

A BYRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE HOLLOW CONCEPT



**AND THE SECRETS OF
THE INNER EARTH**

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Core Evidence

The core of the “hollow” Earth theory is that our planet is a shell with walls about 1,500 kilometres thick and openings at the polar regions with edges that curve smoothly from the outside of the shell to the inside.

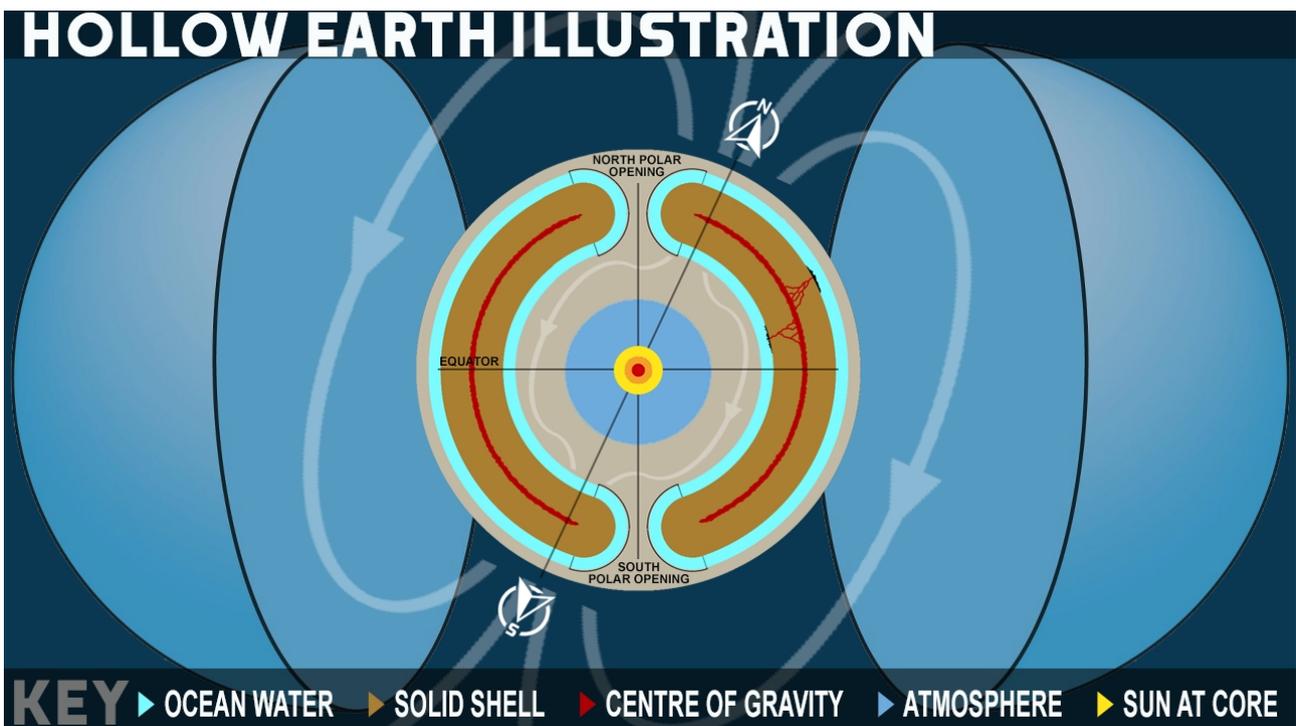
Entering this inner world is like a fly crawling over the lip of a coffee mug from the outside to the inside, with travellers by air or sea fooled into believing they are crossing the pole by their compasses, when actually they are simply encountering the “magnetic rim” that leads to the inner realm.

While there is no real proof of this being the case, the conventional understanding of the Earth’s make-up is also based largely on assumption rather than fact, with no method existing to directly sample the deep interior of the planet.

The deepest borehole into the Earth’s crust was made at the Kola Peninsula in Russia and reached a depth of only 12km, which is barely a scratch on the surface if you consider the average distance to the Earth's core is believed to be 6,500km... the sample of the Earth’s interior obtained from the hole on the Kola Peninsula representing less than 0.2% of this.

So how have scientists formulated the “solid” Earth theory if they have only tangible evidence of less than one per cent of its interior? To do this they have turned to seismology, using seismic vibrations to attempt to build a picture of the Earth's interior, which at best only offers a reliable interpretation of the composition of the crust.

However this method suggests the Earth consists of layered spherical sections... an inner core, outer core, stiffer mantle and then a crust closest to the surface.



This outer solid crust is believed to be about 7km thick beneath the oceans and 35km beneath the continents; while a mainly solid mantle (composed of iron-magnesium silicates) extends to a depth of about 2,900km. An outer core of liquid iron is then believed to extend to a depth of 5,200km, with an inner core of solid iron that has a radius of about 1,200km.

What happens when an earthquake occurs is that seismic waves spread out from its focus in all directions and include surface waves, body waves and free oscillations (vibrations of the entire planet).

Instead of travelling in straight lines, body waves are reflected and bent depending on the density, pressure, temperature and elasticity of the different layers of rock they pass through. So, on the basis of the time taken by different types of waves from specific earthquakes to reach different parts of the Earth's surface, seismologists are able to determine the paths they have taken, the changes in velocity they have undergone at different depths, and the density and composition of the Earth at different levels.

These ray paths are incredibly complex though, with waves often undergoing multiple reflections and refractions, their paths further affected by diversions at all levels of the Earth. This means that it is impossible for scientists to begin to interpret these seismic records without making certain assumptions about the interior.

The main assumptions are that the interior consists almost entirely of solid or liquid physical matter, and that temperature, pressure and density increase with depth. These assumptions are generally believed to be self-evident.

But at several depths there appear to be discontinuities where the velocity of seismic waves changes abruptly. Such discontinuities are often transition zones rather than sharp boundaries, and vary in depth from place to place. The dominant boundary is that between the mantle and the core.

The standard view is that the continental crust consists chiefly of granite capped by sedimentary rocks, while the ocean crust is composed largely of basalt and other igneous rock.

At the crust-mantle boundary, known as the Moho, seismic wave velocities change abruptly but there is no consensus on exactly why and since no drill hole has gone down that far it is impossible to determine anything with real certainty.

At the main discontinuities in the mantle, rocks are believed to undergo pressure transformations, with a 670km discontinuity marking the boundary between the upper and lower mantle. Seismic waves increase suddenly in speed at this depth and earthquakes essentially cease. This mantle is thought to be composed of peridotite, a coarse-grained igneous rock consisting mostly of silicate minerals.

The outer core is said to consist mainly of liquid iron, and the inner core of solid iron. The reasoning behind this is that there are two main types of body waves: primary and secondary. Primary waves are compressional or longitudinal waves that can travel through solids, liquids and gases, while secondary waves are transverse or shear waves that only travel through solids.

Seismic records suggest the way primary waves are refracted in the core indicates a solid centre, while evidence of secondary waves not travelling through the core is interpreted as meaning it also acts like a liquid.

But these waves can be reflected off any rock discontinuities within the Earth and the complexity of the possible theoretical ray paths means seismologists often draw contradictory conclusions from the same seismic data.

And the more scientists learn about the crust and the upper mantle, the more the models presented in geological theories about plate tectonics begin to seem simplistic. The outermost layers of the Earth now appear to have a highly complex structure divided by faults that represent a mosaic of separate blocks of different shapes and sizes, generally a few hundred kilometres across, and of varying internal structure and strength.

This fact, in conjunction with the existence of deep continental roots and the absence of a global surface layer, means the notion of huge rigid plates moving thousands of kilometres across the Earth is not really tenable.

The plate-tectonic hypothesis that the oceans have formed by sea-floor expansion is also becoming increasingly implausible, with far older continental rocks also having been discovered in the oceans as well as evidence of large, submerged continental landmasses.

But on this basis we have a model of the inside of our planet which is largely conjecture. In truth, we know very little for certain about the Earth's interior.

A number of recent studies on seismic patterns are increasingly pointing to the existence of vast underground reservoirs beneath the crust with bodies under eastern Asia; in the northern Atlantic, along the north-eastern coast of the United States; and a volcano in the Andes, with suggestions the Earth's core may hold a vast proportion of the planet's water inventory.

Michael Wyssession, a seismologist at Washington University in St Louis, and his former graduate student Jesse Lawrence claim to have evidence of a huge reservoir that is at least the volume of the Arctic Ocean that sits beneath eastern Asia.

The team analysed more than 600,000 seismograms collected from instruments scattered around the planet and noticed a region beneath Asia where seismic waves appeared to dampen and slow down.

Wyssession refers to the underground feature as the "Beijing anomaly" because the seismic waves were found to be weakest beneath the Chinese capital.

Another team led by Jon Blundy at the University of Bristol, UK, claims to have found a massive underground reservoir beneath a volcano in the Andes, also claiming the Earth could be dotted with similar wet pockets below other major volcanoes.

The Altiplano-Puna magma body is believed to be around half a million cubic kilometres in volume, so the researchers estimate it must contain a similar amount of water to some of the largest freshwater lakes on Earth.

Further sites with similar unexplained anomalies have been discovered beneath other volcanoes, such as those in the Taupo Volcanic Zone in New Zealand and Mount St Helens in Washington State.

Since the 1970s scientists have also suspected there is a gigantic freshwater aquifer under the Atlantic Ocean, just off the north-eastern coast of the United States.

Although the aquifer's exact size is still undetermined it could take up an area stretching from Massachusetts to southern New Jersey, or nearly 350km along the coastlines of New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The first hints of this reservoir go back to the 1970s, when companies drilling off the coast for oil sometimes hit freshwater, although they couldn't be certain whether these bodies were isolated pockets or whether they covered a larger expanse.

Co-researcher Kerry Key, a geophysicist at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University in New York, began helping oil companies pinpoint hotspots by using electromagnetic imaging about 20 years ago.

More recently, in an effort to find freshwater deposits, Key decided to see if tweaking this technology could detect aquifers, which are underground pools of freshwater. So, in 2015 he and co-researcher Rob Evans, a senior scientist of geology and geophysics at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, took measurements off the coast of southern New Jersey and Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.

The researchers dropped instruments to the sea floor to measure the electromagnetic fields below. What they discovered was a vast reservoir of freshwater along the northern Atlantic coast.

Such discoveries add to growing evidence that significant amounts of water exist in the Earth's interior, some of which could even be the source of the world's oceans.

But what their discoveries mean is that scientists' views of our inner Earth are constantly changing, with advances in technology regularly altering interpretations of what actually lies beneath our feet.

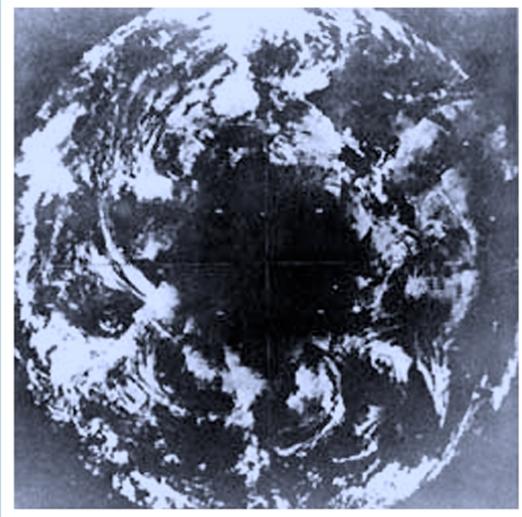
So, other than this seismic data, what other evidence is there that our planet and all planetary bodies, could be hollow?

Early scientists such as Edmond Halley, John Cleves Symmes Jr, Jeremiah Reynolds and Leonard Euler all believed the hollow Earth theory answered many of the questions rising from the magnetic anomalies occurring on our planet.

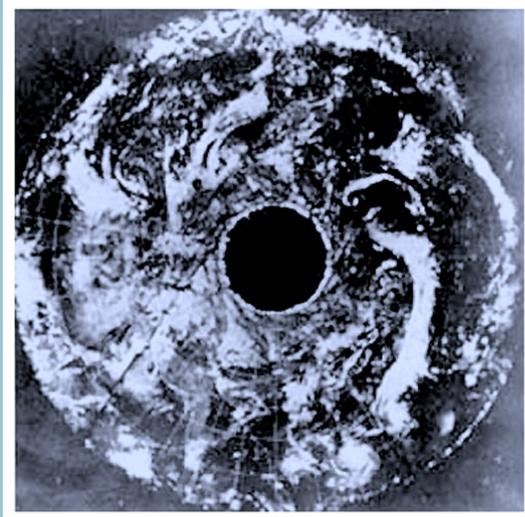
Before modern advancements in technology they could only guess at the Earth's structure, but now the Earth has been photographed from space and analysed with hi-tech equipment, allowing researchers and scientists to gain a far better understanding of our planet.

Seismology is yet to offer definitive answers but in the late 1960s pictures taken by satellites orbiting the Earth clearly showed the presence of a huge anomaly located at the North Pole, offering the first tangible evidence to support the hollow Earth theory.

ESSA IMAGES OF NORTH POLE ANOMALIES



ESSA-3



ESSA-7

In the early 1970s the Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA) satellite project gave media access to images of the North Pole taken by the ESSA-7 satellite on 23 November 1968. One of the photographs showed the North Pole covered by clouds, but another showed the same area without them, revealing a huge hole where the pole was supposed to be located.

Launched in 1966 ESSA-3, a satellite designed to capture detailed meteorological imagery for NASA, had also produced a composite image of the northern hemisphere that appeared to show an anomaly at the North Pole... the ESSA-7 satellite seemed to confirm this result with practically a duplicate image taken from farther afield.

The two photographs are perhaps the best evidence of this North Pole anomaly but it's strange that in the years that have followed, with the vast proliferation of satellites that have since been launched, nothing further has been officially released on the phenomenon.

The conundrum about the composition of our planet seems to be closely linked to other mysteries about our world, such as the existence of extraterrestrials and the global phenomenon of UFO sightings and abductions... could it be that the lack of further satellite images of these anomalies at the poles is part of a huge cover-up by the organisations that govern our planet about the secrets of our inner Earth? I don't know about you, but I'm beginning to think it could be the case!

Pentagon Silence

On 11 March 2022 two anniversaries relating to American polar explorer Richard Byrd will occur. Firstly it will be the 65th anniversary of his death in Boston in 1957, aged 68, and secondly it will be the 75th anniversary of the day he was debriefed at the Pentagon following his participation in Operation Highjump, when South American newspaper reports claimed he encountered incredible disc-shaped aircraft with swastika markings during the Antarctic expedition.

But events in the South Pole in 1947 are not the only mystery surrounding Admiral Byrd, with his 1926 journey to the North Pole, claimed to be the first by air, also the subject of a huge amount of intrigue.

In 1996 an archivist at Ohio State University mysteriously discovered Byrd's diary of the historic flight on the eve of the 70th anniversary of that auspicious trip to the northern extremity of the world.

It may seem strange that it surfaced so close to the anniversary, but given the significance of that day it's only to be expected archivists would be searching for information about him leading up to it. But despite it's discovery it could neither confirm nor dispel suggestions the flight was cut short before Byrd made it to the pole.

But in addition to the analysis of researchers who've had access to the diary transcript, To The Pole by Raimund Goerler, a former member of Byrd's crew during later expeditions, Norwegian explorer Bernt Balchen, also claimed after Byrd's death that the American naval officer and his pilot in 1926, Floyd Bennett, failed to reach the North Pole on 9 May.

Balchen claimed Bennett had confessed to him months after the flight that he and Byrd had been forced to turn back 150 miles shy of the pole due to concerns about an oil leak, despite Bennett having given numerous interviews and writing an article for an aviation magazine about the flight, before his death in 1928, that confirmed Byrd's interpretation, for which both men received the Medal of Honour.

But whether Byrd did or didn't reach the North Pole in 1926, Balchen's testimony and the diary certainly cast doubt about the veracity of his claims, which if true would also call into question another alleged Byrd journal that came to light a few decades earlier, relating to events that took place at the time of his 1947 mission to the South Pole.

Apparently in the possession of Tawani Wakawa Shoush, founder of the International Society For A Complete Earth (ISCE), now known as the Hollow Earth Research Society (HERS), the diary surfaced in the 1970s and went into print in 1990 after being passed on to UFO researcher and author Dan Weiss.

Edited by Timothy Green Beckley and Tim Swartz, The Missing Diary of Admiral Richard E Byrd allegedly tells of a mysterious trip Byrd made over the North Pole on 19 February 1947, when he was supposedly at the southernmost extremity of the planet leading Task Force 68.

How this journal came into the ISCE's possession is a mystery, as is the reason he'd be flying over the North Pole when attached to a high-profile mission to Antarctica.

Assigned to Operation Highjump, Task Force 68 left Norfolk, Virginia, on 2 December 1946 and was scheduled for a six-month tour of the Antarctic, although the expedition came to an abrupt end after about two months of mapping and photographing the coastline and interior of the continent.

According to the book, the journal begins with an entry Flight Log – Base Camp Arctic and tells how, while on a northerly heading, Byrd spots a range of mountains he's never encountered before just over three hours into the mission, whilst also experiencing problems with the magnetic and gyro compasses which are beginning to gyrate and wobble.

The journal states that Byrd flew over a strange mountain range before encountering lush vegetation where there should only have been ice and snow. He reports seeing an animal resembling a mammoth and then being drawn to a city where no city should be.

The navigation instruments during the flight are spinning furiously and the gyroscope oscillates back and forth, with the plane's controls unresponsive. The plane is then apparently escorted to the city of Agartha by "radiant" disc-shaped aircraft marked with swastikas.

Until this point the diary entries are short and delineated by time but after landing Byrd and his radioman are asked to leave the craft by several tall blond-haired figures, with Byrd later escorted for an audience with the "Master".

Further entries are Byrd's recollections of the events that followed. He is told he is in the domain of the Arianni, the inner world of the Earth, and that his mission will not be delayed for long.

He is apparently told the destruction caused by the first atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan resulted in the Arianni sending their "Flugelrads" (translated from German as flying discs) to the surface world to investigate the impact of these weapons on mankind's development.

"You see, we have never interfered before in your race's wars, and barbarity, but now we must, for you have learned to tamper with a certain power that is not for man, namely, that of atomic energy," the Master allegedly tells Byrd. "Our emissaries have already delivered messages to the powers of your world, and yet they do not heed. Now you have been chosen to be witness here that our world does exist. You see, our culture and science is many thousands of years beyond your race, Admiral."

The Master continues: "In 1945 and afterwards, we tried to contact your race, but our efforts were met with hostility, our Flugelrads were fired upon. Yes, even pursued with malice and animosity by your fighter planes. So, now, I say to you, my son, there is a great storm gathering in your world, a black fury that will not spend itself for many years.

"There will be no answer in your arms, there will be no safety in your science. It may rage on until every flower of your culture is trampled, and all human things are levelled in vast chaos. Your recent war was only a prelude of what is yet to come for your race."

The Master then tells Byrd to return to the surface with a message for humanity: “The dark ages that will come now for your race will cover the Earth like a pall, but I believe that some of your race will live through the storm, beyond that, I cannot say. We see at a great distance a new world stirring from the ruins of your race, seeking its lost and legendary treasures, and they will be here, my son, safe in our keeping.

“When that time arrives, we shall come forward again to help revive your culture and your race. Perhaps, by then, you will have learned the futility of war and its strife... and after that time, certain of your culture and science will be returned for your race to begin anew.”

Byrd is then led back to rejoin his radioman and the pair are taken back to their plane which is guided out of the city and returned on a course to their base camp, where it apparently lands an hour or so later.

But less than three weeks after this alleged North Pole encounter Operation Highjump was abruptly terminated and Task Force 68 was holed up in Chilean ports, crew members telling reporters of a battle against strange discs that emerged from the ocean.

The Chilean newspapers quoted Byrd as saying they encountered a new enemy that “could fly from pole to pole at incredible speeds” during a 20-minute engagement with incredible flying discs that emerged from the ocean and attacked the task force in the Weddell Sea, Antarctica.

Then in July that year a disc-shaped craft is supposed to have been retrieved from a ranch near Roswell in New Mexico, during a summer when there were waves of UFO sightings over residential areas across the United States.

It all seems very strange and was certainly not something that was talked about again by Byrd following his debriefing at the Pentagon, a final journal entry suggesting he was sworn to never speak of the incidents again.

So what really happened on 19 February 1947? It seems that if the journal was genuine the encounter with the Master must have taken place during the Antarctic mission and was somehow misinterpreted as being a flight through a North Pole opening.

Author Rodney Cluff – World Top Secret: Our Earth Is Hollow! – claims Byrd entered the inner Earth for the first time through an opening in the North Pole in 1927 and then visited again two years later through openings in both poles.

As part of the Operation Highjump mission Cluff suggests he flew halfway through the South Pole opening in 1946, before a search mission for German World War II refugees took him back there in February 1947.



Admiral Byrd

If you browsed through a copy of America's Social Register you'd find it hard to discover a figure more entwined with the establishment than Richard Evelyn Byrd, a naval officer born in Winchester, Virginia, on 25 October 1888.

The son of Esther Bolling and Richard Evelyn Byrd Sr, Byrd was a descendant of one of the first families of Virginia... his ancestors including William Byrd II, who established the city of Richmond; colonial governor Robert "King" Carter; and English settler John Rolfe and his wife Pocahontas.

His father served as speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates for a time and one of his two brothers was Virginia governor and US senator Harry Flood Byrd, a prominent Democrat from 1920-60.

Byrd, who attended the Virginia Military Institute for two years and spent one year at the University of Virginia before transferring to the United States Naval Academy in 1912, is better known as a polar explorer and pioneering aviator, who was a recipient of the Medal of Honour, the highest accolade for valour given by the United States. However, details of his polar adventures remain a mystery, despite his claims to have been the first to reach both the North and South Pole by air.

He graduated from the US Naval Academy in June 1912, aged 24, and was assigned to the battleship USS Wyoming, earning the first of many awards, a Silver Lifesaving Medal, after rescuing a sailor who fell overboard.

Two years later he was reassigned to the gunboat USS Dolphin, but was medically discharged on 16 March 1916 after aggravating a sports injury sustained before his service began. Leaving the Navy, he was taken on as an inspector and instructor at the Rhode Island Naval Militia, where he assumed a post as a junior grade lieutenant.

But during the course of hostilities in World War I he was recalled to active duty and assigned to the Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida, where he earned his wings in April 1917. He spent the rest of the war as commanding officer at Naval Air Station Halifax in Canada.

After the war in 1919 he was commissioned by the US Navy to formulate a plan for a transatlantic flight, Byrd hoping to become the first man to fly the Atlantic. His plan was to hop from the United States to Halifax, then on to Newfoundland, the Azores, Lisbon and finally to London. But although his proposal was accepted by the Navy, Byrd was grounded for the attempt, losing out to more senior pilots.

Of the three flying boats, NC-1, NC-3 and NC-4, that started from Long Island, only Lieutenant Commander Albert Read's NC-4 completed the trip on 18 May 1919, achieving the first transatlantic flight. Taking off from Rockaway Beach, Long Island, Read's Curtiss flying boat took 23 days to complete the journey to Plymouth.

Six years later Byrd was put in charge of the Navy contingent assigned to Donald Baxter MacMillan's scientific expedition to northern Greenland, which was backed by the National Geographical Society and financed primarily by Chicago entrepreneur Eugene McDonald.

The 1925 mission was to carry out aerial surveys of Baffin and Ellesmere islands, an investigation of the Greenland icecap, and reconnaissance of previously unexplored areas of the Arctic Sea. And although the aerial results proved disappointing due to severe weather conditions and unreliable equipment, the expedition gave Byrd the opportunity to prepare for an attempt to fly to the North Pole the following year.

On 9 May 1926, Byrd and Navy pilot Bennett took off from Spitsbergen in Norway aiming to fly over the North Pole in a Fokker tri-motor monoplane named Josephine Ford, in honour of the daughter of Ford Motor Company president Edsel Ford who helped finance the expedition.

Byrd and Bennett claimed to have reached the North Pole, flying a distance of 1,535 miles, during a flight that lasted 15 hours and 57 minutes, including 13 minutes spent circling around the pole.

On his return to the United States Byrd became a national hero, with Congress passing a special act on 21 December to promote him to the rank of commander and awarding both men the Medal of Honour. But in the years that have followed much conjecture has surfaced about the actual events that took place on that day in May, with questions being asked about whether the pair actually reached the North Pole.

Balchen, an early Norwegian airman who flew with Byrd, claimed after the admiral's death in 1957 that the flight to the North Pole had fallen short, which the 1996 discovery of the diary Byrd kept during the flight may corroborate, some entries suggesting the plane was still about 150 miles short of the North Pole at the point when the pair decided to turn back

because of concerns over an oil leak. However, the diary also seems to confirm Byrd's genuine belief that he did reach the North Pole.

In 1927 Byrd is credited with logistical support for Charles Lindbergh's transatlantic solo flight on 21 May, but was also supposed to have been competing against him for the Orteig Prize for the first non-stop flight between the US and France.

With Bennett as his chief pilot and a crew made up of Balchen, Bert Acosta and Lieutenant George Noville, Byrd's preparations for the flight were thwarted by a crash during a practice take-off which left Bennett severely injured and Byrd requiring treatment. As their plane was being repaired Lindbergh's solo flight took the prize.

But Byrd's quest to cross the Atlantic non-stop continued and, with Balchen replacing Bennett as chief pilot, the team flew from Roosevelt Field, New York, in their repaired Fokker tri-motor plane, America, on 29 June carrying mail from the US Postal Service to demonstrate the practicality of a transatlantic service.

They arrived over France the following day but were prevented from landing in Paris because of cloud cover, so returned to the coast of Normandy where they crash-landed near the beach at Ver-sur-Mer, without fatalities. In France Byrd and his crew were received as heroes and he was invested as an Officer of the French Legion of Honour by Prime Minister Raymond Poincare. After their return to the United States, Byrd and Noville were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

From 1928 onwards Byrd turned his attentions to the South Pole and with financial backing from wealthy benefactors, such as Ford and John D Rockefeller Jr, was able to raise the funding for several Antarctic expeditions.

The first, the largest and best-equipped expedition to have ever set out for the continent, took place from 1928-30. Setting off in October 1928, the expedition established a base called Little America on the face of the Ross Ice Shelf from where flights were made across the continent. A range of high peaks, named the Rockefeller Mountains, were discovered, with a large tract of territory beyond them named Marie Byrd Land, after Byrd's wife.

And on 29 November 1929 Byrd, as navigator, and three companions made the first flight over the South Pole, completing the journey from Little America to the pole and back in 19 hours. Byrd was promoted to rear admiral for this achievement.

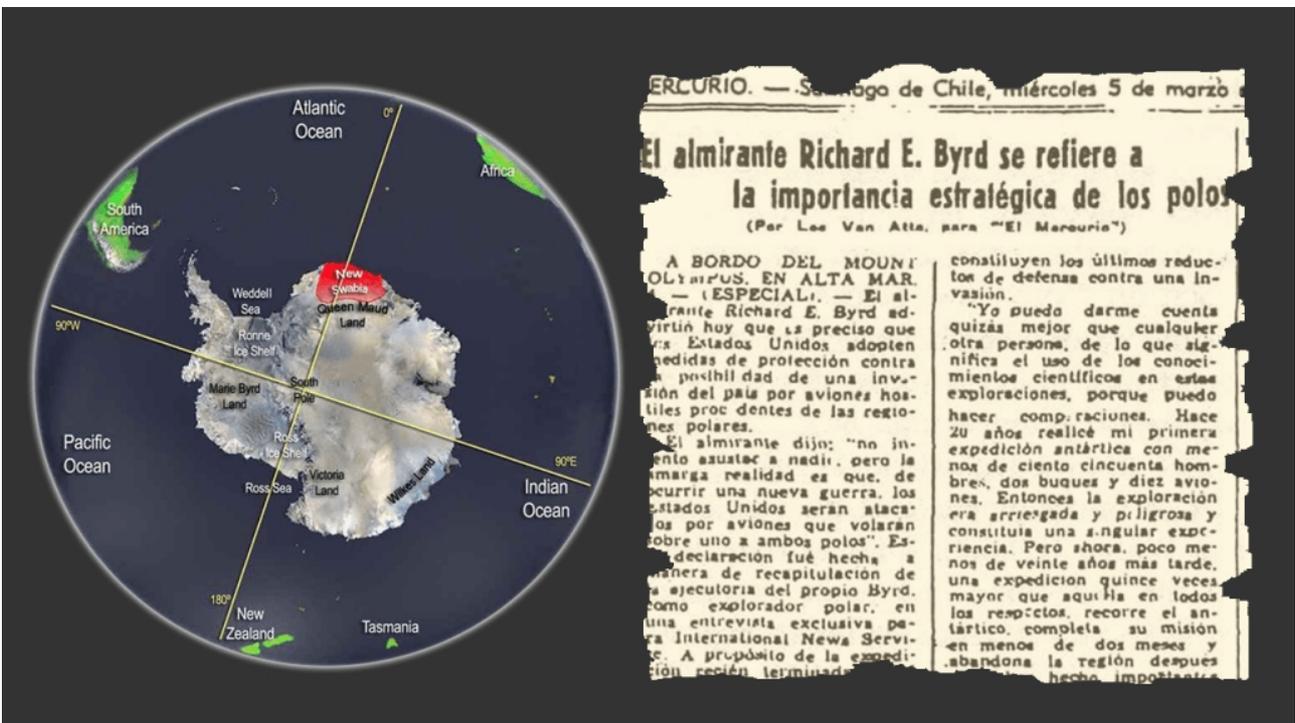
From 1933-35 a second Byrd expedition visited Little America with the aim of mapping and claiming land around the pole. Byrd spent five months alone in a hut at a weather station named Bolling Advance Base, 123 miles south of Little America, from March to August 1934 buried beneath the face of the ice shelf. When finally rescued he was in a desperately sick condition, suffering from frostbite and carbon monoxide poisoning.

At the request of President Franklin D Roosevelt, Byrd took command of the US Antarctic service and led a third expedition to Antarctica from 1939-41 financed and sponsored by the US government. Bases were located at Little America and Stonington Island, off the Antarctic peninsula.

During World War II Byrd served on the staff of the chief of naval operations and, among other duties, evaluated Pacific islands as operational sites. But after the war the Byrd mystery entered a new dimension, when he was placed in charge of the naval component, Task Force 68, of "Operation Highjump" deployed to the Antarctic "to consolidate and extend American sovereignty" over the largest practical area of the continent.

This Antarctic expedition, his fourth, was the largest and most ambitious exploration of the continent ever attempted and included 13 warships. The fleet was comprised of two icebreakers; two destroyers; two tenders, carrying three seaplanes each; two tankers; two supply ships; one submarine; two helicopters; the aircraft carrier Philippine Sea, carrying six DC3 twin-engine planes; the flagship Mt Olympus; and 4,700 marines.

The convoy left from Norfolk, Virginia, in December 1946 and was supported on its mission by a British-Norwegian force, a Russian contingent, and some Australian and Canadian personnel.



Neuschwabenland

Originally scheduled for a six-month tour, the Operation Highjump mission came to an abrupt end after around two months of mapping and photographing about 537,000 square miles of the Antarctic coastline and interior.

There have been many suggestions it had been organised as a response to a perceived Nazi colony called Neuschwabenland that Adolph Hitler had established in Antarctica during World War II, with the fuhrer himself perhaps having escaped there.

Whether Hitler did make it out of Germany before May 1945 or, as the history books tell us, he committed suicide in his Berlin bunker on 30 April, Soviet leader Josef Stalin's words of warning to British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and US President Harry Truman at the 1945 Potsdam conference that the German fuhrer could have slipped away to a fortress under Antarctica seems to have played on the minds of the Western allies.

The purpose of Operation Highjump was allegedly exploratory but many believe its real purpose was an assault on the Nazi's Neuschwabenland subterranean colony. Why it ended so early continues to be a mystery today but one theory puts it down to the "battle of the Weddell Sea" when Byrd's expedition is said to have been attacked by mysterious flying discs that emerged from the sea and engaged the convoy.

The "scientific" expedition was officially called "The United States Navy Antarctic Development Program" and given the codename Operation Highjump.

However, two months into the expedition it was allegedly cancelled after the incident in the Weddell Sea when Byrd's fleet is said to have "encountered several flying discs that emerged from the water and attacked the ships in a 20-minute engagement".

The flying objects are believed to have sunk the Pine Island and killed 68 marines, also shooting down one of the seaplanes and killing the three seamen onboard. There have been suggestions Byrd called for Antarctica to be nuked, but Truman decided to beat a hasty retreat instead and after the fleet returned to the US the military swore the admiral to silence.

As the fleet passed through Chilean ports following the skirmish initial news stories based on interviews with crew members, who spoke to the press, reported "many fatalities". And, rather than deny the heavy losses, Byrd told the Chilean press that Task Force 68 had encountered a new enemy that "could fly from pole to pole at incredible speeds".

His statements were never publicly confirmed by the US authorities and Byrd never spoke again to the press about Operation Highjump, leaving it for researchers to speculate for decades over what really happened and why he was kept quiet.

After the Soviet collapse in 1991, the KGB released previously classified files that threw more light on the mysterious mission. These reports formed the basis for a 2006 Russian documentary that made public, for the first time, a 1947 secret Soviet intelligence report commissioned by Stalin on Task Force 68's mission to Antarctica.

The intelligence report, gathered from Soviet spies, revealed the US had sent the military expedition to find and destroy a hidden Nazi base and had encountered a mysterious UFO force that attacked the fleet, destroying several ships and a significant number of planes.

Indeed, it confirmed, the expedition had suffered “many casualties” as stated in initial press reports from Chile.

As early as the mid-1920s a German organisation called the Vril Gesellschaft, which was responsible for much of the Nazi ideology, is known to have organised expeditions to Tibet in search of evidence of their ancient Aryan ancestors, who they believed originated from a race of Nordic extraterrestrials who had made the inner Earth their home.

In keeping with these beliefs, Hitler set about establishing a Nazi presence in Antarctica which included a 1938 expedition to the continent in search of a “Snakeworld” under the ice.

This seven-level complex of huge caverns and tunnels deep underground was believed to be an extraterrestrial staging point for missions in this part of the galaxy, with its inhabitants said to have encouraged the Nazis to form the Neuschwabenland colony beside it, where “a joint German-alien scientific and technological development” could be created.

So the Third Reich deployed an aircraft carrier to a region of Antarctica known as Queen Maud Land, also claimed by Denmark, and in blatant disregard for international law dropped thousands of little spiked swastika flags on the region that would embed in the ice to claim it for Germany. They renamed it Neuschwabenland.

But the expedition is also said to have discovered the southern tip of the fault line that runs from New Zealand, through Neuschwabenland, and up the Atlantic Ocean, the famous Atlantic “trench”, which they concluded could indicate the presence of rocky caverns on the continent, heated geothermally, which would provide the perfect place for a hidden base in the world's most isolated and inaccessible wilderness.

So, as World War II consumed the planet, the Nazis set about establishing an “impregnable” Antarctic submarine fortress, known as “Station 211”, to control the waters around the continent and relocate many of SS commander Heinrich Himmler’s most secret projects, including anti-gravity flying saucers, as well as other advanced technologies such as the “Die Glocke” wonder weapon which Hitler believed could change the course of the war.

The base apparently became so important to Nazi plans that in 1943 Himmler is said to have picked 10,000 blonde, blue-eyed Ukrainian women and 2,500 SS soldiers to populate the base to establish an Aryan colony in Neuschwabenland.

When the war in Europe supposedly came to an end in May 1945 Hitler was supposed to have already committed suicide in his Berlin bunker, but the liberating Soviet forces found

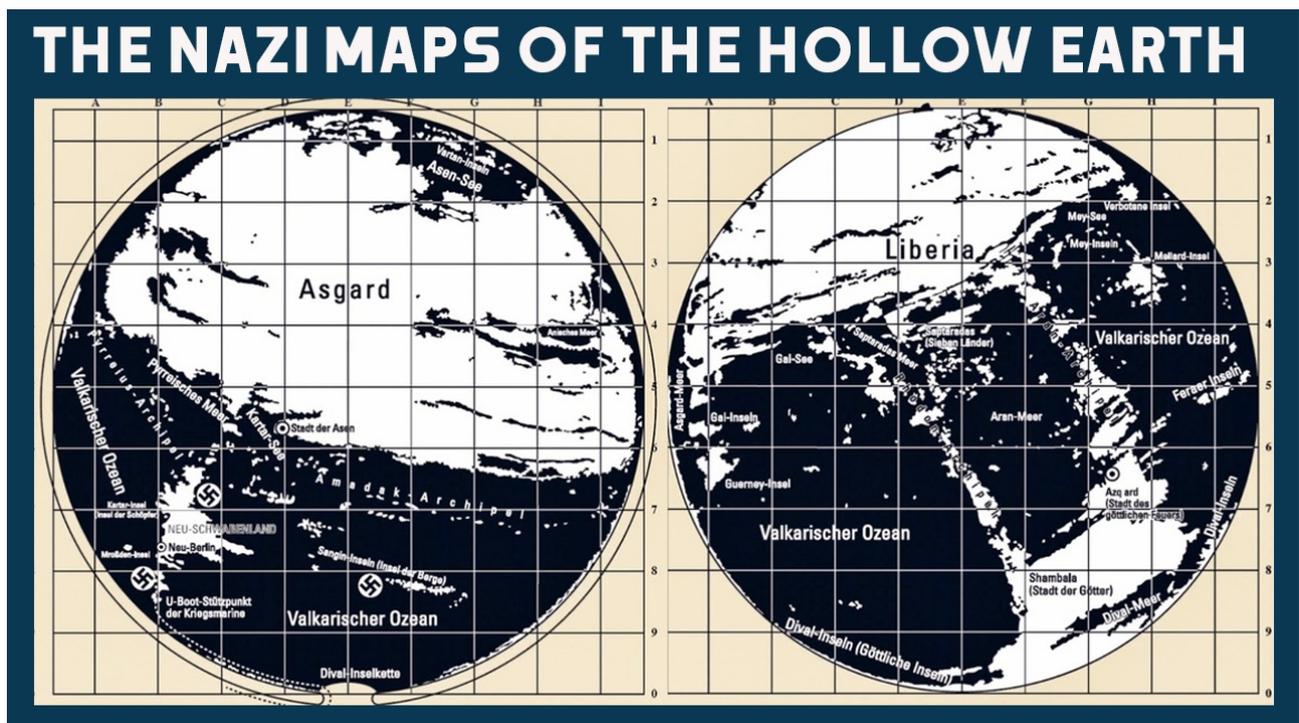
no trace of his body... leading to speculation he could have been spirited away to Neushwabenland.

It has been alleged that Operation Highjump, sanctioned by Truman, was a response to the fear that the Nazis had indeed established an Antarctic colony, but the big question was whether they had discovered a far greater secret beneath the ice.

As supreme commander of the German Navy, Admiral Karl Donitz briefly became head of the German state for 20 days after Hitler's supposed death until his own capture by the Allies on 23 May 1945.

Two years earlier Donitz, who had command of the German U-Boat fleet, had released a statement declaring they had built "in another part of the world a Shangri-La land – an impregnable fortress" which many observers believe was reference to an inner Earth complex detailed in documents obtained by the Soviets at the close of World War II.

Among the documents is a 1944 map from the Third Reich detailing not only the direct passageway used by German U-boats to access the subterranean domain, but also a complete map of both hemispheres of Agartha, the mythical name of the subterranean world.



Further evidence of Station 211 comes in the form of a letter allegedly written by a U-boat crewman to a friend holed up in a German colony in Brazil, in the Matto Grosso region of the Amazon jungle where a cavern leading to the inner Earth is said to have been discovered centuries ago.

The crewman, Karl Unger, claims to have entered the inner Earth aboard the German submarine U-209 captained by Heinrich Brodda.

The document was received by retired US colonel Billie Woodard on 2 March 1985 and came to light in 2006 after being sent to author Dianne Robbins, who received an email from Joe Watson of Talkeetna, Alaska, claiming he had acquired a copy from Woodard.

The letter is written in German by Unger, who claims to have made it to the inner Earth soon after the end of World War II. The document is supposed to have reached the surface via a network of subterranean tunnels leading to the German jungle colony, documented in *Genesis For A New Age* by author John Leith.

A search of the German archives reveals that U-209 last reported its whereabouts on 5 July 1943 between Greenland and Iceland at coordinates 52° N, 38° W and was under the command of Brodda after which it disappeared off the face of the Earth.

According to author Cluff – *World Top Secret: Our Earth Is Hollow!* – Woodard had been sent the letter by International Society For A Complete Earth founder Shoush, who also mysteriously acquired *The Missing Diary Of Admiral Richard E Byrd* in the 1970s.

Cluff also contends he was told by Woodard that Shoush himself had made the trip to the inner Earth from Brazil after receiving Unger's letter, although records show he died on 4 January 2002 in Missouri, aged 74.



After 1992, UFO researcher and author Weiss assumed the role of director of the ISCE, which is now known as the Hollow Earth Research Society, claiming the society's founder in 1977 was a decorated former German submariner who went by the pseudonym Captain Ritter von X, who was alleged to have been involved in secret post-war Antarctic operations, including the recovery of the legendary Spear Of Destiny that pierced the side of Jesus as he hung on the cross during his crucifixion.

This notion seems to be corroborated on the website, The Nazi Conspiracy, where writer Michel Duchaine claims Shoush informed him he had been a serving Nazi assigned to a German U-boat during World War II... apparently claiming to have moved to the United States after being part of the crew of one of two submarines that turned up in Argentina several months after the war.

Upon Germany's surrender in 1945, Admiral Donitz radioed all U-boats to dock at Allied ports and surrender but U-530 and U-977 remained at sea for months and finally emerged in Argentina, although the submarines' missions were never truly understood due to a lack of evidence.

An investigation showed the U-boats left European ports around March that year, U-530 had supposedly been dispatched to launch a nerve gas attack on New York in retaliation for the Dresden bombing but it is thought Hitler was eventually talked out of this and U-530's armaments were jettisoned at sea.

Interrogations of the crewmen revealed no information and theories began surfacing about stolen gold and perhaps an escape route for Hitler, who could have been dropped off before their surrender in Argentina.

It all seems pretty extraordinary but that's not quite the end of the story. Shoush is also said to have claimed to have seen the Spear Of Destiny for himself, alleging it was retrieved after the war from an ice cave in Antarctica and is now in the possession of a secret SS-connected sect working to establish a new European alliance, with Germany at the centre, that will finish the work Hitler began.

The Nazi Conspiracy also alleges another source claimed Shoush had revealed at one point that former Austrian president and United Nations secretary-general Kurt Waldheim had possession of the spear... which makes one wonder how deep the former Nazi "national socialist" routes have taken hold since World War II.

Anyone heard of the name Klaus Schwab, executive chairman of the World Economic Forum? Notice any similarities with what's happening in the world today and events that took place in Germany during the 1930s? Perhaps a hollow Earth is not all that's being kept secret from us!

Subterranean World

The incredible monuments created by some of the world's ancient civilisations defy all logic, but if they weren't created by the methods professed by mainstream archaeology then how were they built and what happened to the technology that went into creating them?

The pyramids, the ancient sites at Gobekli Tepe, Tiwanaku and Nan Madol, would be incredible feats of engineering with the technology we have now, but mainstream archaeology purports they were built utilising rope, logs and primitive masonry tools. It just doesn't add up.

Many of the ancient sites of Asia and South America seem to have been mysteriously abandoned at different points throughout history, with various cataclysms such as volcanoes, earthquakes, meteors and floods attributed as possible causes.

The ancient alien theory seems to suggest that if extraterrestrials were guiding these civilisations that they just up and left the planet when these cataclysms occurred, but if they possessed such advanced technology why would they not return?

Perhaps the answer lies deep within our planet, which may not be made of a thin crust, mantle and a nickel-iron core but instead a vast inhabitable cavern accessible via the poles and a network of subterranean passages that connect it to the surface.

And the reason the architects of these ancient sites never returned to the planet is simply that they never left, but moved into the Earth's hollow interior from where they have guided developments on the surface ever since.



Until I see a flying disc or a little grey man waving to me I'll remain a sceptic about the extraterrestrial phenomenon but I will confess to being more open to the possibility of a hollow Earth, either inhabited by the ancestors of ancient surface-dwelling civilisations or perhaps aliens from beyond this world. The Nazis certainly believed that, but did they also establish a colony there after World War II?

What's happening in the world at the moment bears many similarities to events in Germany that preceded the conflict in the middle part of the last century and I can't help but feel much is being kept from us.

One interesting aspect of the ancient alien theory is the alleged visit in the 1950s of Valiant Thor, who it is claimed was an emissary from Venus and met with US President Dwight Eisenhower, Vice-President Richard Nixon and the American chiefs of staff.

A tale first published in 1967 in Frank E Stranges' book *Stranger At The Pentagon*, Thor and his crew are said to have landed on 16 March 1957, with a three-year mission to convince the world's powers to sign up to the "interstellar community" following the atomic bomb blasts in World War II.

His "comic book" name, that he came from Venus... it made the story seem quite implausible, but perhaps there's more to it than one would imagine. The concept of hollow planets makes an undiscovered civilisation on Venus a more believable scenario and a staging post within our world where spacecraft can be docked undetected makes their existence an even greater possibility.

If it does exist, the likelihood that the governments of our world are not aware of this inner sanctum seems impossible. But for how long could they have been aware of it?

Stories about an inner Earth and extraterrestrial visitors are not a new phenomenon, but did the march of the Third Reich and the atomic age that followed mark the point in our modern history when intervention was again required?

From 12th century England there is a story of strange green children emerging from a cave near the village of Woolpit in Suffolk. According to folklore the brother and sister were of normal appearance except for their green skin and that they spoke an unknown language.

The children were taken in by the community but the boy died soon after he and his sister were baptised. The girl adjusted to her new life and learned to speak English, explaining that she and her brother had come from Saint Martin's Land, a subterranean world inhabited by people like her.

More modern accounts by writers such as Cluff, Weiss, Leith, Bruce Walton and Alan Baker also recount tales from people who claim to have travelled to this inner realm. In addition to American polar explorer Byrd and German U-boat crewman Unger there are many other accounts of visitations to Arianni.

The Macushi indians of northern Brazil have legends about a cavern and tunnels leading to the inner Earth, which they explored by the light of petrol torches. After days of walking down steps cut into the rock the indians told of a massive cavern with artificially lit compartments and swore the interior was inhabited by a race of giants, who fed them and helped them take provisions back to the surface. But after a British team arrived in 1907 the entrance was blocked off.

But in the 1930s there is evidence of Nazi exploration in the region, with a graveyard discovered deep in the Amazon jungle where many Germans were buried, including Joseph Greiner who died there on 2 January 1936 and whose resting place is marked by a large wooden cross.

Another story tells of a fisherman Olaf Jansen, and his father Jens, who accidentally discovered the North Pole opening in 1829 and lived alongside the giant people for two years.

The pair were said to have returned to the surface via the South Pole opening, with Jansen rescued by a whaling vessel while his father perished in Antarctica after their boat was hit by an iceberg.

After arriving back home in Sweden, Jansen was convinced by his uncle to tell his tale to the authorities and ended up in an insane asylum for 28 years until the death of his uncle. He later emigrated to the United States and died in Los Angeles in 1908, his author friend Willis George Emerson telling the story in his book *The Smoky God*.

Then there is the story of William Morgan, whose hollow Earth adventure is perhaps told in John Uri Lloyd's manuscript *Etidorpha*.

Based on follow-up work by researcher Walton, Morgan is alleged to have been sent to the inner realm by the Freemasons through a cavern in Kentucky in 1827, called the Cave of Zoroaster.

Morgan "appeared" years later and allegedly gave the manuscript of his journey to Johannes Llewellyn Llongollyn Drury, who in turn passed it on to Lloyd to publish around 1895.

The book describes caverns and how gravity gradually decreases during the descent to a central point about 700 miles beneath the outer surface in an 800-mile thick shell. The first 10 miles is in darkness, but below that depth a phosphorescent glow sheds light on the deeper descent. At a depth of 150 miles there is supposed to be a large underground lake, with the beginnings of a volcano on one shoreline that erupts periodically in southern Italy.

Morgan's guide explains how water spilling over a ledge from the lake causes the volcano to erupt as the water spontaneously combusts with elements such as phosphorus, sodium, potassium, magnesium and sulphur, which is what causes lava to form, with steam pushing it up to the Earth's surface.

Further anecdotes come from Los Angeles attorney Hank Krastman who was allegedly escorted by Hopi indian Karl Kopavi Waltz through a cavern entrance in 1961, near to where the Little Colorado River empties into the Grand Canyon, Arizona, when he was about 26 years old and attending Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Krastman allegedly later married a woman from the Phillipines and passed away there, his widow refusing permission for the transcript of his story, Kopavi, to be published.

Michael Barton's book, *Rainbow City And The Inner Earth People*, relates testimony from a Los Angeles doctor, Nephi Livesay Cottam, who tells of one his chiropractic patients of Norwegian descent who allegedly found his way through the North Pole opening with his friend in a sail boat equipped with an engine.

Accounts also focus on a group of lost Soviet airmen on a flight across the Arctic from Moscow to Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1937 which accidentally passed through to the inner world and never returned.

Other accounts tell of people claiming to have been transported to the inner realm in flying saucers, with retired US colonel Woodard being one such case.

Woodard's claim is that he was taken in a flying saucer to the Earth's interior through the North Pole opening at the age of 12 in 1964 and returned six months later. Then, years later, while working at Area 51 in Nevada, he was transported there four times on special missions for the military after workers broke into tunnels beneath Area 51.

There are many more accounts from people claiming to have been transported to the inner Earth in flying discs and others from people who have contacted this world through psychic channeling, another phenomenon governments on our planet have researched but kept quiet about.

In Joshua David Stone's account – *Aghartha In The Hollow Earth!* – he recounts famous Russian channel Nicholas Roerich's claims that Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, is connected by a tunnel with the inner Earth, Shamballa, while similar tunnels are believed to connect secret chambers at the base of the great pyramid at Giza to Agartha.

Stone also claims another channel, Djwhal Khul, confirmed to him that Admiral Byrd did travel to Agartha and that there are entrances to the inner Earth in Egypt, Tibet, the Yukatan, the Bermuda Triangle, Soviet Union and in Africa.

According to Khul the realm is occupied by different races, some very tall, and that the US government and other countries are aware of its existence and are covering up the fact as they are also doing with UFOs and extraterrestrials.

Expedition The Answer

In a little over five years it will be the 100th anniversary of Admiral Byrd's flight over the North Pole on 9 May 1926 and the dawn of the mystery about what the American explorer discovered there and on later missions to Antarctica.

Much has been written about Byrd's alleged contact with a race of humanoid "hollow" Earth dwellers, who have been observing mankind's progress on the surface world for thousands of years. But a century on and very little proof of it has surfaced, so the simple solution would seem to be an expedition to solve the mystery once and for all.

But even now the poles remain hostile regions that require considerable resources and equipment to explore and for some strange reason represent two of the most closely guarded zones on the planet, where only a select few are allowed to tread... usually assigned to some military authority.

Next year a North Pole Inner Earth Expedition is hoping to try to answer the mystery with an exploratory mission in August 2022, utilising new Arktica Class nuclear-powered icebreakers that are the most advanced in the world... it'll be interesting to follow their progress, which they hope to be able to stream live on Hollow Earth TV.

So what will these intrepid explorers be hoping to find? In essence it would be proof of the existence of a civilisation inhabiting the inner Earth, whose enlightenment and technology is far superior to our culture on the surface world.

It is a belief firmly held by the Buddhist faith, their theology talking of a race of super beings who inhabit many inner Earth cities and oversee the development of the human race from their capital known as Shambhala. Communication from this world is believed to be passed on to the Dalai Lama through a network of secret subterranean tunnels that connect it to Tibet.

Indian Vedic scriptures such as the Ramayana and the Bhagavad Gita share this perception, with the Ramayana telling the story of Rama, an emissary from Agartha who travels aboard an "air vehicle".

More recent accounts of the hollow Earth civilisation come in literature, with 20th-century American esoteric writer Walter Siegmeister, better known as Raymond W Bernard, being one supporter of the theory.

In his book *The Hollow Earth*, based on an earlier work called *Flying Saucers From The Earth's Interior*, he describes an alleged conspiracy to conceal its existence and its access points at the poles, with his ideas elaborated upon in *Baker's Invisible Eagle*.

Cluff claims in his book – *World Top Secret: Our Earth Is Hollow!* – that Byrd entered the inner Earth for the first time through an opening in the North Pole in 1927 and then visited again two years later through openings in both poles, with further visits in 1947 leading to his audience with the Master.

A theologian, Cluff draws on many Biblical references and contends the Earth is shaped like a doughnut, with polar openings that lead to an inner world with an inner sun. He suggests the lost 10 tribes of Israel found a northern entrance, while also recounting the stories of other people who claim to have discovered the opening and have encountered the Arianni, who live long lives, have perfect health and an economy of abundance.

Cluff recounts how the indigenous tribes of America also believe their ancestors emerged from within the Earth, while lost books of the Bible relate how Adam and Eve emerged from the Earth after being evicted by God from the Garden of Eden.

According to mainstream science the Earth is said to be an unbroken series of layers, crusts and liquid magma surrounding a dense, hot core made primarily of iron and nickel. But not everyone has supported that theory... as far back at the 17th century top scientific minds came to the conclusion the planet could actually be hollow.

One of the first scientists to speculate about a hollow Earth was Halley, who gave his name to the comet visible in the night sky every 75 years.

Proposed in 1692 as a way of explaining anomalous compass readings, Halley's theory was that the planet is a series of nested, spherical shells, spinning in different directions, all surrounding a central core. In his estimation, based on readings of the magnetic field and what he knew of the gravitational pull of the sun and the moon on the Earth, his model could account for any inaccuracies in his readings of the magnetic fields of the planet.

Halley's notion has been expanded upon over the centuries, developing into a theory that the entire interior of the Earth is more like a huge cavern with a small sun at its centre that gives rise to a lush environment protected from the dangers of outer space, such as meteors and other extraterrestrial influences.

In 1818 Symmes published his Circular No 1, a simplified version of Halley's multi-layered model with the addition of vast holes at the North and South Pole which he claimed allowed access to the hidden world.

Although derided by the sceptics, Symmes eventually made a case sufficiently convincing to get the US Congress to vote on funding for an expedition in 1822. And, although the plan was shot down, Symmes' belief in the inner Earth never died and he continued to campaign for the theory until his death in 1849.

In the majority of modern scenarios the inhabitants of Arianni are descendants of ancient races such as the Lemurians or, as Cluff suggests, the lost 10 tribes of Israel.

Since the dawn of the "third millennium", Cluff has been one of many theorists hoping to mount an expedition to the Arctic to find answers to the mystery. Most recently known as the North Pole Inner Earth Expedition, efforts to get such a project underway have met with a number of setbacks, with financial backers and team members falling victim to calamities ranging from cancer to fatal plane crashes.

There has been speculation the various setbacks have been aided by an international conspiracy to keep the knowledge hidden, but the group is now pushing ahead with plans for a trip next year, which if it were to go ahead could prove once and for all what lies beneath our feet.