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A Visit to the Universal Studios of Hollywood The World's Most Thrilling Entertainment Extravaganza

The Back To The Future Ride, The E T Adventure, The Studio Tram-Ride, A Tribute To Lucy, Cinemagic, Backdraft of Fire-Storm, Earthquake, Avalanche, King Kong Fight, Live Show of Miami Vice and The Wild Wild West, Jurassic Park Effects and a lot more to enjoy.

by Prof Roushan Ara Hoque back from USA

It is the world's largest movie studio spreading over 420 acres of picture magic land. Yes, it's the Universal Studios of Hollywood in California in the USA. Every day thousands of visitors enjoy its every thrilling heart-warming and spine-tingling ride and show. Yes, all these are there! I passed one extraordinary day right in the middle of these greatest film-adventures. I visited the famous backlot where many classic movies have been made since 1915, including hits like "All Quiet On The Western Front," "Frankenstein," "To Kill a Mocking Bird," "The Sting," "Jaws," "Back To The Future," and such TV serials as "Miami Vice," "Murder, She Wrote," "Major Dad," "Wild Wild West" etc.

The Universal Studios is divided into two parts — the Entertainment Centre and the Studio Centre. The Back To The Future Ride, Fievel's Playland, Animal Actors Stage, The Adventures of Conan, The Star Trek Adventure, Beetlejuice's Graveyard Revue etc are the main attractions of the Entertainment Centre. In the Studio Centre there are The E T Adventure, The Studio Tram-Ride, A Tribute To Lucy, The World of Cinemagic, Backdrafts, Live Action Shows and special effect displays etc.

The Entertainment Centre

The Entertainment Centre at the top of the hill of the Universal City has something for everyone. It was an adventure for me to pass through all the incredible elements that go into the movies, close-ups, spectacular stunts and amazing special effects. Some visitors were posing with the delightful Hollywood characters from Charles Chaplin and Frankenstein to Woody Woodpecker, Fievel, Groucho, Beetlejuice and even with Marilyn Monroe.

The Back To The Future Ride: This Ride is on a most futuristic Time Vehicle invented by Doc Brown. It is the most thrilling, mind-boggling and hyper-exciting supersonic race through time and beyond the boundaries of human imagination. It is a record breaking movie trilogy. The main story is that the evil villain Biff Tannen has snuck into the lab of Doc Brown and stolen one of his creations. Then to capture the villain Doc Brown began the chase in this Time Vehicle to the future. Christopher Lloyd played the role of the crazy genius Doc Brown. As the Ride began we faced a three dimensional stratosphere of cinematic excitement. Hurting through time we flew into the futuristic Hill Valley of 2015. A D then back through the indefinite period of time to the chilling Ice-Age. Then with the dizzying speed we passed through caverns of jagged ice, colliding with glaciers till we exploded into the Volcanic

"All men and women are philosophers, though some are more so than others," wrote Popper in a sort of informal reply to a paper by my late friend Friedrich Waismann: virtually an attack on the traditional claim that philosophers are a special kind of people and philosophy can be looked upon as their peculiar activity.

Popper has always remained far from sharing the enthusiasm for the activities of the academic philosophers or the "exclusive group of people".

He, in fact, tried to bring the mystery-studded-long-revered branch of knowledge, the "No Man's Land" of Russell to trial as he has felt an urgent "need of an *apologia pro vita sua*, of a defence of its (philosophy) existence." He even felt that as a professional philosopher he himself established a serious case against him and pleaded guilty. Unlike most analytic philosophers, Popper held philosophy is not sharply distinguishable from science, either in its methods or in its subject matter and refused to accept there can be a correct philosophical method. Popper made it impressively clear that when philosophy, as a special autonomous craft, is isolated from the general pursuit of knowledge it degenerates into scholasticism and triviality. If philosophy, Popper maintains, is to be of any general importance it must stand in a close relation to the work of other disciplines.

Karl Raimund Popper was born in Vienna on July 28, 1902. His father Simon Popper — a doctor of law at the University of Vienna — was a prominent liberal lawyer. And mother Jenny Schiff Popper was a pianist. It might be the musical environment of his house that inspired the matured Karl to say "next to music and art, science is the greatest, most beautiful and most enlightening achieve-

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