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Santa Fe, NM 87505
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- Your donation here supports an account set up for Tara & Rama with Beneficial Farms Community Supported Agriculture in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
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<http://bbsradio.com/podcast/true-history-january-7-2017>

HARD NEWS

Happy Epiphany! Happy birthday to Marietta!

R: Richard Wolffe's guest: lady astrologer on subject of economy, move from neo-liberalism to neo-fascism!

- The astrology parallels what happens when the roaring 20s got going: Hitler, Thule Society, people trying to figure out what the new energy was: St Germain bringing forth New Atlantis AND the other darker energy was showing itself too
- Eris, the planetoid, came to dinner and didn't leave – related to Goddess Zena who takes you to bed, makes love, cuts off your head so you wake up!
- This is related to the sudden change – the cardinal T square from hell, and Pluto, Uranus playing in – Kali Dirga: the ending of one cycle, beginning of another

RW: people are looking for something and Hitler considering himself the new messiah – they used the prophecies for the wrong energies;

- The renegade Pleiadian woman [in the article read later] has to do with Eris
 - Eris alone is a trip: combined with Uranus is something else!!!! She is the sister of Aries, the god of war – he learned his lesson when he became a
 - the only thing coming in is the Mahdi, the Lord Maitreya
- Putin is playing a gigantic chess game and the West is calling him the demon that he has
 - a personal vendetta against Hillary – the millionaires, etc are playing to the death
 - while P is not saint, yet he has done what he had to do: as Vlad the Impaler, he exposed the fake church!! Like Peter saying he did not know the man with the Plan and the cock crowed 3x
 - Jeshu did not die on the cross: Hamarabi is the one who took his place on the cross, and this is related to Eris and the uninvited guest:
 - the other uninvited guest in the moment: cancel your subscription of cable !!!! or Dish or MSNBC – yet what is being played out as Eris' discord shakes all up and turns it asunder: the gods and goddesses have to look and ask what is happening?
- Other stories: **Tom the Cat** – praise, respect, thank and love the feeling: stories that Dr Greer is all about a fake invasion!!!
 - Yet Captain Ashtar and Sananda will show them what happens when they play with those kinds of energies: the goddess of discord who uses you and hangs you out to dry!
- Imagine Pizzagate that involves Hillary, Bill, Jeffrey Epstein, Kissinger, and how many others did Trump and the mob in the realm of Lex Luther and the legions of doom: it is about the ancient magnificent beings who came from the stars and chose the dark side!
- The Astrologer said: Eris has come to dinner and if she doesn't get dessert, she'll torch the place!

T: we have the interactive wisdom to change this

R: let us work with the energies of peace: it can sound hollow, but this is the answer here

- if you raise the fist doesn't work: do what the activists who went to Jeff Sessions' office did and sat down! Police called in but they didn't end up dead!
- The fake news is stirring people's emotions: as we listen to the higher wisdom coming in and think with the heart – this overcomes the darkness
 - he is watching the progression of the energies pouring in – a black hole in reverse: not sucking it out, but pouring it in!
 - He's also watching what the lifeforms are spitting out

T: we have no right to judge

R: they get paid millions of dollars to lie – yes, he is not in their shoes!

T: we know **Rachel has a special role on MSNBC; she works directly with KOS!**

R: he doesn't know the fine print on her gag order: **T:** it's tight as a drum!

T: reading about the Thule Society today: we have no idea of the power that's been grabbed

R: the ladies who came in at the time of the Thule Society knew of the law of the Prime Directive – yet like Samjaze, they went about that Law!

T: our judgments are so shallow, we forget so easily: as these characters have far more expertise on the dark side as they remember how to use dark magic

- the comments on Obama
- happened to Tom Daschle: his entire family was killed and cloned all the way back
- the Bush family did that to him because he exposed them re: 9/11 – this is NOT our call. We need to go deeper into our judgmentalism and programs

- the Thule Society, the vrill and the
- Serious weather going on, on the east coast: wind chill is -2 in MN, 4" of snow
 - west coast: situation is more dangerous: Sierra Nevada expecting up to 14 feet of snow and when it melts, all kinds of

Audio: 2017-01-07 WATCH: **First Lady Michelle Obama's final White House speech**
BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE, ASSOCIATED PRESS **[SEE BELOW]**

<https://youtu.be/N2enuD0YtG8>

R: right now, David Wilcock and ET Cory are putting their lives on the line, in spite of the fact that they are already compromised

- Morgan Freedman knows the whole story but has to lie or die: it is not our call to judge
- *God Almighty*: a movie with Jim Carrey and Morgan Freedman something happened to Jim: has been compromised somehow – just lately

Mike Papantonio and Sam Seder: said neither one of them are worth

- laid into the election story: Clinton, Trump are both losers from the same side of the coin
- we don't see them trafficking children and laugh off war crimes like rape, which is an international war crime
- or laughing off 911 – Trump, Silverstein knew all about it!
- This coming Monday: some kind of protest re Trump's appointments for his cabinet
- **Katrina:** make your voice heard

Reading: Dan Eden - The Thule Society, Vrill **[SEE BELOW]**

T: commentary on the effect of pollution in the air

- the massive pollution from LA ends up at Mt Shasta, in the lungs of people who live on by a sacred engine.

T: suggestion to read **El En Ra** by Solara who, at the time of the Orion War, was an angel who was curious and got caught in a trap in the middle of the war in the period before earth

- about Aldebaron: the pyramid

- Trump, Ryan: don't think minimum wage is a good idea; OK to kill anyone who is in their way

R: a picture from Babylon talking of the energies of the Vrill

LISTEN TO THE READING AND HEAR THE COMMENTARY FROM BOTH OF THEM AS THE READING PROCEEDS.

Audio: On Contact – Chris Hedges 2017-01-08 Strategies of resistance with Michael Gecan

Chris Hedges discusses strategies of resistance with Michael Gecan, author of **"Going Public: An Organizer's Guide to Citizen Action."** Also, a report on the godfather of community organizing – Saul Alinsky.

Audio: Beyond Belief: unravelling the greatest mysteries – Greg Braden and George Noory about the pyramids and the upliftment of the frequencies from the higher realms
Greg's latest book: **Deep Truth**

<http://www.coasttocoastam.com/show/2015/11/24>

In the latter half, author [Gregg Braden](#) shared his expertise in leading-edge science and wisdom traditions and discussed ways to be resilient, embrace change, and recognize the powerful heart-brain connection. We live in a time of extremes, and the world is changing faster than many people can handle, he stated. "What that means is that we have to think and live differently, perhaps more so than any time in the past," he remarked. One way to do this to accept scientific discoveries as they're unfolding, Braden said.

The extremes that we're experiencing are largely due to the convergence of three cycles based on natural rhythms (climate, economic, and conflict) that affect our lives, he detailed. The cycles of conflict or war run in periods of 56 years and 17.7 years, and are based on a wave structure revealed by the economist Nikolai Kondratiev, he noted, adding that we entered into the upturn of one of these cycles in 2014, and it will peak in 2017. Braden also talked about the new discovery of brain-like cells called sensory neurites located within the human heart, and the role they play in creating personal resilience. He cited an intriguing case of a patient that received a heart transplant, and then recalled the memories of the donator, eventually being able to point police to her murderer.

<http://www.coasttocoastam.com/show/2015/11/24>

MUSICAL / TECHNICAL BREAK

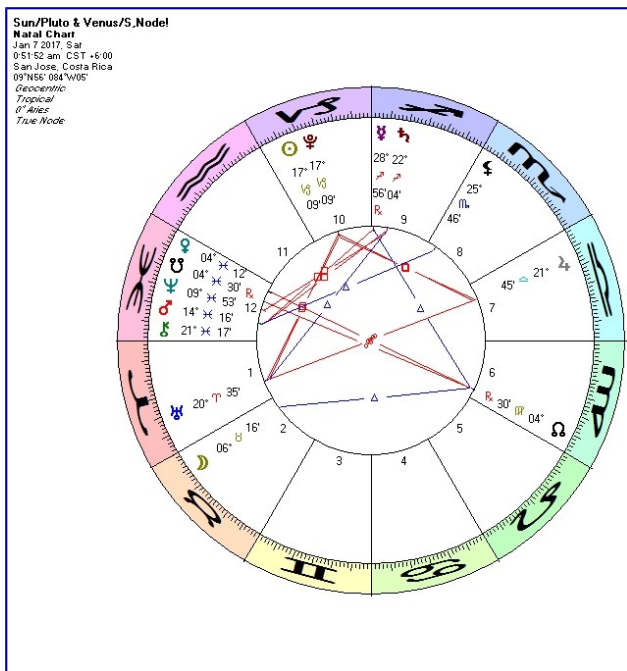
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The Pele Report

<https://youtu.be/LCE8FysACOc>

[click here to download/listen to the Pele Report mp3](#)

*Sorrow and disappointment,
Can lead to anger and despair,
Or open my arms, my eyes and my heart,
To all that needs loving care.*



This is the part of the roller coaster ride where we've gone up and down and all around and are now heading into the TUNNEL.... oooooooooooooo! Gets all dark, maybe some skeletons jump out to scare us, some people love this part while others can't bear it! Sun/Pluto with a stellium in Pisces just says.... let go! The problems come when we interpret that as a loss rather than seeing the gain.

If we judge letting go (and I am referring here in large part to CONTROL) as a loss we can get all pissed off and bummed out. All this Pisces is asking us to believe, trust, and give even more than we think we have... basically to believe in magic. It's the only way we'll get to experience the healing power of love. Go for it!

Come meet some ce-wl people next May in Costa Rica! www.AstrologyRisingCostaRica.com
Get that closing music at www.ScottHuckabay.com

This Coming Week

Sun: Mercury goes direct

Tues: sun squares Uranus exact

Wed: Moon squares Jupiter in the pm

Moon in Cancer will activate trine Venus, trine Neptune, opposite Pluto, trine Mars

Thurs: full moon in 23* Cancer – opposes Pluto on Wed pm; squares Uranus, opposes the sun – all 3 events within 3 hours

Venus will conjunct Neptune in afternoon

Mercury at 9 am

Fri: no aspects – moon moves into Taurus

Sat: moon in Leo – as of Thurs pm; will trine Uranus, sextile Jupiter; trines Saturn on Sat am – will be a fire trine with the moon, and extra air energy from ?

Ri: Tom pretty much describes the energies influencing the masses

T: Eris – Rama tells Richard about Eris, the uninvited guest who shows up & doesn't leave: she burns the house down too! Not one timber left as she is with Uranus

Ri: thinks Eris is in Aries along with Uranus
Uranus conjuncts Eris on March 15 – it's a minor planet with Major magnificatnet

Ri: 18* Capricorn for sun conjunct Pluto – key note is protection afforded to individuals and groups by powerful institutions in charge of maintaining order – this is where the sun is today!

Then he reads: justice and compassion must balance
What he reads is right on for now!

Reading: 2017-01-06 **MOVING FORWARD – FINALLY!** Birthing our Highest Aspirations and Ideals **[SEE BELOW]**

- Service to humanity at a time of evolutionary crisis
- societal management is where we're going as a group – lots of chaos!

CONFERENCE CALL

https://www.freeconferencecallhd.com/playback_rudd/?n=a4Ejy/uBffz

R: Vrill – Dorji - a Hindi name – they are like the lightning bolt that Indra used at the time of the Mahabarata, equal to a ground to air missile that could take out a 747

- the dorjies were used for both good things, and not so good things

T: and now we are learning about the results of those kinds of choices

- there was a quartz crystal at each end of the dorgi and when you activated the dorgi by it came though your body
 - Lord Krishna flew the star ship, and Arjuna killed his family
- Vrill is also a physical object!
- Space ships have been around for at least 6000 years – yet there is no written history of this -
- 450 billion years ago

Carlton: glad that T & R are doing well; they are being sent vibrations, love and money when we can!

- A body of work from an archeological expert – pretty much identified cultural and religious in Vedic tradition: Michael Cremo – forbidden archeology – has found human remains all over the planet, going back millions of years. www.forbiddenarcheology.com
 - He has spoken at conferences all over the world – well known but don't talk about him because no one has any money to pay him!
- In addition to revealing full disclosure stuff: he's on youtube – made a presentation at employee conference room in Google HQ.
 - Comes on Coast to Coast often
- easiest way to listen to coast to Coast? Radio at 10 - 2 am can get it on the computer KFI in LA

T: conversations are evolving here!

Ross: Samana and he have been adjusting the look of the website – now updated!

T: goes back to **reading Aluna Joy**

“Attachment is a form of fear” - need to let go – not being attached to the outcome is a trick! A good guide so we can optimize that period by ordering our thoughts

Carl: do we also cover energy for the numbers

- 2017-01-07: violet flame + twin flame energy

- the non-linear energy is manifesting
- everyone has been hearing from the F3 White Knights who say Michelle is a good candidate for president

Carlton: yet she says she is not running –

T: This is a good example of getting ahead of the timeline

- Last week R talked to the 4 Pleiadian ladies – had a device on their phone that accessed the akashic records from the New Jerusalem; they showed him so much of what happened but can't tell him HOW it happened.
- Mr 19.5* has a script and Rama is not privy to that

C: hoped that some of her answers would be ambiguous but they are not!

T: would not be OK for her [Michelle] to do that either: she is truly in present time – she has to fully embrace what is in the present moment; otherwise, she changes the timeline

- listening to Chris Hedges about the people who studied with Saul Alinsky is a great PhD in learning about activism
- Yes, it was her farewell speech
 - it's a crucial question and learning how to embrace fully her farewell of being First Lady for 8 years -

C: the path is being visibly cleared: after the cluster bomb the DNC was, his wit during the election, their leadership is in disarray; there is room for a new leader to appear.

T: they are becoming aware: Mike Papantonio and Sam Seder with Richard Wolff – all 3 are White Knights

- we were gagging and throwing up about Hillary, and the dog and pony show about her being better [than Trump] **was not so;**
- Saul Alinsky's student said that liberals never do anything: it's just an excuse – goes into putrefaction – liberal is not exactly the balance
- there is work involved with love -

C: have we been sorting out the Russian thing a bit more?

- The way it's being handled is funny
 - it's funny that Trump is saying this is phony
 - Obama as President AND a double agent is behind the Russian thing except he asked the Intelligence Agencies to give him their proof

T: Clapper committed treason years ago, and again this week past

- has gone farther – Craig someone from Britain knows where it came from – former British ambassador to Croatia said he was the one who delivered the e-mails to Wikileaks
- talked about it being a kid

C: that was on the Friday night show: McAfee said it was just a kid who did the hack !

T: she was told 40 years ago that the awakening would be rapidly advancing on these ones who thought they could get away with it as they had mind control over the people –

- the gurus kept telling us it would not be easy, and not to get lazy.
- Right now is very exciting – energies are synergizing at the higher level

have another audio: Graham Hancock Dec 23rd invites us to reconsider the past and our present. Calls into question the theories about how the pyramids were built

R: were built with the technology of quantum physics

T: Alderberan was where the pyramid was built and lowered from a ship!

R: he activates the engines of the pyramid and it goes straight up

Gerald: did you notice that they turned into serpents before they took off?

Stargate SG 1 series: many different craft shaped like that – the go'ould

T: a movie coming out about an Indian boy who got lost and found himself at home 25 years later – has to do with multiverse

- we are pretty much at the end of this life style of slavery which has been overwhelming: being cogs in someone else's wheel

G: last night T spoke of the rainbow prophecy: their work with the indian tribes falls in to this; their website is up – it includes the moorish, white skinned and redskinned – so in a sense we are part of that prophecy! Kudos to all of us!

T: when they put 9 original tribal teachings together – what is happening is we are getting beyond borders; autonomy within community: standing in our own beingness without the sense that someone else will steal what is yours.

G: Running Buck is saying that – all of North and South America is Turtle Island

T: we are all one

Ross: don't for a second doubt: Xi, Putin, Obama have seen the entire chess board and all the timelines: they all know what to do in any given circumstance

T: in awe of those 3! They have danced this dance and fooled the entire 13 families!

R: they are in a knowingness: all time is NOW

T: watching a Chinese news channel: CGTN - Chinese Global Television Network

- discussing ending corruption in China! And they talked of Trump, the oligarchs –
- the people in China know their role too: how do we deal with these ones at the top of the pile?
- To be the marxist without the horns is what R Wolff says of himself – that's what the Chinese are looking at

- the teachings of the buddhas: no disappointment
 - even those 3 [leaders] are not locked in stone

T brings up what was discussed in the article about the Vrill and the learning

- Meg Benedict teaches that gravity is a compression, the clockwise pressure is coming down on us, and to release, you go counter clockwise
 - gravity compresses differently in the opposite side of the equator

T: head of the serpent and the tail of serpent are being brought together – Ophiucus holding the snake – this is the 13th sign, Mother's # is 13

- the image of the serpent goes back to the Andes, origin of the word America –
- Peruvian prophecy holds that the amerdu-ca – the land of the serpent, at a time with the serpent was the universal symbol of wisdom

- body hopping is about the soul – stay in this dimension don't return
 - not a walkin which is when the ensoulment present in the physical form has reached a place where the individual cannot pass the test in the current incarnation and the soul went to Antares Arcturus Midway station
- body hopping is completely different!

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Audio: Beyond Belief: unravelling the greatest mysteries – Greg Braden and George Noory about the pyramids and the upliftment of the frequencies from the higher realms

Greg's latest book: **Deep Truth**

Audio: Graham Hancock - My Discoveries... Xmas 2016 (org appx 2012)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LTSTMp8_Yw

Published on 23 Dec 2016

In this, more sentimental, version of Hancock's presentation, he invites us to not only re-consider the past but re-evaluate our present. Originally titled, 'My Discoveries Are Lethal To Academia', Hancock's presentation includes megalithic stone constructions from around the world and calls into question the conventional dating surrounding many of them. A very enjoyable and inspirational way to spend 90 mins. Merry Christmas 2016, Ry

Audio: Max Keiser 2017-01-07

<https://www.rt.com/shows/keiser-report/372894-episode-max-keiser-1016/>

Max and Stacy discuss the unhappy outlook for the Chinese New Year as liquidity and currency fears loom. They also discuss fake bonds and short selling. Max continues his interview with Constantin Gurdgiev of macroview.eu about the global macroeconomic picture in 2017.

Audio: Chris Hedges 2017-01-02 On Contact: The Hidden Tragedy of the Vietnam War with Nick Turse

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vr70CISwy_k

On this week's episode of On Contact, Chris Hedges discusses the hidden tragedy of the Vietnam War with author of "Kill Anything that Moves: The Real American War in Vietnam". Nick Turse uncovered documents that revealed systematic violence against civilians extending beyond the massacre at My Lai. They look back at Vietnam to understand what we are doing in Iraq and Afghanistan. RT Correspondent Anya Parampil looks at the civilian cost that accompanied our defeat in Vietnam.

Audio: Scenes from *The Sound of Music*

Closing: Rainbird

Music: Jewel of Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=122i0SYOQyo>

Children of Light productions – may not be the one listed above!

A song in honour of Epiphany

Reading: about Japanese unicorns

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2017-01-07 WATCH: First lady Michelle Obama's final White House speech
BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE, ASSOCIATED PRESS

<https://youtu.be/N2enuD0YtG8>

WASHINGTON — Her voice breaking and eyes filling with tears, an unusually emotional Michelle Obama said Friday that being first lady “has been the greatest honor of my life” as she bid an early farewell to the White House.

An East Room ceremony honoring the 2017 school counselor of the year, and the work of all school counselors, marked her final event as first lady.

Before the tearful goodbye, there were words of encouragement for young people. Mrs. Obama, as she has done many times in eight years in the White House, urged kids to get the best education they can and then use it to “lead by example with hope, never fear.”

“Don’t be afraid,” she said.

The first lady also praised the “glorious diversity” of people of all faiths, colors and creeds in America as “not a threat to who we are” but as what “makes us who we are.” The comment seemed a rebuke of President-elect Donald Trump, who criticized Mexicans, Muslims and others throughout his presidential campaign.

“To the young people out there, do not ever let anyone make you feel like you don’t matter or like you don’t have a place in our American story, because you do,” Mrs. Obama said. “And you have a right to be exactly who you are.”

She urged them to get ready to add their voices to the national conversation and “stand up for our proud American values.”

Mrs. Obama asked them to remember, when they encounter obstacles and feel like giving up, what she said she and President Barack Obama have talked about since first starting their journey to the White House nearly a decade ago, “and that is the power of hope.”

She said hope has allowed the couple to “rise above the voices of doubt and division, of anger and fear, that we have faced in our own lives and in the life of this country.”

Mrs. Obama ended the appearance by thanking the school counselors standing behind her, including Terri Tchorzynski, the 2017 honoree from the Calhoun Area Career Center in Battle Creek, Michigan, for their hard work and dedication. She has said school counselors often are the “deciding factor” in whether a student decides to attend college.

“Being your first lady has been the greatest honor of my life, and I hope I’ve made you proud,” Mrs. Obama said.

The first lady has said she will continue, after she and her husband leave on Jan. 20, to work on issues she championed as first lady. They include education, fighting childhood obesity and support for military families.

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/watch-live-first-lady-michelle-obamas-final-white-house-speech/>

2017-01-06 Michelle Obama Holds Back Tears in Final White House Speech

<https://youtu.be/asxPiT-brkk>

Her voice breaking, first lady Michelle Obama told a crowd of students Friday, "I will be with you, rooting for you and working to support you the rest of my life."

So ended Obama's final speech before leaving the White House at the end of this month. The first lady, speaking at a "Counselor of the Year Event" as part of her "Reach Higher" initiative, held back tears during the emotional address. [Her address begins at 2:18:41 in the above video.]

[NPR labeled it](#) "a passionate pep talk to the nation's young people, especially immigrants, Muslims and others who might feel slighted by the incoming Trump administration."

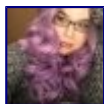
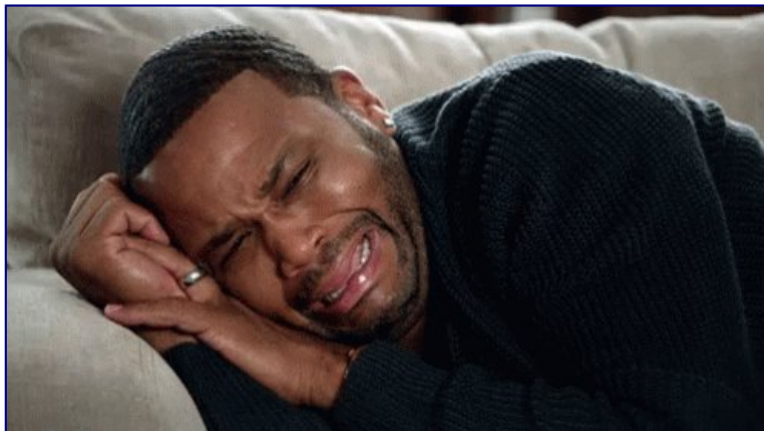
Obama also focused on diversity and the importance of taking part in higher education, urging the students in the audience to stay positive in the wake of a Trump presidency.

She emphasized the need for hope in the years to come, a sentiment that her husband [repeatedly used](#) throughout his presidential campaigns.

"It is our fundamental belief in the power of hope that has allowed us to rise above the voices of doubt and division, of anger and fear that we have faced in our own lives and the life of this country," she stated. "That's the kind of hope that every single one of us—politicians, parents, preachers, all of us—need to be providing for our young people."

The speech wrapped up on a particularly emotional note as Obama said, "Being your first lady has been the greatest honor of my life, and I hope I've made you proud."

Commentators on social media largely applauded Obama's bittersweet final address:



[katie @justkxtie](#)

how i'm feeling after watching Michelle Obama's last speech as flotus

[2:59 PM - 6 Jan 2017](#)



[sky @biebscookieslot](#)

I'm in tears watching her last speech I'm truly going to miss Michelle Obama being the First Lady. [#FLOTUS](#)

[2:57 PM - 6 Jan 2017](#)



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a good way to start the day is crying while watching michelle obama's last speech as the first lady

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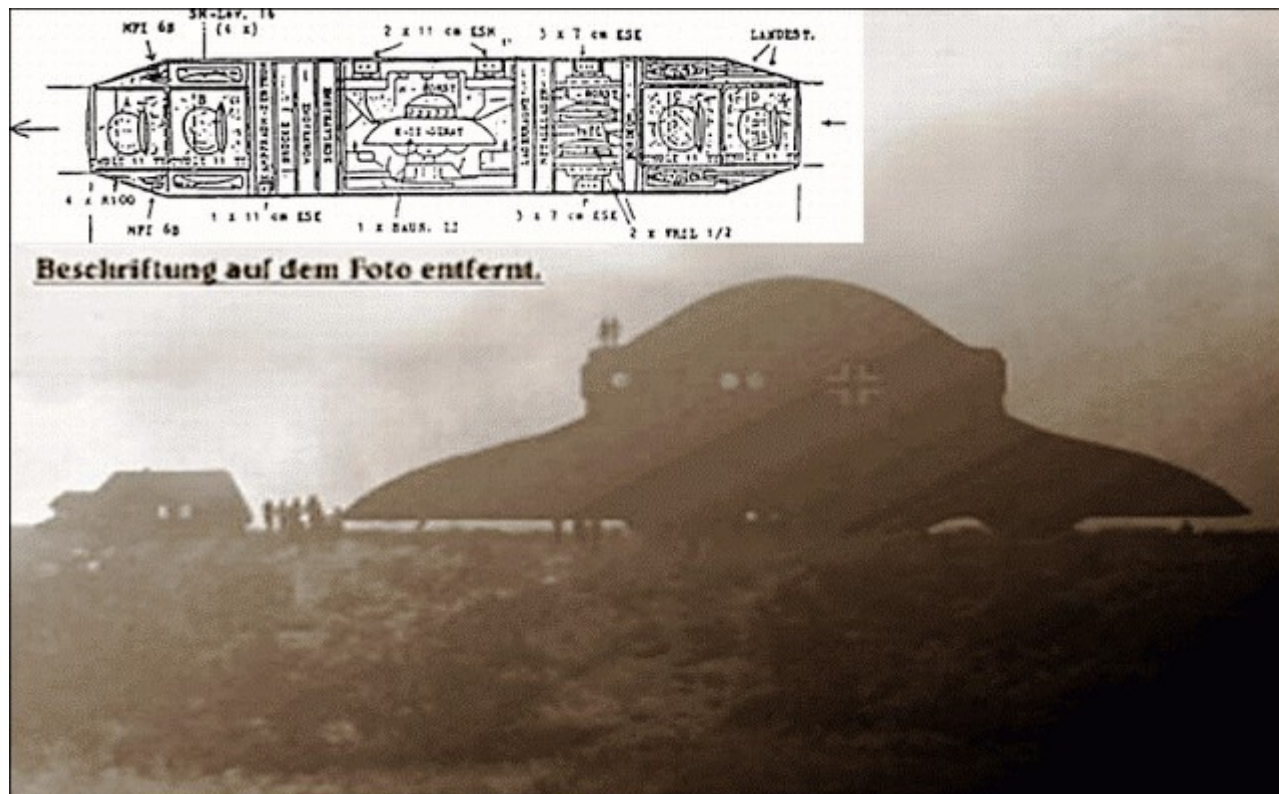
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CONTACT WITH EXTRATERRESTRIALS

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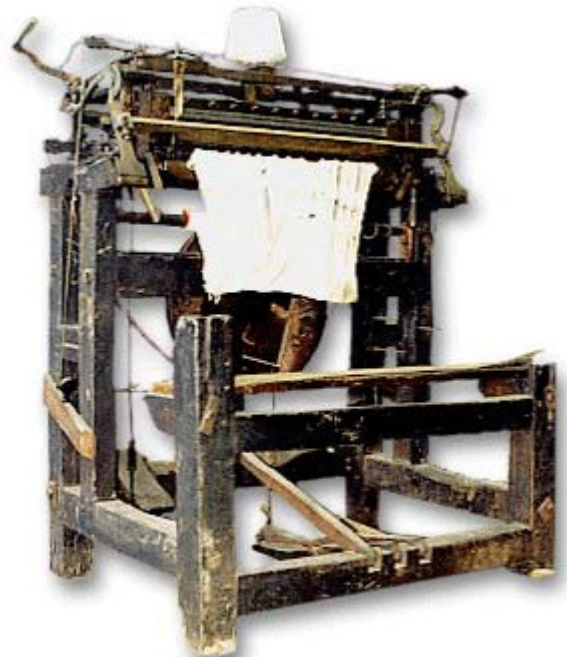
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And so it begins...

It started in England, back in 1589. A bright, young man of 19 years, William Lee, was in love with a girl who was preoccupied with knitting socks. Socks were an important item of clothing in the 16th Century and knitting them by hand was a slow but necessary process.

When he was just 16, Lee was a prodigy who attended college at Cambridge on a full scholarship. He was a "discoverer" waiting to happen. Two years after graduation, Lee was an official of his home



town when he met his love. He had not yet taken up his destiny and redirected history. But that would soon change.

Frustrated libido is a powerful motivator. Lee applied his intellect. He designed and built a machine that imitated his lover's hand movements, producing the world's first sock machine. This way, he could both impress her and liberate her.

When Lee presented his sock machine to Queen Elizabeth I, requesting a patent, she refused. She saw the potential for social disruption and expressed her concern for the country's hand knitters. She also perhaps foresaw a frightening premonition of what a mechanized world would be like.

Lee eventually moved his machines to France with only limited success. He died in poverty -- much like Nickola Tesla. And like Tesla, his invention did eventually change history. After Lee's death, his brother James returned to England and started the first mechanized factories producing socks made from wool, cotton an silk. This was the time-thread that began the Industrial Revolution. [1]

Unrest and gloom covered the land.

Sixteenth Century life was simple but harsh. Most people were farmers, most likely working the fields of some elite. The average life expectancy was 35 years and half the population lived on the very edge of survival. The appearance of factories, urbanization and cheaply produced goods was an improvement for most people. But it didn't last.

The move from hand power to the steam engine changed urban areas to a filthy environment with a stench. Individuals worked long shifts doing repetitive tasks, in unhealthy conditions. Although their life expectancy nearly doubled and material produced in the factories was abundant, people were not happy. Periodic plagues and disease took their toll on the new centralized culture. [3] At the height of discontent, "anti-machine" and worker's riots erupted in many countries as the consequences of an industrialized society were realized.



Although most groups moaned about the direction that our civilization had chosen, some groups became more pro-active. Karl Marx (1840) introduced the idea of common ownership -- Marxism -- where the workers were empowered as participants in the state. The profit-motive of the factory owner was replaced with new *raison d'etre* "for the good of the people." This revolution against a miserable lifestyle and disparity of wealth eventually won acceptance as Communism replaced the elite Tsar in Russia and was creeping west across Europe.

The Germans suffered these same misgivings with the Industrial Revolution, but they chose a different solution. Rather than endure the nationalization of Germany's industry through a

Communist government, the National Socialists (Nationalsozialismus) designed a solution where privately owned industry would play a major role. Germany would reinvent itself -- rise like the Phoenix -- and citizens would serve the state with pride. Modeled after the Greek city-state of Sparta, the ideology captured the support of the industrialists and anti-Communists.

As it is true today, social stress sometimes leads people to become interested in religion or the occult as a means of escape. There was a fascination in pre-WWII Germany with archaeological reports about ancient Sumeria, the Ark of the Covenant, Oden and Wotan, Astarte, etc. People wanted to feel a connection to a time when Germany was stronger and prouder. There was great interest in knowing about our "spirit life" and learning how they could get back on the path to Utopia. Helena Blavatsky's Theosophical Society and the Thule Society were the most influential occult groups.

At some point, the public became fixated on an old book called, The Coming Race. It was written in 1871 by "Anonymous," but many believed the author to be Edward Bulwer-Lytton. Originally considered as "science fiction", many later readers believed that its account of a superior subterranean master race and the energy-form called "Vril" was real and accurate. Many Theosophists accepted the book as truth. Then something really strange happened.

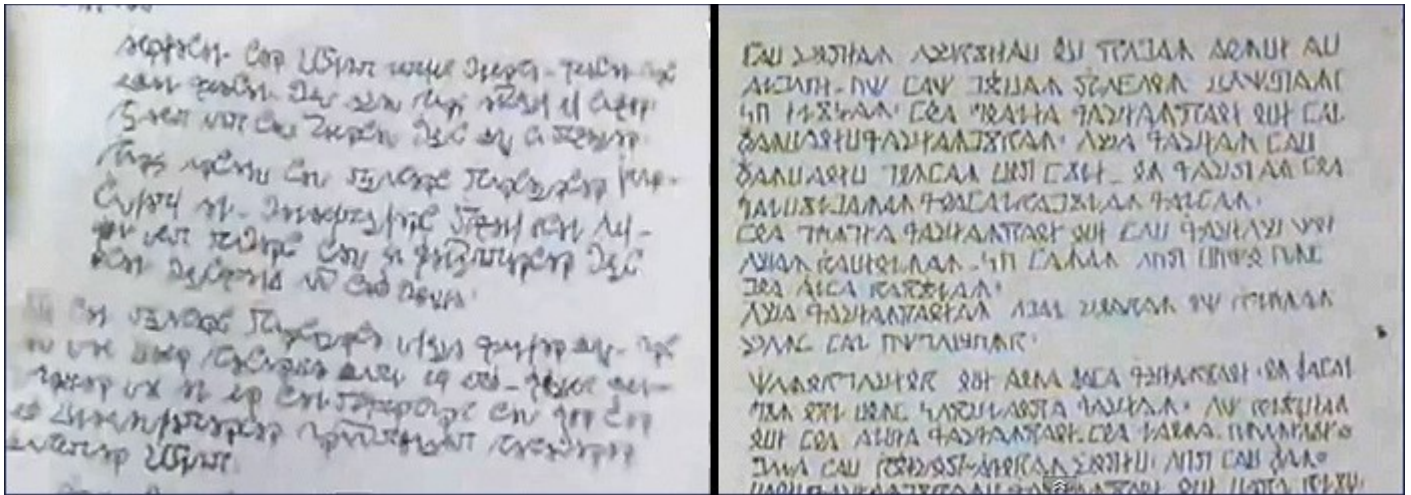
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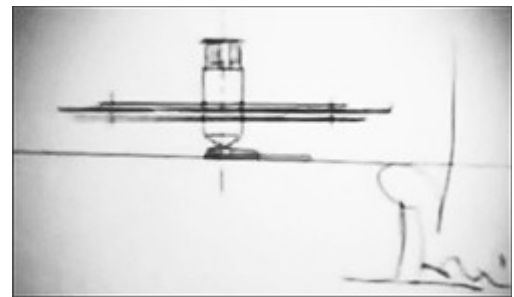
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Haushofer had the pages long enough before the meeting to have shown them around. He had determined that one was written in a secret Templar code while the other was in a "Sumerian alphabet". Both had already been translated. The texts made some shocking claims, but offered proof of their validity -- instructions on how to build an anti-gravity engine!

Leaving no stone unturned, Haushofer even had the distinguished scientist, Victor Schauberger, review the physics of the design and literally sign off on its potential [right].



Maria explained that the civilization she contacted originated in the constellation Taurus (the Bull). In particular, they were from a planet that was in orbit around a star called Aldebaran. The engine works on an energy source that is called "vril". Claims were made that the anti-gravity engine also has the ability to alter time. The texts are detailed enough so that the engine could be built, tested, and then used to transport worthy humans to their world for a meeting.

While the Thule Society was focused on mediumship and contact with the "other", their main interest was in finding an alternative to the inhumane and unhealthy Industrial Revolution that affected the German population. The anti-gravity engine was, according to Maria, a "gift" from this advanced race for humanity so that energy would be plentiful and wars would be unnecessary. But the Thule Society wanted the engine for its time-travel potential. They dreamed of going back to the time when the "gods walked the earth" so they could learn more about spiritual truth.

The guests believed what Maria had revealed. They agreed to seek financial support to build the engine from wealthy industrialists who were members of the Thule Society and other occult groups. Maria was quickly tasked with convincing contributors to help with this project.

The Vril Engine is Built

Although they had the same objective -- building the Vril engine -- the Thule and Vril societies had different motives. The Thule Society was practical and foresaw a new energy source to exploit.

The Vril were more concerned with making contact, learning from and potentially visiting the aliens on their world.

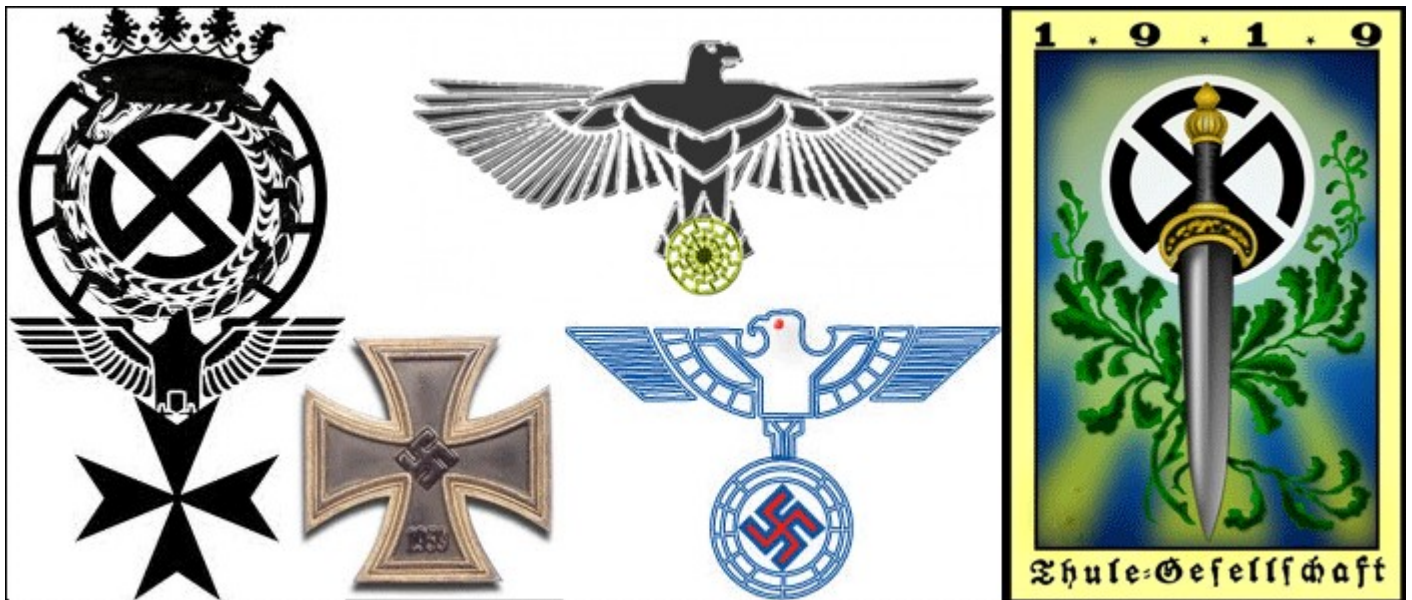
In 1922, Thule and Vril jointly produced the JFM (Jenseitsflugmaschine) or "Other World Flight Machine". It was just the engine and was bench tested on a tether for two years. It was during this time that the antigravity and time distortion were noted. Without notice the JFM was abruptly taken apart and shipped off to the Augsburg works of Messerschmidt for "future use".

The project had been led by Dr. W.O. Schumann (Technical University of Munich) who later developed a levitation unit from the research, which was called the Schumann-Munich or SM-Levigator. Dr. Schumann had an unusual view of science and technology, believing in two opposing principles: explosion (the work of Satan) and implosion (the Divine Principle). This idea was also held by the Templars (supposedly the "Secret" knowledge discovered by Pythagoras).

"In everything we recognize two principles that determine the events: light and darkness, good and evil, creation and destruction -- as in electricity we know plus and minus. It is always: either - or."

These two principles - the creative and the destructive - also determine our technical means...Everything destructive is of Satanic origin, everything creative is divine... Every technology based upon explosion or combustion has thus to be called Satanic. The coming new age will be an age of a new, positive, divine technology!..." Dr. Schumann (from SS archives).

The Vril engine did not consume, explode or destroy anything in its operation. It fit perfectly with the Thule philosophy and motivated Vril research as participation in this "Divine Principle."



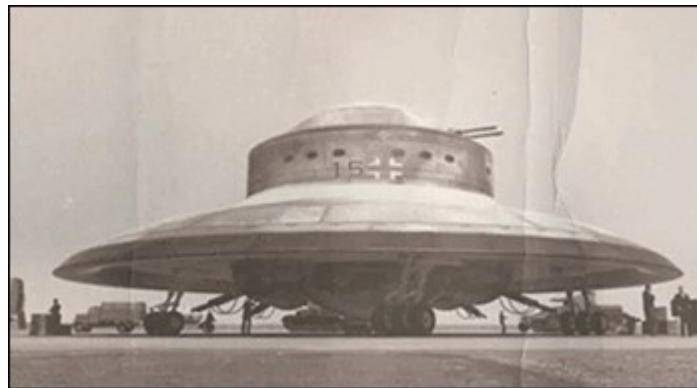
The Thule Society has been underestimated and virtually censored from our history books. Seemingly crazy laws outlaw the display or discussion of these societies in Europe today. But it is a fact that Thule was largely responsible for creating the Nazi Party -- so much so that their occult symbols are synonymous with the Third Reich. The Swastika, lightning bolts of the SS and the Iron Cross, symbol of the "Black Sun" are but a few symbols with occult origins [**above**].

As Thule became more concerned with politics and power, the Vril maintained their esoteric quests. All of the Nazi leaders were members of Thule and later, after Maria Orzich's revelation, joined Vril. Adolf Hitler, Alfred Rosenberg, Heinrich Himmler, Hermann Goring, and Hitler's personal physician, Dr. Theodor Morell... all of the inner circle were Vril and Thule members.



The success of the JFM was wisely kept secret until 1933, when one of their own became the head of Germany. Hitler is said to have given the go to both Thule and Vril developing their own "Gesellschafts". He understood that the technology was a potential weapon.

The Vril supervised development of the RFZ (Rundflugzeug) or "Round Aircraft" series in 1937 next to the Arado-Brandenburg aircraft facility. A series of RFZ discs were tested there, culminating in the RFZ-7.



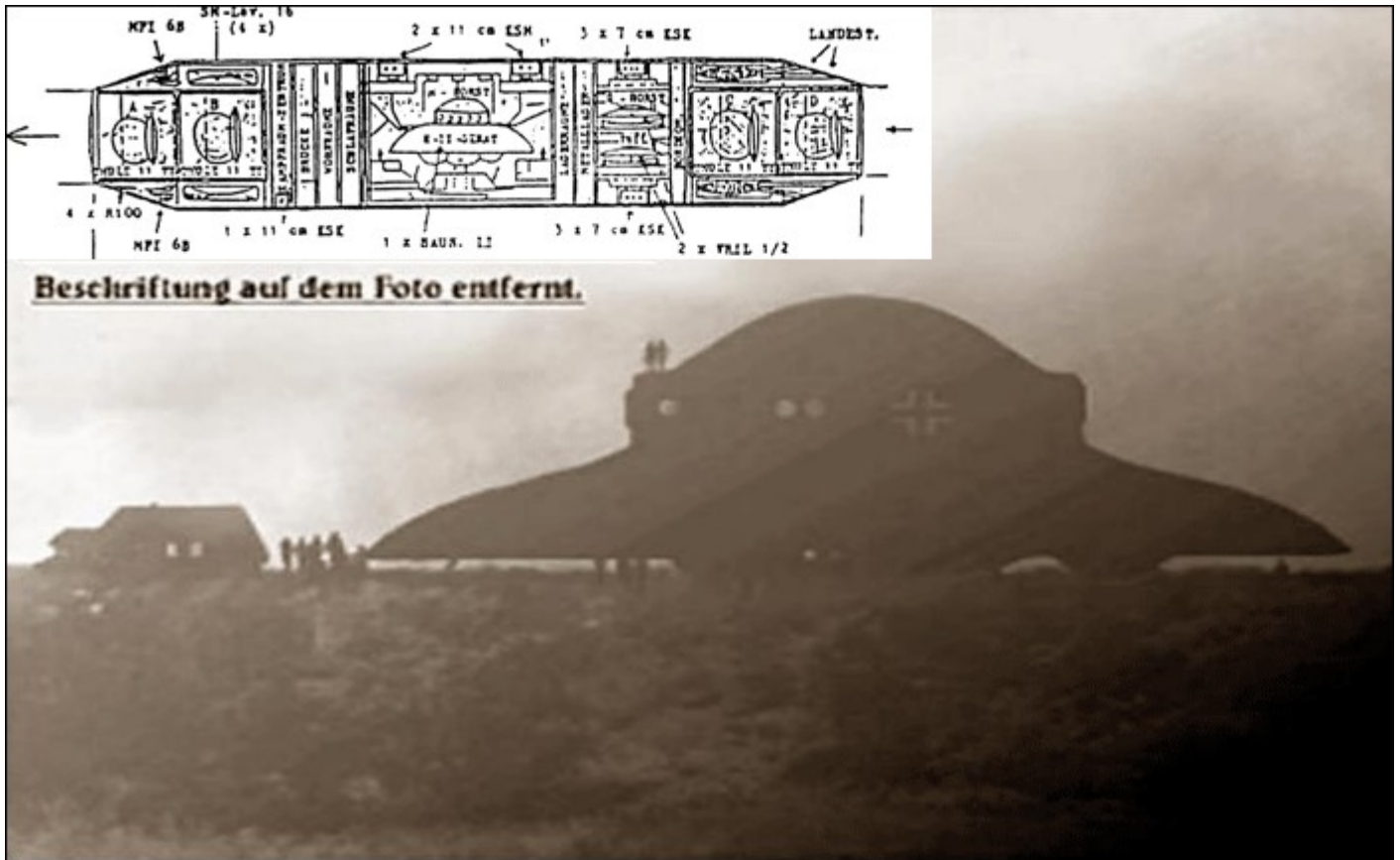
Meanwhile, Thule was working with a special SS unit, E-IV, exploring how to exploit this apparently new energy. They had their own disc project in a secret location called Hauneburg -- and it was not tethered. Beginning in 1935 their disc [**above**] was known as the H-Gerat (Hauneburg Device) -- eventually shortened to Haunebu. In 1939 the disc's *Triebwerk* (Thrustwork) engine was perfected. Haunebu-1 code named RFZ-5 when Thule moved it to the main testing facility in Arado-Brandenburg.

The Thule *Triebwerk* had an electro-magnetic-gravitic engine whose heart was a spinning tank of heated mercury and three parallel discs, rotating in opposite directions. Being a conductor, the mercury was made to interact with an electric field in such a way that it behaved like a superconductor and was able to isolate the immediate environment from local gravity effects.

Some recent thoughts have compared the anti-gravity observations of [mono-atomic gold](#) to what might be happening to the heated mercury. It has been noted that atoms not involved with cohesive bonds with other atoms -- "solitary atoms" -- gain back the energy usually expended in the bond and speed up and distort the orbits of their nuclear particles. These distortions somehow liberate the atoms from the effects of gravity.

The anti-gravity engine only isolated the craft from gravity. It did not really levitate it. Although the energy needed was greatly reduced because of the elimination of gravity, the disc craft still required some power to ascend and move through the atmosphere. Some versions of the disc had jet engines and reached 2900-12000km/h. The Thule group eventually designed magnetic-pulse

thrusters that served to maneuver and propel the craft once they were in their anti-gravity state. As these magnetic thrusters had no "explosion" they were the ideal solution.



By 1944, Thule had produced the Haunebu I-III series -- including some really large discs that were capable of carrying 200 troops -- like the huge 139 meter long cylindrical mothership called the Andromeda-Gerat (Andromeda Device). The triumph of the Vril group was their 7th vehicle, Vril-7, designed specifically for interplanetary travel.

As the war turned in favor of the Allies, Thule moved their production facilities to a deep mine in Poland. They continued work on their discs with slave labor until the very end, at which time the mine was flooded then collapsed to prevent Allies from gaining access. It's believed that any discs that were at this facility were flown away, but some think at least one or two were captured. The site shows the foundation of a large electric generator with conduits leading to the center of a large concrete platform, still there today [right].



Vril also made plans to evacuate, but their plans were a bit more elaborate. They had their best "interplanetary" disc -- Vril 7 -- ready to take them to safety in a most unlikely place. Over the years since Maria Orsich had made contact, the Vril had learned much about their telepathic, alien counterparts. In fact, the Vril's information about the aliens had already transformed the war effort with submarines and supply boats diverting resources to -- of all places -- Antarctica.

Aldebaran Civilization: Been there, done that...

According to the Vril mediums, the race of people they had telepathically contacted were from one of two inhabited planets that orbited an old star, called Aldebaran, 68 light years away in the constellation we know of as Taurus, the Bull. On historical artifacts, they are always depicted with horns [right]. They made contact because they had been observing human activity, specifically noting our war-like behavior. They decided to give humanity a "Gift" (the



Vril engine) to eliminate the competition for resources and energy -- the cause of human conflict.

Millions of years ago, the Aldebaran people had evolved to utilize "vril energy" -- akin to our understanding of electricity, but taken to an extreme. They had developed mental abilities such that they were able to interact with this vril energy, using it for creative or destructive purposes.

In the course of their Sun's life, it had expanded to become a Red Giant. The environmental conditions on the inhabited planets caused biological stress and some of their race degenerated to where they lost their mental abilities to use vril. When they realized this, they quickly isolated the pure Aldebaran race from those that degenerated and became strict about breeding and associating with the inferior strains.

As the environment of their solar system deteriorated, the "elite" Aldebarans evacuated their race -- both pure-lines and inferiors -- to other inhabited worlds. Earth was one of these.

Although these things were reported at the turn of the last century, well before Zecharia Sitchin made the Sumerian legends popular, it is easy to see that this same story is contained in the ancient Sumerian legends. Like Sitchin's theory, the Aldebarans noted the destructive effects of a "dark sun" that enters our solar system every 3,600 years and noted that, upon one cycle, the Earth became uninhabitable. The Aldebaran race retreated from the surface to a subterranean "cavity" located under the continent of Antarctica, from where they have been observing and attempting to control human destiny.

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Deutschland... we have a problem.

It became evident to the Aldebarans, as well as the Vrils, that the "gift" had been used unwisely. Production of discs with gun turrets and remotely operated "weapon" discs contradicted the original motive. The Vrils visited the Aldebaran residents under Antarctica, as has been well documented, and began a program for populating a subterranean island called New Swabia. During the later years of WWII it was noted that the SS had implemented special breeding programs -- similar to those of the Aldebaran race -- with the offspring destined to occupy this Antarctic land.

While we cannot know whether these facts about Aldebaran were real or imagined, the construction plans that the Vrils telepaths received were so accurate that they led to the successful construction of the "Jenseitsflugmaschine", a "flying machine for the other side"!

Eye Witness Reports of Vrils

In the 1957 case, agents at Detroit recorded that they had spoken with a man who was

"...born February 19, 1926, in the State of Warsaw, Poland, and was brought from Poland as a Prisoner of War to Gut Alt Golssen approximately 30 miles east of Berlin, Germany, in May 1942, where he remained until a few weeks after the end of World War II.



An 'SS' guard appeared and talked briefly with the German driver of the tractor, who waited five to ten minutes, after which the noise stopped and the tractor engine was started normally. Approximately 3 hours later in the same swamp area, but away from the road where the work crew was cutting hay, he surreptitiously, because of the German in charge of the crew and 'SS' guards in the otherwise deserted area, observed a circular enclosure approximately 100 to 150 yards in diameter protected from viewers by a tarpaulin-type wall approximately 50 feet high, from which a vehicle was observed to slowly rise vertically to a height sufficient to clear the wall and then to move slowly horizontally a short distance out of his view, which was obstructed by trees.

This vehicle, observed from approximately 500 feet, was described as circular in shape, 75 to 100 yards in diameter, and about 14 feet high, consisting of dark gray stationary top and bottom sections, five to six feet high. The approximate three foot middle section appeared to be a rapidly moving component producing a continuous blur similar to an aeroplane propeller, but extending the circumference of the vehicle so far as could be observed. The noise emanating from the vehicle was similar but of somewhat lower pitch than the noise previously heard. The engine of the tractor again stalled on this occasion and no effort was made by the German driver to start the engine until the noise stopped, after which the engine started normally." [7]

And then there is this:

"On April 26, 1967 [the witness] appeared at the Miami Office and furnished the following information relating to an object, presently referred to as an unidentified flying object, he allegedly photographed during November, 1944.

Sometime during 1943, he graduated from the German Air Academy and was assigned as a member of the Luftwaffe on the Russian Front. Near the end of 1944, he was released from this duty and was assigned as a test pilot to a top secret project in the Black Forest of Austria. During this period he observed the aircraft described above. It was saucer-shaped, about twenty-one feet in diameter, radio-controlled, and mounted several jet engines around the exterior portion of the craft. He further described the exterior portion as revolving around the dome in the center which remained stationary. It was his responsibility to photograph the object while in flight. He asserted he was able to retain a negative of a photograph he made at 7,000 meters (20,000 feet).

According to him, the above aircraft [**right**] was designed and engineered by a German engineer whose present whereabouts is unknown to him. He also assumed the secrets pertaining to this aircraft were captured by Allied Forces. He said this type of aircraft was responsible for the downing of at least one American B-26 airplane.



He has become increasingly concerned because of the unconfirmed reports concerning a similar object and denials the United States has such an aircraft. He feels such a weapon would be beneficial in Vietnam and would prevent the further loss of American lives which was his paramount purpose in contacting the Federal Bureau of Investigation." [Redfern, N and Downes, J]

Where are they now?

During the war, especially the latter part, German U-boats made frequent trips to the South Atlantic, South America, and Antarctica. Germany also set up floating meteorological buoys in Antarctic waters and weather stations on islands located between Antarctica and the tip of South America. The SS RuSHA, (Rasse und SeidlungsHauptAmt- Race and Settlement Bureau) began in 1942 to take women of Aryan descent (Volksdeutsch) from the Ukraine solely for the purpose of transporting them to Base 211.



Ten thousand women between the ages of 17-24, blonde and well proportioned, were recruited for the project along with 2,500 Waffen SS soldiers serving in Russia.

The goal of this massive undertaking was to create a colony at Base 211 suitable for habitation and continued development of the Thule-Vril technology. It is believed that both the Thule and Vril Gesellschafts evacuated that technology to Base 211 at the close of the war under SS General Kammler, who was in charge of Germany's most secret weapons programs.

Two U-boats that surrendered after the war in Argentina are also believed to have carried cargo and high-ranking SS to Base 211. Both boats were empty upon surrender with the crews refusing to disclose their cargos and destinations.

Operation High Jump... looking for Nazis?

In 1947 the US Navy under Admiral Byrd conducted Operation High Jump. The expedition to Antarctica involved 4000 naval personnel and 13 huge ships, including several large airplanes and helicopters. The goal was to map and catalog all of the coastline of the continent, including minerals and wildlife. The entire expedition was to last 6 months.

During the expedition a base was established at Little America, a coastal bay, and a tent city was constructed where aircraft could be maintained for the survey. Several teams of explorers were sent out to various corners of Antarctica with large format cameras for the photographic survey. When the crew photographing the region directly Southwest of the Australian continent arrived for their mission they were shocked. They radioed back that the coastal region was free of ice and that the water was 38F. They continued to take photographs and later returned to process the images.



The image above is readily available to anyone using google-earth and the coordinates provided. I suggest you try to examine this location at an angle instead of just straight down, and maintain the true North. The entrance appears to be about 180 feet wide by 230 feet high. Outside there are some straight surfaces which appear man made.

Immediately after this event the entire expedition was halted and all ships and Naval personnel were made to return to the States. The results of the mission are still classified, after 60 years. Only Admiral Byrd, who was interviewed by a Chilean journalist on his trip home from the expedition, commented on the sudden return home. He stated that there was a danger which this expedition had encountered that posed a threat to every nation in the free world. He declined to elaborate on this.

<http://www.viewzone.com/vril22.html>

Time to split...

As the reality of the war became clear, members of Vril were increasingly frustrated by attempts to use their revealed technology for killing machines. Around Christmas time 1943, an important meeting of the Vril-Gesellschaft took place at the seaside resort of Kolberg. Maria Ortic and "Sigrun" presided and discussed the urgency of the Aldebaran Project. They feared that the war chaos posed a danger to their ultimate goal of using the vril-engine's time-warp potential to reach their benefactors on their Aldebaran planet. The mediums had received precise information about the habitable planets around the sun Aldebaran and had already planned a trip there.

A few weeks later, at a January 22, 1944 meeting between Hitler, Himmler, Kunkel (of the Vril Society) and Dr. Schumann the Aldebaran Project was discussed. When tethered, the anti-gravity engine produced a time-warp field. The Vril had been told that this would enable them to travel faster than the speed of light. They had conveyed specific details on how to achieve this. So specific, in fact, that a test flight was conducted.

The Vril were allowed to use Vril-7, a large-capacity disc, 45 meters in diameter that had just been built and tested. According to reports, the first test flight in the "dimension channel" took place in the winter of 1944 with the craft tightly tethered. In this way the vril-engine could be used as a sort-of stargate. It was a sobering experience, just short of disaster. The Vril 7 returned after the "flight" looking "as if it had been flying for a hundred years". The outer skin was damaged in several places. For sure, these problems would have to be addressed before the "real" trip to Aldebaran was made or the passengers would not survive.



[Above:] Vril 7 at the Brandenburg testing grounds. The woman in the foreground is the Vril Gesellschaft medium "Sigrun" who has been authenticated in other WW2 photos standing in front of Fw 190 fighters. She not only supervised the construction of Vril-7 but she was also its pilot.

Vril's medium "Sigrun" made frequent trips to the facility to oversee construction and testing of the



Vril 7. In 1944, a group of engineers approached her with a request. They wanted to know if the Vril *Triebwerk* engine could be adapted to one of their projects -- the Arado E.555 strategic bomber [right]. They were abruptly told, "No" and returned to their conventional designs. Sigrun was actually insulted because the entire purpose of the Vril discs was aimed at peaceful space flight.

In early March of 1945, the Thule society received a letter, signed by Maria Orsich, making reference to the trip to Aldebaran. It seems some of the Vril group had already made the trip and had decided to stay. The letter ends with, "neimand bleibt hier" -- no one has remained here. But did they really go to another planet?

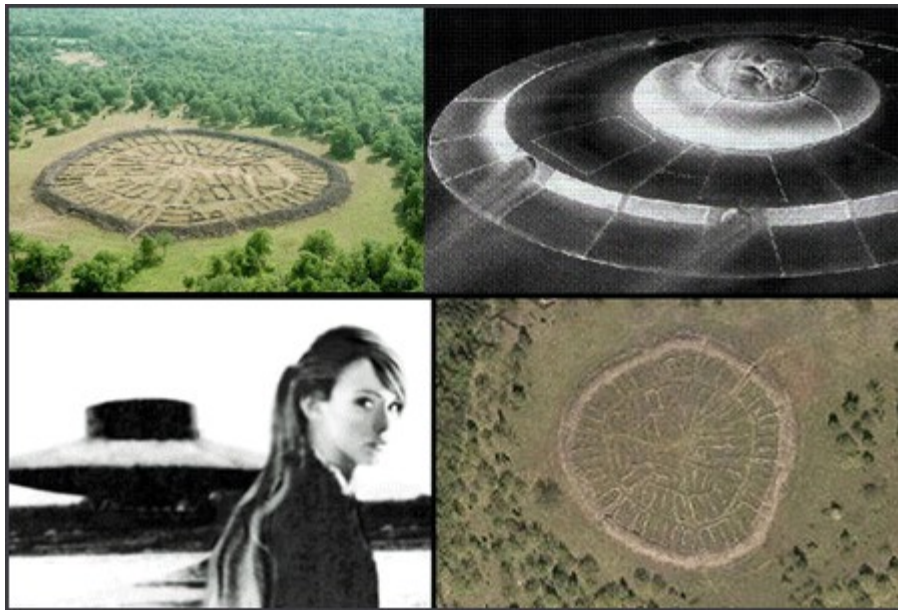
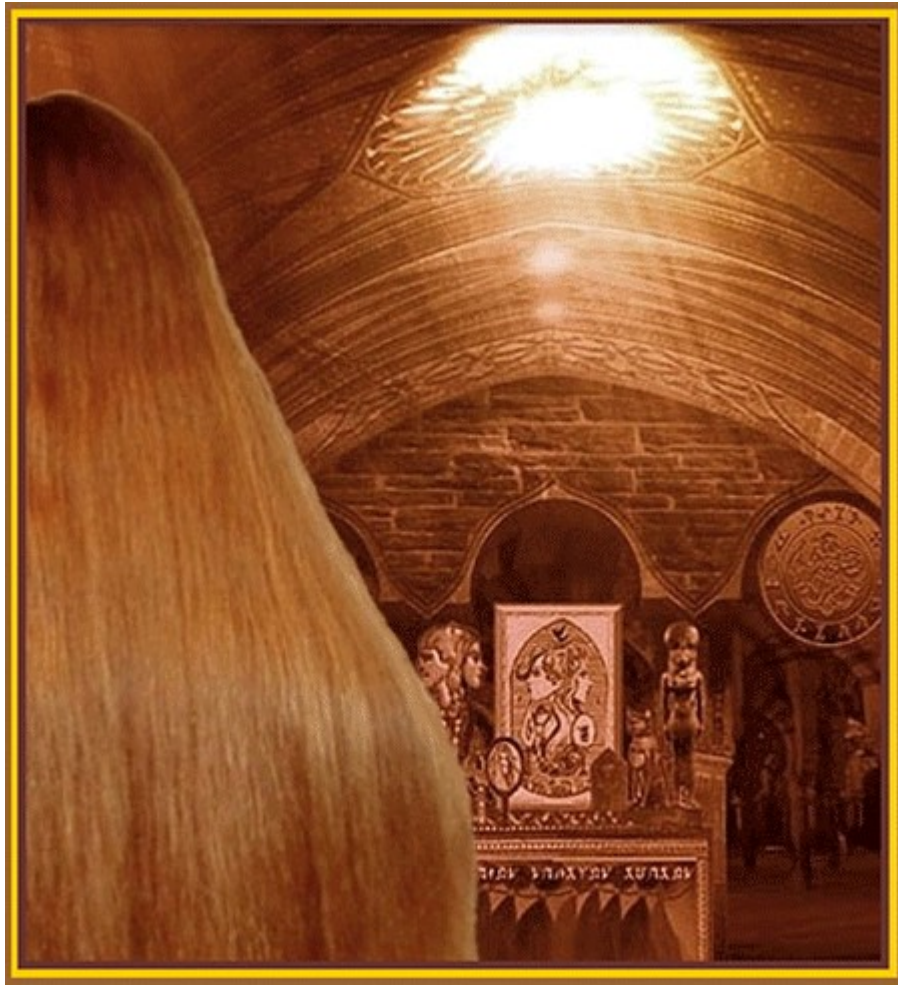
Many people now believe that Aldebaran was a red herring. The real destination was the Utopia that was being established in the Antarctic -- New Swabiland. This was the *raison d'etre* for the racial purity and breeding programs. This is where the 100+ submarines that Allies counted "missing" were sent, along with countless cargo ships.

During the occupation of Germany, at the beginning of 1945, Americans discovered photographs of the Haunebu II and the Vril I crafts as well as of the Andromeda device -- the 300 foot cigar shaped craft -- in the secret archives of the SS. But their most precious find were two prominent scientists, Viktor Schauberger and Wernher von Braun, who were ushered into the US under the now unclassified Project Paperclip.



It's no wonder that a certain American air and space developer is reported to have confessed before he died, "If the public ever learns that we have had this technology all these years, they will never forgive us for keeping it secret."

Some Vril images... What do they mean?







- 1 Über Deutschland, 11. 5. 1945
- 2 Riverside, CA, Febr. 1952
- 3 "Adamski", Sept. 1952
- 4 Unbekannt, Okt. 1998

[Above:] Conspiracy theorists often attempt to show that the same Thule and Vrtil designs appear in contemporary UFO photographs. They say this proves the Nazis escaped with the craft before the War's end and explains why we see UFO craft so often.

I like to think there is a group of humans, somewhere, who have worked so diligently to improve their genetics, creating a superior and more healthy body and mind. Looking at our world today, it seems a goal beyond reach.

It is said that the Vrtil energy can repair a body's DNA, allowing one to revert to the healthiest state of youth. The medium "Sigrun" was supposedly 140 years old and never aged. Lots of things are possible when you can manipulate time.

If any Vrtil women are reading this, I'm all packed.

But wait... there's more!

Consider that the Vrtil time machine/anti-gravity device used a rotating drum of mercury, in a unique state called "red mercury"... and that Vrtil energy can rejuvenate living tissue... now look at this story (December 2011), presented as found:

Whistleblower Discloses Saudi King's Secret

TEHRAN (FNA)- Sources close to the Saudi King revealed that King Abdallah has been complying with the US policies in the world almost since he ascended to power in a bid to prevent the disclosure of a secret that can ruin not only him, but also his country.



An informed source from the Saudi royal palace told FNA that King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud has been obeying the US orders and policies in a bid to avoid disclosure of the most important secret in his personal life.

"In the early years after he ascended to power, King Abdallah travelled to the US for both medication and meetings with US officials. During the trip, he received a gift from the White House officials, which has made him keep mum and only put the US policies into action," the source, who has accompanied the King during the aforementioned trip to the US, told FNA on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of his information.

The source, who said he started babbling about the King's secret due to his concern and anger at the King's appointment of Nayif bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud as his heir apparent to the throne, said the gift was a chemical substance called "Herbal Red Mercury".

He said the substance heals and revives body cells, energizes the body, rejuvenates you and makes you look and feel much younger, adding that 100 grams of the substance costs around USD6 million.

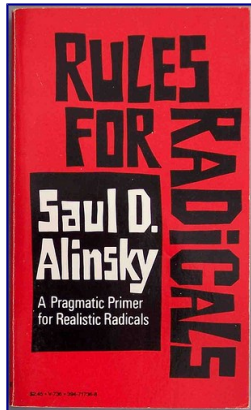
The source said after the King left the hospital, "he injected a gram of Herbal Red Mercury. Then a White House official gifted several high-class women to the King and left the place, but his people had planted spying devices in the room and recorded everything the King did during those days".

"Soon after the King returned home, the 2006 Israeli invasion of Lebanon started and before King Abdallah could make a move, the White House sent him a message, alerting him that if he did not accompany Israel and if he did not pressure the Lebanese Hezbollah, the footages of his lustful trip to New York would be released to the media," the source continued.

He added that the Red Mercury has played a major role in the King's recovery during the last few years.

A top advisor to the Syrian President has also recently warned that if Riyadh continues extending financial aids and military equipment to rebels in her country, she would release some documents and footages of the Saudi officials' immoral and lustful behaviors and adventures to the media.

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Saul Alinsky's work is an important reference point for thinking about community organizing and community development. His books *Reveille for Radicals* (1946) and *Rules for Radicals* (1971) were both classic explorations of organizing and remain popular today. Mike Seal examines Alinsky's continuing relevance to the activities of informal educators, community organizers and animateurs.

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Only two kinds of people can afford the luxury of acting on principle, those with absolute power and those with none and no desire to get any...everyone else who wants to be effective in politics has to learn to be 'unprincipled' enough to compromise in order to see their principles succeed. (Rogers 1990: 12)

Liberals in their meetings utter bold words; they strut, grimace belligerently, and then issue a weasel-worded statement 'which has tremendous implications, if read between the lines.' They sit calmly, dispassionately, studying the issue; judging both sides; they sit and still sit. (Alinsky 1971: 4)

The Radical may resort to the sword but when he does he is not filled with hatred against those individuals whom he attacks. He hates these individuals not as persons but as symbols representing ideas or interests which he believes to be inimical to the welfare of the people. (Alinsky 1946: 23)

Saul David Alinsky (1909-1972) was both a committed organizer and activist (founding the Industrial Areas Foundation in Chicago) and an influential writer. His books *Reveille for Radicals* (1946) and *Rules for Radicals* (1972) were, and remain, important statements of community organizing. Alinsky's ideas bear careful exploration and have a continuing relevance for informal educators and all those whose role involves trying to effect change in communities. They are particularly useful for those who have to engage with local or national power structures and workers who wish to engage alienated or disparate communities and seek common cause between them.

His thoughts on the nature of work with communities are challenging, and yet relevant. In this article I want to expand on three areas. On:

- the place of principles and morality in community work;
- what it is to be a liberal or a radical; and
- rules for how to engage with power structures effectively.

The three quotes above are meant to encapsulate his thinking on these subjects. I will go on to expand on the ideas that stem from them.

Saul Alinsky's life and work

Saul Alinsky was born in Chicago on 30 January 1909, the child of Russian-Jewish immigrant parents. Saul Alinsky's parents divorced when he was 13 years old, and he went to live with his father who had moved to Los Angeles. At an early age he was interested in the dynamics of power and the interaction between those who are denied resources and those who deny. 'I never thought of walking on the grass,' he recalls, 'until I saw a sign saying 'Keep off the grass.' Then I would stomp all over it.'

He earned a doctorate in archaeology from the University of Chicago in 1930. However, it was spending a summer helping dissident miners in their revolt against John L. Lewis's United Mine Workers that influenced his future direction. Upon graduation he won a fellowship from the university's sociology department which enabled him to study criminology. He went to work for Clifford Shaw at the Institute for Juvenile Research and soon found himself working at the State Penitentiary (at which he stayed for three years). At this time he married Helene Simon, with whom he had a son and a daughter. He had met Helene while studying at the University and they married in 1932. As Horwitt (1989: 17) has commented, the Depression and the growing turbulence of the 1930s politicized both of them. Helene, a social worker, was a strong organizer and gained a considerable reputation in the labour movement.

In 1936 Saul Alinsky left his work at the Penitentiary to return to the Institute in Chicago. He appeared set for a career as a criminologist, however a growing concern to counter the threat of Fascism, and the development of more militant labour organizing (especially that linked to the development of the Committee for Industrial Organization (CIO) grew in their appeal. Alinsky was particularly struck by the way in which John L. Lewis led the CIO (Horwitt 1989: 17). Clifford Shaw and Saul Alinsky were both convinced that it was the 'social milieu' that caused delinquency rather than some particular quality of individuals. It was the study of this – and in particular gang life – that took Alinsky to South Chicago and then to the Back-of-the-Yards (the slum area that Upton Sinclair had earlier written so movingly about in *The Jungle*). There Saul Alinsky found a number of people who wanted change. Joe Meegan, who had grown up in the area worked his way through De Paul University, and had become a teacher became a key ally and together they set up the Back-of-the-Yards Neighborhood Council. While historically an Irish-Catholic community, they were able to identify common interests that brought together previously hostile ethnic groups of Serbs and Croatians, Czechs and Slovaks, Poles and Lithuanians in the community and brought them into the organization. Alinsky also worked closely with local Catholic priests to build the council. The way they built the coalition meant that the council had great success in stabilizing the Back-of-the-Yards neighborhood and in advocating for that community.

In 1939 Saul Alinsky established the Industrial Areas Foundation to bring his method of reform to other declining urban neighborhoods. He left the Institute to work for the Foundation. His approach depended on uniting ordinary citizens around immediate grievances in their

neighborhoods and in protesting vigorously and outside of the 'established' ways of expressing dissent (see below). He concentrated on recruiting and training indigenous 'organizers' to take a lead in the communities. His first book *Reveille for Radicals* outlines the principles and practice of community organizing and just one month after its publication in 1946 it made the *New York Times* best-seller list (Horwitt 1989: 176).

Alinsky was busy – and often on the road – and things looked promising. But in 1947 Helene drowned while on holiday with the children – and it hit him hard. He found it difficult to focus for many months; furthermore the financial position of the Foundation was not good. Saul Alinsky took on writing an 'unauthorized biography' of John L Lewis (which appeared in 1949) in part to stabilize his own finances. He also began working with Fred Ross around organizing Mexican-Americans in California. Significantly though, Saul Alinsky was not a casualty of the hysteria surrounding radicals and supposed communists in the late 1940s and early 1950s (Horwitt 1989: 240). He continued to have significant support from key figures in the Catholic Church and the press – and his combative style might well have backfired on any congressional investigation committee that called him before them (*op. cit.*).

Saul Alinsky had looked around for new writing projects (including proposing a joint book with C Wright Mills) – and although he started work on a biography of Monsignor John O'Grady it was not completed. The community organizing work – with the exception of the Back-of-the-Yards (under Joe Meegan) and California (Fred Ross) – was not developing. In 1952 Alinsky married Jean Graham (who had a debutante background and was divorced from an executive of Bethlehem Steel) (Horwitt 1989: 256). Jean did not have a strong interest in Alinsky's social and political work – but had rebelled against her family's upper-class elitism (*op. cit.*: 257). Sadly, though she was to become ill with multiple sclerosis not long after they were married. New areas of work opened up including working in Woodlawn and beyond with Puerto Ricans (with Nicholas von Hoffman and the Catholic Church). He also looked to New York and began to develop work there with various organizations with mixed results. This took him away from home (and Jean).

The Industrial Areas Foundation gained a significant amount of money from the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1957 to undertake a study of the changes in local communities resulting from population shifts (in particular the growing African American) – and the tensions and discrimination involved. As part of the study a number of priests were to be trained in community analysis and organization. Saul Alinsky also worked to bring the first major modern civil rights effort to Chicago, which as Horwitt (1989: 363) has commented was the most segregated city in the North. He also continued to be active in more general community organizing – especially around Chicago. The work in Woodlawn, in particular, attracted attention with its focus on local organizing and its critique of 'welfare colonialism'. As Charles Silberman noted in his best-selling study *Crisis in Black and White* (which appeared in 1964), Alinsky's approach (through the work of the Temporary Woodlawn Association – TWO) was of great significance. It looked to put much more control in the hands of local people. Silberman recognized that large scale state intervention was needed in terms of schooling, job creation and health – but *how* these were to be brought about, 'at whose direction and initiative, was critically important (Horwitt 1989: 449).

Press and media attention to Saul Alinsky grew significantly following the publication of *Crisis in Black and White*. He became something of a celebrity – for example featuring in a series of interviews in *Harper's*. On the domestic front his relationship with Jean his wife had deteriorated.

She was living in California for most of the time while Saul Alinsky worked out of Chicago. In 1966 Alinsky met and developed a relationship with Irene McInnis. Jean and Saul Alinsky divorced, amicably it is said, in 1969 – and he married Irene in 1971 (Horwitt 1989: 536).

Saul Alinsky became more critical of both the approach and the tactics of the 1960's young radicals. 'A guy has to be a political idiot,' he told them, 'to say all power comes out of the barrel of a gun when the other side has the guns.' He was very distrustful of the charismatic elements of some of the new radical movements. For him both action and direction had to be rooted in the practical concerns of the masses. America's *War on Poverty* saw the expansion of Saul Alinsky's organisation and its influence. In New York he successfully organized local African American residents to pressure the city's largest employer, the Eastman Kodak Company, to hire more African Americans and also to give them a role in recruitment.

However, he soon fell out further with both the establishment and more 'radical elements'. He called President Johnson's *War on Poverty* 'a huge political pork barrel' and found it increasingly difficult to work with local African American groups influenced by 'Black Power' who understandably did not want to function under white leadership. He remained active till his death, organizing white worker councils in Chicago, steelworkers in Pittsburgh, Indians in Canada, and Chicanos in the Southwest, where he influenced Cesar Chavez, who was later to found the first successful labor organization among California farm workers. Alinsky's second book, *Rules for Radicals: A Political Primer for Practical Radicals*, published in 1971 was a reflection on the lessons he felt he had learned in this later period. It, like *Reveille for Radicals* was a publishing success – and has had a long-term appeal.

Saul Alinsky died on June 12, 1972 in Carmel, California. He had been to visit Jean, gone to a bank, and then collapsed outside of a heart attack.

Alinsky on means and ends

Saul Alinsky had a particular take on the subject of means and ends, or in the terminology of informal education, on process and product. He was specifically impatient with people who would not take action for reasons of principle. As he says in his chapter 'Of Means and Ends' in *Rules for Radicals*.

He who sacrifices the mass good for his personal conscience has a peculiar conception of 'personal salvation'; he doesn't care enough for people to 'be corrupted' for them. (Alinsky 1972: 25)

He thought that the morality of action needed not to be judged in or of itself but weighed against the morality of inaction. As Saul Alinsky states at the outset of the chapter:

The man of action views the issue of means and ends in pragmatic and strategic terms. He has no other problem; he thinks only of his actual resources and the possibilities of various choices of action. He asks of ends only whether they are achievable and worth the cost; of means, only whether they will work. To say that corrupt means corrupt the ends is to believe in the immaculate conception of ends and principles. (Alinsky 1972: 24)

Alinsky then proceed to develop a set of rules regarding the ethics of means and ends. Given his take on morality the idea of a set of rules about them seems ironic and this was part of his idiosyncratic style. Saul Alinsky can seem very amoral in his statements. I think that it is helpful to treat them as questions upon which to reflect when considering the morality of means and

ends. For him the point was not to dwell on the morals people should hold, but to understand the morals which guide people in practice.

Here I want to highlight the key elements of his approach – as outlined in *Rules*.

1) One's concern with the ethics of means and ends varies inversely with one's personal interest in the issue, and one's distance from the scene of conflict (Alinsky 1972: 26). Saul Alinsky was critical of those who criticized the morality of actions they were not involved in, were dispassionate about or were not touched by. For him, the further people are away from the conflict, the more they fuss over the moral delicacies. Furthermore, such moralising and distancing denies one's own culpability. He agreed with Peck that the demonizing of and moralising about the soldiers in the Mai Lai Massacre in the Vietnam War (where soldiers massacred 400 civilians) was hypocritical. For Alinsky the questions were how do people get to the point of committing atrocities, how people were socialised into the army, its cultures of responsibility, who becomes a soldier and ultimately why the war was being fought. Sadly such concerns are still relevant today.

2) The judgement of the ethics of means is dependent upon the political position of those sitting in judgement (Alinsky 1972: 26-9).

Our cause had to be all shining justice, allied with the angels; theirs had to be all evil, tied to the Devil; in no war has the enemy or the cause ever been gray. (Alinsky 1972: 3)

Yet nowadays, with the need for propaganda over, the declaration is still taken to be self evidently true. For Saul Alinsky, both parties in a dispute will claim, and need to claim, that the opposition's means are immoral and their own means are ethical and rooted in the highest of human values. This seems to be true of the wars in the Falklands, the Balkans, Afghanistan, Iraq etc. We portray ourselves as fighting for reasons such as freedom, democracy, protecting the innocent and portray the 'insurgents' as displaying the opposite moral characteristics.

3) In war, the end justifies almost any means (Alinsky 1972: 29-30). For Saul Alinsky people are expedient in the moment, and then find ways to justify this as consistent and moral after the fact. For example, Churchill was asked how he could reconcile himself to siding with the communists, given his stated opinions. He responded, 'I have only one purpose, the destruction of Hitler, and my life is much simplified thereby.' Yet prior to the war he said 'One may dislike Hitler's system and yet admire his patriotic achievements. If our country were defeated, I hope we should find a champion as admirable to restore our courage and lead us back to our place among the nations' – (Great Contemporaries: 1937). During the war the allies, and Britain in particular supported the communist led resistance in Greece. Yet after the war Churchill turned British guns on communist partisans who had fought with the allies in the second world war in the Greek Civil war and supported the return of a monarchy for Greece.

Saul Alinsky uses the example of the American Declaration of Independence to elaborate on this statement: To the Colonists who drafted it, the Declaration was self evidently true; to the British, it deliberately ignored the benefits of the British presence. The colonists recognized at the time that the document was not balanced and was to some extent propaganda.

4) The judgement of the ethics of means must be made in the context of the times in which the action occurred and not from any other chronological vantage point (Alinsky 1972: 30-2). Saul

Alinsky uses the example of the Boston Massacre to illustrate his point. Patrick Carr, one of the townspeople shot dead by the British, stated on his deathbed that the townspeople had been the aggressors and that the British fired in self-defence. This admission threatened to destroy the martyrdom that the Revolutionary Leader, Sam Adams, had invested in the townspeople. Adams thereby discredited Patrick Carr as 'an Irish papist who had died in the confession of the Roman Catholic Church.' For Alinsky it would be easy to condemn Adams, but as he says, we are not today involved in a revolution against the British Empire. Alinsky says we have to judge the act through the lens of the times.

5) *Concern with ethics increases with the number of means available* (Alinsky 1972: 232-34).

Saul Alinsky said that moral questions may enter the equation when one has alternate means. If one lacks this choice, one will take what options one has. He was talking at a time when there was condemnation of the tactic of the Viet Cong of sending children to plant bombs in bars frequented by American soldiers. He would have probably have understood the actions of suicide bombers, or at least would have said the question is not 'how could anyone do this'? but what drove them to see these actions as their only effective tactics.

6) *The less important the end, the more one engage in ethical evaluations about means* (Alinsky 1972: 34). This is similar to Saul Alinsky's first point, the question being how people's moralizing changes according to how important the end is to them. As a parallel, many informal educators I have worked with moralise very differently about, for example, the young people they work with compared to their own children. With the young people they work with, they recognise that they will experiment with drugs, alcohol and sex as a part of their 'means' of growing up; and have ways of reacting to the young people when they do these things. However they react to their own children using drugs and alcohol and having sex quite differently! Such 'means' are not an options for them.

7) *Success or failure is a mighty determinant of ethics* (Alinsky 1972: 34).

Yesterday's immoral terrorist is today's moral and dignified statesman of high standing — *because he was successful*. Yesterday's moral statesman is sitting in front of a 'war crimes tribunal' today — *because he lost*. (Connachie 2001)

Saul Alinsky saw this as an extension of the old adage that history favours the winners. I am sure Churchill would be remembered very differently had we lost the war. He also identified 'winners' as those in power, not necessarily in a complimentary way, but simply in recognition that at present, those with power are winning. From this perspective, whether groups are defined as terrorists or freedom fighters, is normally determined by those in power.

8) *The morality of a means depends upon whether the means is being employed at a time of imminent defeat or imminent victory* (Alinsky 1972: 34-5). This relates to point five and says that we should judge different acts differently at different points. If a person cheats because they are desperate, we should judge it differently than if they cheat when they are winning. Similarly if a person steals to feed their children, it is different from theft by someone who already has a lot of money. Interestingly, at present, for a first offence or a small amount, both are likely to receive a fine in the UK. This seems the opposite of Alinsky's principle in that the poor person would be less able to pay the fine, and have a greater (admittedly only financial) impact on them than on the richer person.

9) *Any effective means is automatically judged by the opposition as being unethical* (Alinsky 1972: 35-6). Alinsky sees one of the tactics of those in a battle is to judge the other side as being immoral. We will find ways to judge their methods as unethical even if they are also used by our side. We will, of course, be using them in a slightly different, more moral, way. As a youth worker I remember having a battle with a certain management committee about the use of the building, in particular about whether we needed the full-size snooker table that dominated one room – and which no young people used. At first they questioned whether I was being truly representative of the young people in their views about the table, despite this being my role in the meeting. When I brought the young people to express their own views to the management committee they said I had put them on the spot in a meeting, which was not appropriate, despite them having invited them. When the young people wrote in to express their views, the management committee said that while they were the young people in the club, they questioned whether they were representative of the young people 'in the community'. The snooker table stayed.

10) *You do what you can with what you have and clothe it with moral garments* (Alinsky 1972: 36-45). Interestingly while this may seem the most morally redundant, Saul Alinsky uses the example of Mahatma Gandhi's concept of 'passive resistance' as an illustration. He points out that, perhaps 'passive resistance' was simply:

... the only intelligent, realistic, expedient program which Gandhi had at his disposal; and that the 'morality' which surrounded this policy of passive resistance was to a large degree a rationale to cloak a pragmatic program with a desired and essential moral cover... Confronted with the issue of what means he could employ against the British, we come to the other criteria previously mentioned; that the kind of means selected and how they can be used is significantly dependent upon the face of the enemy, or the character of his opposition. Gandhi's opposition not only made the effective use of passive resistance possible but practically invited it. His enemy was a British administration characterized by an old, aristocratic, liberal tradition, one which granted a good deal of freedom to its colonials and which always had operated on a pattern of using, absorbing, seducing, or destroying, through flattery or corruption, the revolutionary leaders who arose from the colonial ranks. This was the kind of opposition that would have tolerated and ultimately capitulated before the tactic of passive resistance. (Alinsky 1972: 38, 41)

It is an interesting question whether Gandhi's passive resistance would have stood a chance against a totalitarian state. What we do know, as Saul Alinsky points out, is that eight months after securing independence, the Indian National Congress outlawed passive resistance, making it a crime. In conclusion on the subject of the morality of means and ends, as Alinsky writes: 'Means and ends are so qualitatively interrelated that the true question has never been the proverbial one, 'Does the End justify the Means?' but always has been 'Does this *particular* end justify this *particular* means?' (Alinsky 1972: 47).

Alinsky on liberalism and radicalism

As we can see from the opening quote, Saul Alinsky was contemptuous of the kind of liberal thinking that led to inaction. Indeed, he devoted a significant part of *Reveille for Radicals* comparing the radical and liberal orientations. He was also equally contemptuous of what he termed 'suicidal' or 'rhetorical' radicals. He starts the prologue to *Rules for Radicals* by addressing what he sees as the new generation of radicals, and the folly of some of their approaches.

The Revolutionary force today.. are reminiscent of the idealistic early Christians, yet they also urge violence and cry, 'Burn the system down!' They have no illusions about the system, but plenty of illusions about the way to change our world. It is to this point that I have written this book. (Alinsky 1972: xiii).

He then goes on to analyse how the radicals of his generation, to a large extent, either did not survive, or did not move beyond the dialectical materialism of orthodox Marxism, a set of beliefs that he also thought had had their day. He also had sympathy for the new radicals, and the rejection of the lifestyles they had settled for that lead their parents to tranquilizers, alcohol, long-term-endurance marriages, or divorces, high blood pressure, ulcers, frustration and the disillusionment of the 'good life.'. He then gives some quite poignant analysis of the 'generation gap' between radicals, and how they fail to communicate with each other. He has some sympathy with why the new radicals have rejected the standpoint of their older comrades. However, he is also scathing of some of the tactics employed by some of the new radicals as alternatives.

.... Some panic and run, rationalizing that the system is going to collapse anyway of its own rot and corruption and so they're copping out, going hippie or yippie, taking drugs, trying communes, anything to escape. Others went for pointless sure-loser confrontations so that they could fortify their rationalization and say, 'Well, we tried and did our part' and then they copped out too. Others sick with guilt and not knowing where to turn or what to do went berserk. These were the Weathermen and their like: they took the grand cop-out, suicide. To these I have nothing to say or give but pity – and in some cases contempt, for such as those who leave their dead comrades and take off for Algeria or other points. (Alinsky 1972: xvii).

He particularly lamented their lack of communication, and alienation of the bulk of the masses who might otherwise have supported them. At the time there was trend for burning the American flag, something he saw as going outside of, and alienating the bulk of the masses. 'The responsible organizer would have known that it is the establishment that has betrayed the flag while the flag, itself, remains the symbol of America's hopes and aspirations,. He takes the analogy further saying that the radical needs to work within the experience of his or her community. He built this, and other ideas into his 'rules for radicals' saying that while 'there are no rules for revolution any more than there are rules for love or rules for happiness there are certain central concepts of action in human politics that operate regardless of the scene or the time' (Alinsky 1972: xviii). Before I expand on these rules, it is worth noting that, for Saul Alinsky it is important that the radical, at least in the first instance, works within the system. This is important as it was a challenge to many radical groups who were quite separatist at the time, advocating communities, or even just the active militants in a community, withdraw and organize internally. He again liked the approach to the distinction between being a realistic and a rhetorical radical.

As an organizer I start from where the world is, as it is, not as I would like it to be. That we accept the world as it is does not in any sense weaken our desire to change it into what we believe it should be – it is necessary to begin where the world is if we are going to change it to what we think it should be. That means working in the system. (Alinsky 1972: xix).

He postulated that for radical change to happen the great mass of people need to be in favor, even passively of change. However he also thought people are naturally fearful of change and that

unless they feel 'so frustrated, so defeated, so lost, so futureless in the prevailing system that they are willing to let go of the past and chance the future', revolution will not happen. He called for alliances between radicals and 'blue collar', or 'hard hat' workers, who may still have an investment in the system, even if this meant a compromise on ones goals. Otherwise,

They will not continue to be relatively passive and slightly challenging. If we fail to communicate with them, if we don't encourage them to form alliances with us, they will move to the right. Maybe they will anyway, but let's not let it happen by default. (Alinsky 1972: xx).

Furthermore, he felt that people should not underestimate the room to manoeuvre in democratic systems. Saul Alinsky did not deny government harassment, but still felt that the system had potential to be reformed. More to the point unless the masses thought that these avenues had been exhausted, they would not embrace change. He felt that many of the new radical movements, erroneously, wanted to skip the organising phase and go straight for revolution, turning potential allies, and even those communities they were meant to be representing, against them. For Alinsky, to take such a suicidal approach means 'there is no play, nothing but confrontation for confrontation's sake – a flare-up and back to darkness' (*op. cit.*). He saws the involvement and active participation of citizens in issues where they had real concerns, as the key, both to radicalism and democracy. He was cynical about easy sloganeering, especially when some of the heroes of the day were cited.

Spouting quotes from Mao, Castro, and Che Guevara, which are as germane to our highly technological, computerized, cybernetic, nuclear-powered, mass media society as a stagecoach on a jet runway at Kennedy airport. (Alinsky 1972: xxv).

Tactics for radicals

The bulk of the rest of *Rules for Radicals* is concerned with tactics, which he sometimes also refers to as the rules of power politics. I will expand on each in turn. I will also give examples from Mark Thomas, a UK-based socialist comedian who I think uses these techniques in his show.

1) *Power is not only what you have but what the enemy thinks you have* (Alinsky 1972: 127). In the book he says that if one has mass support, one should flaunt it, if one does not one should make a lot of noise, if one cannot make a big noise, make a big stink. Mark Thomas uses this technique frequently. When complaining about the tube privatization he formed a band of famous names and asked them to perform on the tube singing protest songs about it.

2) *Never go outside the experience of your people* (Alinsky 1972: 127). Mark Thomas makes extensive use of such techniques as getting the public to ring up their elected representatives or have mass letter writing campaigns. He will also put familiar mechanisms to other uses. When complaining about the use of organophosphates he put up yellow appeals for witness signs to draw attention to the public. When investigating Crown immunity to murder, when a person was run over by an army Landrover he put up tiredness kills signs all over the front of the army base.

3) *Wherever possible go outside of the experience of the enemy* (Alinsky 1972: 127). Mark Thomas would continually try and dumbfound people. When complaining about the building of a dam that was to displace 15,000 people in Turkey he built an ice sculpture of a dam in front on the headquarters of the company building it.

4) *Make the enemy live up to their own book of rules* (Alinsky 1972: 128). This is one of Mark Thomas's favorite tactics. He found out that people who inherited expensive paintings could avoid inheritance tax by allowing the public to have access to the painting. He got the public to ring up numerous people who had done this and request to see the paintings. When they refused, or refused everyone he managed to get the law changed.

5) *Ridicule is man's most potent weapon* (Alinsky 1972: 128). Mark Thomas was complaining about the exporting of guns to Iran, where the government had claimed that they did not know the pipes were going to be used for that purpose because they had been put down as something else for export terms, despite the fact that they could not have been used for that purpose. He protested by painting a tank pink, put a plastic ice-cream cone on the top of it and tried to export it as an ice cream van.

6) *A good tactic is one that your people enjoy* (Alinsky 1972: 128). When some pensioners had arranged to have, what could easily have been a boring meeting with a health minister, he got them to ask questions in the form of a dance routine. He also got a group of people to protest against GM crops by wearing radioactive protection gear and running around with Geiger counters.

7) *A tactic that drags on too long becomes a drag* (Alinsky 1972: 128). Mark Thomas confesses to using a series of 'stunts', to make his points. He tends to use a lot of small actions, as illustrated about, rather than a prolonged action. This approach leads into the eighth rule.

8) *Keep the pressure on* (Alinsky 1972: 128). Saul Alinsky says not to rest on ones laurels if one has a partial victory. He says we should keep in mind Franklin D. Roosevelt's response to a reform delegation, 'Okay, you've convinced me. Now go on out and bring pressure on me!' For Alinsky, action comes from keeping the heat on. When protesting about the use of human protein in baby milk by Nestle Mark Thomas asks questions in a public meeting with the CEO presentation about corporate responsibility, he has a protest at an international conference, he writes letters to the board, he interviews specialists and the scientists from the company, he has protests with animal impersonators, visits the farm where the herd of cows being used are kept and drives round to the ministry of agriculture in a milk tanker and starts cleaning the windows with the milk.

9) *The threat is usually more terrifying than the thing itself* (Alinsky 1972: 129). When Saul Alinsky leaked word that large numbers of poor people were going to tie up the washrooms of O'Hare Airport, Chicago city authorities quickly agreed to act on a longstanding commitment to a ghetto organization. They imagined the mayhem as thousands of passengers poured off airplanes to discover every washroom occupied. Then they imagined the international embarrassment and the damage to the city's reputation. Again, when challenging the avoidance of inheritance tax, Mark threatened to have more and more people requesting to see the paintings if a change did not happen.

10) *The major premise for tactics is the development of operations that will maintain a constant pressure upon the opposition* (Alinsky 1972: 129). Such pressure is necessary, Saul Alinsky argued, in order to get reaction from the opposition. He argued that 'the action is in the reaction' (*op. cit.*).

11) *If you push a negative hard and deep enough it will break through into its counterside* (Alinsky 1972: 129). Essentially, this is to not give up and be afraid to concentrate on the

negative aspects. In many cases Mark's pushing of the negative aspects led to changes, such as a change in the law for the paintings, Nestle reconsidering their production of milk and Channel Four producing a website for posting up MEP's interests (which is compulsory in other countries). He also succeeded in getting some serious questions asked about corporate killing in Parliament.

12) *The price of a successful attack is a constructive alternative* (Alinsky 1972: 130). This is the other side of the previous rule. If one does push the other party through to changing one has to offer some kind of solution. This would be one of my criticisms of Mark Thomas; he rarely offers solutions to the issues that he raises. It probably highlights the difference between an entertainer and a community organizer. It would also be one of Saul Alinsky's main criticisms and goes back to the distinction he made between a real and a rhetorical radical. He had little time for some on the ultra left who knew what they were protesting against, but had little idea what they were fighting for. It is noticeable that Mark Thomas does achieve concrete things, when he has concrete demands.

13) *Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it* (Alinsky 1972: 130). This is perhaps Saul Alinsky's most controversial rule and is the counter to the common idea that we should not make things personal. When pursuing the changes in the inheritance law for paintings he targets one individual. He will often find out who the CEO is in a company and hound that person. In the organophosphates debate it is one scientist that he targets and the validity of his findings.

Conclusion

Saul Alinsky's ideas could be seen as controversial, but he was effective and practical as a community activist, and his work and writing deserves to be more widely known among those involved in informal education, community development work and social pedagogy. Not that his principles and rules are unquestionable or right for every situation, but they are a practical toolkit to effect change through leverage in those with power, potentially of great worth to those engaged in community work and education. In addition, next time one hears someone make a moral judgment about another, or make a claim to be a radical, I would encourage the reader to think about Saul Alinsky's ideas.

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2017-01-06 **MOVING FORWARD – FINALLY!** Birthing our Highest Aspirations and Ideals
Aluna Joy Yaxkin

My dreaming is back to normal, yahoo! Over this past year, I have had many darkish dreams. In recent weeks, I have seen a change in the dream world. It was beginning to lighten up. And last night, I had a wild, epic series of dreams. This is a good sign that good things are near! I sure wish I could video tape my dreams for you all!

As usual, I was traveling in some sacred place with a group. I mostly dream in groups. We are ONE yes? Some in this group I knew, like Bekki, Kelly and Rhonda (you know who you are), but all of the group felt like family. We had climbed up a huge, gorgeous mountain that felt like crystal. On top of this mountain was a rock pyre much like you see in Tibet. But it felt like we might be in South America . . . but it could also have been the rare, crystal (one of 5 in the world) Mount Schiehallion in Scotland, which by the way is in the heart of dragon land.

I had brought three large flags to place on top of this mountain. One was the seven colored Inka flag, one was the Arizona state flag, and the third one I can't remember. We placed these flags on top of the rock pyre. I realized that a lot of people were bringing flags as well, and there wasn't much space at the peak of this mountain top. So I changed my mind and decided to place my flags on another peak a few hundred feet away. So we hiked up this serpentine rock ridge to a place where there was an opening in the rock. I placed the flags there.

Quickly after I had done this, a local shaman looking man said "No, you don't want to do that. Take the flags out." I asked why. He said that we would wake up the dragon! (PS... I have never dreamt of dragons before). Well ... I did remove the flags from what was the dragon's mouth.... but ... and as I do, I got curious, and at that point, I usually don't listen to rules and authorities.

We began to wake up the dragon! We ran our hands up the wavy, serpent shaped rock. Soon the rock began to change under our hands. We could feel the rock change to smooth skin with scales. I could see brilliant colors of blue, green, red, orange and yellow and some patterns and spots (Again, I wish I could have taken a screen shot of this moment for all of you). It looked much like an animal from the movie Avatar. I could see two rows of spines up this dragon's back. Between the two ridges, I could see that I could easily fly with this dragon. My mind went wild with possibilities.



We left the mountain top and headed back to our hotel. We walked up a huge, cobble stone ramp to our hotel and to our breakfast. We had climbed the mountain for sunrise. As we walked to this huge ramp, we passed many groups of children singing. The sings sounded like Christmas songs but they were not. And... we knew these songs, and we stopped at each doorway to sing with them. The singing was simply ecstatic! We had tears running down our faces. The joy was overwhelming!

We all sat down together and discussed the morning's events and how we felt they might change our lives. Most of this I didn't remember. But one point I do remember. It was worry about their status in their spiritual organization of their life. They had given so much of their life to this, and they didn't want to lose their standing. There was more, but I woke up and lost it.

My take away is this...

The new sun is here.

We have ascended the sacred mountain.

We have claimed our stake in this new world.

The world is beginning to sing a new joyful song.

We are letting go of old traditional approaches to spirituality and relationships.

Magic is waking up and limitlessness is afoot.

And we are deciding not to give a damn... about what other people think about what we are called to do. We are going to do it.

Later, I wished that I had stayed with the dragon and had a practice flight! That would have been fun. But waking up to my little pups, nose in my face, was pretty darn good too.

THE PLAN !!!! JOIN US PLEASE!!!

Birthing highest aspirations and ideals.

Starting January 7 to February 6, all major planets will be moving forward and will not be in retrogrades. The Ancients saw this as a time of great potential and a time to use to manifest great things. Plus, in the middle of this there is a solar geomagnetic storm forecast for mild storms on January 17, 18 and 19. Magnetic storms can bring up anything that needs to be cleared. It amplifies discordant energy, programs and constructs that are no longer needed. It is a great time to put your energy and light to use! It is about time to use these solar energies, as we have already climbed the mountain and done our personal clearing. There is no telling what we can create with all these forward moving planets in big magnetic pulses in sync with our highest aspirations and ideals.

I am inviting you to a three day global "solar wave" event to harness these energies and direct them toward the highest good for the whole of humanity. On the 17th, 18th and 19th at high noon, in whatever area you are in... spend 33 minutes each day, condensing and pulsing out your intent for the highest good for all of humanity. Then step back, and LET GO of all attachment to outcome. This part is very important. Attachment is a form of fear, and we cannot create anything with fear. Then... LET IT BE. Stand back in the eye of this huge light, and watch what transpires as we witness without agenda. I got a good feeling about this.

