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## ENGLISH SUMMARY

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### **UFO OBSERVATIONS (pp. 162–163)**

A woman filled in an online reporting form stating that she had witnessed a golden ball looking like the moon, which closed in on her and her partner and vanished as if switched off, in 2017 at Schalksmühle. When the light flew over the cars of the witnesses, the automatic car locks unlatched by themselves. This is a classic CE II case, but it has to be classed as insufficient data as the witness did not answer GEP's contact attempts.

### **ADDITIONAL UFO SIGHTINGS (pp. 164–169)**

Of the many reports received by the GEP, here are some cases, often with accompanying photo or video. The strange form, snapped on 29 June 2018 at Laucha, certainly is a butterfly. Several sightings were due to stars and planets. The "bright light" in the sky, observed on 20 February 2018 at Greven, was the star Sirius, which was also seen on 19 March 2018 at Schwerte as "an immobile, blinking light". Another blob of very bright light, photographed on 12 February 2014 in Friedberg, definitely was the planet Venus. Two cases were, again, reflections of interior lamps in a window pane – see the images for 18 January 2018, Düren, and 15 March 2013, Genua in Italy. Another kind of reflection, those of the beams of a sky tracker on low clouds, was filmed by a witness on 3 March 20217 at Hamburg ("four or five discs of light moving synchronically over the night sky"). The two orange coloured lights a witness filmed on 20 July 2018 over Herrenalb look very much like Chinese sky lanterns, and the disc a woman observed and photographed on 11 March 2018 at Bodenmais cannot have been visible at the time – it clearly is an internal lens refraction.

### **THE OLDEST PHOTOS OF A UFO (pp. 170–174)**

The author briefly outlines the history behind the photographs taken by Jose A. y Bonilla, of the Zacatecas Observatory in Mexico, on 12 August 1883; then gives a translation of the original scientific paper on the case; finally, he lists the explanations that have been offered so far – high flying birds or seeds, meteors, a comet breaking up, a UFO.

### **71 YEARS OF UFO-RESEARCH – AND EXPECTATIONS UNFULFILLED (pp. 175–180)**

Why has no progress been made in 71 years of UFO research? While some suggest this is due to the fact that there is no UFO to be researched, just a social phenomenon, the author thinks otherwise. He says so far people have either waited for a UFO to openly land, or for the military to reveal UFO truth. In contrast, he says, we need to investigate and evaluate the unexplained reports, and then can make progress.

### **FOUR SIGHTINGS – AND A (UNCONVENTIONAL) SOLUTION? (pp. 182–187)**

The author lists four UFO cases – the 13 March 1997 Phoenix lights, the 25 August 1951 Lubbock lights, a GEP case from 24 February 2014, and Kenneth Arnold's sighting from 1947, and says we can certainly explain them all as Horton HO-229 test flights. More on these cases will be found in his forthcoming book "Freemasons in Outer Space".

### **BOOK REVIEWS (pp. 188–192)**

**Ron Miller: *Aliens: Past, Present, Future*:** An all-encompassing book on the search for alien intelligence, be it SETI, UFO research or ideas on alien life in far-away lands in the Middle Ages. The book is highly illustrated, and well worth a read.

### **BRIEF NOTES (pp. 192)**

**NASA Scientists Demand UFO Research:** Silvano P Colombano, a NASA scientist, has written a paper on *New Assumption To Guide SETI Research* in which he states that UFO research should be a part of scientific SETI work.