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I find nothing to disagree with in your interesting letter but I'd like to make a couple of points. Having done your kamikaze stuff (and baled out) how do you set about convincing a society like this one that you have a real case to argue? Believe-me, I've tried it. Whether the L. Ness heart attack was because I went back without an exorcist to spin his spells I don't know. Your true saint presumably does his stuff no matter what the crowd thinks. Me, I'm more inclined to say-let them stew in their own bloody juice if they are as thick as that. This attitude is really quite illogical because I believe I am simply a branch of the Banyan Tree so presumably a blight in the main trunk can do me no good at all.

The Loch Ness absurdity is now extending itself in response to the interest generated. Two lots of murky films are now being checked at Pasadena Space Lab. The UFO "pilots" can afford to smirk at this first-class prank. It is almost as good as the "ape-man-in-an-iceblock" that fooled Heuvelsman and Sanderson. At least I got Heuvelsmans to pause before going to down on "lake-monsters" or he would have been caught twice.

It comes down to personality. The practicing "saint" can afford to snap his finger at the phenomena and declare they ~~really~~ don't really exist. For him, they don't. There seems to be a universal law that morally superior beings are more real and valid than those who are less so. I mean moral in the Buddhist sense of right attitude, Right Action, etc.. At 53 however I feel a bit old sit at the feet of a guru for a society so materialistic by choice.

I found your reference to Kell's anarchic sense of humor very pertinent. Tim Dinsdale has plodded on at Loch Ness for something like 15 Years; he has been "flashed" and had his equipment mysteriously fail when the monster showed up. He laughs at all this -something I have never been able to do.

We are really spirits encapsulated in protein and struggling to get out but fearful of what we will find. The fear is of our own creation. An early Christian, St Nilus (c. 400 A.D.) said: "be not afraid and have no dread neither of the threatenings and bugbears of the evil spirits, or of voices, and tremours of your dwellings, or of the lightening or flashes of fire, or of the attacks of strange men, camels, and dragons, who burst suddenly into your cells by night with clamour and roaring, or of the crazy laughter, the dancing, and the other ways the foul friends would affright you, which you have met since your profession".

Sincerely

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Synchronistic observation: St Catherine is patron saint of
Gebel Musa monastery founded by
St Nilus.