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The dreamers always must precede the doers across new horizons.

The ethical scientist has opinions, preconceptions, but dares not acknowledge them even to his colleagues. To the professional scientist all new ideas are theoretical until they are supportable with conclusive evidence.

There is no conclusive evidence about "flying saucers." Most men of science, therefore, have expressed either disdain or disinterest in the subject. The handful of bona fide scientists who did want to speculate on UFOs found themselves in the uncomfortable company of pseu-

DR. McDONALD LESS ALONE

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doscientists, commercial cultists, pulp booksellers and crackpots.

Last December's issue of the respected *Journal of Aeronautics and Astronautics* changed all that. In this technical publication the bigwigs of the esteemed AIAA subscribed to this very meaningful conclusion: "UFO phenomena cannot be resolved without quantitative scientific study; this matter merits the attention of scientists and engineers."

Suddenly such men as Dr. James McDonald felt less alone. Dr. McDonald, a physicist, of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona, has been in the forefront of

those few respected voices urging "quantitative study."

Inevitably now the evidence he and others have collected will be properly evaluated.

Dr. Allen Hyneck, head of the department of astronomy, Northwestern University now freely confesses his own "conversion." He says, "I can no longer dismiss the UFO phenomenon with a shrug."

Other respected professional voices join the rising chorus. For *Medical Times*, Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz, eminent psychiatrist, examined scores of UFO "observers," decreed that they are not psychotic, not suffering hallucination, not publicity-seekers. "More, on the con-

trary, fearing ridicule, are embarrassed to testify to what they saw."

Notably, Dr. Schwarz and his colleagues find among mental patients a total absence of any such "observations." So, concludes Dr. Schwarz, "These reports are neither conscious nor unconscious fabrication. What they say they saw they think they saw!"

For no man is this now-official recognition more rewarding than for Dr. McDonald. He believes "UFOs constitute the greatest scientific problem of our times." He believes this matter has been "mishandled for 20 years."

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