



PROPOSALS FOR PARTICIPATION
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VELIKOVSKY AND THE RECENT HISTORY OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

This coming June McMaster University will host an international gathering of scholars to examine the recent history of the solar system in the light of Velikovsky's work.

Sponsored by the Student Academic Freedom Forum (publisher of *Pensee*), the multidisciplinary symposium will encompass the physical sciences, archaeology, and historical and mythological interpretation. All will be brought to bear on the question, "Has the Earth suffered major catastrophes during historical times?"

Date and Location

The three-day symposium will convene June 17-19, 1974, on the McMaster University campus. Located about 40 miles southwest of Toronto, in Hamilton, Ontario, McMaster is 60 miles northwest of Buffalo, New York. Toronto maintains a modern international airport.

Scope and Format

Six "Invited Papers" are listed on this page. In addition to these, there will be many other papers, respondent panels, seminars and workshops. Emphasis will be laid on the critical evaluation, by technically qualified individuals, of all arguments put forth, combined with intensive interdisciplinary "cross-fertilization." Examples of some of the broad subject areas to be discussed: Earth geology and catastrophism; the lunar, Martian, and Venusian surfaces; eruptive and catastrophic processes in the solar system; radioactive dating methods; cometary origins; archaeological evidences for catastrophism; the relation between myth and history; approaches to ancient historical records; and the reception of new ideas by science.

The original researches of several scholars other than Velikovsky will be considered and their implications for the recent history of the solar system analyzed. For example, S. K. Vsekhsvyatskii's

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theory of cometary origins and Claude Schaeffer's archaeological work on the destruction levels of ancient cities will come under intensive discussion.

How to Attend and Participate

All persons desiring to attend the symposium may do so, either as *participating scholars, observers, or students*. Application forms to attend or participate may be obtained by writing to Symposium, Student Academic Freedom

Forum, P.O. Box 414, Portland, Oregon 97207. Scholars who wish to read a paper or participate in some other way will be asked to return, together with the application form, a synopsis of the paper and a brief personal resume.

Cost and Financial Aid

The registration fee for the three-day symposium is \$55 (less for single-day or single-session attendance), or, for students, \$20. On-campus room and board rates are \$15/day (double occupancy) or \$17/day (single occupancy). Registration and room/board reservation forms will be provided to everyone who requests them.

Participating scholars may be eligible for waiver of registration fee and, in hardship cases, for room/board waiver. Applications for such waiver will be supplied on request.

INVITED PAPERS

PROFESSOR SERGEI VSEKHSVYATSKII, Director, Kiev Observatory, Kiev, U.S.S.R.

The Origin of Comets: Eruptive and Catastrophic Processes in the Solar System

PROFESSOR IRVING MICHELSON, Department of Mechanics and Mechanical Aerospace Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology

Celestial ELECTROmechanics and Velikovsky's Catastrophism

DR. WILLIS WEBB, Department of Physics, University of Texas (El Paso)

The Electrical Structure of the Earth

PROFESSOR CLAUDE SCHAEFFER,* Chaire, d'Archéologie de L'Asie Occidentale, Collège de France

The Destruction of Ancient Cities

DR. WILLIAM MULLEN, Hodder Fellow in the Humanities, Princeton University

Myth and the Science of Catastrophism: The Mesoamerican Record

DR. IMMANUEL VELIKOVSKY, author of *Worlds in Collision*, *Earth in Upheaval*, *Ages in Chaos*, and *Oedipus and Akhnaton*

Man and the Universe at the Dawn of the Space Age

*Owing to his excavation responsibilities and the unsettled Middle East situation, Professor Schaeffer's participation in the symposium was not finally confirmed as of January 10, 1974.

For information and application forms, write or call:

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