

ADMIRAL RICHARD E. BYRD AND THE HOLLOW EARTH THEORY : PART 1

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During the course of a two-year period which extended from about early 1995 to the Spring of 1997, I undertook a rather serious study of some of the more questionable beliefs and theories which have become increasingly prominent in Western society since the early part of the past century. That is, the 20th Century. Labeled as "fringe ideas" by the majority of level-headed people, this study included an in-depth look into such areas as the alien and UFO phenomenon, a number of government-related conspiracy theories, New Age thought and various similar topics.

In undertaking this study, like most people, I was partially motivated by my personal curiosity, as well as by a personal desire to expand my understanding of such matters, so that I could write about them in a more knowledgeable fashion. To emphasize the degree of dedication to which I performed this research, allow me to inform you that at one point, I had collected over one thousand and three hundred files related to these different areas of thought. These files included hundreds and hundreds of reports, personal testimonies, book extracts, commentaries, and some of the best UFO photographs available via the Internet. I spent a considerable amount of money and time to collect this information, and I read every single bit of it. This project took me literally months and months to complete.

What I quickly discovered during this time is that there is a worldwide body of people who have invested a great deal of time, energy, money and thought in their endeavors to sort fact from fiction. Please note that I am not just referring to the common imaginative kooks who obviously have something loose rattling around inside their brains. I am referring to serious research groups which are organized and staffed by people with very professional backgrounds. The purpose of these organizations is to gather and carefully analyze as much information as is humanly possible. Furthermore, some of these people work on very limited budgets.

Even as a Christian, I must candidly admit that a lot of the information I came across was very interesting; some of it even to the point of being quite fascinating. Despite my long background in the study of the Bible, and my attempts to maintain a healthy degree of skepticism, at times, I too found myself being drawn into the web of delusion which has overcome some of those people who are not so familiar with God's Word and the warnings that it offers. I imagine that it is only the Lord's mercy that I too was not completely deluded as some of these others have been, and continue to be to this very day, sad to say.

The reason why I am sharing this particular point with you is to emphasize the powerfully deceptive nature of some of this material. I expound more fully upon this topic in other of my alien/UFO and New Age related articles and series, as well as in several of my Bible prophecy related articles. I trust that you will take the time to read them as your time permits. You will find them listed at the end of this same series.

One particular topic which is well established within these rather esoteric schools of thought, is that of the idea of the existence of underground civilizations and secret bases which are alleged to be operated by either advanced alien civilizations, by the descendants of the Nazis of Germany, by American government shadow organizations, or by ancient human or semi-human civilizations which fled underground a very long time ago. In some cases, it is even claimed that these alleged underground bases and subterranean cities are joint human-alien endeavors. Yes, I know. It is a lot to swallow, but some people valiantly defend these beliefs.

In studying this phenomenon, one comes across such topics as

Mount Shasta and Telos, Shamballah and Agharta, Death Valley and the Panamint Mountains, secretive undertakings beneath Dulce, New Mexico, Tibet, the Gobi Desert, Iron Mountain, Alice Springs, the Shaver Mysteries, the Atlanteans and the Lemurians, the Teros and the Deros, the Mothmen, the Greys, the Reptilians, the Nordics and other strange tales. Being as plenty of information -- as well as disinformation -- has already been written regarding these various subjects, I'll only be discussing a few of these later on in this series. What I wish to address at this current time is one central theme which encompasses all of these different topics. That is, the Hollow Earth Theory.

According to the proponents of this theory, contrary to what is stated in modern science books and believed by most folks today, the planet Earth is not a solid sphere with a molten or semi-molten iron core. Rather, Hollow Earth theorists are convinced that it is more akin to a hard-boiled egg in which most of the white part -- the albumen -- has been removed, leaving the yolk floating in the middle of the egg with an empty space existing between it -- that is, the yolk -- and the remaining albumen, which itself is protected by the hard outer shell.

To put this in more geological terms, the adherents of the Hollow Earth Theory claim that this "yolk" is in actuality a nuclear mini-Sun which provides both light and life to this purported inner world. In other words, the Earth is actually a hollow sphere with a mantle much less thick than what we have been taught, and without an outer or inner core. They propose that the inner surface of this mantle is actually the ground of the Inner Earth. It is claimed that the reason why the mini-Sun does not crash into the inner surface of the Earth during its revolution around the Sun, is due to the energy released by this mini-Sun acting as a repulsive force which keeps the mini-Sun equidistant from all surfaces of the Inner Earth.

According to Hollow Earth proponents, it is likewise claimed that the center of gravity isn't really in the center of the Earth, but rather in the middle of this much thinner mantle, which is situated just below the crust. In other words, just as a solid object will drop to the ground if one is standing on the outside of the Earth, the very same thing will happen if one is standing on the inside of the Earth as well. That is to say, the object will drop towards the ground, meaning towards the outer surface of the planet, and away from the

inner mini-Sun. Were you able to grasp that? It is a bit mind-bending, isn't it?

In like manner, Hollow Earth theorists propose that just as we look up and see the sky around us with the Sun travelling its daily course due to the Earth's rotation, an inhabitant of the Inner Earth also sees a blue sky -- albeit a somewhat hazy one -- with the inner mini-Sun floating in the midst of it. It is also believed by the adherents of the Hollow Earth Theory that this inner world likewise possesses valleys and mountains, and streams, rivers, lakes and oceans.

Now, while many people will no doubt laugh and dismiss all of the previous information I have shared as the mad rantings of someone who has taken leave of their senses, let me point out that over the past three centuries, there have been a number of highly-respected scientists who have both considered, and in fact embraced, the possibility that Planet Earth could be hollow. Chief among these people is noted English astronomer, geophysicist, mathematician, meteorologist and physicist, Sir Edmond Halley. As you may know, Halley's Comet is named after this distinguished gentleman. Furthermore, many of the ideas which modern Hollow Earth theorists adhere to were formulated by Halley about three centuries ago. Halley's conclusions were motivated by his desire to find a scientific explanation for the obvious differences in location of Earth's geographic poles and magnetic poles. I will be discussing this issue in more detail later on in this series.

As you will see momentarily, Halley's basic premise was that the Earth's outer crust is five hundred miles thick. Below that is a hollow interior within which exist three smaller spheres, each one enclosed within the other. According to Halley, an atmosphere five hundred miles high separates each sphere from the next one. These three spheres are about the size of Venus, Mars and Mercury, with the innermost sphere being a solid core. Observing that "all the parts of the creation abound with animate beings", Halley speculated that the inner spheres might be inhabited by similar life forms as well. Regarding how such a world might be illuminated, Halley proposed that either the atmosphere might be luminous, or the inner side of each sphere might possibly emit light. He also said there might even be another source of light within the Earth's interior which he referred to as "peculiar luminaries below, of which we have no sort of idea." Here then are key excerpts from his speech entitled "An Account of the Cause of the Change of the Variation of the Magnetical Needle With an

Hypothesis of the Structure of the Internal Parts of the Earth". Halley begins by mentioning his frustration with the problem of resolving the difference between the geographic and magnetic poles of the Earth:

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These difficulties had wholly made me despond, and I had long since given over an inquiry I had so little hopes of; when in accidental discourse, and least expecting it, I stumbled on the following Hypothesis; in delivering, whereof, if I shall seem to advance any thing that looks like Extravagant or Romantick, the Reader is desired to suspend his censure, till he have considered the farce and number of the many Arguments which concur to make good so new and so bold a Supposition.

So then the External Parts of the Globe may well be reckoned as the Shell, and the internal as a Nucleus or inner Globe included within ours, with a fluid medium between.

But to return to our Hypothesis, in order to explain the change of the Variations, we have adventured to make the Earth hollow and to place another Globe within it: and I doubt not but this will find Opposers enough. I know 'twill be objected, That there is no Instance in Nature of the like thing; That if there was such a middle Globe it would not keep its place in the Centre, but be apt to deviate there-from, and might possibly chock against the concave Shell, to the ruine or at least endammaging thereof; That the Water of the Sea would perpetually leak through, unless we suppose the Cavity full of Water; That were it possible yet it does not appear of what use such an inward Sphere can be of, being shut up in eternal darkness, and therefore unfit for the Production or Animals or Plants; with many more Objections, according to the Fate of all such new Propositions.

As to the leaking of the Water through this Shell, when once a passage shall be found for it to run through, I must confess it is an Objection seemingly of weight; but when we consider how tightly great Beds of Chalk or Clay, and much more Stone do hold water, and even Caves arch'd with Sand; no Man can doubt but the Wisdom of the Creator has provided for the Macrocosm by many more ways than I can either imagine or express, especially since we see the admirable and innumerable Contrivances wherewith each worthless Individual is furnisht both to defend itself and propagate its Species. What Curiosity in the Structure, what Accuracy in the Mixture and

Composition of the parts ought not we to expect in the Fabrick of this Globe, made to be the lasting Habitation of so many various Species of Animals, in each of which there want not many Instances that manifest the boundless Power and Goodness of their Divine Author; and can we then think it a hard supposition that the Internal parts of this Bubble of Earth should be replete with such Saline and Vitriolick Particles as may contribute to petrification, and dispose the transuding Water to shoot and coagulate into Stone, so as continually to fortifie, and if need were to consolidate any breach or flaw in the Concave Surface of the Shell.

Now if the Moon be more solid than the Earth as 9 to 5, why may we not reasonably suppose the Moon, being a small Body and a Secondary Planet, to be solid Earth, Water, and Stone, and this Globe to consist of the same Materials, only four ninths thereof to be Cavity, within and between the Internal Spheres, which I would render not improbable.

To those that shall enquire of what use these included Globes can be, it must be allowed, that they can be of very little service to the Inhabitants of this outward World, nor can the Sun be serviceable to them, either with his Light or Heat. But since it is now taken for granted that the Earth is one of the Planets, and they all are with reason supposed Habitable, though we are not able to define by what sort of Animals; and since we see all the parts of the Creation abound with Animate Beings, as the Air with Birds and Flies, the Water with the numerous varieties of Fish, and the very Earth with Reptiles of so many sorts; all whose ways of living would be to us incredible did not daily Experience teach us. Why then should we think it strange that the prodigious Mass of Matter, whereof this Globe does consist, should be capable of some other improvement than barely to serve to support its Surface? Why may not we rather suppose that the exceeding small quantity of solid Matter in respect of the fluid Ether, is so disposed by the Almighty Wisdom as to yield as great a Surface for the use of living Creatures as can consist with the conveniency and security of the whole. We our selves in Cities where we are pressed for room, commonly build many Stories one over the other, and thereby accommodate a much greater multitude of Inhabitants.

But still it will be said that without Light there can be no living, and therefore all this apparatus of our inward Globes must be useless: to this I answer that there are many ways of producing Light which we are wholly Ignorant of; the Medium it

self may be always luminous after the manner of our *Ignes fatui*. The Concave Arches may in several places shine with such a substance as invests the Surface of the Sun; nor can we, without a boldness unbecoming a Philosopher, adventure to assert the impossibility of peculiar Luminaries below, of which we have no sort of Idea.

Lastly, To explain yet farther what I mean, I have adventured to adjoin the following Scheme, wherein the Earth is represented by the outward Circle, and the three inward Circles are made nearly proportionable to the Magnitudes of the Planets Venus, Mars and Mercury, all which may be included within this Globe of Earth, and all the Arches more than sufficiently strong to bear their weight. The Concave of each Arch, which is shaded differently from the rest, I suppose to be made up of Magnetical Matter; and the whole to turn about the same common Axis p. p. only with this difference, that the Outer Sphere still moves somewhat faster than the Inner. Thus the Diameter of the Earth being about eight thousand English Miles, I allow five hundred Miles for the thickness of its Shell, and another space of five hundred Miles for a Medium between, capable of an immense Atmosphere for the use of the Globe of Venus: Venus again I give a Shell of the same thickness, and leave as great a space between her Concave and Mars; so likewise from Mars to Mercury, which latter Ball we will suppose solid, and about two thousand Miles Diameter. Thus I have shewed a possibility of a much more ample Creation, than has hitherto been imagined ; and if this seem strange to those that are unacquainted with the Magnetical System, it is hoped that all such will endeavour first to inform themselves of the Matter of Fact and then try if they can find out a more simple Hypothesis, at least a less absurd, even in their own Opinions. And whereas I have adventured to make these Subterraneous Orbs capable of being inhabited, 'twas done designedly for the sake of those who will be apt to ask *cui bono*, and with whom Arguments drawn from Final Causes prevail much. If this short Essay shall find a kind acceptance, I shall be encouraged to enquire farther, and to polish this rough Draft of a Notion till hitherto not so much as started in the World, and of which we could have no intimation from any other of the Phenomena of Nature.

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Halley presented his controversial theory in 1691 before The Royal Society; formally known as The Royal Society of London for Improving Natural Knowledge. While it did garner a lot of

attention, and was likewise published the following year, and reprinted several more times during the 18th and early 19th centuries, over all, the response was less than enthusiastic. Nevertheless, the speech did gain some supporters, as you will now see.

For example, William Whiston, who was also a mathematician and a cleric who served as Sir Isaac Newton's assistant, and then succeeded Newton as Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at the University of Cambridge, embraced Halley's theory. Not only that, but Whiston likewise believed that the Sun, planets and even comets were hollow bodies as well, and that they were inhabited. On a side note, William Whiston is also well-known due to his translation of Flavius Josephus' "Antiquities of the Jews" into the English language.

In contrast to Whiston, Sir Isaac Newton -- who was president of the The Royal Society during the early part of the 18th century -- never incorporated Halley's Hollow Earth Theory in later editions of his much-respected "Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica" -- or "Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy" -- which is often referred to simply as the "Principia". This three-volume work is considered one of the most important works in the history of science. The work includes Newton's laws of motion, Newton's law of universal gravitation, and a derivation of Kepler's laws of planetary motion. Because The Royal Society was low on money at that time -- 1687 -- the cost of publishing "Principia" was born by Edmund Halley.

Despite strong opposition from the peers of his day, Halley never abandoned his theory. This is evidenced by the fact that during the very wonderful 1716 display of the Aurora Borealis, which was visible across Europe and North America, he at first posited in the 1716 edition of the "Philosophical Transactions" that the Northern Lights might result from "a certain luminous substance which . . . might exist for the purpose of lighting up the interior spaces of the Earth, and so of making them inhabitable." However, later, Halley more correctly determined that the Northern Lights are related to the Earth's own magnetism. This point is explained in more detail in Abraham Wolf's book called "A History of Science Technology and Philosophy in the 18th Century".

While Halley changed his mind regarding the scientific cause behind the Aurora Borealis, it is evident from a portrait of him at the age of eighty as Astronomer Royal, and painted in

1736, that he had not forsaken his ideas regarding the Earth being hollow. In the portrait, Halley can be seen holding a drawing of a model of his Hollow Earth Theory.

Another person who also supported Edmond Halley's theory was American Puritan minister, author and pamphleteer, Cotton Mather, who included the theory in a 1721 book entitled "The Christian Philosopher: A Collection of the Best Discoveries in Nature with Religion Improvements". Mather is also known for his experiments with hybridization, and his promotion of inoculation for disease prevention. But he is also notorious for his strong involvement in the Salem Witch Trials, along with his father, Increase Mather.

A lesser-known person who supported the Hollow Earth Theory was former US army officer, trader and lecturer, John Cleves Symmes Jr. Inspired by his contemplation of the rings of the planet Saturn, on April 10, 1818, Symmes published Circular No. 1 in which he announced his particular model of a Hollow Earth. What was new about his model is that it was the first one to make mention of an opening at each of the two poles. In the circular, Symmes stated as follows:

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LIGHT GIVES LIGHT, TO LIGHT DISCOVER -- "AD INFINITUM."

ST. LOUIS, (Missouri Territory,)
North America, April 10, A.D. 1818

TO ALL THE WORLD!

I declare the earth is hollow, and habitable within; containing a number of solid concentrick spheres, one within the other, and that it is open at the poles 12 or 16 degrees; I pledge my life in support of this truth, and am ready to explore the hollow, if the world will support and aid me in the undertaking.

John Cleves Symmes
Of Ohio, late Captain of Infantry.

N.B. -- I have ready for the press, a Treatise on the principles of matter, wherein I show proofs of the above positions, account for various phenomena, and disclose Doctor Darwin's Golden Secret.

My terms, are the patronage of this and the new worlds.

I dedicate to my Wife and her ten Children.

I select Doctor S.L. Mitchell, Sir H. Davy and Baron Alex. de Humboldt, as my protectors.

I ask one hundred brave companions, well equipped, to start from Siberia in the fall season, with Reindeer and slays, on the ice of the frozen sea; I engage we find warm and rich land, stocked with thrifty vegetables and animals if not men, on reaching one degree northward of latitude 82; we will return in the succeeding spring.

J.C.S.

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According to the Wikipedia website, unlike Edmond Halley's model which imagined three interior spheres, in its original form, Symmes' Hollow Earth Theory involved five concentric spheres. Furthermore, in contrast to Halley's model in which the crust was five hundred miles thick, John Symmes proposed a thickness of one thousand miles. As I mentioned earlier, it is his inclusion of a large opening at each pole for which he is most known. According to Symmes, the Arctic hole is about four thousand miles wide, while the Antarctic hole is closer to six thousand miles wide. Another one of his views which has been widely adopted by modern Hollow Earth proponents, is that the degree of curvature of the rim of each polar opening is so gradual, that it's possible to actually enter the Inner Earth without even being aware of a transition occurring from the Outer Earth to the Inner Earth. I discuss this same point later on in this series. These proposed openings have since been names "Symmes Holes".

While Edmund Halley contemplated different possible sources of light to illuminate the inner spheres of the Hollow Earth, and while modern Hollow Earth theorists seem to be set in the belief of the existence of an interior mini-Sun, John Symmes suggested that the inner surfaces of the concentric spheres within his five-tier model are illuminated by sunlight which reflects off of the outer surface of the next sphere down. In this way, it creates a habitable environment for the dwellers therein. Furthermore, in his view, this very same concentric sphere model should be applied to all other planetary type bodies as well. Eventually, Symmes simplified his model so

that instead of five concentric spheres, he promoted the idea of there just being one concentric sphere; meaning a Hollow Earth, as the theory is viewed today.

While John Cleves Symmes was more of a lecturer -- and thus had little time for or interest in writing a book regarding his model of the Hollow Earth -- one of his supporters and advocates by the name of James McBride did publish a book in 1826 called "Symmes's Theory of Concentric Spheres". There were a number of other publications during that time as well. One was an edited collection of Symmes' papers that his son, Americus, published in 1878 and called "Symmes's Theory of Concentric Spheres: Demonstrating That the Earth is Hollow, Habitable Within, and Widely Open About the Poles, Compiled by Americus Symmes, from the Writings of his Father, Capt. John Cleves Symmes".

Regarding the book which had been published by James McBride -- "Symmes's Theory of Concentric Spheres" -- one important development which resulted from it, which appears to be of somewhat dubious nature, is that according to McBride, noted Swiss mathematician and physicist, Leonhard Euler, also lent support to the Hollow Earth Theory. In the book -- which I have never personally seen or read -- McBride cites Euler as being an earlier proponent of a similar theory to that of Symmes. According to this unsubstantiated story, the Euler model lacked the concentric spheres proposed by Halley, and was similar to Symmes' final model, which features only one sphere. But that is not all. In addition, similar to modern models, the Euler model possessed a central mini-Sun that is about six hundred miles in diameter.

Is there any truth to the Euler story? As I said, suspicion has been cast upon McBride's 1826 citation. In fact, one of the primary detractors seems to be a Euler scholar by the name of C. Edward Sandifer. According to Sandifer, he found no indication of Leonhard Euler supporting the Hollow Earth Theory in any of his writings. I will leave it at that.

The final person of notability worth mentioning here is Sir John Leslie. A Scottish physicist and mathematician, Leslie is best remembered for his research into heat. However, he did engage in other scientific studies as well. For example, in his 1829 book "Elements of Natural Philosophy" -- a PDF copy of which I possess -- in the "Notes" section beginning on page 449, Leslie contends that if the Earth were entirely solid, it would be considerably more dense than it is known

to be. He arrived at this conclusion based upon his views regarding the compressibility of matter under the action of gravity. As he mentions in his Notes, contrary to the opinion of his contemporaries, Leslie believed that fluids are indeed compressible.

Based on these assumptions, he posited that the Earth must be hollow, and that its crust occupies only a small percentage of its over all diameter. Furthermore, he concluded that the "great central concavity -- meaning the Earth's core -- is not that dark and dreary abyss which the fancy of Poets had pictured. On the contrary, this spacious internal vault -- again referring to the empty space within the Earth -- must contain the purest ethereal essence, Light in its most concentrated state, shining with intense refulgence and overpowering splendour." Following is a more complete text, verbatim, of what he said. Please note that I have removed all of his scientific formulae and more difficult commentary, so that it is easier for you to grasp what he is saying. Please also note that one page -- 452 -- is missing:

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"This capital experiment was first devised and performed on a small scale by Mr Canton in 1760. It established incontestably the compression of water, but seems to have been generally overlooked by succeeding popular writers, many of whom still continue to repeat the erroneous conclusion of the Academicians del Cimento, which represents that fluid as absolutely incompressible.

I have likewise had constructed, by our ingenious young optician Mr John Adie, a large and delicate instrument, suggested by the plan of Oerstedt, and capable of extensive application. It bears safely a pressure of 12 or 15 atmospheres, and not only measures easily the contraction of different fluids, but serves to indicate the various compressibility of solid substances. From a series of experiments which I have instituted, I may venture to anticipate the detection of some interesting and important facts in the economy of Nature.

The theory of the compression of bodies, carried to its full extent, might give rise to several bold but striking speculations regarding the internal constitution of our globe.

[Leslie's complicated formulae and arguments removed]

Hence it may be computed, that if the same law of condensation continued, Air would become as dense as Water at the depth of $33\frac{3}{4}$ miles; it would even acquire the density of Quicksilver at a farther depth of $163\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

The idea which I formerly threw out in the article Meteorology, of the Supplement to the Encyclopedia Britannica, that the ocean may rest on a subaqueous bed of compressed air, is therefore not devoid of probability. Supposing the rate of contraction were to proceed more slowly than at first, still the required measure of condensation would be attained at a depth which forms a very small part of the radius of the globe.

But Water, under the weight of an enormous column, must likewise largely contract. At the depth of 93 miles, it would be compressed into half its former bulk; and at the depth of $362\frac{1}{2}$ miles, it would acquire the ordinary density of quicksilver. Even Marble itself, subjected to its own pressure, would become twice as dense as before at the enormous depth of $287\frac{2}{3}$ miles.

It is curious to remark, that, from its rapid compressibility. Air would sooner acquire the same density with Water, than this fluid would reach the condensation of Marble.

[Leslie's complicated formulae and arguments removed]

Such are the prodigious results deduced from the law of gravitation, even supposing the structure of the globe were uniform. But if we take into the estimate the augmented power from condensation, the numbers would become still more stupendous. It follows, therefore, that if the great body of our earth consisted of any such materials as we are acquainted with, its mean density would very far surpass the limits assigned by the most accurate investigations. The astronomical observation by Dr Maskelyne on the deflection of a pendulum, caused by the attraction of the sides of Mount Schiehallion and the nice experiments made with the Balance of Torsion by Mr Cayendish, on the mutual action

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Uranus, the most distant of the planets yet discovered. Only such surpassing powers of repulsion would appear at all

adequate to balance the cumulative mass of compression, and restrain the condensation of our globe within moderate limits.

We are thus led, by a close train of induction, to the most important and striking conclusion. The great central concavity is not that dark and dreary abyss which the fancy of Poets had pictured. On the contrary, this spacious internal vault must contain the purest ethereal essence, Light in its most concentrated state, shining with intense refulgence and overpowering splendour."

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Before leaving behind our discussion regarding John Leslie, let me mention here that a rumor has circulated which claims that in addition to his conclusion regarding the possibility of the Earth being hollow, Leslie proposed the presence of two mini-Suns in the core of the Inner Earth. According to the rumor, he named these two suns Pluto and Prosperina. As I said, I have a PDF version of Leslie's book in my possession; and I can tell you from that from the beginning of the Notes at page 449, to their conclusion at page 461, there isn't any mention of two mini-Suns in his comments. Let me also mention that similar to his contemporaries, as well as Hollow Earth proponents of the previous century, his ideas were not well received. It has been suggested, however, that Jules Verne's famous 1864 tale "Journey to the Center of the Earth" was in part inspired by John Leslie's theories.

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Alleged Excerpts From Secret Diary Of Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Defining The Geographic And Magnetic Poles, Difficulties In Exploring Polar Regions, Why Didn't Explorers Know They Were Entering A Hole In The Earth?, Unusual Experiences Of Other Polar Explorers, "The Smoky God" And Olaf Jansen, Nazis And Flying Saucers, Government Presence In Antarctica Conspiracy, The BBC TV Crew Encounters Problems Reaching McMurdo Station

Continuing our discussion from part one, in the previous paragraphs, I shared with you a very simplified account -- meaning they lack complex scientific explanations -- of the various notable individuals who are known to have either at least considered, or even more fully embraced, some version of the Hollow Earth Theory. If you would like to delve into this subject from a deeper scientific standpoint -- meaning a lot of scientific jargon which you may not understand -- then you may be interested in reading Jan P. Lamprecht's 1999 book called "Hollow Planets: A Feasibility Study of Possible Hollow Worlds". The 596-page paperback version costs a hefty \$65.54 on Amazon; or you also get the much cheaper Kindle version for \$2.99.

At this point in our discussion, we are now going to change course so-to-speak -- meaning that we are going to switch from a mainly scientific approach -- and address the Hollow Earth Theory from a more religious, New Age, fantasy-like, modern and questionable perspective. So let's dig into it.

According to a certain questionable publication -- a small booklet distributed by a company in the state of Missouri, U.S.A. -- in early 1947, famous American aviator, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, was sent on an Arctic expedition by the United States government for the purpose of determining the feasibility of mining uranium in the Arctic Circle. If we believe what follows, on February the nineteenth, just after completing three hours into his flight, Admiral Byrd had an experience which totally changed his outlook on life, and his personal view of the American government as well. Here then are what some people claim to be actual excerpts from Byrd's secret diary for the months of February and March of that year, and then some final remarks recorded nine years later in 1956, just prior to his death:

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I must write this diary in secrecy and obscurity. It concerns my Arctic flight of the nineteenth day of February in the year of nineteen and forty seven.

There comes a time when the rationality of men must fade into insignificance, and one must accept the inevitability of the Truth! I am not at liberty to disclose the following documentation at this writing . . . perhaps it shall never see the light of public scrutiny, but I must do my duty and record here for all to read one day. In a world of greed and exploitation of certain of mankind can no longer suppress that which is truth.

FLIGHT LOG: BASE CAMP ARCTIC, 2/19/1947

0600 Hours- All preparations are complete for our flight northward and we are airborne with full fuel tanks at 0610 Hours.

0620 Hours- fuel mixture on starboard engine seems too rich, adjustment made and Pratt Whittneys are running smoothly.

0730 Hours- Radio Check with base camp. All is well and radio reception is normal.

0740 Hours- Note slight oil leak in starboard engine, oil pressure indicator seems normal, however.

0800 Hours- Slight turbulence noted from easterly direction at altitude of 2321 feet, correction to 1700 feet, no further turbulence, but tail wind increases, slight adjustment in throttle controls, aircraft performing very well now.

0815 Hours- Radio Check with base camp, situation normal.

0830 Hours- Turbulence encountered again, increase altitude to 2900 feet, smooth flight conditions again.

0910 Hours- Vast ice and snow below, note coloration of yellowish nature, and disperse in a linear pattern. Altering course for a better examination of this color pattern below, note reddish or purple color also. Circle this area two full turns and return to assigned compass heading. Position check made again to base camp, and relay information concerning colorations in the ice and snow below.

0910 Hours- Both magnetic and gyro compasses beginning to gyrate and wobble, we are unable to hold our heading by instrumentation. Take bearing with sun compass, yet all seems well. The controls are seemingly slow to respond and have sluggish quality, but there is no indication of icing!

0915 Hours- In the distance is what appears to be mountains.

0949 Hours- 29 minutes elapsed flight time from the first sighting of the mountains, it is no illusion. They are mountains and consisting of a small range that I have never seen before!

0955 Hours- Altitude change to 2950 feet, encountering strong turbulence again.

1000 Hours- We are crossing over the small mountain range and still proceeding northward as best as can be ascertained. Beyond the mountain range is what appears to be a valley with a small river or stream running through the center portion. There should be no green valley below! Something is definitely wrong and abnormal here! We should be over ice and snow! To the port side are great forests growing on the mountain slopes. Our navigation instruments are still spinning, the gyroscope is oscillating back and forth!

1005 Hours- I alter altitude to 1400 feet and execute a sharp left turn to better examine the valley below. It is green with either moss or a type of tight knit grass. The light here seems different. I cannot see the Sun anymore. We make another left turn and we spot what seems to be a large animal of some kind below us. It appears to be an elephant! NO!!! It looks more like a mammoth! This is incredible! Yet, there it is! Decrease altitude to 1000 feet and take binoculars to better examine the animal. It is confirmed - it is definitely a mammoth-like animal! Report this to base camp.

1030 Hours- Encountering more rolling green hills now. The external temperature indicator reads 74 degrees Fahrenheit! Continuing on our heading now. Navigation instruments seem normal now. I am puzzled over their actions. Attempt to contact base camp. Radio is not functioning!

1130 Hours- Countryside below is more level and normal (if I

may use that word). Ahead we spot what seems to be a city!!!! This is impossible! Aircraft seems light and oddly buoyant. The controls refuse to respond!! My GOD!!! Off our port and starboard wings are a strange type of aircraft. They are closing rapidly alongside! They are disc-shaped and have a radiant quality to them. They are close enough now to see the markings on them. It is a type of Swastika!!! This is fantastic. Where are we! What has happened. I tug at the controls again. They will not respond!!!! We are caught in an invisible vice grip of some type!

1135 Hours- Our radio crackles and a voice comes through in English with what perhaps is a slight Nordic or Germanic accent! The message is: "Welcome, Admiral, to our domain. We shall land you in exactly seven minutes! Relax, Admiral, you are in good hands." I note the engines of our plane have stopped running! The aircraft is under some strange control and is now turning itself. The controls are useless.

1140 Hours- Another radio message received. We begin the landing process now, and in moments the plane shudders slightly, and begins a descent as though caught in some great unseen elevator! The downward motion is negligible, and we touch down with only a slight jolt!

1145 Hours- I am making a hasty last entry in the flight log. Several men are approaching on foot toward our aircraft. They are tall with blond hair. In the distance is a large shimmering city pulsating with rainbow hues of color. I do not know what is going to happen now, but I see no signs of weapons on those approaching. I hear now a voice ordering me by name to open the cargo door. I comply. END LOG

From this point I write all the following events here from memory. It defies the imagination and would seem all but madness if it had not happened.

The radioman and I are taken from the aircraft and we are received in a most cordial manner. We were then boarded on a small platform-like conveyance with no wheels! It moves us toward the glowing city with great swiftness. As we approach, the city seems to be made of a crystal material. Soon we arrive at a large building that is a type I have never seen before. It appears to be right out of the design board of Frank Lloyd Wright, or perhaps more correctly, out of a Buck Rogers setting!! We are given some type of warm

beverage which tasted like nothing I have ever savored before. It is delicious.

After about ten minutes, two of our wondrous appearing hosts come to our quarters and announce that I am to accompany them. I have no choice but to comply. I leave my radioman behind and we walk a short distance and enter into what seems to be an elevator. We descend downward for some moments, the machine stops, and the door lifts silently upward! We then proceed down a long hallway that is lit by a rose-colored light that seems to be emanating from the very walls themselves!

One of the beings motions for us to stop before a great door. Over the door is an inscription that I cannot read. The great door slides noiselessly open and I am beckoned to enter. One of my hosts speaks. "Have no fear, Admiral, you are to have an audience with the Master . . ."

I step inside and my eyes adjust to the beautiful coloration that seems to be filling the room completely. Then I begin to see my surroundings. What greeted my eyes is the most beautiful sight of my entire existence. It is in fact too beautiful and wondrous to describe. It is exquisite and delicate. I do not think there exists a human term that can describe it in any detail with justice! My thoughts are interrupted in a cordial manner by a warm rich voice of melodious quality, "I bid you welcome to our domain, Admiral." I see a man with delicate features and with the etching of years upon his face. He is seated at a long table. He motions me to sit down in one of the chairs. After I am seated, he places his fingertips together and smiles. He speaks softly again, and conveys the following.

"We have let you enter here because you are of noble character and well-known on the Surface World, Admiral."

"Surface World?", I half-gasp under my breath!

"Yes," the Master replies with a smile, "you are in the domain of the Arianni, the Inner World of the Earth. We shall not long delay your mission, and you will be safely escorted back to the surface and for a distance beyond. But now, Admiral, I shall tell you why you have been summoned here. Our interest rightly begins just after your race exploded the first atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. It was at that alarming time we sent our flying

machines, the "Flugelrads", to your surface world to investigate what your race had done. That is, of course, past history now, my dear Admiral, but I must continue on. You see, we have never interfered before in your race's wars, and barbarity, but now we must, for you have learned to tamper with a certain power that is not for man, namely, that of atomic energy. Our emissaries have already delivered messages to the powers of your world, and yet they do not heed. Now you have been chosen to be witness here that our world does exist. You see, our culture and science is many thousands of years beyond your race, Admiral."

I interrupted, "But what does this have to do with me, sir?"

The Master's eyes seemed to penetrate deeply into my mind, and after studying me for a few moments he replied, "Your race has now reached the point of no return, for there are those among you who would destroy your very world rather than relinquish their power as they know it . . ."

I nodded, and the Master continued, "In 1945 and afterward, we tried to contact your race, but our efforts were met with hostility, our Flugelrads were fired upon. Yes, even pursued with malice and animosity by your fighter planes. So, now, I say to you, my son, there is a great storm gathering in your world, a black fury that will not spend itself for many years. There will be no answer in your arms, there will be no safety in your science. It may rage on until every flower of your culture is trampled, and all human things are leveled in vast chaos. Your recent war was only a prelude of what is yet to come for your race. We here see it more clearly with each hour . . . do you say I am mistaken?"

"No," I answer, "it happened once before, the Dark Ages came and they lasted for more than five hundred years."

"Yes, my son," replied the Master, "the Dark Ages that will come now for your race will cover the Earth like a pall, but I believe that some of your race will live through the storm, beyond that, I cannot say. We see at a great distance a new world stirring from the ruins of your race, seeking its lost and legendary treasures, and they will be here, my son, safe in our keeping. When that time arrives, we shall come forward again to help revive your culture and your race. Perhaps, by then, you will have learned the futility of war and its strife . . . and after that time, certain of your culture and science will be returned for your race to

begin anew. You, my son, are to return to the Surface World with this message . . ."

With these closing words, our meeting seemed at an end. I stood for a moment as in a dream . . . but, yet, I knew this was reality, and for some strange reason I bowed slightly, either out of respect or humility, I do not know which.

Suddenly, I was again aware that the two beautiful hosts who had brought me here were again at my side. "This way, Admiral," motioned one. I turned once more before leaving and looked back toward the Master. A gentle smile was etched on his delicate and ancient face. "Farewell, my son," he spoke, then he gestured with a lovely, slender hand a motion of peace and our meeting was truly ended.

Quickly, we walked back through the great door of the Master's chamber and once again entered into the elevator. The door slid silently downward and we were at once going upward. One of my hosts spoke again, "We must now make haste, Admiral, as the Master desires to delay you no longer on your scheduled timetable and you must return with his message to your race."

I said nothing. All of this was almost beyond belief, and once again my thoughts were interrupted as we stopped. I entered the room and was again with my radioman. He had an anxious expression on his face. As I approached, I said, "It is all right, Howie, it is all right."

The two beings motioned us toward the awaiting conveyance, we boarded, and soon arrived back at the aircraft. The engines were idling and we boarded immediately. The whole atmosphere seemed charged now with a certain air of urgency. After the cargo door was closed, the aircraft was immediately lifted by that unseen force until we reached an altitude of 2700 feet. Two of the aircraft were alongside for some distance guiding us on our return way. I must state here, the airspeed indicator registered no reading, yet we were moving along at a very rapid rate.

215 Hours- A radio message comes through. "We are leaving you now, Admiral, your controls are free. Auf Wiedersehen!!!!" We watched for a moment as the flugelrads disappeared into the pale blue sky.

The aircraft suddenly felt as though caught in a sharp

downdraft for a moment. We quickly recovered her control. We do not speak for some time, each man has his thoughts . . .

ENTRY IN FLIGHT LOG CONTINUES:

220 Hours- We are again over vast areas of ice and snow, and approximately 27 minutes from base camp. We radio them, they respond. We report all conditions normal . . . normal. Base camp expresses relief at our re-established contact.

300 Hours- We land smoothly at base camp. I have a mission . . .

END LOG ENTRIES.

March 11, 1947. I have just attended a staff meeting at the Pentagon. I have stated fully my discovery and the message from the Master. All is duly recorded. The President has been advised. I am now detained for several hours (six hours, thirty-nine minutes, to be exact.) I am interviewed intently by Top Security Forces and a medical team. It was an ordeal!!!! I am placed under strict control via the national security provisions of this United States of America. I am ordered to remain silent in regard to all that I have learned, on the behalf of humanity!!!! Incredible! I am reminded that I am a military man and I must obey orders.

30/12/56: FINAL ENTRY:

These last few years elapsed since 1947 have not been kind . . . I now make my final entry in this singular diary. In closing, I must state that I have faithfully kept this matter secret as directed all these years. It has been completely against my values of moral right. Now, I seem to sense the long night coming on and this secret will not die with me, but as all truth shall, it will triumph and so it shall.

This can be the only hope for mankind. I have seen the truth and it has quickened my spirit and has set me free! I have done my duty toward the monstrous military industrial complex. Now, the long night begins to approach, but there shall be no end. Just as the long night of the Arctic ends, the brilliant sunshine of truth shall come again . . . and those who are of darkness shall fall in it's light . . . for I have seen that land beyond the pole, that center of the great unknown.

Admiral Richard E. Byrd
United States Navy
24 December 1956

----- End of Quote -----

It was during the following Spring after the above lines were supposedly written, that Admiral Richard E. Byrd died in his sleep at the age of sixty-eight due to some type of heart ailment. His death occurred on March 11, 1957. Based on online sources, during his lifetime, Admiral Byrd also participated in and commanded a number of expeditions to Antarctica, where his team penetrated deep into the South Polar region, making important and significant discoveries there. Most notable were Operation Highjump from 1946-1947, and Operation Deep Freeze I from 1955-1956.

The previous account concerning Admiral Richard E. Byrd's North Pole expedition is not the only information which has been used to lend support to the Hollow Earth Theory. During this past century, various other polar expeditions have also been launched, the primary goal of which was to reach the true geographical North Pole over land. To understand this, allow me to explain the following. As some of you are aware, there are actually what we might refer to as two North Poles. First of all, there is the true geographical North Pole. This is situated at ninety degrees north latitude.

This is due to the simple fact that being as it is a sphere, the entire Earth is divided into three hundred and sixty degrees, both for latitude, as well as for longitude. Thus, half of the Earth's sphere would be divided into one hundred and eighty degrees. In other words, from the Equator to the geographical North Pole is ninety degrees; and then from the Equator to the geographical South Pole is also another ninety degrees. Then, if we go up the other side of the sphere, we have another one hundred and eighty degrees, giving a total of three hundred and sixty degrees in all.

Aside from the true geographical poles, there also exist the North Magnetic Pole and the South Magnetic Pole. Now it is at these two locations where the Earth's magnetic field is said to be the most intense. According to one science-based book I referred to quite some time ago, the North Magnetic Pole is actually located about one thousand six hundred and seventy kilometers south of the true geographical North Pole, in the vicinity of the ninety degree longitudinal line that is near

Bathurst Island in northern Canada. Please note that if you research this today, both the location and the distance may be different to some degree from what I have stated here. This is because it has been suggested that there may actually be as many as three North Magnetic Poles which more or less "float" around a particular area of the Arctic Circle.

In other words, the magnetic poles are not stationary as are the geographical poles. On the opposite extreme -- that is, the Southern Hemisphere -- the South Magnetic Pole is said to be located roughly two thousand six hundred and seventy kilometers north of the geographical South Pole, along the one hundred and forty degrees longitudinal line, near the coast of Antarctica. Again, please take note that due to the aforementioned reason, the current location and distance of the South Magnetic Pole from the geographical South Pole may be different to some degree from what I have stated here.

Now, according to certain statements which were supposedly extracted from the journals of other polar explorers, there are similar observations and experiences which Hollow Earth Theory adherents claim have been purposely suppressed, and kept from the knowledge of the general public. Similar to the descriptions that are found in Admiral Byrd's purported diary, these experiences are also related to unusual natural phenomena which should not be occurring at such a northerly latitude.

Obviously, the further north a person travels away from the Equator and the shorter rays of the Sun, the colder it will become. So as a result of this naturally-occurring reality, with each passing day, the Arctic Ocean becomes even more impassable due to the subzero temperatures causing the water to freeze into large fields of ice on the surface. Because of the unstable nature of these ice fields, one never knows when a particular field might suddenly break up. This presents a rather dangerous situation for the people who explore those remote regions of the world. Between these natural dangers, the limited degree of human endurance, the limitation on how much supplies an exploratory team can carry with it, etc., polar exploration can indeed be quite a challenge. This was particularly true decades ago when our current technologies did not yet exist.

All of these other difficulties aside, as was recorded in Admiral Byrd's purported diary, the most serious challenge comes as one approaches closer to the North Magnetic Pole.

Quite simply, due to the strong magnetic field which occurs at these latitudes, one's instruments begin to fluctuate wildly, so that one cannot even rely upon their accuracy in order to determine or maintain his bearings. At this point, other methods of navigation must be used, which is exactly what is mentioned in the purported diary. This magnetic interference and directional confusion has been such, that some polar explorers have become completely disoriented. As a result, instead of veering truly north, they have gone off in some other direction.

Magnetic anomalies aside, some of you may be wondering how it is that Admiral Byrd could fly into this huge hole in the Earth, yet not realize that he was flying into a hole. Well, according to the people who embrace the Hollow Earth Theory, when Admiral Byrd flew into the opening, and when the other explorers sailed into or dog-sled into the opening, the more they advanced inward, the higher the atmosphere became above them, so that it became totally impossible for them to even see the distant side of the opening, and realize that they were actually going into the Earth. Hollow Earth theorists attribute this effect to the huge size of the polar opening, the width of the lip, and the gradual curvature of the lip. That is what they say. I'll let you decide if you want to believe it or not.

According to some of these journals -- which I personally have never seen or read -- if we accept their authenticity, despite these difficulties, some of these arctic explorers were able to continue northward to varying degrees. However, to their great surprise, similar to Admiral Byrd's account in his purported diary, they also began to encounter things which seemed to defy logic. For example, what had once been an ice-congested and impassable sea, slowly became an easily navigable waterway above the seventy-five or eighty degree latitudinal line.

In addition, instead of the subzero temperatures continuing to drop, they did the exact opposite to where they actually became balmy. Even more astounding is the fact that these explorers claimed to begin experiencing a warm wind blowing down from the north. Finally, they began to notice fresh bits of twigs and leaves in the water, large flocks of birds and migrations of butterflies where there should have been no such thing, and other odd phenomena which seemed to indicate that they were travelling southward and not northward.

One example of a purported penetration into the Inner Earth which was not planned, is found in a very early 20th Century book written by Willis George Emerson called "The Smoky God: A Voyage to the Inner World". In this book -- which Amazon describes as "an Edwardian era 'hollow earth' fantasy novel", while Hollow Earth believers view it as an actual biography -- Mr. Emerson relates the tale of a certain father and son Norwegian fishing team whose small vessel was driven by a fierce oceanic storm until they supposedly found themselves sailing over the lip of the northern polar opening and into the Inner Earth. By the way, scientists refer to that region as the Polar Basin.

To continue, the son -- Olaf Jansen -- recalled that this event occurred in April of 1829. For the next two years, Olaf Jansen claimed that he and his father lived with the kind, courteous inhabitants of the Inner Earth, who measured some twelve feet in height. After this time, Jansen claimed that they exited the Inner Earth via the South Pole opening. The book derives its title from the fact that Olaf described the mini-Sun as being smoky in appearance.

In accordance with the story of Norwegian Olaf Jansen, the adherents of the Hollow Earth Theory agree that an entrance to the Inner Earth exists at the South Pole as well. Similar to the Byrd account which describes the inhabitants of the Inner Earth speaking English with a Germanic accent, some New Agers claim that these underworldlings are actually the descendants of the Nazis, who with their technology, escaped to the Inner Earth via the South Pole following their defeat at the close of World War II. Yes, it's a bit wild, but that is apparently what some New Agers and conspiracy theorists actually believe. Exactly how these supposed descendants of the Nazis grew to be twelve feet tall is beyond me.

Taking this story a step further, it is claimed that part of this technology included the first prototype flying disks, and that current UFO sightings are in reality simply more modern versions of the same technology. It is even said that current flying saucers follow flight corridors across South America which originate from the South Pole. It is because of stories such as these that some conspiracy theorists are convinced that there is a greater reason for the presence of foreign governments in Antarctica, than what has actually been stated publicly. In other words, if they are actually there for scientific reasons, the question that is posed by some of these people who embrace such fringe ideas seems to

be this: Exactly what are they really studying? If you want to know what these conspiracy theorists think, just watch a few of the really crazy videos that you can find on YouTube.

To add validation to these thoughts, Hollow Earth theorists point to a few disturbing "facts". Please note that I place the word "facts" in quote marks because I honestly have no idea whether or not any of these accounts are really true. At any rate, for example, when British camera crews from the BBC arranged for a visit to Antarctica -- I don't recall now when this incident supposedly occurred -- it is claimed that they encountered some unanticipated problems. For example, while the original itinerary -- which had been planned well in advance -- included a direct flight from South Africa to Antarctica -- which would have included an overflight of the so-called "Area of Inaccessibility" -- somehow, their plans were bungled, and they were forced to travel first to South America.

But their problems did not end there. Now according to the story, upon arriving in South America, they discovered that the only commercial flight available to the subcontinent was operated by an American company, which ferried some twenty to thirty people at a time to the American base of McMurdo Station. These flights were only available during the summer months. Not only that, but when they finally did arrive at their destination, the Britons were treated with some degree of hostility by the Americans who were stationed there.

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ADMIRAL RICHARD E. BYRD AND THE HOLLOW EARTH THEORY : PART 3

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Claim Of Zero Satellites Orbiting Over The Poles, Topography Of The Arctic, Hollow Earth Contradicts The Genesis Account, Physical Impossibility Of The Inner Ocean, High Quality NASA And NOAA Images That Refute Hollow Earth Theory, Questionable Images Used To Support Hollow Earth Theory, Deception Used By Some Hollow Earth Believers To Win Converts, Problem With No Light Shining From The Polar Holes, Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, Hole In Ozone Layer Theory Charged Particles And The Magnetic Field, Woolly Mammoth Tusks Business, Genesis Flood: Frozen Carcasses, God Drives Back The Waters By A Strong Wind, Rapidly-Thawing Permafrost In Siberia

Continuing our discussion from part two, another point worthy of mention, is that it has been claimed by certain proponents of the Hollow Earth Theory that it was discovered that due to the lack of any satellites orbiting over Antarctica, all the weather reports originate on the ground from McMurdo Station itself. Hollow Earth theorists conclude that this is a direct step taken by the Americans to prevent the release of any satellite images of the South Pole which might reveal the polar opening into the Inner Earth. However, as you will see momentarily, the idea that the US government doesn't have any satellites capturing images of the two poles is utterly bogus. Not only that, but these images have been released to the public for educational purposes as well.

I do remember that this particular point did in fact pique my curiosity when I wrote the original version of this series back in June of 1998. So much so that I scoured the Internet looking for photographs which clearly show the polar regions. I don't recall now if I ever found any. However, just now as I was in the process of updating this series twenty-two years later, I conducted a brand new search. What I discovered is the following information which casts rather serious doubt on the claims supposedly made by Admiral Richard E. Byrd in his purported secret diary.

As it turns out, unlike the South Pole which sits on a huge land mass -- that is, Antarctica -- which boasts an average elevation of about 7,500 feet, the North Pole is situated in the middle of the Arctic Ocean, surrounded by waters which until recent decades, were almost permanently covered with sea ice. Depending on the weather and climate, this layer or sheet of Arctic ice is anywhere from two to three meters in thickness, or about six feet seven inches to nine feet and

ten inches in thickness. This vast field of sea ice averages about one foot above sea level, and expands and shrinks each year during the changing of the seasons. As you may know, in more recent years, there has been a lot more open water due to climate change. Not only that, but by nature, the North Pole is notably warmer than the South Pole, being as it soaks up the warmth from the Arctic Ocean around and beneath it.

According to online sources, the sea depth at the North Pole has been measured at 4,261 meters -- or 13,980 feet -- by the Russian Mir submersible in 2007, and at 4,087 meters -- or 13,409 feet -- by the USS Nautilus in 1958. So what does all of this verifiable scientific information mean for us insofar as our discussion of Admiral Richard E. Byrd and the Hollow Earth Theory are concerned? Quite simply, it proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that it would have been totally impossible for Byrd to have flown his plane into some kind of huge opening at the top of the world, in order to enter the so-called Inner Earth. My friends, even if such a place truly existed, Byrd would have needed a submarine in order to get there.

Folks, stop and think about this for a moment. If there were actually a hole at the top and bottom of the Earth and water from the oceans is flowing into those holes, the water would eventually fill up the holes, wouldn't it? There would be no empty space. There would simply be no Hollow Earth. In fact, this reminds me of one of the first objections I had when I first learned about the Hollow Earth theory. It concerns what basically amounts to a clear contradiction between the Bible, and what the Hollow Earth theorists are claiming. As many of you will know, the Book of Genesis informs us that when God sent the Flood upon the Earth, the waters of the Flood filled up the entire Earth past the tops of the mountains. This point becomes evident in the Book of Genesis with the following two verses:

"And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered."

Genesis 7:19-20, KJV

As I point out in other articles such as "Genesis Flood: The Urantia Book Exposed Again!" and "Noah's Ark and the Genesis Flood", my understanding of the previous verses is that the

highest mountains at the time were covered by fifteen cubits of water. If we use the standard measurement for a cubit of eighteen inches per cubit -- some cubits are even longer at twenty-one inches per cubit -- this means that the highest mountain peaks were covered by some twenty-two and a half feet of water, and possibly by as much as twenty-six and a quarter feet of water, if we instead use the largest cubit. Do you see that? Those verses clearly tell us everything was covered by water. So if there are holes at the North and the South Poles as the Hollow Earth theorists claim, they would have been filled with water as well. To claim otherwise is to contradict God's Word.

But that is not the only problem. You may recall that in the first part of this series, we learned that according to the admiral's diary, the Master told Admiral Byrd "You see, our culture and science is many thousands of years beyond your race, Admiral." While we aren't given a clear idea regarding exactly what the Master meant by "many thousands", I get the impression that the phrase means a lot more than the Earth's age as it is explained in the Bible. But that isn't the point I wish to dwell on here. It is the fact that the words of the Master imply that his race survived the Genesis Flood, which again is a direct contradiction to the Scriptures, which tell us the following:

"For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and EVERY LIVING SUBSTANCE that I have made WILL I DESTROY from off the face of the earth . . . And ALL FLESH DIED that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: ALL IN WHOSE NOSTRILS WAS THE BREATH OF LIFE, of all that was in the dry land, DIED. And EVERY LIVING SUBSTANCE WAS DESTROYED which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and NOAH ONLY REMAINED ALIVE, AND THEY THAT WERE WITH HIM IN THE ARK."

Genesis 7:4, 21-23, KJV

My friends, no one can tread in water 22.5 feet deep forever. They will eventually tire and die. So such a depth would have been sufficient to do the job which God required of it. Now, either we choose to believe God's Word, which clearly states that "all flesh died", or else we embrace the delusion of the Hollow Earth theorists and their Master character who claims

that his civilization is "many thousands of years old." You can't have it both ways, folks. Somebody is lying, whether knowingly or not.

Of course, in their delusion, the Hollow Earth theorists have -- at least in their minds -- found a way around the Genesis account. So exactly what are they saying? In contradiction to modern science's explanation concerning the interior of our planet, gravitational fields, etc., they believe that because the center of gravity is in the middle of the mantle, and not in the actual center of the Earth -- as we discussed in part one -- when the Genesis Flood occurred, the water just flowed across the curved lip of each polar opening, and formed the ocean of the Inner Earth. In other words, the water followed the force of gravity along the ground. That is to say, along the inner surface of the mantle. In short, it did not fall into the atmosphere of the Inner Earth and fill up the place, thus destroying it. Are you trying to picture what I just said? Crazy, isn't it? Personally, I am not buying it.

Now, some Hollow Earth theorists seem to also accept that the Flood waters covered the entire land area of the Inner Earth, while others do not. It's really rather confusing just trying to figure out what they really believe. At any rate, it is in this fashion that some of them explain why the Inner Earth was not filled with water, why the mini-Sun was not extinguished by the Genesis Flood, and why the Inner Earth -- or Agharta -- was not destroyed. Again, I will leave it to you to decide what you want to believe. Personally, I view it as New Age delusion.

Now, concerning satellite images, as it turns out, both NOAA -- the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States -- and NASA -- the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States -- have satellites which have in fact taken a series of photographs of the North Pole, as well as the South Pole. For example, the first photo below was made in 2012, and consists of a composite of many images which were captured by NASA's Suomi NPP satellite, as it passed over the North Pole a total of fifteen times at an altitude of 512 miles. The NASA Goddard Space Flight Center posted this photo to its Flickr page at the time. Please note that if you click on the image, you will see an even larger and much higher resolution version of the same image.

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If you are still not convinced that no opening into the Inner Earth exists at the North Pole, consider that in more recent years -- 2018 -- NOAA also released an image of the North Pole region. The image you see below was created by NOAA's NOAA-20 satellite. The caption which accompanied this image states in part the following. Please note that it says that the NOAA-20 satellite "circles the Earth from pole to pole." In other words, it does go to the South Pole:

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The satellite passed over this area of the Earth at least 14 times to capture [this image].

The VIIRS instrument onboard the satellite created this synthesized view of Earth with the North Pole directly in the center of the image. If you look closely, you'll see the outline of the North American continent and the Baja Peninsula on the left hand side. Scientists use the data from the VIIRS sensor to create the "true-color" product you see here. Like a photograph, the satellite reads the appearance of clouds, land, vegetation and water to create these images.

This is the image we have of our planet as it would appear if we could take a single photograph of the entire Northern Hemisphere. The swath line shown on the left hand side represents the start and end of the 24-hour period taken by the satellite to create the image.

As the backbone of the global observing system, NOAA-20 circles the Earth from pole to pole and crosses the equator about 14 times daily, providing full global coverage twice a day.

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Please click on the image in order to see an even larger version of the same.

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Regarding images of Antarctica and the South Pole, again, there are images. The first image below is referred to as NASA's Blue Marble of Antarctica. This composite photograph of Antarctica was created from a series of images that were captured by the MODIS Satellite. MODIS is an acronym for "Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer". It refers to

an instrument on board a satellite. This amazing instrument has a resolution of 250 to 1000 meters. Each pixel in this image represents a one kilometer resolution. If you click on the image, you will see a larger and much higher resolution version of the same. When you see the little magnifying glass with the plus sign in it, just click on the image. The enlarged image is very huge, and the detail is absolutely amazing. You will have to move around with your mouse in order to see it all.

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The second image below is known as NASA's LIMA. The acronym LIMA stands for "Landsat Image Mosaic of Antarctica". This high-resolution, three-dimensional, true-color map of the Antarctica continent was built from more than 1,100 images from the Landsat 7 satellite. It took years to stitch the whole thing together for its release in 2007. Please click on the image to see an even larger version of the same. When you see the little magnifying glass with the plus sign in the center of it, just click on the image. Like the previous enlargement, the enlarged version of this image is likewise huge, and you will have to move around with your mouse in order to see all parts of the image.

[image goes here]

Now, as you can plainly see from the previous high quality images, there is absolutely no indication whatsoever of any kind of mysterious entrance to the Inner Earth by way of either the North Pole or the South Pole. Yet, despite this fact, Hollow Earth theorists present the following image as their best evidence of the existence of such entrances. This enlarged image purportedly shows the entrance to Agharta at the North Pole. For the uninitiated, Agharta is one of the names which is assigned to the Inner Earth. For two decades, since 1998 when I first authored this series, this was the best image I was able to find online. I am sure that you will agree that it is rather lacking, and not convincing at all.

[image goes here]

Then today, I decided to conduct a new web search in order to determine if the Hollow Earth theorists had put forth any new and more convincing photographic evidence in support of the Hollow Earth Theory. That is when I found the following image on a Korean blog. The blogger doesn't provide any information

whatsoever regarding the photograph, but she does provide a source for it at <http://3.bp.blogspot.com>. While one can find the image there by following the full image link, if you just use the first part of the URL including the domain name, as I have typed here, you will get a 404 error. In short, there is no information available regarding when the image was taken, by whom it was taken or where it was taken. The only clue is that it appears to have what I assume to be Russian words on the craft or vehicle. Once again, if you click on the image, you will see a larger version of the same.

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The last interesting Hollow Earth image I found is the one you see below. Again, I found this image on the same Korean blog, which pointed to a source at <http://1.bp.blogspot.com>. However, just like the previous photograph, while using the full image URL produces the image, if you just use the first part of the URL including the domain name, as I have typed here, you will again get a 404 error. Thus, once again, I am unable to determine when the image was taken, by whom it was taken or where it was taken.

[image goes here]

So what we have then are a series of high quality photographs from two reputable sources; meaning NASA and NOAA. We know who took the images, when they were taken, and what they are showing. I believe that they are trustworthy images. But in contrast, we have three other images which purportedly show the entrance to the Hollow Earth, and yet we don't know who took them, when they took them, or what they are actually showing. Now, let me address these three images which claim to show an entrance to Agharta, or the Inner Earth.

The first of the last three images is so poor in quality that I think it should be disqualified from the very start. But, to satisfy your curiosity, I will tell you this: It is simply a poor enlargement of the images you see below. Some Hollow Earth theorists claim that these two images show the entrance to the Hollow Earth, taken from two different angles. Not so fast. If you study them closely, you suddenly realize that it not the case whatsoever. How could the so-called "hole" move from left to right, while everything else in the image looks about the same?

Yes, look more closely. If you do, you will notice that the

continental features are about in the same place in both of the images. What has actually moved is NOT the Earth itself, but rather the cloud cover ABOVE the Earth. Doesn't that make a lot more sense? That is why the so-called "hole" is located at different positions in each image. Study the clouds in the images. Taking into consideration their movement, you can see that it is the same, -- but right-shifted -- cloud cover. So in my view, the supposed "hole" is not an actual hole in the Earth itself; it is a break in the clouds. That explains why the round area is darker in color. It isn't because you are looking at a hole in the Earth. It is because you are looking at the water which is located beneath the clouds. Now, please remember what I shared with you earlier. The actual North Pole is located OVER WATER. Here are the two images I've been talking about.

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The second image is actually quite impressive. It looks both real and professional, because it is. One would think that if there is any strong photographic proof of an entrance to the Hollow Earth, this image would certainly be it, right? Wrong! Because I live on an island in the Western Pacific Ocean, the minute I saw this image, I had a very strong suspicion that I knew exactly what it is. That is, a close-up view of the eye of a hurricane or typhoon. I spent some time online trying to find a similar image which would tell me more about where it came from, who took it, and when they took it.

After web browsing for a while and coming up empty-handed, I got smart and decided to enlist the help of some of my online friends. So, I posted a message on Facebook, along with just the part of the photograph which only shows the object on the right side. Within barely a few minutes, one of my friends -- an Indonesian girl by the name of Laura -- posted a comment in which she provided me with a website URL that pointed me to a bigger, fuller image, along with a bit of information regarding the origin of the image. The URL was on the NASA website.

As it turns out, contrary to the misguided people who seem to be trying to pass off the above image as an entrance to the Hollow Earth, the photograph is actually a close-up of Super Typhoon Bopha. According to the URL below, the image was taken by Expedition 34 Commander Kevin Ford on Sunday, December 2, 2012 from the International Space Station, as the storm bore down on the Philippines with winds of 135

miles per hour. I don't know if a zoom lens was used or not. But because the photograph shows such a large close-up, for some people it may be difficult to realize that they are actually looking at a dangerous typhoon, and the top of the cloud cover.

In other words, unless one is really familiar with images of typhoons and hurricanes -- as I am -- instead of realizing that he is looking at the tops of the cloud layer, because the image has been posted on a Hollow Earth Theory webpage, he might be deceived into thinking that he is really looking at a vast snow and ice field on the surface of the Earth, and that the great hole in the center is the entrance to the Inner Earth. It just is not so.

As I mentioned earlier, some Hollow Earth proponents can be rather deceptive if it suits their purposes. They so much want to believe in the Hollow Earth, that they will bend the facts, or as in this particular case, provide no facts at all. In short, they will post an image on their Hollow Earth page, without providing any additional information whatsoever about the image, and then let you ASSUME that it is an image of the entrance to the Hollow Earth. Whether or not this is what the Korean blogger was doing, I honestly do not know.

One other interesting point regarding the second image is this: Doesn't it seem rather strange that if this is really a photograph of the surface of the Earth -- which it isn't -- and the "hole" is the entrance to Agharta -- again, which it isn't -- that there is absolutely nothing around it? In other words, if this were truly what Hollow Earth believers claim it is, I would expect to see a certain level of development around it; namely military installations or science stations. Yet there is nothing. Surely if the powers of this world know what this supposed "hole" really is, they would not leave it unguarded, would they? So the claim that this image shows an entrance to the Inner Earth is totally bogus.

In conclusion, what we are seeing in the above photograph in addition to the typhoon itself, is the International Space Station's Permanent Multipurpose Module on the left side of the image, and Mini-Research Module 1 on the right side of the image. You can verify everything I have just stated at the following URL on the NASA website:

https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/image_feature_2402.html

I also find the third image to be questionable as well. After looking at it for a few minutes, I realized that this image is supposed to depict the South Pole entrance to the Inner Earth on the continent of Antarctica. In fact, if you look at the brighter white area, it is in the shape of the continent, with lighter white area around it, which I assume is supposed to represent thinner ice shelves that surround the continent. On the bottom of the image you can see the tip of Africa and the island of Madagascar; while on the upper right area you can just barely see the coast of South America.

While the globe part of the image appears to be real, the ice sheet and polar hole are doubtful, in my view. Clearly, they do not look anything like what we see in the NASA and NOAA images. In fact, there is a flaw which is common to all three of these images; namely this: As we discussed before, Hollow Earth adherents claim that a type of mini-Sun floats in the middle of the Inner Earth. Now if we accept the claim that this mini-Sun hovers equidistant from all sides of the Inner Earth, then one would expect that some amount of light would escape via both of the polar holes to the outer atmosphere. Yet strangely enough, in all three of the images which Hollow Earth believers claim are proof of an Inner Earth, we see absolutely no light escaping into the outer atmosphere. In fact, in all three images, the so-called "entrance" is dark in color. So you be the judge. Who are you going to believe?

Of course, I already recognize that regardless of how much sound, scientific evidence I present in this current series which refutes the Hollow Earth Theory, there are always going to be diehard believers who will reject the evidence, and who will continue to cling to their misguided beliefs. No doubt, some of them will make the last-ditch claim that the previous satellite images were doctored/airbrushed by NASA or NOAA in a graphics editing program such as Adobe Photoshop, in order to remove any evidence of the entrances to the Inner Earth. There isn't much that I can do about that. After all, we each choose our own delusions.

Returning to our earlier discussion regarding the South Pole, another development in recent decades which has likewise been perceived by some conspiracy theorists as being part of the overall alleged government-led conspiracy to hide the truth regarding the Inner Earth from the rest of the world, is that on October 4, 1991, an agreement was signed by twenty-four member nations of the Antarctic Treaty. Known as the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, this

agreement entered into force on January 14, 1998, and banned oil and mineral exploration on Antarctica for the next fifty years. Some of the signatories included the United States, the then Soviet Union, Germany, China, Great Britain, France and Canada. In addition to the ban, this agreement included new regulations regarding the protection of wildlife, waste disposal, marine pollution and the continued monitoring of the Antarctic.

While I can obviously understand the level of mistrust that such conspiracy theorists have of national governments -- I don't completely trust governments either -- in my opinion, what obviously invalidates their claim regarding the purpose of the treaty, is the simple fact that there is no verifiable and scientific evidence to even support the existence of the Inner Earth. The entire theory is based on suppositions and personal speculation as well as on very questionable sources. Thus, there is nothing for them to hide, and therefore, no conspiracy. That is to say, at least they are not attempting to conceal the Inner Earth. By the way, the aforementioned treaty is also known as the Antarctic Environmental Protocol, or the Madrid Protocol.

Another piece of purported evidence which has been used by certain Hollow Earth proponents to validate their beliefs in the existence of Agharta -- that is, the Inner Earth -- is the claim that the "Ozone Hole" over Antarctica is located directly above the so-called South Polar opening which leads into the Inner Earth. From the little I have been able to find about this, and if my understanding is correct, their belief seems to be that the hole in the ozone layer results from the Earth's magnetic field, and charged particles from either the Earth itself, or perhaps from the Sun, entering the polar opening. Others claim that the mini-Sun may even have its own magnetic field, and thus emit its own charged particles. Whatever the case may be, they believe that this is what results in the hole in the ozone layer at the South Pole. I will leave it at that.

Some Hollow Earth theorists point to other so-called "unusual signs" in order to prove that something very strange exists at both the extremes of the planet Earth. One of the signs is mammoth tusks which have been continually found on some of the islands that are situated within the Arctic Circle north of Russia. As I looked deeper into this issue, I discovered that for at least the past several hundred years, traders -- or tusk hunters -- have in fact been gathering and selling

these tusks. Today, a brisk trade exists between Russia and China for these mammoth tusks. The Chinese carve the tusks into elaborate sculptures and trinkets. A skilled tusk hunter can earn many thousands of dollars in a single week. However, this wealth does come at great personal risk, due to the very dangerous process that is required to mine the tusks.

But you see, some Hollow Earth theorists try to paint a very different picture of this development so that it appears to support their theory. In other words, because more of these frozen mammoth skeletons and tusks continue to be found in these regions, they seem to want us to believe that this is indisputable evidence that live woolly mammoths are roaming out of the polar openings which lead to the Inner Earth, and then dying some time later on the Earth's surface. I recall reading years ago that some of these woolly mammoth remains are so well-preserved, that they still have fresh grass in their frozen mouths.

Of course, in the minds of Hollow Earth theorists, this fact seems to support their belief that the mammoth remains aren't as old as the scientists claim, and that they are relatively recent arrivals from the Inner Earth. Personally, I believe that these carcasses are the result of a sudden, catastrophic global flood from thousands of years ago, which we Christians refer to as the Genesis Flood. My belief is that this flood was so sudden, and so complete, that when the Lord eventually caused the waters to recede from the Earth, it quickly froze the remains of many species of animals which existed at the time, when the wind pushed part of the excess water towards the poles, where it froze, forming the great ice shelves that we know today. I am referring to the following Bible verses:

"And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and GOD MADE A WIND TO PASS OVER THE EARTH, AND THE WATERS ASSWAGED; The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated."

Genesis 8:1-3, KJV

On a side note, if you doubt that this is what those verses are saying, then consider that we are likewise told in the Book of Exodus that the Lord did the very same thing when He divided the Red Sea. God literally used a "strong east wind"

to push back the waters of the Red Sea so that the children of Israel could pass through the midst thereof, as can be confirmed by the following verse:

"And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided."

Exodus 14:21, KJV

At any rate, in addition to my thoughts regarding the Genesis Flood, as you will now see for yourself, there exists a more mundane explanation for the abundance of the mammoth carcasses and tusks which have been discovered in these frozen regions of the world. For example, consider the following excerpt I found which is part of a November 2019 article that appeared in Wired magazine".

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The frozen land of Siberia is rapidly thawing. Parts of it are warming twice as fast as the rest of the planet. The permafrost -- soil that remains frozen year-round -- is protected by a surface layer of dirt and sediment that thaws in summer and refreezes in winter. But in 2018, some parts of this layer did not freeze at all, leaving the permafrost exposed to even warmer temperatures than usual. For decades, residents of this frozen land, where temperatures regularly dip below minus 30 degrees Celsius, would often stumble upon the remnants of woolly mammoths that died out 10,000 years ago. But as the ground thaws, Siberia is revealing its ancient treasure hoard faster than ever. Now, fuelled by Chinese demand for ivory, tusk hunters are racing to retrieve so-called "ice ivory" from the Siberian permafrost."

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So there you have it. Woolly mammoths are not coming from the Inner Earth. They have been dead for thousands of years, and their remains are simply being exposed when the permafrost melts. So whether you believe that the frozen carcasses were pushed there by the Genesis Flood and then buried in the mud, or that the woolly mammoths lived and died there the entire time, the point remains that they are being exposed when the permafrost thaws out. In fact, some tusk hunters drill many meters into the permafrost in order to find them. Thus, let

me reiterate that the Hollow Earth theorists' belief that living woolly mammoths are wandering from inside the Inner Earth is misguided and totally bogus.

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Continuing our discussion from part three, there has been a long-held belief within certain Asian cultures -- which is also embraced by the New Age community -- that rather than being comprised of a solid region of dense bedrock known as the mantle, the interior of the Earth is more akin to Swiss Cheese. In other words, the belief is that the foundations of the Earth are permeated by a vast interconnecting system of underground caves and subterranean tunnels. In certain places, this global, subterranean tunnel system is said to lead down to the Inner Earth. But, of course, Hollow Earth theorists had to incorporate this idea into their theory.

From the research I conducted quite a few years ago, these sites are often said to be situated in or near deep mining operations, and close to volcanic peaks which are located in various countries throughout the world. Likewise, such sites are said to be found in the Himalayan mountain range, and in the Gobi Desert. Fourteen thousand foot Mount Shasta -- an extinct volcano that is located in northern California, USA -- is also claimed to be one such site. The "true believers" are convinced that this snow-capped mountain is actually the home of a large multi-tiered subterranean city which they refer to as Telos.

In fact, as some of my readers may possibly know, there are often groups of New Age shamans and their followers camping out on the slopes of this mountain, hoping that they will be "blessed", either with a unique spiritual encounter, or with a UFO sighting. Of course, the greatest "blessing" for them would be to actually locate one of these fabled entrances to the famed, five-level, subterranean city in the Inner Earth. I am sorry, but I think they are going to be waiting for a very long time for any of these events to occur, because it is all just a delusional fantasy, in my view.

Another story which is directly related to this concerns the San Andreas Fault that's located in the state of California, USA. While geologists point to the Tectonic Plate Theory and state that this fault line is a result of the Pacific Plate pushing against the North American Plate, some Hollow Earth theorists interpret the matter quite differently. According to them -- let me mention here that I have heard this same story for a number of decades now -- since the 1950s, the American government has sent nuclear-powered submarines to explore the underwater topography of the western coast of the United States of America. There's nothing unusual about that, right?

However, as the story goes, it is claimed that while they were mapping out this area, they were surprised to discover that the continental shelf is pocketed with many huge caves and subterranean passageways; some of which are large enough to easily allow a submarine to navigate through them. Again, according to the story, the horror came when after years of carefully and meticulously mapping out this submarine world, they realized that some of these caverns and tunnel systems extended as far back as the states of Utah and Nevada. In fact, one account claims that one American submarine, which

was supposedly lost at sea, was really lost while exploring one of these hidden caverns. So is there any truth to this story? In my mind, given the excellent navigation and radar systems which these subs have, I am doubtful. Well, unless perhaps a sudden cavern collapse occurred which buried the sub and its occupants alive. Who's to say?

But there is more. This same story claims that what shocked the mapping crew the most was their discovery that the state of California is basically hanging over the ocean. In other words, the part of the North American Plate which forms the state of California, is for the most part floating on top of the ocean, supported by a series of submarine limestone pillars. Scary thought, right?

But now here is where this claim gets even wilder. While most people believe that California earthquakes are the result of shifts in these various tectonic plates, certain Hollow Earth theorists propose that they are actually caused by the sudden collapse of some of these larger submarine caverns. In fact, they suggest that this is the real nature of the San Andreas Fault. In other words, they believe that the fault is either a submarine tunnel, or else a series of large caverns, which have simply collapsed, creating the depression which is seen above ground as the San Andreas Fault.

If there is any truth to this claim -- I honestly don't know if there is -- then the end result is quite obvious; even if one does not have a degree in geology. In short, if and when the primary caverns and pillars collapse, much of California will break off and simply fall into the ocean. It will be the "Big One" as Californians like to call it. In fact, it would be worse than the "Big One", because it would not just result in the destruction of Los Angeles and other cities which are located to the west of the San Andreas Fault. It would result in that entire sliver of land falling into the ocean. As you probably know, everyone expects it to happen sooner or later. In fact, I have been hearing stories such as these since the very early 70s. Will it happen in our lifetime? No one really knows. Geological time can't be measured the same as a short human life span.

As tragic and as widespread as the loss of life would be, if such an event were to truly happen, because I am a Christian who believes that God is in control of His creation, I would personally view it as a severe judgment from the Lord due to the level of evil and deception which originates in, and that

is likewise propagated from that state. While I realize that there are millions of Christians living in the state, at the same time, everyone knows that California is a haven for gay and lesbian rights groups and other sexual perversions. It's also the US birthplace of New Age thought and pay-per-minute psychics, and also of the 1960s drug culture as well. Let us also not forget that it is home to other negative influences which have plagued America for literally decades, including the violent, disgusting and ungodly television and film industry which fills the world with its filth.

Moving on in our discussion, the previous paragraphs are not the only information which is used by some people to try to validate the Hollow Earth Theory. Another piece of evidence to which the "believers" point as proof of the existence of a Hollow Earth, has absolutely nothing to do with the Earth itself. This concerns certain photographs which have been taken of some of the other bodies in our planetary system. Due in part to certain deep craters and dark spots which are found at the polar regions as well as at other surface areas of some of these celestial bodies, proponents of the Hollow Earth Theory arrived at the conclusion that they must also be hollow spheres.

In other words, just as they believe occurs on our own Earth, some Hollow Earth theorists claim that these craters or dark spots on these other celestial bodies are likewise openings to supposed inner worlds. Furthermore, it has been suggested that some of these spheres -- I believe that one of the moons of Mars, Phobos, is one of them -- may possibly be artificial in nature. At this point, these tales take some very unusual turns in the direction of soon-coming hostile alien invasions of the Earth, and other such stories. But I will spare you, and I won't go there. You're safe.

However on the serious side, for the sake of argument, if the information is to be believed, the planet Mars may offer some convincing evidence of the Hollow Earth Theory due to certain strange occurrences which are said to have been observed at its poles. Due to various factors, such as its distance from the Sun, with a length of six hundred and eighty-seven days, the Martian year is almost twice as long as an Earth year. During half of this period, one Martian ice cap will expand in size while the other cap will do the exact opposite. This expansion can be anywhere from ten to twenty times that of its smallest size, which has been estimated at around four hundred miles in diameter. It is also noteworthy that the

Martian polar ice caps always maintain a definite circular shape.

At any rate, as I said, during the final half of the Martian year, the expanded ice cap will rapidly shrink, while the other cap will do the exact opposite and grow in size. Now, the reason why some Hollow Earth theorists get excited about this is due to the fact that on some occasions, the ice caps have shrunk to slightly less than their normal minimum size, or diameter. It has been claimed that at the times that this occurs, astronomers have observed a black area, or perimeter surrounding both ice caps. While astronomers have tried to dismiss this fact, some Hollow Earth theorists are convinced that this phenomenon is nothing less than the outer edge of the polar opening leading into the inner world of Mars. All I can say is that people see what they want to see, and also believe what they want to believe, whether it is true or not.

According to one Hollow Earth theorist -- I don't recall his name now being as many years have passed -- the temperature and climate inside other supposed hollow planets -- such as Mars -- may be very similar to that which is found inside the Hollow Earth. In other words, it is described as being quite tropical in nature. If this is true -- please note that I am giving them the benefit of the doubt here -- then it would result in the natural formation of a huge cloud mass at the polar entrances where the warm moist air from the interior of the planet, rises to collide with the cold polar air on the outside of the planet.

Now, in regards to Mars, this temperature variation would be even greater during the Martian winter season, and thus could readily explain the sudden expansion, and also the reduction, of the cloud masses during each half of the Martian year. But there is more. What has also elated Hollow Earth theorists, and in their view, added more weight to their theory of Mars being a hollow planet, was the announcement in January, 2018 that using the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter's High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment -- HiRISE -- camera, "ice cliffs" composed of actual water, and not of carbon dioxide, were discovered at the Martian polar regions. In other words, the Hollow Earth theorists tie all of this into warm, moist air rising from within a hollow Mars.

But this is not the only mystery which has been revealed on the planet Mars. In their ongoing endeavors to validate the belief in yet other hollow celestial bodies with even more

scientific evidence, it has been pointed out by some of the more serious-minded Hollow Earth theorists, that on certain occasions, scientists and astronomers have detected strange brilliant flashes of light originating at the poles of some of these celestial orbs, such as on the Moon and Mars. What do these sporadic flashes have to do with the Hollow Earth Theory?

This brings us back down to planet Earth, and to a naturally occurring phenomenon known in the Northern Hemisphere as the Aurora Borealis, and in the Southern Hemisphere as the Aurora Australis. Most people refer to them as the Northern and the Southern Lights. Scientists explain that these spectacular nocturnal light shows are the result of electrically charged particles from the Sun striking the magnetic field which surrounds the Earth. The Lights are said to be most prominent during periods of high solar activity. That is, when sunspots are at their peak. It makes sense, right?

However, as you can probably guess by now, the Hollow Earth theorists put forth a completely different explanation for these awe-inspiring nocturnal light shows. According to such folks, every so often, the mini-Sun that supposedly occupies the center of the Hollow Earth will be perfectly aligned with one of the polar openings. These openings are said to be some one thousand and four hundred miles in diameter. That is just a little more than half the width of the entire United States. When these alignments occur, so they say, a certain amount of the light from the mini-Sun flashes outward into the Earth's atmosphere, thus creating the beautiful Northern and Southern Lights. Returning to what I shared with you a moment ago, the Hollow Earth theorists thus make a connection with the other flashes of light which have been observed by astronomers on the Moon, Mars, and possibly elsewhere. In other words, they claim that this proves that all of these celestial bodies are hollow spheres, and not solid bodies, as we have long thought.

Now, I am not a scientist by any degree of the word; but to me, this seems to contradict something I shared with you in parts one and two of this series. That is this: the Hollow Earth theorists claim that the reason why the mini-Sun does not crash into the inner surface of the Earth, is because the energy that the mini-Sun releases acts as a repulsive force which keeps the mini-Sun equidistant from all surfaces of the Inner Earth. Think about that for a moment. If according to their own words, that is truly the case, and the mini-Sun is always perfectly centered, then shouldn't we see the Aurora

Borealis and the Aurora Australis all the time, if they are the result of light escaping from the Inner Earth? Yet that is most certainly not the case. Furthermore, as I mentioned to you in part two, all three images which supposedly prove the existence of the entrances to the Hollow Earth are very dark in color without any indication whatsoever of brilliant light emanating from within the imaginary holes.

This leads us to another problem concerning the Hollow Earth Theory. Given the purported size of these polar openings, and the overall size of a hollowed out Earth, it seems to me that if the Inner Earth were lighted and heated by a mini-Sun as Hollow Earth theorists assert, there would be some degree of problem with temperature control. After all, we are talking about what is basically a rather closed environment. Surely the heat from this mini-Sun would build up in the Inner Earth after a certain period of time. Would these purported polar openings be sufficient to expel the excess heat? Or would the Inner Earth eventually become unbearably hot, and thus unable to support life? Of course, I am not asking this because I believe that the Hollow Earth exists. In fact, I am doing it for the exact opposite reason. That is, to show why I don't believe that it can exist.

To understand this, consider a situation where you are locked up inside a room with two small windows, one at each end of the room. Imagine now that the size of the room and the two windows is a scale model of the total area of the so-called Inner Earth and the two polar orifices. Finally, imagine that an infrared heat lamp is placed inside the room, the size of which, and the heat output of which, would also be in direct proportion to the size of the so-called mini-Sun inside the Hollow Earth. The question then is this: How long would it take for that room to overheat due to the tiny windows which are the only means of escape for excessive heat? Would the room maintain a balmy tropical temperature as Hollow Earth theorists claim, or would it overheat and kill its occupant?

Concerning the subject of heat, it is an established fact that in some of the deep mines which have been excavated for the purpose of extracting coal, ores, diamonds, etc., the deeper one goes, the hotter it obviously becomes. Without the aid of high-powered ventilation systems, it would be totally impossible for miners to even work under such harsh conditions, not to mention other dangers such as cave-ins, toxic gases, etc. Man's deepest mines only penetrate the Earth's crust to a depth of several miles at best.

So the point I wish to make is this: If it is that hot at a depth which only amounts to barely scratching the Earth's crust, simple deduction would seem to indicate that if man were capable of going to even greater depths, the internal temperature would continue to climb. So if the Hollow Earth truly exists, how could it not be a hellhole, particularly if there is a purported mini-Sun floating in the midst of it which is generating even more heat? It doesn't make any sense, does it?

In my view, this leads us to only two possible alternatives to the Hollow Earth Theory. The first is that, as scientists have explained, the Earth indeed consists of a semi-molten and molten outer and inner core of nickel and iron. And the second possibility is that there is something else way down there. Exactly what might this be? This is a subject which I will briefly discuss in the last part of this series.

As you can no doubt see, I have gone to great lengths in the first three parts of this series to give you a basic idea of what the Hollow Earth Theory is all about. Of course, this series does not by any means include every single aspect of the theory, being as there are simply too many ramifications which have been made from this central theme. While I have expressed serious doubt in the theory, I have also tried to be fair by presenting as much evidence as I can to explain why some people are convinced that the Hollow Earth is not fiction, but actual fact.

Thinking along these same lines, I decided to approach the controversy concerning the Hollow Earth as someone who is endeavoring to prove this theory from the Bible. In such a case, I asked myself, what kind of Bible verses could they possibly use to support it? Using my computer Bible program, I discovered the following four interesting verses. Before you get excited, please give me an opportunity to explain to you what I personally believe they each mean:

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:"
Exodus 20:4, KJV

"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;"
Philippians 2:10, KJV

"And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon."
Revelation 5:3, KJV

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."
Revelation 5:13, KJV

Now, to the casual reader of the Bible who probably does not have the advantage of using either Hebrew or Greek lexicons in order to understand the original meanings of some of the words -- which is the case with most people -- the previous verses could very easily be used to erroneously state that the Bible teaches us that there exists water, men, and other creatures in the purported Inner Earth. In other words, the phrase "under the Earth" could be misconstrued, either due to human error, or even intentionally by those people who wish to falsely use the Bible to support the Hollow Earth Theory, to mean the Inner Earth. However, that is not what that phrase means whatsoever. To prove that this is so, consider the following.

In the first verse from the Book of Exodus, the phrase "or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth" is derived from the Hebrew phrase "erets mayim erets" which basically means "earth water earth". The actual word "under" is not even included in the Hebrew text. This is simply how the translator chose to translate it. In fact, in the Complete Jewish Bible, the verse is translated this way:

"You are not to make for yourselves a carved image or any kind of representation of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or in the water below the shoreline."
Exodus 20:4, CJB

This translation adds a little bit of clarification to what is being stated. Just as in the King James Bible, when it says "the earth beneath", it is NOT referring to the Inner Earth. Rather, it is describing the position of the Earth in relation to the position of "heaven above". Furthermore, as you can see, while the KJV Bible says "the water under the earth" the CJB Bible makes it a little clearer by saying "in the water below the shoreline." In other words, it is simply

talking about making idols of creatures which are found in the rivers, lakes, seas and oceans. It is NOT talking about a great ocean in the Inner Earth.

Now in the second verse which is found Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, the phrase "things under the earth" is derived from the Koine Greek word "katachthonios". This word means the subterranean world. In comparing this verse with other verses, it becomes evident that this is NOT referring to the Inner Earth. Rather, it is referring to the place where the physically dead dwell, and quite possibly to the spiritual underworld. Oddly enough, for many centuries now, societies the world over have disobeyed this mandate from the Lord, and have created a multitude of statues in honor of dead people. Of course, sadly, as we all know, it also includes a number of misguided modern religions which create statues of deceased saints and such, to whom many misguided Christians foolishly pray.

In the final two verses which can be found in Revelation, the phrase "under the earth" is derived from two different Koine Greek words. The first one -- "hupokato" -- means underneath or under. The second one -- "ge" -- means the land or ground. In other words, it is again referring to things underground, and not an imaginary Inner Earth as is proposed by the Hollow Earth Theory. The only people who I know are underground, are dead people, and perhaps some rebellious spirits. Aside from the previous four verses which could be twisted by someone who is really intent on trying to prove that the Hollow Earth has validity, I am not aware of any others which could in any way indicate that there is a vast unseen world beneath our feet which is populated by some technologically advanced human society, or by any other type of physical creature or being.

While I have now provided you with a number of science-based reasons -- which includes indisputable photographic evidence -- regarding why I have strong reservations about accepting the Hollow Earth Theory as fact, I am now going to approach the subject from a very different perspective. Let us return to the dialog that was purportedly held between Admiral Richard E. Byrd and the mystical "Master" of the Arianni, who the admiral supposedly encountered within the realm of the Inner Earth, or Agharta.

Many years ago when I first read this usual account regarding the Inner Earth, something vaguely familiar flashed in the

back of my mind. It was when it came to the surface, that I suddenly realized the depth of the deception with which we appear to be dealing here. Quite frankly, I strongly suspect that what we find in Byrd's purported diary may be nothing more than a subtle, crafty act of plagiarism. Exactly what am I talking about? Continue reading, my friends, and all will become clear to you.

Forty-seven years ago in 1973, I had the opportunity to see a musical entitled "Lost Horizon". Produced by Ross Hunter, with music and songs by Burt Bacharach and Hal David, this movie starred famous actors and actresses such as Charles Boyer, Peter Finch, John Gielgud, Olivia Hussey, Michael York, Sally Kellerman, George Kennedy, James Shigeta and Liv Ullmann. Filmed in Washington State, U.S.A., this movie was actually a remake of an original film made in 1937 by Frank Capra, and which starred Ronald Colman.

The 1937 movie was based upon a novel written in 1933 by the famous British novelist James Hilton. As is so often the case when literary works are adapted for the silver screen, the 1973 version of the movie which I saw did not adhere in every regard to Hilton's novel. Extra characters were added, the country setting was changed, the movie was a musical drama, and I believe that a slightly different ending was added in order to make the movie more inspiring. I later discovered that a sequel was also made which, according to the reviews I read sometime later, was a dismal failure compared to the original movie and its remake. Personally, I really enjoyed the 1973 movie a lot due to its inspiring message, utopian society, uplifting music, plot and important lessons, even though I am not really one for watching a lot of musicals.

Allow me to share with you a synopsis of the 1973 musical. While in the course of escaping civil unrest in China -- as opposed to Baskul, India in Hilton's novel -- a mixed group of British and American travelers find themselves hijacked by an unknown pilot. Amongst the passengers is an idealistic British diplomat named Richard Conway, who is portrayed by Peter Finch. In Hilton's novel, Conway's first name is Hugh. Accompanying Conway is his brother George, a very selfish, worldly man played by Michael York, as well as an American engineer, a pretty dancer, a singer and a comedian.

As they head for an undetermined destination -- instead of to their original destination of Peshawar, India according to the novel -- mechanical problems occur, and the plane

crashes somewhere on the Tibetan plateau amidst the grand Himalayan peaks. The oriental-looking pilot is killed as a result of the crash. In Hilton's novel, we are told that it is the Kuen-Lun Mountains. To their surprise, rather than facing what appears to be certain death, the small group of survivors find themselves not only rescued, but taken to the mysterious Valley of the Blue Moon. The center of life there is a rose-colored Buddhist monastery, or lamasery, known as Shangri-La. This name has become world renown since it was first introduced by Hilton some eighty-seven years ago.

It has been suggested that James Hilton may have derived the inspiration for the name "Shangri-La" from three different Tibetan words. "Shang" is a district of Ü-Tsang, which is one of the four traditional provinces of Tibet. This district is located north of Tashilhunpo. Founded in 1447 by the first Dalai Lama, Tashi Lhunpo Monastery is an important, historic Buddhist monastery that is located in Shigatse, which is the second-largest city in Tibet. The second Tibetan word, "ri", means mountain. And the third Tibet word, "la", refers to a mountain pass. So taken altogether, Shangri-La may possibly mean "Shang Mountain Pass".

In fact, I discovered that there is a certain high mountain pass named Changri La which is located near Mount Everest in Nepal. It is said that this area was often visited by famous British mountaineer, George Mallory, during his various attempts to scale Mount Everest in the 1920s. The Wikipedia website states the following regarding Shangri-La:

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"Shangri-La is a fictional place described in the 1933 novel Lost Horizon by British author James Hilton. Hilton describes Shangri-La as a mystical, harmonious valley, gently guided from a lamasery, enclosed in the western end of the Kunlun Mountains. Shangri-La has become synonymous with any earthly paradise, particularly a mythical Himalayan utopia -- a permanently happy land, isolated from the world. In the novel, the people who live at Shangri-La are almost immortal, living hundreds of years beyond the normal lifespan and only very slowly aging in appearance."

"Some scholars believe that the Shangri-La story owes a literary debt to Shambhala, a mythical kingdom in Tibetan Buddhist tradition, which was sought by Eastern and Western explorers."

"Folklore from the Altai Mountains describe Belukha Mountain as a gateway to Shambhala. The Kun Lun Mountains offer another possible place for valleys like the Shangri-La, since Hilton specifically described the "Kuen-Lun" mountains as its likely location in the book, however, Hilton is not known to have visited or studied the area. Parts of the Kunlun Mountains lie within Ngari, mentioned in the Shambhala Sutra."

"In a New York Times interview in 1936, Hilton states that he used "Tibetan material" from the British Museum, particularly the travelogue of two French priests, Evariste Regis Huc and Joseph Gabet, to provide the Tibetan cultural and Buddhist spiritual inspiration for Shangri-La . . . A popular "condensed translation" was published in England in 1928, at the time that Hilton would have been gathering inspiration for -- or perhaps writing -- Lost Horizon."

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Another source claims that the name Shangri-La may have been inspired by the remote mountain kingdom called Hunz, which is located near twenty-five thousand foot Mount Rakaposhi in Pakistan. This beautiful land is populated by a fair-skinned and light-eyed people known as the Hunzakuts -- and also as the Burusho or Brusho -- who claim to be the descendants of a group of soldiers who became separated from Alexander the Great's army during his invasion of India. However, several sources state that no Greek genetic component amongst these Burusho people has been detected in tests. To add to this mystery, it is claimed that the language of these people -- known as Burushaski -- is totally unrelated to any other language that is known to man, making it what is referred to as a language isolate. Turning again to Wikipedia, it offers the following information regarding James Hilton and the Hunza Valley:

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"Hilton visited the Hunza Valley in northern Pakistan Kashmir, close to the Chinese border, a few years before Lost Horizon was published; hence it is a popularly believed inspiration for Hilton's physical description of Shangri-La. Being an isolated green valley surrounded by mountains, enclosed on the western end of the Himalayas, it closely matches the description in the novel; also, in an ironic reversal on the

story, due to increased exposure to ultraviolet radiation, inhabitants of the high-altitude parts of the valley appear to age quickly."

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Beautiful Idyllic World Of Shangri-La, Religion Of Shangri-La, Father Perrault Tells Conway The True Purpose Of His Arrival, Trouble Soon Brews In Paradise, Movies of Franco Zeffirelli, Richard Conway's Struggles, Leaving Valley Of The Blue Moon, George Conway's Tragic Death, Final Inspiring Movie Scenes, Comparisons Between Admiral Byrd's Account And Lost Horizon, Neo-Nazis White Separatists White Supremacists And Arianism, Flugelrads The Arianni 1940s German Flying Disk Technology, World History UFology And New Age Thought Blended Together, Poisonous Nature Of New Age Thought And Conspiracy Theories, Buddhist Origin Of Agharta And Shambhala, The Similarities, Shambhala Is A Central Belief Of Tibetan Buddhism, Supposed Location Of Shambhala, The 14th Dalai Lama Promotes Belief In Shambhala, An Explanation Of Kalachakra And Tantras, Hinduism And Buddhism Are Deeply Woven Into Western Culture, Belief In Universal Inner Planetary Life, Buddhism: Astral Projection Multiple Universes Life On Other Planets And Reincarnation

To continue with the movie plot, nestled amongst the highest mountain peaks in the world, where one would expect sub-zero temperatures and endless snow storms, the Valley of the Blue

Moon seems to totally contradict human logic with its warm climate, and verdant natural beauty. This warmth is likewise reflected in a spiritual sense as well by the inhabitants of the lamasery who are an extremely kind, respectful, humble, happy people who are eager to share their simple life with the new arrivals. It is revealed in one scene that aside from the miraculous, timeless conditions which exist in the Valley, one of the primary rules for living a long and happy life in Shangri-La, is to do all things in moderation.

In a religious sense, the local philosophy appears to be a mixture of Christianity -- which was first introduced by the High Lama, Father Perrault, who arrived there during the 18th century as a French priest of the Franciscan order -- and the Buddhism which already existed there before his arrival. For tired British consul, Richard Conway, Shangri-La is a haven of peace and tranquility compared to the worldly turmoil he is used to dealing with.

Once the new guests are made comfortable, they are informed that it will be a matter of at least several weeks before a Sherpa caravan will arrive, which will be able to assist them in their return to the modern world. It is only later, after Richard Conway has been fully exposed to the idyllic lifestyle of Shangri-La, that it is revealed to him in a private audience with the High Lama, that the hijacking was no accident. In fact, Father Perrault -- who is now over two hundred years old -- informs Conway that he's intentionally been brought to Shangri-La and the Valley of the Blue Moon for the explicit purpose of succeeding him as the next High Lama.

Of course, the story can't end there. There has to be some drama and tension, in addition to all of the song and dance scenes. Thus, trouble arises when Richard's worldly brother, George, begins to view Shangri-La not as a peaceful escape from the rat race of the outside world, but more as a prison from which he must escape at all cost. To George, it doesn't matter if it means spoiling the serenity of the monastery by causing division amongst its residents. To make matters even worse, George convinces Maria -- a beautiful resident of the monastery -- to accompany him to the outside world. Maria is played by lovely Olivia Hussey, who also starred in classics such as 1968's "Romeo and Juliet", and Franco Zeffirelli's 1977 "Jesus Of Nazareth". Zeffirelli also directed the 1972 movie "Brother Sun and Sister Moon", regarding the life of St. Francis of Assisi, which I also greatly enjoyed watching.

Thus, as the time draws closer for the Sherpa caravan to arrive, a great struggle rages in Richard Conway's heart. On one hand he's being pressured by his selfish brother to leave their idyllic paradise, while on the other he feels obligated to fulfill his mission of succeeding Father Perrault as the next High Lama. In the end, Conway succumbs to his brother's demands, and chooses to leave Shangri-La. However, before he does, I believe it is wise Mr. Chang -- who is played by John Gielgud -- who candidly informs Conway that he knows that he will eventually return to take on the mantle as the new High Lama.

Thus, leaving behind the warm, sunny Valley of the Blue Moon, the small group again enters the cold and dangerous world of the high Himalayas. Tragically, unbeknownst to George Conway, as they travel further and further away from the Valley of the Blue Moon, his lovely companion, Maria, begins to quickly age. It is when he suddenly realizes that he is now carrying the corpse of an old, dead woman, that George goes completely berserk, and ends up running over the edge of a steep cliff. It is this commotion which results in a tremendous avalanche which buries the entire party.

In the final scenes from the movie, we find Richard Conway in a hospital bed, apparently suffering from both shock and exposure. During his period of unconsciousness, he has been mumbling all about the wonderful world of Shangri-La, hidden away in the Valley of the Blue Moon. It's at this point that the novel ends; leaving the reader wondering if the story really happened, or if it was nothing more than a figment of Conway's imagination due to the ordeal he had been through on the frigid slopes of the Himalayas following the plane crash.

However, in the 1973 movie version, the audience is left with one final "high" as the hospital attendants suddenly discover Conway's bed abandoned. In the last scene, Richard Conway has indeed made the right choice, and we see him trekking through the deep snow on the Himalayan peaks. Finally, off in the distance, he spots the marker which will lead him back to the paradisiacal world of Shangri-La and the Valley of the Blue Moon. That one scene makes you want to stand up and root for the guy! I loved it! In fact, today, forty-seven years later, it makes me want to watch the movie again. I am an idealist. What can I say?

As you will now see, the close similarities between Admiral Byrd's account regarding his entrance into the Inner Earth of Agharta, and Richard Conway's arrival at the Shangri-La lamasery in the Valley of the Blue Moon, are quite obvious. One of the main differences between the two is the fact that in "Lost Horizon", the protagonist ascends to the summit of the Himalayan peaks in order to find his paradise; while in the purported Byrd diary, the pilot descends into the depths of the Earth. In both cases, the main character is a man named Richard. In both instances, they are employed by their government.

Furthermore, the vehicle used to transport both men to their rendezvous with destiny is an airplane. In Byrd's case, the instruments on the plane malfunction as the aviator passes through the strong magnetic fields of the Arctic Circle. In Conway's case, the plane crashes killing the pilot. While Admiral Byrd is met and escorted by flying disks, giving a more deceptive New Age flavor to the account, Richard Conway is met and guided by a Sherpa caravan. Both men face the same psychological shock when after traveling through miles and miles of ice and snow, they suddenly find themselves in a mild climate and verdant surroundings which totally defy human logic.

The similarities do not end there. In the case of Admiral Byrd, in order to enter the peaceful, resplendent world of the Inner Earth, he had to unknowingly fly over the rim of the polar opening, and slowly enter the Hollow Earth. This was not even realized by him until he noticed an unknown mountain chain, and the gradual change of climate. While Richard Conway did not pass through any magnetic fields, he did pass through an unseen time barrier of sorts. Not only that, but just as Byrd had to fly through the "neck" of the polar opening in order to leave the frigid world of ice and snow behind, Conway and his team had to pass through a long cave or tunnel to do the same. In the movie, as Conway comes out of this long tunnel on the side of Shangri-La, in the background we can clearly see the blizzard on the far end of the opposite side of the tunnel.

If you are not yet fully convinced of the possible act of plagiarism here -- meaning that the fictitious Byrd account is a plagiarized version of James Hilton's novel with an obvious New Age flair added to the story -- consider also that in both Byrd's journal and the movie, the two Richards are met by people with very cordial personalities who both

speaking perfect English. In the case of Richard Byrd, he has a private audience with the mysterious sage referred to as the "Master"; while Richard Conway has a private encounter with the High Lama. Both of these leaders are described as being ancient in their physical appearance as well as graceful in manner; and both deliver extremely similar messages to their invited guests.

Both of the men -- Byrd and Conway -- are informed that they have been chosen for a very special purpose, because they've each been determined to possess a very high moral character. While both messages foretell doom and chaos for the outside world, they also offer hope by stating that once evil man has nearly destroyed himself through war and other foolish acts of violence, the meek shall inherit the Earth in a Golden Age of renewal. In Byrd's case, survivors of the coming turmoil will be assisted by the residents of the Inner Earth; and in the case of Richard Conway, assistance will come through the peaceful residents of Shangri-La. The similarities are very striking.

There are a few other points worth mentioning which not only expose the deceptive nature of the Admiral Byrd account, but of the Hollow Earth Theory as a whole. While they may appear insignificant at first, these points definitely appeal to the mind of the New Age advocate and other current mindsets. For example, as many of you will know, within the United States of America today, there exist a number of growing movements which follow a philosophy of white separatism and supremacy. As I mention in the series "Civil Disobedience and Christian Persecution", these movements include groups such as White Pride, the Phinehas Priesthood, Aryan Nation, the Ku Klux Klan, and other clandestine paramilitary organizations. As you will know, sometimes members of these militia groups do take public stands against the Federal and local government.

While the members of these groups view themselves as being patriotic Americans who only wish to defend themselves and their rights from an increasingly oppressive government, at the same time, it should be noted that some of them are in reality an offshoot from, and a by-product of, the mentality of pre-War Nazi Germany. For this reason, they are sometimes referred to as Neo-Nazis, meaning New Nazis. This ideology of white Caucasian supremacism was referred to by the Germans as Arianism. Is it merely a coincidence that the powerful race of the Inner Earth is called the Arianni, or Aryanni? While some New Agers prefer to view the Arianni as an alien race

who arrived from Outer Space, the truth seems obvious to me.

Then, of course, there is the fact that the flying machines of the Arianni are called "Flugelrads". My friends, this is not just an invented word. It is a real German word, and it does in fact refer to a series of disk-shaped flying craft which the Germans began working on during the 1940s. As we learned in part two of this series, Admiral Byrd described these dwellers of the Inner Earth as being "tall with blond hair", just like many Germans. Likewise, he stated that the Arianni spoke with "a slight Nordic or Germanic accent". As we also learned in the second part of this series, some New Agers remain convinced that the Arianni are the descendants of the Nazis, who with their UFO technology, escaped to the Inner Earth by way of the South Pole, following their defeat at the end of World War II.

This amalgamation of actual world history with other strange ideas and beliefs doesn't end there. To make this more clear to you, consider the following short timeline of events. I think it will help you to understand how a number of these conspiracy theories and wild tales are given birth by some people who jumble things together in order to invent their unbelievable, crazy stories:

- 1933 - James Hilton writes his "Lost Horizon" novel.
- 1937 - First movie based on Hilton's novel is released.
- 1940s - Germans begin working on flying disk technology.
- 1940s - The Nazis supposedly escape to the South Pole.
- 1947 - Kenneth Arnold multiple UFOs sighting occurs.
- 1947 - Roswell UFO incident occurs.
- 1947 - Admiral Richard E. Byrd's Arctic expedition occurs.

So can you now see how all of these different elements can be carefully blended together by a person who possesses a little bit of imagination in order to create wild tales that involve Admiral Richard Byrd's purported "secret diary" and the Hollow Earth Theory? This mixing together of historical events and New Age ideas to create elaborate -- and for many people, believable -- fantasies has been going on for quite a few decades now, and it continues happening to this very day as well. If you are a regular visitor to the YouTube website, then you will know exactly what I am talking about.

My friends, there is just so much mass deception going on, and yet naive and gullible people just keep on sucking it up. Sadly, even many Christians are being drawn into this

deceptive nonsense, as is clearly evidenced by all of the current conspiracy theories which surround the coronavirus pandemic. But that is another story which I talk about in other articles.

As I point out in some of my other alien and UFO and New Age related articles, in my opinion, New Age thought amounts to a modernized, deceptive conglomeration of demonic psychobabble. It is a strange blend of Christian doctrine, Native American mysticism, ancient spiritualism or necromancy, Wiccan nature worship, Asian shamanism and Babylonian demonism. This lethal mixture is insidiously stirred together with more ingredients such as aliens and UFOs, environmentalism, a bit of political correctness, twisted interpretations of certain historical events, and even globalism; and then carefully coated with a sweet-tasting powder disguised as "spiritual enlightenment and truth", in order to cover the bitter taste of the deadly, poisonous pill which so many people readily, foolishly and ignorantly swallow.

It is interesting to note that a variety of names have been associated with the Inner Earth. As I mentioned earlier, one of them is Agharta, or Agharti. But what does the word mean? Referring to the Wikipedia website, we discover that several different meanings have been applied to the name. As you can see below, it is described as being a legendary kingdom that is associated with Tibetan Buddhism. But also notice that it is said to be located in the Earth's core. More alarming is the fact that the Russian occultist and spiritualist Helena Petrovna Blavatsky -- commonly known as Madame Blavatsky -- and the Theosophical Society which she founded, regarded Agharta as a rather wicked place which is inhabited by evil demons called "asuras":

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"Agartha (sometimes Agartta, Agharti, Agarath, Agarta or Agarttha) is a legendary kingdom that is said to be located in the Earth's core. It is related to the belief in a hollow Earth and is a popular subject in esotericism."

"The explorer Ferdynand Ossendowski wrote a book in 1922 titled Beasts, Men and Gods. In the book, Ossendowski tells of a story which was imparted to him concerning a subterranean kingdom which exists inside the Earth. This kingdom was known to the fictional Buddhists society as Agharti."

"Nineteenth-century French occultist Alexandre Saint-Yves d'Alveydre published the first "reliable" account of Agartha in Europe. According to him, the secret world of "Agartha" and all of its wisdom and wealth "will be accessible for all mankind, when Christianity lives up to the commandments which were once drafted by Moses and God", meaning "When the Anarchy which exists in our world is replaced by the Synarchy." Saint-Yves gives a lively description of "Agartha" in this book as if it were a place which really exists, situated in the Himalayas in Tibet. Saint-Yves' version of the history of "Agartha" is based upon "revealed" information, meaning received by Saint-Yves himself through "attunement"."

"Agartha is frequently associated or confused with Shambhala which figures prominently in Vajrayana Buddhism and Tibetan Kalachakra teachings and revived in the West by Madame Blavatsky and the Theosophical Society. Theosophists in particular regard Agartha as a vast complex of caves underneath Tibet inhabited by evil demons, called asuras. Helena and Nicholas Roerich, whose teachings closely parallel theosophy, see Shambhala's existence as both spiritual and physical."

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As we have clearly seen in this series, according to the purported diary of Admiral Richard E. Byrd, the Earth is not a solid sphere. Supposedly, there also exists another "Inner Earth", wherein dwells a superior race called the Arianni. Whether we choose to call it Agharta, Agharti or perhaps by some other name, these sources plainly warn us that it is not a utopian world as is described in the secret diary of Admiral Byrd. It is a terrible place inhabited by very foul creatures. According to Indian mythology, these "asuras" are a class of divine beings who tend to be evil. In my view, this lines up quite well with some of the things I share in my series called "Hell, the Lake of Fire and Universalism".

Earlier in this series, I explained how Hollow Earth and New Age adherents believe that the interior of the Earth is more akin to Swiss Cheese, in that it contains an interconnecting network of large caverns and subterranean tunnels. They call this vast underground system the Agharta Network and believe that it makes it possible to travel between various cities such as Telos -- in Mount Shasta; Posid -- located under the

Matto Grosso plains region of Brazil; Shonshe -- hidden high in the Himalayas; Rama -- located near Jaipur, India; and Shingwa -- situated on the border of Mongolia and China. The primary entrance to this inner world is claimed to be in the Gobi Desert located in the Mongolian People's Republic.

In part two of this series we discussed the Norwegian, Olaf Jansen. According to Jansen, Agharta is comprised of three quarters land, and one quarter water. In "The Smoky God", Willis George Emerson states that Olaf Jansen told him that he was informed that the place he and his father visited was called Shamaballah the Lesser. In case you were not aware of it, similar to Agharta, Shamballah -- which is also spelled as Shambhala or Shamballa -- is also an important component of both Hinduism and Buddhism. It is a Sanskrit word which means "place of silence or peace." Sanskrit is the ancient Indo-European language of India in which Hindu sacred texts and classical Indian epic poems are written. Shambhala is also said to be a mythical kingdom much like the Tibetan Shangri-La which we see in the James Hilton novel, "Lost Horizon". Wikipedia states the following about Shamballah:

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"The mythological relevance of the place originates with a prophecy in Vishnu Purana according to which Shambhala will be the birthplace of Kalki, the final incarnation of Vishnu, who will usher in a new Age . . ."

"Later esoteric writers further emphasized and elaborated on the concept of a hidden land inhabited by a hidden mystic brotherhood whose members labor for the good of humanity."

"Shambhala is a core concept in Tibetan Buddhism that describes a realm of harmony between man and nature that is also connected with the Kalachakra or "wheel of time". The Shambhala ideal is described in detail in the Shambhala Sutra, a historical text written by the Sixth Panchen Lama (1737-1780) which describes some of the Shambhala locations as being in Ngari, the western prefecture of Tibet."

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The definitions.net website also offers us the following explanation regarding Shambhala, and how it is connected to both Tibetan Buddhism and Indian Buddhism:

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"In Tibetan Buddhist and Indian Buddhist traditions, Shambhala is a mythical kingdom hidden somewhere in Inner Asia . . . Whatever its historical basis, Shambhala gradually came to be seen as a Buddhist Pure Land, a fabulous kingdom whose reality is visionary or spiritual as much as physical or geographic."

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Another website I visited -- the name of which I don't recall at the moment -- likewise provides the following information regarding the Tibetan Buddhists' mythical land of Shambhala. Please notice how this description also sounds like James Hilton's wonderful lamasery of Shangri-La where everything is wonderful, and everyone is so happy, peaceful and so full of love, and where no one grows old. Please also notice how just like the High Lama in Shangri-La, and the Master in Admiral Byrd's account, the Hindu supreme god Vishnu "will bring in a new Golden Age of humanity".

Clearly then, it is really the same basic story wrapped up in a different skin. They all say that once humanity reaches a point of destroying itself, these Hindu, Buddhist and New Age masters will rush in to save us from our own folly. However, one thing they don't tell you is that it will also involve a lot of bloodshed, carnage, and the destruction of anyone who dares to oppose their "righteous" rule:

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It is a land of paradise that is spoke of in many ancient texts, some of which predate Tibetan Buddhism. According to myth, Shambhala can only be entered by those who are pure of heart. There is no suffering and the land is ruled by love, wisdom, and peace. In Shambhala, there is no old age, there is no lack or want, there is only beauty and enlightenment.

In Bon scriptures (the religion of Tibet directly prior to Tibetan Buddhism), references to this magical land can be found many thousands of years ago. They describe a land called "Olmolungring," If you look at Hindi texts, Shambhala is known at the birthplace of the final incarnation of Vishnu. Many believe this incarnation, Kalki, will bring in a new Golden Age of humanity.

Externally, Shambhala is a physical place where only those with certain karma can ever reach. It is not a place you can find on a map or ever arrive at – it is a Buddhist Pure Land in the human realm.

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So as you can see, the belief in Shambhala -- or Shamballah -- is a central tenet of Tibetan Buddhism. It is viewed as being both a physical paradise that is located somewhere on the surface of the Earth, as well as a type of inner, mental or spiritual paradise which is achieved through meditation, yoga and other practices. Geographically speaking, over the centuries, textual hints have suggested that Shambhala may be located in either Tibet, Nepal, China, or even in Russia. Many deceived people have sought to find it, but they have all failed. In fact, it is part of the public record that even the 14th Dalai Lama -- Tenzin Gyatso -- has addressed the issue. For example, in the summer of 1985, during his Kalachakra teachings, he described Shambhala in this way:

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"Although those with special affiliation may actually be able to go there through their karmic connection, nevertheless it is not a physical place that we can actually find. We can only say that it is a pure land, a pure land in the human realm. And unless one has the merit and the actual karmic association, one cannot actually arrive there . . . If so many Kalachakra teachings are supposed to have come from Shambhala, how could the country be just a fantasy?"

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Let me offer an explanation regarding the previous quote. The word "Kalachakra" -- meaning "wheels of time" -- refers to the foundational Buddhist teachings which are found in the tantras. Tantras are ancient Buddhist mystical or magical texts which contain the doctrines and principles of Buddhism. Originally written in Sanskrit, and later translated into Tibetan, they describe the use of mantras, meditation, yoga, and ritual. So Kalachakra is both the teachings and practices of both Indian and Tibetan Buddhism. The goal of all of this is for one to supposedly achieve spiritual enlightenment. But tell me something. Can there be any spiritual enlightenment without faith in the one true Light of the World, who alone is Jesus Christ?

While I am sure that most of my Christian readers have little interest in Hinduism and Buddhism, from everything I have now shared with you, I hope you can see how deeply these oriental religions have woven their way into Western culture. This includes not only into New Age thought with meditation, yoga and other rituals, but even into the very Hollow Earth Theory itself. While most Buddhists associate geographical Shambhala with a location somewhere in Asia, just like with many other things, New Agers have borrowed it and used it as another name for the Inner Earth, just as they have done with Agharta. For many Hollow Earth theorists, the Inner Earth is their Agharta, their Shambhala, and their Shangri-La. It is a wonderful world populated by intelligent, advanced, peaceful beings who will someday emerge in order to save the world from itself, just like the Hindu god Vishnu is said to do. But beware! It is not what you think!

While conducting research for this series, I discovered that one belief which is held by some of these oriental religions, is the view that life existing on the surface of a planet is seen as an aberration from the norm. In other words, these people believe that within each solar system, only one planet is "permitted" to have life on its surface, while all of the others are teeming with life within, illuminated by their inner mini-Sun. Now do you recall what we discussed earlier regarding flashes of light being seen on the Moon and Mars? Do you remember how I explained to you why the Hollow Earth proponents are excited by this development?

It is because of this deceptive oriental doctrine, that some New Agers are convinced that other planets within our Solar System are full of life. Stated in another way, as long as a planet has a mini-Sun in its interior, it does not matter if it's located in the depths of cold, dark Space. It can still harbor life; even advanced, intelligent life which can remain hidden from observers here on the Earth. In fact, one other interesting aspect of Buddhism, is the belief that once an initiate reaches the seventh or eighth level, they possess the power to astrally project themselves to other planets in our Solar System, and even beyond, once higher levels have been attained. In other words, their consciousness travels to these distant places, while they remain alive and active in their physical body here on the Earth.

In speaking about cosmology and the universe, Buddhists refer to a "world system". However, in using this phrase, they are

NOT just talking about the world system on the planet Earth. They are in fact talking about something much bigger which is not limited to just our Universe alone. They are referring to many universes. Furthermore, according to the information I found on a number of Buddhism-related websites, the Buddha taught that many inhabited planets exist in this world system. Not only that, but when a person dies on the Earth, they can be reborn -- or reincarnated -- on another planet; and when a person dies on another planet, they can also be reborn -- or reincarnated -- on the Earth. Supposedly, such people can even be reborn in another dimension. This process is referred to as "samsara" in Buddhism. These beliefs are evidenced by the various quotes below:

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Version 1:

"Monks, as far as sun and moon revolve and illuminate all directions by their radiance, so far does the thousand-fold world system extend. And in that thousand-fold world system, there are thousand moons, a thousand suns, inhabited planets"

Version 2:

"Monks, as far as sun and moon revolve and illuminate all directions by their radiance, so far does the thousand-fold world system extend. And in that thousand-fold world system, there are thousand moons, a thousand suns, a thousand Mount Sinerus the king of the mountains, a thousand Jambudipa continents, a thousand Western Goyana continents, a thousand Northern Kuru continents, a thousand Eastern Videha continents, a thousand four great oceans, a thousand Four Divine Kings and their heavens, a thousand each of the heavens of the Tavatimsa devas, of the Yama devas, of the Tusita devas, of the Nimmanarati devas, of the Paranimmitavasavatti devas, and there are a thousand Brahma-worlds. As far, monks, as this thousandfold world system extends, Mahabrahma ranks there as the highest."

"On that especial day, the full moon day of May 588 BCE, the Buddha while practicing mindfulness of breathing under the Bodhi Tree, gained the triple knowledge, namely; the knowledge of recollecting his previous lives, the knowledge of understanding how beings depart here and are born in other planets, and how they depart from other planets and come here

and are born here in different realms . . ."

"In the Acchariyābbhūtaḍḍhamma Sutta, the Buddha speaks of 'the black, gloomy regions of darkness, between the world systems, where the light of our moon and sun, powerful and majestic though they are, cannot reach', or what we would call intergalactic space. Then he says that there are beings there (M.III,124-5). This comment seems to refer to gods etc, not to embodied beings actually inhabiting planets. But while nothing the Buddha said suggests that there could be life on other planets, there is nothing in his Dhamma which would cancel out this possibility."

"In the (Tri-Pitaka, Three Parts of the) Buddha's teaching (Vol. 11, p. 61 and Vol. 23, sutanta pidok 25, Thai edition), the Buddha talks about life on other planets. He refers to life on three planets in particular: (1) Amornrakoyan, (2) Buppaviteha, and (3) Auttrarakuru.

1. The first has a continent (dipa, lit. "island") and an ocean. The dominant life form there is human like but the beings there have faces that look like the moon. The beings there are [on average]10 feet (300 centimeters) tall and their life span is 500 years.

2. The second has a continent and about 400 smaller continents or isles. The beings there are human like but their faces look like cups. They are 15 feet (450 cm) tall and their life span is 700 years.

3. The third are flatlands with human like life forms with faces that look more cubical. They are 21 feet (650 cm) tall and their life span is 1,000 years."

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Buddhist Belief In Universal Inner Planetary Life, Life Can Exist In The Most Seemingly Hostile Environments, Potential For Subsurface Microbial Life On Other Planets, Enceladus And The Cassini Mission, New Age And Hollow Earth Theorists Twist The Science, We're Nothing Special, Surface Barbarians, Theoretical Structure Of Earth's Interior, Deepest Boreholes, Limited Ability To Study Earth's Interior And Other Bodies, Human Speculation Theories And Faith In Scientific Discovery, Abaddon And Apollyon: Destroyers Of The World, Peace Through Jesus Christ, False Science Deception And Gnosticism, Beware Of Hindu And Buddhist Yoga And Meditation, World Council Of Churches Roman Catholicism And Ecumenism, Situation Between Roman Catholic Church Communist China And The Dalai Lama, Our Christian Faith Polluted With New Age Beliefs, Stand Strong In Face Of Persecution, Concluding Remarks, BBB Reading List

As I concluded in part five, one belief which is held by some of these oriental religions -- such as Buddhism -- is the view that life existing on the surface of a planet is an aberration from the norm. In their view, as long as a planet has a mini-Sun in its interior which can sustain life, it does not matter if it's located in the depths of cold, dark Space. While it may surprise you, this idea does have some scientific merit within certain bounds. No, I'm not talking about hollow planets with interior mini-Suns. Read on.

If there's one thing which quite a few scientists -- such as oceanographers -- have discovered in recent years, it's that life in some form can exist -- and at times even thrive -- in what appear to be the most hostile environments on Earth. For example, consider the following excerpts from an article written by oceanographer Carl Wirsén, which appeared on the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution website in April of 2004. Keep in mind that he is referring to microbial life:

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"In 1991, scientists aboard the submersible Alvin were in

the right spot at the right time to witness something extraordinary. They had sailed into the aftermath of a very recent volcanic eruption on the seafloor and found themselves in a virtual blizzard.

They were densely surrounded by flocs of white debris, composed of sulfur and microbes, which drifted more than 30 meters above the ocean bottom. The seafloor was coated with a 10-centimeter-thick layer of the same white material.

This vast volume of microbes did not come from the ocean. The eruption had flushed it out from beneath the seafloor.

The discovery was transforming. It strongly suggested that previously unimagined and potentially huge communities of microbial life were thriving in the dark, increasingly hot, oxygen-depleted rocky cracks and crannies below the ocean bottom. An abundance of life apparently flourished in conditions we had considered too extreme. It shattered our narrow preconceptions and stretched our view of the places and circumstances that can harbor life.

What organisms inhabit this deep biosphere? How deep are they living? How long can they survive under these conditions? How have they adapted to take advantage of energy supplied by the planet, rather than by the sun?

What impact, in turn, does this biosphere have on the oceans and the planet? What can these hardy, entrepreneurial organisms teach us about the origin and evolution of life on Earth? How can they guide our search for possible life on other planetary bodies?

The amazing discovery of life at seafloor hydrothermal vents in 1977 reminded us that solar energy, oxygen, organic matter, and photosynthesis are not the only fundamental building blocks and chemical processes that foster life.

In place of energy from the sun, certain organisms use chemosynthetic reactions to live and grow. They use inorganic chemicals, such as hydrogen and hydrogen sulfide, rather than organic matter for their energy and carbon dioxide as their source of carbon. Geothermal, rather than solar, energy catalyzes chemical reactions that generate these life-sustaining chemicals from rocks and seawater. Water is the only absolutely essential ingredient.

But below the seafloor and deeper into the subsurface, it was reasonable to assume that conditions would become more extreme and life would become sparser or nonexistent. Yet in the past decade we have found an extraordinary diversity of subsurface microbes living in a wide range of conditions; buried deep within ocean sediments, in hot ocean crust crevices, in frozen polar soils, and in the subterranean bowels of deep mines.

In all these places, individual species have adapted to extreme conditions that include high pressure, high and low temperatures, unusual or toxic chemicals and minerals, or low availability of essential nutrients. Often they take advantage of specific extreme conditions to carve out a niche where they can thrive and other species cannot.

Such discoveries push our understanding of the limits of life and the limits of where to look for it. The known largest biosphere -- fully 80 percent of Earth's available living space -- is in the deep ocean, yet this may be eclipsed by the subsurface biosphere as research into this realm proceeds.

Further insights into life's ability to survive harsh conditions will guide our search for extraterrestrial life. New evidence from Mars shows that it once had water, and it may once have had seas that left salt deposits like those in New Mexico. Europa, Jupiter's moon, is probably volcanic, and beneath its ice-covered surface may lie oceans with hydrothermal activity. The same tools and techniques we devise to search for life within and beneath Earth's volcanic oceans will prove useful there.

Our journey into Earth's subsurface biosphere is a quest to find the limits of life."

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Taking the previous thoughts a step further, another writer reflected on what might possibly be found below the surfaces of other planets. While I personally do not believe in macroevolution, this is what the individual wrote:

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"The importance of this theory of evolution is that humans and other species may have actually come from bacteria and

other life forms which came from inside the earth and developed there. Conventional wisdom has always held that life has evolved on the surface of the earth. To take this one step further, all planets may hold, in their core, the ingredients for life as we have on Earth. Once you get deep inside a planet and beyond the crust, there is a possibility that a substantial majority of planets may have the potential to have life spring out of them just as may have happened on Earth . . . Planets like Mars and others, which we believe have barren surfaces devoid of life, may have beneath them bacteria and other things that can support life."

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So as you can see, even scientists recognize that what we see on the surface of a planet may not be everything. It could possibly be teeming with life underneath the surface. In fact, as you may already know, since the previous 2004 article was written, scientists have in fact found strong evidence that life at some level -- at the very minimum, microbial level -- may exist on other moons within our own Solar System. Prime candidates include Enceladus and Titan, which are two of Saturn's many moons. As the following excerpts from an October 2019 JPL/NASA article reveal, during its thirteen-year long mission, the Cassini probe made exciting discoveries regarding the vast, salty ocean which is now believed to exist beneath the surface of the moon Enceladus:

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New Organic Compounds Found in Enceladus Ice Grains

New kinds of organic compounds, the ingredients of amino acids, have been detected in the plumes bursting from Saturn's moon Enceladus. The findings are the result of the ongoing deep dive into data from NASA's Cassini mission.

Powerful hydrothermal vents eject material from Enceladus' core, which mixes with water from the moon's massive subsurface ocean before it is released into space as water vapor and ice grains. The newly discovered molecules, condensed onto the ice grains, were determined to be nitrogen- and oxygen-bearing compounds.

On Earth, similar compounds are part of chemical reactions

that produce amino acids, the building blocks of life. Hydrothermal vents on the ocean floor provide the energy that fuels the reactions. Scientists believe Enceladus' hydrothermal vents may operate in the same way, supplying energy that leads to the production of amino acids.

"If the conditions are right, these molecules coming from the deep ocean of Enceladus could be on the same reaction pathway as we see here on Earth. We don't yet know if amino acids are needed for life beyond Earth, but finding the molecules that form amino acids is an important piece of the puzzle," said Nozair Khawaja, who led the research team of the Free University of Berlin.

The identified organics first dissolved in the ocean of Enceladus, then evaporated from the water surface before condensing and freezing onto ice grains inside the fractures in the moon's crust, scientists found. Blown into space with the rising plume emitted through those fractures, the ice grains were then analyzed by Cassini's CDA.

The new findings complement the team's discovery last year of large, insoluble complex organic molecules believed to float on the surface of Enceladus' ocean. The team went deeper with this recent work to find the ingredients, dissolved in the ocean, that are needed for the hydrothermal processes that would spur amino acid formation.

"Here we are finding smaller and soluble organic building blocks - potential precursors for amino acids and other ingredients required for life on Earth," said co-author Jon Hillier.

"This work shows that Enceladus' ocean has reactive building blocks in abundance, and it's another green light in the investigation of the habitability of Enceladus," added co-author Frank Postberg.

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Thus we see that with each passing year, as scientists probe deeper and deeper into the mysteries of our neighbors with which we share our Solar System, more and more information is being revealed which points to some form of life possibly existing beyond the Earth.

Of course, Hollow Earth theorists take this to a whole new

level with their talk of hollow spheres and mini-Suns. As we have seen, they believe that even if a planet is dead on its surface, it may still possess a thriving community within itself if it possesses a mini-Sun. However, let's be clear about this. They are NOT just talking about microbial life. They are talking about very advanced, intelligent life that is perhaps centuries or more ahead of human development here on Earth. However, in a way, making intelligent life seem so ubiquitous reduces human life on Earth from being a Divine Miracle in which God is glorified, to becoming an everyday occurrence. It means that we humans are nothing special. We are just one of thousands or maybe millions of races which exist throughout the Universe. It can be discouraging, or not.

At any rate, according to these rather esoteric beliefs, in the case of our Solar System, Earth is the one planet which has supposedly been "chosen" to serve as a "schoolroom" to teach other beings the vanity of war and resorting to other acts of violence. In other words, according to this strange belief, the outer surfaces of planets are reserved for those sad beings who have not yet spiritually evolved, or reached enlightenment. Thus, in accordance with this deceptive New Age philosophy, the inhabitants of Agharta view us surface dwellers as complete barbarians. As I have already explained a few times now, this is exactly the philosophy that we see in Admiral Byrd's diary; and it is the very same philosophy that we see in James Hilton's "Lost Horizon" novel as well.

You know, if we are honest with ourselves, and really stop to think about it, we do not know what is below the surface of the Earth to any great depth. Everything we believe about the interior of our planet -- such as it having a solid iron and nickel core, surrounded by an outer molten iron-nickel core, then by the mantle and an upper mantle, and finally by the crust -- is based on human theory and conjecture. Nobody has ever seen any of this. We accept by blind faith what the scientists tell us, based on their limited means to deduce such things. Basically, we told that it looks something like the image below. Please note that it is obviously not drawn to scale.

[image goes here]

Now, according to the mining-technology.com website, six of the ten deepest mines in the world are located in the nation of South Africa. The other four are located in Canada and the

United States. Of these ten mines, the AngloGold Ashanti's Mponeng gold mine -- located southwest of Johannesburg, South Africa -- is currently the deepest of the ten. The operating depth at the Mponeng mine ranged from between 3.16 to 3.84 kilometers -- or 1.96 to 2.38 miles -- below the surface by the end of 2018. Current expansions are expected to extend the operating depth even further to 4.27 kilometers, or 2.65 miles. When it comes to actual drill sites, technology has performed a little better. The Sakhalin-I project -- which is a Russian oil and gas site on Russia's Sakhalin Island -- has drilled down to a depth of twelve kilometers, or about 7.45 miles.

The Kola Superdeep Borehole SG-3 -- which is another Russian drilling project, albeit a scientific one -- began to drill a 9-inch diameter borehole in May of 1970. In 1989 it reached a depth of 12,262 meters, or 7.619 miles. Due to higher than expected temperatures -- 180°C or 356°F -- drilling deeper was deemed unfeasible. Thus, the project was stopped, and the site was closed in 1995. To this day, SG-3 still remains the deepest artificial point on Earth in terms of true vertical depth. But in terms of measured depth along the well bore, it was surpassed in 2008 by the 12,289-meter-long -- 40,318 feet -- Al Shaheen oil well in Qatar, and then again in 2011 by the 12,345-meter-long -- 40,502 feet -- Sakhalin-I Odoptu OP-11 well, which is also offshore from Sakhalin Island. The latter is a depth of 7.67 miles.

Now think about it. Here in the 21st century, with the very latest technology, science has only been able to pierce the Earth's surface to a depth of less than eight miles. To put things into perspective for you, it is estimated that the distance to the center of the Earth is some 6,371 kilometers or about 3,958 miles. The crust is said to be 35 kilometers thick, or not quite 22 miles thick. Below that, the mantle is estimated to be about 2,855 kilometers in thickness, or about 1,774 miles thick. Now do you understand? By comparison, a borehole not even eight miles deep is like a needle prick at best. Now, if we take into consideration the Moon and other Solar System bodies, wow, we are like kids playing in a sand box. Despite the many millions of dollars which governments have invested in these extraterrestrial projects, our most technologically advanced "toys" have barely penetrated the surfaces of other bodies by a few inches.

Yes, I realize that we also possess such things as particle accelerators, ground-penetrating radars, high-intensity

lasers, seismographs, X-rays, and probably an assortment of other inventions of which I am not even aware. But even with those kinds of technologies, our actual ability to penetrate the Earth and physically see what exists at its lower depths remain so limited. For example, a GPR -- Ground-Penetrating Radar -- with a low frequency antenna can obtain subsurface reflections from depths of about 25 to 100 feet, or possibly more in low conductivity rock and soil. However, the images they produce are low resolution. Going there physically -- as occurs in science fiction movies such as "The Core" -- is obviously very impossible. If a drill bit can only go so far before the heat makes it impossible to proceed any further, how much less could human beings venture to such a hellish place? Hardly.

Please don't misinterpret my words. I am not mocking anyone, or making fun of human endeavors. I actually am fascinated by such things. After all, I am curious, and I want to know just like everyone else. I have enjoyed science since I was a kid. Well, except for the part where God's Word is mocked and discredited, of course. I am merely trying to point out how little we really know -- beginning with the interior of our own planet, and how much we rely upon human speculation and conjecture. In other words, theories. As I have stated on previous occasions, whether some scientists will admit it or not, science is a type of religion, and it does require faith to believe in it. So, until you travel to the Earth's core and bring back some photographs, I will take everything you say with a grain of salt, Mr. Scientist. Thank you. Yes, I am intentionally being a bit silly -- or sarcastic -- here.

Returning to the subject of subsurface dwellers, if Hollow Earth and New Age beliefs regarding so-called superior beings ascending from a subterranean world don't bother you, allow me to inform you that they most definitely should alarm you. As a Bible-believing Christian, as far as I know, there is only one kind of being who ascends out of the depths of the Earth. This terrible being -- and his hellish horde -- are most certainly not benign. He, and those who accompany him, are clearly NOT our saviors, as the following verses clearly reveal, so take heed:

"And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon."

Revelation 9:11, KJV

"The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

Revelation 17:8, KJV

So contrary to what is erroneously taught by New Age thought gurus, Hollow Earth theorists and misguided eastern mystics, this "king" -- and those who follow him -- are certainly NOT our friends! He is NOT our master. Neither do they come in order to restore peace to the world. Furthermore, based on the English translation of two of the words which are found in those previous verses, this "king" is the destroyer of the world! Why? Because "Abaddon" and "Apollyon" in fact mean "destruction" and "destroyer" in the original Hebrew and Koine Greek languages. That's why. So the idea of these so-called Arianni from Agharta being peaceful, and wanting to save us, is totally bogus. It is a deception.

As far as we Christians are concerned, Jesus Christ is our only Master. He is not our High Lama like in Shangri-La, but He is most certainly our only High Priest, Lord and Savior. It is Jesus alone who brings true peace; as He promised us in John chapter fourteen. After all, He is the Prince of Peace. Consider the following group of verses:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27, KJV

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33, KJV

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"

Romans 5:1, KJV

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;"

Ephesians 2:13-14, KJV

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7, KJV

"For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven."

Colossians 1:19-20, KJV

As I mentioned earlier in this series, a number of years ago, I was interested in obtaining a Scriptural answer concerning what truly lies within the Earth. The result of my research is my very in-depth series entitled "Hell, the Lake of Fire and Universalism". As I have just pointed out, while I indeed believe that the inside of the Earth is populated, it is not with a benign race of technologically-advanced humans who use flying disks -- or "Flugelrads" -- as their primary means of transportation. Rather, it is populated with evil beings of a very different nature.

To reiterate, there is no benign "Master", as is claimed by the purported excerpts from the diary of Admiral Richard E. Byrd. Neither is there a Shangri-La-type High Lama who waits to redeem the world when it falls. That being the case, my advice to you is this: Rather than foolishly believe in such vain imaginations of so-called New Age science, I encourage you to read the aforementioned series so that you can obtain a very clear understanding regarding exactly what the Bible tells us dwells in the bowels of the Earth. To continue to believe these silly theories which are put forth by vain and deceptive men who preach Buddhist peace but without offering true Salvation, is to accept the lies of what the Apostle Paul refers to as science -- or knowledge -- falsely so called. Consider the following verse:

"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:"

1 Timothy 6:20, KJV

Please note that in the previous verse, the word "science" is actually referring to false knowledge. It is derived from the Koine Greek word "gnosis", which is pronounced gno'-sis. It is from this ancient Greek word that we derive English

words such as "gnostic" and "gnosticism". Gnosticism is a false belief system which asserts that Salvation is derived through the obtainment of spiritual knowledge, rather than through faith in Jesus Christ. In a sense, secular humanism and New Age thought teach the very same thing; because they too emphasize that man's Salvation comes not through God and the Sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ, but rather through the work of his own hands.

Sadly, by increasing what he deems as spiritual knowledge and awareness, and by improving his science, man believes that he can be his own savior. The grave danger which exists here is that the spiritual knowledge that is currently being espoused by New Age thought advocates is false knowledge. It is really nothing but utter lies! Just because a person claims to be spiritual does NOT mean that they believe in Jesus Christ, or that they are saved. Such people may view themselves as being spiritual, but they are connected to the WRONG spirit. It is NOT the Holy Spirit of God.

It is my hope that by this time, after having carefully read everything that I have stated in this series, it has become clear to you that this entire story regarding Admiral Byrd and the Hollow Earth Theory, is nothing more than a terrible demonic deception. Furthermore, it is one of the worst kind, because those people who have been caught up in it, cannot even begin to realize the depth of the deception, much less the extreme spiritual danger that these things represent. As I've warned before, so much of New Age thought incorporates elements from both Hinduism and Buddhism -- such as yoga and meditation -- which can leave you vulnerable to spiritual attack. When you practice these things, let your mind go, and open yourself up in that way, you just never know what might come in to fill the spiritual vacuum you have created in your life. So beware!

Equally troubling is the fact that many people who consider themselves to be Christians -- including certain prominent Christian leaders -- have been taken in by this demonic lie. The way in which Satan has accomplished this is really quite remarkable. It is a plan which he and his human cohorts have been working on for a very long time. Allow me to explain.

It was one year after Admiral Richard E. Byrd is said to have entered the previous notes into his personal diary -- that is, in 1947 -- that a certain global ecclesiastical organization came into being. This organization is the WCC,

or World Council of Churches. Oddly enough, as I briefly mentioned in part five, it was also in 1947 that the UFO phenomenon took off on a flying start with events such as the Kenneth Arnold UFO sighting and the well-known Roswell UFO incident.

In order for you to understand this, it is important that you remember that it was in the previous decade that James Hilton wrote "Lost Horizon"; which only four years later was released as a movie. Now let me ask you something. What was one of the primary themes of the movie? The answer is simply peaceful coexistence through moderation. Exactly how was it achieved in the movie? As I mentioned before, the philosophy of Shangri-La was a combination of Christian and Buddhist beliefs. In other words, it was a form of ecumenism.

Now here's the thing. Ecumenism is likewise the goal of the the World Council of Churches. It is to unite both Eastern and Western churches in a common cause for Christ. Clearly, there is nothing wrong with that. Right? However, there is more to this story. The Roman Catholic Church isn't a member of the World Council of Churches. However, the RCC does send observers to WCC meetings. The fact of the matter is that the Roman Catholic Church has been promoting its own brand of ecumenism for many years too. Their brand of ecumenism seems more oriented towards creating a unified One World Religion -- that is, of all religions -- and not merely increasing unity amongst Bible-believing Christians, as the World Council of Churches strives to do.

In other words, the Roman Catholic brand of ecumenism isn't just about teaching people to respect different religious beliefs. Rather, it may possibly be about eventually taking the best elements of each religion, and then uniting those elements into one "Super Religion" which will be acceptable to everyone. I can't help but remember that this is more or less how the Roman Catholic Church began during the fourth century. If you've read my series called "Pontifex Maximus: Pagan High Priest to Roman Catholic Pope" and some of my other related articles, then you will already know what I am talking about.

You may recall that in part four, we discovered that Hilton used Tibetan material from the British Museum, particularly the travelogue of two French priests, Evariste Regis Huc and Joseph Gabet, to provide the Tibetan cultural and Buddhist spiritual inspiration for Shangri-La. While Hilton probably

did not intend for it to happen, it appears that his work has been used to slowly brainwash people for decades now, so that they will accept what is coming ahead. Will it be a One World Religion with a New Age flavor added to it? Time will tell.

In a word, the spirit of Shangri-La does have an ecumenical side to it. It is the dream of a utopian society partially brought about through what is currently being propagandized as religious tolerance, and religious unity. This is quite evident by gatherings of both Christian and non-Christian religious leaders. No doubt you have seen images of the RCC Pope hobnobbing with leaders of non-Christians faiths. This has included Muslims, Jews and Buddhists. However, what is interesting is that he has refused to meet with the Dalai Lama.

This has not been due to the two religious leaders not liking each other. To the contrary, news reports indicate that they have a high regard for each other. However, for years now, the Vatican has been engaged in the rather delicate situation of working with the Chinese government to try to improve the situation for the nine million Catholics in China. Half of Chinese Catholics belong to the CPCA -- or Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association -- which is the government-sanctioned branch of Catholicism in China, while the other half belong to underground churches which are loyal to the Pope. Because the Chinese government views the Dalai Lama as a separatist, the Vatican has avoided any meetings between the Pope and the Dalai Lama.

But the point is, in whatever form it may take, ecumenism is weakening the very foundation of our Christian heritage. Just like the New Age thought advocates who view Jesus as Sananda -- that is, as just one of many "Ascended Masters" -- these misguided Christian shepherds who hobnob with non-Christian religions for the sake of unity, are helping to slowly strip Jesus of His divinity and unique status as the only begotten Son of God, and the one true Savior of the world. Exactly how far are they willing to compromise in order to achieve unity and peace amongst the world's religions?

So this may be where all of these things are headed. As I state in other articles, such as "The International Jew and the Protocols of Zion", the controllers of this world have an agenda, and they are using every means at their disposal, whether it is through books, public education, the music and film industries, news media, television, or the Internet, to

slowly brainwash people, so they will accept the deceptive system which may soon be forced upon them. You need to see that in order to achieve their goals, the controllers must first destroy Christianity; because our faith represents an obstacle in their path to world domination.

Now, they may not necessarily destroy it completely, but they will pollute and weaken it to such a degree, that it will no longer be anything like the Christianity that was practiced by the First Century Church. As we have seen, that is exactly what New Age thought does with its strange and twisted ideas. They throw in aliens and UFOs, mysticism, Buddhist and Hindu beliefs, channeling, Ascended Masters, underground societies, astral projection, and other nonsense. And, yes, the Hollow Earth Theory as well. As I said earlier, it is a hodgepodge of confusing deception.

You need to be aware of the fact that the time may come when we Christians will be hated by many due to our unwillingness to forsake our faith. Even now, there already exists a strong tide of resistance against us due to our opposition to issues such as abortion, same-sex "marriage", etc. While others may compromise their faith and bow to political correctness, what will you do? Only those Christians who are grounded in God's Word will have the faith and the spiritual stamina to stand up against the opposition. I hope that you are one of them.

With these thoughts I will bring this series to a close. I trust that you have enjoyed it, learned something from it, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with any other social network, I would really appreciate if you would take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thank you so very much! May God bless you abundantly!

For additional information, you may want to refer to the list of reading resources below which were also mentioned in this series, or which contain other alien and UFO, and New Age topics, which may be of interest to you. All of these articles are likewise located on the Bill's Bible Basics website.

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