

### **UFO OBSERVATION (pp. 2–4)**

On 17 October 2021, the witness took a video over Hoisdorf which show three diffuse and concentric rings of light on the clouds. The phenomenon lasted well over two hours. A call for additional witnesses resulted not only in a better photo by a different witness, but also in a call by the manager of a disco who explained they had used a sky beamer at exactly the same time and location of the mysterious sky circles.

### **RECENT CASES – AN OVERVIEW (pp. 4–5)**

On 12 November 2021, a car driver observed and filmed a large black and triangular UFO flying noiselessly over his position, at a distance of less than 60 m (200 ft.), near Kausen. The object was as large as a lorry. However, the images on the video, as well as the location in time and space, showed that the UFO was a Boeing 747 approaching Cologne-Bonn-Airport.

### **BOB LAZAR – INSIDER OR CLEVER BUSINESS MAN? (pp. 6–18)**

Bob Lazar had his fame in the 1990s and has recently resurfaced in the UFO documentaries of the streaming agencies. In this analysis, the GEP points out that the many distortions and false claims made by Lazar about his CV as well as the many evident mistakes in his physics claims. In consequence, he is regarded as a fraud by the group.

### **THE SEARCH FOR EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE UFO PHENOMENON – PART 1 (p. 19–24)**

What can philosophy say about extra-terrestrial life? In the first part of a two-part paper, the author first outlines the thinking of several philosophers on the topic. The Roman Lucretius, as a materialist, believed that the world consists of atoms and is the same everywhere in the universe; therefore, other planets are inhabited too. Kant, as a proponent of the Enlightenment, believed in multiple inhabited worlds, too (which consisted of the planets of the solar system) with the more intellectual in a greater distance from the sun.

### **AIRSHIPS IN GERMANY – THE YEARS 1896 AND 1897 (pp. 24–26)**

Did the American wave of airship sightings in 1896 and 1897 register in German newspapers? And were there German reports of airships at the same time? The author has identified two clips on airship sightings in the USA, one from the beginning and one from the tail end of the wave, and has located a report on a crash of a mystery manned balloon at the German North Sea coast which is strange insofar as every manned balloon started at this time was generally accounted for in the newspapers. However, a purely conventional explanation for the crash is far more likely than an exotic one.

### **LETTERS (p. 27)**

The question is raised whether an observation that can be explained as conventional at 99 per cent, and is only strange in 1 per cent, should really be classed as “problematic UFO.”

### **BOOK REVIEWS (pp. 28–32)**

Jacques F. Vallée and Paola Leopizzi Harris: *Trinity: The Best-Kept Secret*. The long awaited new book by Vallee deals with a case which is only remembered by witnesses who were kids at the time, the evidence they show is unconvincing, and the whole tale often not very logical. While those sections where Vallee proves his great knowledge of the phenomenon are very interesting, the alleged crash is rather disappointing.