thought to be helpful during labor or how an anatomist views the possibility that it might have been a white shark, rather than a whale, that swallowed Jonah. And there are interesting digressions into the hydrodynamic explanation of the "dead water" phenomenon to dispel the ancient myth that remoras can suddenly stop a ship. The serious reader will appreciate the readable accounts of the classification, anatomy, and physiology of sharks. Many aspects of the behavior of sharks and the function of such special organs as the ampullae of Lorenzini are controversial and complex. Budker does not oversimplify the varying results of experiments and observations by scientists and divers but builds up to the final solution or remaining unsolved problem in a detective-story manner, bringing in his personal experiences and the observations of others in an intriguing, if sometimes verbose, account of the problems in shark biology. He criticizes, with expertise and with gentlemanly reserve, his colleagues' explanations for the caudal keels on some sharks, the long tail of the thresher, the peculiar shape of the hammerhead, the role of the cupula in connection with function of the pit organs, and swimming speed. On the whole Budker has done a remarkable job of presenting the array of evidence concerning the ways sharks are built and behave.

The book does not cover some recent research results (for example, the shark is less of a "swimming nose" than supposed since there is evidence that the huge "olfactory" lobes of the brain have functions other than olfaction) and the chapter on remoras is weakened by omission of the mounting evidence that the remora acts as a cleaner fish for sharks. The book also perpetuates a mystique about sharks by implying that, unlike other animals, sharks are unpredictable. If this were true the Cousteau, Dewey Bergman, and Peter Gimble teams would be out of business. In summing up sharks' uses to man, Budker paraphrases a saying that practically "everything about a shark is of use except the snap of its jaws and the lash of its tail." However, the popular fulllength movie now showing in local cinemas, "Blue Water, White Death," indicates that man has learned to capitalize even on these aspects.

In the early 1950's, after the synthesis of vitamin A and the increase in the cost of hand labor, the shark industry collapsed. Liver oil, hide, fins, and flesh were no longer in demand or too costly to supply. At present, sharks are hunted as movie stars, but as this industry passes its vogue, let us hope that sharks will still be valued as contributing to our understanding of many biological phenomena including the present structure and past history of the human body. If any one book can show the value of sharks as subjects for man's use and study, this one does, in simple and readable terms.

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Precipitation Scavenging (1970). Proceedings of a symposium, Richland, Wash., June 1970. U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tenn., 1970 (available as CONF-700601 from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Va.). xii, 498 pp., illus. Paper, \$6. AEC Symposium Series, vol. 22.

In this symposium the concern of the Atomic Energy Commission extends beyond the study of what is removed from the atmosphere to the important questions of why and how aerosols and gases are removed. Various contributions to the symposium discuss the removal of radioactive and nonradioactive, chemically active and inert materials.

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In the section Microphysics in Scavenging, Hidy, Slinn and Hales, and other authors discuss various processes that affect the removal of aerosol particles and gases; the lack of agreement on some points is invigorating. The section includes a review of the theory of diffusive and impactive scavenging which covers the entire chain of microprocesses: attachment of trace substances onto aerosol particles, collision of those particles with liquid or solid aerosol particles (cloud droplets or ice crystals), transfer processes during water vapor condensation, and temporal changes in the size distribution of liquid cloud droplets.

Field and laboratory experiments, which provide numerical results applicable to models and predictions, constitute-as is appropriate-the largest section of the proceedings. Of particular interest are studies performed with cosmogenic radionuclides ³⁸Cl, ³⁹Cl, and ²⁴Na (Perkins et al.), which supply information on the rates and mechanisms of in-cloud removal of tagged natural aerosol particles. The hypothesis that submicron particles are scavenged by neutral and electrostatically charged water drops is advanced; the effect of the solubilities of gases on their removal by raindrops is discussed; and the removal of SO₂, NO₂, CO₂, and halogens is treated in great detail. Models are presented which successfully predict the removal of radioactive species from the troposphere and the transfer of radioactive materials from the stratosphere into the troposphere.

The volume should attract a rather wide audience. It will serve meteorologists interested in processes taking place within clouds and should be of interest to those engaged in air pollution studies. It will serve physical chemists, physicists, and chemists as well. The reader will have ample opportunity to disagree with some of the statements made and to form his own opinions of how gas molecules, aerosol particles, cloud droplets, and ice crystals interact. The collection of articles is also a convenient point of entry into one of the most complex of fields, that of cloud chemistry and physics. The proceedings show both how little we know about processes involving water in our atmosphere and how rapidly we are progressing in this field.

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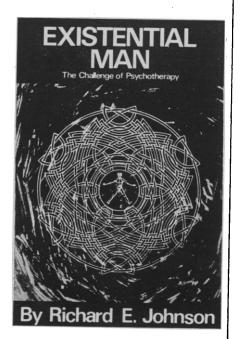
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