

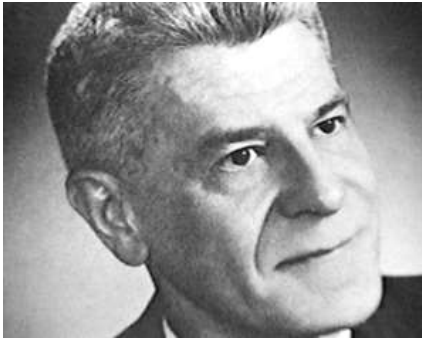
## 7. Wilbert B Smith - from Sceptic to Contactee

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***"The human race in the form of man extends throughout the universe and is incredibly ancient."***

These were the words of a certain Canadian radio engineer in a speech he recorded on March 31, 1958 at his home in Ottawa Ontario Canada.

I discovered these words, sometime in 2003, thanks to the wonderful website of the extremely knowledgeable Grant Cameron. That website is [www.presidentialufo.com](http://www.presidentialufo.com) (now "[moved](#)" to an [archive area](#)<sup>223</sup>) – and it contains a great deal of useful and compelling information and evidence pertaining to the US Government's and US Presidential knowledge of the UFO/ET issue. Cameron, who became interested in this subject following his personal UFO/ET related-experiences in the 1970s, had been collecting information on Wilbert Smith for about 25 years and he had posted a small selection of it on his website. Other researchers, such as Arthur Bray have also collected and preserved Smith materials and prevented their untimely removal by government employees. Back in 2003, I obtained a CD copy of Grant Cameron's collection of Smith related files. When I "opened" this treasure trove of information, it became clear to me that a lot more was known about UFO's/Flying Saucers in the 1950s than I ever realised – at least, things were known by those who chose to seriously investigate the available evidence...



Wilbert Brockhouse Smith (1910-62) Canadian  
Radio Engineer

Wilbert Brockhouse Smith is not a name which normally comes to mind for most people when they are discussing the evidence pertaining to UFO's and extra-terrestrial intelligence. Indeed, most people tend to confuse Wilbert Smith with Wilbur Smith - the author of numerous historical fiction novels. Wilbert Brockhouse Smith was himself a writer, though his main work, "[The New Science](#)"<sup>224</sup> was never finished,

but a small number of copies were still published. Wilbert Smith was a rare individual indeed – naturally inquisitive, kind-hearted, methodical, analytical, thorough, resourceful - yet open-minded. Some of his writings read like those of a spiritual leader, whilst remaining grounded, straightforward and accessible.

## **Wilbert's Wisdom**

When I first came across Wilbert Smith, I strongly identified with his writings and conclusions – perhaps because we have both worked in engineering disciplines – which are all about solving problems.

Perhaps unusually, for someone like Smith, through the 1940s and 1950s, he rose to a high position in the Canadian Government and eventually became the Superintendent of Radio Regulations. He was a contemporary of people such as [Major Donald Keyhoe](#)<sup>225</sup>, George Adamski (discussed in chapter 8) and the legendary Frank Edwards, who all played a significant role in developing our knowledge of “The Boys Topside”, as Wilbert Smith came to call them. His research and experience encompassed most areas of the UFO field – sightings, contacts, inspection of UFO-related artefacts and even the viewing of alien bodies.

Wilbert Smith was born in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada in 1910 and he graduated from the University of British Columbia (UBC) in 1933 with a B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering. Following this, he obtained his MSc (Master's Degree) in 1934 also at UBC. In 1934/5, he became chief engineer for the CJOR radio station in Vancouver. In the years following, at certain times, he acted as a consultant to the Government and in 1939 he joined the federal Department of Transport.

Smith was engaged in the engineering of Canada's war-time radio monitoring service and following this, in 1947, he was put in charge of establishing a network of ionospheric measurement stations, several of which were in isolated parts of Northern Canada. He eventually became Superintendent of Radio Regulations Engineering with the Department of Transport [DOT] His technical research was in Radio Wave Propagation, where he came across such topics as auroras, cosmic radiation, atmospheric radio-activity and geomagnetism (the Earth's Magnetic Field). It was likely this area of science which made him more interested in the Flying Saucer Phenomenon (he rarely called them UFO's – as that term was not coined until 1952, by Edward J Ruppelt).

He continued to work for Department of Transport until his death in 1962 (he died of Cancer of the Lower Bowel). At the time of his death, he held 37 patents. He was married, to Murl and they had 3 children.

His interest in “flying saucers” probably was triggered by a magazine article. Initially an extreme sceptic, he began to investigate “saucer” cases himself, developing questionnaires for witnesses and contactees and carrying out methodical studies, to gather and analyse data about the phenomenon.

In 10 years of research, Smith's understanding developed and he began to see “the bigger picture”. He realised the key role that awareness and consciousness played in the phenomena that he was investigating. Over 50 years later, there is much more general discussion in the Alternative Research Community of the topic of consciousness in relation to ET's and UFO's. Smith had a more analytical approach than most and his writings are much

more concise and focused than most of the wide range of material that is now available.

## The “Top Secret Memo” and “Project Magnet”

I include here some of the same information that I included in chapter 4 of [“Finding the Secret Space Programme.”](#)<sup>226</sup>

If Wilbert Smith’s name comes up in UFO research, it is usually in relation to the “Top Secret Memo” which he wrote to the Canadian Dept. of Transport in 1950.

**TOP SECRET** **CONFIDENTIAL**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

**INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**OTTAWA, Ontario, November 21, 1950.**

**SUBJECT: Geo-Magnetics**

**OUR FILE: (R.52.)**

**MEMORANDUM TO THE CONTROLLER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS:**

For the past several years we have been engaged in the study of various aspects of radio wave propagation. The vagaries of this phenomenon have led us into the fields of aurora, cosmic radiation, atmospheric radio-activity and geo-magnetism. In the case of geo-magnetism our investigations have contributed little to our knowledge of radio wave propagation as yet, but nevertheless have indicated several avenues of investigation which may well be explored with profit. For example, we are on the track of a means whereby the potential energy of the earth's magnetic field may be abstracted and used.

On the basis of theoretical considerations a small and very crude experimental unit was constructed approximately a year ago and tested in our Standards Laboratory. The tests were essentially successful in that sufficient energy was abstracted from the earth's field to operate a voltmeter, approximately 50 milliwatts. Although this unit was far from being self-sustaining, it nevertheless demonstrated the soundness of the basic principles in a qualitative manner and provided useful data for the design of a better unit.

The design has now been completed for a unit which should be self-sustaining and in addition provide a small surplus of power. Such a unit, in addition to functioning as a 'pilot power plant' should be large enough to permit the study of the various reaction forces which are expected to develop.

We believe that we are on the track of something which may well prove to be the introduction to a new technology. The existence of a different technology is borne out by the investigations which are being carried on at the present time in relation to flying saucers.

While in Washington attending the MARS Conference, two books

*Lawrence to Conf. Memo 15/11/50 CP*

First Page of 1950 Top Secret Memo

A draft copy of this document was declassified by the Canadian government in 1979. In this vital document, discovered by Nick Balaskas in the University of Ottawa Archives, Smith discloses the secrecy classification on the study of the “saucer” phenomenon. Smith wrote:

*a. The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher even than the H-bomb.*

*b. Flying saucers exist.*

*c. Their modus operandi is unknown but concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Doctor Vannevar Bush.*

*d. The entire matter is considered by the United States authorities to be of tremendous significance."*



Dr Robert Sarbacher in 1950

When you really “get down to it,” and understand that this was a real document, written by a gifted radio engineer, you have to consider the question “Who gave Smith this information?” Further research, in 1983, by Nuclear Physicist and veteran UFO investigator Stanton Friedman, revealed that the information about the classification of the UFO subject appears to have been given to Smith by Dr Robert Sarbacher - a Physicist. Sarbacher, who worked as a consultant to the US Dept. of Defence - DOD would later go

on to create the Washington Institute of Technology. Of equal or even greater interest, however, is what Smith wrote in the next paragraph:

*“I was further informed that the United States authorities are investigating along quite a number of lines which might possibly be related to the saucers such as mental phenomena and I gather that they are not doing too well since they indicated that if Canada is doing anything at all in geo-magnetics they would welcome a discussion with suitably accredited Canadians.”*

As I understand things, it is not clear who gave Smith the information about “mental phenomena” – it wasn’t Sarbacher. It is rare to see these sorts of concepts brought up in de-classified government documents.

We will return to this “mental phenomena” issue later in this chapter.

Smith, like any good engineer, was curious to find out more – in the hope that he could use any findings to solve problems. So, Smith proposed setting up a project to investigate Saucer Phenomena:

*“It is therefore recommended that a PROJECT be set up within the frame work of this Section to study this problem and that the work be carried on a part time basis until such time as sufficient tangible results can be seen to warrant more definitive action. Cost of the program in its initial stages are expected to be less than a few hundred dollars and can be carried by our Radio Standards Lab appropriation.”*

The “Project” became known as Project Magnet. Though officially, Smith’s Flying Saucer interest was private, in reality he used his knowledge and government position to instigate a semi-official study of the Saucer Phenomena. The proposal was accepted and a “station” was set up at Shirley Bay, about 20 miles outside Ottawa (where the Department of Transport’s Communications monitoring facility was situated). This Area was later to be used by the DOD.

The project ran for about 3 or 4 years, with the aim of gathering information about magnetic phenomena. It was meant to be classified in case the results



yielded a new insight into magnetic phenomena which might be exploited. Contrary to some descriptions, it was never officially called a “Saucer Detection Station” and its existence was only reluctantly acknowledged during Smith’s lifetime.



1954 - Project Magnet Research Station at Shirley Bay

As the story goes, on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1954, at 3:01 P.M., after 8 months of watching flat lines on graph paper, the equipment appeared to detect something significant. At the time, almost predictably, the area was completely fogged in (an unusual time of day and year for fog!). However, word of this “got out” and made headline news, as Smith later discussed in a lecture he gave. This resulted in both the Shirley Bay Observatory and Project Magnet being shut down on August 10, 1954.

After Smith’s death, the strength of denials about the project seemed to increase. A statement prepared for the Minister of Transport to be presented in the House of Commons in the 1950s, for example said, “This entire program . . . is being carried on . . . with official approval and authority to make use of existing facilities.”

Months after Smith died in late 1962, Mr. Dupuis, Minister of the Department of Transport, made a statement, still acknowledging the project, in the House of Commons:

*Between December 1950 and August 1954 a small program of investigation in the field of geomagnetics was carried out by the then communications division of the Department of Transport with a view to obtaining, if possible, some physical information or facts which might help to explain the phenomena which was generally referred to as unidentified flying objects. Mr. W.B. Smith was the engineer in charge of this program.*

However, it was 2 years later in 1964 that an Ottawa UFO researcher Arthur Bray, wrote to request information about Project Magnet. Bray received a letter that started the denial:

*... at no time has this Department carried out research in the field of unidentified flying objects . . . The department did not take part in any of his (Smith's) research work nor did Mr. Smith provide the Department with any useful information arising out of his work.*

Arthur Bray later became a custodian of many of Smith's files and kept them safe for about 20 years.

By 1968 the denial was completed. Dr Peter Millman, a UFO sceptic at the Dominion Observatory, wrote the statement that would forever be provided for inquiries related to Smith and Project Magnet. Millman wrote:

*The project was a personal one carried out by Mr. Smith with the knowledge of his department, but without any official sponsorship.*

### **Frances Swan, Affa and Ponar**

The Wilbert Smith story is one that encompasses several areas of the UFO/ET field. Another interesting episode relates to Smith's association with Contactees. More than one of these contactees claimed to be in communication with two ET's that were in spacecraft near to the earth. Smith met a woman called Frances Swan in 1954, through Rear Admiral Herbert B. Knowles, USN (Ret.). Knowles held important submarine commands in World War II and he was active in encouraging witnesses to report sightings to the NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena - Major Donald E Keyhoe was also a member of this committee.) Frances Swan, who lived near Knowles, was apparently "channelling" messages from 2 entities named Affa and Ponar who were flying 2 ships M4-M4 and L11 respectively. Knowles had become concerned about 2 mysterious "satellites" which orbited the Earth in 1953 and 1954 (one of which reportedly came in and hovered over the Pentagon at 90,000 feet.) Several newspapers of the time reported the discovery of these satellites. Of course, this was about 3 years *before* the launch of Sputnik 1.



Frances Swan

In relation to the satellites, Vice Admiral Knowles asked Swan technical questions, which she was able to answer. This convinced Knowles she had genuine knowledge. Perhaps it is unsurprising that Swan was later investigated by the FBI.

[Another account on Grant's Website](#)<sup>227</sup>, written by Jay Gourley and originally published in May 1979 in "Second Look Magazine" tells of when Swan tried to arrange a meeting between Affa, Smith, and some Government officials at 2 p.m. July 6, 1959, in a secret government

office, concealed on the top story of a garage at 5<sup>th</sup> and K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. At the meeting, the officials, including Robert Friend, an Air Force major, asked Swan some technical questions and she wrote out the

answers given to her by Affa. They then asked that Swan's contact prove that he existed. After instructions were given to look out of a nearby window, Robert Friend witnessed a saucer-shaped object fly past. Not surprisingly, the documents about this meeting were originally classified!

4C Fri May 14, 1954 ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

## Artificial Satellites Are Circling Earth, Writer on 'Saucers' Says

WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP) — Donald E. Keyhoe, who wrote a book about such things, said last night the earth is being circled by one or two artificial satellites, and Secretary of the Air Force Harold Talbott personally has seen a "large, silvery, disk-shaped object" in the sky.

Talbott, however, promptly denied he had ever seen a flying saucer. Not, he added, that he had not had his chances.

"I have never seen a flying saucer," said Talbott in a statement. "I am convinced it is not from lack of opportunity. During the last 15 months my official travels have taken me more than 160,000 miles without encountering one."

Keyhoe, a retired Marine Corps major, wrote the best-seller, "Flying Saucers from Outer Space."

In an interview with commentator Frank Edwards of Mutual Broadcasting System he said three "very important developments" concerning unidentified flying objects have been kept from the public.

These, he said, are (1) the artificial satellites he reported (2) what he said Talbott saw, and (3) notice from Canadian Government scientists to all official sky watchers within the last two weeks "to be especially alert and to report immediately any unidentified aerial objects."

United States Government scientists at White Sands, N. M., Keyhoe said, are making an intensive effort to locate and chart the course of the satellites in an attempt to determine what they are and where they came from.

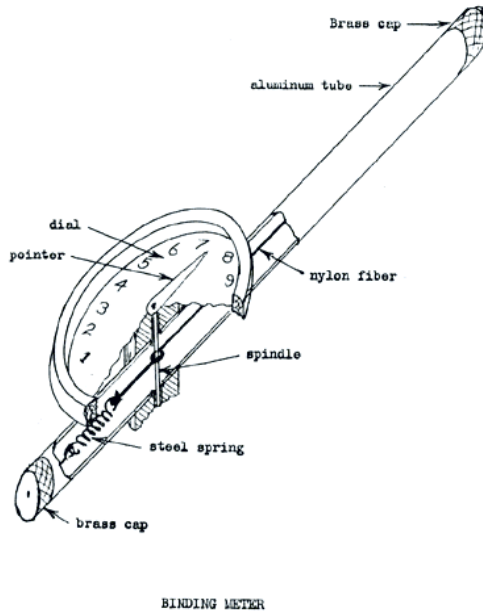
Swan stated that, on many occasions she was in contact with Affa, over a period of several years. In Grant Cameron's collection of Smith-related files, there are over 100 typed pages of messages channelled by Swan from Affa. These messages are a "bit of a mixed bag," with one message predicting that the world would end in 1956! It seems this is a recurring theme in messages from alleged ET's – one of impending doom.

One interesting coincidence is that Frances Swan lived in Eliot Maine, only a few miles from Portsmouth, New Hampshire – where Betty and Barney Hill lived. We will examine the Hill's case in chapter 10.

### Binding Meter and Caduceus Coil

As part of Project Magnet Smith, conducted some experiments in which he showed it was possible to extract energy from the Earth's magnetic field. He thought this is what Saucers used for both propulsion and as an energy source. He described this device as a magnetic "sink" (which energy would "flow into").

After a time, Smith seemed to have established a line of communication with “The Boys’ Topside,” as he sometimes called them. He actually built several items of simple experimental hardware according to instructions given to him by “The Boys’ Topside”. In a lecture in 1958<sup>228</sup>, he said he thought it was “absolutely regrettable” that his group (in Ottawa) was the only one turning the information into “real hardware.”

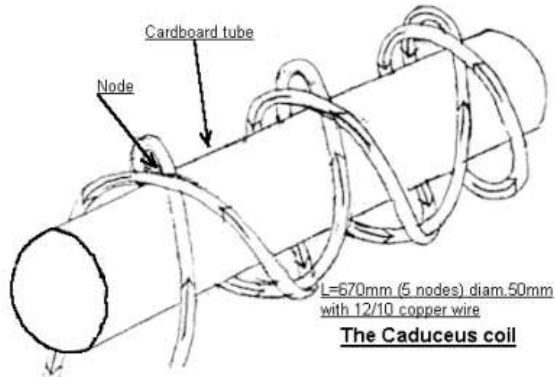


Sketch of Design of Smith's Binding Meter

Being an Engineer who designed and built radio equipment, Smith and those he worked with were quite capable of building these items. The first item was a “binding meter”<sup>229</sup> – it basically consisted of a wire and a spring connected, in a particular way, to a dial which could be used to measure “binding force” in the local area. The scale reading should normally be static even with variations of temperature and pressure – and Smith tested this before giving a few of the meters out and testing them in different areas, and they did indeed give different readings.

Smith said he was told that materials were subject to “binding forces” and, for example, objects coming close to the saucers could be affected because the binding forces were altered by the craft’s operational field. In the same 1958 lecture, mentioned above, Smith stated he thought that Thomas Mantell’s plane broke up because it got too close to the craft and the altered binding force caused the plane to “fall apart”. Current physics does not acknowledge this type of force – but, I can certainly see, in the research of Canadian Experimental Researcher, John Hutchison and in what we witnessed in the destruction of the World Trade Centre on 9/11<sup>230</sup> (as analysed by Dr Judy Wood in her book “Where Did the Towers Go”<sup>231</sup>), could very well be the

result of an alteration of the “binding forces” in the materials which are affected.



Rough Schematic of Caduceus Coil – Similar to the one Smith made, though the ferrite core in his was hollow.

Another item, which Smith made and was quite proud of, was a special type of coil (as used in AM radios, transformers, car engines and other electrical apparatus). It is prepared and wound in a very particular way. Smith found that when he tested it with his radio equipment, it would completely absorb radio wave energy of a certain frequency. This appears to violate the accepted laws of Electro-magnetism. (That if radio energy goes into a coil, it should come out as other radio energy, a magnetic force, electricity or light, heat or mechanical energy - vibration.) When he set his experiment going and found this result, he was told by the Boys Topside that he had successfully generated “tensor energy” – which they used for “just about everything.”

### **Gravity Control (Antigravity)**

Another area that Smith spent a long-time investigating was experiments with a rotating disk. (I wrote about this in more detail in chapter 4 of [“Finding the Secret Space Programme.”](#)<sup>226</sup>)

Due to his investigation of the Saucer Phenomenon, Smith postulated (in simple terms) that the force of Gravity was actually the result of interacting magnetic fields that objects themselves generated, rather than it being a separate force, as traditional physics suggested. He determined that the speed of rotation of an object can be used to influence gravity and he and his team designed experiments to test this. In 1959, during one of Smith’s Gravity Control Experiments in his lab, they were rotating a copper plate at 15,000 – 18,000 rpm. The phone rang and another of Smith’s contacts, a Telex Operator in Ottawa reported he had had a message from Affa saying the experiment needed “shielding”. They built a brick wall around the experiment which did, indeed “blow up” on the next run!

### **Saucer Hardware and Alien Bodies**

Smith corresponded with several people stating he had handled a number of pieces of Saucer hardware (said to be from crashes or military encounters) and



he had been involved in their analysis. Art Bridge, one of Smith's associates stated that they were also involved in analysis of "a lot" of hardware. Wilbert's son Jim Smith also handled one or more of these pieces. In March 2002, James Smith was a guest on the Toronto CFRB radio Talk show "Strange Days... Indeed", where he described the UFO hardware which was sent to his father from the United States. James Smith described that, probably when he was in his teens, he handled a small piece of the hardware that his father received for analysis. The piece was fairly heavy, about the size of a house-brick, semi-circular in shape, very smooth, apart from where it had been broken off from whatever it was connected to. James Smith did not know what happened to any written reports about the analysis of these pieces of hardware.

[An interesting article compiled by Grant Cameron and posted on his website](#)<sup>232</sup> reports a number of additional facts. For example, a memorandum from "Vannevar Bush to Colonel Wood" in the "Research and Development Board Files" at the National Archives has this quote:

*"We must depend heavily on the Canadians for investigation of communication, navigation, projectile control methods and ionospheric measurements in the all-important auroral belt. Interchange of technical information should be uninhibited to enable us to gain necessary Canadian information so that studies of the earth's magnetic field may be completed."*

(These areas are similar to what Project Magnet was investigating.) The channel of communication was through the liaison of the Research Defence Board of Canada, which was "charged with the establishment of all policies in the field of military research and development as well as exercising the executive functions of administering all the research and development installations in the Military Establishment."

In his article, Grant Cameron relates how a 1997 Usenet message from a former President of the Montreal Flying Saucer Club (which had contacts with the group Smith was involved in – the Ottawa Flying Saucer Club). He, and other members of the Montreal group had visited Ottawa in early 1964 and stayed over-night at Mrs. Smith's home. During supper, Mrs. Smith stated to the group that Wilbert Smith had personally viewed dead alien bodies. In an e-mail to Grant Cameron, the group member stated:

*"We were told about the bodies that Wilbert Smith had seen when he was personally invited by the US military. We were simply told that he saw the bodies and from the impression that I received it was for only a short time - minutes not hours... Mr. Smith described (to his wife) the dead occupants as having been approximately 4.5 to 5 feet in height, grayish blue tint to the skin, large eyes, small slit for a mouth and four long fingers with no thumbs."*

In the CFRB talk show interview, mentioned above, James Smith was asked [about his father viewing alien bodies](#)<sup>232</sup>. James stated that he had been told about the bodies as his father was near death. The viewing probably happened on one of Smith's many trips to the USA. Correspondence from the Canadian Embassy in Washington during 1951 indicates that during that period Smith was dealing, at least indirectly, with Vannevar Bush at the Research and

Development Board in Washington, D.C. Bush, being the head of the U.S. flying saucer effort would have been able to give Smith access to craft and bodies. James Smith did not remember the use of the term “greys” in his father’s statement described the aliens as “small humanoid” and “like descriptions of the time.” These descriptions were in agreement with those made by many other people having alien encounters in the fifties. They would also agree with Smith’s notion that aliens were not much different to us and might even be our “distant relatives”.

In relation to this story, we can ask “If Smith saw the alien bodies, where did they come from?” In the conversation between Stanton Friedman (who is discussed in a later chapter) and Sarbacher in 1983, Sarbacher refers to “UFO crashes.”

In correspondence,<sup>233</sup> Sarbacher implied that he had heard about beings that were recovered being “insect-like,” though he had had no direct involvement either with recovery of the craft or any of the hardware, but he did confirm a certain name, from a list of names given to him, who he thought was most likely to have been involved with a secret group dealing with this. (It appears that Sarbacher was talking about different beings to ones that Smith saw.) In a letter to William Steinman, dated 29 November 1983,<sup>233</sup> Sarbacher stated “John von Neuman was definitely involved. Dr Vannevar Bush was definitely involved, and I think Dr Robert Oppenheimer also.”

Some follow-up research related to the Sarbacher account was completed by a researcher named D.M. Duncan.<sup>234</sup> He spoke to Robert Sarbacher’s son, who revealed the following about some of the work his father was involved in:

*He knew that they [the saucers/UFOs] were real for the obvious reason that they would be going 600 mph and then make a direct 90 degree turn in mid-air without slowing down...separated from all inertia and gravity. Dad said that the reason he was called in was to build the right kind of missile to track these things since they were way too fast for any of our planes to catch. They wanted the missile to not destroy any of the UFOs, but to be able to track them. So Dad had cameras installed (like on the V-2 rockets) so when the UFO comes into our air space, we would shoot missiles at them with cameras on them, since only a missile could keep up with the speed turns.*

Duncan was so surprised, he asked for clarification. Sarbacher’s son then stated,

*Yes, exactly to track UFOs, or rather to photograph and watch them...When he first told me about the missiles...the first thing I thought was, what? You were trying to destroy them? He (Sarbacher Sr.) said very normally and matter of factly, “No, we put cameras on the end of them.”*

If you follow the links above, you will see that the V2-related information is true. It is also the opinion of Grant Cameron that, partly via Sarbacher, Wilbert Smith did obtain clearance to work with folks in the USA<sup>235</sup>, hence there is strong evidence that Smith was, indeed, in contact with exactly the right sort of people that could have given him access to bodies and hardware, especially considering Smith’s considerable knowledge, based on his own research into aspects of the phenomenon.

## “No Point in Investigating...”

Smith’s feeling about the phenomenon evolved over time. He knew, from his own experience, that he was dealing with something that was real. In a letter to a Mr McClelland dated 20 Aug 1958, Smith expressed that he felt there was little point in trying to establish the reality of the phenomena, or “ploughing and re-ploughing the same field”. He pointed out there was more than enough evidence available to prove the reality of the ET’s/UFOs. He had become more interested in finding out more about the *meaning* of the phenomena – which he said lay in the field of metaphysics. Some of the concepts he had come to understand were discussed in an address he recorded in 1958.

August 20, 1958

Dear Mr. McClelland,

Thanks for your letter and enclosure of August 11. I got quite a kick out of the newspaper clipping but I have run against the same sort of thing myself. I once investigated a sighting, and after making copious notes of the weird occurrence, the gentlemen assured me that if the Department would be good enough to provide him with a good pair of binoculars he would guarantee to see lots of saucers!

Some time ago I was asked to prepare an article for the Flying Saucer Review, London, England, and so I sent off a copy of a document which I had prepared in response to numerous enquiries as to my own position in regard to the saucer phenomenon. I am enclosing a copy which you may present to your club if you wish.

Although I am on the Board of Advisors for NICAP, I haven't done much advising so far. Major Keyhoe runs it pretty much along his own lines, with which I do not entirely agree. For example, I do not think any great progress will be made as long as the Keyhoe- Air force feud continues. I think more effort should be placed on the meaning of the phenomenae rather than plowing and re-plowing the field to prove the reality of UFOs. Goodness knows, there is more than sufficient evidence already published to convince the most hard shelled skeptic, if they will only take the trouble to read it.

Our club here is most anxious to exchange any information we may have with other clubs, but so far our unit has relied rather heavily on my own investigations and experience. Several of our members have seen UFOs and we have carried out a couple of sky watches, during the course of one of them we saw a saucer streaking overhead, no details visible.

Must close for the present, as I have other obligations, this evening being meeting night for my Village Board, of which I am chairman.

Yours truly

W. B. Smith

## 1958 – The Ottawa Address

The opening sentence of this article came from the [1958 Ottawa address which Smith recorded on 31 March](#).<sup>236</sup> When I first heard this in 2003, a lot of what Smith said resonated strongly with me. [It is worth listening to this address](#)<sup>237</sup>, which runs for about 18 minutes – Smith covers a lot of ground, in his usual concise and focused manner. He describes his general approach to research and how his initial findings were “exactly parallel with other investigators” and he states clearly that he understands he is dealing with real

accounts about real things that people have seen and experienced. He discusses the case of Thomas Mantell in 1947 (which was one of the first UFO cases I'd ever heard of - when I was 10 years old). He then discusses his conclusions about being in contact with aliens, through quite a number of people. He stated:

*While we were able to establish that these people from outside all told the same story, was that story true?*

Having considered this question carefully, Smith stated:

*I began for the first time in my life to realize the basic one-ness of the Universe and all that is in it – science, philosophy, religion, substance and energy are all facets of the same jewel, and before one facet can be appreciated, the form of the jewel itself must be perceived.”*

We started this chapter with Smith's quote about “man” being spread throughout the cosmos. He said more in relation to this:

*One of the most important things that I had to realize is that we are not alone. The human race in the form of man extends throughout the universe and is incredibly ancient. Also, its appearance in the physical form is but one of the many manifestations along the path of progress. Our civilization here on earth now is only one of many that have come and gone. The planet has been colonized many times by people from elsewhere, and our present human races are blood brothers of these people. Is it any wonder that they are interested in us? To orthodox thinkers this may seem strange, **but not nearly so strange as our orthodox ideas on evolution.***

Elsewhere in his writings, Smith questioned the theory of Darwinian Evolution<sup>238</sup>, thus:

*The Darwinian theory of evolution shows certain relationships between the various forms, which inhabit this planet, but there is very little evidence to indicate that they all evolved here. Maybe some of them did, but a more reasonable explanation is that they were brought here when the planet was in a suitable condition to receive them.*

We will revisit this idea in a later chapter (again, I think Smith was correct in stating this.)

There are several other components of this address which succinctly tie together several “dimensions” of the UFO/ET/Consciousness phenomenon in a profoundly meaningful way –in a way which is more relevant now than ever before in our history. For example, Smith stated:

*I am told that, as far as we are concerned there are twelve dimensions of deity, and these provide the entire structure of our Universe. Our conventional concept of dimensions is most inadequate and restrictive, and so long as we persist in them, we can never transcend the world of mechanical processes, which we have built.*

Perhaps even more profoundly, just before the above statement, Smith also clearly stated his thoughts on the idea of “pre-destination” – the idea that our lives are planned out in some way before we are born:

*When we enter this life, we do so to participate in certain events, the sequence of which were established before our birth, and if altered*

*substantially would deprive us of experiences necessary to our development. We have built-in protection against altering substantially the sequences in that we do not seriously know of them. But these people from outside have a much greater knowledge than we have, and have a means of perceiving sequences, which must not be changed.*

Further, Smith states something which I strongly identify with. In considering the idea that benevolent ETs are here, some people ask, “why don’t they directly help us?” Smith sums up the fundamental difference between guidance and overt intervention in the affairs of those you may care about:

*Therefore, while they have every desire in the world to help and stand by ready willing and able to do so, they are not permitted by cosmic law to interfere. The dividing line between help and interference is very delicate indeed, and sometimes hard to perceive, but it is a demonstration of individual and collective progress as to how well we can be guided by it.*

## Knowing

Smith also wrote about how religion is a “bit of a problem” in relation to understanding our true nature. In a piece he wrote called “[The Five Faces of Man](#)”<sup>239</sup> he explains:

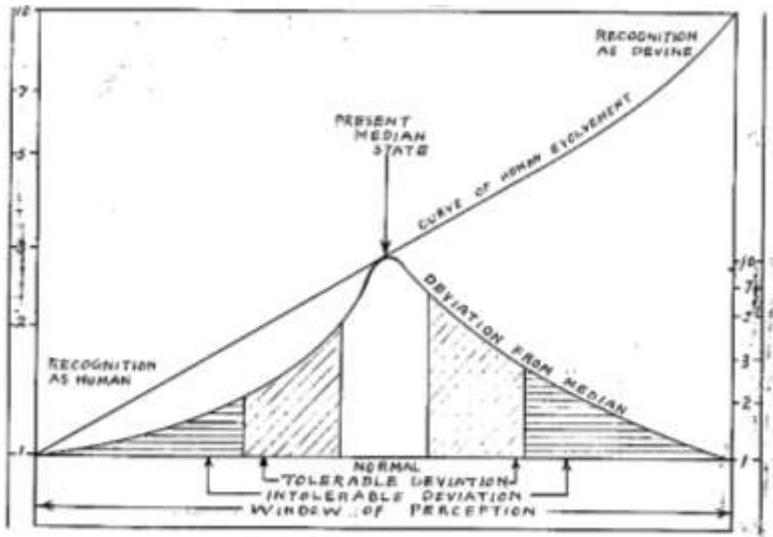
*The first relationship is Religion, which is the relationship of a being to its Creator. Here we have a hodgepodge of superstition dressed up in pageantry giving lip service to something in which very few people actually believe, and practically no one knows anything about. Every great religion says “Love Thy God” but how many understand what this means? We think we know family love, love of country, love of things, but do we know love of God?*

He continues:

*Love Thy God with all Thy Heart, with all Thy Soul, and with all Thy Mind! Here again we are urged to a course of definite action which is spelled out rather clearly, and again we do little or nothing about it. We must learn to know our hearts, our souls and our minds: to know their capacity and then to use this capacity. There is a tremendous potential here if we but understand it.*

Here, Smith talks about **knowing** – knowing yourself, your heart - and understanding “where you’re at.” Perhaps it means accepting that at any given time, there are things you *do* know and things you *do not* know. Knowing is the opposite of believing. Smith didn’t really talk about consciousness all that much but in his notes, the chart below was discovered. The source of this chart is unknown - I don’t know whether Smith drew this chart or not. It seems to be some kind of graph relating to the development of human consciousness, however.





Smith, in his 1958 address also stated that:

*These people tell us of a magnificent cosmic plan, of which we are a part, which transcends the lifetime of a single person or nation or civilization, or even a planet or solar system. We are not merely told that there is something beyond our immediate experience - we are told what it is and our relationship therewith.*

I am just guessing, but perhaps this chart somehow relates to this statement. The matters of transcendentalism, altered states of consciousness and spiritual ideas and research are not central features of this book, but there are plenty of other people who have written books on these topics – both linked to and separate from the UFO/ET phenomenon. I think these areas are inextricably linked – and at this point, it seems pertinent to remind ourselves of what the late Ben Rich, head of Lockheed Skunkworks, reportedly said in a short conversation with Jan Harzan in 1993. According to people who attended a lecture by Ben Rich about his 40 years at the Lockheed Skunk Works, given at an Alumni meeting of the School of Engineering at UCLA on 23 March 1993, Rich showed a slide of a Black Disc zipping off into space to end his talk. Rich then said:

*We now have the technology to take ET home.*

After the talk Rich took questions. Someone asked where the technology came from. Rich mentioned that during research relating to the technology, they had found that “there was an error in the equations and that they had found the error and now knew how to travel to the stars – within one’s lifetime.”

Jan Harzan, Director of MUFON asked Rich some further questions and followed him out to the car park (parking lot!)<sup>240</sup> Harzan said that he had interest in this technology from a personal standpoint and he wanted to know how it worked. Rich asked Harzan the question, “How does ESP work?”

Harzan replied, “I don’t know ... all points in space time are connected?” and Rich replied, “That’s how it works.”

## New Science

Perhaps because of the conclusions Smith came to, and summarised in the Ottawa Address, in the last few years of his life, Smith turned his attention to the task of trying to rewrite the whole framework of aspects of physics and scientific thinking from the ground up, based on what he had learned from his experience and his experiments - and from what “The Boys Topside” had told him. At the beginning of his unfinished book [The New Science](#)<sup>224</sup>, Smith writes: “Assembled by W. B. Smith from data obtained from beings more advanced than we are.” The work is available on the Internet, and deals more in “Metaphysics” initially, rather than Science, describing concepts of “nothingness”, “awareness”, “reality”, “space” - terms which he shows must be defined and understood properly, if we are to develop a new understanding of the Cosmos around us and our place within it.

## Audio Recordings

Grant Cameron and others have also preserved [several hours of compelling audio recordings of Smith and his associates](#)<sup>241</sup>. These recordings, even today, jolt our grey matter in surprising directions. There are very few people who had the experience and knowledge to state what Smith states in the way he stated it. Wilbert Smith wrote in answer to those who challenged the truth of what he said by saying

*I make no attempt to ‘prove’ anything and have no intention of doing so. It is up to each and every one to search out the truth and decide for themselves just what is truth. Truth needs no justification; it stands alone.*

## Summary and Conclusion

Since I first came across the Wilbert Smith evidence and accounts in 2004, my opinion of it all has not changed. I still regard the totality of evidence collected by Grant Cameron et al to be some of the most important in this branch of the study of the UFO/ET phenomenon. Smith’s writings and reports cover:

- Sightings
- Alien Contact
- Free Energy Technology
- UFO/ Saucer pieces and analysis
- Investigation
- Viewing of Alien Bodies
- Anti-Gravity Technology
- Official Reticence (“Cover ups”)

Smith also realised that Metaphysics is important in understanding the phenomena (which few today speak of). He was way ahead of everyone else in understanding that it isn’t just a “nuts and bolts” phenomena of metallic craft flying through our skies and landing here.

Wilbert Smith left us an extremely valuable legacy – preserved by Arthur Bray, Grant Cameron, Nick Balaskas and others. I truly hope we can use it effectively.