# George Adamski

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George Adamski (April 17, 1891 – April 23, 1965) was a Polish-born American citizen who became widely known in ufology circles, and to some degree in popular culture, after he claimed to have photographed ships from other planets, met with friendly Nordic alien "Space Brothers", and to have taken flights with them. The first of the so-called contactees of the 1950s, he was a "philosopher, teacher, student and saucer researcher", though his claims were met with skepticism.<sup>[2]</sup>

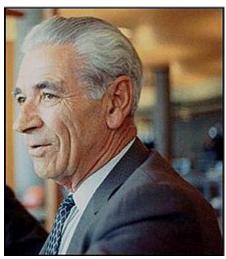
Adamski had written a best selling book titled *Flying Saucers Have Landed* 

(http://Flying%20Saucers%20Have%20Landed) detailing his experiences, co-written with Desmond Leslie.<sup>[3]</sup>

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### George Adamski



**Born** April 17, 1891

Poland

**Died** April 23, 1965 (aged 74)

Maryland, USA

**Occupation** Self-described "wandering

teacher"[1]

Ufologist

Organization Royal Order of Tibet,

International Get Acquainted

Program,

George Adamski Foundation

# Early years

Adamski was born on April 17, 1891, in Poland. [4] At the age of two, he and his family emigrated to America and settled in New York City. [4] From 1913 to 1916, beginning at the age of 22, [5] he was a soldier in the 13th U.S. Cavalry Regiment K-Troop fighting at the Mexican border during the Pancho Villa Expedition. [4] In 1917, he married. [5] Adamski then moved west, doing maintenance work in Yellowstone National Park and working in an Oregon flour mill. [4] While in Laguna Beach, Adamski founded the "Royal Order of Tibet," which held its meetings in the "Temple of Scientific Philosophy. [5] In 1940, Adamski and some close friends of his moved to a ranch near California's Palomar Mountain, where they dedicated their time to studying and farming. [5] In 1944, with funding from Mrs. Alice K. Wells, a student of Adamski, they purchased 20 acres (8.1 ha) of land on Palomar Mountain, where they built a new home called Palomar Garden and a new restaurant called Palomar Gardens Cafe. [2][4][5]

# **Ufology**

On October 9, 1946, during a meteor shower, Adamski and some friends claimed that while they were at the Palomar Gardens campground, they witnessed a large cigar-shaped "mother ship." [4] In 1947, Adamski took a photograph of what he claimed was the 1946 cigar-shaped "mother ship" crossing in front of the moon over Palomar Gardens. [4]

On May 29, 1950, Adamski took a photograph of what he alleged to be six unidentified objects in the sky, which appeared to be flying in formation. [4] Adamski's May 29, 1950, UFO photograph was depicted in an August 1978 commemorative stamp issued by the island nation of Grenada in order to mark the "Year of UFOs." [4][6]

On November 20, 1952, Adamski and several friends were in the Colorado Desert near the town of Desert Center, California, when they purportedly saw a large submarine-shaped object hovering in the sky. Believing that the ship was looking for him, Adamski is said to have left his friends and to have headed away from the main road. Shortly afterwards, according to Adamski's accounts, a scout ship made of a type of translucent metal landed close to him, and its pilot, a Venusian called **Orthon**[1] (http://3.bp.blogspot.com /\_fzPhTeWSoXU/Sb0\_VIqLqkI/AAAAAAAAAAAABMc/gxRWFUBKpL8/s400/orthon.jpg), [7] disembarked and sought him out. [8]

Adamski described Orthon as being a medium-height humanoid with long blond hair and tanned skin wearing reddish-brown shoes, though, as Adamski added, "his trousers were not like mine." [1][4][8][9] Adamski said Orthon communicated with him via telepathy and through hand signals. [1][8][9] During their conversation, Orthon is said to have warned of the dangers of nuclear war and to have arranged for Adamski to be taken on a trip to see the solar system, including the planet Venus, the location where Mrs. Adamski had been reincarnated. [4][8] Adamski said that Orthon had refused to allow himself to be photographed and instead asked Adamski to provide him with a blank photographic plate, which Adamski says that he gave him. [4] When Orthon left, Adamski said that he and George Hunt Williamson were able to take plaster casts of Orthon's footprints, which contained mysterious symbols. [10]



Adamski's photograph, which is said to be of a UFO, taken on December 13, 1952.

Orthon is said to have returned the plate to Adamski on December 13, 1952, at which point it was found to contain new strange symbols. [4][11] It was during this meeting that Adamski is said to have taken a now famous UFO photograph using his 6-inch (150 mm) telescope. [11]

In 1954, Desmond Leslie is said to have witnessed several UFOs with Adamski while visiting him in California. He described one of them in a letter he sent to his wife while he was in San Diego:<sup>[12]</sup>

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... a beautiful golden ship in the sunset, but brighter than the sunset ... It slowly faded out, the way they do.

"

In 1957 Adamski was the recipient of a letter signed "R.E. Straith," alleged representative of the "Cultural Exchange Committee" of the U.S. State Department. Straith wrote that the U.S. Government knew that Adamski had actually spoken to extraterrestrials in a California desert in 1952, and that a group of highly placed

government officials planned on public corroboration of Adamski's story. Adamski was proud of this endorsement and exhibited it to support his claims (Moseley & Pflock 2002:124–27, 180).

In May 1959, Adamski received a letter from the head of the Dutch Unidentified Flying Objects Society informing him that she had been contacted by officials at the palace of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and "that the Queen would like to receive you." Adamski informed a London newspaper about the invitation, which prompted the court and cabinet to request that the queen cancel her meeting with Adamski, but the queen went ahead with the meeting, saying, "A hostess cannot slam the door in the face of her guests." After the meeting, Dutch Aeronautical Association president Cornelis Kolff said, "The Queen showed an extraordinary interest in the whole subject." Wire services such as United Press International and Reuters sent the story out, and newspapers around the world ran it. On May 19, 1959, *The Straits Times* ran the story. The Sydney Morning Herald ran it on May 20, 1959, along with an image titled "The 'Moon Man." On May 21, 1959, the *Rockford Register* ran the article, and the Los Angeles Times ran it on May 27, 1959.

Adamski believed that the photographs of the far side of the moon that were taken by the Soviet lunar probe Luna 3 in 1959 were altered to depict a barren, lifeless surface when in fact there were cities, trees, and snow-capped mountains there instead.<sup>[17]</sup>

### Later life and death

In 1962, Mr Adamski announced that he would be attending an interplanetary conference held on the planet Saturn. [4] In 1963, Mr Adamski claimed that he had had a secret meeting with Pope John XXIII and that he had received a "Golden Medal of Honor" from the Pope. [17][18] Adamski, at the request of the extraterrestrials he was allegedly in contact with, met with the Pope in order to request a "final agreement" from him because of his decision not to communicate directly with any extraterrestrials, and also to offer him a liquid substance in order to save him from the gastric enteritis that he suffered from, which would later become acute peritonitis. [19]

On April 23, 1965, at the age of 74, Adamski died of a heart attack in Maryland. [4]



Adamski's "Golden Medal of Honor", which he claimed to have received during his meeting with Pope John XXIII.

# **Criticism**

The most common arguments contrary to Adamski's claims forwarded by skeptics in the 1950's is that living on the planet Venus was technologically impossible considering earth's technological advancement (in the 1950's), owing to its environmental conditions. These conditions include an atmospheric pressure at the planet's surface which is 92 times that of Earth, clouds composed of a substance thought to be sulfuric acid, and an average surface temperature of 461.85 °C. It follows that, no human from earth could live on the surface of the planet without a highly developed technology (such as the modern Antarctic bases, underwater submarine docks and the planned moon bases and space stations developed by NASA in the 21st century), and as a result most considered Mr Adamski's claims to be a technological impossibility for the 1950's. It should be noted however, that the alleged Venusian visitors stated they lived in underground cities, thus not being exposed to hostile conditions on the surface. Also, his claims inspired a British citizen who went under the name Cedric Allingham.

Adamski's 1955 book *Inside The Space Ships* is considered by some<sup>[20]</sup> to be a "remake" of a science fiction book, ghost written by Lucy McGinnis, entitled *Pioneers of Space* that Mr Adamski strongly denies writing. His often-published photo of a flying saucer from 1952 has been identified (by the chairman of the British UFO organization in the 1970s) as the top of an Italian-made ice machine used in his cafe<sup>[citation needed]</sup> (it is worth noting that the this machine was made after the pictures were released, thus disproving the claim), a streetlight, and the top of a chicken brooder. However, "Cecil B. de Mille's top trick photographer, Pev Marley, declared that if Adamski's pictures were fakes, they were the best he had ever seen, while in England 14 experts from the J. Arthur Rank company concluded that the object photographed was either real or a full-scale model." [22]

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# George Adamski in popular culture

#### Literature

■ Science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke referred to ufologists as suffering from *Adamski's disease* in his novel *3001: The Final Odyssey*.

#### Music

■ British House musician Adamski, real name Adam Tinley, adopted the UFO enthusiast's surname as his stagename. Tinley is most notable for his 1990 hit single *Killer*, which featured the vocals of the then-undiscovered singer Seal, and spent 4 weeks at number 1 in the United Kingdom.

#### Roleplaying games

■ Hunter: the Vigil's Task Force VALKYRIE includes a subgroup called Operation ADAMSKI, explicitly named after George Adamski, dedicated to producing and distributing misinformation about aliens and other "extra-normal entities" in order to hide the existence of such beings.

#### Video games

- In the video game, Mega Man 9, there is a UFO-based enemy named Adamski. This is probably a reference to George Adamski.
- In the game Disgaea in the optional "Prinny Commentary Mode" the commentator makes reference to Adamski UFO's.

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