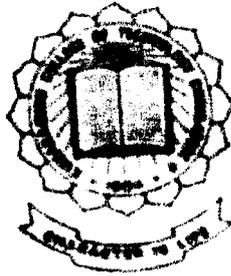


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*THE UFOs:*

*Once we realized that Earth was not the center of the universe we began scouring the skies for company. What is out of earth? Astronomers have searched for signs of extra terrestrial life for centuries. They have found something worthful, but some people do not accept those. What are those? Are they true?*

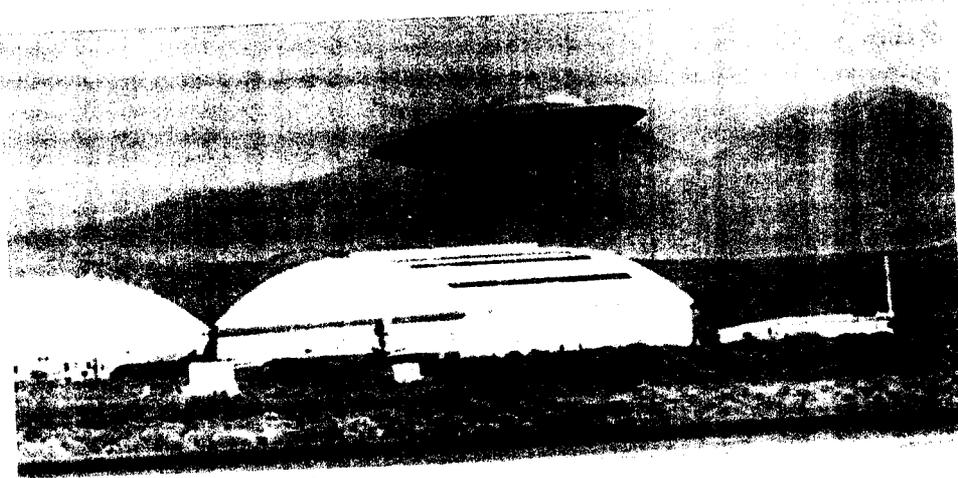
What is an UFO?

An UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) is often described as a disc or saucer shaped objects seen flying in the sky of which the observers or scientists could neither detect nor find the source



A photograph by Hanna Mcroberts

## History of UFO:



The history of UFO goes back to Biblical times. Prophets of that century were among some of the earliest observers of UFO, although there are written cases and recorded sightings of "Wheels of Fire" and "Flying Discs". The Romans also sighted silvery lights in the skies. In the UK there are reports of strange aerial phenomena back several centuries. The Emperor Charlemagne in the year 810 was reported to be thrown from his horse when a strange silver sphere came down from the sky

## Reported sightings of UFOs:

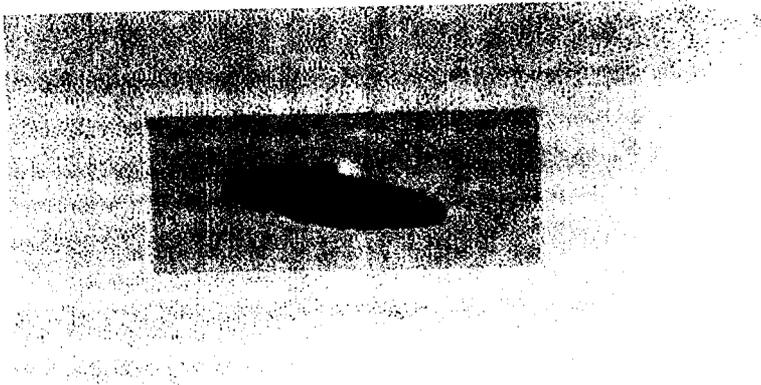
The modern study of UFO phenomena is commonly believed to have started with the report of Kenneth Arnold on tuesday 24 June 1947 .Arnold,a private pilot reported that "nine

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peculiar aircrafts' appeared near Mount Rainer, Washington State, USA .

Before World War Two, pilots and military personnel reported UFOs in Germany called 'Foo Fighters'. After the war, UFOs seemed to begin stepping up in their appearances frequently and openly to several continents. To cite a few, evidences accumulated of a scientific race of Ets (Extra Terrestrials) from a star system called "Ummo" making contacts and fly-bys in Madrid, Spain in 1962 to 1967. It seemed that between winter 1995 and spring 1987, the Northwest territories were hot spots for UFOs. Dozens of people in several northern communities claimed to see a mysterious flashing light in the sky that changed colours. Though it has been suggested that these unexplained lights in the sky could have merely been a star or a planet, observatories reported that there were no stars or planets in position where the lights were seen. Adding to the mystery, some reports claimed that the flashing light seems to land on a frozen lake -some 15 to 30 miles away from spectators. Several people have claimed to have been followed by these lights and

their vehicles have shut down while the light hovered over it, refusing to start until the light left the scene!



On Feb 24th and 25th 1996, residence if Trout lake reported of seeing a UFO close-up! Between 10.30 and 11.00 p.m. many residents saw what they described as a 'Flying Saucer'-a bowl shaped object with different lights on the sides! It was seen approximately from 1500 yards away and one resident managed to take some pictures with his 35mm camera.

The Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici (CISU) has collected over 13,000 alleged UFO sightings ranging from 1900 to 1998. Such a huge amount of material is definitely the most complete documentation currently available about the UFO phenomenon presence in Italy.

## Theories and reports of research:

There are many theories about the possible origins of UFOs and ETs. Some of them are below:

- In many cases the ETs are mostly friendly, benign, intelligent and loving beings.
- The ETs always contacted earth persons through mental telepathy, as their appearance was mostly humanoid.
- They took risk in maintaining active meetings between them and earth persons.
- The ETs have learned many things about us.
- The ETs have attempted to continue to rise our awareness of higher life.
- ETs arrived on our planet in their UFOs (starships) eons ago and have been periodically instrumental in originating our entrance into new dimensions of living.

These are strong indications of their intent towards our species.

In 1960s some ufologists thought to have found an evident inverse correlation between UFO sightings and population density. UFOs seem to appear more frequently in scarcely populated areas. But such a statement was later refused by other surveys.

A study on over 400 Italian UFO landing cases supplied an interesting confirmation: more than 80% of sightings had took place in places with a witness probability (namely populated areas). The small percentage of sightings in really lonely places has a huge weight when compared with the others just because they are observed in areas where the witness presence is unlikely. This brings us back to some favorite arguments of the ufologists in the sixties: the number of sightings is hugely higher than we know, because most of them took place in places where there is no witness.

The popular report which was submitted by BUFORA (a private investigating body) is as follows:

- \* Approximately 10% contain insufficient information to be suitable for further examination.
- \* A further 20% relate to paranormal events not involving anything that would be claimed as a UFO.
- \* Another 70% of UFO reports after careful investigation can be reasonably explained as misidentifications of man made or natural phenomena.

#### FINALLY...

Flying saucers and aliens lack scientific stature .If they insist on being so jumpy, if they insist on abducting people in the middle of the night when no one else can verify their presence, then they have no right to enter a reputable natural museum. What makes them so intriguing is that even scientists will concede that alien beings could very well be out there somewhere. Therefore the scenario in which they come to earth requires only imagination about transportation. Many scientists don't wonder why aliens are buzzing the earth in flying saucers. They wonder why they aren't could it be that they are observing us but not interfering (the zoo hypothesis). Did they come and leave arti facts

and they get bored and go away?(this is the ancient astronauts idea that points the aliens as builders of pyramids and so forth) or could it be that for all intelligence species ,interstellar travel is too expensive and time consuming? (It is just less than 20 trillion miles from earth to the nearest star beyond the sun) or could it be possible atleast on the part of the galaxy, the most technologically advanced species is the one right here on earth?

It is not possible to win an argument about space aliens and UFOs.

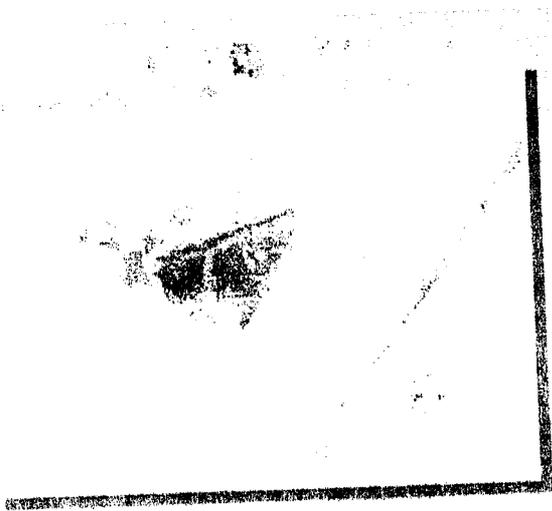
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THE OAK ISLAND:

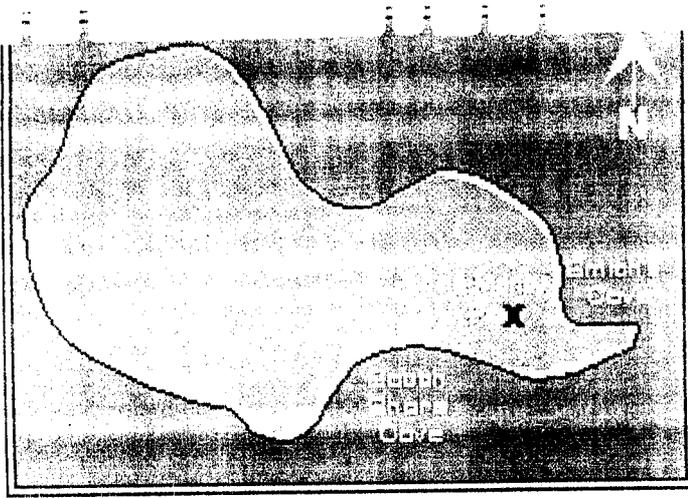


*Imagine yourself walking through the trees Oak Island. Suddenly you come across a depression in the ground. It's roughly circular and there's a tree standing above it with a branch that has been cut and appears to have been used as a pulley. Your imagination is fire and hope soars. You run off to get your friends and digging equipment. You find out many things which increase your curiosity to find more, but you end with nothing! Disappointed, you and your friends decide that you can't go any further alone. You leave but vow to return to retrieve your treasure...!*

## **THE MONEY PIT:**



Now imagine that it's more than 200 years of the later. The pit has been explored to more than 150 feet. The treasure, if any, that was buried is still there, protected by an ingenious booby trap that floods the pit with sea water anytime someone gets close. Groups after groups have tried to solve the riddle. Neither brute force nor technology have been able to overcome the disability to find the treasure there!



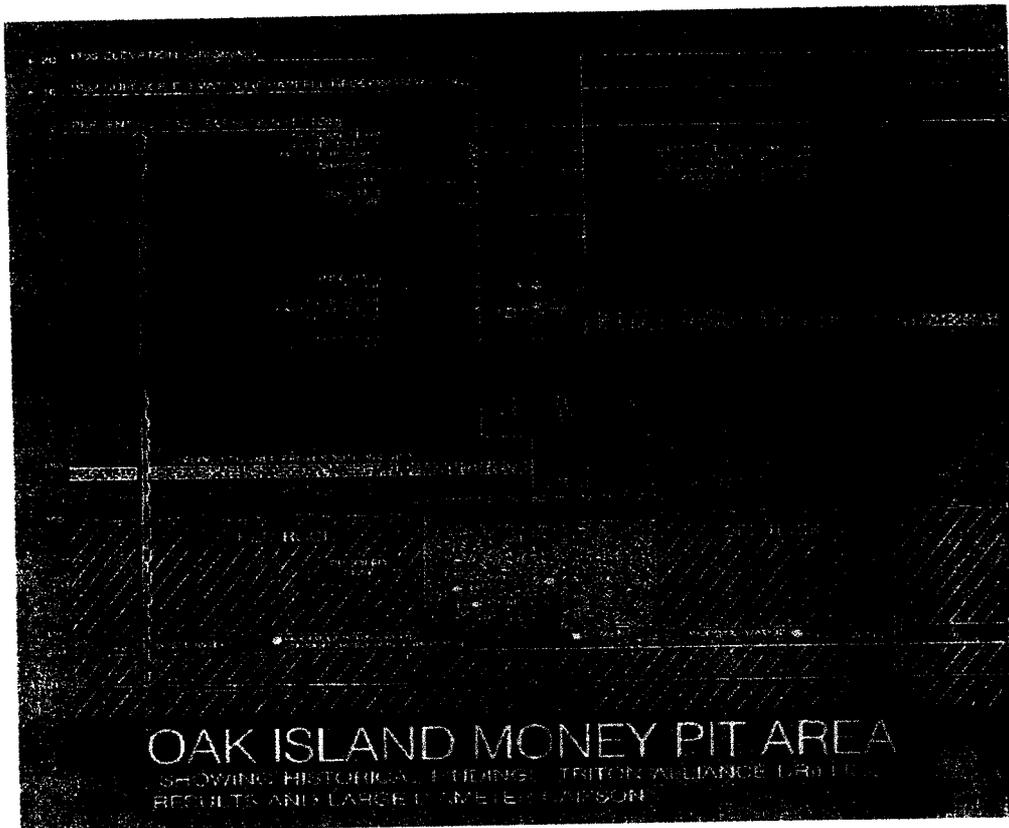
## Oak Island

### **The Discoveries from the Oak Island:**

In 1795 Daniel McGinnis, then a teenager, was the first to explore the mystery pit. Over the next several days McGinnis, along with friends John Smith and Anthony Vaughan, worked upon the hole. What they found astonished them since they found never ending alternate layers of oak logs and flagstones covering the pit. Not being able to work alone any more they returned along with The Onslow Company, formed for the purpose of the search, and then they began digging again. They quickly got back to 30 foot point that had been reached 8 years ago. They continued down to 90 feet, at which they found one of the most puzzling clues - a stone inscribed with mysterious writing.

After pulling up the layer of oak at 90 feet and continuing on, water began to seep into the pit. By the next day the pit was filled with water up to the 33 foot level. Pumping didn't work, so the next year a new pit was dug parallel to the original down able to continue alone, they to 100 feet. From there a tunnel was run over to the money pit.

Again the water flooded in and the search was abandoned for 45 years. The Onslow Company had inadvertently unplugged a 500 foot waterway that had been dug from the pit to nearby Smith's Cove by the pit's designers, through which the water pumped out could be at once refilled by the sea.



In 1849 the next company that attempted to extract the treasure was the Triton Company, which by drilling more found out alternate layers of metal pieces and oak logs. To increase their eagerness to explore more three small gold links, as from a chain, were brought up. Unfortunately no one knows where they have gone now! Then they decided to dig a parallel hole and tunnel it over the money pit. While doing so water began to rush in. They brought in pumps to try to get rid of the water but it was impossible to keep the water out. During the pumping someone noticed that at Smith's Cove during low tide there was water coming out of the beach. This find lead to an amazing discovery ..... the beach was artificial!

## **Artificial Beach:**

It turns out that the pit designers had created a drain system, spread over a 145 foot length of beach, which resembled the fingers of a hand. Each finger was a channel dug into the clay under the beach and lined by rocks. The channels were then closed by coconut fiber, and beach rocks. They were fed with sea water and sloped to money pit some 500 feet away at a depth of 95 to 110 feet by broad channels!

The Truro company tried to plug the channel but failed in their attempt. And this was the last attempt by the Truro company to uncover the secrets of Oak Island.

## **The Pit's Collapse:**

The next attempt at securing the treasure was made in 1861 by the Oak Island Association. First they cleared out the Money Pit down to 88 feet. Then they ran two holes, one towards the east of the pit and the other towards the west hoping to intercept the channel from the sea. But they abandoned their search due to the collapse of the pit and the flooding of water into it.

## **The Cave-in Pit :**

In 1893 a man named Fred Blair along with a group called The Oak Island Treasure Company began their search. Their first task was to investigate the "Cave-in Pit". Discovered in 1878 about 350 feet east of the Money Pit, the cave-in pit appears to have been a shaft dug out by the designers of the Money Pit perhaps as a ventilation shaft for the digging of the flood tunnel. It apparently intersected or closely passed the flood tunnel. While it was being cleared by the Treasure Company it

started to flood at a depth of 55 feet and was abandoned. The treasure company by further digging found out a new set of core samples in the pit which led to surprising results

### **Cement Vault:**

At 126 feet, wood was struck and then iron. Between 130 and 151 feet and also between 160 and 171 feet a blue clay was found which consisted of clay, sand, and water. This clay can be used to form a watertight seal. The major discovery was that of a cement vault in between the putty layers. The vault itself was 7 feet high with 7 inch thick walls. Beyond the vault's wood pieces, metal pieces were also found. Attached to the auger was a small piece of sheepskin parchment with the letters "vi"; "ui"; or "wi"; What clue the parchment infers is still in question.

More convinced than ever that a great treasure was beneath the island, The Treasure Company began sinking more shafts in the attempts to get to the cement vault. They all met with failure due to flooding.

### **2nd Flood Tunnel:**

In May of 1899, yet another startling discovery was made. There was a second flood tunnel! This one was located in the South Shore Cove. Though this find certainly strengthened the case that something valuable was buried below it didn't bring anyone closer to actually finding the treasure.

Between 1900 and 1936 several attempts were made to obtain the treasure. All met with no success.

## **Stone Fragments:**

In 1936 Gilbert Hadden, in conjunction with Fred Blair made two discoveries away from the Pit.

The first was a fragment of a stone bearing some puzzling inscriptions. The second discovery was of several old timbers in Smith's Cove. These timbers seem to have been from the original designers due to the fact that they were joined using wooden pins rather than metal. As will be seen later these timbers were only a small part of a much larger construction.

## **Tragedy Strikes:**

In 1959 Bob Restall and his family began their attack on the island which ultimately proved tragic. His one discovery was made on the Smith's Cove beach while attempting to stop the drain system. He found a rock with "1704" inscribed on it. It was believed that it refers to the period of construction of the pit. In 1965 tragedy struck. While excavating a shaft Bob passed out and fell into the water at the bottom. His son, Bobbie, attempted to rescue him as did by two of the workers. All four apparently were overcome by some sort of gas, perhaps carbon monoxide from a generator and they all were drowned.

## **Heavy Machines:**

Bob Dunfield was the next to take on the island. In 1965 he attempted to solve the problem with heavy machinery - bulldozers and cranes. He attempted to block the inflow of water at Smith's Cove, and may have succeeded. An

unknown refilled shaft was found, possible one dug by the designers of the Pit. The shaft apparently went down to 45 and stopped, its purpose is unknown.

### **Recent Discoveries:**

Daniel Blankenship, the current searcher, began his quest in 1965. In 1966 he dug out more of the original shaft found by Bob Dunfield in 1965. It turned out that the shaft did go beyond 45 feet. Blankenship found a hand-wrought nail and a washer at 60 feet. At 90 feet he met a layer of rocks in stagnant water. He assumed this was part of the south water tunnel but couldn't explore further because the shaft could not be stopped from caving. In 1970 Triton Alliance formed by Blankenship continued the search.

They were marked every four feet with Roman numerals carved in them and some contained wooden pins or nails. The wood has been carbon dated to 250 years ago.

### **Borehole 10-X:**

The next major discoveries came in 1976 when Triton dug what is known as Borehole 10-X, a 237 foot tube of steel sunk 180 feet northeast of the Money Pit. During the digging several apparently artificial cavities were found down to 230 feet. A camera lowered down to a bedrock cavity at 230 feet returned some amazing images. At first a severed hand could be seen floating in the water. Later three chests and various tools could be made out. Finally a human body was detected. After seeing the images, the decision was made to send divers down for a look. Several attempts

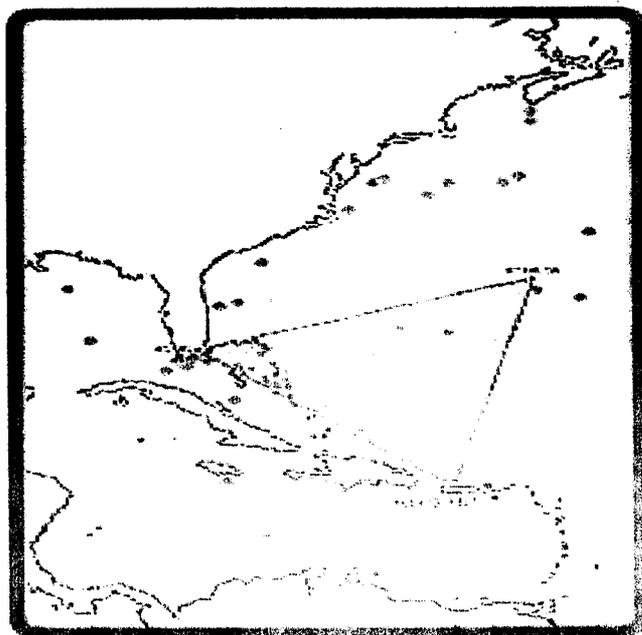
were made but a strong current and poor visibility made it impossible to see anything. Soon after the hole itself collapsed and has not been reopened.

## **Today**

Blankenship and Triton still continue the quest.

Totally six lives have been lost and millions of dollars spent trying to uncover the secrets of what has become known as the Money Pit. Still, no one knows what lies at the bottom, who built it or why. There are numerous theories but little proof. This is the story of Oak Island, Nova Scotia, one of the most frustrating and intriguing mysteries of all time. Perhaps you will be able to find the one clue or come up with the right approach that will finally help crack this puzzle!

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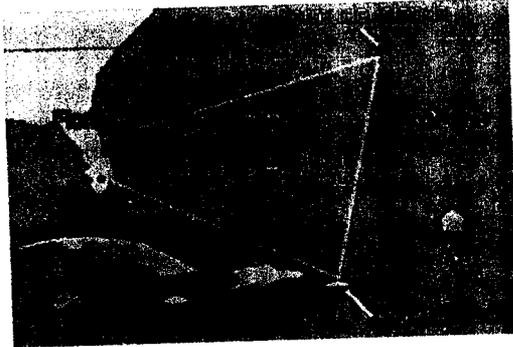
*BERMUDA TRIANGLE:*

*Why have so many vessels and aircraft disappeared in that patch of the Atlantic Ocean known as the Bermuda Triangle? Are they swallowed up? Sucked into outer space? Dashed to the bottom of the sea? Why are no bodies or fragments of the ships and planes ever found? Will we ever have enough data to understand what happens in this mystery region?*

During the past century, more than 50 ships and 20 aircraft were swallowed by the "Triangle of the Devil" also has known as BERMUDA TRIANGLE, the graveyard of the Atlantic, the Hoodoo Sea or a host of other names.

The Bermuda Triangle is an imaginary area located off the south eastern Atlantic coast that has become associated in the popular imagination with the mysterious maritime disasters which are unexplained till now. The dimensions of the Triangle show that it is located between Bermuda, Miami and San Juan. However when we start plotting Ocean disasters that are attributed to the Triangle its boundaries shift all over North Atlantic and

sometimes into Eastern Pacific and Gulf of Mexico. The area is assumed to be around 1,140,000 sq. km.



### **DISAPPEARANCES:**

The earliest recorded disappearance in the Triangle was that of USA vessel, when its Cyclops vanished in March 1918. The Cyclops was set to sail on March 4 from Barbados in the British West Indies for Norfolk, Virginia carrying 57 passengers and 221 crew members. The weather was calm, The Cyclops had excellent radio equipment but no radio message was ever found. No vestige of the ship was ever found. Plausible explanation of the disappearances was based on the ship's high superstructure, which with shifting cargo may have caused the boat to turn turtle and sink almost immediately.

But the incident that consolidated the reputation of the Bermuda Triangle was the disappearance of Flight 19 in Dec 1945. The Flight consisted

of a training squadron of five US Navy torpedo bombers. The squadron left Fort Lauderdale, Florida with 14 crewmen and disappeared after radioing a series of distress messages. A seaplane sent in search of the squadron also disappeared.

Lieutenant Charles C. Taylor, leader of the five Avenger Torpedo bombers making up Flight 19 which had taken off at 2.00 p.m. that afternoon on a routine mission gave a radio message that alerted the Naval Air station at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

“Calling tower, this is an emergency ... We seem to be off course ... We cannot see land ... Repeat... We cannot see land.”

“What is your position?” The tower radioed. Back came the astounding reply, We are not sure of our position? We cannot be sure just where we are. We seem to be lost.

At the time of distress call, the first two legs of the Flight had been carried out satisfactorily. Accordingly the tower instructed him, Assume bearing due west. Taylor's reply to this was alarming. “We don't know which

way is west. Everything is wrong...Strange...We can't be sure of any direction. Even the ocean does not look as it should".

In 1944, a B-24 piloted by Lieutenant Robert Ulmer was flying at 9,000 feet in the same locality east of the Bahamas. Suddenly the plane went out of control, shook as if it were about to fall in pieces and lost 4,000 feet of altitude in an instant. Since the plane would not respond to any of the controls and was clearly heading for the water, the bailed out. The crewless plane then righted itself and flew off in a southeasterly direction for about 2,500 miles, before crashing into a mountain in Mexico. All but two of the crew survived, one of them the navigator. 30 years afterward, that lucky survivor summed up his recollection of the incident with the words, "There is just no logical explanation for what happened".

In the year following the loss of STAR ARIEL that left Bermuda for Jamaica a succession of aircraft's one or more each year have vanished in the same mysterious way.

In March 1950, the US Globemaster disappeared on a flight to Ireland while on the northern edge of the Bermuda Triangle. Aircrafts that

have disappeared since this incident included a DC-3 carrying 27 passengers in 1948 and a C-124 Globe master with 53 passengers in 1951.

In Feb 1952, a British York Transarea on a flight to Jamaica carrying 33 passengers and crew vanished at about the same area.

On 30 Oct 1954, a US Navy constellation flying from Maryland to the Azores was lost in the Triangle, never to be heard of again. There were 42 on board, the highest number lost in the mystery area so far. Aircrafts of all kinds, light planes and jets, cargo and passenger vanish abruptly.

One of the most recent ships that disappeared without sending no distress signals was the Marine Sulphur Queen which left 3 scraps of wreckage consisting of one life jacket, one life belt and one man's shirt -not much to survive from a 425 foot long Freighter with a crew of 39. It left the port of Beaumont, Texas on the morning of 2 Feb 1963 and it carried a cargo of 15,000 long tons of molten sulphur in specially designed steel tanks. The route lay through Gulf Of Mexico, past Florida and North through the Triangle. The weather was good, the sea was calm. On 3rd Feb the ship reported its position near Key West in the Strait Of Florida. No more was

heard. Five days after the search was called off, a life jacket from the ship was found bobbing in a calm sea between Florida and Cuba. Did the ship capsize? Had she struck a mine? Or been sunk by Cubans? Did the Sulphur explode? The investigation could offer neither theory nor solution for the disappearances.

Recently in 1968, a nuclear powered submarine "Scorpion" with a crew of 99 also disappeared there without a trace...

### **ASSUMED SOLUTIONS OF THE MYSTERY:**

In the case of most of the disappearances, weather was favorable and the disappearances occurred daylight after a sudden break in radio contact and the vessels vanished without a trace .The assumed solutions of the mystery may be briefly listed as follows:

1. The assumption lies behind the idea of "methane hydrate pockets". Methane hydrates are released in pockets from the ocean floor and cause the water in that particular area to become dense .Because of the loss of density buoyancy is affected and the ships sinks rapidly

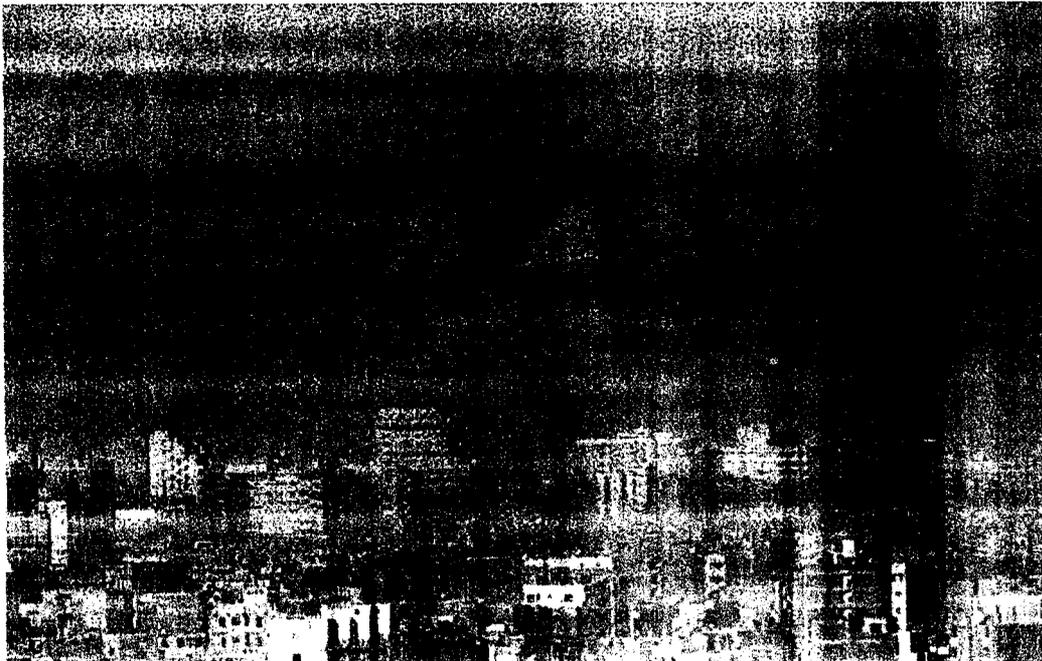
2. The environmental factor may be also a good assumption for this. It is the character of the Gulf Stream .The stream is extremely turbulent and swift and can quickly erase any evidence of disaster. As recently as 1957 a deep counter current was detected beneath the Gulf Stream. The Gulf Stream and the other currents have proved to consist of numerous disconnected filaments moving in complex patterns.
3. The Bermuda Triangle is one of the two places in the world where a magnetic needle does not Point towards true north. (Other place is "Devil's sea" near Japan). Normally it points towards magnetic north. The difference between the 2 readings is known as Compass variation. The variation comes as much as 20 degrees as one circumnavigates the earth. If it is not compensated for, a navigator could find himself off course and in deep trouble and thus it may have led to the disaster.
4. Some claim that this Hoodoo sea is maritime moletch that supernatural forces are at work.. Some other believes that some UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) are at work there. These forces are asserted to be unique to the area and unknown to modern science and are responsible for the disappearances.

Thus the mysteries associated with this are plentiful in the history of mankind .The triangle happens to one of the most heavily traveled regions of the world. What power is it that snatches planes from the sky...

Isaac Asimov, scientist and science fiction author, has said he does not 'think that anything is essentially unexplainable. They are things that are unexplained. They may never be unexplained because we may have no data to explain them with.' Is this not true of the Bermuda Triangle?

Where there is insufficient data, a mystery may always be a mystery....

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*THE PYRAMIDS:*

*If you have to build a temple made up of huge stones, each of weight at least one tonne certainly you require some advanced techniques. But imagine yourself to be in the 2nd B.C and you have to build a pyramid made of huge stones. Each of weight at least 10 to 15 tonnes, what would have you done? Think of it. Could it be possible!*

Yes, the Egyptians have done it. They have built such a massive structure called the Pyramids without the aid of modern techniques and devices.

### **THE EXTRAORDINARY STRUCTURE**

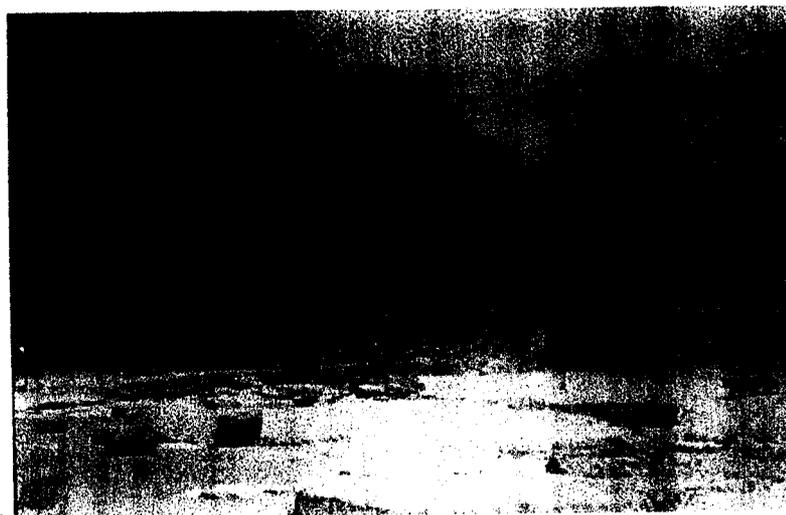
The sides of the pyramid are lined up almost exactly with the cardinal points of the compass. The accuracy of this alignment is extraordinary. The Great Pyramid is the most substantial ancient structure in the world - and the most mysterious.

Constructed from approximately 2.5 million limestone blocks weighing on average 2.6 tons each, its total mass is more than 6.3 million tons. According to our present knowledge, the Great Pyramid is mostly a solid mass, its only known interior spaces being the Descending passage (the original entrance), the Ascending passage, the Grand Gallery, a mysterious

grotto, an equally mysterious subterranean chamber, and the two main chambers, the King's Chamber and the Queen's Chamber.

## **THE MYSTERY**

The mystery of the pyramids has long fascinated engineers, scientists and philosophers. It has also intrigued a great many ordinary people concerned with spiritual truths. Organizations have sprung up dealing in pyramid lore and many far out explanations have been advanced about why and how these mysterious edifices were built.



But one provocative theory deserves to be considered with an open mind. Is it wholly inconceivable that the ancient Egyptians-a culture far older than ours-knew something about a major technology that we don't know and are just beginning to rediscover?

The major scientific puzzle is that it appears to be impossible to build these pyramids without a precise blueprint and appropriate machinery: the manual labor of slaves simply was not enough.

In the Cairo museum one can see several examples of simple copper and bronze saws, which Egyptologists claim are like those utilized in the cutting and shaping of the pyramid blocks. These tools present a problem. On the Mohs scale of mineral hardness, copper and bronze have a hardness of 3.5 to 4, while limestone has a hardness of 4 to 5 and granite of 5 to 6 and hence it would have been impossible to cut and shape the blocks.

The unsolved problem of how the 2,300,000 very heavy blocks were transported to the building site of the pyramid is even more mystifying. How were the blocks taken to the nearly 500 foot height of the pyramids' summit?

Some historians say that the pyramids must have been built by means of inclined planes, the blocks being rolled into position on tree trunks. But each block would need at least 500 pairs of hands to prop it up and how could 500 men get near enough at the same time? We can only conclude that the ancient Egyptians as well as the early inhabitants of our American continent had lifting devices of equal efficiency to those we use today. Yet nowhere, despite extensive excavation in many parts of Egypt, have any

remains of lifting machinery been unearthed. Nor are such techniques described in written records.

### **SOME INTERESTING SOLUTIONS**

According to the French archaeologist, Robert Charroux, the Egyptians knew how to eliminate the force of gravity by cutting and transporting blocks of stone by ultrasonic means. The priests of Karnak, Abydos and Thebes were chosen for the strength and harmony of their voices. By pronouncing a certain word in a prescribed tone they could cause the heavy portals of the temple to open wide...

### **AMAZING FACTS**

The basic dimensions of the Great Pyramid incorporate measurements from which the earth's size and shape can be calculated. The latitude and longitude lines that intersect at the Great Pyramid (3degrees north and 31 degrees east) cross more of the earth's land surface than any other lines, thus the pyramid is located at the center of the land mass of the earth. Altogether these measurements show that the builders knew the exact dimensions of the planet as precisely as they have been recently determined by satellite surveys.

Silt sediments rising to fourteen feet around the base of the pyramid contain many seashells and fossils that have been radiocarbon-dated to be

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nearly twelve thousand years old. This shows that the Pyramids could not have been built by the Egyptian dynasty...!

Some scientists say that there is an effect of Piezo-electric effect inside the main chamber of the pyramid.

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Despite the heat and high humidity of the main chamber inside the Pyramid the dead bodies of animals' left in the chamber did not decay but completely dehydrated. This was how mummies were preserved in the Pyramid

- Foods can be preserved inside the Pyramid without spoiling. razor
- Even dull razor blades can be sharpened by placing it inside
- The pyramid can induce plants to germinate and grow more quickly, and hastened the healing of animals' wounds.

Various diseases like rheumatism, arthritis, blood pressure, sleeplessness, nervous disorder, back pain and many ailments like toothache, headache, indigestion, prostate, stomach disorder and a lot were healed by spending some hours in the pyramid.

Finally, we do not know exactly about the geometric structure of the pyramid, how it was built and its purpose. But we surely know that some great mystery lies behind and it will continue for the ages to come.

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*THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN:*

*Giant footprints in the snow of Mount Everest were discovered by world famous British mountaineers in 1951. Is there a giant hairy creature, looking somewhat like an earlier form of human, living in the icy confines of the Himalayas.*

There are numerous articles, sightings, and accounts of the THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN. They play down the Tibetan name “yeti” meaning ‘a magical creature’; They popularised the name ‘abominable snowman’ –which got across the idea of horror associated with the being that was said to exist in the valleys, gaps & glaciers of the Himalayas.

The popularity of the snowman reached its peak that the Nepalese Government granted licenses at a cost of \$10,000 to hunters dedicated and rich enough to stalk the Yeti through the Himalayas. Special triangular stamps were issued by the enterprising Bhutanese Post Office, which depicted the snowman as a being popular to the mountains of the Bhutan!



### **DISCOVERIES WITH REGARD TO THE SNOWMAN:**

Once Eric Shepton a seasoned mountain climber realised while climbing Himalayas that the depressions found on the snow field were very closer to that made by a human feet .He took photographs of it and announced that there may be a man like creature called Snowman. The footprints had five distinct toes with the inner two toes larger than the rest, the small toes pressed together and the heel flat and exceptionally broad. The London zoological society examined the footprints and announced that a langur monkey or a red bear had caused the footprints. But the creature stride alone-a length of 2.5 feet made nonsense of monkey theory.

In 1953 the Yeti again made international news, when Edmund Hillary and Tensing spotted giant prints during their Conquest of Mount Everest. Such prints were familiar sight to Tenzing, who told Hillary that his father had once almost been killed by one of the snowmen .The recorded

sighting of tracks by a European came in 1914 when J.K.P. Gent a British forestry officer said that the tracks 18-24 inches long and the toes point in the opposite direction to that in which the animals moving to that in which the animal is moving. He said, "It may be walking on his knees and shins instead of on the sole of his foot".

Mountaineer John Hunt, in his account of the 1953 scaling of mount Everest, told one unbelievable but real story he heard from the dignified Abbot of Thyangboche Monastery. Hunt reports the abbots story as follows, "This beast, loping along sometimes on hind legs and sometimes on all fours, stood about five feet high and was covered with Grey hair...The Yeti had stopped to scratch...had picked up snow, made a few grunts ...instructions were given to drive off the unwelcome visitor. Conch shells were blown , and the long traditional horns sounded. The yeti had ambled away in bushes".

Dr.Boris porshnev, appointed head of a Commission for studying the question of the Abominable snowman.His on- the-spot investigations convinced him that the wild people lived in 15<sup>th</sup> century had no permanent homes. Their bodies, except for hands and faces were covered with hair.



## **HABITS OF SNOWMAN**

The Yeti is reputed to have a body odour that makes a skunk smell good and to possess such strength that it can throw boulders around as if they were marbles and uproot trees as if they were flowers. Description of Yeti's voice range from shrill whistles to high-pitched yelps to lion-throated roars. It is also said to be fond of any kind of alcohol. There are also females of this species and the sherpas say that Yeti women are hampered by the size of their breasts. Their breasts were so large that they have to throw them over the shoulders before they bent down like animals they feed on leaves, grass, and anything they could find.

## **WHY IT IS A MYSTERY?**

Now the Himalayas are more frequented by mountaineers than before. Information is likely to accumulate more rapidly. Though many researches and mountaineers have reported the sight of snowman here and there, but there is no evidence or photos of the existence of the so-called

snowman. The only evidence we have is footprints and occasional sightings-not enough to form a scientific theory, but enough to stimulate our curiosity.

Hence till now the existence of snowman is still a mystery.

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