

Book Review

Pilgrims and Strangers on the Earth

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Pilgrims and Strangers on the Earth provides new evidence that indicates:

- The original race of man was brought here from other planets by a race of extraterrestrial humans.
- Two hundred "Watchers" or "sons of heaven" were left to observe the genesis of mankind.
- The "Watchers" interfered with and corrupted the first creation and became the "fallen angels".
- The second generation, started after the flood, was also corrupted by "sons of heaven" or angels and ruled by one who became known as "The Lord".
- The Lord of the Bible was an advanced extraterrestrial human being and not the creator, God.
- The Bible is a chronicle of the interactions between the people of earth and the "Sons of Heaven".

This interesting book considers our history from a new perspective, and brings light to areas rife with misunderstanding. Its publication in 1994 may have been premature. With the advent of the new millennium, I am confident that our collective consciousness has evolved sufficiently to grasp the scenario presented. I am proud to contribute awareness of this book to the Center for Frontier Sciences, whose members welcome innovation. Those of us who understand the implications of this review will be moved to read *Pilgrims and Strangers on the Earth* realizing its inherent rewards. Those who are experts in their fields will undertake their own research and draw their own appropriate conclusions.

Throughout the centuries, there have been numerous pictographs, oral histories, representations, and accounts of UFOs, extraterrestrial contacts, flying beings, objects falling from the sky, as well as other phenomena impossible to explain. I was privileged to view incredible paintings of untypical scenes under the Forum Romano during my junior year at Temple, in Rome. The scenes were so strange and otherworldly as to defy rational explanation. This artwork was off limits to the general public. Apparently, the logic was that if exhibition resulted in public inquiry, how could these pictures be explained? Obviously, restricted access was deemed preferable to inevitable, unanswerable controversy. *Pilgrims and*

Strangers on the Earth is in the same category as those paintings and phenomena, at odds with conventional beliefs.

Several thoughts occurred to me while reflecting on Carten's theories—ramifications both varied and profound. I wondered: "Why hadn't anyone else made these connections? ... So that would explain why and how. ... So that's what they meant when they said. ... In order to solve an unknown equation, many factors and theories would have to be inserted, tried, and discarded before a "key" solution was found." The correct "key" to this equation would unlock a logical answer. Jim Carten brings a new "key" to traditional history and wisdom with *Pilgrims and Strangers on the Earth*, as well as innovative ideas for reexamining one's core beliefs.

To best grapple with these concepts, a brief review of science and our history is advantageous. It has been said that "science is the only discipline that is judged by its own model." At present, a major mission statement of science is to "explain everything." For science to succeed in its mission, it is often expedient to minimize the value of discordant data, or to disregard its existence altogether. For this reason, information has been consistently minimized, disregarded, and/or hidden from public awareness in the area of UFO discoveries and research. Carten's theories bring relevance to this subject.

Scientific theories are based on the fact that the Earth must be a "closed system;" all of its components must be more or less constant. It can make no allowances for any deliberate or intelligent outside forces acting upon or through us. Although we acknowledge the great age of our planet and solar system, we refuse to consider the possibility that past civilizations could have possessed greater "powers" than our own. This mindset prohibits, a priori, the scenario of the Earth as an interstellar experiment (or one of many), breeding ground, or tourist trap.

Pilgrims and Strangers on the Earth presents compelling arguments for conventionally unacceptable ideas about the Old and New Testaments, and challenges the conventional perspective from which we interpret these texts. Carten's format, however, resembles that of a meticulously documented legal brief. For example, a simple, plausible and intelligent case is made that our ancestors were capable of unassisted flight. This simple concept offends the sensibilities of those whose beliefs will not allow reexamination. It is in direct contradiction with the common assumption that flight began with DaVinci-Wright Brothers inventions; unassisted flight is still not a reality. ALL scientific preconceptions must be suspended or modified in order to accept Carten's new and exciting framework.

This same interpretation is applied to our sacred canons and writings. This book views them through a 3D lens. Carten offers a logical interpretation of our scriptures, rather than viewing them as merely a parable. Clarity and expediency are enhanced by the important discrimination made between supernatural and supernormal.

Supernatural is a force that we do not understand. Supernormal is an object that we do not yet understand. Language constraints result in confusing, contradictory descriptions within an accepted familiar frame of reference, such as cloud, star, or mist. Depending on the time of day, noise, movement, or context, coupled with differences in perception and perspective accounts could differ widely and still be accurate.

In this book Carten does the following:

1. Shows that Egyptian divine symbols bear a striking resemblance to UFOs.
2. Overlays his "key" on ancient text and scriptures, and it fits perfectly.
3. Shows that varied scriptures from many traditions shift in meaning and relevance.
4. Explains why, at present, many of us may make this shift in thinking.
5. Explains the nuances between supernormal, supernatural, and superior.

Despite massive anecdotal evidence of anomalies such as the Pyramids, the Anasazi ruins, the Plains of Nazca, and Stonehenge, our present worldview makes no provision for the existence of knowledge or wisdom more advanced than our own. In this worldview limited by science there is no contingency for civilizations to have visited, created, or influenced colonies, and then departed. "Slaves must have built the Pyramids," but where were the quarries, the scrap heaps, the imperfect blocks? Why were their long adobe roads marked with large structures linking 40,000 square miles for a civilization with no use of the wheel? From what bird's eye vantage point did the creators of the Plains of Nazca plan their designs? How were the monuments at Stonehenge crafted, transported, erected and sited to perfectly frame the first rays of the Vernal

Equinox? The explanations offered to evade the obvious seem ludicrous.

If we could loosen the bonds of "scientific theory," Carten's reality might be easier to accept than these untenable explanations. Since science can only prove itself by its own model, one must suspend this model to appreciate other possibilities. The only flight now known is accomplished by atmospheric lift and air friction, in only three dimensions, such as planes, helicopters, rockets, balloons, etc. Our scientific egos revolt at even the suggestion of any unassisted antigravity flight as part of the equation. Mankind has always spoken of and depicted beings "from the sky." What if "science fiction" was based on actual events? What if even a few of these innumerable accounts of inexplicable phenomena are, in fact, true? Or even just ONE? Could there be an ongoing "scientific and/or religious disinformation" campaign?

This book, read by one with an open mind and heart, may mandate a rereading and reinterpretation of the scriptures and add layers of meaning to ancient texts. Carten's concepts supply the missing pieces of our collective puzzle. His "key to the equation" presents credible explanations for vast gaps in our knowledge. *Pilgrims and Strangers on the Earth* helps to explain some of the prophesied events that are currently manifesting. Reflective reading can bring a radically different perspective to our world, history and lives. If those of "scientific mind" can suspend their beliefs long enough to consider these ideas, intellectual curiosity may surface. *Pilgrims and Strangers on the Earth* is required reading for those in search of an innovative, relevant, and practical new worldview. ■