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ENGLISH SUMMARY

UFO-OBSERVATION (pp. 34–47)

This issue contains a large number of very different sighting reports. The case of a giant object in space – photographed on 17 February 2015 from Groß Ammensleben, is again highlighted. It should be stressed that the reporter of this Good UFO is an amateur astronomer. On 10 July 2016, a group of UFO-enthusiasts filmed something with a drone over a crop field in Berne in Switzerland which they thought highly unusual, large in size and phenomenally rapid, but which in fact it is a thistle seed blown by the wind. On 17 October 2016, a woman took a photo in Seoul, Korea, on which she later found several bright spots. The photo was obviously taken through a closed window, and the spots could well be reflections of interior lights. On the evening of 27 November 2016, a man took a picture of the night sky over Stadtoldendorf with a 10 minute exposure. Later, he discovered two lines of light on it. By measuring distance, these lights were shown to be ca. 100 ft. apart. Several identities are discussed, among them NOSS satellites, but the best match is a Boeing 737-8AS with its winglet lights, one which was actually flying on the line the man photographed. The atmospheric phenomenon photographed by a man on 12 July 2016 at Bad Bentheim was definitely a solar light pillar. The green spot of light discovered after a photo had been taken of the setting sun on 11 December 2016 at Augsburg-Göggingen is a lens flare, and the blinking light observed and photographed out-of-focus on 30 December 2016 at Hildesheim-Moritzberg was shown to be the star Sirius.

DID A UFO CRASH IN ANCIENT EGYPT? (pp. 48–56)

Karl Kohlenberg, a German ancient astronaut author, claimed that Plutarch, in his *Of Isis and Osiris*, says that on an island on the Upper Nile, he was told the golden metal remains of a ship by which Osiris had crossed the night sky were still to be seen a generation before his visit. However, Kohlenberg's source, *Of Isis and Osiris*, contains no such claim. If it is to be found in the other works of Plutarch, Egyptians had gold-covered wooden ships of the gods in their temples, and there is hardly need to interpret such a ship as flying saucer.

BRIEF NOTES (pp. 56)

The Italian online magazine *Cielo Insolito* has published their issue 4, again with many fascinating articles, among them a piece on early reports from Hessdalen.

UFOs IN ANCIENT ROME? (pp. 57–61)

The author Jörg Dendl lists several reports from the ancient Latin literature, most of all a sky battle that took place between Todi and Amelia in Central Italy, in 104 BC. The phenomenon has been reported by three different sources, and the author thinks it likely it was a true UFO event.

REVIEWS (pp. 62–64)

No English language books are reviewed in this issue.