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GOD'S ASTRAL VEHICLES
and
DISCOVERY OF PROPHETIC IMPORT

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I have been asked to write upon the project upon which the group of people, known as 'the Searl National Space Research Consortium', are engaged; and whose project and discovery have a bearing upon the astral vehicles of Scripture.

As an introduction to this subject, it would be well to remember that we now live in days when we do not know what the morrow will bring forth, even in the sphere of science. The advance of knowledge has, to a large extent, been static, or very slow moving, throughout the centuries. But now science is having to adapt itself to a continuous flood of new knowledge.

With the exception of the steam locomotive, which could only run on rails, the speed of continuous travel since the days of the Pharaohs has been that of the trotting horse until so very recently that I have lived in days when transport was horse-drawn. I have now lived to see men orbiting the moon at twenty times the speed of a service rifle bullet, and I can look yet forward to the time of a new project which must ultimately make the aeroplane and rocketry obsolete. Perhaps I shall live to see it. It sounds fantastic--incredible!

We should ask ourselves, "Has the Almighty God, whose over-ruling hand ever leads the course of this world to its final consummation in Christ's universal kingdom on earth, had nothing to say upon this matter?" He certainly has. Through these undeniable facts He has been speaking to us, but few will heed his voice. His unfailing prophetic Word has told us that the "last days" of the Christian age, prior to our Lord's return in supernatural glory and in fearful judgment upon the world, will be the days when "KNOWLEDGE SHALL BE INCREASED."

We have therefore been shown where we stand in the great time-table of God. His foreknowledge of these things and the manifest outworking of His declared purpose gives us the assurance that it will reach its ultimate objective.

"Thy kingdom come...on earth as it is in heaven."

This space research project has resulted from a discovery made by Mr. John R. R. Searl of Mortimer that it is possible to build a craft that can derive its motive power from the electromagnetic field of the astronomical universe, and so can travel through air and space without taking with it any fuel or source of power derived from this earth.

This originated from his discovery that by spinning circular metal parts a small electromagnetic force could be detected on a conventional meter as between the negative towards the periphery and the positive towards the rotational axis. The development of a generator upon this principle produced the expected current but with the surprising result that the generator lifted into the air, and produced strange electrical

effects upon other electrical equipment near at hand.

This has thrown light upon the working of flying saucers which have been seen in all countries of the world, and which we have had to recognise as being not of terrestrial origin. The craft that have been made and flown by Mr. Searl--some of which have been lost in space--have been made in the form of flying saucers, but not for the purpose of copying the design. In fact he was conducting his experiments on these lines before flying saucers came to be noticed. The significant thing is that his craft had to be of this design for drawing power from the electromagnetic field of the universe, and for using it for propulsion, not in any aero-dynamic way, but by absorbing the G stress energy of the universe, thereby causing the earth to repulse it and direct it along the lines of magnetic force operating in a magnetically created vacuum. This is in line with what has been observed in flying saucers. They move at incredible speeds and regardless of whether they are moving flat on, or edge on, to the line of flight.

The Evidence of the Scriptures

If we pursue this subject to its proper conclusion, we cannot leave God out of it, because He has spoken upon it through His apostles and prophets, and has told us of the use He will have for astral vehicles in the days that are yet to come.

In addition to the facts shown above, the flying saucers bear further resemblance to the astral vehicles, called "chariots of God" which were seen in Old Testament days, and which are to be used again, and to a greater extent at the return of our Lord.

The prophet Ezekiel saw these vehicles coming with the speed of a whirlwind. He also saw them coming with clouds and with fire, and this also has been observed in flying saucers. A pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night was the visible form in which God's presence was seen over Israel as they trekked through the wilderness under Moses. This ought to make us have serious and reverent regard when we hear of clouds and fire accompanying the saucers, not only because they marked the visible presence of the unseen God in the midst of His people in the wilderness, but also because "fire and pillars of smoke" will be a sign of the coming "great and terrible day of the Lord" when He comes in judgment, and when, as we are told, "He cometh with clouds" and also "with fire". Surely God is speaking to us in these things!

Ezekiel also said that, in the midst of these vehicles, there were "four living creatures", and that the vehicles, which he described as "a wheel in the middle of a wheel" were inseparable from the living creatures because "the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels" and controlled them. So here, they are definitely declared to be controlled vehicles, and this is the conclusion we have had to draw from observation of flying saucers, as they stop and go, and make sudden changes in their flight.

The prophet shows that in other ways also these astral vehicles bear resemblances to the flying saucers. They did not have to turn round to go in different directions, and he gave them the same description that we give them today. We call them flying saucers because an inverted

saucer is near in semblance to what we have seen. But what is an inverted saucer in appearance but a circle in the middle of a circle? That is exactly the prophet's description--"a wheel in the middle of a wheel".

Further resemblance between these vehicles of Scripture and what is being discovered scientifically, lies in the fact these vehicles were "full of eyes round about". In getting out his design for his manned space craft, Mr. Searl proposes to fit it with a new development known as "fibre optics" which has the same effect of enabling the occupants to see in every direction when inside the craft.

Theologically, the four living creatures are held to be Cherubin, which are invariably associated with some form of service for God and man. The nature of the service is indicated here by the fact that the faces of the four living creatures were those of the standards under which Israel journeyed through the wilderness. A further identification of these vehicles with the mission of Israel is seen in the taking up of Elijah to heaven in a "chariot of Israel".

It was a mission of God, and on behalf of Israel, that Ezekiel was engaged. He was taken in one of these astral vehicles to give God's message to the captives in the Babylonian captivity concerning the ultimate restoration of the whole nation and its future glory under the rule of the house of David.

Other Scriptures tell us how these vehicles or "chariots" will be used at a date which is still future, when our Lord comes to rule, but who will firstly send forth His angels to cleanse His Israel kingdom of its evil. (To avoid confusion here, we must remember that this refers to ourselves as the Israel nation in whom the Israel prophecies are being fulfilled, and who were destined to carry the gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth, as we have done. Such prophecies cannot be applied to Christ-rejecting Jewery.)

The Take-over

What we are told of this future event is very far removed from our arrogant ideas of invading space. It is we who are to be invaded and completely taken over by those who come with our Lord from the heavens which is outer space.

Science has no knowledge of extra-terrestrial life, but Jesus has shown us that the heavens are inhabited by His angels and by His "elect" and that, when He returns, His angels will "gather together His elect from the four winds and from one end of heaven to the other", and whom He will bring with Him. So when He comes to judge the world, we do not know what vast armies He will bring with Him from the immensities of space where, to our knowledge, there are over a hundred million stars.

A prophecy as early as Psalms speaks of the space vehicles in this future event: "The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them."

Isaiah speaks of the joy that will be experienced on earth when

Christ will have cleansed it of evil, and he mentions astral vehicles in connection with this event. "For behold the Lord will come with fire, and with His chariots like a whirlwind to render his anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames and fire. For by fire and by sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord will be many."

Our Lord was referring to the same occasion, when, in interpreting the parable of the wheat and the tares, He said, "The Son of Man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His Kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." As St. Jude also says, He will come "with ten thousands of His saints to execute judgment upon all."

Conclusions

So far, the only planets that we know about, are not such as can support human life. This exactly accords with the words of the Psalmist: "The heavens are the Lord's but the earth hath He given to the children of men". So, for this natural life, we are strictly confined to this earth. Even if we are able to visit the moon or other planets, we have to take with us from this earth everything needed to support life including air to enable us to breathe.

With the resurrection body which our Lord had, He was not confined to the limitations of the natural body. Those of us who are "accounted worthy to escape" the judgment that is to come upon the earth, will be given our resurrection bodies. Then there might well be inter-planetary travel for us when we can join the angels and the "elect" who are able to live, and are to be found "from one end of heaven to the other".

This raises the question as to the vehicles that will convey us. Rocketry seems to be an extraordinarily crude method of space travel. We have to be blasted off with stupendous force against gravitational forces and then take lesser rockets to slow us down or to blast us off in another direction. All this suggests that we may safely rule out rocketry for space travel in the Kingdom of God age to come.

We cannot doubt that Mr. Searl's discovery is having its place in the KNOWLEDGE THAT SHALL BE INCREASED. It has contributed to a fuller knowledge of the heavenly space craft of the future.

The matter of extreme import that these things have for us, is that this increased knowledge, which so pinpoints the days in which we live, is given us as one of the special signs that God's judgment is at hand. This must precede the Kingdom blessedness that is to follow.

Let us therefore heed the admonition of the Apostle, "The Grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."