

Universe People

Universe People or **Cosmic People of Light Powers** (*Czech*: *Vesmírní lidé sil světla*) is a *Czech* and *Slovak* *UFO religion* founded in the 1990s and centered on Ivo A. Benda.^[1] Their belief system is based upon the existence of *extraterrestrial* civilizations communicating with Benda and other *contactees* since October 1997 *telepathically* and later even by direct personal contact. They are considered to be the most distinctive *UFO religion* in the Czech Republic.^[2]

Following the mass suicide of the members of the cult *Heaven's Gate* in 1997, the Universe People attracted the attention of Czech media as a group with similar ideology and potential to commit similar acts.^[3] The probability of this development has diminished in later years (2004). On several occasions, the group also managed to appear in the Czech and Slovak mass media.

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History

Ivo A. Benda began his public activities in the middle of the 1990s. He has organized more than 180 lectures, visited by more than 12,000 people (according to his own words). In 1997 he published the book *Rozhovory s poučením od mých přátel z vesmíru* (*Interviews With Instructions From My Friends From the Universe*).^[4] At the beginning of the 2000s he managed to penetrate the mass media, he appeared in the *Nova TV* and in the *Czech Television* (Czech state broadcasting channel). Some of the visitors of his public lectures considered his speeches as a perfect mystification or joke, however, psychiatrists labelled his performances as a bizarre psychotic *delusion*.^[4] From 1998 to 2000, the ideology of the Universe People was close to *sectarianism*, with a central idea of coming cosmic catastrophe and evacuation of people to another planet. However, their later efforts moved to defence against the attacks of negative extraterrestrial beings, called *saurians* or *lizard people* (in *Czech*: *ještůrci*).^[5]

In the second half of the 2000s, Ivo Benda and his group became more publicly known also in *Slovakia*. In 2007, the Slovak private television channel *TV JOJ* reported that the Universe People sent instructions on how to defend against attacks of evil extraterrestrial entities to the Slovak *Ministry of Defense*. The envelopes also contained suspicious material, which alarmed the Slovak Military Police and security services. One of the buildings of the Ministry was evacuated. These envelopes contained instructional CDs



A sympathizer of the *Universe People* in Prague, Letná, May 2002.

and promotional materials of the group. Ivo Benda stated on TV: "If you were attacked by a lizard man from an outer world, the Ministry of Defense should defend the people, shouldn't it? Or do you consider those lizard people as friends?" The suspicion of a security threat was unproven.^[6]

Ideology

According to Benda, extraterrestrial civilizations operate a fleet of spaceships, led by Ashtar Galactic Command, orbiting the Earth.^{[7][8]} They closely watch and help the good and are waiting to transport their followers into another dimension. The Universe People's teachings incorporate various elements from ufology (some foreign contactees are credited, though often also renounced after a time as misguided or deceptive), Christianity (Jesus was a "fine-vibrations" being) and conspiracy theories (forces of evil are supposed to plan compulsory chipping of the population).^[9]

Benda based his philosophy on information from many independent books, including *Angels In Starships* (Giorgio Dibitonto), *Inside The Spaceships* (George Adamski), *Bringers Of The Dawn* (Barbara Marciniak) and others. He also adopted parts of Swiss citizen Billy Meier's philosophy. However, Benda's philosophy is in some points in conflict with Meier's and Meier has declined any contacts with Benda and does not recognize his movement.

Members of the movement distrust modern technologies and control mechanisms of the society. They consider mass media to be a tool of oppression and manipulation. Despite this, Benda often seeks contact with journalists to tell his ideas to the public. They often have problems with copyright infringement, because Benda has declared that the only copyright owners are the Universe creatures, who do not consider it important. The movement also wants to abolish money.^[2]

Opponents and cultural impact

Opponents consider Benda and some more active of his followers to be mentally ill and the Universe People to be a potentially dangerous cult.^[4] According to Zdeněk Vojtíšek (from the anticult^[2] *Society for Studying of Sects and New Religious Movements*), the movement represents a possible danger because of its religious background and similar features with Christianity.^[10]

In 2000, Benda announced the organization of the *1st World Symposium of Love*, held at the Prague Castle under the auspices of the President Václav Havel. Havel's office denied his claims.^[11] Benda later stated that three months before the Symposium Havel had said that he would attend, but later changed his mind.^[12]

The group's enthusiastic propaganda on the Internet (a large website in garish colours) including spam, the nature of their recorded "messages" as well as attempts to comment on every aspect of life and appropriate any popular notion (life in *The Matrix*, for example) has built it an Internet cult following who make fun of it and even visit Benda's frequent rambling public lectures.

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Ashtar (extraterrestrial being)

Ashtar (sometimes called **Ashtar Sheran**) is the name given to an extraterrestrial being or group of beings which a number of people claim to have channeled. UFO contactee George Van Tassel was likely the first to claim to receive an Ashtar message, in 1952.^{[1][2][3][4]} Since then many different claims about Ashtar have appeared in different contexts. The Ashtar movement is studied by academics as a prominent form of UFO religion.

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Van Tassel

Denzler observes that "in the long run, probably the most important person for the propagation and perpetuation of the contactee movement was George Van Tassel".^[5] In 1947 Van Tassel moved to Giant Rock, near Landers in the Mojave Desert, California, where he established a large UFO Center. This became the most successful and well-known UFO meeting center of the time.^{[6][7][8]}

As one of the founding "fathers" of the modern religious ufologies,^[9] Van Tassel also created arguably the most prominent UFO group established in the US in the late 1940s and early 1950s, although not as influential or well-known today. This was the "Ministry of Universal Wisdom" begun in 1953, which evolved out of two previous groups he had organized at Giant Rock in the late 1940s. The organization investigated and encouraged the healing arts, but its prime focus was to collect and analyse UFO phenomena and interview 'contactees'. Due to radio and television interest, Van Tassel became the most well-known promoter of contactee experiences and somewhat of a celebrity in the 1950s.^[10]

In 1952 Van Tassel himself claimed to receive messages via telepathic communication from an extraterrestrial and interdimensional being named "Ashtar".^{[1][2][3][5]} This source became the "first metaphysical superstar of the flying saucer age".^[3] Van Tassel also interpreted the Christian Bible in terms of extraterrestrial intervention in the evolution of the human race, and claimed that Jesus was a being from space. The Ministry of Universal Wisdom taught that all humans have the power to tap into the "Universal Mind of God", which facilitates evolutionary progress such as that exemplified by Jesus and Ashtar. Van

Tassel also claimed that by accessing the Universal Mind he could receive messages not only from Ashtar but from humans who had died, such as Nikola Tesla. From Tesla he claimed to receive instructions to build the "Integratron" machine, which could extend lifespan and access knowledge from the past and future.^{[11][12]}

Although his purported method of communication with extraterrestrial intelligences resembled what is commonly referred to as "channeling", Van Tassel claimed to have established a new form of telepathic communication with these 'sources', utilizing a method which included both natural human abilities and the use of an allegedly advanced form of alien technology, rather than the more traditionally religious, non-technological, spiritual medium based approach taken by many other early channelers of the era. Van Tassel maintained that the method he utilized was not a paranormal or metaphysical activity, but required being 'in resonance' with the messages being sent. It was an example of the application of an allegedly advanced extraterrestrial science, that anyone could implement with the proper training in meditation techniques.^{[1][2]}

Giant Rock Space Conventions

Van Tassel held weekly channeling sessions at Giant Rock at which people could "ask questions" and "channel answers" from extraterrestrials.^[1] According to Jerome Clark, these gatherings coalesced the scattered contactee subculture into a recognisable movement in January 1952.^[3] This led to the annual Giant Rock Spacecraft Convention organized by Van Tassel, which began in the spring of 1953 and continued for at least another 24 years. It marked Van Tassel's most important role in UFO history^{[1][7][8]} In 1959 up to 11,000 people attended these conventions and heard channeled messages claiming to come from space.^{[8][13]} Most of the well-known UFO contactees attended these conventions as speakers and channelers.^[14] Melton states that almost all of the 1950s contactees became involved in the two ecumenical structures founded by either Van Tassel or Gabriel Green.^[15] Most of the early messages Van Tassel claimed to have received from Ashtar were first presented to the public at these events.^[14]

Van Tassel's early purported messages from Ashtar contained a great deal of apocalyptic material, which focused on concerns regarding the development of the soon to be tested hydrogen bomb.^{[16][17]} It was claimed that on July 18, 1952, Ashtar entered the solar system as Commander in Chief of the Ashtar Galactic Command to warn humanity of the dangers of detonating the H-bomb, including the destruction of the planet.^{[13][17][18]} The messages stated the space command was determined that humans would not destroy the Earth through the wrong use of nuclear power and that the Command was helping the human race.^{[16][19]} Van Tassel also claimed that Ashtar had provided specific messages that he was expected to pass on to the U.S. federal government regarding the potential negative impacts of the proposed upcoming bomb tests.^{[17][20][21]} After the actual explosion of the H-bomb by the US and Russian governments, the channeling claimed that the space forces had assisted the planet to survive the bomb tests.^{[22][23]}

Ashtar Command

As the weekly channeling sessions at Giant Rock continued through the early 1950s, the concept of an "Ashtar Command" was appropriated for use by a number of prominent early contactees and channelers, based on the figure of Ashtar, originally promoted by Van Tassel.^[24] Robert Short (AKA Bill Rose), editor of the 1950s UFO magazine "Interplanetary News Digest", was a member of Van Tassel's group. He began to popularise the messages, but as Van Tassel did not agree that other Ashtar messages were authentic, Short broke away and began his own group called "Ashtar Command".^{[2][18][25]}

By the mid-1950s, the concept of Ashtar and a galactic law enforcement agency preparing an imminent rescue of humanity had become well-established, and included various well-known, esoteric channelers of the era. For instance, Elouise Moeller predicted that a space fleet would arrive in the near future; and Adelaide J Brown claimed that flourishing civilisations existed on the other planets in the solar system.^[26]

However, as time and scientific knowledge progressed, the public failure of these predictions had an enormous negative impact on the expansion of the Ashtar Command movement due to the lack of a central authority that could undertake damage control. Although Robert Short had spent a lot of time promoting the Ashtar message, he was neither the leader nor the only interpreter, as

by this time dozens of Ashtar channelers were presenting conflicting messages.^[27]

Derivation of the Ashtar movement

With the advent of UFO religions, "Ascended Masters" from the esoteric teachings have been described as reappearing in space suits. The space concept was not entirely new however, as the more arcane teachings of Theosophy contained references to extraterrestrial masters.^{[16][28][29][30]} The concept of the Ascended Master is particularly clear in the Ashtar teachings.^[31] The very word "ashtar" appears in Helena Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine* (1888).^[32] However, this reference is to the Sanskrit term ashtar-vidya, meaning the technology of advanced warfare of the type mentioned in the Mahabharata^[33]

According to Helland, the initial account of the Ashtar message as channeled through Van Tassel was not a spiritual message as such but "an early contact account between extraterrestrials and humankind." It focused on intervention in human scientific development, and came from a real technological space being on an urgent interstellar undertaking. However, throughout the 1950s and 1960s, as many individuals in the spiritualist movement began to claim contact with Ashtar, the space being began to play more of an Ascended Master role in the narratives.^[18]

Ashtar movement

The Ashtar Command evolved into a movement that had no central authority for several decades up until the mid 1990s, and has been described by Flaherty as "the common property of a diffuse New Age Spiritualist milieu." During this time the teachings claiming to be channeled from Ashtar varied immensely.^{[2][34]} Part of this movement metamorphosed into Guardian Action International and then Guardian Activation International.^[35] Guardian Action Publications was founded to disseminate the channeling, and published several books through the 1980s. In 1988, a newsletter "Ashtar's Golden Circle" was also issued.^[15]

Grunschloss, who refers to the Ashtar Command as a worldwide network of several loosely organised groups, describes much of the Ashtar channeling as akin to cargo cults, due to the blending of spiritual ascension with new alien technologies and ecologically harmless energies. Grunschloss maintains that most of the Ashtar millenarian concepts involve a transformation of human beings, via these technologies, who will then return to the planet Earth to enjoy a golden millennium.^[36] Later, with the failure of these prophecies, teachings were modified to include a less material and more spiritual emphasis.^[37]

Broadcasts

In 1971, a British radio talk show devoted to UFOs received a strange call-in claiming to originate from outer space, which some of the guests believed to be genuine.^[38] This turned out to be the prelude for the 1977 Southern Television broadcast interruption, when a voice calling itself "Vrillon" of the Ashtar Galactic Command temporarily took over a television transmitter in southern England.^[39]

Yvonne Cole

Yvonne Cole, who claimed to be channeling Ashtar messages from 1986, predicted the destruction of all Earth civilizations and the arrival on the planet of various alien cultures in 1994.^[40] Cole claimed that governments were working with extraterrestrials to prepare for contact.^[41] According to Cole, the landing would be broadcast through the global media and include a message from the Ashtar Command. Due to 'sensitization', most of humanity would accept the UFOs as part of humanity's continuing evolution, while Ashtar followers would be needed as advisors, ambassadors and peacekeepers between the alien races and humankind. This would lead to a radical transformation of the world as humanity was initiated into a higher level of existence. These prophecies furthered the continued fracturing and disappointment within the movement when they failed to occur.^{[13][40]} Despite these failures, during the 1980s a number of individuals began to claim contact with the Ashtar Command through channeling, and various small groups were formed to receive and disseminate the messages.^[42]

Developments after the mid-1990s

By the mid-1990s (and continuing up to the present) several of these channeling groups began to utilize the Internet in order to promulgate their beliefs and to attempt to unify the movement by establishing a single 'authoritative' source for all Ashtar messages. This led to more prominence in the religious scene and significant membership.^{[30][40][42]}

This cohesive response addressed the problem of conflicting, negative and failed prophecies which, after some effort, enabled the Ashtar Command to produce a single Ashtar world view.^[40] Individual channelers espousing messages which differed and continued to focus on themes such as the destruction of Earth, conspiracies, ET mass evacuations and general fear-mongering were declared invalid. It was claimed that these channelers had been deceived by negative space beings who had rebelled from the Ashtar Command, made alliances with similar others, and begun operating on the 'lower planes closest to Earth'.^{[43][44]}

Most significantly of all, the new, more unified movement declared that in future no new channels would be accepted unless they operated on the 'level of the soul'. As Helland points out, this was crucial to the formation of an orthodoxy. Channeled messages from Ashtar would be accepted as valid by the new orthodoxy if they complied with criteria consisting of a set of twelve guidelines which outlined what the movement stood for and how Ashtar would interact with society. This had never been attempted before in the 45 years of channeling Ashtar, who was also presented as a Divine figure similar to Jesus.^[45]

The new framework claimed that the millions of spaceships believed to be constantly in the vicinity of Earth would never interfere on the planet's surface unless there was a serious problem such as a third world war or an 'astrophysical catastrophe'. Helland observes that the emergent group was "noticeably more spiritually focussed and less concerned with extraterrestrial spaceships and visitors."^[46]

He states that very little distinguished the new Ashtar Command from other theosophically-influenced groups, except that in 1994 a distinctive component, the Pioneer Voyage, was incorporated into the Ashtar world view.^{[46][47]}

The Pioneer Voyage

In 1994, a small group of Ashtar Command members claimed that an extraordinary event had taken place: "the lift-off experience". They communicated via the Ashtar Network that they had been placed aboard the 'ships of Light' that were circling the planet. "The Galactic Fifth Fleet" had used 'physical vibrational transfer' which involved the human consciousness (or, sometimes, the 'etheric body') being raised from the physical dimension and transferred to the "Light ships".^[48]

A second event was predicted for December 1994 in which over 250 people participated and which was declared by the leadership to have "opened a portal to the AC (Ashtar Command) ships for ever." It was claimed that in order to participate, a person's vibrations were raised through an eight step contemplative procedure; and that the Pioneer Voyage would occur during the period of a devotee's meditative state and would later be revealed to the individual in some form of conscious recall. This eventually evoked 'memory recall' from a core group of Ashtar Command members meeting in Australia who began providing accounts of their 'time aboard the ships'. Others followed suit. The time on the ships was claimed to be extensive even though the member's meditation period was short.^[49]

Helland notes that, despite an increase in complexity, the general themes have remained in accordance with the Australian reports. The claim is that the events are occurring on a spiritual or etheric dimension and not a physical one.^[50] The group claims that the purpose of the Lift-off is for the ascension of the human race as a whole, to which individual ascension is a precursor and an aid. It also claims that the collective ascension is being aided by large electronic grids deployed around the planet by the guardian ships.^[51]

Credibility

Helland points out the failure of the July 1952 prediction channeled through Van Tassel that life on Earth will be destroyed “when they explode the hydrogen atom” because in November 1952 the first H-bomb was detonated with no such effect.^[52] However, the same message also stated that Ashtar was intervening to stop the destruction of the planet.^{[20][21][53]} After the explosion, ensuing messages claimed that various actions were taken by the space fleet to repair damage.^{[4][54]}

After the introduction of Ashtar by Van Tassel, other mediums began to claim contact. The most widely publicised of these messages were met with failure when they predicted civilisations flourishing on the other planets and an imminent landing of space ships on Earth.^[55] At one point, according to Helland, dozens of people were claiming contact with Ashtar and presenting conflicting messages.^{[27][56]}

Helland notes that the Ashtar belief system is based on faith in an extraterrestrial celebrity, the concept of which has fared better than the individual messages. The main shifts in content seem due to failed prophecy, which has moved the emphasis from a physical space fleet averting doom, to the more theosophical concept of an Ascended Master aiding spiritual advancement.^{[57][58]} He maintains that the Ashtar beliefs are best seen as a syncretism between the I AM movements and the UFO experience,^{[35][51]} a belief system which regards UFO experiences and sightings as the natural progression of the spiritual development of humanity.^[51]

See also

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- [Ashtar Command \(band\)](#)
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The Ashtar Command

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One of the most interesting and intriguing extraterrestrial groups of them all is that of Commander Ashtar and the Ashtar Command. Commander Ashtar is the man who is in charge of the Airborne Division of the Great White Brotherhood, or Brotherhood of Light. Commander Ashtar and His vast extraterrestrial army of workers of over twenty million, work closely and in conjunction with the Ascended Masters. Besides the twenty million personnel under His command in our solar system, of which He is in charge, there are another four million members and workers on the physical plane. Commander Ashtar, Himself, is a great and noble being approximately seven feet in height with blue eyes. His body type is that of the Adam Kadmon which means it is similar to ours of Earth. He evolved from the planet Ashtar, and the planet Venus, in His development as a soul. He has never had an embodiment on planet Earth. Although Commander Ashtar is in charge of the space fleet in our solar system, He is not restricted to this sector of space in terms of His service. He represents our solar system in the council meetings of our galaxy, and universes throughout the greater omniverse.

One of the important things to understand about Commander Ashtar and His army of workers, and fleet of extraterrestrial aircraft, is that they are etheric in nature. They do not have physical bodies like we do, however they are able to manifest physical bodies, and manifest their aircraft onto the physical plane anytime they want. A person seeing them would not think of them any differently than you or I.

Most of the life on the other planets in our solar system is etheric in nature. Sometimes for this reason these beings have been called etherians. They would not be considered disincarnate beings for they do have bodies. They are in a state of evolution just as we are, and their life on their plane is not that much different than ours, except that they have transcended much of the lower self and astral desire that the people of Earth struggle with so frequently.

Commander Ashtar also works closely with the Angelic Kingdom, most specifically with Archangel Michael. Commander Ashtar is an extremely loving and gentle man but stern and adamant in His mission to serve, educate and protect humankind throughout the solar system.

Commander Ashtar and His crew do not wish to be seen as Gods, but rather as comrades and equals with us on paths of ascension and beyond. Two of his main missions are to spiritually educate mankind to their true mission for being here, and secondly to defend and protect the Earth and the solar system from hostile and selfish extraterrestrial groups. People have no idea of the gratitude that is entitled to Him and His tireless crew and workers.

Ashtar's First Contact

Commander Ashtar's first open contact with planet Earth came in the 1950's through a man by the name of George Van Tassel. On July 18, 1952, George was given a telepathic message from a space intelligence by the name of Portla, that their chief was about to enter this solar system for the first time. Then followed the first message from Commander Ashtar. I would like to share with you some fragments of this first message. "Hail to you, beings of Shan (Earth). I greet you in love and peace. My identity is Ashtar, Commandant Quadra Sector, Patrol Station Schare.The purpose of this organization is, in a sense, to save mankind from himself.

"Some years ago, your time, nuclear physicists penetrated the Book of Knowledge. They discovered how to explode the atom. Disgusting as the results have been, that this force should be used for destruction, it is not compared to that which can be. ...We are concerned, however, with their

attempt to explode the hydrogen element.

“When they explode the hydrogen atom, they shall extinguish life on this planet. They are tinkering with a formula they do not comprehend. We are not concerned with man’s desire to continue war on this planet, Shan. We are concerned with their deliberate determination to extinguish humanity and turn this planet into a cinder....” [N. of E.: See the full message in this website at

http://www.luisprada.com/Protected/the_ashtar_command.htm].

This is quite a powerful message, I am sure you would agree. The full message can be read in a book by Tuella called, "Ashtar, a Tribute", which I highly recommend reading. It is no accident that the extraterrestrial activity increased one hundred fold after we dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, and Hiroshima.

In developing this most dangerous technology, we were now endangering the entire solar system itself, and hence even the galaxy. It was upon this occasion that the extraterrestrial forces throughout our solar system, galaxy, universe, and even universes, were mobilized to help Earth and prevent this from happening.

In the sacred teachings it is said that a planet in our solar system called Maldek, did obliterate itself from just this process of tampering with nuclear weapons and technology. The real battle that the Ashtar Command is fighting is for the minds of the people of Earth. Will we serve the soul and spirit, or the lower self, negative ego, and astral materialistic desire?

Commander Ashtar also works very closely with the Christ, and also with Jesus who, in the higher planes is called Sananda. Commander Ashtar literally has millions of space ships at His disposal for emergency purposes. He not only has His own fleet, but also unlimited numbers of crafts available from the Galactic fleets, and even universal fleets, if he should make the call for help.

In many of the Ashtar channelings there has been talk of an evacuation by these fleets if Earth would go through massive earth changes and/or catastrophe of some kind. From the information I have received, this danger has now passed and the project evacuation is no longer valid or needed.

The Ashtar command also has mother ships that are anchored in space that are as long as 100 miles in diameter. These motherships contain entire cities with literally millions of people and a thriving society. The Ashtar command is part of a great confederation of planets, first in our solar system, and then in our galaxy.

In the center circle you have the Ashtar Command which is in charge of our solar system. Then you have the interplanetary confederation which is a larger group of planets in our sector of space. Then you have the Galactic Confederation of Planets. Then still larger there is the Interdimensional Federation of Free Worlds. Each of these councils work in conjunction with the planetary, solar, galactic, and universal Spiritual Hierarchies.

The Universe is divided into different sectors of space, and how, also, of course, there is the acknowledgment of the different dimensions of reality. Commander Ashtar is the representative from our solar system to these different council meetings through the universe. Each of these confederations and federations is accountable to the one above it in terms of the hierarchy of authority.

These different confederations have not openly accepted us into their circle because of Earth’s egocentric, materialistic, war-like nature. The Ashtar Command has most definitely made advanced and physical contacts with Gorbachev and Ronald Reagan, and has been listened to, to some extent. However, the bottom line is that our government leaders are always more interested in military technology than spiritual growth. Hopefully, in our new administration this will begin to change.

These confederations and the Ashtar Command are not allowed to interfere with our free choice, unless we interfere with other members of the universe, which atomic and hydrogen bombs would certainly do. So eventually, instead of the United Nations on Earth, we will have the Federation of United Worlds.

We will move from the one world attitude, which we haven’t even achieved yet, to the one solar system, one galaxy, one universe, and eventually one omniuniverse. It will be a great day in the

evolution of planet Earth when it can take its rightful place in solar, galactic, and universal affairs. It is also important to understand on a spiritual level that each planet has its own Spiritual Hierarchy, just as each solar system has its own Solar Hierarchy, and on up the ladder throughout the galaxy and universes. These Hierarchies work in perfect unison and harmony with these confederations and federations.

The Ashtar Command's entire function is to be of service, and they go wherever they are needed throughout the sector to fulfill this function in any way they are needed. Many of the crew members return to their home planets for vacations and there are shifts that do take place. Their extraterrestrial crafts have been patrolling our system for many ages, long before they made open contact in the forties and fifties.

The Ashtar Command and the Negative Extraterrestrials

There are many extraterrestrial civilizations throughout the galaxy, universe, and omniverse that have come to Earth to collect data and perform experiments for their own selfish purposes. They are not here to be of service. Some of these extraterrestrials are of what might be termed a neutral nature, and some are serving the Dark Forces.

There are also negative extraterrestrials who openly oppose the Great White Brotherhood and the Ashtar Command. They would seize the planet and take it over if they could. It is the Ashtar Command and civilizations like that of Arcturus, that have protected us from this taking place. Just like in Star Trek, there are bands of renegades in their star ships, that are escorted out of our sector by these commands.

Many of the Ashtar Command walk among us on our streets on Earth without us even being aware of it. The Ashtar Command serves in a certain sense as heaven's policemen. In the channelings of Tuella, she has said that there are six planets in the Orion system, and a group called the Deros, from inner space, that have had to be cordoned off.

One of the problems the Ashtar Command has is that if our government makes legally binding agreements with certain negative extraterrestrial groups, they are not allowed to interfere with our free choice, unless we are endangering our solar system and galaxy.

The number of negative extraterrestrials is small in number compared to the vast number of positive extraterrestrials, however, the negative ones are quite dangerous if not controlled. Thank goodness for the Ashtar Command. As a general rule, the cigar shaped UFO craft are potentially the dangerous extraterrestrials. There are a few exceptions to this rule.

New Agers and UFO Enthusiasts

In my life and studies into the fields of spirituality, and UFO research, I have noticed and observed a very strange division of sorts between these two areas of focus. For some very strange reason they seem to be very separate in people's minds. Many very evolved spiritual people have no connection or understanding of the extraterrestrials. On the other side of the coin, a great many of the UFO enthusiasts have no connection to the spiritual realities of life. One of my purposes in writing this book is to integrate and blend the two movements for, indeed, in truth they are one.

Star People

Some of the people reading this book might be considered star people, or incarnated representatives of the Ashtar Command or other extraterrestrial groups. In truth, we all are really ambassadors and visitors, for no one is really from the planet Earth. We are all visiting here and going to school, and performing our appointed missions and service work.

Because of the ending of the Piscean Age and the ending of other major planetary and solar cycles at this time, the space commands are increasing their communications and interactions with their incarnated representatives. The channelings suggest that only one third of these incarnated representatives have truly awakened to their full mission. Part of the purpose of this book is to

awaken or more fully awaken people to these connections and their full mission on earth.

The Mother Ships

These great mother ships or space cities have, in most cases, 12 levels.

The first level is for the entry and exit of UFO air craft.

The second level is a vast stockroom of supplies for all the other levels of the ship.

The third level is a zoo, with animals from many worlds.

The fourth level is the agricultural research, farmland, gardens, and orchards.

The fifth level is the housing center for technicians and persons working on the first four levels.

The sixth level is the recreational level, with vast parks and landscaping.

The seventh level is the medical complex.

The eighth level is housing for evacuees, should that ever be needed.

The ninth level is the university compound. On this level are libraries, halls of wisdom, concert halls, and cultural activities.

Level ten is where the visiting dignitaries from all dimensions come.

The eleventh level is the headquarters for the Ashtar Command and the Great Rotunda Meeting Hall.

Level twelve is referred to as The Dome. It is the Pilot Control Center and Officer's Observation Deck. Visitors are allowed to come here by appointment if they come in a group.

Down through the center of the mother ship is a circular shaft which is a power reactor for the entire craft. Ashtar has described one particular mother ship called the "Shan Chea" as the largest of these orbiting cities that encircle the solar system. This is the ship that Commander Ashtar apparently lives on most of the time.

Trapped Essences

In an absolutely fascinating transcript from the Tibetan Foundation, Betty J. Dix, channeled Ashtar on the subject of "trapped energy in the Earth". In this transcript, Ashtar spoke of later days in Atlantis when the sons of Belial (egocentric people and/or lords of materialism) trapped many people's "essences within pseudo crystals". When I speak of this, I don't mean to say that the soul extension or incarnated personality itself was trapped, but rather a certain portion of the soul extension's energy was trapped. The pseudo crystals are not true crystals. True crystals would not allow this to happen. The sons of Belial created these pseudo crystals to look like regular crystals. Ashtar has said that some of these crystals are coming to the surface of the planet now.

Ashtar says that these crystals don't feel right when you pick them up. The energy in them feels dead. In order for souls to go to their next level in evolution this trapped essence of the soul needs to be released. Souls on the inner plane are now requesting that this work be done because of the great transformation that is now taking place on Earth.

Ashtar is requesting us, as Light Workers, to help in this most important work. The crystals don't have to be physically broken to release the energy, but rather just work with energetically. Some of these pseudo crystals can be placed on crystal clusters and asked to be programmed to heal and release the energies that have been trapped inside. It can also be requested that the pseudo crystal form heal, and become a true crystal.

Interestingly enough, when the trapped essence leaves many pseudo crystals will just disappear. Some will transform into another form and others into a true crystal in its beginning stages of conscious development.

Ashtar has stated that these pseudo crystals are all over the planet. Especially in Africa, South America, and the United States. Once the essence is released, the essence will usually return to the soul. In some cases the trapped essence may need some guidance to return to the soul.

In Atlantis towards the ending time, the sons of Belial actually created "entrapment machines" to accomplish this process. They were able to do this process without the machines, but the machines

did it faster. He also said that implants were used to pull out the essence.

It is very important to make people aware of these phenomena for most people have never heard of this. Ashtar said that if a person would put 20 pounds of crystals, as many as five pounds could be the "pseudo crystals". To work with these pseudo crystals in meditation, release the trapped essence and transform these pseudo crystals is a great service we can render to a great many souls.

These pseudo crystals can also be worked without coming in physical contact with them. There are some that will have to be physically touched to facilitate the releasing process. The more Light Workers release these trapped essences the more this allows others to come to the surface of the planet, for many are trapped in the earth. Ashtar says that in the future the earth will be of such a great magnitude of light, the energies and essences will be unable to stay. Most of these pseudo crystals look like clear quartz, smoky quartz, and a lavender color amethyst.

You will not be able to tell that it is a pseudo crystal by just looking at them. You will also have to feel them to know for sure. Ashtar says that there are hundreds of thousands pseudo crystals. Clairvoyantly the difference between the pseudo crystal and a real crystal can clearly be seen.

Major Grid Points That Need Clearing

Another service that Light Workers can render the Ashtar Command and the Great White Brotherhood is in the cleansing of certain grid points on the planet. The earth is covered in energy meridians much in the same way that we, as humans, have acupuncture meridians.

These meridians on the earth have been called lay lines. There are certain grid points on the earth similar to our acupuncture points on our physical bodies. When one of these points gets blocked in our physical body there is a stagnation of energy flow which eventually leads to disease. The same is true of the planet Earth.

Commander Ashtar has pointed out, in this same transcript some of the grid points on the earth that need clearing. There is one major one in the center of the Pacific Ocean. Another in the northern part of Canada, close to the Arctic Circle. These unstable forces have been stored there since the time of Atlantis. There is another one directly below New York City. This point is also tied to the chaotic energy of the city itself.

Ashtar is requesting humanity's help in releasing these unstable forces which will also help to heal the Earth Mother, herself. Some additional points are south of the Hawaiian Islands, almost on the equator. Another one is off the coast of Africa, also close to the equator. Two points in Russia, and also the North and South Poles. Another one is underneath the tip of South Africa. This last one is partly why there is so much dissension there. There are also some blocked points beneath Columbia, Ecuador and the Gulf of Thailand.

The best way to help in the cleansing of these points is to do it in a group dynamic. This can be done by following a grid line until you come to a blockage. Calling for the help of the soul, monad, Great White Brotherhood, and Ashtar Command, a laser light can be visualized into it. Ask for the soul and monad's help in guiding the amount of laser light that is needed during that particular meditation.

Underground Ashtar Command Conferences

One of the ways that the Ashtar Command can be contacted is during the night while we sleep. In these conferences there are physical beings, etheric beings, and beings from other planets. These conferences occur at least twice monthly. Many of the Light Workers attend five or six of these conferences a year.

One example of one of these dealt with how to clean up the pollution in the air, sea, and ground. Sometimes these conferences last for as long as two or three weeks every night. Many beings attend in their astral bodies. Commander Ashtar is very pleased to see how fast the light is growing on Earth, and to see the unfolding spiritual commitment of so many Light Workers on Earth.