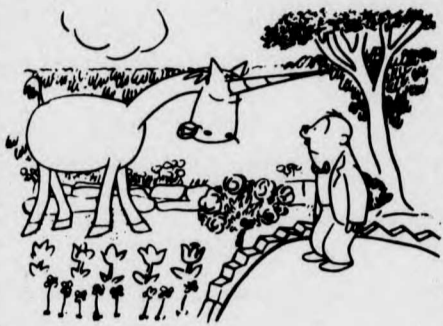


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Ancient heart transplants, proof of astral visitors: von Daniken

By KEITH NICKSON

The depiction of a human heart transplant on ancient stones was among the most startling new discoveries revealed by Erich von Daniken during his lecture in the Human Kaleidoscope Series held last Thursday entitled 'Miracles of the Gods'.

Combining a detailed slide presentation with commentary, von Daniken explained that in Ica, Peru, a professor has collected over 20,000 of these engraved stones and assembled them in a museum. "The diagrams on the stones are often interrelated in a series," von Daniken said. "The first picture shows in very clear style some beings posed above a man holding an instrument. The next stone shows the heart being removed and the final stone shows the heart being implanted into another patient while the incisions are being closed by thread in the hands of the figures."

With the presentation of each slide, von Daniken asked "How is this possible?"

As an introduction to his solutions, von Daniken said "Let us imagine we are in a spaceship in the year 2100 AD and have just discovered a new planet. What if a primitive intelligence inhabited the planet? They would think Gods had come down from the heavens. Our search lights and laser beams would become divine lights or suns: seen through the eyes of a primitive intelligence foreign cosmonauts would have to appear as gods."

Von Daniken concluded "As our spaceship leaves, the primitives would speak of the gods and exaggerate the story. When they were eventually able to record the event it might become the beginning of a new religion."

To support the application of this theory to the planet earth, von

Daniken referred to several ancient texts, most notably the Old Testament. "In this text," von Daniken said, "Ezekial says 'Now it came to pass that the heavens were opened and a whirlwind came out of the north and out of the midst thereof the colour of amber, came out the four likenesses of man and each had four wings.'"

According to von Daniken, a specialist from NASA has spent the last 15 years trying to explain Ezekial's visions and has now reconstructed the vehicle Ezekial must have seen as a nuclear powered 'spinning wheel'.

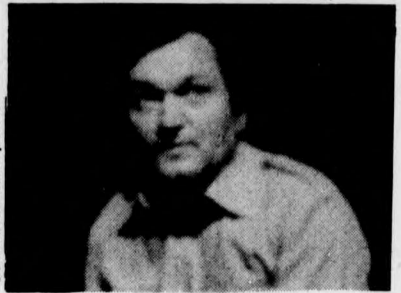
Referring to cave drawings, von Daniken suggested that many from the world share common traits. Often the paintings feature wings and helmets on god-like figures, which also appear in Indian rock paintings in Canada and the United States, he said.

"Archeologists have studied rock paintings around the Great Lakes and decided they represented the great Manitou. But who is the great Manitou?" von Daniken asked. "That's what I want to know."

"Psychological explanations of primitive peoples stories and drawings do not make sense to me," he asserted. "As a child of the twentieth century these psychological explanations seem more fantastic than my theories."

"From whom did stone age man copy these figures?" von Daniken asked. "Did they eat mushrooms and fall into stupors and then record their fantasies? Something has definitely been seen by cavemen. We accept that cavemen were naturalists in their art. Why do we not believe this in the cases of the more fantastic drawings?"

One of the most amazing engravings von Daniken recalled, can be found in The Temple of In-



Eric von Daniken of Chariots of the Gods fame at Seneca last week.

scription in Mexico. Von Daniken showed a photograph of a design resembling the profile of a motorcyclist, to aeronautics specialist Werner von Braun. Von Braun said it looks like an astronaut in a spacecraft with exhaust fumes escaping from the rear.

"The Mayas could hardly have chiselled in stone a complicated space shuttle," von Daniken said, "but they could have asked a visitor from space for advice."

To conclude his lecture von Daniken admitted "I only have a few pieces in my puzzle, I only have a theory. But today when space travel has become a reality and when optical indications and old texts reveal so much, I think it is only a question of whether or not we can tolerate what these items suggest spiritually."

During the ensuing discussion period, Daniken was asked to comment on a story in the Toronto Star which accused the author of never having seen many of the artifacts he bases his theories upon and of being imprisoned for three and a half years for fraudulence.

Von Daniken replied, "Everything I speak of I have personally inspected myself unless otherwise indicated in the books. As for the fraudulence charge, when Chariots of the Gods was a number one bestseller, I was arrested in Vienna over a tax fraud and imprisoned for three years."

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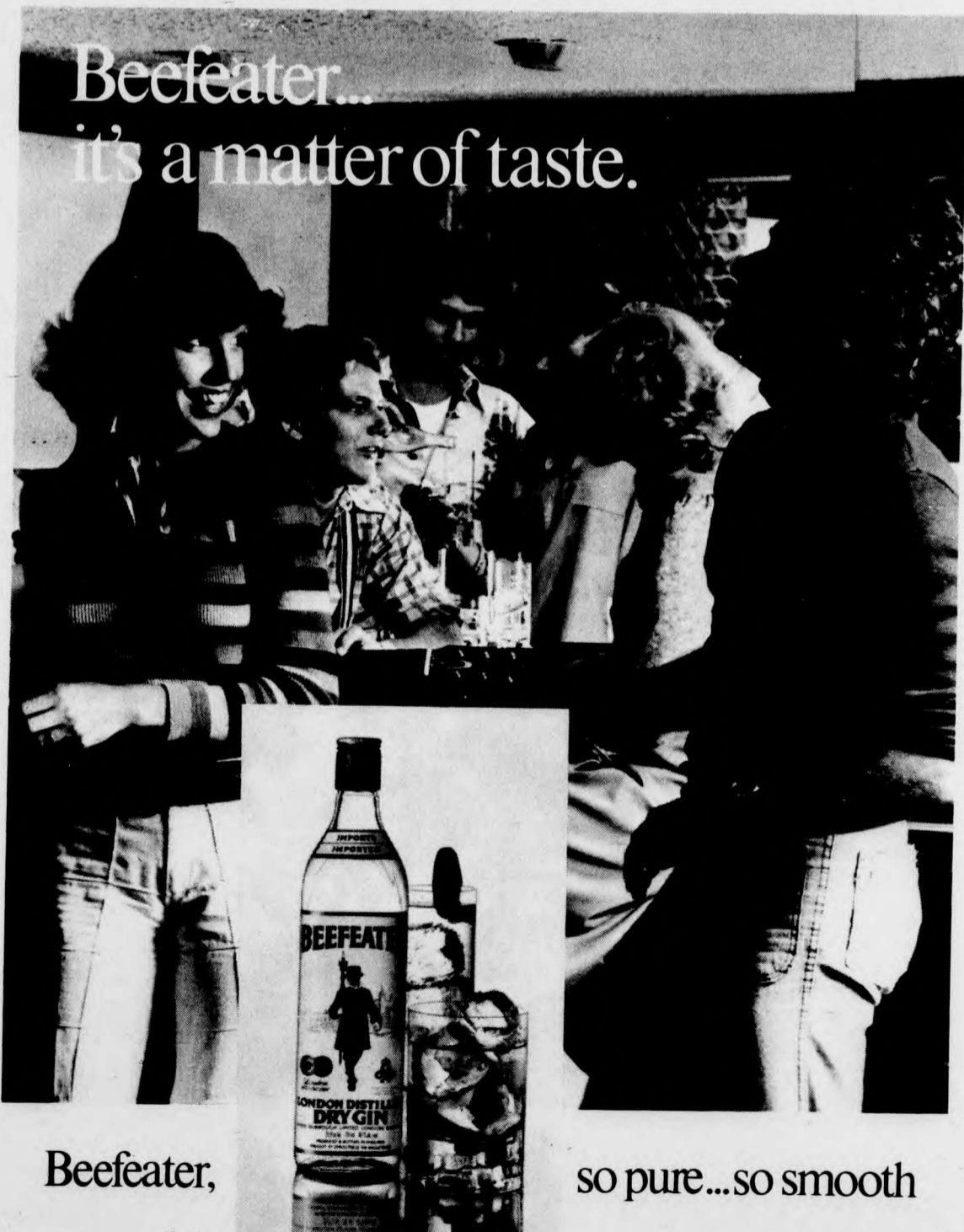
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