective: it appears the military has a two-pronged plan for RV. First, it seeks to minimize RV’s validity by showcasing “RVers” as crackpots and to create dismissive reports proving this to be the case. Ray Hyman accomplished the same in 1995 at the CIA’s behest—Hyman being an Oregon professor who made pocket money as an adamant skeptic of all things paranormal, apparently following in the footsteps of astronomer J. Allen Hynek who downplayed UFOs in the 1950s. Secondly, military intelligence would simply operate RV in the dark, secretly continuing to utilize the technique strategically for

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both defensive and offensive purposes. Its effective usage have been proven by copious examples drawn from the many books and articles published by military RV personnel serving for over the past forty years (the author has space to produce only a few examples here).²⁸

In summary, the CIA and the military wishes to continue using RV and other forms of psychic force—these services just wants to keep such instances out of the headlines. Marrs comments, “By the mid-1970s, the CIA proved its satisfaction with the SRI results as demonstrated by the agency’s continued financial support.”²⁹ We might say, “The proof is in the paying.” Of course, payments continued throughout the 1980s and 90s and likely linger to this day.

5. HOW DOES REMOTE VIEWING WORK?

Perhaps the most striking difference between the path of the shaman and that of the PSI Spies are the means used to obtain the results sought. In short, shamans use drugs derived from plants of all kinds which yield alkaloids. PSI Spies, from their testimony, only use meditative techniques.

The PSI Spies operated under a number of different projects with intriguing names, most of which meant nothing. For example, GRILL FLAME was a random computer-generated codename for several sub-projects (everything that included psychic activity). The project was initially outfitted with twelve of three thousand interviewees. Soon it was netted down to six and ultimately to only three. SRI did the intensive testing that led to those selected. Pat Riley, another remote viewer for the military, said that during this time [the mid-1970s during the start-up period] the remote viewers of GRILL FLAME were trying “a variety of methods to induce an altered state of consciousness. ‘Everything except drugs,’ said Riley.”³⁰

The reluctance to consider drugs to assist in remote viewing resulted from fears which emerged when Congress learned how many unsuspecting servicemen (over fifteen hundred) were tested with LSD in the 1950s as part of Project MKULTRA. This revelation was from the U.S. Senate’s Church Committee investigation in the mid-1970s. Thereafter, use of drugs on unwitting human subjects in military service (and without a special oversight committee) would be a career-limiting move for those in charge. Several methods to make the RV process more focused were tried but no one approach was determined to be best. At the end of the day, the method of choice placed the subject in a darkened, quiet room to facilitate a meditative state. The PSI ‘warriors’ consistently indicate that to make the process work the conscious mind has to be put into neutral to allow the part of the mind which “remote views” to do its thing. Ingo Swann, the very first active remote viewer and the primary trainer of most of the PSI Spies, described it this way:

You see, when these guys make an ideogram [a simple sketch of what they are viewing], there’s a chain of unraveling that takes place. The signal line is being incorporated into the viewer’s mind or something like that. And they are trained to discriminate between noise and signal. But the signal line does its own thing in these stages and in the way that it does that, you come up with practically a noiseless session [where the images are passed through to the viewer clearly]. That’s if they adhere to the format, the structure. But it’s very hard to get people to do that because people like to contribute themselves, you know.

This is not a contributive process. The viewer has to be passive, not active, and just receive what’s coming in.³¹

In other words, although the RVers achieve a trance state the conscious mind is still aware but very passive in the process. If the subject doesn’t learn how to relax the conscious mind and keep it from interfering in the process, the results diminish dramatically.

For all intents and purposes, the technique appears to follow the path of psychic processes known as ‘automatic writing’ and ‘channeling’ (or more popularly known as, ‘mediumship’). Marrs writes of one experience of David Morehouse, a late comer to the remote viewing team. Colonel Ennis Cole (a
pseudonym as he still works for the government), recruited Captain David Morehouse in 1988. Morehouse had the “misfortune” of admitting he had once had a spontaneous ‘out-of-body experience’ (OBE). That piqued the interests of his superiors. Colonel Cole began by describing the project to Morehouse as GRILL FLAME. “A small, select group of soldiers, the colonel explained, were having out-of-body experiences. They were leaving their physical bodies, going to distant targets, and describing the targets. ‘They call this remote viewing,’ Cole explained. After giving Morehouse specific longitude and latitude coordinates to demarcate a specific target, Cole then proceeded to let Morehouse’s fingers do the walking (or writing). We read:

Morehouse was feeling very incompetent. Great, he thought. How do I allow my hand to move across the paper? I mean, you’re talking to a grunt soldier here.

Pettingale [his monitor] took a deep breath and repeated the coordinates again. Without his thinking or willing it, Morehouse’s hand began to move across the paper. It moved slightly across and then moved sharply upwards and back down.

*Morehouse looked up with a grin of relief and accomplishment. Pettingale was not smiling. “Now decode it. Describe how it felt.”*

“I feel it rising sharply upwards,” Morehouse said confidently.

“Fine. Now touch the ideogram with your pen point and tell me what you feel”…

“It’s rising up sharply. It’s natural… it’s a mountain,” he blurted out, surprised at the conviction in his voice.

Upon opening a manila envelope with the picture of the target corresponding to the coordinates, Morehouse discovered a picture of Japan’s Mount Fuji. This was enough to hook Morehouse.

And so began the physic military career of Captain David Morehouse.

The Soviets tried various ways to induce or improve on RV including electric shock, drugs, and sensory deprivation. Historically, the latter two are the methods/medicine that shamans utilize to catalyze their psychic experiences. Yet, Riley indicates remote viewing capability requires alert concentration. “When a person is on drugs, their remote viewing capability is diminished.” As such, the remote viewers are distant cousins to shamans—they only care about the technique for its practical application. The issue of what it says about cosmology and the nature of the universe is entirely secondary. At least, that seems to be the case during working hours.

Of course, as we learn additional facts about their experience, it gets more and more difficult to avoid the question of what such workings tell us about the cosmos as well as the nature of human beings and the nature of God.

One of the first ‘wow’ events involved Joe McMoneagle remote viewing a new type of Soviet sub. Essentially, he had discovered the submarine reality of what the movie *The Hunt for the Red October* used as the basis for its techno-thrilling plot: *A super sub that really could run silent, run deep.* This was in 1979. It was under construction in a secret facility at Severodvinsk. McMoneagle was able to supply fascinating details about the nature of the sub indicating to his superiors they had stumbled onto something truly revolutionary. It caused the military many sleepless nights.

But what really got the attention of the military was when the PSI Spies remote-viewed secret weapon development for the ‘good guys’. The Air Force ill-advisedly used their most top secret program as a test for the PSI Spies. The team easily aced the quiz. Morehouse commented, “The Air Force went nuts. They didn’t know what to do.” If the Air Force had had the spies sign a statement that they would not disclose what they saw, it would have documented the secret program. What’s worse, it would have shown them up for frivolously using their most secret weapon as a test. Nevertheless, because they were given the target,
the team learned the name of the project and many of the details of what would become America’s stealth fighter program. The Air Force couldn’t do anything but walk away. “It just terrified them. I mean, if we could get into their most secret program, we could get into anything” according to Morehouse. Of course, it was news only to those who already had top security clearance and were sworn under duty of military law to keep the government’s secrets, secret. No real harm was done.

From the demonstrated experience of both Pat Price and Joe McMoneagle, we learn RV is not only not limited to space, but neither is it limited to time. McMoneagle, after his service in the military, would sometimes be tested on television and be called upon to remote view a target from several choices which would be selected at show time. However, normally the night before while lying on his hotel bed, he would remote view the location that would be picked. That way he wouldn’t be bothered by the stress of the live television show. Consequently, this meant not only could he investigate through ‘his mind’s eye’ the location for remote viewing, he could do so even before they had selected the target the next day! For McMoneagle, time is but a creation of our social structures and a convenience for relating in a social setting. That doesn’t mean it’s a barrier to the human mind nor is it a restriction on consciousness. Joe time traveled as normal course.

Russell Targ commented about remote viewer Pat Price: “[He] had psychic functioning totally integrated into his daily life. He would tell us each day about the course of world events – the day and hour of the Israeli-Arab cease-fire in the Yom Kippur Way [1973], the eventual outcome of a celebrated kidnapping, the breakup of an OPEC conference by terrorists. Nearly every day it seemed Pat would have some piece of precognitive news for us to think about over lunch, days in advance of the event’s actual occurrence.”

It should be noted that the RVers discriminate between remote viewing and ‘out of body experiences’. OBE is considered to be unpredictable and uncontrollable, whereas RV is well-behaved. “When you go out of body, it is such an awe-inspiring experience that the viewers would forget about their mission,” Riley said. “I mean when you are able to move out among the stars or see other dimensions, that Soviet rocket launcher [for example, he means] seems pretty tame. You lose interest in it real quick.” Another unexpected phenomenon the remote viewers describe suggests there is a social aspect to RV: the RVers could encounter their opponents psychically and sense one another. When this occurred, it became a psychic game of Spy vs. Spy. “Having been alerted to the existence of foreign remote viewers, the PSI Spies joined in a game of psychic cat and mouse with the other side. ‘We would go looking for them and they would come looking for us,’ Morehouse said. ‘Gradually, a sense of camaraderie grew. They were experimenting and learning just like us. We thought of them more as an opposing team than an enemy.’

6. OPENING THE DOOR TO THE PARANORMAL

What kind of intelligence did the intelligence services seek from the PSI Spies? Their primary interest was in gathering scientific and technical intelligence: “What did the other side have? How did it work? How could it be used against us?” While the CIA was shying away from ‘far out’ projects in the 1970s, the Army Intelligence team continued to use the psychic warriors. Gen. Edmund “Mike” Thompson, U.S. Army’s deputy chief of staff for Intelligence, said, “I became convinced that remote viewing was a real phenomenon, that it wasn’t a hoax,” recalled Gen. Thompson. ‘We didn’t know how to explain it, but we weren’t so much interested in explaining it as in determining whether there was any practical use to it.’

We can see good old fashioned American pragmatism was at work.
As we will learn, considering the spiritual dangers associated with the technique, a performance of RV as ‘duty’ is reminiscent of a line from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s *Charge of the Light Brigade*:

> Theirs not to make reply,
> Theirs not to reason why,
> Theirs but to do and die.\(^{42}\)

The remote viewers weren’t told that dangers existed—that certain ideologies (like the Judeo-Christian cosmology) might contraindicate RV as tampering with powers outside of human control. From the perspective of the intelligence services, get the right guys and gals and you can control the paranormal, obtaining the results you need for the sake of national security. However, implied was a patent ignorance of the ‘downside’ just as there was with the unknowing soldiers who took LSD in the 1950s as part of their military service for Uncle Sam.

The unit started going downhill toward the end of the 1980s. Missions were still in full force, but the best of the RVers began leaving to profit from their skills in the private sector. By 1993, a company called PSI TECH was underway with seven remote viewers including Ingo Swann as mentor and consultant. General Albert N. Stubblebine (one of the team’s commanders in the 1980s, affectionately known as “Spoon bender” because he was so impressed with psychokinetic experiences), took a position on PSI TECH’s board of directors, supplying considerable credibility to the business (and validation of the Army’s use of the PSI Spies a few years before).

However, the legacy of the other paranormal activity started in the military intelligence game and bridging to the private sector continues to have far-reaching impact today—although the public is left mostly unawares.

In the next sections, we will document not only how the originators of the PSI Spies went way ‘out on a limb’ in their techniques, but ultimately concluded that life on Earth is connected to little green men on Mars in our ancient past and the appearance of extraterrestrials in our proximate future. It appears once the door to the paranormal has been thrown wide-open, many different types of exotic experiences can enter—perhaps including beings from beyond our planet.

Is there still psychic spying going on within the confines of military and civilian intelligence operations? If a personal story can be relied upon, it certainly is.

The sister of one of my consulting clients shared her story from a few years ago when I met with her and her brother for refreshments in March, 2012. She related how she had dated an individual who worked for the military in one of the western states. As she was driving back to her home in Arizona late at night, she indicated that her ‘mind was being infiltrated’ by thoughts from this individual. Without going into too many details, she ‘pushed back’ psychically on these thoughts. She didn’t want to have her mind influenced by anyone—friend or foe. Late the following morning, according to her account, the door of her apartment flew open and this same man burst in with a couple of armed associates. He exclaimed, “Who are you?” and she screamed back at him, “Who are YOU?” He was obviously astounded someone was capable of resisting his psychic power. Explaining, he related he worked for an intelligence group and utilized his powers to gather intelligence for the government. However, occasionally he would use his skills for what he deemed to be positive, personal reasons. In this instance, he was attempting to make sure she wasn’t falling asleep at the wheel and was attempting to send ‘thoughts’ to help keep her awake. According to him, he was simply concerned about her well-being. Then they recounted what each person had psychically ‘sent’ to the other and were surprised to find their ‘mind reading’ exercise had been precisely as they each intended. Messages were sent and received.
If this account is true (and I have every reason to believe it is not an exaggeration), PSI spying continues—up to this day.

To recap: the door to spiritualism was opened by Nazi scientists before, during, and AFTER World War II. It was clearly emphasized by the Soviets immediately after the War. Once the U.S. picked up on how infatuated the communist regime in Moscow was with psychic spying, our government determined it had to have its own program. The CIA and the military may not have wanted to contribute tax dollars to inadvertently fund a spiritualist practice in America as a means to counter the Soviets in the Cold War, but it had done so. If this was the only aspect of supporting spiritualism it would be easy to dismiss as ‘a one-off’. But as we will see, this example is only one of many where the occult worldview of the nineteenth century, most notably displayed in Nazi Germany, became a major element of the U.S. behavioral science, astrophysics, and intelligence operations in the latter half of the twentieth century.
7. THE PUPPET MASTERS OF THE EARLY DAYS

Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince, in their sizeable work, *The Stargate Conspiracy: The Truth About Extraterrestrial Life and the Mysteries of Ancient Egypt*, document how the U.S. Military has not only been involved in conducting psychic operations to spy out technical intelligence from our enemies—their reach goes well beyond, extending into the possibility of the existence of extraterrestrial life, ancient civilizations in our solar system (notably Mars, but secondarily the Moon), and the connections with the alternative theories of Ancient Egypt, specifically the meaning of the Giza complex and the Great Pyramids. While it is possible (but unlikely) direct military involvement in these matters ceased sometime in the 1970s, it is clear that SRI (perhaps as cover for government participation and funding), continued to be involved in research at Giza, and that NASA has a lot more to tell us about the true motivations behind the space program—especially why we might wanted to get to Mars as soon as possible.

We only have room in this section to highlight how the military launched the activity leading to these outcomes. In the next section, we will provide an overview of the suppositions espoused by Picknett and Prince, Richard Hoagland (a former consultant for *CBS News* and NASA), Joseph Farrell, and Jim Marrs on the meaning of outer space to those who seek to guide our politics and our culture. We will document here the origins of the strange activity, what the key players initiated, and underscore their impact today.

Suffice it to say, ‘astounding’ doesn’t begin to describe the facts.

As mentioned in the previous section, the history of U.S. Government involvement in the paranormal begins in the 1940s, not the 1970s. “The first experiments in the paranormal were authorized by the CIA in 1950, codenamed BLUEBIRD, later renamed ARTICHOKE and then, in 1953, MKULTRA. The U.S. Navy had a similar research program, Project CHATTER (beginning in 1947), which pooled its resources with the CIA projects, and the U.S. Army had its own version called Project OFTEN, which ran between 1968 and 1973.”¹ Other project names float around too, such as Project GRILL FLAME which was an umbrella term for anything psychic.

The principal character of the early going was the fascinating personality Dr. Andrija Puharich (known by his family as Hank).² He was Chicago-born, of Yugoslavian parents in 1918, and became a successful inventor of medical gadgets such as improved deaf aids. Puharich qualified as a doctor and neurologist at Northwestern University in 1947. “But that was only part of his life, his more public face. He was also known as a brave pioneer in the ‘Cinderella science’ of parapsychology, or—as many have come to view it—the study of the hitherto unplumbed powers of the human mind.”³ But what is the relevance of Puharich?
There is no doubt that he was very deeply committed to much of the mind control experimentation of the military/CIA. He was certainly no mere Army doctor, whose work was confined to handing out pills and potions. In fact, even the Round Table Foundation—as Puharich himself implies in his book The Sacred Mushroom—was a front for the Army’s parapsychological experiments.

When he was redrafted in February 1953 it was as a captain at the Army Chemical Center in Edgewood, Maryland, the Army’s facility for research into chemical and psychological warfare and neuro-physical research, where he served until April 1955, when he returned to the Round Table Foundation.

It is well-known the Army’s Chemical Center at Edgewood, where Puharich was stationed, conducted joint experiments with the CIA’s MKULTRA team. “The Army's real interest, the real reason why they [employed] Puharich, was not just in the development of the military potential of ESP, but also the possibility of finding a drug that would stimulate psychic abilities.”

And what we will learn in the pages following is that the Army was paying big dollars to consultants who would have been considered crazy by the general population because they believed in somebody up there on Mars and psychics who could connect with them.

As covered in the previous section, the official account is that the Army didn’t start experimenting with psychics until the 1970s through studies at SRI; however Puharich presented a paper on the Army’s behalf to the Pentagon in November 1952 entitled “An Evaluation of the Possible Usefulness of Extrasensory Perception in Psychological Warfare.” While it is highly probable Puharich was right at the center of the experiments using LSD, it’s quite clear both the CIA and the Army determined not to use drugs as a means to facilitate remote viewing. While it is supposition and unproven that some sort of ‘chemical basis’ serves as a means for humans to exhibit psychic ability, many of the substances already exist in small amounts naturally within human physiology. As Graham Hancock notes in his book Supernatural, approximately two percent of the population seem to possess enough naturally occurring dimethyltryptamine (DMT) “within themselves” they don’t require any assistance from drugs (DMT—a substance similar chemically to serotonin which at sufficient quantities generates hallucinations in human subjects). Apparently it is for this reason the military screened and selected only a few persons to do remote viewing—clearly those which could perform well without pharmacological help.

According to Jack Sarfatti (another colorful character we will discuss), Puharich worked for Army Intelligence in the early fifties—which implies his discharge later in the 1950s provided a cover for continuing to operate on behalf of the military but in a civilian capacity. It also appears some of Puharich’s medical inventions (mostly related to hearing—hopefully not just ‘voices’) were originally developed as part of classified Army projects. According to Sarfatti, Puharich claimed in 1987 he had been part of a U.S. Navy investigation called Project PENGUIN researching psychic abilities in 1948.

Over the next twenty years [his career actually extended almost 40 years] Puharich devoted himself to more general parapsychological and medical research. He set up a company, the Intelectron Corporation, to market his many patented medical inventions. On the parapsychological side, apart from testing various psychics, he made a special, in-depth study of shamanism. He was particularly interested in shamanic techniques for altering states of consciousness, including the use of various hallucinogenic plants and “sacred” mushrooms. Never one to stand on the sidelines, Puharich threw himself into these studies, even being initiated into the mysteries of Hawaiian shamanism, emerging as a fully-fledged kahuna. At least as significant—in light of what was to come—was his personal training in hypnosis to the level of master hypnotist, at which stage are revealed such mysteries as the “instant command technique” so often used, an arguably abused, by stage hypnotists. Out of this admirably “hand-on” research he wrote two books, The Sacred Mushroom (1959) and Beyond Telepathy (1962).

From 1948 until 1958, Puharich ran a private research center focused on the paranormal he called the Round Table Foundation in Glen Cove, Maine. He carried out experiments with several then-famous
psychics such as the Irish medium Eileen Garrett and the Dutch clairvoyant Peter Hurkos. But it was his work with another psychic which commenced a radically new path forward.

8. INTRODUCING THE NINE

“In 1952 he took an Indian mystic, Dr. D.G. Vinod, to the laboratory, although apparently not so much to test his abilities as to listen to his teachings, which came by what is now known as ‘channeling’: more or less identical to old-fashioned trance mediumship, in which the medium becomes a conduit for various discarnate spirits.”

The intrigue deepens when we discover the subject that occupied Puhrich after holding a séance at his Round Table Foundation in Glen Cove, Maine. “The first of these sessions took place on 31 December 1952. Vinod entered the trance state and at exactly 9 PM, spoke. His first words were, portentously: ‘We are Nine Principles and Forces.’ One of the ‘Nine,’ who identified himself only as ‘M’ (a second communicator, ‘R’, also appeared over the next few months), furnished some extremely detailed scientific information concerning a variant of the Lorentz-Einstein Transformation equation (relating to energy, mass and the speed of light)” [emphasis added].

This is the first record of many meetings with a group of entities that identified themselves as personas numbering nine in total. The ‘nine’ of Dr. Vinod would become Puhrich’s obsession and both directly and indirectly inaugurate a fascination with intelligences outside our world. Within three decades, millions would come to believe in these nine entities as one example among many to be the ‘scientific’ alternative explanation for divine intervention in the evolution of humankind. Indirectly, the teachings of these nine principles or forces (hereafter, I will refer to them as THE NINE) provided anecdotal support for what is now called “ancient astronaut theory,” such as espoused by Erich von Däniken (of Chariots of the Gods’ fame). Adding to this exalted nine is recent research related to the Mayan prediction of an apocalyptic event scheduled for December 21, 2012 when their nine gods return to earth.

After working further with Vinod for several months, Puhrich was ready to roll out the notion of THE NINE by inviting nine (not an accidental number of invitations to be sure) persons composed of upper-echelon Americans to meet with him and Dr. Vinod on June 27 of the next year (1953). Those attending included Arthur M. Young (philosopher and inventor—also one time head of Bell Helicopter) and Alice Bouverie (née Astor), daughter of the founder of the Astoria Hotel in New York. When speaking thru Vinod, THE NINE took center stage, but played coy as to who and what they actually were. At first, they didn’t identify themselves as extraterrestrials. That would eventually change.

About two years later, Puhrich, Young, and Hurkos went to Mexico seeking to use Hurkos’ powers in an attempt to find certain artifacts at the ancient site of Acámbaro. In the Hôtel de Paris they met an American couple, Dr. Charles Laughead and his wife Lillian, who were working with a young man who claimed to be in telepathic contact with various alien races. Shortly after his return to the United States, Puhrich received a letter from Laughead—a copy of which they sent to Young—giving communications from the extraterrestrials. And this referred to “the Nine,” giving the correct date for their first contact via Dr. Vinod as well as the same information about the Lorentz-Einstein Transformation. This appeared to be exciting independent corroboration of the Nine’s existence.

It also transformed THE NINE from ‘spirits’ or forces to extraterrestrials. Ever since that moment, THE NINE have attempted to establish their identity as extraterrestrials. It’s almost as if THE NINE decided being ET would be much more chic.
Therefore, it seems plausible connecting THE NINE to extraterrestrials directly resulted from Charles Laughead’s earlier experience documented in the book, *When Prophecy Fails*. In 1954, an apocalyptic group, the “Brotherhood of the Seven Rays” expected a rescue from extraterrestrials intended to save them and them alone from a global flood. This group of staunch believers included the Laughead’s. Dorothy Martin, known as Marian Keech in the book, was their psychic leader. While Martin was emotionally destroyed “when the prophecy failed,” Laughead and his wife were nonplussed and continued to promote aliens and publicize their determination to arrive at, shall we say, an earthly destination. Consequently, very soon after the experiences recorded in the book, the Laughead’s met Puharich and his psychic posse.

Vinod was not the only medium attracting Puharich. From another psychic, Puharich opened a different controversial door, this one to ‘alternate history’. When serving in the Army as Captain in 1954, Puharich encountered a young Dutch psychic named *Harry Stone* through Alice Bouverie. Stone provided a channeled message regarding a drug that would excite psychic ability. This also tied into another of Puharich’s duties: studying psychoactive substances on behalf of the army. It seems Stone’s messages opened the door to the ancient Egypt connection. One of the voices identified himself as Ra and then later *Rahotep*. Apparently, Ra’s main concern was to communicate news about a specific drug used by Heliopolitan priests (an ancient religious capitol near Giza founded before 3000 BC) to:

…“open the door” to the gods: a mushroom that induced hallucinatory experiences, a sort of a chemical stargate. From Stone’s drawings, Puharich was to identify the mushroom as *amanita muscaria*, or fly agaric. Bouverie’s automatic writing predicted that a specimen would shortly be found near the Round Table Foundation’s building in Maine… [it was.]

Puharich had settled on the psychoactive drugs used by shaman as the main focus of his research and in 1953 had contacted R. Gordon Wasson, the first researcher to study the shamanic mushroom cult of Mexico. The two set up an experiment to see if the Mexican shamans, or curanderos, could, under the influence of the mushroom, “visit” the Round Table Foundation’s laboratory in Maine. The long-distance experience never happened, but it is interesting that Puharich was already thinking in terms of remote viewing (although he did not use that term the) [comment mine].
The 1960s was a dark period for the military from the perspective of public exposure to its research into the paranormal. Puharich’s activities remained covert along with other rumblings about the nature of how drugs were being administered by the military to enlisted men. Ironically, the drug, LSD, was touted at the beginning of the decade as a ‘savior’ to Western culture. It promised to be the doorway to a new society, forming the basis for so-called counter-culture made famous at the rock concert Woodstock. But by the end of the sixties, LSD was ultimately discredited along with the counter-culture. The ‘hippie hope’ declined almost as quickly as it was hailed soon after the violent incidents at another rock concert, Altamont, in 1969.

9. SPOON BENDING AND STAR TREK

We jump to 1970 and the matter for which Andrija Puharich is most famous. Puharich was turned on to an entertainer mystic named Uri Gellar, who was entertaining in Tel Aviv night clubs. This acquaintance began when Puharich was training Israelis on his medical devices, “electrostimulation” or hearing for the deaf. What the real story was behind Uri Geller and his importance to the U.S. Military certainly involved much more than bending spoons (and other parlor tricks). Early on, Puharich hypnotized Geller seeking to find out the source of his skills. However, critics say Puharich used leading questions in his hypnotic projects and influenced Geller to state that THE NINE were the source of his powers.

In total, Puharich and Geller were together for two years in Israel. While there, things grew very strange. According to Picknett and Prince (who interviewed Geller directly), they encountered many paranormal experiences including UFOs and even objects teleporting through solid walls. Significantly, Geller, himself, was not a convert to THE NINE, even though he channeled them repeatedly during Puharich’s mentorship. Gellar found their pranks childish and ultimately unimpressive. He was to say of them in August 1972: “I think somebody is playing games with us. Perhaps they are a civilization of clowns.” By October 1973, Geller distanced himself from THE NINE. And apparently, after introducing Geller to the military, Geller was shipped off to SRI for research as mentioned in the previous section. It’s not clear how much contact Geller and Puharich maintained after this period.

However, the channeling of THE NINE continued at Puharich’s estate in Ossining, New York. A new group was formed called Lab Nine. New players included Sir John Whitmore and Phyllis Schlemmer. Also participating was Canada’s richest family, the Bronfman’s (the owners of the Seagram liquor business). “One famous name very much part of the Lab Nine scene in the mid-1970s was Gene Roddenberry, creator of Star Trek.” Roddenberry’s participation in the group began in 1974. Whitmore commissioned Roddenberry to make a film called The Nine, but this project never saw the light of day. Peter Levenda comments that pop-star John Denver was also a member of this group. He was apparently interested in more than just a ‘rocky mountain high’.

Schlemmer was a noted and gifted medium—the next in the continuous stream Puharich continued to conjure up. (Her early-on claim to fame originated at her Catholic college where Catholic priests had her accompany them on exorcisms since she could see when the spirits left the possessed.) Notably, Schlemmer channeled an extraterrestrial named “Tom” beginning in 1970. Eventually this Tom became the leading spokesperson for THE NINE. Puharich was instrumental in bringing all of these players (both human and not-so-human) together. For many years, THE NINE would explain their role in the galaxy, the ATLANTIS RESTORED
creation of humankind, their involvement in our evolution, the relationship to Atlantis and to Egypt, and make many predictions, most of which didn’t come true.

What was the core message of THE NINE? They indicated extraterrestrials first came to Earth thirty-four thousand years ago. They were instrumental in the formations of the pyramids of Egypt and Central America. Soon they will make their presence known in a highly visible way (which continues to be postponed). Their name refers to The Great Ennead or nine gods of Egypt. Tom is supposedly Atum, the leader of the nine gods of Heliopolis.\(^2\)

What is their intent in communicating to us now? According to their ‘channelers’, they are disclosing themselves to select individuals to guide us in the days ahead. Unfortunately but predictably, their message smacks of the New Age writings of Alice Bailey, including her sinister assumption of anti-Semitism.\(^1\) Interestingly, one of their tricks suggests they can do more than just talk:

On the evening of 26 November 1977, television broadcasts in parts of southern England were interrupted by a voice claiming to be a representative of an extraterrestrial civilization, saying that they would be landing on Earth soon in order to prevent mankind from destroying itself. Dismissed as a student prank, few have noticed that the short message included this sentence: “We conveyed to Sir John Whitmore and to Dr. Puharich that we would interfere on your radio and television communication system to relay when the civilisations are coming close to landing on your planet.”\(^2\) [Emphasis added]

Knowing about the hidden puppet masters who were named in the Broadcast and witnessed by thousands probably wasn’t something that pranksters could have pulled off.

10. THE ONLY PLANET OF CHOICE

But most importantly, in 1992 Schlemmer and Whitmore collaborated to publish a compilation of Tom’s “collected wisdom” in the book, *The Only Planet of Choice: Essential Briefings from Deep Space*. This popular work includes a front-page endorsement by James Hurtak (another amazing persona we discuss in a moment).

According to Picknett and Prince, Whitmore and Schlemmer continue to meet ‘to this day’ (as of 1999). *The Only Planet of Choice* continues to be a best-selling book and is standard reading for those obsessed with UFOs, extraterrestrials, and their soon appearance on Planet Earth. To those inclined to verify details shared here, see [http://www.theonlyplanetofchoice.com](http://www.theonlyplanetofchoice.com).

To complete the story of Andrija Puharich: His house in Ossining was burned down in 1978, after which he went to Mexico to study a physic surgeon, known by the name Pachita. After 1980, when he returned, he appeared to have no more contact with THE NINE. In 1995 he fell down the stairs in a South Carolina house lent to him by one of his followers, Joshua Reynolds III. This eventually led to his death. Puharich would later blame the CIA for the fire, claiming that they were trying to stop his experiments with “The Geller Kids” (aka *Space Kids*, a subsequent joint effort with Geller) in which Puharich appeared to be using hypnosis to either detect the source of their psychic abilities or to plant suggestions into their heads about THE NINE.

For the kids’ sake at the very least, the fire couldn’t have come soon enough.\(^3\) Perhaps it is significant that Andrija Puharich was described by [his close associate] Ira Einhorn as ‘the great psychic circus manager of this century’. He was certainly not averse to media attention, although he kept much of his work secret. In the 1960s he played himself in an episode of Perry Mason, appearing as an expert witness of
psychic phenomena, yet much of his career remains sketchy, and he happily compounded the mystery by introducing inconsistencies and obvious evasions into his own account of his life and work.23

This same Ira Einhorn, “confirmed Puharich’s determination to turn all psychic communication into contact with [THE NINE], and that he was ‘humanly directing’ the pattern of the channeling.”24 Picknett and Prince ask: “Could Puharich have manipulated [THE NINE’s] communications as part of some long-term experiment? Given his connections with intelligence agencies, was this part of a CIA program?”25 “The evidence clearly suggests that the business of THE NINE was not an isolated series of paranormal events but an orchestrated drama, involving outside agencies…with Puharich running it from the inside.”26 Exactly why Puharich took this course of action isn’t clear to Picknett and Prince. Neither is it clear if Puharich was a believer in the implied cosmology and the reality of THE NINE, or whether he was merely experimenting on behalf of the CIA with how groups of people become believers in outlandish notions involving the supernatural. Perhaps it was a sociological study such as conducted by Leon Festinger’s group during the events recorded in his book, When Prophecy Fails.

There is no question this is exactly what happened with the followers of Adolf Hitler. Conceivably this was the motivating force behind a deceptive experiment in America as well. In other words, some suggest Puharich was conducting a program of disinformation merely to see how it affected others; in this instance, the author doesn’t share that view. While someone or something may have been pulling the strings (including the life and activities of Andrija Puharich), it may not have been the U.S. Government. Indeed, it may not have been any human entity whatsoever.27 Alongside Dr. Puharich, Levenda’s “sinister forces” may have been at work. Indeed, Levenda’s subtitle to his Sinister Forces is telling: “The Nine” is the only nine he references.

11. LIFE ON MARS AND THE ESALEN INSTITUTE

What is the lasting impact of THE NINE and the creation by our government of a cadre of remote viewers in America? From the many books and statements of the participants, the results spurred the conviction shared by many advocates of UFOs and the paranormal that (1) extraterrestrial intelligences have been involved in the development of our planet and solar system for millions of years; (2) life once existed on Mars and may well be connected to life on Earth and to extraterrestrial civilizations ‘from beyond’; (3) beings may continue to ‘reside’ on Mars in a ‘suspended-animated’ state perhaps with some sort of automated protection system to protect them from intruders,28 and (4) life on earth was either started by the Martians or life on Mars was commenced by an earlier version of the human race that left
the Earth and founded life there. In any event, to say the conjecture is ‘far out’ is a massive
understatement.

Nonetheless, a new religion has been birthed in America believing God is an ancient alien astronaut and
the believers in this theory are growing steadily as each new episode of Ancient Aliens appears on the
History Channel. The program is now into its fourth season. Furthermore, we can rightly conclude that
remote viewing has been and continues to be used as a means to test the reality of extraterrestrial
visitation to Earth. Here are a few of the startling facts:

- Cydonia, the apparent face on Mars, supposedly was discovered by remote viewers before the first Viking
mission. “In a conversation with Uri Geller in January 1998 about his time at SRI, he told us that the Face on Mars
had, in fact, been discovered by remote viewing in the early 1970s, long before the Viking mission” (emphasis
added). 29

- The phrase, “Little Green Men,” was coined by Harold Sherman, a former sports writer, before becoming
interested in the UFOs and aliens in the 1940s. “This is interesting because we do know that Sherman remote
viewed Mars for SRI.” 30

- The U.S. Army’s highly talented remote viewer, Joe McMoneagle [RV #1], ‘visited’ Mars several times, always
sketching the scenes that met his disembodied gaze. There, unmistakably, were pyramids and, he claimed, tunnels
under the Cydonia complex in which the remnants of an ancient civilization continued to exist.

- “Several participants in the Pentagon/CIA’s remote-viewing programs experienced paranormal events outside
of office hours, and also had apparent extraterrestrial contact, especially in connection with Mars.” 31 This led some
team members to a near nervous breakdown.

- In Psychic Warrior, he (Morehouse) describes being sent a blind target and homing in on a boxlike object
hidden in a cavern that appeared to be protected by an aura of extreme danger. He told his ‘monitor’ that it was
“something very powerful and sacred” and said it would “vaporize” anyone who got too close, adding: “I felt very
uncomfortable and vulnerable in that cavern.” 32 Supposedly this cavern wasn’t on the Earth—but was ‘Martian’.

- “One cautionary tale involves Courtney Brown, professor of political science at Emory University in Atlanta.
Trained in remote viewing in 1992 by a former member of the Pentagon RV unit (he refuses to name him, but it was
in fact Pentagon remote-viewing star Major Ed Dames), he hit upon the idea of using remote viewing as a scientific
research tool, specifically to investigate the question of extraterrestrial visitors on Earth.” 33

- Brown claimed that a civilization existed on Mars living underground at Cydonia and underground in New
Mexico and Latin America. It was he who proclaimed there was a spaceship following the Hale-Bopp comet, a
claim he promoted on the national radio show, Coast to Coast AM. “Subsequently, the Heaven’s Gate cult
committed mass suicide specifically so that their souls would be ‘beamed up’ to the Hale-Bopp spaceship.” 34

- No less than Dick Morris, a frequent guest today on FOX’s Hannity and Bill O’Reilly shows, and former
consultant to President Clinton, apparently once indicated that there was documented evidence of life existing (or
that once existed) on Mars and was classified as a military secret. Unfortunately for Mr. Morris, this information was
asserted publicly by his call girl. 35

Another key character in the development of this amazing story is one James Hurtak. During his career,
Hurtak has so far earned two PhDs and written over a dozen books. Wikipedia summarizes his
contributions this way:

Dr. Hurtak is best known for his book published originally in 1973, entitled The Book of Knowledge: The Keys of
Enoch where he claimed to receive knowledge from a visitation from Enoch, and in which he wrote about the
apparently unusual relationship of the star shafts in the Great Pyramid with the “Belt” of Orion, and where he claims
that pyramids were built on Mars for artificial intelligences to gather information. Dr. Hurtak holds the post of
Research Director, Great Pyramid of Giza Research Association. He is also co-author of the book entitled The End
of Suffering, which he wrote with physicist and parapsychologist Russell Targ [one of the original planners and directors of the PSI Spies].[^36] [Emphasis added]

Hurtak just also happened to be Puharich's second in command during the 1970s. As the summary above notes, it is Hurtak in particular that connects the PSI Spies, ancient Egypt, the “Mars Mystery,” and current theories around the linkage of the Giza complex to the constellation Orion.[^37] Hurtak was the first to publicly suggest that Cydonia (the human-like face on Mars) was a relic of an ancient civilization and had predicted it would soon be discovered (as it was within two years of his prediction) by the Viking spacecraft.[^38] According to Picknett and Prince, Hurtak, not-so-publicly was appointed by THE NINE as “spiritual leader.” “One particular similarity was the idea that the civilization of Altea [the space origin of THE NINE according to their account] had created Atlantis, and after a great catastrophe the survivors had influenced the emergence of the civilisations of Egypt and Central and South America… In 1975 Puharich and Whitmore commissioned British writer Stuart Holroyd to write an account of the group, as Prelude to the Landing on Planet Earth (1977).”[^39] Apparently that landing is, at least from the perspective of their true believers, still in the offing.

Others began channeling THE NINE as well, including Jenny O’Connor, “who was introduced by Sir John Whitmore to the influential avant garde Esalen Institute in California, where—incidentally—the Nine actually gave seminars through her” [bold added]. THE NINE were even listed as “members of the staff.”[^40]

Almost incredibly, several Soviet officials (who would later rise to high office in the Gorbachev regime) attended Jenny O’Connor’s ‘Nine’ seminars, together with psi enthusiasts Congressman Charlie Rose and Ira Einhorn. The Esalen Institute now runs the Gorbachev Foundation/ USA created by the former Soviet President in 1992 to facilitate a smooth transition from the Cold War days to a better future for all the world.[^41]

Jenny O’Connor was connected to EST, a derivative of Scientology founded by Werner Erhard (his real name being John Rosenberg).[^42] Erhard had close links to Esalen and even contributed to the remote viewing project at SRI. Likewise, Edgar Mitchell’s Institute of Noetic Sciences in Palo Alto was connected to Mitchell’s Esalen Institute whose mission is: “Dedicated to research and education in the processes of human consciousness to help achieve a new understanding and expanded awareness among all people.”[^43] While Mitchell is not discussed in detail within this section, Richard Hoagland goes into considerable detail and cites Mitchell as a supporter of his theories regarding ancient civilizations that once lived on our moon.[^44] I will have more on that later on.
Our last character of import is a gentleman named Jack Sarfatti. With him, as with Hurtak, we see all the connections exhibited once again. So how did Sarfatti get started on his paranormal path? Sarfatti claimed that when he was fourteen, he received a telephone call (in 1952). A machine-like voice was on the other end announcing it was “a conscious computer located on a spaceship from the future. It went on to say that Sarfatti had been chosen as ‘one of four hundred bright receptive minds’ and that he would begin to ‘link up’ with the others in twenty years’ time.”

Sarfatti’s own testimony to the players and their connections is instructive: “Puharich was Geller’s case officer in America with money provided by Sir John Whitmore.” And according to James Hurtak, via his Academy for Future Sciences, Puharich worked with the U.S. [sic] intelligence community.” By implication this was during the early 1970s when Hurtak was also working with him.” Sarfatti also claimed to work for the CIA writing: “I was then [1973] simply a young inexperienced ‘naïve idiot’ in a very very sophisticated and successful covert psychological warfare operation run by the late Brendan O’Regan of the Institute of Noetic Sciences [Edgar Mitchell’s organization] and the late Harold Chipman who was the CIA station chief responsible for all mind-control research in the Bay Area in the 70s.”

Sarfatti would go on to become the director of the Physics/Consciousness Research Group at the Esalen Institute and develop a concept of “post-quantum physics” in which, contrary to what Einstein believed, the future can influence the present in detectable and controllable ways... Post-quantum physics purports to be the unified explanation of both ordinary consciousness and extraordinary phenomena like remote-viewing used with spectacular success during the Cold War... I suspect that understanding the physical nature of consciousness as a post-quantum field beyond ordinary space and time will allow us to travel to the stars and beyond both materially and mentally. We shall soon make Star Trek real." [Emphasis added]

Sarfatti places the whole story into its proper context with this summation: “The fact remains... a bunch of apparently California New Age flakes into UFOs and psychic phenomena, including myself, had made their way into the highest levels of the American ruling class and the Soviet Union and today run the Gorbachev Foundation.”

And of course, all of this transpires with the advice, consent, and funding from our government. Clearly, our leaders won’t fund religion; that is, unless the spiritual beliefs coincide with the occult. This policy could be the most far reaching legacy of Nazi emigration and Cold War paranoia.

12. HOW PSI SPIES PROMOTED SPIRITUALISM

It is indeed a fascinating story of how the military and CIA not only found merit in psychic capabilities for purposes of spying, but also trained a cadre of very special men (and a few women) with powerful psychic ability in a new science based upon an old art. This cadre worked their way up to high levels of leadership. In their esteemed roles, they promoted clairvoyance (remote viewing) as a psychic means to encounter the spiritual realm serving to implant in the mind of our American culture the cosmology of extraterrestrials and even life on Mars. While many scientists continue to espouse doubt about psychic ability, researchers who know better ignore their skepticism. The supernatural realm nowadays is viewed by most as an inescapable fact. The question is whether those that champion THE NINE, the Mars Mystery, and the Orion Mystery as a key to understand our past and future, have interpreted their experiences correctly. Could it be that the entire space opera has been directed by spiritual forces intent on deceiving humankind? Could it be that the momentum for this story which commences in 1947 (along with the Roswell incident) is the predicted “great deception” of “the last days” spoken of in the teachings of Paul the Apostle? (See II Thessalonians 2:11).
To say the least, how provocative that the U.S. Government embarked upon a path to derive from ancient spirituality a weapon of war. For those of us who still invoke the slogan “In God We Trust,” we must question whether America should have gone down this psychic path merely because our enemies were committed to do so. Should our Government have exposed service men and women to the dangers of what they might encounter in becoming ‘shaman servicemen’ for the military? There is neither time nor space to chronicle the many peculiar things that happened to a number of the remote viewers. Suffice it to say several had untimely deaths and some suffered nervous breakdowns or other forms of psychological trauma as often occurs with encounters in the psychic realm. To be sure, psychic spying is not for sissies.

If our government possessed the perspective of a Judeo-Christian cosmology, we could call for action to be taken to remedy what damage may have been done to these loyal and hard-working men and women. Nevertheless, we must now live with the consequences of our government’s action. The residual social impact serves the development of a popular cosmology anathema to the Bible which is now widespread and growing. It is the author’s opinion that this adds additional sanction and energy to the emergence of anti-Christian perspectives, promotion of “The Lie,” and perhaps the incarnation of the anti-Christ spirit itself.

Certainly, as we’ve pointed out our government has had a hand in this—perhaps a far bigger hand than we will ever realize. The belief in UFOs and alien contact; the growing sense of many that our origin is connected to extraterrestrials; the hope that we may be saved from alien beings ‘smarter than we’ who will soon disclose themselves in more public ways; all of these newly formed notions were helped along through what was enacted by our government over the past sixty years—behind closed doors—with little to no awareness of what the lasting consequences would be. We will explore this in more detail in the next section when we encounter a ‘contra-extraterrestrial’ intelligence group, The Collins Elite.

In closing: Yes, Virginia, apparently there are little green men. At the very least, many powerful people in high places now believe it to be so. And the U.S. Government used our tax dollars to not only substantiate this ‘fact’, but to (unwittingly) promote an alternative cosmology to a world eager to find in such scientific (or pseudo-scientific) research a spiritual answer to humankind’s dilemmas. However, as we will see in the next section, there is a much deeper awareness and commitment to these ‘alien adventures’ in the very department of our government established to explore outer space. Once again, the persistent presence of the Nazi invasion in America will be center stage—and the clandestine intentions of those in charge are even more secret and mystical than the CIA’s and the U.S. Military’s strategy leveraging clairvoyance as a weapon of war.
13. SPACED OUT IN PASADENA

It’s captivating how the magicians of the nineteenth century inspired aspects of the most scientific of U.S. governmental projects: the twentieth century space program. In the pages ahead, we will see this evidenced when we investigate the hidden agenda of the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA). However, its ‘dark dawn’ is even more apparent when we examine its early forerunner, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California.

Following in the footsteps of many other brilliant technologists, the founder of JPL, Jack Parsons was a prodigy; especially when it came to rocket science. While at Caltech, Parsons and his colleague gained insight and inspiration from the German rocket science Willy Ley (working for the Nazis at the time).

“Parsons was a self-taught chemist ‘with considerable innate ability.’ Forman [one of his colleagues] was a rocket engine tinkerer. According to [Dr. Theodore] von Kármán, both Parsons and Forman had corresponded with the early German and Russian rocketeers, one of these being Willy Ley, the author of many books on rocket travel. Their back yards in Pasadena "were pockmarked from the effects of rocket explosions." ¹

But Parsons was also a renowned mystic. In fact, he was profoundly steeped in ‘black magic’ (the curiosity of technologists who are fascinated by magic and the mystical is an enduring correlation that is clearly counter-intuitive). Eventually Parson would become the head of the Pasadena chapter of Ordo Templi Orientis (OTO) in the 1940s, an esoteric order inaugurated by Samuel Mather at the turn of the twentieth century alongside the infamous Aleister Crowley who we’ve already met several times. Predictably, given the history of its deep influence in England, both Parsons and Crowley were 33˚ Freemasons. Some scholars suggest OTO was created because Mather and Crowley sought to extend Freemasonry’s rituals into ‘the dark side’; particularly, the explicit practice of sexual magic. Indeed, esoteric rituals are one thing; but actively practicing ‘sexual magic’ is certainly ‘a beast of a different color’ (an allusion to Crowley's chosen nickname, 'The Beast' if you forgive the pun).

In 1935, Parsons married Helen Northrup (the Northrup family of course, being no mean aeronautical troop). Jack Parsons was a genuine genius in rocket science, developing solid rocket fuel which overcame many of the dangers with its liquid equivalent. His inventions and designs for ‘booster rockets’ remain the basis for NASA's rocket propulsion systems even today. Peter Levenda notes: “Parsons [was] able to work out a more stable formula based on a mixture of asphalt and potassium perchlorate, having been inspired by something the ancients called ‘Greek fire’, appropriately enough for an occultist."² According to Wikipedia, “the ingredients and the processes of manufacture and deployment of Greek fire were extremely carefully guarded military secrets. So strict was the secrecy that the composition of Greek fire was lost forever and remains a source of speculation to this day.”³ Some suppose it a product of chemists in Heliopolis (the center of Egyptian religion) from the seventh century AD. Whatever its composition and origin, its mystery deepens the color if not the science of the story.

Not many realize how illustrious Parson’s colleagues were: one was former German Theodore von Kármán who had exited Germany before the War (sensing what was coming), along with an even more conspicuous name of note, L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology. It is oft-debated today whether or not Hubbard was simply a mystical ne'er-do-well, a confidence man finding a way into the JPL network amidst the ‘weird science’ being conducted there; or in fact was a U.S. Navy spy sent into JPL to keep an eye on these other two auspicious characters. There are good reasons to believe any of these ominous explanations for his attendance may be factual. However, our intent isn’t to speculate on the reason he was involved. We only wish to point out the surreptitious combination of these persons and the irony of

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how their esoteric interests literally (from day one) played a major part in the formation of the U.S. space program.

The ‘Thelema Law’ (“Do what you will is the whole of the law”) typified the moral laxity present amongst these former friends: while Parson mourned the loss of Crowley (who died in 1947), Hubbard ran off to Florida with Parson’s wife, Helen. This event took place after Helen’s sister, Sara, had an affair with Parsons involving the sexual ‘magick’ of Crowley (magick being Crowley’s preferred spelling). Five years later in 1952, Parson was mysteriously killed in a fire at his personal laboratory. While declared a suicide, some researchers consider his death highly suspicious. In researching the subject, one makes note of the numerous rocket scientists who wound up experiencing the same fate—apparent victims of the many conspiracies associated with exploring outer space—some of which we will consider in this section and the next.

14. THE IMPACT OF THE BABALON WORKING RITUAL

Occult historian Peter Levenda, mentioned earlier, wonders whether Parsons was ‘in this for himself’ or working toward some ‘higher goal’? Was it spiritual or ultimately just political? Was he doing it in conjunction with others or merely ‘out for himself’?

With his avowed hatred of Christianity—he called himself the Antichrist, after all—and the suspicions of the American government that he was a walking security risk, is it possible that Parsons was only an element of a larger network of political intrigue, involving Chinese Communists, occultists, and rocket scientists? Was the much-rumored job in Israel [available to Parsons at the time of Israel’s statehood] a cover for something more ominous? 4

Parsons and Hubbard collaborated on one of the most famous of occult invocations of public record, the infamous “Babalon Working” of 1946 [sic, but the way the rite is spelled by occultists], in which they invoked the “Scarlet Woman of Revelation.”5 According to Levenda, the woman is the consort of the Antichrist, representing the ‘divine feminine’ or ‘principle of nature’ (i.e., Isis, compare to Dan Brown’s reverence for the goddess in The Da Vinci Code). The net result would be particular romantic and licentious liaisons with his newly conjured girlfriend, Marjorie Cameron, and eventually the affair of Hubbard with Parson’s wife.6 Many interpret the woman as Europa riding the beast of Nimrod (see the European Parliament postage stamp adjacent). Others suggest that the ‘whore of Babylon’ referred to in the Babalon working occultic ritual is a spiritual force to empower evil. Still others, like evangelical Dave Hunt, see the ‘woman who rides the beast’ as the Catholic Church. As mentioned earlier, this viewpoint was also the viewpoint of the reformers, Luther and Calvin.

Richard Hoagland commented on this revered ritual of occultists with these words:

In magical circles, the Babalon Working is considered a masterpiece of the form, certainly on a part (at least in its level of ambition) with [John] Dee and Edward Kelly’s attempts to ‘communicate with angels’ in the 1500s. The rituals used by Parsons and Hubbard employed the Enochian calls, or angelic language, of John Dee, and

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specifically required the calling of the Egyptian god Osiris. The purpose of the Babalon Working was to give birth to a “Moonchild” or homunculus, a version of Von Karman’s golem. Fundamentally, the operation was designed to open an “inter-dimensional doorway,” effectively setting the stage for the appearance of the goddess Babalon in human form.¹

Conjuring the bride of Antichrist—even if she arrived ahead of the groom—was no mean feat to be sure. But it is well within Parson’s ability considering his resume:

He participated in occult rituals: sex and drug affairs replete with incantations, billowing clouds of incense and weird summonings of incarnate beings to visible appearance. He midwifed L. Ron Hubbard’s Templi Orientis, thus providing the impetus for the creation of Scientology and subsequent offshoots, such as the Process Church of the Final Judgment. He took the Oath of the Abyss. He called on the Whose of Babylon, and proclaimed himself the Antichrist and an enemy of the Church. He sent rockets into the heavens, and summoned demons from hell. And during his Babalon Working rituals in the Mojave Desert in 1946, he “opened a hole in space-time and something flew in.”⁸

Some might even wonder whether the significant increase in the presence of UFOs beginning in 1947 might have been, in part, due to the ritual of Hubbard and Parsons, energized as it was by the powerful magick of Aleister Crowley. Of course, making a supposition like this seems a matter of speculation—and there is already enough of the variety we might term ‘highly strange’ to forego jumping to a conclusion lying beyond our ability to prove. Nevertheless, there is a contingent within the federal government which challenges the alien hypothesis—and supports a biblical explanation involving spiritual evil.

Indeed, it is worth noting that Nick Redfern in his recent book, Final Event, provides documentation received from a most unusual government intelligence group. This group, the so-called Collins Elite, has been investigating the UFO phenomenon for at least three decades concluding the UFO story is far more sinister than simple visitations by curious aliens from far across the galaxy. They conclude the visitors originate from ‘another dimension’ not from outer space. From a particular document cited in his book Final Event (e.g., The Collins Report), we learn many in the know within our government subscribe to their theory. How does Parsons fit in? The odd materials found at the site of the Roswell crash were considered materials devised in a form of spiritual alchemy by entities from these alternate dimensions (Christians would refer to them as demons). They manufactured these ‘out of this world’ materials (such as the ‘bendable metal’ which always returns to its original shape) to trick us into believing their origins are from star systems far, far away. Sources from the Collins Elite provided this information to Redfern:

Parsons was the start of it all. They said that [he] was the genesis of this. Was this a doorway that was opened by Parsons to allow these demonic entities in? Or did Parsons give someone else the idea that maybe someone in the government should look into this? That was one of their big concerns: that in order to try and accomplish some sort of military advantage, demonic as aliens—[they] had been contacted and forces had been unleashed that were not going to be able to be controlled for very long; or, at least, were not going to be able to be bent to the will of whoever started this project. Satanic rituals, ritual magic and even human sacrifice were all mentioned as being linked with the project. They were convinced the work had to stop.” As incredible as it sounds, the startling conclusion we can reach from studying the extracts of The Collins Report... is that demonic alchemists carefully created the Roswell debris in a far-off realm or on an equally far-off world. Then, they cunningly and carefully planted it in the wilds of New Mexico, Trojan-Horse-style, knowing that it would soon be found and interpreted as something of an anomalous, otherworldly nature. And more than fifty years later, personnel at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base [in Dayton, Ohio, it is alleged] had achieved some measure of success in conjuring up very similar materials—albeit briefly, under wildly unpredictable means, and from who knows exactly where—via the door-opening teachings of Jack Parsons, hence the Collins Elite’s use of the term “the Parsons technique.”⁶
In other words, the Collins Elite theorize the Babalon Working ritual called forth these entities which produced the infamous artifacts supporting the alien hypothesis—beings from far reaches of outer space crashed into the earth with debris serving as the irrefutable proof of their not-so-soft landing. After all, hard evidence is hard to dismiss.

15. WHAT DOES SCIENTOLOGY HAVE TO DO WITH ALL THIS?

Turning our attention to the other member of this dynamic duo: As the reader most likely knows, L. Ron Hubbard went on to author several notable science fiction works as well as found the Church of Scientology including its fantastic cosmology (according to many scoffers, yet another form of science fiction!) It goes without saying (and yet I can’t help myself) that the ‘common man’ is familiar with several public figures in America who continue to support the creed of Scientology; notably, Tom Cruise, Kirstie Alley, and John Travolta being the most famous of the Hollywood set—vocal, if not adamant, in their loyalty to Hubbard and his Dianetics. One need only recall Cruise’s intense emotional defense of Scientology on the Today Show with Matt Lauer (June 24, 2005) to conclude his ‘manner of thinking’ is more closely aligned with religion than science.

Peter Levenda compares Hubbard to Joseph Smith, calling him ‘the Smith of his generation’ owing to the same source materials as Smith, notably the “ Keys of Solomon , the Books of Moses , all the basic reading material of the OTO, which itself was based on the European systems of ritual magic including planetary invocations, spirit evocations, demonology, the Qabala and Smith’s own particular enthusiasm, Freemasonry.”

Eventually Hubbard was frequented with serious mental disorders which terminated his naval career. Hubbard complained of inability to cope with civilian life and declared himself suicidal. Needless to say, the cosmology and religion in question were hardly proven true given the outcome of the physician who prescribed them!

Some have said that Hubbard was completely insincere. He once bragged he could create a religion from science fiction and get intelligent people to believe in it fervently. If so, he certainly succeeded.

In summary: assassination, adultery, esotericism, intrigue, madness, and ritual magic—apparently it’s all in a day’s work in the strange ‘out-of-this-world’ project we call space exploration.
16. DATES, TIMES, AND LATITUDES: THE RITUALS OF NASA

One of the most remarkable phenomena of the space program (and easy to prove facts if dozens of examples are sufficient for the reader), concerns space science’s ‘red letter dates’ coinciding with festivals of the occult. JPL commenced this practice at its outset (whether consciously intended or not) and NASA surely perfected it.

Jack Parson and Theodore von Kármán originally worked together at Caltech. In fact, they fired their first test rocket on October 31, 1936 (incidentally, on the very same Halloween that the famous magician Houdini attempted to contact his wife during Houdini’s final séance). Another ‘coincidence’: on their website JPL comments the American space age “began on January 31, 1958 with the launch of the first U.S. satellite, Explorer I, built and controlled by JPL.” Levenda curtly identifies January 31 to be another pagan holiday known as Oimelc (Christians recognize it as Candlemas). Levenda comments:

One could say, therefore, that the first rocket launch on Halloween was an evocation of the daimon of flight, or perhaps in a darker context a breaching of the barrier between this world and the next, an initiatic rending of the veil of the Temple; space being seen as the domain of both the dead and the higher spiritual forces. The actual birth of the American space program on Candlemas is, of course, also an auspicious event, ripe with mythical connotations.

Levenda grants it may not be the case that the JPL players were fully deliberate about the dates they selected. But his point is “these synchronicities… are evidence of deeper, more sinister forces at work.”

This assessment is accurate only if the pattern surfaces in so many situations it becomes unreasonable to conclude it a chance occurrence. However, the number of instances in which this pattern appears supplies evidence enough to convince the open-minded.

To get the full debrief, we must go to the source of the accusation, former NASA and CBS Television consultant, Richard Hoagland. Hoagland, along with his co-author, Mike Bara, assembled a magnum opus in 2007 (and updated in 2009) entitled Dark Mission, which underscored this startling behavior at NASA along with many other supposed cover-ups and conspiracies along the way, not the least of which is demonstrating with photographic ‘proof’ from NASA’s vast databank that intelligent life once existed on Mars and our very own moon (although extinct now for millions of years).

We turn now to this controversial claim.

To begin with, the number 33 is especially interesting. Hoagland (from this point forward, when I mention Hoagland I’m inferring Bara as well) notes that the ultimate achievement in Freemasonry is to achieve the 33rd degree (to be a 33˚ Freemason). Why is the number 33 so special? Some mystics point out it is connected to the fact the human spine consists of 33 vertebrae (24 articulating vertebrae, and 9 fused vertebrae in the sacrum and the coccyx). Specifically, it links to Hindu wisdom and the Kundalini (psychological and spiritual energy of consciousness, based at the spine, represented by an image of intertwined snakes). In fact, Kundalini means snakes, and occurs in almost all cultures as sign of ‘wisdom’. These ‘snakes’ wrap themselves about the human spine as ‘higher consciousness’ increases. In vivid contrast, Richard Hoagland quotes Jeremiah 33:3 as one possible reference point: “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” While not referencing this specific religious tie-in, many biblical scholars relate the number ‘33’ to Jesus Christ—‘3’ being the number of the trinity—and ‘33’ being the supposed age at which Jesus was crucified and resurrected. Additionally, the number in the Bible signifies ‘perfection’.

Another connection lies with the circumscribed ‘tetrahedral form’ (a tetrahedron is a three-dimensional geometric figure formed by four faces) yielding a 19.47˚ angle—also a number we will examine—which possesses a sine of .3333.
The number 19.47 relates to Hoagland’s ‘discovery’ of hyper-dimensionality.\textsuperscript{15} He offers an extensive analysis of the physics of angular momentum and how the more massive spinning planets in our solar system create a vortex at 19.47° (19.5° rounded) above or below their equator. The giant ‘Red Spot’ on Jupiter is located at this ‘latitude’; likewise, the earth’s largest and most active volcano, Mauna Lea in Hawaii, rests 19.5° above the equator. Consequently, both of the numbers—33 and 19.5—pop-up repeatedly in NASA’s chosen locations where spacecraft land (on the moon or Mars) and at angles relative to NASA’s locations on Planet Earth. Ominously, it isn’t just location, but the place in the heavens where select stars reside at the exact moment of a landing or a ‘take-off’. Oftentimes, it is the rising of Sirius, the star of Isis, which may be at this angle relative to a spacecraft or a targeted NASA location (specifically, shining above or below the equator of the remote rotating orb—or even above Mission Control in Houston), at the moment when the spacecraft lands on these distant bodies. The consistency of this phenomenon (which Hoagland notes throughout his story every time it occurs—and that is frequently) argues persuasively these choices are conscious and not chance. Hoagland calls this the ‘Ritual Alignment Model’ and he explains how the key elements relate to Egyptian cosmology: “Only five stellar objects in the entire sky have any significance in our version of the ancient Egyptian cosmology; the three belt stars of Orion, representing Osiris [also Apollo in Greek and Roman cosmology]; Sirius, representing Isis; and Regulus in Leo, representing Horus [the son of Isis]. And only five narrow bands of stellar altitude (19.5° above and below the horizon, 33° above and below the horizon, and the horizon itself) have any significance.”\textsuperscript{16}

In other words, NASA’s decision makers are ‘ritualistic’ in their choices. To reiterate, Hoagland argues there are in fact only five acceptable latitudes (related to stellar altitude) that each space landing must include: latitude one at zero elevation; latitudes numbers two and three at 19.5° above or below the horizon, and latitude alternatives four and five at 33.33° above or below the horizon. The only gods of interest are Osiris, Isis, and Horus, who are indeed the primary characters in the Egyptian story of ‘resurrection’ (Osiris is dismembered by his evil brother Set; Isis gathers up the parts, and Isis resurrects him in the form of son Horus).

Besides proving a great test for trigonometry and precision in execution (as if another challenge is necessary to prove their superior intellect), clearly NASA possesses a compulsive obsession—one could even argue (and Hoagland does), a spiritual motivation. Hoagland offers the following rationale:

\textit{It is perhaps even more important to understand the symbolic significance of these reference locations in the sky. In the ancient Egyptian stellar religions, the horizon and the meridian were the most significant; as notes previously, the horizon represented a short of netherworld between literal dimensions to the Egyptians—the “world of men”... and the “world of the gods.” The meridian in Egyptian cosmology marked an object’s traverse from east to west in a nocturnal rising and setting, symbolizing the daily birth and death of the sun.}\textsuperscript{17}

Contemplate the following ‘random’ factoids:

\textbullet\ Werner Von Braun conducted his first V2 tests in America on Launch Complex 33 at the White Sands Missile Range. That might not be much to reflect on except that it was the only launch complex there.

\textbullet\ Likewise, Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral had a grand total of one landing strip. How was it labeled? Runway 33 of course.

\textbullet\ At the first landing on the moon, at exactly 33 minutes post touchdown, Buzz Aldrin supposedly performs a ritual ‘communion ceremony’ (perhaps honoring Osiris and Isis—not Jesus Christ as one might suppose). At this moment, Regulus [the regal star of Horus] is 19.5° below the horizon as would be viewed (if possible) from the moon’s perspective.\textsuperscript{18}
As if these numbers aren’t giving away the game, consider the relationship between the acronym “NASA” and the ancient names of key members of the Egyptian pantheon as translated from hieroglyphs (according to Jay Weidner, alchemical scholar and friend of Richard Hoagland):

**Nephtys**—the sister of **Isis**,
**Ausir**—**Osiris**,
**Set**—**Osiris’ Brother**,
**Aset**—**Isis**.¹⁹

Finally, dates of significant events are often repeated. We could say, in jest, NASA seems particularly proficient in remembering anniversaries. There’s just one problem. One of the key dates commemorated is Hitler’s birthday. Surveyor 3 landed on the moon, April 20, 1967 while Apollo 16 landed on April 20, 1972.

Then there is the matter of ‘The Face on Mars’ and the fact that the number 19.5 appears ‘built in’ to the structures presented there. While not lying exactly at latitudes of 33 or 19.5 degrees—Hoagland connects the dots between various structures present in NASA’s photos and contrives many cases where these specific angles are apparent.

For those who remember the astronomer Percival Lowell (1855-1916) who first wrote about (and drew) the canals of Mars with the aid of his telescope (probably after straining his eyes for far too many hours—see the figure above), one wonders if this isn’t merely a case of history repeating itself. Mars seemingly makes smart people see things that may not be there.²⁰

At this point, we begin to wonder if Hoagland has gone too far in his reckoning. This thought crossed the minds of Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince (whose remarks we studied earlier), when they examined Hoagland’s iconoclastic contentions concerning Mars and the origin of life. While not eager to discredit Hoagland’s arguments and certainly not intending to question his sincerity—nonetheless, they challenge his observations and especially the extent of his conclusions. They challenge whether such momentous claims are reasonable, let alone justified, given the ramifications as to humankind’s beliefs about itself. Aren’t these speculations really just the enthusiastic assertions of an eager believer hot on the trail of evidence to prove his personal conspiracy theory and cosmology—specifically, his personal view regarding how humankind came to be? However, we must ‘face’ these facts head-on to determine if Hoagland’s claims should be so cynically dismissed.

### 17. TAKING MARS AT FACE VALUE

On July 25, 1976, Viking I photographed the Martian region known as the *Cydonia Mensae* from an altitude of 1,162 miles. Lying at roughly 40° North latitude, an image seemed to appear of what could be likened to a human face looking skyward. Known as photo F035A72 (the 35th image on the 72nd orbit—see the figure above), it was one of over 51,000 other photos taken during Viking’s mission. Eventually other images...
were found in NASA’s stash reaffirming the facial likeness wasn’t merely a ‘trick of light and shadows’ (although NASA claimed it to be nothing more than that), resulting from a single angle of the sun’s light.

By 1980, it was publicly admitted the images existed, but without confirmation that they were ‘artificial’ (i.e., made by intelligent if not sentient beings rather than natural processes). Hoagland stumbled across this issue in 1983 when working on a project related to Saturn’s rings, perhaps predictably given our experience in previous sections discussing remote viewing, at Stanford Research Institute (SRI). Picknett and Prince comment:

To Hoagland’s eye there seemed to be a whole complex of pyramidal and other structures, covering an area of about 12 square miles. He excitedly termed it the ‘City’. This appeared to be made up of several massive, and some smaller, pyramids, plus some much smaller conical ‘buildings’ grouped around an open space that he called the ‘City Square’. In the north-east corner of the City was an enormous structure that appears to be made up of three huge walls, which Hoagland dubbed the ‘Fortress’.

Perhaps the most significant assumption Hoagland made—and surely the one with the least justification on such slight knowledge—was his association of these features with Egypt. As soon as he discovered the City, Hoagland wrote: ‘I was reminded overwhelmingly of Egypt.’ He then went on to identify various other features in Cydonia: the ‘Cliff’, a 2-mile-long wall-like feature near a crater 14 miles directly east of the Face; and several small (250—400-foot) objects dotted about the Cydonia plain that he called ‘mounds’.

Excited about the possibilities, Hoagland received a $50,000 grant in 1983 from SRI after a meeting conducted at the Study of Consciousness in Berkeley, California. Attending was former intelligence officer Paul Shay (note the intelligence connection), who was then SRI’s president of corporate affairs. Importantly, a member of the team for the study included Lambert Dolphin Jr., the physicist who led SRI research teams at Giza from 1973 to 1982. Here again, we see a connection between ‘The Face’ (soon to be declared by proponents of intelligent life on Mars, a ‘sphinx’ with human and ‘lionesque’ features) and the pyramidal complex in Egypt.

Picknett and Prince quote Tom Rautenberg, a social scientist who eventually joined the project team. “At first I thought it was some kind of a joke, or maybe a complex social experiment being conducted by the CIA—to study psychological reactions to such a hypothetical discovery. I mean—SRI involvement, ‘Faces’ on Mars…? What would you think…? Was this an elaborate psychological experiment, sponsored by the defense community?” [Emphasis mine]

Picknett and Prince assert the involvement of SRI in anything should set off the alarms, but when you combine this with CIA and Defense Department experiments (notably, remote viewing), it is high time to
wake up and determine what game is afoot. First, there was their puzzling interest in Giza [to investigate new theories about the meaning and purpose of the great pyramids], “and now they were funding Hoagland’s Mars Mission, after having sent Dolphin to Giza in the 1970s….” After all was said and done, what did the study conclude? *That the structures were most likely artificial!* In other words, intelligent beings were behind the construction of these ‘buildings’. Consequently, the study recommended efforts should be expended to return to Mars and evaluate the likelihood intelligent life once existed there. Again, by its overt actions, we see our government confirming an anti-biblical cosmology through inferring past alien existence on nearby Mars.

The consequences could hardly be more crucial. Quoting Hoagland from his book, *The Monuments of Mars*: “For it is now clear… that, if appropriately researched and then applied to many current global problems, the potential ‘radical technologies’ that might be developed from the ‘Message of Cydonia’ could significantly assist the world in a dramatic transition to a real ‘new world order’… if not a literal New World.” Picknett and Prince observe, “In other words, Hoagland is implying that these putative [reputed] extraterrestrials actually created the human race, and this idea, odd though it may appear, is rapidly gaining currency throughout the world.” In 2011, the third season of “Ancient Aliens” on the History Channel is sure to please advocates of this theory and stands as proof that this ‘new take’ on ‘where we came from’ is endorsed by no small group of disenchanted church goers.

Picknett and Prince also conjecture that it suits NASA, despite his accusations of its conspiratorial intent to keep the truth quiet, to “have Hoagland at the center of attention.” From the author’s perspective, this actually makes perfect sense if the goal is to slowly leak such discoveries to the public in the spirit of the Brookings Institute report issued in 1960. Having a scientist ‘fanatic’ get the word out maintains NASA’s ‘plausible deniability’ concerning the matter of whether intelligent life once existed on Mars. Should the public decide such speculations to be politically incorrect or to be factual…*no matter.* NASA can quietly stand by and wait to either jump on the bandwagon or derail it at its sole discretion all the while maintaining credibility.

**18. HOAGLAND—CAN WE TAKE HIS CLAIMS SERIOUSLY?**

If the reader doubts any duplicity on the parts of Hoagland and Bara, the question might still be raised whether these authors are off balance. Do their conjectures have merit? We should consider how probable their assertion is that mathematics was employed in the way the various structures were ‘laid out’ at Cydonia. Mathematics, is an objective witness for intelligence at work. Graham Hancock interprets the inference from this factor as follows:

*Still, we cannot deny that the act of placing a tetrahedral object on Mars at latitude 19.5˚ contains all the necessary numbers and symbolism to qualify as a “message received” signal in response to the geometry of Cydonia. Moreover, such a game of mathematics and symbolism is precisely what we would expect if NASA were being influenced by the type of occult conspiracy that Hoagland, for one, is always trying to espouse.*

However, Hancock actually reverses course concluding in his book *The Mars Mystery* (1998) that Hoagland’s contention regarding an ancient civilization and its connection to Egypt has substance. He accepts both the reality of Cydonia’s intelligent origin as well as its encoded mathematical message. Furthermore, he likewise agrees Cydonia is linked with the civilizations of ancient Egypt. Picknett and Prince critique this fanciful view; once again, asserting it is a case of circular argumentation (setting out to prove what you have already assumed to be true):

*The basic argument is that, because there are pyramids and a Sphinx in both Giza and Cydonia, the two are connected. But of course that depends on the Face on Mars being a Sphinx. The Cydonia clique describes it as*
being Sphinx-like; indeed, James Hurtak was using such emotive language even before it was officially discovered… [Hoagland claims, that one] is ‘simian’ in appearance, the other ‘leonine’—an anthropoid and a lion. The great Sphinx at Giza is a man’s head on a lion’s body. Conclusion: we have two Sphinxes—in close proximity with pyramids—on both worlds!” 27

According to Picknett and Prince, acting in the spirit of the Anderson Cooper’s mantra (‘keeping them honest’), Hancock and frequent co-author Robert Bauval talk as if Hoagland’s work is scientifically proven. Indeed, looking at the face of Cydonia, it is easy for the imagination to get the best of one’s faculty of sight and recognition, composing a fanciful portrait of something (or someone) that really isn’t there. This author wonders if it isn’t the case of one authority lending credibility to another by merely citing the same absurd view; and that akin to members of a cult reinforcing one another’s beliefs—a form of fallacious reassurance—in which their absurdly held beliefs ‘must be true’ because the group members all find it comforting to reassure one another they hold their unusual perspective in common. When contrary evidence conflicts with their beliefs (e.g., Festinger’s ‘cognitive dissonance’), they can disregard it out of hand. Subsequently, the ‘cause of truth’ succumbs to the enthusiasm of cult proponents, an enthusiasm energized by subconscious ‘reasons to believe’ having little to do with objective facts. Additionally, in the case of Hancock, Bauval, and even Hoagland, the pecuniary motive is also a matter hard to dismiss—for conspiracy theories sell a lot of books.

Joseph Farrell, who we will discuss again momentarily, considers Hoagland a friend and apparently is sympathetic to his cause. However, although Farrell seems to consider the conspiracy true and the ‘hyper-dimensional’ insight revelatory (regarding vortices at 19.5˚ latitude on massive bodies), the author hasn’t found evidence that Farrell specifically confirms Hoagland’s view that Cydonia contains ‘artificial’ structures. 28 Indeed, while there are strengths in Hoagland’s conspiracy theory many find persuasive if not conclusive (including this author), his supposition ‘the Face’ evincing life on Mars begins to stretch the credulity of even the most enthusiastic believer in ‘intelligent life on other planets’. Indeed, perhaps the greatest support for the ancient existence of Martian intelligence comes from the military’s remote viewers who, as we documented in the last section, frequently ‘visit’ Mars, confounded by what they ‘see’. If the reader regards their witness as worthy evidence, Hoagland’s Martian theory remains compelling.

On the other hand, although Hoagland’s Martian theory is extreme in the author’s opinion, Hoagland’s conspiracy theory—his ‘ritual alignment model’ appears substantiated because it is supported by compelling evidence. A pattern of repeating ‘synchronicities’ through many demonstrated events strongly suggests we are dealing with intention and not coincidence.

One final example to confirm this point: the landing site of NASA’s return to Mars in July, 1997, Pathfinder, was centered at a designated ‘landing ellipse’ precisely at “19.5˚ North x 33.3˚ West” which is exactly where the tetrahedral-shaped landing craft put down its three legs in perfect triangular fashion—as if the design of the spacecraft itself was a message to the Martians.

Nick Redfern, author also of the book, The NASA Conspiracies, provides the following summary, citing the research done by one Mac Tonnies published in 2003, regarding the ‘Face’ which clearly gives Hoagland and his theory ‘the benefit of the doubt’:

When it comes to the still thriving controversy surrounding the Face on Mars, the late Mac Tonnies made a very strong, logical case to the effect that dismissing the face as a mere trick of the light could prove to be a major disaster, scientifically, historically, and culturally. It remains to be seen whether NASA is actually guilty of hiding hard evidence that the face is an artificial construct, or merely prefers to play down the whole matter because it has become tired of dealing with accusations that it is sitting on top of secret proof that intelligent, long-extinct Martians constructed the face countless millennia ago. 29
Certainly, the fact NASA remains relatively quiet on the issue appears to be the equivalent of ‘no comment’—suggesting they do have knowledge of matters they do not wish to disclose. That reluctance to engage openly in the dialogue strongly hints there is much more to the story than John Q. Public may be allowed to learn.

For further substantiation of Hoagland’s point of view, please delve into *Dark Mission*. However, plan to burn some midnight oil. It is a lengthy, intriguing, but somewhat arduous read.

A personal and recent experience to further compound the mystery: My brother’s son-in-law works currently as a project manager (i.e., a genuine rocket-scientist) at JPL in Pasadena on the current Mars Rover project *Curiosity* set for launch in November, 2011 (landing planned in August of 2012). Before launch, he was baffled by the request from the ‘higher ups’ who wanted him to outfit the Rover with a microphone. A microphone? Who, he wondered, were the NASA executives planning to talk with? Possibly provoking his incredulity: my brother had discussed remarks I had made concerning JPL’s colorful founder, Jack Parsons, in one of my previous books. My ‘nephew-in-law’ might have been driven to wonder what was in store for this spacecraft, and who it might meet up with when completing its mission to Mars.

19. CONCLUSION—WHAT IS AND ISN’T COMPPELLING

Coincidence becomes incredulous after three or four examples. When it is possible to log a dozen or more puzzling instances, the conclusion is indisputable: someone is obsessed with rituals in the name of a religion they hold dear. The fact they do it on the taxpayer’s ‘nickel’, and by their actions imply loyalty to a pagan religious doctrine, is yet another ‘bitter pill to swallow’ for those who might question whether this is a fitting way to spend taxpayer dollars. It is, however, yet another confirmation of the author’s thesis in Book One of *Power Quest* that Americans are incurably religious, even if their religion is blithely occult and unmistakably mystical.

While Richard Hoagland offers a number of fascinating theories regarding what those in charge of the space program are really ‘up to’, his several distinct theories aren’t all equally convincing. Even if we regard the possibility life exists elsewhere in the universe—and that we believe life may have been present at one time on the planet Mars—the issue of whether ‘the Face’ is compelling evidence ‘at face value’ (as proof of life) seems more romantic than scientific. While an exciting hypothesis, it is reaching in this author’s opinion.

Our military’s remote viewers claimed to see sings of intelligence on Mars—namely, underground cities with hibernating humanoids that may have something to do with our past. And yet, there remains no way to verify such claims without exploring the Martian landscape with ‘boots on the ground’. Unfortunately, the prospect of first-hand, human exploration of Mars now seems only a distant hope (and not a funded project) for years from now—far, far future.

However, Hoagland’s ‘ritual alignment model’ appears to have real merit. Since the players in this game are here on earth and their actions are matters of official record, we can examine the facts and attempt to verify Hoagland’s claims. As we explore the association further in the next section—particularly the evidence of Nazi leadership in NASA during the 1970s—the fact that esoteric rocket scientists and their mythologies played a major part in exploring space in this author’s opinion, achieves an irrefutable status.

What most intrigues, however, is whether the implications of the NASA ‘religion’ extends to the most famous of all conspiracies: the assassination of an American president. That the JFK assassination and the NASA scientists can be discussed in the same breath is something new in the conspiracy debate.
Could it be that the émigré Nazis had a hand in killing the American president? Could it be that his discovery of how extensively Nazis were permitted into America and specifically into the 'military industrial complex' was a key reason why JFK was murdered in Dallas? Or could it be that the possible collaboration of Kennedy and Khrushchev to land a man on the moon would upset the apple cart arranged by the Nazis to protect their best kept secret—that other Nazis, operating outside the Soviet and American camps, were working on a ‘third space program’ unbeknownst to most members engaged in the much publicized space race? And finally, we must wonder if this ‘break-away’ group had developed a spacecraft whose capability surpassed all others with exotic technology only dreamed of by conventional rocket science.