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Re: DISPATCH # 89 -- the weekly newsletter of

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 23:27:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Apr 1998 09:28:26 -0500
Subject: Re: DISPATCH # 89 -- the weekly newsletter of

THE REAL X FILES

>In The X-Files, FBI Special Agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully
>pursue all sorts of UFO abductions, government conspiracies and
>every sort of paranormal freakiness that the show's writers can
>imagine. While the X-Files is fiction, real-life FBI agents spent
>a lot of time chasing UFOs across the country, especially in the
>early stages of the modern UFO era, from 1947 to the mid-1950s.
>And like Mulder and Scully, the FBI normally does not investigate
>UFOs and paranormal events unless there is a perception of crime.
>And not just ANY crime! J. Antonio Huneeus has the documents, and
>brings us a fascinating study of the FBI's paranormal excursions
>during the early years of the "flying saucer" era.

I'm sure I mentioned this before, by THE UFO-FBI CONNECTION/the
REAL X files is a manuscript I have been selling privately (no
publisher yet) which tells the story' of FBI involvement and also
presents information and analysis on the "X files" of Air Force
Intelligence and the CIA. After reading this you will KNOW that
the Air \ Force had convincing evidence and lied to the American
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Re: Update on Indiana Sightings

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 18:34:40 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Apr 1998 09:25:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Update on Indiana Sightings

>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 10:01:53 -0800
>From: "Kenny Young" <task@fuse.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Update on Indiana Sightings: witness descriptions

>Update on Indiana Sightings:

>...
>The red lights were estimated to be 2000 feet up in the air and
>were visible for over a minute. On the Thursday sighting, the
>witness said the objects started to bank and turn away as if
>leaving, still seemingly attached to one permanent object. He
>said that the objects seemed to 'go upward' in unison. "I don't
>know how else to say it, they went up," he commented.

>"There was SO much air traffic, I just couldn't believe that
>there were no pilots who didn't see anything. It was about rush
>hour for air traffic into Evansville, and these things were
>flying right into the flight path and corridor of the air
>traffic."

Hello Kenny,

It's interesting to keep track of sightings of this nature --
they've occurred plenty of times before -- in which the UFO was
visible to a few observers situated in one place but seemingly
invisible to many others in the general area. Does it make sense
-- if UFOs can render themselves invisible (suddenly disappear,
etc.), or if they normally operate in that mode, that they could
even top this? That is, some of them can perhaps make themselves
visible just to a few people in one small area while staying
invisible to everyone else.

On the other hand, if a lot of pilots see a UFO, a lot of pilots
can stay quiet about it!

>The witness said that what he saw was not likely to be flares,
>because there was no trail or movement. He said nothing fell to
>the ground or moved downward. "If these were flares, wouldn't
>they be falling?"

Thanks for having posted the Indiana sightings.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Gender Differences Between Experiencers.....

From: **Skye Turell** <tural33@west.net>
Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 16:17:16 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Apr 1998 09:21:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Gender Differences Between Experiencers.....

> From: jpolanik@mindspring.com [Joseph Polanik]
> To: updates@globalserve.net Date:
> Tue, 31 Mar 1998 06:54:52 -0500
> Subject: [No Subject]

> Researcher John Rimmer wrote in 'The Evidence for Alien Abductions', p. 73-4. :

> If we look at those cases where women have been abducted alone,
> or in the company of other women ... we find a distinct tendency
> towards the phenomenon selecting women who are divorced,
> separated or undergoing some sort of marital or sexual crisis.

This means that women who are not currently living with a man in the household are likely to be abducted only by themselves or in the company of other women (in other words, not along with a man). Gee, that's deep.

> Besides the 'The Andreasson Affair',

If I remember Betty Andreasson Luca's experience timeline correctly, if you had interviewed her a year or so prior to the abduction experience detailed in the first book, you would have found that she WAS married. Since abductions tend to be a lifelong phenomenon, and certainly Betty has had many experiences since the first one, then it's likely that she was having unrecalled experiences during the time period of his first marriage. Further, she is now remarried and continues to have experiences, some involving her husband too, if memory serves. Therefore this hypothesis regarding Betty is all meaningless.

> three popular American books
> on abductions ('Missing Time' by Budd Hopkins; 'Abducted!' by
> Coral and Jim Lorenzen; and 'Direct Encounters' by Judith and
> Alan Gansberg) give details of eleven women who have described
> abduction experiences.

> ... of the eleven women described in these cases, it can be seen
> that four are divorcees, one a widow, and two living in a lesbian
> relationship. Only two out of the eleven appear to have been
> married and living with their husbands at the time of the
> incidents.

Which means, we might ask the authors of those books why they didn't include more cases involving married hetero couples. This selection skew is generated by the authors and is not representative of the overall demographics of abductees.

However, it does seem that more female abductees are willing to come forward. I suspect the reason you see this skew is because a) men are less willing to report these kinds of experiences because it is more acceptable for paranormal, psychic and "weird" experiences to be discussed by women, for obvious cultural reasons; and b) the man in a married woman's life is probably less willing to have HER come forward because of how that might effect him. At least this was the dynamic through the 1980's (and perhaps continues to this day in many households).

However, in the early- to mid-90's there was a startling upsurge of personal experience abduction books written by women. Leah

Haley, Michelle LaVigne, Katharina Wilson, and Karla Turner come immediately to mind. The majority of these women were all married, and this is what I would expect to see, based on my own circle of female abductee contacts, most of whom are married, or have been married during some phases of their lives.

> In the past, many UFO researchers have neglected to collect
> personal details of the background of witnesses, feeling that
> this was not relevant to the subject they were studying. This may
> be understandable, but it assumes that the UFO phenomenon is
> external to the witness and quite unconnected with their own
> personal circumstances. This is far from being proven and there
> is strong evidence to suggest the the UFO mystery is very much
> tied up with the individuals who experience it.

To do this right would require a massive database. I don't think anyone's got the funds to do so. But realize that so far there appears to be NO demographic stereotype for abductees and we might never find an obvious "marker."

> Does anyone have further information about possible gender
> differences between experiencers and non-experiencers (or is it
> 'experience reporters' and 'experience non-reporters')?

Again, no one can have these numbers without a serious study dedicated to that purpose. But all the hypotheses described above are vacuous.

Of course, conducting research of this kind is next to impossible in today's environment where many abductees don't know for sure that they are and everyone else is trying like hell to rationalize the entire phenomenon out of existence.

The proposed profile of the female abductee as maladjusted, sexually troubled and generally crisis-ridden, says a considerable amount about the person putting forth the hypothesis and absolutely nothing about the abductees.

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Re: Gender Differences Between Experiencers...

From: **The Duke of Mendoza** <101653.2205@compuserve.com> [Peter Brookesmith]
Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 23:29:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Apr 1998 09:59:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Gender Differences Between Experiencers...

With the compliments of the Duke of Mendoza:

>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 14:27:44 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Marie Ivey <jmi@aretha.jax.org>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Gender Differences
Between Experiencers And Non-experiencers

>What percentage of the female population is divorced, separated
>or undergoing some sort of marital or sexual crisis? A better
>question might be, what women don't fall into these categories?
>Most of the women in these categories would likely be sleeping
>alone and more vulnerable.

You might ask the same questions about men. And is there any reason why *men* sleeping alone should be considered less vulnerable to (putative) noxious alien embraces than women? I'd be inclined to think that the reasons why women *appear* to be more numerous among *reported* abductees has something to do with (a) the interests of the mostly male investigators and (b) the way women are invited to perceive themselves in society at large.

Apart from such questions, John Rimmer published his book in 1984. He was working from a much smaller sample of reported cases than he would be if undertaking the same exercise today. (Tho' apart from that caveat I think his book remains one of the best studies of the phenomenon yet published.)

If you regard the dreaded Roper Poll as an index not of abductees, but of whom abductologists would regard as abductees, then it may be useful in gauging any gender bias for the future.

As there's no centrally-gathered, reliable set of statistics on abduction reports, we are all guessing a bit now. David Jacobs likes to use the third-person feminine pronoun when discussing abductees. But then (in "The Threat") he is also strangely interested in kinky alien-human sado-masochistic sex scenes, so perhaps he's not entirely to be trusted. Mmmm. And maybe for other reasons too.

Yrs &c
Phlebitis D. Megatherium
Busy Bee

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Cult Leader Guesses Wrong Again...

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Cult leader guesses wrong again: God a no-show in Texas

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GARLAND, Texas (March 31, 1998 4:13 p.m. EST
<http://www.nando.net>) - God failed once again to materialize in Garland, Texas, Tuesday as prophesied by Taiwan cult leader Chen Hon-Ming, who quickly changed his prediction.

Instead of witnessing a divine manifestation, said the silver-haired 42-year-old former college professor, everyone present had become God at 10 a. m.

"You yourself are Gods," Chen told the 60 cult members, 80 journalists, many from the Far East, and some 20 neighbors at a two-hour event in front of his house in this quiet Dallas suburb.

Police had cordoned off the street, allowing only accredited journalists to enter, including two people dressed as aliens sent by a Dallas rock radio station.

"P.T. Barnum couldn't put together a carnival this fast," said Dick Beardsley, 81, a neighbor who complained to Garland authorities about the disruption to the street he said the cult created.

The UFO cult leader had repeatedly prophesied that on March 31, God would appear in Chen's form, clone himself 100,000 times and shake hands with everyone present.

When God (who had also failed to show up for a Chen-predicted Channel 18 live broadcast at midnight March 24) did not oblige, Chen asked each person present to shake his own hands.

And without missing a beat, Chen launched into a host of new predictions, announcing that his group was leaving Wednesday for Buffalo, New York, to carry on God's work in the Great Lakes region.

Chen warned people not to eat meat or mistreat their automobiles. He said a non-vegetarian diet would lead to nightmares in which the consumed animal would appear.

Chen warned drivers that if they abused their Chevrolet it could run them over while they lay asleep.

"If you eat the buttocks of a chicken, you will have a pain in the ass," Chen said, adding that eating meat would lead to

diarrhea, indigestion and decrepitude.

He repeated his prediction that China and Taiwan would go to war in January 1999, leading to a nuclear holocaust. (The populations of the warring countries would be rescued by God in a flying saucer and shuttled to Gary, Indiana.)

There was no outward disenchantment from his followers, who were wearing their habitual white sweatshirts and pants and straw cowboy hats. Lin Hung-chih, 38, who left behind a veterinary practice in Taiwan, said some followers were indeed disappointed, but he and his wife were not.

"It was a beautiful experience," said Lin, who admitted he had expected God to appear in Chen's form.

"Some are disappointed. I am not," Lin said.

Lin was among the 30 or so followers who bought houses in Garland late last year. Although they were believers, Lin said he and his wife were leaving the group and moving to Vancouver because their U.S. tourist visas were running out and they had permission to immigrate to Canada.

Local banker Walter Hsu said about one-third of the cult were heading back to Taiwan, and would sell or rent the houses they had bought in Garland.

The group -- formally called the God and Buddha Salvation Foundation, though members refer to themselves as followers of "Jen Dao," the True Way -- had selected Garland for their home because the name sounded to those from Taiwan like "Godland," according to Chen.

Garland police lieutenant Don Martin said that the costs of handling the media and the cult since December totalled \$100,000.

"It's quite strange, to say the least, it's our first experience dealing with such a multitude of media. Let's wish this happens somewhere else next."

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Re: UFO Public Nuisance Hall of Fame - Final Tally

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>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UFO Public Nuisance Hall of Fame - Final Tally

>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 19:20:30 +0100
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>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: RE-UFO Public Nuisance Hall of Fame - Final Tally

>>Date: Sun, 29 Mar 1998 04:27:11 -0800
>>From: "Charles T. Oliphant III" <alkahest@slip.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: UFO Public Nuisance Hall of Fame (FINAL TALLY)

>>THE UFO PUBLIC NUISANCE HALL OF FAME is a JOKE!

>Can I start a list of those not nominated?

>I'm feeling a little left out here as must many on this list,
>for example I did'nt see Kevin Randle or Paul Devereaux or even the
>passionate pastor of the patter he honourable Duke Mendoza. <G>
>Not that I would even dare suggest that I am in the same league as
>these "big" names. (How dare I even add my name in the same sentence)
>but there must be many disreputable <g> investigators/researchers/
>ufologists who might feel a little bit peeved cause they was left out.

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> Life is but a dream, death is the only reality.
> Sean Jones

Sean,

Those people left out should have done as I did and nominated themselves! And then fought hard for inclusion when rejected by Mr. Oliphant by proving their contribution to the disreputable reputation of ufology.

If they're such wimps that they did not fight for what was rightfully theirs, they deserve to be left out!

Bob

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Alfred's Odd Ode #235

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Apr 1998 19:00:53 -0500
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #235

Apology to MW #235 (For March 31, 1998)

L. Moulton Howe? I'd thought she was heavy. By that I mean plump, ponderous -- weighty. I'd thought she was mannish, had gained *too much* weight -- since beauty queen days she had emptied some plates <g>. Her butterball picture preceded her lecture, I'd thought her an endomorph -- too fond French confecture. And what's wrong with that -- well, not a damn thing; it's preferred is the point, it's a way I can _think_.

Oh don't get me wrong -- I'm making no judgement. (I fight it myself -- I'm as fat as da' gub'mint) It's just that it's better to hear the full message unfiltered by beauty's unwelcome advantage. Equations =85 complex and detailed enough for motives inflicted to shake it all up =85 I don't want her to thrill me -- I just want her to _share_ all her travels, conclusions, and what she's found there. I don't want a romance, or a man/woman thing, just *mind* to a *mind* is the song I would sing. I _wanted_ her portly, to give her _words_ weight; all prettiness is _suspect_, it changes common fate.

She'd been just a voice, and I'd heard its expression; its concern, its good sense -- its truthful connection. She was honest, and forthright -- _brave_ to bring light in a darkness we're facing -- we near the same plight. Our world is dying, her words are like tears; she clearly contends valid reasons for fear! The lungs of our planet are burning up daily, the fish are expiring, she points it up plainly! Conspiracy's real, and it gushes from founts! Enigma's come calling -- anomaly mounts!

'Twas then that we met, and I've got to be truthful =85 transcends the ethereal; good Christ, she is beautiful! She was standing, alone, in front of the lift as I turned the sharp corner -- struck dumb and bereft!

I held out my hand and tried to say something, God knows what came out, I felt speechless, presumptive. See what I mean? Beauty is tyranny! I had questions to ask, but I'd lost my epiphany!

"You are Ms. Howe," my question a statement, she said, "why, ah=85yes." And her smile was radiant. Her gown was so light, and it moved in Gulf Breeze as we walked to the lift (I was weak in the knees). I'm fifty years old, with a seasoned immunity to the ways of the flesh, and our shallow community. But I was swept up in the scent of her clothes, the wave in her hair -- her pedicured toes. My mind was in overdrive, and I sucked up her detail, those alien little eyebrows, the constant question they entail. Then the way she looks right in you, like your secrets she's laid bare; I felt the need to cover up, ashamed what she'd find there. . .

And I'm unimpressed by general officers! I bow to few women, no strutting, proud man -- but something about this Ms. Howe is quite different, and it went _way_ past her beauty; can I make you understand?

She was on two, and I was on four; we've one floor together, then she's out the door. The time that was spent in the short little trip I'll remember a while (it went too damn quick).

I thanked her for her courage, and I gushed upon her book -- would she autograph it please, and she said she surely would. And then she was gone, and the doors had rolled closed -- Linda Howe's a phat treasure <g>, a flower -- a rose.

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She really is incredibly beautiful, and I would just as soon it not get in the way. On anyone else her beauty would be an unwelcome distraction. She's the kind of person; however, that makes her physical appearance fade in the listener's appreciation of what she has to say. And, she has plenty to say.

I have to make an effort to be *nice* to unusually pretty people -- by any stripe of prettiness (charisma unsettles me). I suppose it's because, I feel, many of them are so used to deferential treatment, they have (most of them) lost the capacity to appreciate it. Ms. Howe is certainly attractive enough for me to dismiss, out of hand <g>. But for her unusual courage, evidence of putting herself in harm's way, and obvious uncontrived and (cleanly healthy) passion for her subject, I would most likely not believe a word she has to say <g>. But I do believe her, share her concern for an abused Earth (the only home we've currently got), and support, in a material way, her ongoing investigation into that which should be of interest to every one of us.

Gods speed and cleverness, Linda Howe. It's apparent you're one of the few that's as pretty on the inside as you most certainly are on the outside. Lovely, but still a minor god in my personal pantheon, and, currently, "reporting my skies." <g>.

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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: Roswell UFO Theory Applies to Net Security

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Date: Wed, 1 Apr 1998 17:39:12 EST
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Subject: Re: Roswell UFO Theory Applies to Net Security

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Subject: Roswell UFO Theory Applies to Net Security Outbreaks,...
Date: Wed, 1 Apr 1998 08:26:54 EST

Roswell UFO Theory Applies to Net Security Outbreaks, According to Integralis

KIRKLAND, Wash., April 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Integralis, Inc., makers of the leading content security product MIMESweeper, today produced conclusive evidence linking the escalation of network security breaches with extra-terrestrial activity. The aliens responsible for the outbreak of computer viruses, malicious codes, and email-related legal battles were positively identified as the same out-of-this-world crew discovered in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. The aliens are being held for questioning, but have refused to comment at the counsel of their intergalactic attorney.

Of course, this is where we say, "April Fools!" While content security is definitely a priority issue for IT, the pressing need for it is probably not the result of otherworldly beings.

The REAL news: Integralis today announced the completion of a comprehensive guide that gives IT managers A-to-Z guidance on content security issues. The encyclopedic Guide to Content Security is a passport to understanding the latest threats that companies face from email and the Internet -- and how to stop them.

"This guide is a boon to systems administrators," said Victor Woodward, VP of business development. "Increasingly, companies are facing security threats that are not addressed by their firewall -- from the loss of proprietary information via the email system to multi-million dollar lawsuits based on inappropriate email to malicious Java or ActiveX codes on the Web. These are threats posed by email and Internet content, and the solution is content security."

The guide provides definitions, explanations and solutions around content security in an easy-to-use alphabetical format. Companies can receive a free copy of the guide by contacting Kimberly Pepper, marketing communications manager, at 425-889-4724, ext. 21 or via email kim.pepper@us.integralis.com.

About Integralis

Integralis, Inc., based in Kirkland, Washington, is the leading supplier of Internet content security software and email gateway software.

MIMESweeper(TM), first shipped in 1995, was the original product to scan email and attachments for viruses and macro viruses, and has since become a complete content security solution that monitors and provides control over email, Web and other Internet and Intranet communications.

Integralis has important marketing and OEM agreements with companies such as CheckPoint, Raptor, TIS, IBM, International Messaging Associates, Command Software, Dr. Solomons and much more. Integralis has offices in the United States, UK, France, Germany and Australia. MIMESweeper is sold direct and through a

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select reseller channel made up of VARs, system integrators and Internet service providers. For additional information, call 800-982-6109 or visit the Web site at www.mimesweeper.com.

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'Project Snowflake' - A Discovery Channel Hoax

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UFO CONSPIRACY EXISTS ACCORDING TO EXN POLL OF CANADIANS "Project Snowflake" Revealed as April Fool's Internet Stunt

In the spirit of April Fool's day, the staff at Discovery Channel's EXN.ca Web site revealed today that they had mixed fact with fiction to create "Project Snowflake", an Internet stunt designed to coincide with the re-launch of the award-winning science site. In conducting the stunt, they also learned a surprising fact: 74% of Canadians polled believe that the Government is hiding UFO technology.

Since March 27th, thousands of Canadians have been drawn to the EXN.ca site <<http://www.exn.ca/>> to follow the saga of "Project Snowflake", a fictitious story detailing an alleged top secret flying saucer program operating in the 1970's near Gilton, Alberta - a town that doesn't exist.

EXN.ca developed the ruse based on Canada's 40-year aerospace history which saw significant advances in each decade since the 1950's, a decade that delivered the Avro Arrow, the most advanced fighter jet of its time. The 1960's saw the launch of the first Canadian satellite - the Alouette - and the 1980's introduced the world to Canadarm, the pride of the country.

Since the 1970's saw no real breakthroughs in the Canadian aerospace industry, EXN.ca created "Project Snowflake" to fill the gap, spinning a five-day tale of intrigue and scientific discovery, complete with photos and accounts from local farmers describing strange lights in the night sky, mysterious gouges in their fields, and unusual tremors that shook metal objects.

"Project Snowflake gave us the opportunity to demonstrate how daily elements that we feature on our Web site include the very latest news in science, technology, and adventure," says Jeffrey Elliott, managing director of NetStar Interactive. "EXN.ca is a vital companion to our flagship science series @discovery.ca, and we wanted to raise awareness with our audience that the site enhances the Discovery experience. Our goal was also to show that science can be fun and, judging by the great response that we've had to Project Snowflake, including selection as Yahoo! Canada's Pick of the Week, I think we've proved the point," he added.

During the stunt, visitors to the site were polled. The results are remarkable:

- * 63% of respondents believe that UFOs exist
- * 63% think that UFO technology exists on Earth
- * 74% believe that the Government is hiding UFO technology

EXN.ca, free of cost to anyone with Internet access, is a dedicated science World Wide Web site with a unique identity and original content. A service of the Discovery Channel Canada, it originally launched Oct. 31, 1996, with an ambitious plan to develop Canada's source for science news and content on the Internet. Currently, EXN.ca serves 145,000 visitors each month

and recently garnered a Top-5 rating from WEB Magazine, alongside other notable science sites run by the Smithsonian Institution and Scientific American.

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Apr 1998 19:24:07 -0500
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On Tue, 31 Mar 1998, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

> From: "Keith M. King" <alien2@sound.net>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> > From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
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> > Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 02:43:26 +0100
> > Subject: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> > >From Michigan Live. URL:

> > <http://www.mlive.com/kooks/stories/19970527rapture.html>

> > UFOs Demonic Harbingers of The End

> > Some think mass landings of UFOs around the year 2000 will soon bring
> > friendly Space Brothers who will save humanity and usher in a New Age
> > of spiritual enlightenment. But millennial doomsayers at Watcher
> > Ministries in Missoula, Montana say that this story just isn't true:
> > instead, it's what the aliens would like us to believe. It's no less
> > than an "Angelic Conspiracy and End-Times Deception."

> Most of this is pure hogwash. There are no scriptural
> precedents for these allegations. Year 2000 mass landings??
> What is that? We shouldnt use scripture to support
> any and all ideas or theories we care to spout.....thats
> called "pretext" Keep all Scripture in the context
> in which it was written...

> Keith M. King
> M. King Studies

Hi Keith,

By coincidence I was introduced to the Watcher Ministries web site by my friend Chris, a week or so ago, who wanted my opinion. I made hardcopies of everything they had and took them home to read more closely. I regret that I wasted so much paper for so little in substance.

Having said that, I would not go to the same extreme as you do and say that one "...shouldn't use scripture to support any and all ideas or theories...". Any authoritative and high regarded book or work of reference, including the Bible, should be used. Although I may not agree (or in some cases understand) what Zecharia Sitchin and others have to say about UFOs who use the Bible and other historical works as their sources of information, I think you would agree that their expert opinions should not be suppressed or censored in any way.

If you read your Bible carefully you will discover that a large part of it does involves predictions, including many which are identified as "end time" predictions. It also has some of the earliest accounts of UFOs on record. What do you mean then by "Keep all Scripture in the context in which it was written."? Except for these "end time" predictions (we are not there just

yet) the Bible has also been shown to have an unprecedented 100% accuracy with regard to fulfilled prophecies, at least according to The Learning Channel and some more reliable sources.

With regards to the Watcher Ministries material, you say that "Most of this is pure hogwash.". Please share with us which material do you feel is not hogwash and your reasons why?

As for the year 2000 mass landings, from what I have been reading in UFO UpDates recently, I think 1998 is the year. At least that's my prediction. ;)

Nick Balaskas

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7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

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Sahara astronomical site older than Stonehenge

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NEW YORK (April 1, 1998 3:07 p.m. EST <http://www.nando.net>) --
Researchers have found a complex of slabs and stones in the Sahara Desert that might be the oldest known monument built with astronomical considerations in mind -- far older than England's Stonehenge.

It was constructed by nomadic cattle-herders as much as 7,000 years ago in southern Egypt, and probably was intended for rituals rather than astronomical observations, said J. McKim Malville of the University of Colorado at Boulder.

An expert in ancient astronomy said that it would be among the oldest astronomical monuments known, but that the ages of such monuments are so uncertain it's impossible to know if the Egyptian complex is the oldest. He also said the study presents suggestive evidence, but not proof, for astronomical design.

Malville, an astrophysics professor, describes the stone complex in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature with anthropologist Fred Wendorf of Southern Methodist University in Dallas and other researchers. The monument was discovered over several years of field work ending in 1997.

Stonehenge was first used about 5,000 years ago and gained some of its current stones about 4,000 years ago. The stones indicate the points of midsummer sunrise and midwinter sunset, but nobody knows just what people used Stonehenge for.

The Egyptian stone complex, which isn't circular like Stonehenge, is spread over an area 1.8 miles by three-quarters of a mile. It includes 10 slabs some 9 feet high, 30 rock-lined ovals, nine burial sites for cows, each under a pile of 40 to 50 rocks weighing up to 200 or 300 pounds apiece, and a "calendar circle" of stones.

Many of these features line up in five radiating lines, one of them running east-west.

The calendar circle is a 12-foot-wide arrangement of slabs about 18 inches long, most of them lying down. Two pairs of upright stones stand directly across the circle from each other, defining a view that would have displayed sunrise at the summer solstice, the researchers said.

That would be an important day to the cattle-herders, because summer is when monsoon rains would begin, Wendorf said. But the circle wouldn't have been a very accurate indicator of when the solstice was occurring. It was "more symbolic than practical," Malville said.

The circle also contains two other pairs of standing stones that

defined a north-south view.

Charcoal from hearths around the circle and wood from one of the burial sites date to about 7,000 years ago. It's not clear when most of the rest of the monument was erected, but it was at least 5,000 years ago, Wendorf said.

Edwin Krupp of the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, an expert on ancient astronomy, said the calendar circle offers intriguing evidence of astronomical awareness that is worth investigating further.

If the indications are real, he said, "then certainly this is one of the very oldest examples of the incorporation of astronomy into a monument." Some constructions in the Middle East might turn out to be as old, he said.

Curtis Runnels, a Boston University archaeologist, said that other than the calendar circle, the evidence of astronomical design is weak.

By MALCOLM RITTER, The Associated Press

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Cydonia Imaging Scheduled

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From NASA's Mars Global Surveyor site. This is the "Second Announcement with Schedule for Observations". I have omitted the latter though, as it was impossible to format, so do go to this URL for more information:

<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/announcement2.html>

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GLOBAL SURVEYOR SCHEDULES IMAGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIKING, PATHFINDER,
CYDONIA REGIONS OF MARS

The Mars Global Surveyor project has resumed scientific observations of the surface of Mars and has scheduled opportunities to image four selected sites: the Viking 1 and 2 landing sites, the Mars Pathfinder landing site and the Cydonia region.

Three opportunities to image each of the four sites using the spacecraft's high-resolution camera will take place over the next month, beginning on April 3 at 1:58 a.m. Pacific time, when Global Surveyor passes over the Viking 1 landing site. The spacecraft will next pass over the Viking 2 landing site at 1:37 p.m. Pacific time on April 3. On April 4, Global Surveyor will try to image the now-silent Mars Pathfinder lander at 1:16 a.m. Pacific time. It will then capture a portion of the Cydonia region of Mars, location of the so-called "Face on Mars," on April 5 at 12:33 a.m. Pacific time.

Attempts to rephotograph the sites will occur during two additional opportunities falling about nine days apart. A detailed schedule of the imaging attempts is listed below. Uncertainties in both the spacecraft's pointing and the knowledge of the spacecraft's ground track from its navigation data will provide only a 30- to- 50-percent chance of capturing the images of each site.

All of the selected targets are located south of Global Surveyor's periapsis, or point of closest approach to the Martian surface. Shortly before the spacecraft reaches this point, the Global Surveyor spacecraft will rotate slightly so that when it nears the selected target, the camera's field-of-view will sweep across the target as the spacecraft flies south and rises away.

The spacecraft will begin transmitting to Earth data stored on its onboard solid-state recorders about seven hours after the images are acquired, concluding about three hours later. Currently it takes radio signals from Mars Global Surveyor about 20 minutes to travel from the spacecraft to Earth.

Data will be received at one of NASA's Deep Space Network tracking stations at Goldstone, CA, near Madrid, Spain or near Canberra, Australia, and then sent by satellite to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA. There the images, along with all of the rest of Global Surveyor's science and engineering data, are placed in the project database for access by flight controllers. This process takes only seconds for each bit of data. Consequently, the image data will not be available on the ground until about 10.5 hours after they are acquired. Data received overnight will not be retrieved until 9 a.m. Pacific time on the following workday.

When image data are retrieved by camera operators, the information is assembled into "raw" images. Raw images may contain data errors or drop-outs introduced by noise in the telecommunications channel between the spacecraft and the ground, as well as very slight picture element variations inherent in the camera. This data processing takes about 30 minutes.

Raw images will be posted on three web sites: JPL's Mars news site at <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/marsnews>, the Mars Global Surveyor project home page at <http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov> and NASA's Planetary Photojournal site at <http://photojournal.jpl.nasa.gov>. Information identifying the acquisition time, predicted center latitude and longitude of the target location, and the local solar time will accompany these images.

Contrast enhancement will be performed by JPL's Multimission Image Processing Laboratory and posted on the web a few hours later. The Global Surveyor project home page also contains spacecraft orbital velocity and distance to the planet in real time.

Images of the Viking and Mars Pathfinder landing sites will not be posted until image enhancement and identification of the vehicles have been completed, because the small spacecraft will be at the limits of the camera's resolution. This process will take about 24 hours.

Mars Global Surveyor is part of a sustained program of Mars exploration known as the Mars Surveyor Program. The mission is managed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for NASA's Office of Space Science, Washington, DC. JPL's industrial partner is Lockheed Martin Astronautics, Denver, CO, which developed and operates the spacecraft. JPL is a division of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA.

Mars Global Surveyor Imaging Schedule

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An April 'Stew-pid'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 01:22:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 01:22:33 -0500
Subject: An April 'Stew-pid'

From: Art Bell's 'Program Summaries' page:

<http://www.artbell.com/topics.html>

Program Summaries

3/31/98 Tuesday / Wednesday

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Fax.... MSNBC and CNBC did special reports entitled "UFO
can of worms opened" concerning info disclosed by Sara
McClendon in her press release. She will meet with White
House officials tomorrow. (Later in the program, Art learns
that this was a well executed April Fools joke played on him.)

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The New Alien Religion?

From: xzone@webgate.net ('X' Zone Radio Show) [Rob McConnell]
Date: Wed, 1 Apr 1998 22:16:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 01:08:12 -0500
Subject: The New Alien Religion?

The New Alien Religion?

Was the late 19th Century a time set aside for a Changing of the gods? Are Cults the Growing pains of that change?

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To members of the Mormon church, Joseph Smith Jr was a prophet called of God to establish the true church on earth. If he had really been the victim of alien abduction, then the church he founded is based upon what he learned at the hands of an alien being. This revelation, while startling and upsetting to faithful Mormons, may mean that we can learn why aliens have been visiting earth and interfering with humanity.

Joseph Smith Jr had been having troubling visitations by what Smith said was the Angel Moroni. This being visited the young boy many times in his bedroom at night. The testimony of Joseph Smith is remarkable in that it mirrors the stories of the victims of alien abduction today. It is only in the present that this can be examined as such, however there was another known visitation that is not talked about.

It is has been said by the Mormon faithful that "many are called but few are chosen." If that was the case then, there would have to be others at the same time as the smith encounter claiming the same type of experience. John Ballou Newbrough makes a claim that rivals that of Joseph Smith with regards to "Beings of light or angels" attempting to prepare the world for enlightenment. Does this sound impossible? All down through history there have been countless reports of strange phenomena, of apparitions and hauntings, and of people with inexplicable powers such as clairvoyance and precognition (prophecy) and telepathy, which transcended space and time. But, until recently, the agents commonly held to be responsible for such occurrences were never called space-dwelling entities. They were called demons, devils, ghosts, spirits, angels, virgins, Gods, or simply higher powers. As such, everybody knew about them and most people regularly worshipped and did service to one or more of them even as they do today.

Joseph Smith Jr's experience is very similar to the alien abduction reports of today. Joseph Smith experienced virtually all the classic indicators of alien abduction. He had unusual dreams like his father, but his encounters continued to increase in intensity until nearly every abduction encounter classification applied. When Joseph prayed in the woods near his home he was engulfed in a beam of light and paralyzed. We now know that it does not take a divine encounter to produce this experience. Since non Mormons would assume that it is very unlikely that God revealed himself to Joseph, particularly in a human form, it is most likely that Joseph was encountering alien beings. An angel appeared at his bedside claiming to be Moroni. Moroni said that he was an ancient Prophet and that he was to translate a book from plates of gold, hidden in a hill near his home. He translated the book with the aid of seer stones known as the urim and thummim. This book was eventually called the Book

of Mormon. These events were happening in the 1820=92s and Joseph it is said to have been very interested in what we call the paranormal today. Both Joseph Smith and his successor Brigham Young both believed that there was life on other planets, which was pretty bold for men of the 1800=92s. Brigham speculated on cool areas of the Sun that could have been inhabited and Smith reportedly thought that there were beings that lived beyond the moon.

Now we go to the year 1870 a morning where John Ballou Newbrough, a dentist went to the home of a friend And told him an unbelievable story He writes:

I had quite an experience about 4 AM this morning. I was sleeping nicely when I felt a hand on my shoulder. A voice said: 'Wake up, doctor. Everything is all right. I only want to ask you a question and we will go.' "I rubbed my eyes and saw that the room was lit up with pillars of a soft light very pleasing to the eyes. I saw a number of beautiful spirits or Angels. They did not have wings. The voice said, 'Would you like to perform a mission for Jehovah?' "I sat up and answered, 'What is the mission so that I may know whether to say yes or no?' "The answer came back, 'Jehovih would like you to live spiritually for ten years. At the end of that time we will come back and tell you what it is we desire, for your body and mind are not sufficiently perceptible now. You must be pure."

"We want you never to kill anything or eat meat, fish, or fowl. Live on nuts, fruit, vegetables. You don't need so much food, as you are too heavy now. . . One other thing is very important. You must help people. Give people who need it, dental help without pay, if they can not pay. By individual charity you change the person's thoughts. They will think of you as a good man and will send out loving thoughts to you. You will need all the love you can get. We do not refer to sexual desires =97-let nature take care of that.' "I answered, ' This will be quite a change of living for me. I will let you know.' " 'We already know your answer,' the voice said, 'It will be yes ' Then the lights dimmed and the atmosphere changed back to normal darkness.

Once again we see the typical alien experience, this was not ancient nor was it modern, this was an encounter from the late 1800=92s.

Ten years later Newbrough was awakened to find the mysterious lights filling his room. He was asked by the emissaries to buy a typewriter. Newbrough was asked to have fresh paper by the typewriter, and that every morning these beings would return and that he was to write everything they dictate to him. He told them that he did not know how to type, the beings told him that they would help his hands type out the words. Every morning before sunrise from, January 1, 1881 until December 15, 1881, Newbrough wrote at his Sholes typewriter at a speed almost impossible, considering the crudity of this first typewriter. In 1882 the first edition of the book his hands but not his mind had written was published. It was called OAHSPPE consists of authentic and official disclosures made for our orientation and guidance by organized space-dwelling entities above us in the hierarchy of life forms. These space-dwelling entities of OAHSPPE claim to be, and indeed may very well be, members of a cosmic society older than the earth. Newbrough became interested in what is known as the Paranormal today, and many times, with a friend went on excursions to photograph spirit beings, and interviewed several mediums who could channel spiritual entities.

Now the event of both the Book of Mormon and the OAHSPPE arriving are significant because The book of Mormon merely pointed out that there was a group of people who Journeyed from the old world to the new world of the Americas, and that these people settled here long before the birth of Jesus and that Jesus Mission continued from the holy land to the new world after His crucifixion and resurrection. We are taught about ancient civilizations that lived and fought here, and it teaches of divinely inspired prophets who governed their peoples under the direction of what they determined was god.

The Oahspe which also declares divine intervention gives us information about causes and origins, about things, personages, and events, about right and wrong, about space, gravity, and extraterrestrial organizations, and above all, about the

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continued life of the human spirit and what this really means. The OAHSPPE consists of disclosures made for the planets guidance by organized space-dwelling entities above us in the hierarchy of life forms. These space-dwelling entities of OAHSPPE claim to be members of a cosmic society older than the earth.

Television Documentaries on the paranormal have asked these questions over and over. "what is the significance of ancient civilizations? Were they highly advanced? Why did they disappear? Where do we find the answers? Did Aliens visit this planet and teach the Egyptians the art of pyramid building? Why is the ancient Egyptian architecture similar in Mexico and South America? Maybe it is time to gain this knowledge so that we can prepare for their arrival again?

So the question is has mankind progressed in spite of the gods, or are we progressing because of them, and are books like the Oahspe and the Book of Mormon given to us by extraterrestrials to help us learn more about the Gods or Cosmic societies that are unseen? Another question is are we ready to change our thinking about the old Gods and are we ready for new ones? Or are they the same gods and are they doing the same things that were done to Abraham and Moses? The Claims by both Joseph Smith and Dr. Newbrough are outrageous, and both would be dismissed by devout Christians and those who wish to exploit their interests in the occult.

Their experiences are no different than the countless encounters both biblical and modern and if they fancy themselves prophetic, it is no different than the prophets of the bible or the great Philosophers. There is no need to take sides, and no need to call names or discredit these men. Anyone can find fault with anyone. But it is also necessary to point out that sometimes these types of encounters have led to dangerous ends. People will remember the 39 dying at Rancho Santa Fe with Marshal Applewhite who claimed that God was An alien who flew in a space ship hidden in the tail of comet Hale-Bopp. This could very well be the answer as to why the 39 were so willing to follow. It was a classic case of what had been talked about for centuries.

If you are true believer in unseen powers, and interdimensional beings then it stands to reason that both positive and negative entities exist out there in the cosmos. The difficult thing is to what to believe. Do you believe an old Hebrew prophet from the old testament who claimed that laws were given to him on stones, written with God's fiery finger. Do you believe in burning bushes and talking boxes of gold? Do you believe in a messiah that healed the sick and performed miracles, but was humble enough to die like a man in a humiliating way? Do you believe in visionaries who have brought us wisdom from beings from heaven, or do you buy the testimony of a 14 year old boy? Or the revelations of an overweight vegetarian dentist? You see, mankind has been under the Microscope of beings for centuries. That is only if we believe the countless stories told over and over again. From Moses to Jesus and John the revelator, from Uriel, to Joseph Smith to John Ballou Newbrough, Charles Manson, Marshall Applewhite and even the latest cult leader Hon-Ming Chen. Both sides of these powers are attempting to manifest themselves in some way. Are you listening or are you dismissing it outright because it is fashionable to criticize without investigating?

Perhaps we are seeing a changing of the guard? Jesus did it to Moses, and prophets would change through the years. Who is to say that Gods don't change? That Angels of yesterday are Aliens of today? Just like prophets of The old Testament, become messiah's of the new?

The new Millenium is upon us. We are seeing the arrival of strange Cults day after day=85 and each one we make fun of, because they have strange ideas. What if after the year 2000 this earth is still here? What if after 100 years after the new century, the hell fire and brimstone preaching still hasn't produced a returned Messiah or rapture? Will that ruin the validity of religion? Think about it? For thousands of years prophets, popes, and soothsayers have preached the demise of this planet and the arrival of a God. When is it going to happen? If it doesn't happen, will we then come together as a United Group and realize our folly?

We are seeing the results of our division at present, and I guess

this is important to our growth as humans. It is giving us war, and argument over who is right and who is more blessed by God. What if god decided to throw an asteroid at us? We would forget all of our differences wouldn't we? What if an unknown race of superbeings arrived and proceeded to destroy everything on this Planet? God wouldn't be Jewish, Catholic, Moslem, Mormon or Protestant. God would be all of us united fighting for one cause. Maybe that is the key to the truth? Coming to the ultimate conclusion. We are not alone in this universe and that we are the progeny of an extra terrestrial deity, and that a Uniting of the minds is not an evil thing, but what the Aliens, space-dwelling entities, demons, devils, ghosts, spirits, angels, virgins, Gods, or higher powers want the outcome to be of their long term experiment.

Clyde Lewis

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: "Scott Reed" <sreed@zoomnet.net>
Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 08:02:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 13:00:04 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>Date: Wed, 1 Apr 1998 13:31:39 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>On Tue, 31 Mar 1998, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>> From: "Keith M. King" <alien2@sound.net>
>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>> Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 06:44:32 +0000
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>> > From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>> > To: updates@globalserve.net
>> > Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 02:43:26 +0100
>> > Subject: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>If you read your Bible carefully you will discover that a large
>part of it does involves predictions, including many which are
>identified as "end time" predictions. It also has some of the
>earliest accounts of UFOs on record. What do you mean then by
>"Keep all Scripture in the context in which it was written."
>Except for these "end time" predictions (we are not there just
>yet) the Bible has also been shown to have an unprecedented 100%
>accuracy with regard to fulfilled prophecies, at least according
>to The Learning Channel and some more reliable sources.

I'm not a bible scholar but I'm wondering if you can point out
any instance where a detailed prediction from the bible has come
true? Beyond some 'highly intuitive' observations, I'm not aware
that the Bible holds anything of special 'psychic' interest.

>As for the year 2000 mass landings, from what I have been reading
>in UFO UpDates recently, I think 1998 is the year. At least
>that's my prediction. ;)

I don't understand what 'end-times deceptions' have to do with
the study of unidentified flying objects, but it is curious that
such prophecies and doomsday predictions gets thrown in with ufo
subject matter. People have been predicting the end of the world
since, well, the beginning of the world (generally speaking).
I'm sure you're just kidding around about 1998, but I'm still
interested in the doomsday connection that exists in ufo
literature. The concept of the year 2000 mass landings or some
ambiguously originating holocaust is as childish a theme as
Adamski's Venusians. I just hope all those doomsday-sayers
aren't too disappointed when 2001 rolls around and there is still
an earth beneath their feet.

ScottR.

Visit the HIGH STRANGENESS web-site,
a 'pop-art' exploration of UFO phenomenon
<http://www.zoomnet.net/~sreed/strangeness.htm>

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UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

From: koch@wad.berlin.fido.de (Joachim Koch)
Date: 03 Apr 98 00:10:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 12:57:42 -0500
Subject: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

Hello,

NASA employee confirms: UFOs observed Apollo Moon landing

In Germany's best UFO related magazine, the UFO-KURIER No. 30 of April 1997, I found something very interesting which might have passed the attention of many and so I would like to present it to this honourable list. I would appreciate further comments to the text given below.

What I tried to translate into English is part of a report (on page 18) about the "World Congress February 21st to 23rd 1997" held by the ATLANTIS FOUNDATION of Mr. Acedaih Dafi in Zuerich, Switzerland.

Here it goes:

-----begin of the translation of page 18/19 of German UFO-KURIER

No.30, April 1997-----

"Mr. Armin Risi presented a sensational revelation to the audience: in January 1997, the Tessin tv-station "TSI" (which is the tv-station of the Italian speaking part of Switzerland) broadcasted a high-class four part tv-documentation about UFOs. The producer was the renowned journalist Guido Ferrari. After the documentations a discussion took place with professors and ph.d's of the relevant sciences. Among them was Dr. Dino Dini from Italy, a longstanding NASA employee, who has been invited to arguify from the sceptic point of view.

Near the end of the discussion the TSI performed an uncut film of the Moon landing. You could see, how astronaut Neil Armstrong entered the Moon and you could hear what he said:

Armstr.:(just got out) "What is it? Do you have an explanation about that?"

Huston: "We have one. Don't worry. Attend to the program!"

Armstr.: "O boy! It is really something, it's fantastic! You cannot even imagine this!"

Huston: "Roger. We know about that. You go the other way. Go back the other way!"

Armstr.: "Well, it's a kind... really spectacular. O God, what is that? What is that?"

Huston: "Change frequency! Go Tango! Tango!"

Armstr.: "It's a kind of life there, now..."

Huston: "Roger. ...communication. Bravo-Tango! Bravo-Tango! Talk Jezebel! Jezebel!"

Armstr.: "...but this is unbelievable!"

And then obviously the frequency of transmission was changed.

The moderator then turned over to Dr. Dini and confronted him with what they had heard before:

Mod. "Dr. Dini, you worked within the news services of NASA. I ask you: why has NASA dropped from the official version which went round the world the part which was spoken directly? Why was it deleted?"

All the others in the discussion round expected Dr. Dini to present some dementi or other elusions. But what followed then was a sensational revelation: the former NASA employee confirmed everything - and more!

Dr. Dini: "It was deleted because several things came together which belonged to the famous "Blue Book" which should have published but they changed this initial intention. Well the fact is this: what Armstrong saw, was real. Because everywhere, where there is confusion, in the Gulf War, in the last war - everywhere, where confusion breaks out, there these flying disk are appearing. These flying disk do come from stations which are positioned near Earth. So it was right and we had to do it..."

Mod.: " You mean the deleting?"

Dr. Dini: "Yes, the deleting."

Mod.: "What was spoken, you have heard it. What did Armstrong see? What was it?"

Dr.Dini: "He saw objects, which followed them, space ships, which followed the Apollo space ship..."

Mod.: "...living beings too?"

Dr. Dini: " Yes, living beings too. Other space ships followed the Apollo space ship. This is a fact which was confirmed by various expeditions."

We don't know if and how far reaching Dr. Dini is part of a policy of revelations by NASA. At any rate, this testimony has great importance."

-----end of the translation of page 18/19 of German UFO-KURIER No.30, April 1997-----

I'll try to get a transscript of the discussion. If so, then I'll post it here. Meanwhile I would like to ask our American and Italian colleagues to do some research into the person of Dr. Dini.

Does anybody know him? Did he work for NASA? What is his approach to the reality of UFOs?

Looking forward to read your comments

Joachim Koch

Homepage International Roswell Initiative, Germany:

> <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/jkoch1> <

Update December 20,1997: News about the "Santilli-Film"

Other items: Lesotho-Crash, Crop Circles, Betty Hill's Star Map

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Re: 'Project Snowflake' - A Discovery Channel Hoax

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 01:16:00 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 13:16:48 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Project Snowflake' - A Discovery Channel Hoax

>Date: Wed, 1 Apr 1998 11:49:17 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: xzone@webgate.net (The 'X' Chronicles & 'X' Zone) [Rob McConnell]
>Subject: "PROJECT SNOWFLAKE" A DISCOVERY CHANNEL HOAX

Dear Sirs (Project Snowflake et. al.)

> Wednesday, April 1, 1998 NR 98-12

> UFO CONSPIRACY EXISTS ACCORDING TO EXN POLL OF CANADIANS "Project
> Snowflake" Revealed as April Fool's Internet Stunt

> In the spirit of April Fool's day, the staff at Discovery
> Channel's EXN.ca Web site revealed today that they had mixed fact
> with fiction to create "Project Snowflake", an Internet stunt
> designed to coincide with the re-launch of the award-winning
> science site. In conducting the stunt, they also learned a
> surprising fact: 74% of Canadians polled believe that the
> Government is hiding UFO technology. [large snip] ..

> During the stunt, visitors to the site were polled. The results
> are remarkable:
> * 63% of respondents believe that UFOs exist
> * 63% think that UFO technology exists on Earth
> * 74% believe that the Government is hiding UFO technology

I don't get it. IF these figures are for real, the indication is
that some 11% of all Canadians polled (at least), do NOT
"believe" in UFOs but DO think the Government is hiding UFO
Technology. Are you telling us that 11% of Canadians believe the
Gov't is hiding non-existent technology?

Or, is this yet another April Fools day joke?

- Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>

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Re: Update on Indiana Sightings: witness

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 05:46:56 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 13:02:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Update on Indiana Sightings: witness

>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 18:34:40 -0800 (PST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>, updates@globalserve.net
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Update on Indiana Sightings: witness descriptions

>>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 10:01:53 -0800
>>From: "Kenny Young" <task@fuse.net>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Update on Indiana Sightings: witness descriptions

>>Update on Indiana Sightings:

>>...
>>The red lights were estimated to be 2000 feet up in the air and
>>were visible for over a minute. On the Thursday sighting, the
>>witness said the objects started to bank and turn away as if
>>leaving, still seemingly attached to one permanent object. He
>>said that the objects seemed to 'go upward' in unison. "I don't
>>know how else to say it, they went up," he commented.
>
>>"There was SO much air traffic, I just couldn't believe that
>>there were no pilots who didn't see anything. It was about rush
>>hour for air traffic into Evansville, and these things were
>>flying right into the flight path and corridor of the air
>>traffic."

>Hello Kenny,

>It's interesting to keep track of sightings of this nature --
>they've occurred plenty of times before -- in which the UFO was
>visible to a few observers situated in one place but seemingly
>invisible to many others in the general area. Does it make sense
>-- if UFOs can render themselves invisible (suddenly disappear,
>etc.), or if they normally operate in that mode, that they could
>even top this? That is, some of them can perhaps make themselves
>visible just to a few people in one small area while staying
>invisible to everyone else.

>On the other hand, if a lot of pilots see a UFO, a lot of pilots
>can stay quiet about it!

>>The witness said that what he saw was not likely to be flares,
>>because there was no trail or movement. He said nothing fell to
>>the ground or moved downward. "If these were flares, wouldn't
>>they be falling?"

>Thanks for having posted the Indiana sightings.

> Jim Deardorff

Hi Jim.

I am currently investigating these accounts. I am not ready to
make any comments at this time, other than to say that I am in
touch with the local Southern Indiana TV station which has been
broadcasting the reported sightings.

Once I finish checking out the leads I have been given I will
post a report.

All I can say at this time, is that on Sunday, March 29, I spent the evening hours driving and talking with the Law enforcement officials between Evansville and Vincennes, Indiana. I took a copy of Kenny's initial report with me and used it as a reference and an introduction to these officials. It was an interesting six hours.

Later, Jim.

REgards, Mike

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The Millennium Report - April 1, 1998

From: psa@direct.ca (Paul Anderson)
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eSufo - April 6th - Mars Face Images

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* MARS FACE IMAGES TO ARRIVE APRIL 6th

The schedule for the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) images of Cydonia, Pathfinder and Viking sites has been made public. The first Cydonia images will be available on APRIL 6th (early morning supposedly). Viking and Pathfinder images will wait another 24 hours for image processing since the actual images will need to be cleaned up because of the small size of the actual objects.

APRIL 6th - Mark it on your calendar!!

...go to: <http://exosci.com/ufo/>

Don't underestimate the importance of this event. The images will be extremely significant whether they point to an artificial structure, or a natural one. An artificial structure clearly shows some kind of extraterrestrial intelligence - a revelation which would be the most important realization in the history of our species. The fundamental leap is just as great as when we realized our sentience.

Our paradigm of the universe would be shattered. Rather than having to wait for SETI to find an intelligent signal, we simply have to turn our eyes to Mars. In addition, the emotional impact of an artificial Mars Face is much more than that of a SETI signal, since it is a physical image and not some cryptic sequence of pulses.

A naturally created Face is less significant to humanity, but significant still to the UFO community. If it is natural, the implications are clear. Wasted time is what we will have to show for ourselves. Wasted time and wasted effort which could have been spent on more useful investigation of the UFO phenomenon, rather than fanciful and speculative hopes.

As promised, exoScience UFO will DEFINITELY have all the images as quickly as we can get them. Also expect commentary to follow this potentially revolutionary event. On April 6th, join us at:

<http://exosci.com/ufo/>

The complete schedule is available at:

<http://exosci.com/news/51.html>

* WEBSITE UPDATE - PICTURES SECTION

Check out our pictures section of the website. We have deployed a new interface here which will hopefully make it to the rest of exoScience UFO. Check it out at:

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Comments are encouraged and welcome!

(wow, these are exciting times! :)

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Conference on Anomalous Phenomena

From: frizzell@umbc.edu (mike frizzell)
Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 13:33:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 14:15:48 -0500
Subject: Conference on Anomalous Phenomena

Hi all:

Please be advised the the International Fortean Organization's Spring Conference on Anomalous Phenomena will be held on Saturday, April 25, 1998 at the Ramada Inn in Bethesda, MD. Speakers will include: Graham Hancock, John Michell, John Anthony West, Dr. David Jacobs, and Arthur Seltman.

For more information please use the following URL:

<http://www.research.umbc.edu/~frizzell/frtnt8>

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Re: The New Alien Religion?

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 11:02:18 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 14:27:00 -0500
Subject: Re: The New Alien Religion?

>Date: Wed, 1 Apr 1998 22:16:57 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: xzone@webgate.net ('X' Zone Radio Show) [Rob McConnell]

>The New Alien Religion?

>Was the late 19th Century a time set aside for a Changing of the
>gods? Are Cults the Growing pains of that change?

>BY CLYDE LEWIS - clayde@earthbroadcasting.com

>Clyde is the Host of GROUND ZERO on FM 101 KBER in Salt Lake
>City, Utah.

> To members of the Mormon church, Joseph Smith Jr was a
>prophet called of God to establish the true church on earth. If
>he had really been the victim of alien abduction, then the church
>he founded is based upon what he learned at the hands of an alien
>being. This revelation, while startling and upsetting to faithful
>Mormons, may mean that we can learn why aliens have been visiting
>earth and interfering with humanity.

>...
>In 1882 the first edition of the book his hands but not his mind had
>written [Newbrough's] was published. It was called OAH SPE consists of
>authentic
>and official disclosures made for our orientation and guidance by
>organized space-dwelling entities above us in the hierarchy of
>life forms. These space-dwelling entities of OAH SPE claim to be,
>and indeed may very well be, members of a cosmic society older
>than the earth.

To Rob McConnell & List:

This article you posted by Clyde Lewis invites a bit of a
critique, since channelings are known to be full of mischievous
misrepresentations. Where the article reports that the OAH SPE
book consists of authentic... disclosures, that's what caught my
eye.

The OAH SPE looks like a cosmic conglomeration of Zoroastrianism
and Judaism, with a few allusions to Christianity tossed in
(unless some are Christian allusions to Zoroastrianism). In it,
I'hua 'Mazda (Ahura Mazda) is the God of heaven, the Savior of
men and the only begotten Son of Ormazd, while Ormazd is also
Ahura Mazda, within Zoroastrianism. Zarathustra (Zoroaster) was
the human protegee of I'hua 'Mazda, and his betrayer was Zhoo'das
or Judas. Yet, Jehovih, the Creator and "the All," is very much
in the picture, too, and he appears throughout the OAH SPE;
Fragapatti is the Son of Jehovih and Samati is the High God of
heaven. Just plain "God" also speaks frequently in the OAH SPE;
he is an angel who ranks above the Lord, who is a God of the
earth. The Holy Ghost receives some mention, too. "Christ" (also
spelled "Kriste" in the OAH SPE) is said to be the Ahamic word for
knowledge, whereas we know it as being derived from the Greek
"anointed one" or "messiah." It's all a confusing mishmash,
rivaled only by the Urantia Book, which, however, contains a lot
more imaginative Christianity in it.

For those who wish to judge the OAH SPE's authenticity on the
basis of science, it does attempt to make scientific sounding

pronouncements. One need only consider, e.g., OAHSPÉ 594.9-12 where it says:

"It is an error to say that the atmosphere of the earth decreaseth gradually and continually in specific gravity according to the distance above the earth.... As to density per se there is no difference in the atmosphere on the face of the earth compared to that of a thousand miles high, or a hundred thousand miles high. It is all in even balance, as to pressure and density, per se." (This says that where our satellites are zipping around in orbit, the air is just as dense as down at the surface.)

"There is also a variation in the barometer according to certain conditions of the atmosphere. The difference is not that the pressure of the atmosphere is different; the pressure of the atmosphere, per se, is the same in all directions, high and low. The cause of the variation of the barometer is in reference to distension (sublimated solution of corpor), and hath no reference to pressure as such." (This says that the reading of your barometer is not related to the highs and lows on the weather pressure maps, and that you may as well toss out any barometric altimeter you may possess.)

So I don't know how Clyde Lewis could call the OAHSPÉ "authentic." This is not to say, however, that there aren't occasional sentences within the OAHSPÉ with which one can logically agree.

Jim Deardorff

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Hot Gossip UK (one)

From: georgina@easynet.co.uk [Georgina Bruni]
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Subject: Hot Gossip UK (one)

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Hot Gossip UK - The Unexplained Page - UFO Updates
Part One
<http://www.camelot-group.com/hotgossip/unexgoss.html>
By Georgina Bruni

The Angelholm Landing - The Untold Story

In mid 1997, I wrote an article for SIGHTINGS (UK) and FROM BEYOND (US & Canada) about a Swedish UFO incident that allegedly took place in 1946. I first heard about the case from a contact in Sweden, and since then I've been intrigued enough to do further research, and finally was able to speak directly with the experiencer. This is a very unusual and interesting case, and not only does it precede the well known 1947 incidents, but appears to involve some of the world's biggest pharmaceutical companies. If it's genuine, then researchers may think twice about dismissing the claims of Colonel (Ret) Philip J Corso and Dr Michael Wolf, for instance.

The experiencer, G=F6sta Carlsson, will celebrate his 80th birthday this year. He still resides in Angelholm, Southern Sweden, where as a young lad he had a fascination with bees, and their work with pollen (the family were known locally for their interest in bee hives) and he had been given his first hive when still only a child. He was 27 years old when he claims he encountered an alien craft and its occupants. At the time he worked for the railways, and as a part-time gamekeeper.

The story begins on the evening of 18 May 1946. G=F6sta was walking through a wooded area when he noticed a bright light coming from a glade in the distance. Thinking that some boys had started a fire, he rushed to the scene, and to his amazement, discovered a large disc with eleven human-like occupants. According to G=F6sta's observation, the beings were definitely humanoid in appearance, and were extremely attractive. They had brown skin, dark brown hair, beautiful white teeth, and were all the same height, that appeared to be shorter than the average human height. They wore white tight fitting suits which made them all look very similar, and I understand that some of them were wearing a kind of helmet with a visor. G=F6sta can't remember much about their eyes, except that they were definitely not of oriental type. He made a strong point of saying that the beings were in much better condition than we are, and insists that they were of extraterrestrial origin, describing them as clones. The latter was confirmed to him by an American scientist.

On trying to get a closer look, G=F6sta moved toward the craft but was stopped in his tracks by a crew member, who literally froze him to the spot by raising up his hand. It seems that through some kind of telepathy the beings were able to communicate to G=F6sta that there were originally thirteen crew, but two had died in a rare collision with a beam from their mother ship, and they had landed on earth to repair their ship and dispose of (bury) their dead. However, having been disturbed by an intruder, they decided to abandon the burial and return the bodies to the craft.

Following the incident, G=F6sta took off, and scrambled up to an old fort that was beside the waters edge. There he saw the craft take off. It=92s described as having red and yellow lights or flames coming from its underside. As it shot away at tremendous speed, it suddenly disappeared out of sight. Later, he returned to the landing site and found two objects on the ground, a ring and a piece of quartz crystal. But that wasn=92t the end of it.

G=F6sta claims the ET=92s have continued their communication with him, and on these occasions they keep him awake at nights. His last contact was two years ago, and he laments just how difficult it is for him to explain the communications. =93It=92s as if they get into my brain, I feel as if I=92m hypnotized.=94 He agrees it=92s not easy for sceptics to accept his story, as he himself was sceptic for twenty years after the incident. =93But it=92s all true, it did happen in 1946, and I am still being contacted.=94 says G=F6sta, as he tries eagerly to make me understand his situation.

I believe he has kept a diary of his contact data with the ET=92s.

=93The craft was powered by quartz crystals, and a power field that surrounds it when in flight. The power field was still around the craft at the landing site.=94 States G=F6sta. I asked him if the piece of quartz crystal he had recovered, could have been one of those used to power the craft. He said it most probably was because they were making repairs at the time. So this may well have been a damaged rod. My contact, who has had several discussions with G=F6sta, told me there were twelve quartz rods that powered the ship.

During the many communications, and likely due to his interest in pollen research, G=F6sta informed me that the ET=92s told him about precious pollens which could be found here on Earth. They taught him how to design a machine that could extract these pollens, that could then be used as medication for many human ailments, as well as serving as an elixir of life. With their help, and the expertise of a local engineer, he later invented a machine that was capable of extracting these precious pollens. Once he had made the machine and tested it, G=F6sta approached his friend, the president of a company called Pharmacia Allergon AB. The company later became a well known international pharmaceutical company, and recently merged with the American based company of Upjohn. Pharmacia Allergon AB was still a young company at the time, but they took an interest in G=F6sta and his pollen extractor and decided to work with him. =93It=92s only recently that the products have been released to the public.

" It=92s taken years of research to get them on the market, and I=92ve had this information since 1946.=94 He explains. .

Pharmacia Allergon AB have indeed manufactured a product based on G=F6sta=92s discovery. It=92s available in Sweden under the name of POLBAX. I must thank UFO researcher Harry Tokarz, director of Cufo, (Canadian UFO Research) who, after reading my original article, contacted me with regards to the wonder drug. Harry is very interested in natural health products, and he and his team managed to trace POLBAX and discovered that it was now available in the United States. It=92s distributed by a Californian company called Horizon Quest, who specialize in natural pollen products. The American name for POLBAX is PROZYME. It is also available as a animal medication, and has had difficulties with the FDA due to their report that it was misbranded for failure to bear adequate directions for use.

Harry Tokarz and I both agree that the products may well be diluted - because if used in their full strength they could possibly cure every known illness - which of course would put the big pharmaceutical companies out of business in no time. I asked G=F6sta to comment on this, because I know of three people who have tried PROZYME, and two who have taken a course of POLBAX, but all have agreed there seems to be very little change in their health. However, as much as I agree with Harry, that G=F6sta=92s original remedy may have been reduced in strength before hitting the mass market, in my opinion, they haven=92t given it much time.

I rave about a Swiss product called Pharmaton, and I=92ve been taking it for more than twenty years now, and originally had to purchase it abroad because as usual, it wasn=92t available in the

UK until much later. My point is, that I have introduced Pharmaton to hundreds of people over the years, mostly because they comment on how good I look for my age, needless to say, most of them take a one month course and quit when a miracle doesn't happen. I think it's worth being patient, and giving it at least six months before make your mind up time. Anyway, G=F6sta was reluctant to answer my question, but maybe he didn't understand what I was trying to query. He did point out that Pharmacia had spent years on research, and like all companies, had taken a very long time to market the product.

>From researching the medical journals we have discovered that G=F6sta's incredible remedies are antioxidants, created in a tablet form of SOD (Superoxide Dismutase). Medical research points to the conclusion that antioxidants can prevent or delay the onset of many health problems, including cancer and heart disease by fighting off free radicals which is caused by pollution, microwaves and stress. One distributor's promotion for their pollen based products includes a quote from a book titled Freedom From Disease by Hari Sharma, M.D., a free radical researcher

In just the last decade, researchers around the world have defined a new, dual paradigm of human health. The first part of this paradigm concerns free radicals, destructive molecular sharks that tear up the cells in our bodies and cause both aging and disease. The second part concerns uniquely effective control of free radicals through a prevention-oriented, consciousness based system of natural health care. Most researchers studying free radicals estimate that these deadly molecules help to cause 80%-90% of the degenerative diseases that afflict the human race. We once thought that cholesterol was a major cause of heart disease, but new research indicates that the real culprits are free radicals. We have long known that arthritis comes from constant inflammation, but free radicals cause such inflammation. It is clear that cancer is caused by gene mutation, but free radicals cause most gene mutation. Where we thought there were many causes, there is often only one. And to the extent there is a single cause, there can also be a single cure. By controlling free radicals, we should be able to keep ourselves well.

Numerous researchers worldwide have studied the claims of G=F6sta Carlsson's POLBAX/PROZYME and the results are all positive, and have demonstrated that it is indeed a medical breakthrough. Unfortunately, these documents are copyright and therefore I cannot use any part of them in this article.

Apparently, the US distributors know of G=F6sta Carlsson, but know nothing about his UFO/alien connection. Horizon Quest state that G=F6sta Carlsson developed special equipment to directly collect pollen from plants and flowers eliminating the contaminants associated with bee pollen products. These inventions produced a new standard for pollen products, insuring purity and quality control.

Another US company is supplying a product called AIM ReAssure (for men's health) that is extracted from rye grass pollen. The company proudly offer a history lesson which leads right back to G=F6sta Carlsson. Their promotional data states that G=F6sta has devoted his life to the study of pollen. As a boy he was interested in bees and from this interest he recognized that pollen found in different plants was of different qualities. However, no mention of his alien friends. Some may think that G=F6sta could have used this story as a marketing tool - except he hasn't really gone public with the alien/pollen connection.

At my request, Professor Per Christer Oden sent me the Grano medical research paper on his and G=F6sta Carlsson's research. Prof Oden has worked closely on pollen research with Carlsson, and writes: He is the discoverer of the beneficial properties of pollen, and although turning 80 this year, is a very interesting personality, and is still very active.

Indeed, I was surprised to find G=F6sta such a pleasant personality, and thoroughly enjoyed our conversation. I would never had thought I was talking to an 80 year old man. Obviously he must be taking his own medicine.

He has just completed work on his latest and last product called Taxel, and it promises to be the first medicine that works on

cell building. He has already developed four other products, and admitted to me that he is not an academic, although he has been interested in pollen research most of his life. G=F6sta has worked closely with scientists for many years, but is obstinate that the information is directly from his ET contacts.

So if G=F6sta is telling the truth, then why has the source of his wonder remedy not been made public? Well, I=92m sure we can all work that one out! How would it look for a major pharmaceutical company to announce to the world that they are working with extraterrestrial information? Whether they believe it or not, they have certainly taken G=F6sta Carlsson, a non academic, seriously enough to spend millions of dollars on research, and that is a recorded FACT! It reminds me of Col Philip Corso=92s recent claims - in his publication =93The Day After Roswell=94, that alien technology was secretly stewarded to giant American industry.

Incidentally, through my Swedish source I heard that G=F6sta had been approached by US secret service agents, and had been sworn to secrecy not to discuss the ET source until the year 2,000. I decided to question him about this, but he was not keen to discuss it. However, he did divulge that he was working with American co-operation, and with American scientists who were helping him with his research. One colleague (a scientist) had confirmed that they knew of these visitors, and that they were from a star called Sirius B which was several light years away. The scientist explained that the ET=92s were able to reproduce themselves as clones. Again, this reminds me of Dr Michael Wolf, a US government scientist, who in the 1950s allegedly worked alongside ET=92s using alien technology, and was able to clone a robot type human. G=F6sta was also told that they were afraid to discuss the extraterrestrial situation publicly for fear that it would cause many problems, especially with religion. It could cause serious problems if it were to be revealed that there were others in the universe more advanced than us, and that there beliefs did not fit in with any known religion, i.e. God and Jesus Christ, explained the scientist. I asked G=F6sta if his colleagues had confirmed whether there were aliens amongst us - working with us. He said . =93Yes, it=92s true.=94

G=F6sta=92s UFO and ET encounter (apart from the pollen story) was released in a Swedish publication several years ago. It was a lengthy journalistic investigation co-authored by G=F6sta, and Swedish UFO investigator Clas Svahn, titled "M=F6tet i gl=E4ntan=94 The only known English translation of the encounter, was a full length article titled =93The Angelholm Landing Report=94 published in Flying Saucer Review in 1972. Records show that Sweden had a wave of UFO sightings in 1946, so it=92s not unreasonable to suppose that something may have landed somewhere. However, some Swedish UFO researchers are not convinced about the case, insisting there are still many unanswered questions. That may be true, but it appears that none of these investigators have taken the trouble to research further, and if they had done so, they may have discovered that all these years G=F6sta has been quietly working with American scientists to produce a=93super drug=94, and that there is a possibility that this was created by using alien information.

PHOTO: Cement Model of the UFO Gosta is alleged to have seen
Photo credit - Michael Jansson

PHOTO: Metal Grave erected by Gosta as a landmark to the alleged burial site were the ET=92s were said to have attempted to bury their dead, later abandoning the idea and returning the bodies to the craft.

Photo credit Michael Jansson

PHOTO: Cover of the publication =93M=F6tet i gl=E4ntan=94 featuring Gosta Carlsson on cover

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Visitors to the landing site can expect to see a cement replica of the landed UFO. G=F6sta had this placed there so the incident wouldn=92t be forgotten. He also had the landing marks cemented, these look like crop circles. Close by is a metal sign with =93UFO GRAVE=94 written on it, this is supposed to mark the spot where the

ET=92s were about to bury their dead.

G=F6sta assures me that he was not seeking publicity when he resurrected the site, which was several years ago now, but it was something he felt he had to do. Besides, his ET friends have told him that they hope to revisit between the year 2000 - 2002, and he hopes they will remember to return to the same location. =93At least it=92s done some good for Angelholm, because the site now receives about 10,000 tourists every summer, when for two months there is a guided tour.=94 Remarks G=F6sta.

My source tells me that he=92s is a local celebrity, but prefers to live a quiet and peaceful life, and shies away from public and media attention. He doesn=92t answer his phone unless you know the code!

Whatever conclusions you come to on reading this unusual story - keep in mind the evidence -that G=F6sta Carlsson, by no means an academic, or publicity seeker, has been quietly working alongside scientists for almost 50 years, and that without a doubt he has been taken seriously in the world of pharmaceutical research. At no time during our conversation did he give himself any credit for the remedies he has been instrumental in creating. Instead, as afore mentioned, he persistently gave the credit go to his ET friends, the humanoids from the star Sirius B. One wonders how many of the scientists working on the remedies- are actually aware that the source of these medical breakthroughs may indeed be our extraterrestrial brothers and sisters - who in their advancement, may well have managed to clone themselves..

My own conclusions are that because of the medical reports, there can be no doubt that G=F6sta Carlsson has been heavily involved in working with science and medical research. Medical records prove that Pharmacia Allergon AB, a 50 year old company, has spent \$200 million in the research and development of G=F6sta=92s pollen extracts. To add to this, dozens of prominent researchers worldwide have studied the pollen extract and through tests on animals and humans, have found it to be beneficial in the fight against various major diseases. It=92s also interesting to note that US Olympic athletes, collegiate track teams, professional footballers, tennis players, world champion boxers and surfers - are also using these products. And I have it on good authority that the Swedish National soccer team are using POLBAX. Not bad for a simple country boy with no scientific background!

With regard to the UFO/ET claims, I am sure that G=F6sta experienced an encounter. But unfortunately the debris he found at the site has been tested, and it appears that there is inconclusive evidence to prove that it=92s extraterrestrial. However, my Swedish source told me that if you touched the crystal it would give you a rash. Whilst I=92m aware that telepathic contact is not always a case for credibility, I know of other (in my opinion) credible experiencers who have related similar stories. More recently, an insider, Dan Sherman, has authored a book describing his communication with extraterrestrials - and this was apparently achieved by using some form of mental communication. After all, do we really expect that ET=92s would talk the same languages as we Earthlings?

G=F6sta Carlsson is in his twilight years now, and hardly needs the hassle of proving his experience. He=92s been there and done it, and although some years back, he was urged to co-author a book with a Swedish ufologist, his story has since been distorted and often discredited, mostly due to the fact that it=92s been more than 50 years since the incident took place. I know he=92s considering doing a book in English - in time for the new millennium, and maybe this time he will include a detailed account of what alleges to be the real source of a new scientific breakthrough! If all else fails - let=92s hope that he=92ll be remembered by future generations as being the pioneer of one of the world=92s most incredible medical discoveries.

Long live G=F6sta Carlsson!

For more information - if you read Swedish -
< <http://hem2.passagen.se/krafter/pollenku.htm>>

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Re: The Millennium Report - April 1, 1998 -

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Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 12:36:44 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 15:45:08 -0500
Subject: Re: The Millennium Report - April 1, 1998 -

Re: The Millennium Report - April 1, 1998

Please note that the correct address for
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should be:

<http://mypage.direct.ca/p/psa/>

(no www in address)

Thank you!

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Ufo Cult Moving To Michigan

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Subject: Ufo Cult Moving To Michigan

Taiwanese Sect Off to Michigan

.c The Associated Press

GARLAND, Texas (AP) - The faith still burns for the followers of the True Way, though their divine path to salvation now leads to Michigan.

The Taiwanese sect shrugged off the unrealized promises of their leader: That God would appear in person Tuesday, or on television last week on Channel 18.

Seven months ago, followers moved to this suburb of Dallas - chosen because it's name sounds like ``God's land'' - to wait.

Most of the 160 followers in white clothes and white cowboy hats now will move to Michigan. There, leader Chen Hon-ming says, God will gather all worthy souls in a flying saucer and shuttle them to Gary, Ind., to save them from a nuclear holocaust.

``Teacher Chen,'' leader of God's Salvation Church, did not admit failure. Instead, he gave a crowd of followers, reporters, neighbors and police five minutes to decide whether to stone him to death. They didn't.

``You yourself have become gods,'' Chen told the crowd. ``Now, don't think of yourselves as just piles of bones and flesh or you will die in the Great Tribulation.''

Speaking through an interpreter, he had a few warnings for those who would listen:

Don't eat meat, or expect nightmares involving the dead animals, and indigestion. Watch out for machinery - those who fail to care for cars and trucks risk being run over while asleep in bed. Other items like computers, toasters, and refrigerators may begin moving around rooms and talking.

Church member Lin Hung-chih, 38, said he and others who follow Chen and his ``zhen dao,'' or True Way, movement, had expected the earlier prophecies to come true.

``Some were disappointed,'' Lin said. ``But I was not. It was a beautiful experience.''

And he still has faith. Chen's sacred vision of flying saucers ``gives us hope,'' Lin said.

Chen said he and 10 followers will leave Garland today on a flight to Buffalo, N.Y., before moving to Michigan to await further instructions from God. Most of the rest will follow, selling the houses they bought here in September.

About 20 of Chen's followers plan to return to Taiwan this week, said Walter Hsu, a banker who had befriended followers of Chen's movement.

The rest expect to be gone from Garland by May 10, said police Lt. Don Martin.

Gone, too, was the crush of media that descended on this quiet, middle-class suburb for the promised TV appearance last week, down on Tuesday to about 15 reporters.

With the seven-month buildup about over, feelings were mixed among residents of the leafy, winding street where the sect bought homes.

``I think P.T. Barnum couldn't have put together a carnival like this,'' said Dick Beardsley, 81.

Others said they were pleasant neighbors. ``It was nice to see them walking and cycling in groups,'' said Kia Vaandrager, 66.

The Rev. Jack David Daniels, the pastor of the First Baptist Church, had his own predictions.

``People like this are a sign that we are living in the last days,'' he said.

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Hot Gossip UK (two)

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Subject: Hot Gossip UK (two)

Hot Gossip UK - The Unexplained Page - UFO Updates
Part Two

<http://www.camelot-group.com/hotgossip/unexgoss.html>

By Georgina Bruni

Brief Interview with Peter Robbins in London (UK)
Nick v Nick

An account of the Bentwaters-Woodbridge UFO Incident

On three successive nights in late December 1980, England's rural Suffolk was the setting for what is now known as the most significant military UFO incident in the history of the UK. Larry Warren and Peter Robbins are the authors of LEFT AT EAST GATE, which is a comprehensive account of the incident which involved Larry Warren.

In December 1980, Warren, was a US Air Force Security Police specialist, was stationed at RAF Bentwaters, a NATO base in the United Kingdom. On the night of 28th December he and others were to witness a (landed) UFO. The following day the witnesses were debriefed, ordered to sign statements contradicting what they had seen and warned to tell no one about the incident, and told if they did "Bullets are cheap."

Larry Warren received an honorable discharge from the USAF, and has since been involved in Public Relations and Broadcasting. Peter Robbins holds a B.F.A from New York's School of Visual Arts and is a researcher of Ufology for more than 20 years. Both live in New York City.

Georgina Bruni : Peter, It's a pleasure to see you back in London. How's it going?

Peter Robbins: Georgina, I came to the UK to do a QUEST conference for GRAHAM BIRDSALL, who had called me to say that CHARLES HALT had just cancelled. Halt had decided not to discuss his connections because he's writing a book about his involvement in the Rendlesham Forest incident, and I expect his publishers have suggested that he hold back on public engagements until publication. As far as I can gather, Halt's book is finished - so you may see it on sale in late Spring. I suppose I have him to thank for my trip to England and for being here today with you guys. After the conference I went down to Suffolk to meet with friends and colleagues, and on Friday I returned to London to do a BUFORA lecture with NICK POPE.

Georgina Bruni: Didn't you and LARRY WARREN have a sighting near the original Rendlesham incidents.

Peter Robbins: Yes, it's detailed in our book LEFT AT EAST GATE. It happened on February 18th 1988. It was a real turning point for me. Imagine yourself, a researcher working on the case, not expecting anything like this! You visit the location with one of the key witnesses of the incident, and you experience multiple sightings of UFOs. All you have at this point is your objectivity and your dedication to writing a non fiction book. You are not part of the story - then all of a sudden - you are! What do you do? Do you tell the world or keep it to yourself? This happened on the first night of my first visit, and I have

returned to Suffolk nine times since then. I really feel terribly pulled to the area of the sightings and have revisited it a total of 56 times. I don't think of it as deadly mystical - I think it's almost pragmatic until you are able to break the code and solve the crime. So I guess that means I'll be visiting the place for the rest of my life. Reconstructing the 1988 incident for the reader, I spent more than a year listening and re-listening to the tapes we made of our sighting. There's a technicality called Voice Stress Analysis (VST) which measures stress on the human voice. I don't know which agencies employ this in the UK, but they are employed by the US Justice Department, FBI etc. If our tapes were run through this procedure, the stress in our voices would be judged as absolutely authentic.

Georgina Bruni: Since the publication of the book, I believe you and Larry have found some new witnesses.

Peter Robbins: Just to mention: as a by product of working on the publication, I have developed some good friendships in the area (Suffolk) some of them are like family now. Yes. Since the book came out last Spring, probably about 10 of the original witnesses have come forward and made statements to Larry.

Incidentally, I have received statements and accounts from other current and former Air Force personnel who were relieved to discuss the incidents described in our book. In ten years of research, not a single witness confidence was broken, except for Halt. During our interview with him, he asked us to turn the tape off three times. Earlier, Halt had told Larry. "I think you sincerely believe what you are saying and you might be right, and I can't say you're lying, but I find flaws here and there that I have to have resolved for myself." Later, when speaking informally to a group of British ufologists, Halt was asked about Larry Warren, and he told the group that Larry had not been there and that his account was untrue. If anything was not true, it was the colonel's answer. In my opinion, he broke a confidence when he answered that question.

Georgina Bruni: Can you tell the readers what Halt said off the record then?

Peter Robbins: The full interview is in LEFT AT EAST GATE. With the tape switched off he told us three things. One of those was - that light beams had penetrated the hardened bunkers of Bentwaters' weapons security area.

Georgina Bruni: In the light of the latest book on the subject, UFO CRASH LANDING authored by JENNY RANGLES. It states on the cover - The Full Story of the Rendlesham Forest Close Encounter what's your thoughts on this? Do you think that the full story has been told?

Peter Robbins: Jenny Randles has reported inaccurate data about Larry Warren. It's a shame that her new book has in its title - CRASH. There was no crash related evidence. Our book was not written to even suggest that it be the end of the story, but was written to be used as a research tool. Other researchers are already picking up parts - grabbing it and running with it. I am delighted!

Georgina Bruni: So will you be continuing your work on this case?

Peter Robbins: Well, as to my continued research on this case, I'm hoping for a much needed break - but no - you'll be hearing more from Larry and me.

LEFT AT EAST GATE is now available in CD ROM. Both the book and the CD ROM can be ordered direct from their site.
www.leftateastgate.com

You will also find more details on the Bentwaters/Woodbridge case at the site, along with pictures and reviews.

NICK v NICK

Last month we published a News Release from ufologist and author, Nick Redfern, who has been instrumental in retrieving important Air Force and MoD government declassified files. This was followed by a statement from Nick Pope, the man from the Ministry, and now known as the UK's real Fox Mulder because he is employed at the Ministry of Defence - and used to be in charge of the UFO desk there. Nick Pope is a ufologist and is an editor with Hot Gossip UK. He is also the author of OPEN

SKIES, CLOSED MINDS and THE UNINVITED, and wrote the foreword for Nick Redfern's book A COVERT AGENDA.

Recently, there appears to be some tension between these two lovely guys, mostly because Redfern is claiming that the MOD department Sec (AS) that Pope was in charge of, did not deal specifically with major UFO reports etc., but that the reports were dealt with at higher levels. Pope denies this, but does admit that there were other departments dealing with various reports, and his claim is that - you wouldn't be reading about it in freely available files if there was some covert and sinister effort to hide it.

However, Redfern appears to be in possession of some very interesting files, and has written a four page statement explaining these. Unfortunately we do not have the space to publish it in this month's issue, but interested parties can obtain it directly from Nick Redfern at 20 Paradise Lane, Pelsall, Walsall, West Midlands. WS3 4NH.

I asked Nick Pope if he wanted to comment on this and his reply is as follows." Many ufologists have talked the talk, I have walked the walk. I have nothing to add to my earlier statement." If you missed the last issue and would like to obtain a copy, please e-mail georgina@easynet.co.uk

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 19:37:38 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 22:06:42 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> From: "Scott Reed" <sreed@zoomnet.net>
> To: <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
> Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 08:02:10 -0500

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> >If you read your Bible carefully you will discover that a large
> >part of it does involves predictions, including many which are
> >identified as "end time" predictions. It also has some of the
> >earliest accounts of UFOs on record. What do you mean then by
> >"Keep all Scripture in the context in which it was written."?
> >Except for these "end time" predictions (we are not there just
> >yet) the Bible has also been shown to have an unprecedented 100%
> >accuracy with regard to fulfilled prophecies, at least according
> >to The Learning Channel and some more reliable sources.

> I'm not a bible scholar but I'm wondering if you can point out
> any instance where a detailed prediction from the bible has come
> true? Beyond some 'highly intuitive' observations, I'm not aware
> that the Bible holds anything of special 'psychic' interest.

Hi Scott,

I am certainly not a Bible scholar either but at least I have tried to verify certain claims. One of these is in regard to Bible predictions that have been fulfilled (unlike our mischievous UFO "aliens" who have also made predictions, none of which have come true).

My Toronto area friend, Grant R. Jeffrey, has researched this and written the excellent best selling book titled "Armageddon - Appointment With Destiny". Without going into detail, he gives many, many examples where Bible prophecies have been fulfilled to the letter, and when a future date is given, also fulfilled to the exact day. Grant also shows statistically, that for all these prophecies to have been fulfilled by chance alone, would be have been impossible.

This fact has so disturbed some Bible scholars that they have suggested that certain books of the Bible and even certain verses were written AFTER these prophecies were fulfilled. Give us a break, I say - early Bible readers were not stupid.

Although I disagree on many things with Grant, I cannot argue with these facts he has researched well and presented in his book for anyone to check out for himself/herself.

What do you mean by "...special 'psychic' interest."?

Nick

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Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

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Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Apr 1998 21:08:11 -0500
Subject: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

> From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 04:40:26 +0100
> Subject: Researchers Find 7000 Year Old 'Stonehenge' In Sahara

<snip>

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> NEW YORK (April 1, 1998 3:07 p.m. EST <http://www.nando.net>) --
> Researchers have found a complex of slabs and stones in the Sahara
> Desert that might be the oldest known monument built with astronomical
> considerations in mind -- far older than England's Stonehenge.

> It was constructed by nomadic cattle-herders as much as 7,000 years ago
> in southern Egypt, and probably was intended for rituals rather than
> astronomical observations, said J. McKim Malville of the University of
> Colorado at Boulder.

<snip>

Hi Stig,

At the two web sites below you will find details about two other
stonehenges or megaliths.

Ed Keall, an archeologist with the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto
(where, by the way, an extraterrestrial being or "elf" from Ecuador will
soon be examined, but that's another story), found another stonehenge in
Yemen (not too far from where I used to work at one time, but this too is
another story) that they think dates back to about 4000 B.C. You can find
information on this at

<http://www.rom.on.ca/news/keall.html>

Finally, yours truly, has beaten Richard Hoagland to the
discovery of yet another stonehenge, this time on Mars. Note the
many tall dark megaliths and the long shadows they cast. See
this proof of artificial structures built by intelligent beings
on Mars a full 4 days before the conclusive Cydonia "Face on
Mars" pictures are shown to whole world. ;)

www.jpl.nasa.gov/marsnews/img/87579b.jpg

Nick Balaskas

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'Project Snowflake' - A Discovery Channel Hoax

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> From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'Project Snowflake' - A Discovery Channel Hoax

> >Date: Wed, 1 Apr 1998 11:49:17 -0500
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: xzone@webgate.net (The 'X' Chronicles & 'X' Zone) [Rob McConnell]
> >Subject: "PROJECT SNOWFLAKE" A DISCOVERY CHANNEL HOAX

> Dear Sirs (Project Snowflake et. al.)

> > Wednesday, April 1, 1998 NR 98-12

> > UFO CONSPIRACY EXISTS ACCORDING TO EXN POLL OF CANADIANS "Project
> > Snowflake" Revealed as April Fool's Internet Stunt

<more snip>

> > During the stunt, visitors to the site were polled. The results
> > are remarkable:
> > * 63% of respondents believe that UFOs exist
> > * 63% think that UFO technology exists on Earth
> > * 74% believe that the Government is hiding UFO technology

> I don't get it. IF these figures are for real, the indication is
> that some 11% of all Canadians polled (at least), do NOT
> "believe" in UFOs but DO think the Government is hiding UFO
> Technology. Are you telling us that 11% of Canadians believe the
> Gov't is hiding non-existent technology?

If you think of the term "UFO" applying to manmade spacecraft of the
type generally described as UFOs, then these figures make sense.

> Or, is this yet another April Fools day joke?

> - Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>

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Filer's Files #13

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Filer's Files #13-1998 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer: MUFON Eastern Director,
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A world wide pattern of sightings and possible life on Mars
develops further.

NEW JERSEY

Several callers claim they observed UFOs and call the New Jersey
FM 101.5 morning talk show with Jim Gerhardt. Tom Benson, Sam
Sherman and Richard DeTaranto called to tell me that a woman and
her daughter saw UFOs on Rt. 70 in Pemberton. She said there were
many UFOs and lights darting around from 9:00 to 11:00 PM on
March 29, 1998. Apparently, several other witnesses also reported
various colored lights and UFOs flying around Mc Guire Air Force
Base area and as far north as Long Island. Witnesses claimed
lights moved strangely darting around at low level. The lights
appeared to be rotating balls of energy with several lights
moving in a circle around the others.
Hundreds of lights were reported over the area. They seemed
balloon or bubble like. One caller indicated she was frightened
by the lights and watched them parked on the side of the road
for several hours. I called the Air Force who denied any
knowledge of the UFOs. A meteor shower was observed on Saturday
night in the same general area.

VIRGINIA

Dennis Hawley was in a parking lot in Virginia Beach when an
object caught his eye in the clear blue sky at 12:25 PM on
March 11, 1997. The UFO was flying very high and fast before
disappearing in the distance. Dennis initially thought the object
was a balloon, but realized it was flying too fast and straight.
The UFO was first observed in the southeast flying in from the
Atlantic Ocean about three miles away. The object flew in a
straight course to the northwest into a wind. The object was
described as a round metallic disc, glowing and extremely fast.
The size was comparable to a button held at arm's length or about
real size of an airliner. However, he noted it was very
difficult to estimate the exact size. The witness is a member of
MUFON and is a Human Resources Administrator for a local
hospital. Thanks to Rick Atristain, Virginia State MUFON Director
and Dennis Hawley.

INDIANA, KENTUCKY, ILLINOIS UFOs

Jerry Sievers, Indiana MUFON Section Director reports that there
were numerous UFO reports near Princeton and surrounding areas of
Southern Indiana on March 27, 1998. A big, large ring of UFOs was
observed near the Toyota manufacturing plant in Princeton. A very
large gray triangle with five lights on one side was seen north
of Petersburg. Nocturnal lights were reported over northern
Kentucky. WTVW, Fox 7 News from Evansville, Indiana broadcast
that numerous UFOs were sighted from Illinois across Indiana into
Kentucky. The station claimed to have getting reports as fast as
they record them. There was an apparent large upswing in reports
on Friday night and again on Saturday night. They were of three
types. The large triangle with headlights was the most

spectacular. Numerous fast moving yellow colored lights were reported and two parallel lines of three to five lights. Many people reported observing structure on the craft near Evansville. The television station had three hundred UFO reports over the weekend. UFOs were reported from Olney, Illinois to Vincennes, Petersburg, Princeton and Evansville, Indiana and south into Owensboro, Kentucky. Crop circles were also reported near Huntingburg, Indiana by the local newspaper. One interesting factor was that there were also severe storms in progress throughout the entire area.

KENTUCKY

Clint Stone, the ASD Kentucky MUFON writes: "I stepped outside around 7:15 p.m., to take a look. Within minutes I noticed three objects that were each sporting a white and red flashing light (there was no sound). What was peculiar about them is that they were flying in a perfect triangle; it appeared almost as if they were one object because of their well-defined formation. I watched them with great interest as they flew northwest towards the tree-filled horizon. Before they got there, however, this extremely bright, whitish-gold light descended from a nearby cloud and flew towards the other lights. It was as if it "turned on" the other three somehow, as they began to glow the same color as that one. I watched with amazement as they silently neared the trees. I moved into a position to get a better look and as I did, two of them doubled back and headed straight for me. One of them flew off to my right, while the other one (now back to its white-red flashing light "stage") flew right over the top of my head. That's when I noticed a small triangular object with golden-colored lights on all three corners flying with its tip turned towards a "plane-like" object with red and white lights on its "wings." I thought a crash was imminent; they were that close. As I continued to watch, the tip light began to generate an even more brilliant golden light. They were directly over me at this time, and I could tell that the small triangle was heading slightly southeast, while the object with the white-red combination was heading due east. As they flew along, the small triangle merged with the white-red object, almost as if it were eating it. The now merged object then turned on its side and continued flying while the triangle was nowhere to be seen. (That was one tricky maneuver if you ask me!) I kept watching as it flew out of sight. Throughout the duration of my observation I counted around 15 of these white-red flashing lights all heading in the same direction. I heard a helicopter at one point, as well, but was never able to spot it. Later on, I heard an airplane fly over my head that had the regulation red-green-white combo of lights." Thanks to Clint Stone KY MUFON & brazel@webtv.net

CALIFORNIA

On February 10, 1998, Jerry Goudy, 28 reports he and his patrol partner saw a strange glow arising over the water of the bay near Point Loma. There was significant fog underneath the UFO as it sat, motionless above the waves at 5:46 PM. It was making a high pitched whining noise that raised and lowered in pitch. The lights were dimming and brightening slightly as it rotated clockwise. The craft was 75 to 100 ft in diameter. Jerry stated, "As I approached the water in my patrol car, it slowly glided out to sea at an altitude of 20 feet. I attempted radio contact with base, but my radio would not respond. Suddenly, the lights got brighter and the whining pitch increased to an almost intolerable noise. The object then dove into the water and moved away from shore at a very rapid pace, leaving no wake. The light disappeared out of sight after 18 minutes." Thanks to B.U.F.O.D., Ben at <http://www.abcfield.force9.co.uk> and Bruce Cornet at bcornet@monmouth.com

BERMUDA

ISUR reports that Peter C. Wilson observed two very bright lights flying towards him at a very low altitude on March 7, 1998. They were moving at a terrific rate of speed issuing great clouds of smoke. The UFOs made no noise climbing rapidly out of sight at 19:50 A.S.T. The UFOs left behind a big cloud of smoke mass which lingered for about ten minutes. Wilson said, "I at first thought it to be an aircraft, but there where no navigation/anti-collision lights to be seen. Many sightings were reported from all over the island, calls were made to local police, press, etc. I had my scanner on at the time tuned to the

aviation frequencies, as I am an aviator, and listen to air traffic over Bermuda. Three airline pilots reported the sighting to New York Center, who in turn reported they only had the three airliners on their radar.

The U.S. Navy made a statement, that they had conducted a submarine missile launch, and what we saw were the boosters falling back to earth. I have a great dispute with this explanation. First, Sub launched missiles use solid fuel systems, and don't use disposable boosters, as space is limited. Second, How could boosters travel in a level flight attitude, then climb to altitude, and at such speed, make no noise, and leave such a massive cloud, obscuring our view of the islands? Why test so close to a populated land area? Thanks to ISUR John Thompson and Peter Charles Wilson Eleys Harbour Sandys, pchwilso@ibl.bm

CANADA

Kenny Young reports that Amy H. sent the following E-mail. "I hope you do not mind me asking your opinion? My husband and I were driving westbound on the 401 near Oshawa Ontario on March 28th at around 7:30. We noticed three circular objects so we pulled off the road to watch. They were cloudy looking white balls. They moved in a circular pattern, then would come and join in the center. Then they move out, go around in a circle and repeat the process joining in the center again. Thanks to Ken Young at TASK.

CANADA STUDY FINDS 10% RISE IN 1997 UFO SIGHTINGS

Canadian astronomer and UFO researcher Chris Rutkowski claims a new study by a national research group has found that the skies are getting more crowded with UFOs with a 10% rise in 1997. "We were surprised to learn there were so many reports last year," said astronomer Chris Rutkowski, research coordinator for Ufology Research of Manitoba (UFOROM), which collects and studies UFO reports.

"There were 284 UFO sightings reported in Canada in 1997, up about 10 per cent from 1996." Last year's cases ranged from a group of people chased by a flying saucer near Tuktoyaktuk to a giant boomerang buzzing a 20-year Coast Guard veteran in Sault Ste. Marie. Rutkowski said sightings reported to researchers and UFO groups from BC to the Maritimes were collected by UFOROM and added to a database for statistical analyses. Among the findings: Most UFOs were reported in the province of British Columbia (35%) and Ontario (25%). UFOs were seen in winter as likely as summer; no national monthly trend was found. Almost three-quarters of all UFOs are seen at night, and most of these around 11:00 p.m. Most UFOs are watched for a long time; the average length of observation was 20 minutes. UFOs are witnessed by more than one person at a time; most cases have two witnesses.

The typical Hollywood-style flying-saucer-shaped UFOs are now less common than triangular ones. Only 4.6% of all the UFO reports were labeled "higher-quality unknowns." Most UFO sightings were either misidentifications of things such as planes or planets, or we simply didn't have enough information. "None of these 'unknowns' prove there are aliens out there," Rutkowski said, "but we are left with some cases which investigators cannot explain." For additional information, contact: MUFON Ontario, 416-532-9371, UFO*BC, 604-432-4113, SOS OVNI (Quebec), 514-536-0140, MUFON Nova Scotia, 902-832-1984 or Chris through UFOROM, 204-269-7553 and circulated by UFO UPdates (updates@globalserve.net) Editors Note: I have almost 5,000 hours in the air and seldom is any aircraft observed for 20 minutes. Most aircraft are heading for a destination and do not stay in one area for long. There are exceptions such as pilot training, but sightings for longer than a few minutes is a good indicator you may have a legitimate UFO. Even flares burn for around five minutes.

SCOTLAND

Dave Ledger and Skywatch report that the sightings of anomalous lights and heavy military involvement, from the West Coast of Scotland are still coming in. There definitely seems to be something odd going on over there, following many witness reports of black helicopters and military jets chasing UFOs over East Kilbride, Scotland. Strange lights are being seen all over the local area. This kind of activity is relatively unknown to the local people of East Kilbride and certainly seems to support the fact that something out of the ordinary is going on. The

helicopters seemed to be searching for something or someone. Thanks to Dave Ledger and Skywatch International, Kieth Barber for his call.

ENGLAND

Max Burns is the chief investigator for a series of spectacular UFO encounters over central England, last year. Allegedly, six Tornado, RAF jets were in pursuit of a 300 foot Flying Triangle UFO, which hovered, at times, within feet of houses in Dronfield, Sheffield. The British Geological survey instrumentation at three sites on March 24, 1997 recorded two air burst explosions. It is believed a UFO conducted a hostile attack on aircraft that were in pursuit. Apparently, one RAF jet was lost and two bodies were recovered from a mountain reservoir the next morning. All air traffic was excluded from the area. BUFORA will release a detailed report on April 4th, in London, via a video presentation taped by Miles Johnston. The full report will be available from Lionel Beer.

BUFORA is also expected to release at the BUFORA AGM, footage of a Flying Triangle filmed moving from Norfolk to Suffolk on the East Coast of England. The video was taped by D. J. Spoor of a large craft flying along at about fifty miles per hour along the coast. Full details have been released to the Press Association, & Sky News (London). Thanks to MJ.

IRELAND

French Mirage Jets have been witnessed by hundreds during the last several months in pursuit of a large triangle shaped craft over the Irish West coast. The French Mirage jets have been operating at maximum range to intercept and photograph the huge triangular UFOs. They have apparently violated Irish airspace while doing so.

MALAYSIA

Skywatch International reports that a group of students at Taman Orkid saw an object like a saucer on March 14, 1998. The UFO was at a distance of 100 meters and about the size of two cars. It hovered for a few minutes near Minguan. Twelve year old, Mohd Firdaus Rashid, said, "The saucers seemed to want to land on the near side of the field. The saucers beamed their lights at us a few times and shut off their lights before they flew away into the sky." Mohd and his 6 friends were playing when the sighting happened near a mosque. His friends, Mohd Nazrin Ozali, 11, said the objects produced the sound of an aeroplane, but not too noisy. The color of the craft was gray. The saucer did not rotate and we saw four wings and a light beam on to the field. There was no vibration, but they could feel blowing wind from the objects. Another student Ihsan Ibrahim 12, said at first he thought the objects were stars, when they suddenly arrived at the field. The students waved their hands at the objects. March 15, 1998. Alor Star, Kedah - A Simpang Empat and Skywatch International.

"DANGER IN OUR SKIES" UFO TV PROGRAM

The UPN network will present the first U.S. showing of sensational UFO footage from Mexico on Monday, April 6, starting at 8:00 PM ET/PT. The program, titled "Danger in Our Skies: The New UFO Threat," is produced by Henry Winkler and features daylight UFO footage shot over Mexico City on August 6, 1997, and footage shot over Phoenix, Arizona. According to Ann Daniel, "The special interviews air traffic controllers, UFO experts and pilots." The program will ask the question, "Do UFOs represent a threat to global safety?"

MARS

During the last couple weeks we discussed the possibility of ancient intelligent life on Mars. Several sites near the south pole of Mars and Cydonia have structures that appear to be artificially formed. The site at Nod if not a combination of pixelization and transmission errors is particularly interesting. This site appears to be cultural site the could have been used for growing plants and producing oxygen. The site is on the edge of snow and ice fields composed of carbon dioxide. John Kramar writes I was looking at the Liz Edwards' and NASA images, I

estimate that Nod is at 83=BOS 43=BOW on Mars and the top wall is about 45 miles long. As noted by others the "structures" on Mars are monumental in scale. By the way, there is an area NASA has labeled the Inca City that has many contiguous rectangular walled areas, each about 4 to 5 kilometers across. It is located "nearby" at 81.8=BOS - 59.1=BOW. Cheers, John Kramar, jkramar@mindspring.com. Note : It is obvious that NASA as found some interesting images in the general area of Nod giving it the descriptive name, "The Inca City." The Inca's built a strange series of ancient cities in Peru prior to being conquered by Spain. The stone structures are noted for their precision and powerful design. The Inca=92s also believed they were being visited by spacemen.

The Media Relations Office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (NASA) replied to my query about the structures at Nod and Inca by simply indicating their Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft is about to begin a summer-long set of scientific observations of the red planet. These will include several attempts to take images of the Cydonia region. The Global Surveyor will pass over the so-called "Face on Mars," Cydonia region on April 5 at 12:33 a.m. Attempts to re-photograph the sites will occur during two additional passes, but it will not be possible to predict on which orbit the spacecraft will pass closest to the Face until the Global Surveyor has established a stable orbit. The sites will be visible about once every eight days, and we'll have a 30 to 50-percent chance of capturing images of the sites each time." The exact locations of specific features in the Cydonia region are not precisely known. As for the "Face on Mars" feature, "most scientists believe that everything we've seen on Mars is of natural origin," said Dr. Carl Pilcher, science director for Solar System Exploration in NASA. "However, we also believe it is appropriate to seek to resolve speculation about features in the Cydonia region. New images of the Cydonia region will be available on JPL's Mars news site at: <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/marsnews> and <http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov> .

The new book, Eagles Disobey, A Case for Inca City, Mars just may help answer the question did life once exist on Mars. Dr. Dan Burisch was checking out the NSSDC Website, about a year and a half ago and he noticed an image identified as "Inca City" which had some strange crosshatched patterns. Up near the top of the 'boxes' was a face staring back up out of the sand. It was incredible, so he decided to look around for more objects. It was obvious NASA scientists also saw the images and named it the Inca City. A team was assembled and began more than a year=92s investigation. Scientist Dr. Dan Burisch did the image analysis, while B. J. Wolf wrote the book. It contains over 170 images from NASA's own archives. They found the most remarkable collection of objects, structures, glyphs and symbols and more Faces. One group of symbols forms a circle around a central figure and one resembles a flying dinosaur. These objects, often many miles long on the surface of Mars, might be beacons, or signposts. The book contains images of monolithic drawings, etchings, and monuments on Mars. You can order the book at Riskers/NUFOIA: <http://www.riskers.org/eagles>.

The Great Catselas Pyramid is particularly spectacular because the shadow that it casts, in fact the entire object seems to offer reverse light. Instead of creating a dark shadow, the area is lighter suggesting lights or a crystalline matrix or glass, that gathers light. They found a face imbedded in a triangle and another within a circle! All of these objects are related by complex geometry of triangles, circles, and the 19.5 degree angles. We can speculate Mars acquired an advanced civilization in the distant past. Eventually their atmosphere gradually deteriorated. The Martian=92s tried to build enclosed self sufficient structures, built giant signaling devices and attempted space travel. Since there is little evidence our ancient Earth cultures could reach Mars, we can speculate the strange symbols and beliefs were brought here by ancient astronauts. The book=92s thesis is that there is a distinct link between what was found on Mars and ancient cultures of earth. This seems to lock down the case for artificially objects on Mars created by intelligent life forms as opposed to natural causes. The author claims Mars is a treasure trove just waiting for us. We hope to have some momentous announcements in the coming weeks.

Please send your sightings to George Filer at Majorstar@aol.com.

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 22:19:17 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 07:49:21 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 19:37:38 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>> From: "Scott Reed" <sreed@zoomnet.net>
>> To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
>> Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 08:02:10 -0500

>> I'm not a bible scholar but I'm wondering if you can point out
>> any instance where a detailed prediction from the bible has come
>> true? Beyond some 'highly intuitive' observations, I'm not aware
>> that the Bible holds anything of special 'psychic' interest.

>Hi Scott,

>I am certainly not a Bible scholar either but at least I have
>tried to verify certain claims. One of these is in regard to
>Bible predictions that have been fulfilled (unlike our
>mischievous UFO "aliens" who have also made predictions, none of
>which have come true).

>My Toronto area friend, Grant R. Jeffrey, has researched this and
>written the excellent best selling book titled "Armageddon -
>Appointment With Destiny". Without going into detail, he gives
>many, many examples where Bible prophecies have been fulfilled to
>the letter, and when a future date is given, also fulfilled to
>the exact day. Grant also shows statistically, that for all
>these prophecies to have been fulfilled by chance alone, would be
>have been impossible.

>This fact has so disturbed some Bible scholars that they have
>suggested that certain books of the Bible and even certain verses
>were written AFTER these prophecies were fulfilled. Give us a
>break, I say - early Bible readers were not stupid.

Nick,

You do have to keep that possibility in mind, though, since in
all likelihood the Gospels weren't written until well after 70
A.D. (they're not even mentioned in any literature by name until
around 140 A.D.!), 70 A.D. being the date of destruction of the
Temple by the Romans, and most scholars have assumed that the
prophecy of Matthew 24:2 refers to this event. Hence they figure
it's an after-the-fact prophecy, and therefore no prophecy at
all. I myself am not convinced that the prophecy referred to
that event, however.

Jim Deardorff

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PROJECT-1947, NICAP & Peer Review

From: " Jerry Cohen" <rjcohen@li.net>
Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 20:24:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 07:40:34 -0500
Subject: PROJECT-1947, NICAP & Peer Review

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>PROJECT-1947: Peer Review

>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
>Date: Mon, 30 Mar 1998 20:18:42 -0800
>Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 07:51:33 -0500
>Subject: PROJECT-1947: Peer Review

>I guess we don't really want peer-review. When we get it, we
>cry, "foul" or "naysayers." If someone demands a good hard look
>at something, they become negative.

JC: Or, perhaps we're just not done examining. This "peer" has
some respectful comments. This is not an attack on Jan or anyone
but rather a personal effort for me to get at the truth (data)
regarding the "Stokes" case so I might solidify proof to myself I
wasn't nuts all these years. This is the only stake I have in
this. Nothing more, nothing less.

I don't think Jan's post had anything to do with me directly (at
least I hope not). In the brief time we've known each other
(electronically) we've supported each other a lot and I still
support him on most things. However, I've got some responses and
questions concerning "Stokes." To determine the truth for me,
they have to be answered all the way. Maybe they have been
already, but I, and anyone else interested, need to hear them and
respond to them if needs be.

The following comments are from one who wound up being a NICAP
supporter and member (1966-1977) and who also had his own
"experience" and thus had great motivation to at least attempt to
do some (unpublished until the NET) research for the last 30
years. (Other than some copies of a portion of which I sent to
CUFOS a few years back...)

Jan had said:

>Stokes: What is the real import of this case? Is it the
>sunburn, em effects? There are certainly better cases with
>*verified* multiple witnesses! Correct me if I am wrong, but no
>other witnesses were located.

JC: Jan, you may be correct and this may have been printed
somewhere, but I have to confess my ignorance to it at the
moment. (Again, I am not implying this doesn't exist.) However,
if a researcher asks an honest question, has a timing connection
between three cases, one of which was investigated by Bluebook,
Condon & McDonald, another in which this same researcher tells
you his neighbor was dating a guy from the Sebago when it
happened, then it might behoove us to at least look at this
openly again and provide us with the documentation regarding
Stokes, when you're able. Perhaps I missed something. I'll be the
first to admit this is possible. I'm not looking to be a hero.
I'm just attempting to get at the truth. If this researcher (me)
is wrong, you'll see him admit it here publicly. If it is not
really proven Stokes hoaxed this, that's another story.

>The importance of the Stokes case is the apparent official
>obfuscation encountered here.

JC: O.K. we've got something here although I'm not exactly sure what. Official obfuscation from who? Who exactly was responsible for it and why? Work was probably already been done here and I admit my ignorance; please provide the reference. We'll go out and get it if necessary and we'll discuss it, if it doesn't sit right with me. My reaction doesn't have to be negative. I'm on the side of whatever seems most logical. If there is an alternative and it wasn't covered, however, I'd like a chance to voice it. There is a timing that exists here that is more than a little interesting to me. Although generalized timing alone is definitely not proof of anything, I believe it is possible there may be a true connection if we examine this deeply enough. I am 100% certain two of these cases are reality and they are both military. (Kirtland is triple examined.) This third one, at least by what I know, therefore deserves to be reexamined.

>(The Stokes case might also have >problems as indicated from
>Coral Lorenzen's letter to Major Keyhoe, I can't lay my hands
>on this at the moment.)

JC: Again, O.K. However after Jan's last quote, this next is important for us all to see, and I am not saying this to put anyone on the spot, but rather a point of general information. (And also the reason I put their books on a separate shelf in my collection back then.)

In regards to Carol Lorenzen as providing proof one way or the other regarding the Stokes incident, I'd like to supply you with some NICAP quotes on two of Lorenzen's books from years ago. The first from the same issue from which I ordered my own copy of "The UFO Evidence." APRO people, if any of you are still out there, I apologize profusely. NICAP & APRO joined forces later on and I'm doing this not to start a war, but to make a point concerning Jan's statement concerning Stokes. People with old copies of the journals, please whip them out if you don't believe me. At the time of this publishing (1/67), there was a bit of a disagreement going on. (A slight understatement here folks.)

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The UFO Investigator, Jan/Feb 1967, p. 8 Flying Saucers: "The Startling Evidence of the Invasion From Outer Space by Coral E. Lorenzen"

"This revised and updated version of the APRO editor's 1962 book "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax," unfortunately includes a heavy dose of sensationalism. While we find much to agree with in Mrs. Lorenzen's general conclusions, and some of her interpretations of the attitudes of responsible government officials, many of the stories presented are extravagant and are not substantiated by convincing evidence. At a time when hack writers and opportunists are contributing scare stories and wild tales to the literature, we think Mrs. Lorenzen does a disservice to serious investigation by publishing, as if they were established fact, some outlandish tales. She justifies this on the grounds of (alleged) "unbiased reporting," but the effect is to confuse solid facts with questionable ones. <snip>"

NICAP Journal, Oct. 1967, p. 6 ANOTHER WILD BOOK This paperback mart has spawned still another hodgepodge entry into the UFO field: "Flying Saucer Occupants, by Coral and Jim Lorenzen, the wife and husband co-founding team of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) <snip> "Either the authors were sloppy in checking their facts or were inexcusably bad proof-readers, for the book is replete with incorrect information: Wrong dates are given; incorrect dates and addresses abound in the Sprinkle bibliography. Even the now defunct but highly respected organization to which NICAP staff member Isabel Davis belonged, Civilian Saucer Intelligence, (CSI), New York is constantly confused with the Los Angeles CSI and is mentioned throughout the book as Civilian Saucer Investigations. The early 1965 Brooksville, Florida, hoax case is accepted as fact by the authors; the Lorenzens also appear to believe that Project Blue Book has been "essentially honest" in issuing their outlandish explanations. Physicist Dr. James E. McDonald, who has done more than any single scientist to force his colleagues to take a serious look at UFOs, is deliberately smeared despite the fact

that he has risked his professional reputation to get scientists, the press and the public to look at the subject objectively and rationally. <snip>"

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JC: Anyone out there besides me think this might be reason enough to reevaluate Coral Lorenzen's letter to Major Keyhoe or at least take it with a grain of salt? (and I haven't even seen it yet.) Remember, this was NICAP 1967 who said the above. How can NICAP use this same person's letter to Keyhoe as evidence against Stokes? A lawyer for the defense in a court of law would rip this to shreds. This needs to be explained.

>I advised caution and attempt to locate Stokes or his relatives.
>Even so, again, what is the import of the case?

JC: So, what happened? Was this ever actually done? If this was a non-study, it shouldn't be totally ignored. If I was as close as Jan may have been to this case, I may have done exactly the same thing. But, from my distant point of view, I want to know more because from the other evidence I've presented (Kirtland & Sebago) I feel there could be a very possible tie-in. Until I see the rest of the evidence laid out on this, it is unsettled for me. (Like the whole past 30 years?) If you folks out there think I'm wrong so far, "beat me with a wet noodle." If not, we need to see more.

<snip>

>When 'The UFO Evidence' was written were there wilder more
>controversial cases? There sure were. However, the cases used
>there were from above average observers with good sources of
>high >reliability.

JC: Yes this is 100% true. But I believe we need to specifically reexamine the "Stokes" case to see it in its entirety, if possible. Is it at all possible there was more there than we realize? The man was a "missile engineer from Holloman Air Force Base." Look at Kirtland and its date, look at the Stokes case and its date, look at what McDonald discovered about Kirtland and let's see the rest of the proof against "Stokes." I know this isn't easy when NICAP is first setting up a site but, I really believe it has to be addressed eventually.

McDonald's investigation on Kirtland (November 1957):
<http://www.li.net/~rjcohen/ocr.7b.html> Final part is on 7c which you can click to. An introduction to all three cases is on 7a.

If he said it at all, why would he lie? If he retracted his statement, when did he do it and why? If he did, are we positive this is the real reason? If Coral Lorenzen wrote against him, he couldn't have simply been an APRO supporter of "way-out" stuff. Did he write a book? Did he do anything to make money from it? What exactly happened?

These questions may all have been answered already but I'd personally like to reevaluate the thinking that caused this case to be "set aside."

Respectfully, Jerry Cohen

P.S. Again, I still say keep building the NICAP site, it's a really good idea as long as NICAP is open minded to our comments, so that we all can be educated properly on this case and others which may or may not fall into this category. Like it or not, we are part of evaluating this "Peer" review. No one is perfect nor has to be, therefore, even NICAP has its limits. We are simply trying to get at the truth. I support the NICAP site 100%. And if there are answers sitting somewhere regarding our questions on particular cases, just direct us to them. We are open-minded. I also know NICAP has to adapt to the NET first, and that's O.K. too. It's not easy and it takes time.

I apologize for being a royal pain about this and I apologize to Jan if I'm stepping on your toes or causing you any grief from this. Until you wrote your 3/30/98 note, I had no idea you had anything to do with this case. I just want the complete answers to part of something that's been eating my guts out all these years and a chance to comment on them. After the work I put in to this, the endless thinking, and thirty years of being a "split

personality"* to the rest of the world because of my sighting, I would hope I'm entitled.

* Because the rest of world used to think (and obviously some still do) a person who sees this stuff was "nuts."

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Scientists to Analyze New Images of Cydonia

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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 08:01:15 -0500
Subject: Scientists to Analyze New Images of Cydonia

After Meeting with NASA,
Mars Scientists Prepare to Analyze
New Images of Cydonia Face

On Wednesday, April 1st, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory announced on its Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) website, that the MGS will reimage the Cydonia region of Mars, with three opportunities occurring on April 5th, 14th and 21st.

On Monday, March 30, representatives from The Society for Planetary SETI Research (SPSR) met at JPL with the MGS Project Manager, Glenn Cunningham, and MGS Chief Scientist Arden Albee to discuss the release of images. Because of the controversy surrounding the Cydonia landforms. Cunningham said that NASA does not plan to make any official statements concerning the images when they are released, and will leave interpretation to the scientific community. The SPSR agrees with this position.

As soon as the images are released by JPL, SPSR plans to conduct an intensive multi-disciplinary analysis of the data to understand what, if anything, might have once occurred at Cydonia.

SPSR includes Vincent DiPietro, Mark Carlotto, David Webb, John E. Brandenburg as well as many other scientists and credentialed individuals from the various related scientific disciplines.

For more information

visit the UFO Forum at <http://forums.msn.com/ufo>. Also available is the new audio interview with Dr. Mark J. Carlotto, discussing what the public can expect in the coming weeks.

Dr. Carlotto will be joining the UFO Forum for a live chat on Tuesday, April 7th at 6pm, PT. Advanced questions are encouraged and can be sent to watchfire_fm@msn.com.

The Briefing Room chat can be accessed by any IRC client. The chat server name is publicchat.msn.com and the room or channel name is #briefing.

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Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 12:59:49 GMT
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 08:25:03 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

>From: koch@wad.berlin.fido.de (Joachim Koch)
>Date: 03 Apr 98 00:10:00 +0000
>Subject: NASA employee confirms: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>I'll try to get a transcript of the discussion. If so, then I'll
>post it here. Meanwhile I would like to ask our
>American and Italian colleagues to do some
>research into the person of Dr. Dini.

>
>Does anybody know him?
>Did he work for NASA? What
>is his approach
>to the reality of UFOs?

I worked for NASA. But I would have to say most others that have
claimed to work for NASA turned out to be full of 'it' (literally
speaking).

Dr. Dini, just like others, sets off the Dr. Jason Leigh
detector! <g>

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Roger R. Prokic
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- sent from a PalmPilot Professional -

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Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 07:31:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 08:22:11 -0500
Subject: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

>Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 18:54:03 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

>Hi Stig,

>At the two web sites below you will find details about two other
>stonehenges or megaliths.

>Ed Keall, an archeologist with the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto
>(where, by the way, an extraterrestrial being or "elf" from Ecuador will
>soon be examined, but that's another story), found another stonehenge in
>Yemen (not too far from where I used to work at one time, but this too is
>another story) that they think dates back to about 4000 B.C. You can find
>information on this at

><http://www.rom.on.ca/news/keall.html>

>Finally, yours truly, has beaten Richard Hoagland to the
>discovery of yet another stonehenge, this time on Mars. Note the
>many tall dark megaliths and the long shadows they cast. See
>this proof of artificial structures built by intelligent beings
>on Mars a full 4 days before the conclusive Cydonia "Face on
>Mars" pictures are shown to whole world. ;)

>www.jpl.nasa.gov/marsnews/img/87579b.jpg

>Nick Balaskas

Since there is so much discussion right now about Cydonia, I'd like to state once more for the record that I believe that the features seen there are 100% natural and the result of wind (and possibly water) erosion. I've said this before, but people tend to forget.

I would LOVE to be proven wrong on this, but I just don't think it's gonna happen.

Bob

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: "Scott Reed" <sreed@zoomnet.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 08:37:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 09:09:59 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 19:37:38 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>> From: "Scott Reed" <sreed@zoomnet.net>
>> To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
>> Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 08:02:10 -0500

><snip>

>> I'm not a bible scholar but I'm wondering if you can point out
>> any instance where a detailed prediction from the bible has come
>> true? Beyond some 'highly intuitive' observations, I'm not aware
>> that the Bible holds anything of special 'psychic' interest.

>Hi Scott,

>I am certainly not a Bible scholar either but at least I have
>tried to verify certain claims. One of these is in regard to
>Bible predictions that have been fulfilled (unlike our
>mischievous UFO "aliens" who have also made predictions, none of
>which have come true).

>My Toronto area friend, Grant R. Jeffrey, has researched this and
>written the excellent best selling book titled "Armageddon -
>Appointment With Destiny". Without going into detail, he gives
>many, many examples where Bible prophecies have been fulfilled to
>the letter, and when a future date is given, also fulfilled to
>the exact day. Grant also shows statistically, that for all
>these prophecies to have been fulfilled by chance alone, would be
>have been impossible.

This IS interesting. I'll have to hunt the book down for myself
before I comment on that. Could you point out just one prophecy
that has been fulfilled?

>This fact has so disturbed some Bible scholars that they have
>suggested that certain books of the Bible and even certain verses
>were written AFTER these prophecies were fulfilled. Give us a
>break, I say - early Bible readers were not stupid.

>Although I disagree on many things with Grant, I cannot argue
>with these facts he has researched well and presented in his book
>for anyone to check out for himself/herself.

>What do you mean by "...special 'psychic' interest."?

Meaning 'future-telling' interest, instances in the Bible where
specific future events are foretold that would be difficult to
associate with coincidence or simply a result of highly intuitive
guesswork on the part of the writer(s). However, what some might
call divine prophecy, I will probably consider it well-considered
guesswork.

The last thing I want to do is open a can of worms about Bible scripture,
since I am far from being anything remotely close to a scholar on the
subject, and I would probably get in trouble to for leading an off-topic

thread.

I'll try and find the book you mentioned, though. Thanks.

ScottR.

Visit the HIGH STRANGENESS web-site,
a 'pop-art' exploration of UFO phenomenon
<http://www.zoomnet.net/~sreed/strangeness.htm>

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 08:33:27 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 13:52:41 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

The key [UFO] tie-in I see involves the document called the Talmud of Jmmanuel (TJ), which is connected with the Meier contactee case, since he and the ex-priest discovered the Aramaic scrolls in Jerusalem in 1963.

In it, Jmmanuel (alias Immanuel alias Jesus) prophesies that the end-time calamities would occur a couple millennia into his future. This evidently got distorted by Gnostic types into the "millennialism" branch of Christianity, while the writer of Matthew altered it into a second coming that would be in their own time. From a part of the prophecy one infers that around this end-time period his ET (or guardian angel) contactors are due to show up with impressive signs in the sky. (This is related to Matthew 24:30, which appears in its original form in the TJ).

The details can be found in my web site below.

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Aviation Week's Closed-mind Editors Attack NASA

From: **JJ Mercieca** <mufor@maltanet.net>
Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 16:54:12 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 13:44:35 -0500
Subject: Aviation Week's Closed-mind Editors Attack NASA

Aviation Week editor (James R. Asker - Washington Outlook page)
attacks NASA - no wonder Phil Klass writes for this publication!

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Face Lift

NASA may have found a way to top Al Gore's proposal to please the populous with a new spacecraft to stare at Earth and offer a constant Apollo-style view of our fragile blue planet. NASA says it will train Mars Global Surveyor's camera in high resolution mode on the Cydonia region of the red planet. The goal is to pick up details of the so-called "face on Mars". Twenty years ago, Viking snapped a picture of a big rock lighted so that it looked like a human head, and the tabloids have been having a field day ever since. What next, a mission to find the old man in the Moon?

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PROJECT-1947: 'Rendlesham Unravalled'

From: James Easton <pulsar@COMPUSERVE.COM>
Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 20:05:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 13:47:04 -0500
Subject: PROJECT-1947: 'Rendlesham Unravalled'

For reference, the following response to newsgroup feedback re the 'Rendlesham Unravalled' report may be of interest as it includes some new material pertinent to the case.

Apologies for this being lengthier than I would have wished, however, it necessarily covers a number of points which are relevant.

James.
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To recap what 'Rendlesham Unravalled' concerns.

Following a long-time interest in the 'Rendlesham Forest' case, regarded by many as one of the most enigmatic 'UFO' mysteries, it became apparent that although the evidence had become fragmented, there was more data available than was perhaps generally realised.

With key witness testimonies from UK TV documentaries and publications maybe not being familiar outwith and latterly, some consequential interviews with central witnesses only available on the Internet, it was my intention to consolidate the factual evidence.

In doing so, it proved possible to confirm the correct dates of the events and my research also brought to light the previously unpublished, original witness statements*.

The initial incident commenced around 0300 on the 26th December, 1980, shortly after a 'bright fireball', or 'shooting star'* was seen. This may have been the catalyst leading to three members of the 81st Security Police Squadron who, fearing there might have been an air crash, followed up a sighting of 'lights' in Rendlesham Forest, which separated the twin American base complex at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge.

On the evening of the 27th December, the Deputy Base Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel (later promoted to Colonel) Charles Halt, was informed that 'the UFO' was again visible and he effectively then set out, in the dark of night, to investigate the reported events which took place on the early morning of the previous day.

On 13 January, 1981, a brief report of the occurrences, the 'Halt memo' was submitted to the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), whom it had been decided were responsible for any matters outwith the base itself.

The background briefly clarified, some comments re 'Rendlesham Unravalled' which I would like to respond to:

Regarding:

>Subject: Re: Rendlesham Forest case (WAS :Re: Extraordinary
>From: Harold Ellis Ensle <hensle@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: 1998/03/22
>Message-ID: <6f8fsc\$e29@dfw-ixnews9.ix.netcom.com>
>Newsgroups: alt.alien.visitors

Replying to:

In article <6f671u\$dfh\$1@nnrpl.dejanews.com>,
nick@the-den.clara.net (Nick Humphries, via Deja News) wrote:

Harold wrote:

NH>Halt described the anomaly as having "a pulsing red light on top
NH>and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath".

>No, it was Burroughs who saw this. The next morning they found
>landing marks on the ground, branches broken off all the way up the
>trees. Halt also found a different landing spot with the same tree
>damage. This was all verified by other witnesses. (Lighthouse beams
>do not cause this.)

Harold,

Firstly, that quote comes from Col. Halt's memo to the MoD and is
correctly attributed to him.

As for 'landing marks', these were subjective interpretations of
indentations in the ground, which both the police and a local
forester believed were explained by natural causes.

Whether there was ever an object which had landed and could have
left traces, is the question.

The three patrolmen who ventured into the forest to check out the
aircrash concerns, were Staff Sgt. Jim Penniston, Airman First
Class John Burroughs and Airman Ed Cabansag.

This is only now confirmed by the original testimonies.

>I do not trust Penniston. His story has come out after it became a
>popular case and other motivations may be at work.

If you don't trust Penniston, there isn't really much of a case
left!

He's the only credible participant who claims to have seen an
actual object at that time, rather than anomalous lights.

The issue is why there are so many significant discrepancies
between his later claims and what we now know was documented
then, i.e., in the original witness statements which only
recently emerged.

Incidentally, Penniston states in an interview (from 1997, I
believe) with AJS (Salley) Rayl, as quoted in Salley's 'Into the
Night' article*, that:

"It was a difficult time after the incident. For years afterward,
I would hear the stories within military circles and I never
commented on it in any way at all. Nor did I ever speak to any
UFO researchers or members of the media".

'Skycrash', the earliest book published on the case, tells of a
base security officer, under the pseudonym of 'James Archer' who
did contact 'UFO researcher' Brenda Butler and said that John
Burroughs and himself were directly involved.

'Archer' subsequently met with Brenda Butler and Dot Street, the
two local 'ufologists', who first investigated the 'UFO landing'
rumours and who with Jenny Randles co-authored 'Skycrash'.

Although neither Brenda or Dot revealed his identity (it's not
clear if they actually knew), it seems certain from the details

'Archer' gave, that this witness had to be Jim Penniston.

Jenny agrees absolutely with that conclusion.

>How long were these people stationed there. Do you think they never
>saw and recognized the lighthouse beacon before.

Is there in fact any reason to believe that Orford Ness lighthouse or the Shipwash lightship were familiar landmarks, especially when seen from the deceptively sloping forest terrain, where the pulsating, red lighthouse beacon appears to be only a few feet off the ground?

Chris Arnold, for example, was a contemporary member of the 81st Security Police Squadron (this has now been verified by Halt) who gave a statement last year. Recalling his own participation in events from the follow-up episode (on the night of 27th December), he wrote:

"There was absolutely nothing in the woods. We could see lights in the distance and it appeared unusual as it was a sweeping light, (we did not know about the lighthouse on the coast at the time)".

His full statement can be read at URL:

<http://www.sightings.com/ufo/bentwaters.htm>

There's also of course the not insignificant point that we now know from the earliest witness accounts that they did follow a light source through the forest for some two miles before recognising it was a lighthouse beacon.

>I have heard first hand testimony from Halt and Burroughs and what
>they saw was definitely alien (or at least bizarrely unexplainable).

Not quite the same thing.

And what may be perceived by some to be unexplainable...

>Halt witnessed the odd red light that moved in front of and behind
>trees to suddenly explode into five white objects. (Do lighthouse
>beams do this?)

In Halt's microcassette recording, the 'Halt tape', he only refers to pieces of the light 'shooting off'.

However, in his memo to the MoD, he wrote:

"Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the tree. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared".

It's an important point, which I highlighted in 'Rendlesham Unravalled', how it's documented in the 'Halt tape' that the pulsating red light never disappeared and remained visible.

As he recorded:

HALT: There is no doubt about it - there is some type of strange flashing red light ahead.

VOICE: There! It's yellow.

HALT: I saw a yellow tinge in it, too. Weird! It appears to be maybe moving a little bit this way? It's brighter than it has been. It's coming this way. It is definitely coming this way. Pieces of it are shooting off. There is no doubt about it. This is weird!

[...]

HALT: Pieces are falling off it again.

VOICE Sir, it just moved to the right...

HALT: Yeah!

VOICE: ...just off to the right.

HALT: Strange! One again left[?] Let's approach to the edge of the woods up there. Do you wanna do it without lights? Let's do it carefully. Come on.

HALT: OK, we're looking at the thing, we're probably about two to three hundred yards away. It looks like an eye winking at you. Still moving from side to side. And when you put the Starscope on it, it sorta has a hollow center, a dark center, it's like a pupil of an eye looking at you, winking.

And it flashes so bright to the Starscope that it almost burns your eye.

[End]

So it apparently hadn't vanished at all.

>He noted some physical effects. Higher radiation at the landing site.

Minuscule changes which were sometimes, 'ten times normal', and barely within measurement. Long since proven to be of no consequence whatsoever (natural background radiation can be around one hundred times 'normal').

>unusual brightness in the starlight scope

The scope was an image intensifier. If you point it a bright light, guess what happens!

>and a feeling of static electricity in the air.

So far as I can see, Halt has only referred to static on the radios.

NH>Warren claims, amongst other things, to have communicated with NH>aliens and been taken to a nearby secret underground base.

>Well OK, put him out with Penniston. You do not need these personal >unsupported ramifications to have a good case.

Penniston's claims must have some substance to have any sort of case at all.

Put it this way, if there was no structured object visible and if Burroughs, Penniston and Cabansag's search for the source of the unfamiliar lights ended in an abortive two mile chase of a light which turned out to be the Orford Ness lighthouse, then what was the likely source of the pulsating red light which Halt witnessed when emulating that same route through the forest on the following night?

Also regarding...

>Subject: Re: The new Ufological view on Rendlesham (was Re:
>From: Harold Ellis Ensle <hensle@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: 1998/03/26
>Message-ID: <6fiv8g\$63i@sjsx-ixn8.ix.netcom.com>
>Newsgroups: alt.alien.visitors

Harold wrote:

>The American TV program "Unsolved Mysteries", the best program of
>this type. They invited Halt and Burroughs to tell their stories.
>They also had a scientist there to suggest possible alternatives to
>their observations. I have the show taped and can assure you that
>everything I claim that they said is absolutely accurate.

There's no disagreement that Halt and Burroughs maintain they couldn't explain the light phenomena observed.

Regrettably, something that neither mentioned then and have never to knowledge subsequently revealed, nor has Penniston, was that the lighthouse had been a known factor.

Incidentally, after the 'Unsolved Mysteries' broadcast, Burroughs was interviewed by John Powell and said:

To: John Powell Message #: 6364
From: Jim Speiser Submitted: 20 Sep 91 23:39:00
Subject: Bentwaters Status: Public
 Group: UFO (25)

Powell: Regarding one of the last clips shown, which depicted one or two airmen prone as a very nearby and clearly craft-like object rose from a landing position and took off, do you know if there were any ground traces of this?

Burroughs: First of all, we did not see a structured "craft" as was depicted. All we saw were lights that seemed to imply a structure of some kind.
[Cut]

I appreciate this response is lengthy, however the questions raised are important and need to be addressed.

The asterisks in my reply are a note that further information is contained within the full and updated 'Rendlesham Unravalled' report on my web site at:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/>

Although Ed Cabansag has never been interviewed, his previously missing testimony has been scanned and is also on the web site.

Never previously published in full, anywhere, this is Cabansag's signed statement:

Airman Edward N. Cabansag
81st Security Police Squadron
Typed and undated

On 26 Dec 80, SSgt Penniston and I were on Security #6 at Woodbridge Base. I was the member. We were patrolling Delta NAPA when we received a call over the radio. It stated that Police #4 had seen some strange lights out past the East Gate and we were to respond. SSgt Penniston and I left Delta NAPA, heading for the East Gate code two. When we got there, SSgt Steffans and A1C Burroughs were on patrol. They told us they had seen some funny lights out in the woods. We notified CSC [Central Security Control - James] and we asked permission to investigate further. They gave us the go-ahead. We left our weapons with SSgt Steffans who remained at the gate. Thus the three of us went out to investigate.

We stopped the Security Police vehicle about 100 meters from the gate. Due to the terrain we had to go on by foot. We kept in constant contact with CSC. While we walked, each one of us could see the lights. Blue, red, white and yellow. The beacon light turned out to be the yellow light. We could see them periodically, but not in a specific pattern. As we approached, the lights would seem to be at the edge of the forest. We were about 100 meters from the edge of the forest when I saw a quick movement, it looked visible for a moment. It looked like it spun left about a quarter of a turn, then it was gone. I advised SSgt Penniston and A1C Burroughs. We advised CSC and proceeded in extreme caution.

When we got about 50-75 meters, MSgt Chandler/Flight Chief was on the scene. CSC was not reading our transmissions very well, so we used MSgt Chandler as a go-between. He remained back at our vehicle. As we entered the forest, the blue and red lights were not visible anymore. Only the beacon light was still blinking. We figured the lights were coming from past the forest, since nothing was visible as we passed through the woody forest. We could see a glowing near the beacon light, but as we got closer we found it to be a lit-up farmhouse.

After we had passed through the forest, we thought it had to be an aircraft accident. So did CSC as well. But we ran and walked a good 2 miles past our vehicle, until we got to a vantage point where we could determine that what we were chasing was only a beacon light off in the distance. Our route through the forest and field was a direct one, straight towards the light.

We informed CSC that the light beacon was further than we thought, so CSC terminated our investigation. ALC Burroughs and I took a road, while SSgt Penniston walked straight back from where he came. ALC Burroughs saw the light again, this time it was coming from the left of us, as we were walking back to our patrol vehicle.

We got in contact with SSgt Penniston and we took a walk through where we saw he lights. Nothing. Finally, we made it back to our vehicle, after making contact with the PC's and informing them of what we saw. After that we met MSgt Chandler and we went into service again after termination of the sighting.

Statement signed.
[End]

The implications of this and the other original statements are discussed in more detail within 'Rendlesham Unravalled'.

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Re: PROJECT-1947, NICAP & Peer Review

From: jan@cyberzone.net (Jan Aldrich)
Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 11:52:51 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 16:51:54 -0500
Subject: Re: PROJECT-1947, NICAP & Peer Review

> Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 20:24:16 -0500
> To: " UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: " Jerry Cohen" <rjcohen@li.net>
> Subject: PROJECT-1947, NICAP & Peer Review

> >UFO UpDates Mailing List

> >PROJECT-1947: Peer Review

> >From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
> >Date: Mon, 30 Mar 1998 20:18:42 -0800
> >Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Mar 1998 07:51:33 -0500
> >Subject: PROJECT-1947: Peer Review

> >I guess we don't really want peer-review. When we get it, we
> >cry, "foul" or "naysayers." If someone demands a good hard look
> >at something, they become negative.

> JC: Or, perhaps we're just not done examining. This "peer" has
> some respectful comments. This is not an attack on Jan or anyone
> but rather a personal effort for me to get at the truth (data)
> regarding the "Stokes" case so I might solidify proof to myself I
> wasn't nuts all these years. This is the only stake I have in
> this. Nothing more, nothing less.

> I don't think Jan's post had anything to do with me directly (at
> least I hope not). In the brief time we've known each other
> (electronically) we've supported each other a lot and I still
> support him on most things. However, I've got some responses and
> questions concerning "Stokes." To determine the truth for me,
> they have to be answered all the way. Maybe they have been
> already, but I, and anyone else interested, need to hear them and
> respond to them if needs be.

Jerry this was not aimed at you. This was a repost by Errol from
the Project 1947 List and concern our discussion of using the
Stokes cases on the NICAP site.

Stokes is not a very good UFO case. Newsmen looked for his
witnesses and could never find them. The Lindsey case might be
thought to support the Stokes case, but Stokes' witnesses never
were found.

See my earlier post:

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/sep/m07-035.shtml>

Here is an excerpt from a letter by James Lorenzen to Major Keyhoe
11 Feb 1958:

Dear Don,

Am answering your letter for Coral since I have been very close
to the Stokes case, which seems to be your prime interest at
present.

First, let me say that I feel the Stokes incident is better left

along---but not for its lack of authenticity. The reason is Stokes' personality. He is quite exciteable and easily confused under cross-examination. This is largely because he does not have a fluid command of the English language (I have found this to be true of many technically skilled people by the way) and is easily tripped up by verbal trickery.

The statement that Stokes was hospitalized is nothing more than an hysterical lie. He did finally say that he may have seen a natural phenomenon. When I asked him about this later his response was, "I had to say that. They wouldn't let me along until I did. "

We talked to Jim at length on the evening of his sighting and feel that it was authentic. He, at this time, exhibited a redness of skin which is hard to account for although it may have been sunburn (in spite of two days of cloudiness and rain). He was bubbling over with an excitement that could not be feigned, for Jim is no actor.

As to the other witnesses, we are quietly checking into this angle, but have uncovered nothing definite except that someone other than Stokes did call an El Paso paper to report the identical incident on the same afternoon. I say "other than Stokes" because his Texas drawl is easily recognized. I am inclined to think that your surmise concerning military silencing is correct.

If you can give us a little more to go on, we will look into the report of "another sighting" by Stokes which you mentioned. We have to tread lightly, however, for Stokes is a reticent, disillusioned man these days.

<snip> The rest deals with other matters.

Since I am having computer trouble and this is my third attempt to answer your post, I am sending this now.....
More on your concerns later.

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Jan Aldrich
Project 1947
<http://www.iufog.org/project1947/>

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Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 12:36:46 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 17:06:32 -0500
Subject: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

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> it's gonna happen.

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Bob,

Have you read all of the work done on Cydonia by the independent researchers? Some of the most impressive evidence for the artificial hypothesis is found in the mound geometry. Have you read the reports done on that? This was done by very competent scientists. Dr. Horace Crater was one and Dr. James Strange was the other. Do you think these gentleman don't know what they're talking about? The chance of this geometric pattern being random are very high.

How can you make such a statement like 100% natural when you personally haven't published any scientific work on the matter or have you? Even the independent scientists have said that they believe the objects MAY be artificial but only hi-res photos and a visit to Mars will settle the issue. They are open to either hypothesis. You seem bent towards the natural hypothesis.

I don't know what the objects are and I'm waiting to see better photos before I give any opinions.

Joe in Tampa

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From: "Greg Sandow" <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 08:54:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 16:53:05 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

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C'mon....give us one example, in which a future date is given. Or
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Greg Sandow

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Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 12:49:16 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 17:31:39 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 08:33:27 -0800 (PST)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>The key [UFO] tie-in I see involves the document called the
>Talmud of Jmmanuel (TJ), which is connected with the Meier
>contactee case, since he and the ex-priest discovered the Aramaic
>scrolls in Jerusalem in 1963.

>In it, Jmmanuel (alias Immanuel alias Jesus) prophesies that the
>end-time calamities would occur a couple millennia into his
>future. This evidently got distorted by Gnostic types into the
>"millennialism" branch of Christianity, while the writer of
>Matthew altered it into a second coming that would be in their
>own time. From a part of the prophecy one infers that around
>this end-time period his ET (or guardian angel) contactors are
>due to show up with impressive signs in the sky. (This is
>related to Matthew 24:30, which appears in its original form in
>the TJ).

>The details can be found in my web site below.

>Jim Deardorff
>Corvallis, Oregon
>E-mail: deardorj@proaxis.com
>Home page: <http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj/index.htm>

Thanks Jim for the above information.

Before I check out your web site, are you aware of the fairly recent news reports that British scholars have identified actual fragments of a very early copy of the gospel of Matthew they already had in a collection?

The news article suggested that these fragments date well before the destruction of the Jewish Temple. Even assuming that Christians still alive from the time of Jesus' crucifixion somehow overlooked this apparent after-the-fact prophecy, there are literally dozens of amazing fulfilled prophecies described in detail in Grant's book that would make it worth your while finding a copy of this book and reading it.

As for the evolution of religious thought, there are almost as many opinions as there are people. Earlier this morning I was talking to a colleague of mine who is a Roman Catholic and he was lamenting how his version of Christianity is now almost totally different than what it was just a few decades ago.

The strange signs in the sky that are predicted for the end-times, may very well be the UFOs we now observe from all around the globe in ever increasing numbers.

Nick

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Nua Blather: Unofficial Religious Appearances

From: Dave Walsh <dave@nua.ie>
Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 16:39:57 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 17:37:11 -0500
Subject: Nua Blather: Unofficial Religious Appearances

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Weekly free email of Dogma Destruction,
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UNOFFICIAL RELIGIOUS APPEARANCES

A fine week of fringe religious activity it has been, what with guest appearances of the Virgin Mary in Georgia, crying statues of that same hallowed lady in Spain and a couple of hundred people becoming gods, down in Garland, Texas.

According to the BBC
(http://www.news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/europe/newsid_72000/72709.stm)
on April 2nd, people in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, people have been reporting close facial encounters of the Virginal kind since Christmas, attracting thousands to Tbilisi's blue cathedral. The BBC's rather disjointed report proceeds to tell of Tatia, a local faith healer
(http://www.news.bbc.co.uk/olmedia/70000/images/72709_miracle2.jpg)
who has 'squiggly' lines appearing about her navel, sometimes in the shape of a cross. I felt so much wiser after reading about Tbilisi and Tatia, thanks to the BBC - why did they bother?

Meanwhile, the Associated Press on March 30th told of how the Roman Catholic church in Spain had 'impounded' (can they do that?) a statue of the Virgin Mary, after it had allegedly cried blood 10 days previous. Sceptics in the down of Mura, near Vic in northern Spain have been quick to point out a possible link to the unwillingness of the local priest to reassignment after 20 years there.

In last week's issue, Blather 1.46, we told of how God's Salvation Church/Chen Tao/True Way, in Garland Texas, had got it wrong - God hadn't bothered appearing on Channel 18 last Wednesday. Things didn't get any better on Tuesday, when the big fella was due to show up at 10am CST. According to the Watchman Fellowship (<http://www.watchman.org/3-31-98pressconference.htm>), when the the clock struck 10am, the cult's leader, Hon-Ming Chen, announced to about 100 media types, rakes of police, and fifty or so followers that God *had* in fact arrived, and was now present within all of those in attendance.

The Watchman press release goes on to tell how Chen then stared into the sun for a short period, to prove his own level of deification, arguing that a 'mere mortal' would have been blinded. It was pointed out that he was 'blinking profusely after the divine demonstration'. The cult are moving to the Great Lakes now, to prepare for the 'coming tribulation in 1999'.

>From Blather's perspective, God's Salvation Church seem like just another cult obsessed with their own version of the Rapture. The media police presence on Tuesday was apparently due to fears of a mass suicide. Blather would like to suggest that many of the media representatives covering the story were *hoping* for a mass suicide,

to achieve a major *scoop*, therefore blackmailing the police force and emergency services into tagging along. It would have been a major embarrassment for the local authorities had something deathly *actually* happened, given the clouds of media scavengers collecting in the area.

Cults such as God's Salvation Church are *always* interesting from a fortean perspective, illustrating as they do a diverse (if sometimes predictable) range of human beliefs, hopes and dreams - or, if one prefers, human delusion. However, I'm inclined to wonder who really is suffering from pre-millenium hysteria - the many harmless and really quite daft cults scattered about the globe, or the mainstream media. Who's doing more damage?

An addendum arrived in the shape of a short article on trancenet.org (<http://trancenet.org>) from the China Post of March 27th regarding the death of a 43 year man in Keelung, China on March 25th. He jumped into the ocean and drowned, after telling his folks that wanted to see God arrive in a flying saucer. I wonder had he seen James Cameron's 'The Abyss'? (<http://www.lysator.liu.se/~hakgu/abyss.html>)

ANOTHER CARIBOU TO MY HAARP

Feedback, in New Scientist's April 4th edition (<http://www.newscientist.com/ns/980404/feedback.html>) tells of some sinister accusations leaking from Alaska. Joseph Kan, a plasma physicist was in Gakona, a small town 300km northeast of Anchorage, where the latest US Department of Defense High-Frequency Active Auroral Research Program installation is currently under construction.

HAARP, as it's known, is a program aimed at the study of ionised gases of Earth's upper atmosphere. Kan's job was to gauge public reaction to the local installation, and he got some typically weird comments, one person claimed to have witnessed a "green glow" above the HAARP site, and another made the infinitely damning claim that the HAARP project was causing caribou to walk backwards. . .

The HAARP project has spawned a considerable amount of conspiracy theories, such as weather modification, ground based 'star wars' tech and mind control, with sites all over the net, such as 'The Alternative HAARP Page' (<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/1606/akhaarp.htm>), 'The HAARP Game' (<http://www.micronet.net/~55/HC/game.html>) and 'Earthlight HomePage' (<http://www.xyz.net/~nohaarp/earthlight.html>).

The *official* site (<http://server5550.itd.nrl.navy.mil/projects/haarp/>), however, is much less sinister than I one would expect after delving through the conspiracy theories. . .

MORE ANIMAL ANTICS

In a follow-up to recent Blatherings about concerted animal hostilities, The Electronic Telegraph of March 25th 1998 told of 'Stone-throwing magpies', amusing themselves by pegging pebbles at cars, in The Hague (Netherlands). The Telegraph seems to be moving towards a media monopoly on animal craziness, as four days earlier they had reported on a capuchin monkey which had gone ape-, eh, nuts in a teashop in Broadway, Worcestershire. Some sixty customers are said to have done a runner in fear of the tiny savage beast who allegedly threw jam pots and took random bites from cakes. . .

(Sources: Email to Blather from Dan Bloom and Terry Walker, and posts to the forteana list by Brian Chapman, Mark Pilkington and Martin Adamson.)

Dave (daev) Walsh
3rd April 1998

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Nasa Clarifies Imaging Plans

From: jared@valuserve.com (Jared Anderson)
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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 18:13:47 -0500
Subject: Nasa Clarifies Imaging Plans

From the Enterprise page:

<http://www.mcdanielreport.com/pilcher.htm>

NASA CLARIFIES IMAGING PLANS

More than the Face may be imaged

by Stanley V. McDaniel

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Although the news from JPL about the plan to re-image the Face at Cydonia was welcome, after speaking with Glenn Cunningham at JPL, we were a bit concerned over the fact that only the Face was to be targeted, and only on three opportunities in April. We made inquiries at NASA HQ, and today we received a message from Dr. Carl Pilcher, Director of Solar System Studies, clarifying the plan.

It should be stressed, first of all, that during the Mapping mission in 1999, Cydonia will be imaged and various anomalous features are already in the target data base for that mission. Because of the necessity for a longer aerobraking period, NASA received a "bonus" period during a pause in the aerobraking from April through September 1998. During this period, instrument activity can take place. NASA's policy decision to image Cydonia during the mapping mission has to do with "normal operations," i.e. as part of the original plan and targets. To image Cydonia this April, Pilcher pointed out, "requires an extraordinary investment of resources to generate map corrections, spacecraft pointing parameters, optimum imaging parameters, [and] highly accurate navigation solutions." This investment of resources, he goes on to say, "is well outside the scope of normal Mars Global Surveyor operations."

Given these conditions, it is reasonable to target the Face on all three imaging opportunities, since the Face is the key object of interest for Mars anomaly research, and with the uncertainties that exist, targeting the Face on all three occasions will maximize the chances of getting the most desired image. However, as Dr. Pilcher explains,

"Although the intention is to target the 'Face' because of public interest in the feature, a much larger area will be covered, likely producing information on a number of features in the Cydonia region.

Furthermore, even if successive imaging attempts are targeted for the same area, it is unlikely that the same portion of the Martian surface will actually be imaged owing to the many uncertainties in targeting."

In our letter to Dr. Pilcher yesterday asking for clarification, we suggested that if a good image of the Face were obtained on the first or second orbit, the remainder of the three orbits might be devoted to getting an image of nearby features such as those in the "City." Dr.

Pilcher has assured us that this will be the operational plan:

"If we do succeed in obtaining images of the 'Face' on the first or second attempt, we will, to the degree possible, retarget the later attempts to other features in the region."

This clarification assures us that NASA is taking all possible precautions in order to satisfy the public and scientific interest in the Face and other objects at Cydonia, insofar as that is reasonable during this particular phase of the mission. The data received from the three April opportunities should provide a rich field of information for scientific study in weeks to come. We also look forward to the additional data that will be delivered during the mapping mission next year.

Unfortunately, because of our initial concern prior to this clarification, some advocates of a NASA "conspiracy" theory have seized upon the limitation to three orbits and targeting only of the Face as "proof" that NASA is not being entirely forthcoming on this matter. We find just the opposite, that NASA is now fully engaged in a policy of openness and public accommodation. It is our viewpoint that at this stage of the long road to Cydonia, NASA needs full public support.

When I relayed Dr. Pilcher's communication to Dr. John E. Brandenburg, one of the original Mars anomaly researchers and co-author of Unusual Martian Surface Features, Dr. Brandenburg was overjoyed at the JPL plan. Dr. Brandenburg, who works at a NASA contracting firm, said of the plan "it makes me proud to be working for NASA." We share Dr. Brandenburg's enthusiasm. Whatever the data finally shows us, we feel that at this point NASA has dispelled any charges of "coverup" with respect to the Mars anomalies.

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From: **RGates8254** <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 18:41:47 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 08:23:55 -0500
Subject: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

> Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 07:31:38 -0500
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

> >Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 18:54:03 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
> >From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

<brevity snip>

> >Finally, yours truly, has beaten Richard Hoagland to the
> >discovery of yet another stonehenge, this time on Mars. Note the
> >many tall dark megaliths and the long shadows they cast. See
> >this proof of artificial structures built by intelligent beings
> >on Mars a full 4 days before the conclusive Cydonia "Face on
> >Mars" pictures are shown to whole world. ;)

> >www.jpl.nasa.gov/marsnews/img/87579b.jpg

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> Bob and Nick,

I would like to make a reasonable prediction before the photos
show up.

If NASA releases them and it doesn't confirm Hoaglands theorys
and predictions, not to mention the many others on that band
wagon, we will hear much talk along the lines of "how NASA (or
pick your government agency) is covering up the real photos" or
"how NASA digitally altered what came in to show nothing" why
"this is some sort of NASA coverup blah blah blah.

Cheers,
Robert

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Mars Global Surveyor Images

From: Paul Reischmann <preischmann@beckman.com>

Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 18:04:38 -0600

Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 08:29:08 -0500

Subject: Mars Global Surveyor Images

Hello!

With regards to 'Cydonia'....

If the images from Mars Global Surveyor are not available live on the Net, and the images don't indicate an artificial structure, how will this settle the dispute? Won't the conspiracy theorists accuse everyone of a cover-up?

Paul

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Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 17:54:00 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 08:28:15 -0500
Subject: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

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> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
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I agree with you, but I must point out that I have not researched
the subject to any great depth.

'Natural Formation' is the easiest position to take since we have
nothing to lose no matter how it turns out. If Cydonia is
nothing but an eroded rock, well, we will appear to have known
this all along. If it turns out to be an ancient structure,
everyone will be so excited about it, who will remember or care
about what we said! :-)

Regards,

Paul

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Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 08:38:28 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> From: "Greg Sandow" <gsandow@prodigy.net>
> To: "'UFO UpDates - Toronto'" <updates@globalserve.net>
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> at least just cite the chapter and verse, so I can look it up
> myself.

> Greg Sandow

Greg,

Well stated. I didn't want to say anything, not wanting to offend anybody's sincerely held beliefs, but really, when these sorts of inherently unbelievable empirical claims are being made, no rational human will fail to see the red flags or hear the warning sirens.

Jerry Clark

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Counterpoint Chat, 'Danger in the Skies?'

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Subject: Counterpoint Chat, 'Danger in the Skies?'

DANGER IN THE SKIES?

On April 6th, UPN will air a UFO video taped in 1997 in Mexico City entitled Danger in the Skies. Many researchers consider it to be the 'smoking gun' - the proof positive that UFOs are here. Yet there are some unanswered questions and issues surrounding this footage that need examining.

Join the UFO Forum and Television Forum on April 6th, at 9pm, PT for a hard look at the evidence. Several investigators and technicians have been invited to join us in a review of what UPN considers to be the Danger in Our Skies.

This chat is available at <http://forums.msn.com/ufo>. The Briefing Room chat can be accessed by any IRC client. The chat server name is publicchat.msn.com and the room or channel name is #briefing.

The UFO Forum invites any and all individuals who have researched this case to join us in an analytical discussion of the Mexico Footage on Monday night.

If you are unable to attend this chat, but have you have a question you wish to ask of our guest, please email your question to watchfire_fm@msn.com

Your question will be asked, and the answer can be found by reading our chat transcripts at: <http://forums.msn.com/UFO>

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 21:27:33 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 08:47:41 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> From: "Greg Sandow" <gsandow@prodigy.net>
> To: "'UFO UpDates - Toronto'" <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: RE: UFO UpDates where Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
> Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 08:54:56 -0500

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> C'mon....give us one example, in which a future date is given. Or
> at least just cite the chapter and verse, so I can look it up
> myself.

> Greg Sandow

Hi Greg,

OK, I'll give you just one.

Most of us in ufology are aware of prophet Ezekiel's vision of what many accept to be a detailed and incredible close encounter with a UFO and a radiant being (God) from within it. Unfortunately we remember the description of the UFO itself but do not recall the prophetic message this radiant being gave to Ezekiel, who with the rest of the Jews were in captivity in Babylon at the time (Ezekiel 4:3-6).

I will briefly quote from friend's book (autographed by Grant Jeffrey himself too) below regarding this prophetic message.

"In this prophecy we are given a sign and a clear interpretation that each day represents one biblical year. Ezekiel was told that Israel would be punished for 390 years and for 40 years. ... Out of a total decreed punishment of 430 years for Israel's and Judah's sin ... once you deduct the 70 years of the Babylon captivity which ended in 536 B.C.; there is a total of 360 years of further punishment beyond 536 B.C. ... historically, Israel did not repent of its sin at the end of the seventy years in Babylon. ... God told Israel that if, after being punished for her sins, she still did not repent, the punishments previously specified would be multiplied by 7. ... $360 \text{ years} \times 7 = 2,520$ biblical years ... The end of the captivity in Babylon, ... is recorded as having occurred in the spring of 536 B.C. ... $2,520 \text{ biblical years} \times 360 = 907,200$ days. Converting this figure into our calendar year of 365.25 days and dividing 365.25 into 907,200 days we reach a total of 2,483.8 calendar years. ... Therefore, the end of Israel's worldwide captivity would occur after a total of 2,483.8 years had elapsed ... I have been able to determine in my research, this interpretation of Ezekiel's prophecy, showing its exact fulfillment on May 14, 1948, has never before been published."

As you are well aware Greg, on that date the state of Israel was reborn. We cannot even predict what the weather will be like next week, let alone make any prediction that will come true

2,483.8 years into the future. Well, there is another 2,483.8 year prediction that is due to be fulfilled on the 9th of October, 2000 when the Millennium Kingdom begins but you will have to read Grant's book for that one since I promised to tell you about just one.

Another well known UFO sighting in the Bible occurred at time of Jesus' birth (The Star of Bethlehem). Although scholars have long speculated on the exact date of this UFO sighting, Grant also shows that the Bible itself answers this - the Feast of Tabernacles, 1 B.C. (see Appendix B of Grant Jeffrey's book).

The additional reference above to a UFO was included to conform to UFO UpDates mandate. ;)

Bye for now. Nick

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Mars Life Theory Gains Momentum

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Mars life theory gains momentum

By David L. Chandler, Globe Staff, 03/21/98

HOUSTON - The case for life on Mars - albeit in the very distant past - was strengthened yesterday by a new report that a Martian meteorite contains crystalline traces of living organisms.

The assertion that the meteorite from Mars shows evidence of life, first ventured by a team of scientists in 1996, remains controversial. But no evidence has refuted it, and new findings make it more difficult to find a nonbiological explanation, several scientists said.

The most significant new evidence is that the rock, which was found in Antarctica in 1984, contains crystals of magnetite - a magnetic mineral produced by many terrestrial bacteria - that have a shape only found in magnetite produced by living organisms.

While magnetite grains can easily be produced by nonliving chemical processes, none of those have ever been found to have the six-sided columnar shape, called a parallelepiped, seen in these grains, said Kathie Thomas-Keprta, a coauthor of the original paper reporting evidence of life in the Martian meteorite.

"We found a variety" of shapes of magnetite crystals in the meteorite, known as ALH 84001, Thomas-Keprta said. But the unusual hexagonal forms, she said, "are produced by bacteria in anaerobic [oxygen-free] environments. We don't know of any nonbiological process" that can produce such shapes, she said.

Magnetite crystals found in the Mars meteorite match those found in microbes on Earth "in size, shape, chemistry, and the lack of structural defects," she said.

One of her coauthors on the new research, Dennis Bazylinski, has been doing research on the magnetite grains in microbes for 20 years, she said, and has never found any such forms being produced nonbiologically. The unusual crystals appear in such quantities, Thomas-Keprta said, that she stopped counting after she documented over 100 of them.

The findings were reported at the annual Lunar and Planetary Science conference held at the Johnson Space Center.

John Bradley, a geochemist, suggested that there is a way to produce such shapes chemically through vapor deposition. But David McKay, a Johnson Space Center researcher and lead author of the original Mars meteorite paper, said there is no evidence of that in scientific literature, and questioned whether a high-temperature vapor deposition process would have any relevance to this case anyway, since most scientists agree that the shapes in the Mars meteorite formed at low temperatures.

"We think that's our strongest evidence," McKay said of the new magnetite research. And unlike some other possible signs of life that critics have said might be contamination that entered the rock on Earth, the magnetite grains are incorporated in the rock and clearly came from Mars.

In 14 talks and dozens of poster presentations at the conference, scientists on both sides of the contentious debate over the significance of the Martian meteorite presented their latest results, but none appeared to significantly undermine the original assertions of possible biological remains in the rock.

Several other presentations added ammunition to support the claim that tiny cell-like shapes found in the Mars rock may be fossils of ancient microbial life. While many biologists have questioned whether it is possible for a living organism to be as tiny as the fossils, numerous researchers have now found living microbes on Earth that are comparable in size.

Several of these tiny organisms, sometimes called nanofossils, have been found in water from thermal springs at Yellowstone National Park and at Hot Springs, Ark., among other places.

Several recent scientific papers have suggested that carbon compounds found in the rock, which are held up as part of the evidence of signs of past life, were actually contamination that entered the rock after it landed in Antarctica 13,000 years ago.

But Simon Clemett, a biochemist at Stanford University, showed that some of the compounds found in the meteorite have very different chemical characteristics from those found in Antarctic ice. While there undoubtedly has been some contamination, he said, it is possible to distinguish the terrestrial compounds from those that apparently were there already.

The important thing, McKay emphasized, is to be able to distinguish the different kinds of compounds so that laboratory analysis can concentrate on the extraterrestrial components.

Everett Gibson, another Johnson Space Center researcher who was part of the original team that analyzed the meteorite, concluded, "There's still no smoking gun, but there's no bullet holes put in our hypothesis."

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From: Mark Eastman <jesusroz@iinet.com>
Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 21:41:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 09:21:19 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

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> To: "'UFO UpDates - Toronto'" <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
> Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 08:54:56 -0500

> > Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 19:37:38 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
> > From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
> > To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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> myself.

> Greg Sandow

Hi Greg,

You should check out the Book 'Alien Encounters' by Chuck Missler and myself (Mark Eastman) which discusses the interdimensional nature of Aliens, UFOs and shows that their message to mankind is antibiblical and foretold in numerous ways by the prophets thousands of years ago.

Sincerely,
Mark Eastman

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From: Mark Eastman <jesusroz@iinet.com>
Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 21:57:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 09:38:28 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 22:19:17 -0800 (PST)
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> >Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 19:37:38 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
> >From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> >> From: "Scott Reed" <sreed@zoomnet.net>
> >> To: <updates@globalserve.net>
> >> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
> >> Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 08:02:10 -0500

> >> I'm not a bible scholar but I'm wondering if you can point out
> >> any instance where a detailed prediction from the bible has come
> >> true? Beyond some 'highly intuitive' observations, I'm not aware
> >> that the Bible holds anything of special 'psychic' interest.

> >Hi Scott,

> >I am certainly not a Bible scholar either but at least I have
> >tried to verify certain claims. One of these is in regard to
> >Bible predictions that have been fulfilled (unlike our
> >mischievous UFO "aliens" who have also made predictions, none of
> >which have come true).

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> >the letter, and when a future date is given, also fulfilled to
> >the exact day. Grant also shows statistically, that for all
> >these prophecies to have been fulfilled by chance alone, would be
> >have been impossible.

> >This fact has so disturbed some Bible scholars that they have
> >suggested that certain books of the Bible and even certain verses
> >were written AFTER these prophecies were fulfilled. Give us a
> >break, I say - early Bible readers were not stupid.

> Nick,

> You do have to keep that possibility in mind, though, since in
> all likelihood the Gospels weren't written until well after 70
> A.D. (they're not even mentioned in any literature by name until
> around 140 A.D!), 70 A.D. being the date of destruction of the
> Temple by the Romans, and most scholars have assumed that the
> prophecy of Matthew 24:2 refers to this event. Hence they figure
> it's an after-the-fact prophecy, and therefore no prophecy at
> all. I myself am not convinced that the prophecy referred to
> that event, however.

> Jim Deardorff

Dear Jim Deardorff,

With all due respect, you are incorrect regarding the dating of the Gospels.

There is a well known fragment of the Gospel of Matthew which is called the Magdelene Papyrus which is dated (using highly sophisticated 3D electroscopy) to about 52 AD., which is well within the lifetime of the 500 eyewitnesses who saw Jesus alive after his resurrection.

Not only that, there is mounting evidence that New Testament fragments were among the papyri fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

It is a common falsehood perpetuated by liberal theologians and skeptics that the New Testament was not written until long after the deaths of the Apostles.

What does this have to do with UFOs you ask?

Well, Jesus stated that before he came again there would be supernatural beings performing signs and wonders to deceive the world (even the elect=Jews) and it would involve signs in the heavens.

I am convinced that these interdimensional beings posing as aliens, who are preaching (chanelling, etc) a false Gospel are part of the most powerful, most cleverly devised, and most convincing physical, yet supernatural deception in the history of the universe.

Sincerely,
Mark Eastman, MD

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Re: Antimatter Power No Longer Science Fiction

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
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Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 09:46:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Antimatter Power No Longer Science Fiction

From Sightings On The Radio's website:

<http://www.sightings.com/ufo/antimatter.htm>

Antimatter Power No Longer Science Fiction

Discovery News Brief

3-31-98

Researchers believe they can now produce a form of antimatter, which could one day be used to propel spacecraft, according to the U.K.'s The Guardian newspaper.

Results of antimatter experiments, the power behind the fictional warp drive on Star Trek's USS Enterprise, are due out this week.

Researchers from Fermilab, the U.S. Department of Energy's particle accelerator laboratory in Illinois, think it's possible to create atoms of antihydrogen with an efficiency that allows them to at least study its properties and investigate ways in which it could be put to use.

Antimatter is comprised of antiparticles that have the same mass and spin as their particle counterparts but have opposite charge.

When antimatter comes into contact with "normal" matter, the two states annihilate each other, producing pure energy. Its potential has long been known in science fiction, but it had yet to be taken seriously since antimatter doesn't naturally exist on Earth and is extremely difficult to make.

Current experimental methods produce high energy anti-atoms traveling at enormous speeds. One of the researchers' next aims is to produce antimatter that is almost stationary, allowing it to be trapped and held within a "magnetic bottle." Confined in this way, the antihydrogen could be transported into space to provide power for extended missions.

As yet, the quantities required for matter-antimatter energy creation can't be made, according to The Guardian.

"If you want to use pure antimatter for propulsion you need milligrams and more, and we simply don't have that yet," says Gerald Smith of Pennsylvania State University's Laboratory for Elementary Particle Science.

Instead, Smith is proposing that smaller quantities of antihydrogen could be used to trigger nuclear fusion reactions. "You could store a microgram of antihydrogen and take it into space," he says. "That would be enough for a mission."

Producing a microgram of antihydrogen is not beyond the realms of possibility, and storage methods are already being developed.

Funded by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the US Air Force, the Pennsylvania researchers are currently building a prototype antimatter trap. They also plan to confine antiprotons, one of the constituents of antihydrogen, within similar magnetic bottles.

These antiprotons are easier to produce than antihydrogen (but more difficult to trap) and could, like antihydrogen, be used to catalyze nuclear fusion reactions for space propulsion.

For the moment, producing enough antimatter for space propulsion is not on Fermilab's agenda -- federal funds are currently directed towards making antihydrogen as a means of testing fundamental theories of physics.

"There are not going to be applications that come directly out of this; it has more to do with the theories we have about the properties of physical matter," says David Christian of the Fermilab team.

Having improved their production methods, the Fermilab researchers are now ready to begin a serious investigation of antihydrogen's properties, The Guardian reports.

They are developing ways of examining the light emitted by antihydrogen atoms when its electrons return to their standard energy levels after being forced into "excited states." Hydrogen's behavior in this area is extremely well understood.

If antihydrogen's behavior turns out to be even slightly different, physicists would have to rethink or abandon many established theories describing the symmetry between matter and antimatter in the universe.

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>Date: 03 Apr 98 00:10:00 +0000
>Subject: NASA employee confirms: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing
>To: updates@globalserve.net

>*NASA employee confirms: UFOs observed Apollo Moon landing*

>What I tried to translate into English is part of a report (on
>page 18) about the "World Congress February 21st to 23rd 1997"
>held by the ATLANTIS FOUNDATION of Mr. Acedaih Dafi in Zuerich,
>Switzerland.

>"Mr. Armin Risi presented a sensational revelation to the
>audience: in January 1997, the Tessin tv-station "TSI" (which is
>the tv-station of the Italian speaking part of Switzerland)
>broadcasted a high-class four part tv-documentation about UFOs.
>The producer was the renowned journalist Guido Ferrari. After the
>documentations a discussion took place with professors and ph.d's
>of the relevant sciences. Among them was Dr. Dino Dini from
>Italy, a longstanding NASA employee, who has been invited to
>argue from the sceptic point of view.

Dino Dini can hardly be described as a UFO "sceptic".

A former director of the Energetics Department of the University of Pisa, he has long been a good friend of Corrado Malanga, researcher in Chemical Sciences at that same university and a long-time ufologist.

Since at least 1992, Dino Dini has written and spoken publicly about UFOs, as a member of the "Scientific Committee" of the Italian fundamentalist UFO group, Centro Ufologico Nazionale (CUN), whose director is none other but Corrado Malanga.

According to his own writings, Dini, now retired, has taken a New Age approach to UFOs, with millenaristic overtones (eg. in his paper "Infinite Space yet a Mystery for Science in 2000", presented to the 1993 San Marino Symposium on UFOs) and as early as 1993 he said he was working on building a flying saucer, based upon the UFO propulsion mechanisms.

As far as his NASA involvement, this is the first time I heard of it. He has indeed been a national coordinator for a Propulsion and Energy Panel within AGARD (a consulting group on aerospace research and development for NATO), but I guess that "NASA employee" would be much too strong a definition, especially if you mean he was there when the alleged facts would have taken place.

BTW, though often speaking about the UFO subject, he never said or wrote anything about that supposed event and his own involvement in it, neither before nor after January 1997. It seems odd that there apparently were more non-American witnesses than US-born ones to such "censored" communications in NASA headquarters: if ever confirmed, Dini's "revelations" would belong to the same bunch as French Maurice Chatelain's or Spanish G. Atienza's ones.

>Near the end of the discussion the TSI performed an uncut film of
>the Moon landing. You could see, how astronaut Neil Armstrong
>entered the Moon and you could hear what he said:

Nothing new, here: it's that old tape recording, allegedly original but of very uncertain origins. The CUN has been promoting it as a confirmed reality here in Italy for some years, though. That's possibly how TSI producer Guido Ferrari (an "ancient astronauts" buff himself, author of articles in CUN magazine "Notiziario UFO") got it: the whole TV documentary was largely based upon documentations and people from the Italian group.

>I'll try to get a transscript of the discussion.

Our Swiss colleagues do own a tape recording of that TV program. I am sending copy of this message to Bruno Mancusi, who might be able to give more details, even if only to confirm or deny what Dino Dini actually said on TV.

Regards

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>>Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>>The key [UFO] tie-in I see involves the document called the
>>Talmud of Jmmanuel (TJ), which is connected with the Meier
>>contactee case, since he and the ex-priest discovered the Aramaic
>>scrolls in Jerusalem in 1963.

Nick responds,

>The strange signs in the sky that are predicted for the
>end-times, may very well be the UFOs we now observe from all
>around the globe in ever increasing numbers.

>Nick

Hi Nick, hi All,

A mini tirade:

Someone asked about this in previous post, so I'd just like to add that not only the UFO activity but the tumultuous geological activity, weather changes, famine, death, war, and threats of war is what you are getting on the six o'clock news each and every night. You don't have to be a theologian or Bible scholar. All anyone needs is a TV or a newspaper to follow along with a reading of Revelations. Read a few verses and then cross reference it with todays New York Times. It's easy.

All of what is happening around us is predicted not only in the bible, but the records of other contemporary cultures. ie; the Mayan predictions for our time. (My damned ancestors -the Catholic Spaniards- made sure that their history [the Indians] was burned out of existence!)

When I learned recently that 700,000 men, women and children of all ages had lost their lives in one month of orgiastic butchery in Africa, I thought to myself, "Cheeses, Mary and Joseph, this -must be- the end of the world!" WE LIVE IN AN INSANE SOCIETY. The lack of racial (human race) memory/history is partly to blame.

Every once in while a discussion such as this one where mention is made of an old and rare manuscript, brings me a sense of tremendous sorrow/grief. The pain is over what was lost when the contents of Great Library at Alexandria was burned! We'd all be a lot further down the evolutionary road were it not for that (timeless) heinous crime against _all_ humanity. Against us!

Manuscripts from all over the known world, scrolls, some of which were already 'thousands of years old' at the time of the librarys burning, _the very mind and memory of humanity_ all went up in

flames. Put to the torch by morons who probably couldn't read a bloody word.

(Did Roman soldiers 'goose-step' when they marched? Just wondering.) <G>

Our (many greats) granddads managed to lobotomize themselves and _all_ succeeding generations with that one barbaric act. Truly, we are descended from apes. Homo erectus should be changed to _Homer_ erectus, . . .as in "Simpson!" Doh! <G> We may (collectively) all be dumber than a bag of hammers, but it's not _all_ our fault.

(With tongue in cheek) The Grand Alien Plan may be as simple as trying to identify and eradicate the "Dumb" gene in Man! The 'aliens' have simply failed at genetically engineering stupidity out of human kind. Dave Jacobs may be right and the damn hybrids are simply a replacement for a failed experiment.

God only knows _we've_ failed miserably to do it for ourselves.

*Remember to pray for those nearly million souls that departed the earthly coil so recently. Remember to pray for the ones that did it.

Ah, screw it - ya may as well pray for us ALL!

Sorry for rambling.

Peace,

John Velez, Member of the current generation of lobotomized human morons. Grunt!

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Alfred's Odd Ode #236

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 07:47:37 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 10:06:55 -0500
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #236

Apology to MW #236 (For April 4, 1998)

There's a stairway in my yard that takes you up, from here to there, but the movement's through a portal into time and space -- beware! It looks just like transition up a level on the ground, but the looks can be deceiving when you slight the grand profound. Take the steps before you, and you see the UFO's that are flashing through the darkness as they tread on bunky toes. Take the steps before you and you have a change of heart, as the proof becomes apparent, and you want a brand new start. Take the steps before you when you find you want the truth, as you're fooled by them no longer 'cause you're longer in the tooth. Take the steps discovering the length and breadth of now; things are so much larger, quicker, brighter, newer -- how?

Admittedly a state of mind, it's a useful acquisition. It's a doorway into thoughtfulness, concern, and meditation. It's a way to help your consciousness expand to cosmic reaches; it's a way to capture peace of mind as if prone on shady beaches. It's a place you've made inside your brain, the only place that's real. It's real 'cause you make it so; it's real what you feel. What works is what's imagined -- what you make up in your mind. Your force of will can make it happen. It works you'll come to find. Find a door in front of you, make it out of wood; fashioned out of stone, or not, you made it and it's good. That door can take you places you had thought were only dreams. Departing from the 'man' you rise above his hateful screams. You soar on spacetime wings of light, past chasms made of stars. They're red and green, and blue and white -- exploding crystal shards. Everything you see is light, even matter it so seems. Matter is the light at rest, and from it comes your dreams.

Dream you are a sculptor -- build an archway in your yard, and through that arch you travel to the places that "they" guard. You slip past their defenses, and they never know you're there, you plunder all their secrets, and get out without a care. Or through that arch you travel and the mystery's explained, all detail is accounted for -- adjustments made =85 contained. Through the door's a different mindset that gives/demands respect, it's found there 'cause you want it, and what you want you truly get. You've got to want it bad enough; you've got to really want to see -- then set your course and walk on through, and sit here, friend, with me.

Walk on through your archway and see the sky, brand new. See pinpoint lights flash different strobes, and meet a brand new you. See what you've been seeing in the dark skies overhead, but pushed away 'cause you felt threatened, over anxious -- almost dead. Know that it is endless, and it just goes on and on =85 and if it does then you do too -- I wouldn't steer you wrong. Know that *anything* is out there, and what's there deserves respect. Know that feeling is believing, you can join and reconnect.

Shake your own hand; it's forgiven, what you cop to in your past. It's a pleasure, delectation; it's a stone groove, it's a gas! And all this through a doorway that you've made from common things, you find your treasured peace of mind, and the calmness that it brings. You find you're really not alone, there's others out there waiting -- for you to wake up self aware, is what they're contemplating. You go there through this door you make,

completely up to you. When you step back through that door,
you're blessed, refreshed, complete -- renewed.

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Budd Hopkins and John Velez built one of these things in Mr.
Hopkins back yard. It's a portal to a state of mind, and still a
real place, made real in the real world. Here's how they did
it, here's how it's done.

Make the place -- a sheltered, comfortable spot in a remote plot,
convenient and sensible. Mr. Hopkins chose a location in a large,
circular, and level field near his home. Into the center of this
field he had rolled a large, disk shaped stone, a nod to the
megalithic perhaps, and solidly set it up table fashion on rocky
supports. It established the locale. This was the place in Mr.
Hopkins mind, made real. Now, how to get there...

Build an arch. Build a door. Build a portal, gate, hatch or
transom. The **point** is that it signals a spot of transition
between the inside and the outside, the here and there, or even
the before and the after. It only looks like a door minus the
surrounding structure, and is actually more along the lines of
the archway Kirk, Spock and McCoy leapt through, to wondrous and
exciting locales, in an ancient Star Trek episode. It is in
fact a teleporter to a state of mind -- a dimensional wormhole
like of that cutesy "Sliders" series on the Sci Fi channel. To
get to your =85 place =85 you go through the **door**, and you are
there. To leave the place, and this is important, you go back
through the door, even if you're going to end up going the
opposite direction. The door is the only entry and exit to a
mental location that can be anywhere in space, time, or mind.

Yeah =85 yeah -- I hear your internal dialogue, "It's only
pretend"! You're wrong. Shut up.

When we were kids we had a marvelous capacity to suspend
disbelief that is burned out of most of us before we leave middle
school. As a child I had a space ship. Oh sure, to you it looked
like a stack of wood, and rusty nails filled with radio dials,
wooden levers, and bottle lids painted like **drive** instruments,
but to me it was a battle wagon I used to right the wrongs of the
universe, like "Rocky Jones", and "Captain Video." When I entered
my ship, I was there, and had to fly back, quick, if I heard my
Mother calling on the "space radio". The point? It's as real as
you make it. It has EVER been as real as you make it! A further
point: it's true somewhere in a universe that just goes on and
on. Tell me dreams don't make it into the real world, and then
think of computers and space shuttles, mere dreams of old times
past.

We never lost the capacity to do that, we were just encouraged
out of it by the actions of an unjust society, jealous that our
energies would not be used, solely, to secure conveniently
exclusive and callously disrespecting ends for a sociopathic few.
I mean, let's face it. If the shadowy elite had any respect for
the sum total of us (you and me), they wouldn't allow the
overpopulation (they encourage) that discourages and limits the
individual respect we all deserve for plain, unvarnished, and
garden variety existence!

Budd Hopkins only continues a tradition of efficacious
consciousness altering that has been carved in stone at disparate
locations, all over our globe, by wildly divergent peoples. I
allude to the paths that one walks to get to a location vis a vis
the spiral labyrinths traversed in ageless meditations that have
been around for an unguessed at length of time -- lost to a
completely mysterious, and forgotten past. The labyrinth takes
the place of the door, but the idea is the same -- a journey to a
healthy, positive, and very REAL state of mind.

Make it, and make it so.

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Explore the Alien View?

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from
afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the

fundamentalist's stake; through his gate ahead of the rest.

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Yorkshire UK UFO 'Crash'

From: David Clarke <dclarke14@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Apr 1998 09:04:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 10:13:11 -0500
Subject: Yorkshire UK UFO 'Crash'

From: Dave Clarke, journalist and UFO investigator

This message is to help set the record straight with regards to the message on UFO Updates (April 2) regarding the alleged UFO incident near Sheffield, South Yorkshire on March 24 last year.

As the first news reporter to arrive at the scene of the so-called "crash" on the morning of March 25, 1997, and the principal investigator I believe clarification is necessary, lest readers of UFO updates be under the impression that BUFORA supports the nonsense being put forward as fact about this case.

My year long investigation of the incident has led to questions being asked in the House of Commons and as a result the Ministry of Defence have now been forced to admit a low-flying exercise did occur that night. Unfortunately, it did NOT involve a chase involving a UFO!

I along with other investigative reporters from the Sheffield Star evening newspaper have spoken to ALL the principle witnesses who contacted the police and emergency services to report low-flying aircraft that night. I have also interviewed all police, fire, and mountain rescue personnel involved in the subsequent search of the moors and produced a series of in-depth articles for the Star which have revealed the truth about what occurred.

Claims that a UFO was present and tracked on radar, that Tornado fighters were scrambled to chase this UFO, that a fighter was shot down and its pilots killed, their bodies secretly removed from a reservoir, etc are totally untrue, and are a gross fabrication which could lead to unnecessary anguish among service families.

No one saw any such incident occur, and the "evidence" exists merely as a figment of the fervid imagination of just two people who are believers in space aliens.

The facts are these:

Around 10pm on the evening of Monday, March 24, emergency services received a number of calls from people in north Sheffield reporting a low-flying aircraft which appeared to have crashed into the Peak District moors to the west of the city. One of the witnesses was a police special constable who told me the object was definitely an aeroplane - NOT at UFO - probably a four seater, flying well below the legal CAA altitude with its cabin windows illuminated.

Others reporting hearing a "terrific bang" and a flash as if the plane had crash landed on the remote mountains.

Subsequently more than 200 police, fire and mountain rescue personnel took part in an 18 hour search of 40 square miles of moorland near the village of Bolsterstone in South Yorkshire.

An RAF Sea King and West Yorkshire Police copter took part in the search, but no wreckage was ever found and the search was called off around 2pm the next day. The police said they contacted the

RAF and air traffic control and were told no aircraft were missing and no military craft were flying which could have generated the reports.

A small number of people did report seeing what they described as a triangular shaped UFO that night, but these incidents occurred more than half an hour BEFORE the events described above. With regards to the triangular object seen hovering 300ft from houses near Dronfield, other witnesses who saw and heard this craft at the same location have said it was another, possibly the same, low-flying aircraft seen later that evening. The lights on the wings and nose produced the illusion of a flying triangle, and indeed a camcorder film of this "triangle" was taken by two witnesses in Sheffield at 9.30 and examined by detectives from Hammerton Road Police Station. A viewing of the video clearly shows the "triangle" resolve into a light aircraft as it approaches the camera.

South Yorkshire Police maintain the solution to the "crash" on the moors remains a mystery, and the event may have remained a mystery as the RAF consistently denied any knowledge of any military operation - UNTIL NOW!

We suspected all along that a covert military operation took place, but that the military failed to inform the police and emergency services which subsequently led to the search estimated to have cost the taxpayer =A350,000.

One year afterward, I began a follow-up investigation for the Sheffield Star and enlisted the help of my local Member of Parliament, Helen Jackson MP.

On Monday March 23 Mrs Jackson laid 7 separate questions relating to the incident to Defence Minister George Robertson and Home Secretary Jack Straw in the House of Commons. The questions included:

1. To ask the secretary of State for Defence if an RAF/NATO military aircraft were engaged on an exercise over Northern England between 9.30 and 10.30pm on March 24, 1997.
2. To ask what complaints were received by the RAF concerning low flying aircraft relating to that night.
3. To ask if an RAF/NATO aircraft was responsible for the two sonic booms above Sheffield detected by Edinburgh University Seismology Unit on March 24, 1997.
4. To ask the Secretary of State what reported sightings of UFOs were received from the public and police from South Yorkshire and Derbyshire on March 24 and 25, 1997.
5. To ask for what reasons the RAF imposed an air exclusion zone around Howden Reservoir on the morning of 25 March 1997.
6. What regulations cover military aircraft breaking the sound barrier above urban and other areas.

The Home secretary Jack Straw was also asked what complaints police forces had received concerning low flying aircraft that night.

On March 30 the MOD replied in the Commons:

"A number of military aircraft were booked to carry out low flying training in northern England on the evening of March 24, 1997. The MOD received 13 complaints about aircraft activity for that date from locations across the UK. No reported sightings of UFOs on 24 or 25 March were received by my department.

"A Temporary Danger Area was established on 25 March centred on the Howden reservoir, to allow an RAF search and rescue helicopter, in response to a request for assistance from South Yorkshire Police, to carry out a search of the area without disturbance by other military aircraft. Such Danger Areas are routinely established for search and rescue operations."

However, in reply to the specific question about the sonic booms the MOD replied: "We have no record of sonic events being generated by RAF or NATO aircraft for the evening of March 24,

1997."

Note however that Edinburgh's Seismology department's Dr John Lovell had confirmed to myself that two sonic booms were recorded above Sheffield at 2152 and 2206 hours that night and these "could only have been caused by a military plane reaching supersonic speed possibly while performing a midair turn." These sonic events coincided with the report by gamekeeper Mike Ellison of "a terrific explosion" in the sky above Strines, near Sheffield, at around 10pm which immediately followed reports to the 999 emergency services of a low-flying aircraft on a collision course with the moors.

The only other explanations for the sonic booms were that they had been caused by a bolide meteor (space debris) burning up in the atmosphere, a theory supported by the Dr Jacqueline Mitton of the Royal Astronomical Association.

As we now know there was a low flying exercise taking place at the time these sonic booms were recorded it seems more likely they were caused by an aircraft reaching supersonic speed, as proposed by Dr Lovell. This may explain the RAF's reluctance to admit they were responsible, as breaking the sound barrier above land is against the law.

As for aircraft having crashed into reservoirs, and bodies having been retrieved, there is NOT one single eyewitness who claims to have seen any such evidence. Yorkshire Water officials who helped to search the reservoirs that morning have all been interviewed by the writer, and none of them saw any evidence of any crash or bodies. They were told to call the search off after the RAF admitted the explosion had been caused by one of their jets breaking the sound barrier.

In the Commons Jack Straw told Mrs Jackson: "Information to the police of low-flying aircraft are not held centrally. I understand that on the evening of 24 March 1997 South Yorkshire Police received reports of a low flying aircraft which was thought to have crashed. An investigation by police and other authorities failed to find any trace of the aircraft."

Bear in mind the RAF Press Office told both SY Police and the Press on March 25, 1997, that there had been no RAF/NATO activity in South Yorkshire whatsoever on the previous night. | The only conclusion we can reach is there has been a cover-up of a covert military low flying operation which resulted in a aircraft breaking the sound barrier above a British city. The consequences of this operation were a major air sea rescue which cost the taxpayer tens of thousands of pounds, and those who took part in this operation have been kept in the dark ever since.

Details have been revealed only through the intervention of an MP in Parliament....Mrs Jackson has tabled further questions to the MOD today (2 April).....watch this space!!!

If anything can be learned from this scenario it is that the UFO buffs have once again provided a perfect smokescreen for the military to carry out their secret and often illegal activities, in the knowledge that the believers will muddy the waters so much that no one with a brain will want to investigate any further. With their ludicrous stories of crashed saucers and secret retrievals the alien brigade unwittingly become the agents of the "cover-up" themselves.

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Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

From: XianneKei <XianneKei@aol.com> [Rebecca]
Date: Sat, 4 Apr 1998 10:31:51 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 10:57:46 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

>Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 09:28:55 +0200
>From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> A former director of the Energetics Department of the University
> of Pisa, he has long been a good friend of Corrado Malanga,
> researcher in Chemical Sciences at that same university and a
> long-time ufologist.

What is it about this University of Pisa? Is it a good one? There
seem to be a lot "scientists" there who proclaim all manner of
UFO knowledge.

Rebecca

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BWW Media Alert 19980404

From: BufoCalvin <BufoCalvin@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 10:59:24 -0500
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April 4, 1998

Great week this week! OMNI has a real parapsychological treat on Tuesday, A&E is re-running its BIGFOOT show (a chance for you to tape the Patterson film, for personal, non-commercial library purposes, of course), and UPN is finally showing the Mexico City UFO footage on Monday night. The DISCOVERY CHANNEL is showing a block of MYSTERIES OF THE UNEXPLAINED this Sunday, and A&E is running weird shows most days at 4:00 AM. The SCI-FI CHANNEL continues to typically run SIGHTINGS at 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM every weekday. I received a couple of good heads-ups this week: thank you for the help! On to the listings...remember, most times are Pacific unless otherwise stated.

ON-LINE

OMNI Magazine (<A HREF="<http://www.omnimag.com/talk/>">OMNI Prime Time) has well-known parapsychologist Stanley Krippner, PhD. as a guest on Tuesday at 7:00 PM Pacific. Krippner is the one of the Editors of the ADVANCES IN PARAPSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH series (the most recent volume is <A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ISBN=078640390X/bufosweirdworld/>">Advances in Parapsychological Research (Vol 8)). This is a rare opportunity to chat with someone with solid scientific credentials in this field. I'll be adding several Krippner books to Bufo's WEIRD WORLD Books this weekend, probably.

TELEVISION

A&E
Monday, April 6, 4:00 AM, BIGFOOT. Wednesday, April 8, 4:00 AM: ALIEN ABDUCTIONS. Thursday, April 9, 4:00 AM, EXTRATERRESTRIALS (UFO believers and non-believers). Friday, April 10, 4:00 AM, HAUNTINGS.

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Sunday April 5, 1:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS WORLD, RIDDLE OF THE STONES (British standing stones). Sunday, 1:30 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS WORLD, CURSES AND OMENS. Sunday, April 5, 3:00 PM, MYSTERIES OF THE UNEXPLAINED: STRANGE BEINGS AND UFOS (UFOS, Yeti, Loch Ness Monster). Sunday, April 5, 4:00 PM, MYSTERIES OF THE UNEXPLAINED, SACRED PLACES AND MYSTIC SPIRITS (includes hauntings, near-death experiences, etc.). Sunday, April 5, 5:00 PM, MYSTERIES OF THE UNEXPLAINED: POWER OF THE PARANORMAL. Monday, April 6, 10:00 PM, INSIDE AREA 51. Tuesday, April 7, 2:00 AM, INSIDE AREA 51. Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 PM, UFOS DOWN TO EARTH: UNCOVERING THE EVIDENCE (reported "crash and retrieval" cases). Thursday, April 9, 2:00 AM, UFOS DOWN TO EARTH: UNCOVERING THE EVIDENCE (reported "crash and retrieval" cases).

UPN

Monday, 8:00 PM (may vary), DANGER IN OUR SKIES: THE NEW UFO THREAT. This is the long-awaited airing of some Mexico City UFO footage. Btw, FORTEAN TIMES (<http://www.forteantimes.com>) had the Mexico City footage as its cover story for the latest issue, with a negative evaluation.

SYNDICATED TELEVISION

MONTEL WILLIAMS, Friday, psychic Sylvia Browne.

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<A HREF="<http://members.aol.com/weirdware/books.html>">Bufo's WEIRD WORLD Books
I'm very excited about this! Some of you know, I ran a bookstore for years, and it has always been a love of mine. I get asked often to recommend books(I do write reviews for several publications) on these topics, and now I can do it and actually give you a source for them at the same time! This is being done in association with Amazon.com, which has an outstanding reputation for the five "S"s of internet shopping: selection, searchability, service, savings, and security. If there is any specific book you want (or topic in which you are interested), let me know and I will do the research and e-mail you a link you can use to check it out more (and order it if you want). I will be linking to books within the Media Alert, to make it more efficient for you. If you click on the link, you will be sent to that title on Amazon. You do =not= have to buy it at that point! You may, but the option is yours.

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: Mannyman@mail.paulbunyan.net
Date: 03 Apr 98 08:40:00
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 11:53:34 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

I have done an extensive amount of wandering around in the bible in study and word exegesis, be that as it may, I would like to suggest to any interested a book entitled, 'Cracking the Bible Code', by Dr. Jeffrey Satinover. The reason for this book being suggested is that in the first place it is based squarely on scientific study.

The second is that it may shut the mouths of BOTH armchair "bible scholars" and skeptics alike.

Third that the UFO community should look at this research as having applications that may unlock a few SCIENTIFIC QUESTIONS.

My experience began in 1979 with some symbols I began being 'given'. I don't know how else to explain it.

In 1990 I was shown a 'star map'. I would be more than willing to show you the actual writings and drawings I have done. I have witnesses that will vouch for my work and questionings and skepticism... Dr. Satinover's book unlocked a whole new paradigm for me.

Folks we are in possession of a set of books that are filled with information on physics, mathematics, and the physical state and creation of our known universe... the first five books of the Old Testament. AND THAT I PERSONALLY CAN PROVE.

I will meet with anyone that will not be meeting me with an axe to grind, or who is just meeting for the sake of argument and anger or prejudice.

My address is

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Deer River,
MN 56636
USA

My phone number is (218) 798-2621. (I cannot accept collect calls)

If you want to see the information, I do not have a publication, just a stack of papers I have been collecting. There is a tie between the ancient scriptures of many cultures and non-earth-based "UFO" contact. It is time we started seriously considering we may be living the movie (or book) 'Contact'. We have a puzzle that needs to be put together, it is both that simple AND that complicated. I will await any replies. I do not claim to know anything other than what I have to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

Manuel Colunga-Hernandez.

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Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images [was: 7000 Year

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 11:28:33 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 13:18:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images [was: 7000 Year

>From: [RGates8254](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com) <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]
>Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 18:41:47 EST
>To: updates@globalseve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

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>> >Finally, yours truly, has beaten Richard Hoagland to the
>> >discovery of yet another stonehenge, this time on Mars. Note the
>> >many tall dark megaliths and the long shadows they cast. See
>> >this proof of artificial structures built by intelligent beings
>> >on Mars a full 4 days before the conclusive Cydonia "Face on
>> >Mars" pictures are shown to whole world. ;)

>> >www.jpl.nasa.gov/marsnews/img/87579b.jpg

>> >Nick Balaskas

>> Since there is so much discussion right now about Cydonia, I'd
>> like to state once more for the record that I believe that the
>> features seen there are 100% natural and the result of wind (and
>> possibly water) erosion. I've said this before, but people tend
>> to forget.

>> I would LOVE to be proven wrong on this, but I just don't think
>> it's gonna happen.

>> Bob

> Bob and Nick,

>I would like to make a reasonable prediction before the photos
>show up.

>If NASA releases them and it doesn't confirm Hoaglands theorys
>and predictions, not to mention the many others on that band
>wagon, we will hear much talk along the lines of "how NASA (or
>pick your government agency) is covering up the real photos" or
>"how NASA digitally altered what came in to show nothing" why
>"this is some sort of NASA coverup blah blah blah.

>Cheers,
>Robert

And since we are still a couple of days away from seeing those
images, you are saying that you don't think it is possible that
NASA could or would do such a thing if they do indeed prove
beyond a shadow of a doubt that the face is real?

You don't think they have ever withheld information which
might point to life forms which have originated elsewhere?

Hmmm...sometimes I wonder if people really care what happens
to their money...<G>

REgards, Mike

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Apr 98 11:40:08 PST
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 13:11:43 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 21:27:33 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
> From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> > From: "Greg Sandow" <gsandow@prodigy.net>
> > To: "'UFO UpDates - Toronto'" <updates@globalserve.net>
> > Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
> > Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 08:54:56 -0500

> <snip>

> > > My Toronto area friend, Grant R. Jeffrey, has researched this and
> > > written the excellent best selling book titled "Armageddon -
> > > Appointment With Destiny". Without going into detail, he gives
> > > many, many examples where Bible prophecies have been fulfilled to
> > > the letter, and when a future date is given, also fulfilled to
> > > the exact day.

> > C'mon....give us one example, in which a future date is given. Or
> > at least just cite the chapter and verse, so I can look it up
> > myself.

> > Greg Sandow

> Hi Greg,

> OK, I'll give you just one.

> Most of us in ufology are aware of prophet Ezekiel's vision of
> what many accept to be a detailed and incredible close encounter
> with a UFO and a radiant being (God) from within it.
> Unfortunately we remember the description of the UFO itself but
> do not recall the prophetic message this radiant being gave to
> Ezekiel, who with the rest of the Jews were in captivity in
> Babylon at the time (Ezekiel 4:3-6).

Any claim that Ezekiel encountered what we today would call a UFO
is grossly speculative. Serious biblical scholars have more
compelling interpretations, based on prophetic and visionary
traditions contemporary to Ezekiel. Before flying into the wild
blue with sweeping von Daniken-like speculations, speculators
ought to acquaint themselves with the real, as opposed to the
pseudo, scholarship on this issue.

Moreover, as Eddie Bullard has shown (and my own independent
historical investigations confirm), there is no good evidence of
a modern UFO phenomenon before the very early 1800s or very late
1700s. For particulars, see Bullard's long essay "Anomalous
Aerial Phenomena Before 1800" in my The Emergence of a Phenomenon
(1992).

> I will briefly quote from friend's book (autographed by Grant
> Jeffrey himself too) below regarding this prophetic message.

> "In this prophecy we are given a sign and a clear interpretation
> that each day represents one biblical year. Ezekiel was told
> that Israel would be punished for 390 years and for 40 years. ...
> Out of a total decreed punishment of 430 years for Israel's and

> Judah's sin ... once you deduct the 70 years of the Babylon
> captivity which ended in 536 B.C.; there is a total of 360 years
> of further punishment beyond 536 B.C. ... historically, Israel
> did not repent of its sin at the end of the seventy years in
> Babylon. ... God told Israel that if, after being punished for
> her sins, she still did not repent, the punishments previously
> specified would be multiplied by 7. ... $360 \text{ years} \times 7 = 2,520$
> biblical years ... The end of the captivity in Babylon, ...
> is recorded as having occurred in the spring of 536 B.C. ...
> $2,520 \text{ biblical years} \times 360 = 907,200 \text{ days}$. Converting this
> figure into our calendar year of 365.25 days and dividing 365.25
> into 907,200 days we reach a total of 2,483.8 calendar years. ...
> Therefore, the end of Israel's worldwide captivity would occur
> after a total of 2,483.8 years had elapsed ... I have been able
> to determine in my research, this interpretation of Ezekiel's
> prophecy, showing its exact fulfillment on May 14, 1948, has
> never before been published."

> As you are well aware Greg, on that date the state of Israel
> was reborn. We cannot even predict what the weather will be like
> next week, let alone make any prediction that will come true
> 2,483.8 years into the future. Well, there is another 2,483.8 year
> prediction that is due to be fulfilled on the 9th of October, 2000
> when the Millennium Kingdom begins but you will have to read Grant's
> book for that one since I promised to tell you about just one.

What a load of twaddle. As has been proved repeatedly, you can demonstrate anything by making certain arbitrary assumptions and manipulating numbers from those assumptions. That is the reason mainstream Christianity has long given stuff like the above a wide berth. Had I the time or desire, I could probably "prove" that Pride and Prejudice or Moby-Dick is a great work of prophecy. This gets us nowhere, at least if you're not a conservative Christian who also accepts prophecy on faith, in which case God bless you; I have no quarrel with you. All I ask is that you don't bring your beliefs into a secular arena where logic and evidence, not belief matters, are at issue. There is a place to take up the latter, and it's not here.

> Another well known UFO sighting in the Bible occurred at
> time of Jesus' birth (The Star of Bethlehem). Although scholars
> have long speculated on the exact date of this UFO sighting, Grant
> also shows that the Bible itself answers this - the Feast of
> Tabernacles, 1 B.C. (see Appendix B of Grant Jeffrey's book).

"UFO sighting?" Based on what evidence? The Star of Bethlehem has been more plausibly explained as a conjunction of planets.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Apr 1998 10:03:22 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 13:27:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

>Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 18:04:38 -0600
>From: Paul Reischmann <preischmann@beckman.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: MGS Images

>Hello!

>With regards to 'Cydonia'....

>If the images from Mars Global Surveyor are not available live on
>the Net, and the images don't indicate an artificial structure, how
>will this settle the dispute? Won't the conspiracy theorists accuse
>everyone of a cover-up?

>Paul

Hello Paul,

Since there's indeed a possibility of a coverup, the conspiracy theorists might indeed do this, as you say. But the images by themselves can't really prove that this or another structure is artificial or not. All they can do is allow estimates to be made of how infinitesimally small the odds may be that the structure could be a natural one.

One thing to expect is that the greatly increased resolution over the earlier two photos will bring out effects of Martian erosion upon the Face itself, and will likely show irregular drifts of Martian dust over certain areas of it. This could make it seem, to negativists, that it is a natural structure, since it would detract from the large outlines of the Face itself.

On the other hand, if the entirety of the Face or one of the pyramidal structures gets viewed, that could allow more precise determination of the general left-right symmetry of the Face, or geometry of the pyramid, and satisfy skeptics that DiPietro, Molinaar, Brandenburg and others did good jobs in their enhancements of the original, somewhat noisy, images. That would lend support to all the various analyses that have been done implying the structures contain large-scale regularities too precise and too numerous to represent natural processes.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Sat, 4 Apr 1998 10:03:24 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 13:33:01 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 21:57:52 -0800
>From: Mark Eastman <jesusroz@iinet.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>> Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 22:19:17 -0800 (PST)
>> To: updates@globalserve.net
>> From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>> >Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 19:37:38 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
>> >From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>> Nick,

>> You do have to keep that possibility in mind, though, since in
>> all likelihood the Gospels weren't written until well after 70
>> A.D. (they're not even mentioned in any literature by name until
>> around 140 A.D.), 70 A.D. being the date of destruction of the
>> Temple by the Romans, and most scholars have assumed that the
>> prophecy of Matthew 24:2 refers to this event. Hence they figure
>> it's an after-the-fact prophecy, and therefore no prophecy at
>> all. I myself am not convinced that the prophecy referred to
>> that event, however.

>> Jim Deardorff

>Dear Jim Deardorff,

>With all due respect, you are incorrect regarding the dating of
>the Gospels.

>There is a well known fragment of the Gospel of Matthew which is
>called the Magdelene Papyrus which is dated (using highly
>sophisticated 3D electroscopy) to about 52 AD., which is well
>within the lifetime of the 500 eyewitnesses who saw Jesus alive
>after his resurrection.

Dear Mark, and Errol too:

This relates to whether or not long-range biblical prophecies of
doomsday-like catastrophies refer to the same predictions of such
events that present-day abductees and contactees have received
from their alien abductors. And so it relates to whether the New
Testament Gospels came out early enough to have predicted the
destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D., or not.

The fragments you are referring to, Mark, are the same ones that
Nick had in mind. New Testament scholars call them P64 (the
Magdalen papyrus held at Oxford), and the best paleographer
around in the 1960s dated them to late second century, or around
200 A.D., because they were written in "biblical majuscule"
script, which only got going around the end of the 2nd century
and reached its peak in the 4th century. Then in December, 1994,
the London Times ran a story saying that the German scholar
Carsten Thiede had redated them to mid-1st century (I'm not aware
of any purported scientific dating or dating method that can come
close to pinpointing the date to a given year, like 52 A.D.).

But that was in a newspaper story. Thiede, in his research paper that came out in January of 1995 claimed only that it dated to *late* first century. This is all written up in semi-layman's terms in the journal Bible Review, vol. 11, No. 6, Dec. 1995, pp. 36-38. There, the scholar-author speaks for the majority in saying that Thiede made several major mistakes and didn't pay enough attention to the dissimilarities between the papyrus lettering and that of other 1st-century literature, which indicate it is still classed as biblical majuscule script.

And now, the qualifiers: I am not comfortable having to side with the scholarly majority :-)) and do tend to believe that the more genuine parts of the prophecies of Matthew 24 relate to events that will occur (are occurring?) within our own lifetimes or that of our children.

>...It is a common falsehood perpetuated by liberal theologians and >skeptics that the New Testament was not written until long after >the deaths of the Apostles.

I believe one needs to be even more alert to the strong desire of theologically committed scholars that the Gospels be dated to as early a date as conceivable, so as to lend more credence to the supposed genuineness of their contents. Thus what you call a falsehood here may only reflect the defense of their basic belief systems -- a key factor often involved in UFO discussions as well.

A quick comment on your earlier clause:

>...52 AD., which is well within the lifetime of the 500 eyewitnesses >who saw Jesus alive after his resurrection.

This 500 figure comes only from Paul, and so is pretty uncertain. But if you were to alter your phrase to "alive after the crucifixion", there is much other evidence, from oral and written tradition, that supports that general theme. See my website file at:

<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj/legends.htm>

Jim Deardorff

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Jodrell Bank Telescope To Help In Search For ETs

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
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Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 19:08:16 -0500
Subject: Jodrell Bank Telescope To Help In Search For ETs

March 1998 webposted by the Fortean e-zine "Phenomena On-Line". URL:

<http://www.ndirect.co.uk/~fair/Phenomena/Archive/jodrellmar98.htm>

The Search Goes On

Jodrell Bank, the world famous radio telescope in Cheshire is to be used to search for messages from other planets.

Operated by the University of Manchester, the 250 foot Lovell Telescope will link up with the 1,000 foot telescope at Arecibo in Puerto Rico.=BF Speaking on BBC Radio, Ian Morrison said, "It will be the most sensitive search undertaken by man to see if there is anybody out there trying to talk to us."

In 1993 NASA stopped funding their own programme in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, but did build a receiver capable of picking up 250 million signals simultaneously. "You don't know what frequency anyone might be transmitting to us so you have to search quite a broad band.", said Ian Morrison, "Now linking that receiver with the two most sensitive telescopes in the world makes a system that's really quite something and if anybody is going to pick up signals from out there I reckon we are going to do it."

Having the two telescopes situated over 1,000 miles apart will mean that interference from local transmissions can be ruled out. The two sites will be linked via the Internet and as soon as one finds a signal it will alert the other. The frequency of the transmission will also be slightly different at the two sites and so noises from satellites above Earth and further out in the Solar System can be eliminated.

Ian Morrison said, "I'm sure there is a lot of life out there. On our planet, life arose almost within years of the conditions becoming right - however it took a lot longer for more complicated life to evolve, about 3 billion years. We are beginning to discover other planets around other stars.... I'm sure that the Universe and the galaxy is teeming with life - now whether that life has got to the point where it could communicate or whether it would want to we don't know".

Leading project scientist Seth Shostak said, "It is my personal view we will find clear evidence of extra terrestrial life in the next 10-15 years".

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: **The Duke of Mendoza** <101653.2205@compuserve.com> [Peter Brookesmith]
Date: Sat, 4 Apr 1998 23:34:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 09:01:16 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

The Duke of Mendoza presents his compliments to the List.

The Duke hates monstrous quotations from previous posts but in this case there seems to be little alternative if justice is to be done to nonsense. For reasons that will rapidly become clear the quotes here are out of order, to boot.

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
>Date: Sat, 04 Apr 98 11:40:08 PST

>What a load of twaddle.

Jerome wrote, referring (with masterly self-control) to the paragraph quoted below, to be dealt with separately. He went on:

>As has been proved repeatedly, you can
>demonstrate anything by making certain arbitrary assumptions and
>manipulating numbers from those assumptions.

True, too. I imagine even Jerome would concur that the "Skeptical Inquirer" did the world a service for once, in publishing David E. Thomas's review (complete with repeat experimental data) of Michael Drosnin's "The Bible Code" (SI, Nov/Dec 1977). Thomas makes a bloody shambles of Drosnin's claims to have found out anything of a prophetic or even faintly significant nature from the Hebrew text by sedulously demonstrating the vacuity of Drosnin's peculiar methods of divination.

But it's not just numerical or arithmetical manipulation that's at issue in this case. Simple literacy is in question.

> Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 21:27:33 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
> From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> "In this prophecy we are given a sign and a clear interpretation
> that each day represents one biblical year.

Correct. Ezekiel is told to besiege Jerusalem for a day for every year of Jewry's iniquity. Note that last word.

> Ezekiel was told
> that Israel would be punished for 390 years and for 40 years.

Wrong. Ezekiel is told (in a vision that is *entirely* separate from the alleged "UFO sighting, incidentally) in Ch:4 v.5-6 to besiege Jerusalem in the following manner:

"5 For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

"6 And when thou hast accomplished them... thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year."

The plain meaning of this is that (a) iniquity is not the same as punishment, for a start, and (b) that Ezekiel's siege is a token of 390 years and 40 years of *previous* "iniquity" on the parts of the houses (tribes) of Israel & Judah, respectively.

All calculations as to years of "punishment" thus collapse into meaningless thereafter. And the calculations we are offered are somewhat worse, surprise surprise, than twaddle.

> Out of a total decreed punishment of 430 years for Israel's and
> Judah's sin ... once you deduct the 70 years of the Babylon
> captivity which ended in 536 B.C.

Why should you? If punishment *were* in question, any starting date would surely be the start of Ezekiel's siege, whose date we're not given. More grounds for collapse of already rubbishy calculations.

> God told Israel that if, after being punished for
> her sins, she still did not repent, the punishments previously
> specified would be multiplied by 7. ...

Where?

> 360 years x 7 = 2,520
> biblical years ... The end of the captivity in Babylon, ...
> is recorded as having occurred in the spring of 536 B.C. ...
> 2,520 biblical years x 360 = 907,200 days.

Whence this arbitrary figure of 360, and why? And why multiply...? Does this arithmetic have any Biblical, textual justification? (No. Absolutely none, or, as Philip Mantle might say, bugger all.)

> Converting this
> figure into our calendar year of 365.25 days and dividing 365.25
> into 907,200 days we reach a total of 2,483.8 calendar years. ...
> Therefore, the end of Israel's worldwide captivity would occur
> after a total of 2,483.8 years had elapsed ...

Those who saw what 7th Armored endured on the Golan Heights in October 1973 may be excused for wondering if Israel even now has escaped captivity. Cue for monster off-thread, off-topic, off-list furious debate... which just goes to show how simplistic and hokey this kind of assertion/fake prophecy really is.

> I have been able
> to determine in my research, this interpretation of Ezekiel's
> prophecy, showing its exact fulfillment on May 14, 1948, has
> never before been published."

Permit me to express a certain lack of astonishment. It has also (to my certain knowledge, after laborious inquiries) never been published before that the present Queen of England is a reincarnation of Thomas Jefferson, mainly because the statement is a load of old cobbler's awls.

So much for that. Whereas, Jerome also (post cited above) wrote:

>All I ask
>is that you don't bring your beliefs into a secular arena where
>logic and evidence, not belief matters, are at issue. There is a
>place to take up the latter, and it's not here.

But with that I have to disagree. So much of "ufology" is entangled with "belief" - from extreme debunker to extreme true believer - that, I submit, it's impossible to draw a line between what is secular and what is not in this field (not excluding debunkers - in the Truzziian sense of the word - from this rough delineation).

I would say: don't exclude, or refuse admittance, anyone from the debate. If you have faith [sic] in rational argument then you have landed yourself with the duty of demonstrating its superior powers - *and* abiding by its inevitable limitations.

Besides, it ain't your List already, that you should set the rules!

best wishes
Prankster D. Mazeltov
Juggler's Boy

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'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

From: **Skye Turell** <tural33@west.net>
Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 22:09:27 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 09:13:34 -0400
Subject: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

This is from <http://www.sightings.com>

Vatican Admits On National
TV That ET Contact IS REAL
From Ross Dowe
4-4-98

Monsignor Corrado Balducci, a Vatican theologian insider close to the Pope has gone on national Italian television five times in recent months to proclaim that extraterrestrial contact is a real phenomenon.

The prelate announced that the Vatican is receiving much information about extraterrestrials and their contacts with humans from its Nuncios (embassies) in various countries, such as Mexico, Chile and Venezuela. Monsignor Balducci said that he is on a Vatican commission looking into extraterrestrial encounters, and how to cope with the emerging general realization of extraterrestrial contact.

Balducci provided the Catholic Church's analysis of extraterrestrials, emphasizing that extraterrestrial encounters "are NOT demonic, they are NOT due to psychological impairment, they are NOT a case of entity attachment, but these encounters deserve to be studied carefully."

Since Monsignor Balducci is a Vatican expert exorcist, and since the Catholic Church has historically demonized many new phenomena that were poorly understood, his proclaiming the Vatican's non-censure of these encounters is all the more remarkable.

Balducci revealed to a visiting American clinical professional from the Academy of Clinical Close Encounter Therapists, that the Vatican is closely following this phenomenon. Parallel information from alleged MJ-12 scientist Dr. Michael Wolf suggests that the Vatican is concerned that it will have a major doctrinal updating situation on its hands when extraterrestrial contact becomes authoritatively announced by world government over the next several years.

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MGS Mars Orbiter Camera Maybe Hit First Target

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 1998 08:27:46 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 09:07:11 -0400
Subject: MGS Mars Orbiter Camera Maybe Hit First Target

From: NASA's Mars Global Surveyor news page:

<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/update4-4pm.html>

Saturday Afternoon Update on Targeted Observations

04-APR-98 4:00 PM PST

The Mars Global Surveyor flight team and camera operators may have been successful in placing the site of the Viking Lander 2 within the field of view of the MGS Mars Orbiter Camera on the second of four attempts to image sites of interest on the surface of Mars.

Like the atmospheric conditions in Pasadena, CA, today, Utopia Planitia, the location of the Viking Lander 2, was heavily overcast when the image was recorded shortly in early afternoon, Pacific time, yesterday.

The Mars Orbiter Camera team reports that because of the surface obscuration, the location of the image with respect to surface features is problematic.

It is believed, however, that the Viking-era landing location and one of its more recently estimated locations are within the lower portion of the image.

Knowledge of the Viking Lander 2 site is the least well established of the targets that Global Surveyor is attempting to photograph. Analysis of the results of these first images will help the project team with the future imaging attempts.

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Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing

From: koch@wad.berlin.fido.de (Joachim Koch)
Date: 06 Apr 98 00:52:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 09:25:17 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing

>Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 12:59:49 GMT
>From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO Update: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

>I'll try to get a transcript of the discussion. If so,
>then I'll post it here. Meanwhile I would like to ask our
>American and Italian colleagues to do some research into
>the person of Dr. Dini.

>Does anybody know him?
>Did he work for NASA? What
>is his approach
>to the reality of UFOs?

rp>I worked for NASA. But I would have to say most others that
rp>have claimed to work for NASA turned out to be full of 'it'
rp>(literally speaking).

rp>Dr. Dini, just like others, sets off the Dr. Jason Leigh detector!
rp><g>

rp>Roger R. Prokic
rp>Telecom Design Lead
rp>Mars Surveyor Program 2001
rp>Lockheed Martin Astronautics
rp>Denver, Colorado USA
rp>- sent from a PalmPilot Professional -

Sorry Sir, my contribute to this list regarding the Apollo
landing on the Moon was a serious one though I was fully aware of
this crucial date of the beginning of April.

But facing what we all have to experience/suffer during the next
days when Cydonia is re-photographed I thought it would be worth
to bring back to memory the "reality" we are forced to live
with/in.

My mail to this list was a request for further research into Mr.
Dini's personality and "need to know"-clearance.

I love jokes - at the right time.

Joachim Koch

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Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

From: **galevy** <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 03:05:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 09:27:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

> Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 18:04:38 -0600
> From: Paul Reischmann <preischmann@beckman.com>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: MGS Images

> Hello!

> With regards to 'Cydonia'....

> If the images from Mars Global Surveyor are not available live on
> the Net, and the images don't indicate an artificial structure, how
> will this settle the dispute? Won't the conspiracy theorists accuse
> everyone of a cover-up?

> Paul

You won't need to be a conspiracy theorist to dispute the images,
just a lawyer or a scientist. Images have been challenged as to
their veracity as long as people have been able to create them.

Remember if there is no independently confirmable chain of
custody of the information (images, evidence, etc.) it is open
to challenge on both scientific and legal grounds.

Perhaps you are among those who still subscribe to the original
information offered as an explanation for the Gulf of Tonkin
incident?

What constitutes evidence? What constitutes proof?
Perhaps you should address these issues before raising the
bogey-man of conspiracy.

Gary

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: "Greg Sandow" <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 1998 03:10:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 09:29:54 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 21:27:33 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
> From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> Most of us in ufology are aware of prophet Ezekiel's vision of
> what many accept to be a detailed and incredible close encounter
> with a UFO and a radiant being (God) from within it.
> Unfortunately we remember the description of the UFO itself but
> do not recall the prophetic message this radiant being gave to
> Ezekiel, who with the rest of the Jews were in captivity in
> Babylon at the time (Ezekiel 4:3-6).

> I will briefly quote from friend's book (autographed by Grant
> Jeffrey himself too) below regarding this prophetic message.

> "In this prophecy we are given a sign and a clear interpretation
> that each day represents one biblical year. Ezekiel was told
> that Israel would be punished for 390 years and for 40 years. ...
> Out of a total decreed punishment of 430 years for Israel's and
> Judah's sin ... once you deduct the 70 years of the Babylon
> captivity which ended in 536 B.C.; there is a total of 360 years
> of further punishment beyond 536 B.C. ... historically, Israel
> did not repent of its sin at the end of the seventy years in
> Babylon. ... God told Israel that if, after being punished for
> her sins, she still did not repent, the punishments previously
> specified would be multiplied by 7. ... $360 \text{ years} \times 7 = 2,520$
> biblical years ... The end of the captivity in Babylon, ...
> is recorded as having occurred in the spring of 536 B.C. ...
> $2,520 \text{ biblical years} \times 360 = 907,200 \text{ days}$. Converting this
> figure into our calendar year of 365.25 days and dividing $907,200$
> into $907,200$ days we reach a total of $2,483.8$ calendar years. ...
> Therefore, the end of Israel's worldwide captivity would occur
> after a total of $2,483.8$ years had elapsed ... I have been able
> to determine in my research, this interpretation of Ezekiel's
> prophecy, showing its exact fulfillment on May 14, 1948, has
> never before been published."

> As you are well aware Greg, on that date the state of Israel
> was reborn. We cannot even predict what the weather will be like
> next week, let alone make any prediction that will come true
> $2,483.8$ years into the future. Well, there is another $2,483.8$ year
> prediction that is due to be fulfilled on the 9th of October, 2000
> when the Millennium Kingdom begins but you will have to read Grant's
> book for that one since I promised to tell you about just one.

Nick, thanks for clarifying the discussion with this example.

There's an elementary mistake in the calculation, though -- a year doesn't have 365.25 days. That's because the normal leap year adjustment (adding an extra day every four years) isn't precise enough. So there are exceptions to the rule. Years ending in 00 are NOT leap years, unless they're multiples of 400. Thus, 2000 will be a leap year, but 1900, 1800, and 1700 were not. The gentleman you quote apparently didn't know this, and so his calculation comes out with the wrong date. It's off by around 18 days -- the result of adding three extra leap days for each 400 years in the total of approximately 2400.

There's another problem, too. You're telling us that there are

907,200 days between the end of the Babylonian Captivity and the founding of Israel. But when, exactly, did the captivity end? Do we know the exact date? The passage you quote, Nick, says the captivity ended "in the spring," but that's not good enough. If we don't know the precise date we're starting from, how can we add 907,200 days to come out with May 14, 1948?

Then there's a third difficulty: You can't base honest calculations on a 70-year Babylonian Captivity that ends in 536 B.C. According to the Columbia Encyclopedia (a standard reference book, the leading one-volume encyclopedia in English), the captivity began in 586 B.C., when Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem. It ended in 538 B.C. when a new Babylonian emperor, Cyrus, decreed religious freedom, and allowed the Jews to found their own state.

So the actual length of the Babylonian Captivity was 48 years. Where does the 70-year figure come from? Well, there had been prophecies saying the Jews would be held captive for 70 years. Out of respect for those prophecies, the captivity was given a sort of honorary ending date -- it was deemed to have ended in 516 B.C., when a new Jewish temple was completed.

Thus, Nick, there's a contradiction in the passage you quote. If you say the captivity ended in 536 B.C., then it can't have lasted 70 years. And if you say it lasted 70 years, it can't have ended in 536. (I don't know why you say 536, by the way, when the encyclopedia says 538. But then one of the Bible commentaries I looked at says the captivity began in 587 instead of 586.)

Now let's look at the passage from Ezekiel. Here it is, in the King James version:

"Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

"Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity.

"For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

"And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year."

The first thing to notice is that there's nothing here about multiplying the length of Israel's punishment by seven. That, evidently, comes from some other part of the Bible. There's no way anyone who only reads these verses from Ezekiel can judge whether it actually applies

The next problem is that -- at least to the unaided eye -- the passage isn't a prophecy. There's talk about Israel's "iniquity" (and the book you quote from is obviously right in saying that one day represents one year). But what "iniquity" are we talking about? The simplest reading of the passage would be that Ezekiel is being asked to do penance for Israel's past sins. Is there a single word here that says the 390 days and 40 days represent years of future punishment?

What do Bible commentaries say? I'm hardly an expert, but I did go to Barnes & Noble, where I consulted books in their extensive Bible section. They had all sorts of Bibles -- Protestant, Catholic, Evangelical, everything but Jewish, in at least half a dozen translations. They also had several shelves of Bible commentary, some of it in massive scholarly tomes at least a thousand pages long.

I looked through a lot of this, especially the scholarly commentaries. There seems to be complete agreement about this passage, to the following effect:

1. Ezekiel is thought to have preached from 593 B.C. to 571. The passage we're talking about here is part of a vision he had, described in the early chapters of the biblical book about him. He probably had it in the early years of the Babylonian

Captivity. He's being asked to do penance for Israel's past sins. Presumably these were sins that led God to punish Israel with the captivity.

2. The Jews, in those days, had two kingdoms, one ruled by the house of Israel, the other ruled by the house of Judah. In this passage, Ezekial is asked to do two penances, a 390-day penance for sins of the house of Israel, and a 40-day penance for sins of the house of Judah. Nobody has a clue why one penance is longer than the other, or what the lengths mean. It's clear, though, that the two numbers have nothing to do with each other. There's no basis for adding them together.

3. This passage isn't a prophecy. Not one commentary says that it is, or even that it might be. It's not even mentioned as a distant possibility.

So, Nick...the gentleman you quote appears to have his own, seemingly arbitrary reading of the book of Ezekiel. He uses two contradictory chronologies of the Babylonian Captivity, apparently without realizing that they contradict each other.

He knows the exact date on which a span of 907,200 days ends, even though he doesn't know the date on which it began. And he makes an elementary mistake about the calendar, which would make his calculations wrong even if everything else about them was correct.

Greg Sandow

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: "Scott Reed" <sreed@zoomnet.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 10:02:06 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>Date: Sat, 4 Apr 1998 04:17:06 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>>Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 12:49:16 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>>>Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 08:33:27 -0800 (PST)
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>>Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>>>The key [UFO] tie-in I see involves the document called the
>>>Talmud of Jmmanuel (TJ), which is connected with the Meier
>>>contactee case, since he and the ex-priest discovered the Aramaic
>>>scrolls in Jerusalem in 1963.

>Nick responds,

>>The strange signs in the sky that are predicted for the
>>end-times, may very well be the UFOs we now observe from all
>>around the globe in ever increasing numbers.

>>Nick

>Hi Nick, hi All,

>A mini tirade:

>Someone asked about this in previous post, so I'd just like to
>add that not only the UFO activity but the tumultuous geological
>activity, weather changes, famine, death, war, and threats of war
>is what you are getting on the six o'clock news each and every
>night. You don't have to be a theologian or Bible scholar. All
>anyone needs is a TV or a newspaper to follow along with a
>reading of Revelations. Read a few verses and then cross
>reference it with today's New York Times. It's easy.

Yes, it is easy to use broad, generalized predictions of famine
and war and connect it to present-day problems. That's not a
prophecy being fulfilled.

Remember that there have been numerous instances of famine and
war in the short, violent career of Mankind. Also you may notice
from a casual glance at a history book, that our history is full
of devastating, atrociously violent wars and massive, wide-spread
famine and disease--far worse than any problems that we have
today. In fact, compared to the last century, earth as a whole
is doing pretty well. There will always be wars, famine and
diseases, coupled with the constant conflicts of society.

>All of what is happening around us is predicted not only in the
>bible, but the records of other contemporary cultures. ie; the
>Mayan predictions for our time. (My damned ancestors -the
>Catholic Spaniards- made sure that their history [the Indians]

>was burned out of existence!)

>When I learned recently that 700,000 men, women and children of
>all ages had lost their lives in one month of orgiastic butchery
>in Africa, I thought to myself, "Cheeses, Mary and Joseph, this
>-must be- the end of the world!" WE LIVE IN AN INSANE SOCIETY.
>The lack of racial (human race) memory/history is partly to
>blame.

Like I said, look at your history books. 700,000 people murdered
is truly dispicable, but let's not forget that human beings have
caused worse carnage in the past.

As for UFO activity (trying to swing this back on-topic) on the
rise, is this really true? Are more UFO's being reported, or is
there some confusion between UFO reports and the recent media
interest in UFO's?

ScottR.

Visit the HIGH STRANGENESS web-site,
a 'pop-art' exploration of UFO phenomenon
<http://www.zoomnet.net/~sreed/strangeness.htm>

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Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #236

From: John John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 1998 02:39:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 09:45:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #236

>Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 07:47:37 -0600
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #236

>Apology to MW #236 (For April 4, 1998)

>There's a stairway in my yard that takes you up, from here to
>there, but the movement's through a portal into time and space --
>beware! It looks just like transition up a level on the ground,
>but the looks can be deceiving when you slight the grand
>profound. Take the steps before you, and you see the UFO's that
>are flashing through the darkness as they tread on bunky toes.

<*Reluctant snip>

>Budd Hopkins and John Velez built one of these things in Mr.
>Hopkins back yard. It's a portal to a state of mind, and still a
>real place, _made_ real in the real world. Here's how they did
>it, here's how it's done.

Wow Al, how do you know about that sculpture? I thought only
Budd and Carol and myself knew about that job! You spooked me
with this post. Who told you about it?

It's not in Budds backyard BTW. It was commissioned by lady who
lives on a rather substantial estate in Conneticut. The area is
rural but the grounds are laid out beautifully and highly
manicured. The place is also 'littered' with large 'outdoor'
sculptures from varying well known (and some not so well known)
artists that she has collected over the years.

>Make the place -- a sheltered, comfortable spot in a remote plot,
>convenient and sensible. Mr. Hopkins chose a location in a large,
>circular, and level field near his home. Into the center of this
>field he had rolled a large, disk shaped stone, a nod to the
>megalithic perhaps, and solidly set it up table fashion on rocky
>supports. It established the locale. This was the place in Mr.
>Hopkins mind, made real. Now, how to get there...

Not many know of Budds artwork. His work is in the permanent
collections of the Guggenheim and the Whitney museums here
in NY. As an artist he is _truly_ one of the greats.

Using materials that he found on the grounds he created a
marvelous 'Gate' and beyond it an alter. He used an old
millstone (it was a 500lb. four foot wide granite donut that
nearly cost me a still useful testicle to move! <G>) for
the top.

We set it up on three large stones (that he had me set partially
into the ground) in a perfect triangle. He then surrounded the
"Alter" with three more large stones that were set in an inverted
triangle to the three that were used as pedestals for the
millstone. (Like a star of David configuration!)

It has an ancient 'Stonehenge' quality to it that made it
appear as if it had always been there! That's pure artistic
genius, man. The whole thing looks so natural and fits so
well into it's surroundings. The beauty of simplicity! We

all know that any schmuck can get complicated but it takes
_real_genius_ to be simple!

>Build an arch. Build a door. Build a portal, gate, hatch or
>transom. The *point* is that it signals a spot of transition
>between the inside and the outside, the here and there, or even
>the before and the after. It only looks like a door minus the
>surrounding structure, and is actually more along the lines of
>the archway Kirk, Spock and McCoy leapt through, to wondrous and
>exciting locales, in an ancient Star Trek episode.

You have obviously seen the thing! Budd got those old timbers
and hacked out the components to that gate using a chainsaw!
We drilled them and assembled them into that shape that you
saw using compound jointing and old large bolts.

(Did you see Carols' videotape? You must have, it's the only way
that you could know all this!)

The 'Gate' has two extensions on the front that beckons you
to pass through. He designed them like the paws on the Sphinx.
The 'Gate' itself (to me) has the beauty of Chinese calligraphy.
It looks kind of like a written chinese character!

All that you have said of it, all of your interpretations,
are almost word for word what he told me the elements
symbolized as we constructed the thing! You are a most
perceptive art appreciator. You really 'grokked' the meaning
and symbolism of the piece. I'm impressed to death Al! <G>

>It is in fact a teleporter to a state of mind -- a dimensional
>wormhole

Budd has made a long and careful study of many ancient sites.
He is especially influenced by Mayan ruins, and places like
Stonehenge. He has taken all of that, passed it through his
own filters and regurgitated it in a way that makes his
creations (whether sculptures or on canvas) look hyper-
modern and ancient (as if an indian designed and built it)
all at the same time. There is something very direct and
pure about the way he creates and composes. I've never seen
any painter with a better sense of color, form/design and
composition either.

One of the most enjoyable afternoons that I ever spent with
Budd was when he took me on a tour of the Philadelphia Art
Museum. His excitement and enthusiasm about art is
infectious. His knowledge of art is very deep water indeed.

>The door is the only entry and exit to a
>mental location that can be anywhere in space, time, or mind.

You grokked it man! <VBG>

>Budd Hopkins only continues a tradition of efficacious
>consciousness altering that has been carved in stone at disparate
>locations, all over our globe, by wildly divergent peoples. I
>allude to the paths that one walks to get to a location vis a vis
>the spiral labyrinths traversed in ageless meditations that have
>been around for an unguessed at length of time -- lost to a
>completely mysterious, and forgotten past. The labyrinth takes
>the place of the door, but the idea is the same -- a journey to a
>healthy, positive, and very REAL state of mind.

Yes! An experience that takes you directly to Godhead without the
middleman! No philosophy at all. Just a direct experience of the
Divine that lies in and around all of us. Budd creates art that
acts as a catalyst/facilitates that!

I'm going to show him this e-mail when he gets back from Italy
Al. It'll make his day to read it!

BTW, I was just his 'assistant' on that job. I had nothing at all
to do with the designing of the thing.

Peace,

John Velez

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[UASR]> DSP Satellite Confirmation of the Iranian

From: "[UASR]> Perry" <AlienResearch@Earthcorp.com> [Perry Man]
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Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 09:59:23 -0400
Subject: [UASR]> DSP Satellite Confirmation of the Iranian

From: <http://ufo-world.simplenet.com/iran dsp.html>

The DSP Connection

An impressive breakthrough in the confirmation of the Iranian UFO encounter was uncovered by researchers Lee Graham and Ron Regehr, of Aero-Jet in California. They confirmed that the UFO sighting over Tehran was, in fact, tracked by the United States military's DSP satellite.

Some of our readers may be aware that the primary responsibility of the DSP-1 satellite is to detect the launch of ballistic missiles. This deep-space platform detects infrared heat through sensors that are mounted on the body of the satellite. ANYTHING that emits infrared heat is detected by this apparatus. It can determine different types of aircraft simply by comparing the "signature" of the infrared signals displayed by an object against an intensely complete database of all known aircraft. The DSP was, as we now know, responsible for the detection of Iraqi SCUD missile launches during Operation Desert Storm.

During their investigations, Graham and Regehr have located computer print-outs from the time frame of the the Iranian UFO overflight, which show that the DSP definitely detected an "anomalous object" in Iranian air space.

Lee Graham was a guest on Don Ecker's UFOs Tonight radio show on 10/31/93. During the show Don and Lee talk about this particular incident.

A Computer printout of the anomalous event with the classified term "238 SCANS - POSSIBLE SR" [[.jpg](#) is available at the above URL] The term "238 SCANS" indicates that the event lasted more than an hour.

To the best of our knowledge, this is the ONLY case in history where we have confirmation of a UFO sighting by observers both on the ground, in the air and by the DSP-1. The magnitude of this revelation should not be overlooked. It would be an interesting project to compare DSP records to other reported anomalous sightings around the world.

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Lunascan + Mars Updates: HBO's Moon Miniseries

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Subject: Lunascan + Mars Updates: HBO's Moon Miniseries

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From: AOL News <AOLNews@aol.com>
Subject: HBO's Moon Miniseries Premieres
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Organization: AOL (<http://www.aol.com>)
HBO's Moon Miniseries Premieres

.c The Associated Press

By MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Lead actors in HBO's megabuck miniseries, "From the Earth to the Moon," paced up and down the red carpet, fretting, as they awaited the real stars of the show.

They were about to meet astronauts. Apollo astronauts. Apollo astronauts who flew to the moon, for goodness' sake, and were guests of honor at this Kennedy Space Center premiere.

"I'm a nervous wreck," said actor Bryan Cranston, aka Buzz Aldrin, second man to walk on the moon. "I'm just hoping that he doesn't hate me. I tried my best. I tried to portray him as earnestly as I could glean from his book that I read and from the script and the transcripts."

Actor Gareth Williams, aka Jim Irwin, eighth man to walk on the moon, was a little calmer. The astronaut he portrays is dead.

"It's easy for you," Cranston told Williams.

"Yeah," Williams admitted, "I don't have that same pressure."

Cranston needn't have worried. When the real Aldrin finally arrived, he strode over to the actor and gave him a congratulatory handshake.

Aldrin, Apollo 11's lunar module pilot, was thrilled to be back at center stage.

"I've been waiting a long time," he murmured.

"From the Earth to the Moon" is a 12-part miniseries on HBO on six consecutive Sunday nights beginning this weekend. It chronicles events leading up to Aldrin and Neil Armstrong's historic moon steps on July 20, 1969. And it begins with Alan Shepard's 15-minute suborbital hop in 1961 and ends with Apollo 17 in 1972, man's last visit to the moon.

The \$65 million production was filmed in part at Kennedy Space Center, where hundreds gathered in late March to preview the fourth episode, about the Christmas 1968 moon voyage of Apollo 8.

Apollo 15 command module pilot Al Worden liked what he saw.

"There have been a lot of things done on the space program, all the way from 'The Right Stuff' on. None of them has been particularly real," Worden said. "Most of them have been fictionalized to the point where they've really kind of lost the essence of what the program was all about."

The 1995 film, "Apollo 13," starring Tom Hanks as commander Jim Lovell, told it like it was, Worden said. And now, he said, so does "From the Earth to the Moon," the brainchild of Hanks, its executive producer. The miniseries is based in part on Andrew Chaikin's 1994 book "A Man on the Moon."

HBO and Hanks wanted authenticity and went to great lengths to achieve it. They obtained: The van that transported Armstrong, Aldrin and Michael Collins to the launch pad. Recovered: One of the so-called white rooms from which the Apollo astronauts boarded their spaceships. Refurbished: A lunar landing research vehicle similar to those used by astronauts for testing. Borrowed: A lunar rover built for a moon mission that was canceled.

And they transformed: A blimp hangar at a California military base into the six Apollo landing sites. Then the set was loaded with 3,500 tons of dirt and 2,000 tons of crushed granite to simulate the moon's gray, rocky surface. And the actors and stuntmen were hooked to large helium balloons to imitate the bounce of one-sixth gravity.

The actors had to rein in emotions in the moon-landing scenes, just as the astronauts did decades before.

A simple "Oh, man!" by Apollo 15's Irwin when his lunar lander settled onto the moon with a rattling thud and tipped slightly became an overwrought "Oh, maaaaaan!!!" by actor Williams when he read the script.

"Naw, that's not how it happened," chided David Scott, commander of Apollo 15 and a technical consultant to the series.

So Williams went back to a more astronautlike "Oh, man!"

Despite such attention to minutiae, mistakes slipped in. The maker of the Apollo spacecraft is misidentified in one scene, and the name of an adviser to President Kennedy is misspelled in another. Video of Saturn 1B and Saturn 5 rockets frequently is mixed and matched.

Then there are the deliberate errors for dramatic effect. The movie's Mission Control, for instance, reads the homeward-bound crew of Apollo 8 a telegram from a woman who poignantly wrote: "You saved 1968."

In truth, Apollo 8 commander Frank Borman received the message after his mission was over.

No matter - like his Apollo brethren, Borman enjoyed the film.

Elsewhere in television ...

`20/20': Across the country, there are doctors accused of repeatedly botching operations, misdiagnosing patients, causing injury and even death. Now, a central data bank set up by the government keeps records on all doctors, including those repeatedly sued for malpractice. But tonight on ABC News' "20/20 Friday," correspondent Arnold Diaz reports that those records are not available to the public. He speaks to Dr. Thomas Reardon, chairman of the American Medical Association. The AMA is lobbying to keep the data bank private so doctors who have settled nuisance suits are not unfairly stigmatized. He also talks with Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, who is fighting for public access. "20/20" begins at 10 p.m. EST.

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Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

From: Paul Reischmann <preischmann@beckman.com>
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 10:26:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 13:34:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

> Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 03:05:36 -0400
> From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Mars Global Surveyor Images

> > Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 18:04:38 -0600
> > From: Paul Reischmann <preischmann@beckman.com>
> > To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> > Subject: MGS Images

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> > everyone of a cover-up?

> > Paul

> You won't need to be a conspiracy theorist to dispute the images,
> just a lawyer or a scientist. Images have been challenged as to
> their veracity as long as people have been able to create them.

> Remember if there is no independently confirmable chain of
> custody of the information (images, evidence, etc.) it is open
> to challenge on both scientific and legal grounds.

> Perhaps you are among those who still subscribe to the original
> information offered as an explanation for the Gulf of Tonkin
> incident?

> What constitutes evidence? What constitutes proof?
> Perhaps you should address these issues before raising the
> bogey-man of conspiracy.

> Gary

Conspiracy was not my implication, rather I am suggesting that
although NASA made the right choice in agreeing to photograph the
area, I do not see how it will settle the dispute for the exact
reasons that you point out... what constitutes proof for either
position?

What are the elements that reconnaissance analysts would look for
in the images? What information would be offered as evidence of
erosion versus evidence of a byproduct of life?

Paul

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Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

From: Paul Reischmann <preischmann@beckman.com>
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 11:40:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 13:42:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

> Date: Sat, 4 Apr 1998 10:03:22 -0800 (PST)
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Mars Global Surveyor Images

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> Hello Paul,

> Since there's indeed a possibility of a coverup, the conspiracy
> theorists might indeed do this, as you say. But the images by
> themselves can't really prove that this or another structure is
> artificial or not. All they can do is allow estimates to be made
> of how infinitesimally small the odds may be that the structure
> could be a natural one.

That is the point. As you indicate, it is unlikely that an
image will be received that could be offered as conclusive
evidence of either position, persuasive may be the appropriate
term, and all of us are persuaded by different standards and
criteria. The debate should become invigorated, but it will still
be in debate.

> One thing to expect is that the greatly increased resolution over
> the earlier two photos will bring out effects of Martian erosion
> upon the Face itself, and will likely show irregular drifts of
> Martian dust over certain areas of it. This could make it seem,
> to negativists, that it is a natural structure, since it would
> detract from the large outlines of the Face itself.

If the new image even remotely resembles the earlier images,
it indicates that the face/object was not a trick of light and
shadow, but won't necessarily indicate what it actually is, a big
rock or an ancient structure.

> On the other hand, if the entirety of the Face or one of the
> pyramidal structures gets viewed, that could allow more precise
> determination of the general left-right symmetry of the Face, or
> geometry of the pyramid, and satisfy skeptics that DiPietro,
> Molinaar, Brandenburg and others did good jobs in their
> enhancements of the original, somewhat noisy, images. That would
> lend support to all the various analyses that have been done
> implying the structures contain large-scale regularities too
> precise and too numerous to represent natural processes.

> Jim Deardorff

What characteristics do we look for when trying to find evidence that the Cydonia complex is a bunch of hills/rocks/mountains or a desolate complex of structures subjected to the natural erosion of the planet?

Would the creators of ancient structures build in nice regular organized arrangements like terrestrial bees and wasp nests, or would they be chaotic as are the termite mounds here on Earth?

While symmetry points strongly towards life, a lack of symmetry does not preclude life.

I am intrigued by the suggestion of Cydonia possibly representing indicators of an ancient civilization on Mars, but I would also be thrilled to observe indicators of any type of life, past or present, even termites!

Life hides in camouflage!

Regards-
Paul

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Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

From: **Whitewolf** <witewolf@neptune.on.ca> [Paul Whitewolf]
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 98 10:42:04 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 13:36:53 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

She-ko (hello) Errol and list,

>Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 22:09:27 -0800
>From: Skye Turell <tured33@west.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Vatican Says ET Contacts Real

>This is from <http://www.sightings.com>

<snip>

>Balducci provided the Catholic Church's analysis of
>extraterrestrials, emphasizing that extraterrestrial encounters
>"are NOT demonic, they are NOT due to psychological impairment,
>they are NOT a case of entity attachment, but these encounters
>deserve to be studied carefully."

>Since Monsignor Balducci is a Vatican expert exorcist, and since
>the Catholic Church has historically demonized many new phenomena
>that were poorly understood, his proclaiming the Vatican's
>non-censure of these encounters is all the more remarkable.

<snip>

Goodness, the Papal shorts must be in a knot, or we have evidence that marijuana has made it's way into the Vatican. Having spent 13 years in Catholic schools I find it truly shocking that the Papacy might be starting to have so open a mind as to redefine it's paradigm out of either necessity or an acknowledgment of the truth...

His Worship must have had an epiphany me thinks. Perhaps one that descended on a perfectly round, symmetrical cloud :-).

I promise I shall do 15 Our Fathers and 30 Hail Mary's for this post.

Regards,
Paul.

...Beware of nuns with bad habits...(shame on me).

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Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <brianc@freeside.fc.net>
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 1998 11:37:21 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 13:38:22 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

Skye Turell wrote ...

> Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 22:09:27 -0800
> From: Skye Turell <turel33@west.net>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Vatican Says ET Contacts Real

> This is from <http://www.sightings.com>

> Vatican Admits On National
> TV That ET Contact IS REAL
> From Ross Dowe
> 4-4-98

Well, well. You know, if this is true, I do believe it won't be long before the UFO research community might as well close down operations, and get on with their lives. No need to continue to chase what is apparently going to be common public knowledge any day now. Better to spend your time helping your family and friends get through their own cases of culture shock.

Just spitting in the wind,
-Brian Cuthbertson

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actual antenna is located at the point where the waveguide joins to the transmitter, sometimes hundreds of feet away. (This antenna is usually very small, about the size of a short piece of larger pencil lead) The waveguide keeps the transmitted signal from radiating out into the air until it reaches the reflector. The most common reflectors, those that we are used to seeing, are the ones that look like a large slice of "orange peak" laid on a horizontal axis, and rotates in a continuous 360 degree circle. This type of reflector shapes the pulsed energy into a narrow vertical beam that extends from the ground up to a very high altitude (usually 50 - 100 thousand feet).

[Note: Bear in mind that we are referring to the radar used to detect aircraft. Other radar units, such as those used on boats, and weather radar, work on this same principle, except that the pulsed beams are shaped differently, and/or setup to detect other than solid objects (such as moisture in the air.)

As the vertical pulsed beam is rotated in a circle, portions of it may bounce off aircraft and back towards the radar site. The radar scope that is attached to the receiving unit has an electronic "line" that moves around in a circle, in the same manner as a hand of a clock. The line corresponds to the direction that the radar reflector is presently pointing. This gives the radar operator the bearing, or direction, of the aircraft from the radar site. The range, or distance, is determined by the time that the pulse takes to travel outward from the transmitter and be reflected back to the receiver. This type of radar is referred to as search radar.

With this simplified concept of radar in mind, lets look at some common misconceptions we may have concerning radar reports of UFOs:

One of several things that determines the maximum distance at which objects can be "seen" with radar, is the speed at which the radar reflector turns. If it turns too fast the reflector will have moved too far to properly focus the returning weak pulses from the most distant objects back into the waveguide, and to the receiver. Think of the reflector as making a complete circle about once every 30 seconds or so.

Once the narrow vertical beam intersects with an airborne object, the reflected pulse travels back to the receiver and is displayed on the radar screen as a small dot, called a blip. The radar does not display another blip until the reflector rotates completely around and intersects the object again. The speed can then be determined by comparing the distance that the object traveled between blips. The radar has no idea at all as to what the object did in between blips.

In other words, this type of radar cannot determine if the object is making right-angle turns, or even minor maneuvers. It can only detect where the object is during the brief instant that the rotating beam reflects off of it. Only a rough guess of the light path can be made by plotting out the position of several blips.

Search radar also cannot show the altitude of an object. To determine altitude you would need a height-finder radar. But how, you ask, is the altitude of aircraft normally determined? Mounted on top of the reflector is a narrow horizontal antenna that sends out a coded radio signal, also in a beam similar to the radar pattern. Whenever the radar detects an airborne object, it also sends out the coded radio transmission, which is picked up by a special receiver on the aircraft, which then sends coded information back to the radar's radio antenna. The receiver/transmitter unit on the aircraft is called a transponder.

The transponder is connected to the aircraft's altimeter, and sends this information back to the radar site. The transponder also contains information about the aircraft's flight plan, what type of aircraft (military, commercial, private, other...), and other useful data. But, the transponder data is not displayed on the radar scope. It's part of a separate transmitting and receiving system. So how do radar operators manage to keep track of all this input? This is where radar gets interesting.

NOBODY IS LOOKING AT THE ACTUAL RADAR RETURNS, and haven't been since the 1960s. It's all handled by computers. There is an

actual radar scope at the receiving site, but it is only used for maintenance and testing. Someone could be looking at this scope, but trust me, this get very boring after a while, and anyone at the site soon learns to ignore this scope. The actual radar operators are often some distance away, and don't have access to an actual radar scope. What they are looking at is a computer generated simulation of a combination of the radar and transponders returns. More on this later. First, lets return to the radar site where I was stationed in North Charleston.

The UFO report stated that the radar site had been contacted, and that the UFO had been confirmed by radar. This couldn't be true, since anyone rarely ever looked at the actual radar scope. Even if they were, they wouldn't be aware that a UFO was being displayed among the many blips being displayed on the scope. (This site was located next to the Charleston Airport and Charleston AFB, a very busy MAC base during that time period)

The North Charleston Radar site was an Aerospace Defense Command site that collected and passed along East Coast radar and flight data to NORAD. If someone had managed to find a correct telephone number to contact the site, they wouldn't have been given any sensitive information, even though there wasn't any information to give. The radar and transponder information were automatically fed into a computer, which processed the signals and passed them along to NORAD via a network that was the forerunner of today's internet.

[Note: this is where the internet actually started. The Military had to have a reliable method of getting this sensitive data across the country from various radar and information gathering sites via several different pathways. Research facilities and certain universities were later added to this Government/Military network, where their employees began using the network for business and personal applications. As other institutions were added, this network eventually got out of control of the Government, resulting in today' World Wide Web.

There are stories that this was all planned by the Shadow Government as a means of monitoring and controlling future civilian communications and transactions. One of the stories states that all e-mail goes through the Pentagon, and is monitored by special computers for content.]

Let's go back now to how radar data is monitored. After being processed by computers, the radar and transponder signals are then displayed on special screens, to be user by radar operators, now called air traffic controllers. Instead of blips, a different symbol is displayed on the screen for various types of aircraft. A military aircraft, for example, would be represented by a star. Next to the symbol is displayed an aircraft's ID number and the altitude.

Any airborne object not sending back a transponder signal would automatically be considered an unknown by the computer and would immediately issue an alert to NORAD. An interceptor aircraft would then be dispatched to make a visual sighting. Most of these intercepts turn out to aircraft with malfunctioning transponders, but some of the rest are now part of UFO history.

Another benefit of having computers control radar data is that the computer program can be controlled so as to ignore certain aircraft. Black Project crafts could fly around at night without lights and not be "seen" by any air traffic controllers. (How many times have mysterious craft been seen by civilian and commercial pilots and not be confirmed by airport radar?) Aircraft could also be displayed that are not really there. The president could leave for a claimed destination, only to divert to another secret location, with air traffic controllers "seeing" his plane continue on to the original destination. If duplicate Air Force Ones were used, no one would suspect that the switch had occurred.

[Note: This reminds me of the recent disappearance of the President's plane on radar, which was linked to a New Jersey site being momentarily shutdown for repairs. I fail to see why a site would be scheduled for shutdown during a presidential flyover, and if so, why would there be cause for concern if there were two backup sites as claimed. There is more to this story, and maybe more information will be leaked about this disappearance.]

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 98 12:05:57 PDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 15:01:03 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> Date: Sat, 4 Apr 1998 23:34:27 -0500
> From: The Duke of Mendoza <101653.2205@compuserve.com> [Peter Brookesmith]
> Subject: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> The Duke of Mendoza presents his compliments to the List.

> >To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
> >Date: Sat, 04 Apr 98 11:40:08 PST

> > Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 21:27:33 -0800 (Pacific Standard Time)
> > From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
> > To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> So much for that. Whereas, Jerome also (post cited above) wrote:

> >All I ask
> >is that you don't bring your beliefs into a secular arena where
> >logic and evidence, not belief matters, are at issue. There is a
> >place to take up the latter, and it's not here.

> But with that I have to disagree. So much of "ufology" is
> entangled with "belief" - from extreme debunker to extreme true
> believer - that, I submit, it's impossible to draw a line between
> what is secular and what is not in this field (not excluding
> debunkers - in the Truzzian sense of the word - from this rough
> delineation).

Well, true, more or less, I guess, but also not entirely so.
"Belief" used in contexts such as the above is sometimes abused
in ufological polemic, where the real subtext is: "What I know I
know, and what you think you know you only believe." Yes, people
do hold foolish points of view (e.g., everybody who disagrees
with me), but ideally, theoretically, and sometimes even
demonstrably, ideas in ufology can be argued, and eventually
resolved, using reason and evidence. Religious matters are
another question, as any good theologian would agree. That's why
such folk talk about faith and why some regard as blasphemous the
effort to bring scientific validation to Bible or other religious
claims.

> I would say: don't exclude, or refuse admittance, anyone from the
> debate. If you have faith [sic] in rational argument then you
> have landed yourself with the duty of demonstrating its superior
> powers - *and* abiding by its inevitable limitations.

> Besides, it ain't your List already, that you should set the rules!

I wasn't setting the rules. I thought Errol does those things,
and as far as I have been led to believe, this is not a list
dealing with Bible prophecy. If it is, let me off.

Except for these cavils, I loved your posting, Duke.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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German "Jets" in World War II

From: jan@cyberzone.net (Jan Aldrich)
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 12:34:17 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 15:03:42 -0400
Subject: German "Jets" in World War II

Extract of Message from to HQ, 9th AF from HQ 9th Tactical
Air Command about activity during the night of 21/22 Nov 1944

The 422d Night Fighter Squadron encountered:

"4-6 Jet E/A in Coblenz area, 1900-2000 hours. 3 seen at one
time, line abreast. 1 twin ket [sic] E/A senn in same area...."

For night 27/28 Nov 1944:

"Three jet planes active in Cologne-Bonn area, 2330-0330."

Some aviation historians have spoken on the lack of German jet night
fighter squadrons in this area. However, the radar and other
training to make good night fighters might not be needed if the
only purpose was to attack ground positions at night.

The 422d NFS was LTC (later Gen) O. B. Johnson's squadron.
Because of his attitude they could not report "foo-fighters,"
they could, however, report "jets" and "rockets." They did
make such reports with the regularity that the 415th reported
"foo-fighters."

The question is what night jet activity was there near the Rhein
and Mosel areas.

The British pilots reported "phoo-fighters," "The Light" or "The
Thing." They also tried to rationalize their sightings by saying
there was some type of light located in the nose of the enemy
aircraft. Later their reports became jets or rockets.

It would be interesting to know to what extend German jets were
active at night. Any information on German jet night activity
would be most welcome.

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Jan Aldrich
Project 1947
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UK.UFO.NW -IRC- guest Kevin Randle

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Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 14:57:41 -0400
Subject: UK.UFO.NW -IRC- guest Kevin Randle

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- Please note that uk.ufo.nw have now changed IRC servers. We now meet on Chatnet. A full list of Chatnet servers can be found at the foot of this mail -

Saturday 11th April 1998

United Kingdom UFO Network are proud to announce our special guest:

Kevin Randle

Kevin will be answering your questions live in a moderated meeting starting at 11pm (UK time) Saturday 11th April 1998.

Kevin D. Randle is a professional writer who, for more than twenty years, has been studying the UFO phenomenon. Training by the Army as a helicopter pilot, and by the Air Force as an intelligence officer, provides Randle with a unique insight into the operations of the military, their investigations of UFOs, and into a phenomenon that has puzzled people since the Kenneth Arnold UFO sighting in June 1947.

During his investigations, Randle has traveled the United States to interview hundreds of witnesses who were involved in everything from the famous Roswell, New Mexico UFO crash of 1947, to the repeated radar sightings of UFOs over Washington, D.C. in 1952, to the latest of the abduction cases. Randle was among the first journalists to have the opportunity to review the files of the Air Force's UFO study, Project Blue Book when they were declassified in 1976. As a writer, Randle has produced more than 80 books on a variety of topics. In 1988 he published The October Scenario about alien abductions. In 1989, he wrote The UFO Casebook, an in-depth look at some of the biggest UFO cases in the last fifty years. In 1991, his UFO Crash at Roswell, co-authored with Donald R. Schmitt, was published, which provided the ground work for the ShowTime feature "Roswell." The Truth about the UFO Crash at Roswell was published in 1994. The hardback contained new witnesses and new data about the controversial case. A History of UFO Crashes was published in 1995. It was a study of the reports of UFO crashes, beginning with tales from the Great Airship in 1897, and included the latest about the fraudulent MJ-12 documents.

Although the lion's share of his work has been fiction, much of that required extensive research. Science fiction novels that explored the Battle of the Alamo, Gettysburg and the Battle of the Little Bighorn, were as accurate in every detail as they could possibly be. Randle spent time at the battlefields, spends days in archival research, and more time compiling detailed research notes using various books, articles and newspaper accounts.

He has published military oriented science fiction novels including Seeds of War, The Aldebaran Campaign, and The Aquarian Campaign. He is the author of the science fiction series Jefferson's War and Star Percinct. He is a lifetime member of Science Fiction Writers of America.

He has written on various subjects including a theory that Francis Gary Powers was not shot down by a Soviet missile, but that his plane was sabotaged in Turkey before the flight began. In his nonfiction articles, he has written about the Vietnam War, the Civil War, and even the Fetterman Massacre of 1866. Using the historical records available, Randle has learned how to reconstruct history from eyewitness accounts, interviews, and the vast research resources available.

Randle, a respected author, has published more than eighty articles about UFOs. He has also appeared on a variety of national television programs including Unsolved Mysteries, 48 Hours, Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Larry King Live, The Maury Povich Show, Rolanda, Sonya Live, A Closer Look with Faith Daniels and Sightings. He has consulted on a number of video projects and has helped write or produce several.

Randle provides a unique way of looking at the UFO phenomenon, is quick to point out the hoax and the fraud, and leave the fine residue of reliable cases. In a field filled with misinformation, government manipulation, and outright fraud, that is the best that can be done.

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+Made into the ShowTime movie: Roswell
++ with Russ Estes

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Consultant Channel 4 (UK) Alien Autopsy - 1995
Writer Roswell Remembered - 1997

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Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

From: Bruno Mancusi <Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 15:57:35 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

Hi list members, I'm new to this list,

>Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 09:28:55 +0200
>From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Cc: Mancusi Bruno <Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch>

> >From: koch@wad.berlin.fido.de (Joachim Koch)
> >Date: 03 Apr 98 00:10:00 +0000

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> >"Mr. Armin Risi presented a sensationel revelation to the
> >audience: in January 1997, the Tessin tv-station "TSI" (which is
> >the tv-station of the Italian speaking part of Switzerland)
> >broadcasted a high-class four part tv-documentation about UFOs.
> >The producer was the renowned journalist Guido Ferrari. After the
> >documentations a discussion took place with professors and ph.d's
> >of the relevant sciences. Among them was Dr. Dino Dini from
> >Italy, a longstanding NASA employee, who has been invited to
> >argufy from the sceptic point of view.

> Dino Dini can hardly be described as a UFO "sceptic".

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> Since at least 1992, Dino Dini has written and spoken publicly about
> UFOs, as a member of the "Scientific Committee" of the Italian
> fundamentalist UFO group, Centro Ufologico Nazionale (CUN)

> >Near the end of the discussion the TSI performed an uncut film of
> >the Moon landing. You could see, how astronaut Neil Armstrong
> >entered the Moon and you could hear what he said:

<snip>

> Our Swiss colleagues do own a tape recording of that
> TV program. I am sending copy of this message to Bruno Mancusi, who
> might be able to give more details, even if only to confirm or deny
> what Dino Dini actually said on TV.

Thank you Edoardo, I agree mostly with you. The transcript, I
have no time to verify, but the conversation with the
astronaut seems correct (based on my recollections). The answer
of Dino Dini can well be OK too, because he was a UFO buff before
being a so-called "former NASA employee" (which is not proven).

Some other remarks :

1. The Guido Ferrari's show "UFO" was 4 episodes broadcast by
Televisione Svizzera di lingua Italiana (TSI, Italian-speaking
Swiss television):

a) "UFO : top secret", 12 January 1997, 9:15 PM (sightings).
(This first episode was also broadcast by the German-speaking
Swiss television SFL on 27 September 1997, 4:05 PM.)

- b) "UFO: incontri ravvicinati", 13 January 1997, 9:40 PM (contactees and abductions).
- c) "UFO: antichi astronauti", 12 January 1997, 10:45 PM (ancient astronauts).
- d) "UFO: cosmic Watergate", 14 January 1997, 8:30 PM (cover-up).

The lunar and space sightings were presented in the last one, which was followed by a "debate" with Auguste Meessen, Corrado Malanga, Dino Dini, Giorgio Buonvino and Roberto Pinotti. But there was no skeptic researcher or scientist, so there was no real debate.

2. The "high-class four part tv-documentation about UFOs" is indeed interesting, but completely biased in the pro-ETH direction.

For example, here are some names of interviewed people: Stanton Friedman, Reg Presley, Robert Dean, Wendelle Stevens, Bruce Maccabee, Carlos Diaz, Jaime Maussan, Zecharia Sitchin, Robert Bauval, Colin Andrews, Guido Moosbrugger, Corrado Malanga, Roberto Pinotti, Giorgio Dibitonto, Giorgio Bongiovanni.

I was interviewed myself by Ferrari in July 1995 but this didn't appear in the show, perhaps I was too serious...

3. It's usual in Italy to exaggerate peoples titles and qualifications. For example all participants in the "debate" on January 14, 1997, were presented as "professor at the University of..." which is correct only (it seems) for Meessen (Belgium).

4. But the Dino Dini claims and qualifications are not important. It would be far more interesting to hear from NASA if that damned footage on the Moon (with the voices) is authentic or not !

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Editor: Joseph Trainor

TRIANGULAR UFOs SIGHTED IN SOUTHERN INDIANA

Numerous V-shaped or triangular UFOs were sighted last week in southern Indiana around Evansville (population 126,272).

On Sunday, March 22, 1998, at 10 p.m., ufologist Lynn Taylor and his wife Linda were driving home to Bloomington on Highway 37. As they neared Martinsville (population 11,677), about 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of Indianapolis, the couple "got a glimpse of a giant, round, dimly-lit object, perhaps 50 feet above a hill, off to our right," i.e. to the west. Taylor reported, "This is only the fourth time I have witnessed this type of object."

On Monday, March 23, 1998, Cal Washburn, an Indiana TV producer, spotted a UFO in the sky over Spurgeon, Ind. (population 250), while traveling on Highway Highway 61 about 19 miles (30 kilometers) south of Petersburg.

As he reached a hilltop, Washburn "could see through (the branches of) a tree, some lights that were 'enormous.'" He counted "four to six red-colored lights that were in a 'perfect row.'" He reported that "another four or five lights went off and on intermittently...They moved in a perfect formation. It was as if they were attached to something."

On Friday evening, March 27, 1998, three residents of Evansville called WTVW Channel 7 and reported seeing "a light twice as bright as Venus." Looking closer, they spied a triangular UFO with "yellow, white and blue bright lights...with a brilliant white light on the leading edge."

In Princeton, Ind. (population 8,127), located on Highway 64 about 27 miles (43 kilometers) north of Evansville, residents reported "a large ring of UFOs seen at the rear of the Toyota manufacturing plant" on the outskirts of town.

In Petersburg, Ind. (population 2,449), located on Highway 57 about 14 miles (23 kilometers) north of Princeton, people reported seeing "a large grey triangle with five lights on one side."

A "giant flying triangle" was also reported that evening in Otwell, Ind. (population 500), located on Highway 257 about eight miles (11 kilometers) southeast of Petersburg.

At 11:02 p.m., Jana Taylor, 14, daughter of Lynn and Linda Taylor of Bloomington, was riding in a car with her friend Karen and Karen's mother, Kate, on old Highway 37 just south of Dolan, Ind. when she spotted something strange in the sky.

Jana said she "spotted a triangle-shaped craft hovering motionless, about 15 feet above the trees on a hillside off to our right."

"You could make out the shape because of light

pollution from (nearby) Bloomington," Jana reported, "The object had a large, bright bluish-white light at each of the three corners. You know what it would look like if you had a blue lens, then put a white lightbulb behind it that's too bright, how the white will overpower the blue, but you could still see some blue?"

Jana pointed it out to Karen and her mother. Kate pulled onto a side road. Here they saw more lights on the craft, which Jana described as "four non-blinking red lights that could be seen in the middle area." The UFO then "turned southwest towards Bloomington and dropped behind the hills nearby." (Many thanks to Lynn Taylor, Steve Wilson Sr., Jerry Stevers of MUFON and Kenneth Young of Tri-States Advocates for Scientific Knowledge, T.A.S.K., for these reports.)

TWO UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED IN WESTERN KENTUCKY

On Saturday evening, March 28, 1998, witnesses in Hawesville, Kentucky (population 1,150), a town on the south shore of the Ohio River 40 miles (64 kilometers) east of Evansville, Indiana, reported sighting "a very bright light in the eastern sky, moving slowly to the south."

On Tuesday, March 31, 1998, Mortimer V. Sloane spotted a "blinking red light on my farm coming from the southwest. I didn't see any structure, just the flashing lights. I have to tell you, this cannot be seen without binoculars--there's something about the red. It's hard to pick out. They stayed in view for two to five minutes. They were about 45 degrees (above the horizon), maybe a little higher. There was no other glow except for the blinking red light."

He described the UFO as looking like this * in the binoculars' field of view.

The Sloane farm is near Wakefield, Kentucky, on Highway 85 about 36 miles (58 kilometers) southeast of Louisville. (Email Interview)

TWO NEW SIGHTINGS ON FLORIDA'S EAST COAST

On Sunday, March 29, 1998, at 5:30 p.m., Kathy D. woke up at her home in North Palm Beach, Florida (population 11,343) on Route 1 about 70 miles (112 kilometers) north of Miami. "I rose early at 5:30 a.m. to get my cat, who was out on the patio, and looked up in the east-southeast sky to see a light, and I do mean a huge, bright white light. It was about one-third the size of a full moon. Unbelievable!"

"My first thought is that it was a UFO, but then I tried to rationalize it. I thought perhaps it was an airplane headlight...it was so big and bright, heading directly towards me. It was approaching West Palm Beach from the (Atlantic) ocean at about 3,000 to 5,000 feet. But it didn't change course or move at all. The clouds obscured it, and minutes later, it was gone."

Thinking no more of it, Kathy went back to bed. Later on Sunday, however, she received a phone call from some friends living in Hobe Sound, Fla. (population 11,507) on Route 1 about 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of North Palm Beach. "And they had seen the same thing--a large bright light in the sky which they viewed for a half hour, from 5 a.m. to 5:30 a.m." (Email Interview)

GLOWING UFO SIGHTED IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS

On Saturday, March 28, 1998, at 11 p.m., Mike H., a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and his son, Charlie, 17 "were driving on Texas Highway 287 south and approaching (Interstate Highway) I-30 out of downtown Fort Worth (population 447,619) when we watched an unusual object over the Trinity River area."

"At first we thought it was just an airplane," Mike reported. "But then we noticed that the object had several very intense rapidly-strobing green, red and white lights, all three strobing at the same time, almost the way it looks when a police car pulls someone over."

"We noticed that there were no other lights visible

on the object during the strobing effect. Then, suddenly, the light turned to an all-green light, then all white. This lasted only about a second, then back to the strobing effect again. We did notice the object darting back and forth rapidly. Sometimes it appeared to jump from side to side, causing the light to strobe here, then suddenly a few feet (away) in another direction."

"It also darted off about a half mile in one direction, then suddenly dart up 1,000 feet (300 meters), then back in the opposite direction. Then it changed course, moving at an incredible speed in an easterly direction...Then it suddenly turned and went in the opposite direction."

With Mike driving east on I-30, son Charlie kept the object in view "for another five minutes" until they "lost sight of it." (Email Interview)

UFO SEEN APPROACHING A JETLINER IN OKLAHOMA

On Saturday, March 28, 1998, at 8:30 p.m., Hal A. was outdoors near his home in McAlester, Oklahoma (population 16,370), on Highway 270 about 128 miles (205 kilometers) south of Oklahoma City, when he spotted an unusual light in the sky.

"I spotted a solid color orange-yellow light traveling northeast," Hal reported. "I watched it for about two minutes. I first thought it was a satellite, but at the same time a commercial jet--it had (standard FAA) blinking red and white strobe lights--was traveling southwest on the same flight path."

"The yellow object passed underneath the jet, and was so close it lit up the bottom of the plane!"

"I thought they were going to collide up to that point. The object traveled for another five minutes and then blinked out. Just disappeared." (Many thanks to Jim Hickman, vice president of Skywatch International, for this report.)

SAUCER TOUCHES DOWN NEAR SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

On Thursday, April 2, 1998, at 12:30 a.m., editor Stefan Duncan of American UFO Newsletter (AUFON) was staked out on the shore of High Rock Lake ten miles (16 kilometers) east of Salisbury, North Carolina (population 23,087). Using a pair of 7X10 binoculars, he scanned the night sky.

Salisbury is on Highway 29 about 115 miles (184 kilometers) west of Raleigh.

Stefan then spotted "a light in the sky, not blinking, of white, yellow, red...At times it appeared like it had a line of light running across, like looking at Saturn straight on with its rings." (That is, a sphere with an illuminated raised rim--J.T.)

The Saturn-shaped UFO "rose vertically, hovered and remained stationary for five minutes. Then the object began to descend straight down until it disappeared behind the trees" two miles away.

At 1 a.m., Stefan reported, "The object rose vertically from the same position of the treeline about two inches high (in the field of view) and remained stationary. It was the Saturn shape again. It brightened for about ten seconds, then resumed its regular shine."

At 1:25 a.m., a smaller object "with the same brightness" detached itself from the UFO. "It flashed brightly twice." He described the scene as resembling this:

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"They stayed in this position for about thirty seconds, and then reformed into one object. Then the object took on the Saturn shape. The light blacked out." (For the full story see, American UFO Newsletter #5 for 1998. Many thanks to Stefan Duncan for this report.)

UFO FLYBY WITNESSED IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

On Wednesday, March 11, 1998, at 12:25 p.m., MUFON member Dennis Hawley was standing in a parking lot in Virginia Beach, Virginia (population 393,069) when

he spotted a UFO.

"The UFO was flying very high and fast before disappearing into the haze." Dennis reported, adding that he "originally thought the object was a balloon, but realized it was flying too fast and straight. The UFO was first observed to the southeast flying in from the Atlantic Ocean about three miles away. The object flew on a straight course to the northwest."

He described the UFO as a "metallic disc, glowing and extremely fast" and estimated it to be "about the real size of an airliner."

Virginia Beach is on Highway 58 about 110 miles (176 kilometers) southeast of Richmond, the state capital. (See Filer's Files #13 for 1998. Many thanks to Dennis Hawley, George A. Filer and Rick Atristain, Virginia state MUFON director, for this report.)

COUPLE SIGHTS TRIANGULAR UFO IN CENTRAL MICHIGAN

On Thursday, March 26, 1998, at 9:15 p.m., Kenneth and Katarina M. "were enjoying the clear evening" at their home in Brighton, Michigan (population 5,686). a town on Interstate Highway I-23 about 30 miles (48 kilometers) west of Detroit.

"Suddenly, we noticed something unusual coming from the north," Katarina reported. "An object passed over our heads in a straight-line direction. The object had a V-shape with real bright white-yellowish lights underneath. We watched it for about four seconds until it passed behind our house. The object made no sound at all." (Many thanks to Tim Hagemeister of NACOMM for this report.)

UFOs SEEN FREQUENTLY IN EAST KILBRIDE, SCOTLAND

East Kilbride is fast becoming the Gulf Breeze of Scotland. UFOs have been reported daily there during the past two weeks.

According to the East Kilbride News, "Dozens of residents have reported strange objects, including a pancake-shaped flying saucer, hovering above the town."

"David Cornes, 59, of Murray spotted three military jets chasing a flashing UFO the evening of January 25," 1998.

On Thursday, March 26, 1998, driving instructor Brenda Hughie, 39, of Greenhills was giving a road lesson to Tricia McLean, 46, on Strathaven Road. when "a flashing object crossed the sky."

"The dazzling light" startled Brenda, and she "got out of her grey Vauxhall Corsa for a better look."

"I don't believe in UFOs, but afterwards I felt dizzy and weak," she reported, "'When I got home, the whole room was spinning. Everyone thinks I am crazy. They don't believe me!'"

Whitehills resident Tricia McLean reported, "I saw six flashing lights in the sky. Two were brighter and went in different directions. Brenda watched it out the windscreen (windshield) first, and then I stopped the car."

East Kilbride is 30 miles (48 kilometers) southeast of Glasgow, Scotland's largest city. (See the East Kilbride News for March 27, 1998, "It's An L of a UFO" by Susie Kelly. Many thanks to Dave Ledger for this report.)

UFO VIDEOTAPED HOVERING OVER A BEACH IN BRAZIL

On Saturday, March 28, 1998, hundreds of people relaxing on the beach at Praia do Jose Menino in the seaport city of Santos were startled when an OVNI (Portuguese acronym for UFO) suddenly appeared offshore.

Santos is in southern Brazil, about 120 kilometers (72 miles) southeast of Sao Paulo.

As the UFO hovered over Ilha da Urubuquecaba, an offshore island, Valentim do Nascimento Junior picked up his videocam and began shooting footage. The UFO was described as "a disc-shaped object covered with a

luminosity in the colors yellow, green and blue."

Nascimento videotaped the UFO for 40 minutes as the beachgoers watched it hover. Then, "the light flickering strangely," the UFO zipped away over the horizon.

Wallacy Albino, director-general of Grupo de Estudos Ufologicos do Guarujá, a Brazilian UFO group, has studied the Nascimento video. He said that at one point "a smaller light left the OVNI, circulated in the sky and then returned to the object." (See the Brazilian newspaper Gazeta de Limeira for March 30, 1998, "OVNI e Filmado por 40 Minutos na Praia de Jose Menino." Muito obrigado a Pedro Cunha por eso caso.)

CIGAR-SHAPED UFO SEEN NEAR CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

Three people witnessed a cigar-shaped UFO in the sky over Bexley, just north of Christchurch, South Island, in New Zealand on Monday, March 30, 1998.

At 8:30 p.m., Edith Perkins saw what she called "a capsule or cigar-shaped object at first...silver-whitish body, darker grey forked tail."

"At the time I was doing some chores in our backyard," she reported, "We live by the coastal line of New Brighton. Naturally I looked up and I observed, still overhead, the silver-whitish object coming. I was facing west. The rounded edges, front and back, of the object called my attention. Its size appeared to be about 10 centimeters (five inches) long (if held at arm's length--J.T.)." She estimated its altitude to be 30,000 feet but "was puzzled that there was no trail behind it."

Edith went to fetch a pair of 7X35 binoculars. She was soon joined by her husband and a home-care nurse. As they watched, "suddenly a very bright light covered the object. It did not happen as a flash of light. It had a beginning" and at the end of the light burst, "I was seeing a different rear on the craft, a forked end to it, the colour of it was dark grey."

Another burst of light occurred, "and the object presented a rim, all around the craft, with either intermittent colour lights on the rim or a rotating rim." She described the lights as "reddish-orange tones." The UFO flew out over Pegasus Bay, heading northeast. (Many thanks to Ross Dowe and the Australia/New Zealand 24-Hour UFO Hotline for this report.)

TWO NEW UFO SIGHTINGS IN SOUTHEAST AUSTRALIA

Two UFOs were reported Friday night, March 27, 1998, in southeastern Australia.

At 7:30 p.m., people at Lake Corangamite in Victoria state, 192 kilometers (120 miles) west of Melbourne, reported "sighting a large and bright orange fireball cross the whole sky." They described it as "a large meteor with a long tail."

At 8:10 p.m., in Batemans Bay, New South Wales, a shore town 256 kilometers (160 miles) south of Sydney, witnesses saw "two orange lights with odd square or rectangular tails follow each other. They headed southeast south from the northeast. The illuminations were traveling too slow to be satellites and appeared to be in the atmosphere." (Many thanks to Ross Dowe and the Australia/New Zealand 24-Hour UFO Hotline for these reports.)

THREE SILVER SPHERE UFOs SPOTTED IN ONTARIO

On Saturday, March 28, 1998, at 7:09 p.m., Amy Hill was driving on Route 401 near Oshawa, Ontario, Canada (population 129,344) when she spotted three spherical, silvery UFOs in the night sky.

"My husband and I were driving westward on the 401," Amy reported, "We watched three circular objects. They were almost clear-looking whitish balls. They moved in a circular pattern and would come and join in the center, then move out, go around in a circle, and then repeat the same" maneuver. "We pulled over to watch."

Oshawa is 30 miles (50 kilometers) northeast of Toronto. (Many thanks to Kenneth Young of T.A.S.K. for this report.)

from the UFO Files...

1485: CICERO'S DAUGHTER

or "Who Left the Light On?"

In April 1485, workmen quarrying for marble near the old Appian Way in Rome, Italy made a strange discovery. They broke into an underground chamber with "walls of smooth stone" that was "illuminated by a bright lampada (lamp) cool to the touch."

They also discovered the body of a black-haired teenaged girl in unfamiliar clothing.

Among those who visited the mysterious crypt was Bartolomeo Fonte, a Renaissance artist from Firenze (Florence). He described the find in a letter to his friend, Francesco Sassetti.

"They discovered there a marble sarcophagus. On opening it they found a body on its back covered by a substance two inches thick, greasy and perfumed. The oforous crust was removed beginning at the head, there appeared to them a face of such limpid paleness it seemed as if the young lady had been buried that day. Her long black hair still hung from her skull, parted and knotted to suit a young girl and fastened in a little net of silk and gold."

Some people thought she was Tullia, daughter of the Roman writer/statesman Marcus Tullius Cicero. Tullia married Cornelius Dolabella in 47 B.C. and dropped out of the history books.

Others were not so sure, however. Ponte wrote, "Tiny ears, low forehead, black eyelashes, finally eyes of singular shape, under whose eyelids the cornea still appeared. Even the nostrils were still intact and so soft as to vibrate at the simple touch of a finger. Her red lips half-closed, small and white teeth, her scarlet tongue near the palate. Her cheeks, tongue, neck seemed to palpitate. Her arms hung down intact from her shoulders so that you wished you could have moved them. Her nails still adhered firmly to her long, outstretched hands, also if you had tried, you would not have succeeded in detaching them. Her breasts, stomach and womb were, on the contrary, compressed at one side and, after the removal of the aromatic crust, they decomposed. Her back, sides and buttocks instead had conserved their contours and marvelous shapes, just like her thighs and legs, which in life had presented even greater prizes than her face."

"In short, this must have concerned the most beautiful young woman of noble family during the period when Rome was at its greatest splendor. However, the majestic monument under the crypt had been destroyed many centuries or so ago, without there remaining even an inscription. Also the sarcophagus did not bear any sign. We know neither the name of the young woman nor her origin nor her age."

The discovery also upset a lot of people, notably Pope Innocent VIII. He was troubled by the implications of the "aromatic crust," some sort of ancient preservative that completely stymied decomposition. Even worse was the mysterious lamp "cool to the touch" that had been burning for at least 1,400 years.

The pope ordered the Capitoline Hill crypt sealed and had "Tullia" quietly reburied in an Italian convent.

As a result, today all that remains of "Tullia" is the charcoal sketch of her Bartolomeo Fonte drew in that mysterious vault five hundred years ago. (See the article "Il Franciulla e La Lampada" in *Il Giornale del Misteri*, Number 7, Autumn 1971, by Mara Calabri, Corrado Tedeschi Editore, Firenze, Italy. Reprinted in *GODS AND SPACEMEN IN GREECE AND ROME* by W. Raymond Drake, Signet Books, New American Library, New York, N.Y. 1976, page 174.)

(Editor's Comment: I sometimes wonder if "Tullia" might be a dead princess from the lost civilization of Saturnia. The mysterious crypt was found on the Capitoline Hill in Rome. Roman author Marcus

Terrentius Varro, in his book DE LINGUA LATINA, writes, "This hill was previously called the Saturnian Hill, we are informed by the writers, and from this Latium has been called the Saturnian Land...It is recorded that on this hill was an old town named Saturnia. Even now (That is, in 50 B.C., when the real Tullia was still a schoolgirl--J.T.) there remain evidences of it; that there is a temple of Saturn by the passage leading to the hill; that there is a Saturnian gate, which Junius writes of as there, which they now call Pondana, that behind the temple of Saturn in the lawns for the buildings of private persons, the back walls are mentioned as the Saturnian Wells.")

Today is the birthday of Judith Ann Resnick, one of the seven astronauts who died in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger January 28, 1986. Judy was born on April 5, 1949.

We'll be back next week with more saucer news from "the paper that goes home--UFO ROUNDUP." See you then.

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George Andersen Contact Address Needed

From: "AlexField" <alex@abcfield.force9.co.uk> [Ben Field]
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 1998 22:39:44 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 18:07:59 -0400
Subject: George Andersen Contact Address Needed

I am looking for a contact address or a phone number for the famous psychic George Andersen of Long Island, New York. I saw him appear in the Australian series 'Beyond Belief'. He is a medium, who communicates with the spirits of the deceased and conveys the information to their relatives and friends. I would really appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Thank you in advance.

Please Email me with any information.

Thankyou.

Ben

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>

Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 13:59:43 -0500

Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 18:01:24 -0400

Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>

>From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>

>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

>Date: Sat, 04 Apr 98 11:40:08 PST

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Just because there appears to have been a "technological dark
ages," which covered a span of several thousand years, does not
in the least mean that some earlier civilization could not have
developed the very things, which Ezekiel's visions try to portray
in non-technical terms.

Are we so cynical that we, supposedly on the verge of possibly
the greatest technical advances in the recent history of mankind,
close our eyes to the ancient myths and legends which purport to
support the very advances which we are achieving today?

Why do we, who know that history is not necessarily portrayed in
its correctness, by modern scholars, so readily defend their
deceitfulness with mankind, just to protect their "belief"
patterns, and thus deprive mankind of their ancient heritage and
promote their self induced ideology of human greatness, in this
period.

"Man is the at the greatest point of technology in his entire
history." What rubbish! It is this attitude which has kept the
entire world from accessing Mt. Ararat, in Turkey to check on the
validity of the "Ark" or the Egyptian Archeologists/Government
preventing American Archeologists from opening the newly found
underground chambers beneath the Sphinx.

All of this in the name of "Traditional history."

It is nothing more than man's ego. Living in the "greatness of
the past," but yet afraid to discover that those who built those
great stone monuments may very well have had a technological

civilization or connection to one, and lost it. If this is the case, then they would rather deprive their own people of that knowledge, in order to maintain their own ruse of self importance.

Human ego...what a joke. A Yoke around the neck of the enlightened. <sigh>

>Moreover, as Eddie Bullard has shown (and my own independent >historical investigations confirm), there is no good evidence of >a modern UFO phenomenon before the very early 1800s or very late >1700s. For particulars, see Bullard's long essay "Anomalous >Aerial Phenomena Before 1800" in my The Emergence of a Phenomenon >(1992).

"...there is no good evidence of a modern UFO phenomenon before the very early 1800s or very late 1700s." So, you attribute the "modern" age of ufology to extend back into the 17 and 1800's? To what do you attribute the "ancient" phenomena, say as recorded in the ancient "Vedas," or the "Book of Dyzan?" Do you just kiss that off as ancient mythologies, i.e., wild imaginations? I think not. To do so is to assume the role I have ascribed to the modern scholars and archeologists. The blind leading the blind if you will.

>> Another well known UFO sighting in the Bible occurred at >> time of Jesus' birth (The Star of Bethlehem). Although scholars >> have long speculated on the exact date of this UFO sighting, Grant >> also shows that the Bible itself answers this - the Feast of >> Tabernacles, 1 B.C. (see Appendix B of Grant Jeffrey's book).

>"UFO sighting?" Based on what evidence? The Star of Bethlehem >has been more plausibly explained as a conjunction of planets.

>Jerry Clark

I guess it is easy to dismiss some things as "plausible" because they better fit our comfortable ideology, Jerry.

Yet, we have seen conjunction of planets in recent times, yet, at no time have I observed these conjunct stars appear to move from horizon to horizon on a daily basis, leading me to a definite destination, before they come to a complete standstill and remain there for an undetermined length of time.

Have you noticed that once the star has guided its observers to the point in Bethlehem, it is not mentioned any further? Why is that? IF this is a conjunction of planets, and "observed" by "shepherds," and "followed" by "wise men, or Maji" from the East, then why would they so readily, as well as the writers of the Book of Mathew, chapter 2, vs. 1 - 12, and Luke 2, vs. 1 -20, just forget about the "Star" once they had reached their goal?

A person does not have to be a "Conservative" anything to Know Biblical history. All one needs to do is "study," with an "open mind."

Apparently there is quite an aversion to anything, historical, which smacks of "religious" ideology. Must anything from Scriptural references always be construed as "religious"?

Religion is a man made system based on the teachings or philosophies of the person after whom it is named by it's followers. It is not necessarily the same as Scriptural History. Yet, Scriptures, or the written word of history can be interpreted and applied as one see's fit, according to one's needs.

Just a few thoughts, Jerry.

Take care.

REgards, Mike

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If you don't have ICQ you can page me through: My Personal Communication Center: <http://www.mirabilis.com/7508455> (go there and try it!)

Or you can send me a regular e-mail to my EmailExpress address: 7508455@pager.mirabilis.com.

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<http://www.icq.com/emailsigs.html>.

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Michael Christol -----

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Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

From: **Edoardo Russo** <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 23:27:39 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 18:05:52 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

>From: XianneKei <XianneKei@aol.com> [Rebecca]
>Date: Sat, 4 Apr 1998 10:31:51 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

>>Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 09:28:55 +0200
>>From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> A former director of the Energetics Department of the University
>> of Pisa, he has long been a good friend of Corrado Malanga,
>> researcher in Chemical Sciences at that same university and a
>> long-time ufologist.

>What is it about this University of Pisa? Is it a good one?

Apart from any consideration about the Italian universities, the University of Pisa is as good as any other state University her in Italy (we've got at least one state university in nearly every region, plus some private ones).

It's unfortunate (though somehow meaningful) that Derrel Sims once described Corrado Malanga as belonging to the "University of Pizza".

>There
>seem to be a lot "scientists" there who proclaim all manner of
>UFO knowledge.

No, Rebecca: contrary to your impression, there are not lots of scientists there proclaiming UFO knowledge. Only some, as there are elsewhere.

Please don't believe all Pisa professors are ET believers: Corrado Malanga has long been admitting he has never been very well appreciated by his colleagues there for his own UFO involvement.

Regards

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 98 18:41:51 PDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 20:35:27 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 13:59:43 -0500
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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<snipped for brevity Moderator>

Mike,

With all due respect, it seems pretty apparent that you haven't done much reading in the relevant scholarship. Sounds to me as if you're getting your ideas from Von Daniken and his ilk. Educate yourself in what those scholars you so readily dismiss (and insult) without knowing much about, and I think you'll speak with more authority.

It's also clear you haven't read Bullard's piece, either.

Jerry Clark

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Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

From: "Kenneth J. Becker" <kjbecker@cais.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 1998 18:53:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 20:44:07 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs observed APOLLO Moon landing?

Those following this thread might find the old Skywatch web site to be of interest:

<http://www.wic.net/colonel/index6.htm>

Respectfully,

Ken Becker

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Dr. Mark J. Carlotto to discuss Cydonia

From: "Yvonne Hedenland" <yvonne_h@email.msn.com>
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 1998 19:48:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 00:16:00 -0400
Subject: Dr. Mark J. Carlotto to discuss Cydonia

Dr. Mark Carlotto will be joining the UFO Forum for a live chat on Tuesday, April 7th at 6pm, PT. to discuss Cydonia, We hope to see you there! The chat is available at <http://forums.msn.com/ufo>

Also available is the new audio interview discussing what the public can expect in the coming weeks.

If you are unable to attend this chat, but you have a question you wish to ask of our guest, please email your question to watchfire_fm@msn.com Your question will be asked, and the answer can be found by reading our chat transcripts at: <http://forums.msn.com/UFO>

The Briefing Room chat can be accessed by any IRC client. The chat server name is publicchat.msn.com and the room or channel name is #briefing.

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Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

From: natural.state@erols.com [Melanie Mecca]
Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 22:56:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 00:24:27 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

> Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 22:09:27 -0800
> From: Skye Turell <turel33@west.net>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Vatican Says ET Contacts Real

> Monsignor Corrado Balducci, a Vatican theologian insider close to
> the Pope has gone on national Italian television five times in
> recent months to proclaim that extraterrestrial contact is a real
> phenomenon.

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> The prelate announced that the Vatican is receiving much
> information about extraterrestrials and their contacts with
> humans from its Nuncios (embassies) in various countries, such as
> Mexico, Chile and Venezuela. Monsignor Balducci said that he is
> on a Vatican commission looking into extraterrestrial encounters,
> and how to cope with the emerging general realization of
> extraterrestrial contact.

> Balducci provided the Catholic Church's analysis of
> extraterrestrials, emphasizing that extraterrestrial encounters
> "are NOT demonic, they are NOT due to psychological impairment,
> they are NOT a case of entity attachment, but these encounters
> deserve to be studied carefully."

Has anyone verified that these TV shows did in fact occur?
Preferably an Italian poster who has seen them? The implications
of this one are tremendous/enormous/amazing/pick an adjective -
my jaw's hangin' open, fer sure.

The Pope came to Washington DC in (1978? 1979? 1980?) - one of
those years. I went down to catch his act - punctuating the
speech at intervals, he'd raise both arms above his head, palms
facing out (one hand, Buddhist iconography, two hands, definitely
Western), looked just like BB King revving up the crowd when BB
would shout "Everybody say YEAH!!!!" Point is, the crowd went
nuts every time. This dude has unparalleled power to influence
basic beliefs.

Do you think he's been abducted/implanted and is cozying up to
The Threat's scenario? Maybe the greys have promised him the
"Lord of all the Universe" title, reptilians to exorcise, free
saucer flights to the pleasure planets, God knows what else, in
return for free advertising - ensuring that one large segment of
the populace is neutralized - not thinking about the visitors as
evil. Speculation can be fun, let's have a ball here, eh?

Feel free to flame if it please thee - I'm a lapsed Catholic but
I feel entitled 'cause the Mother church still claims me as one
of its own. Meantime, I'm going to be looking up at the Arizona
skies next week hoping to catch a sight of those 'non-demonic,
non-psychological impaired-effect, non-entity-attached' UFOs.

AND - the Firesign Theatre's line applies, from the Pope to the
visitors - "Domini, Domini, Domini - You're all Catholics now!"
;)

Melanie Mecca

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: **The Duke of Mendoza** <101653.2205@compuserve.com> [Peter Brookesmith]
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 1998 22:59:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 00:50:46 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

The Duke of Mendoza presents his compliments.

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
>Date: Sun, 05 Apr 98 12:05:57 PDT

Commenting on my submission that ufology is rife with belief, such that beliefs are at issue rather than what he had earlier called "logic and evidence", Jerome wrote:

>Well, true, more or less, I guess, but also not entirely so.
>"Belief" used in contexts such as the above is sometimes abused
>in ufological polemic, where the real subtext is: "What I know
>I know, and what you think you know you only believe."

Well, true, more or less, I guess, but also not entirely so. It seems to me that a close cousin of faith drives the approach of many a ufologist to both evidence & logic. Look at MJ-12 et seq., "Roswell" in general, aliens-invented-transistors,-fiber-optics-and-Scary-Spice, and especially abductology, where the "evidence" could point to alien intervention only with the help of a prior belief: as each bit of "evidence" has an alternative & somewhat less exotic explanation. The subtext in all these instances is "I know what I believe but I'm not about to admit it's a mere belief." It doesn't even get as far as imagining an opposition.

Or, as a good friend of mine remarked: "Empirically unsupported articles of faith have no business in a discussion group about UFOs? Then what the hell is left to talk about?"

>Religious matters are
>another question, as any good theologian would agree. [...]
>as far as I have been led to believe, this is not a list
>dealing with Bible prophecy. If it is, let me off.

Well, many a good theologian would be a trifle startled at the suggestion that evidence & logic are outwith their domain or resources. However. The looming millennium has excited (and resurrected) all kinds of strange equations of ufodom with Biblical prophecy. The start of this thread was but a tiny sample of that. Someone else nearby is maintaining UFOs are agents of the devil, or some such. Someone else is asking us to believe Billy Meier had his hands on the lost "Q" text, or its equivalent, of the New Testament (which most inconveniently & carelessly was later, er, misplaced - perhaps in a London railway terminus? - but we'll overlook that unfortunate lapse, for now). A few days ago we were being offered Joseph Smith as an abductee. O, and let's not forget this Pope-meets-the-aliens drollery - "the Academy of Clinical Close Encounter Therapists", indeed, guffaw. That's just on this List.

This kind of stuff is not going to go away - for a few years, at least. It is part of ufology as we know it. We've just seen how hokey it can be - by applying reason & logic to the "evidence". If reasonable people walk away from this kind of thing, who will speak for reason & logic? Rabbi Finkelstein, who has threatened to counter the next bit of non-scholarship on the God front that

we get around here, cannot be everywhere at once. (As you see, he is not here now.)

I am reminded of Lionel Trilling's words to the effect that if we try to separate literature and politics, we will find that literature has become politics, and of a kind we will not like.

And it's not just Biblical prophecy that's at issue. Isn't "The Threat" a form of prophecy? And is it any better, as such, than back-calculations & projections based on Biblical texts or the quatrains of Nostradamus? Lord, it even manages to hint that the millennium may be a significant date in ufology.

>Except for these cavils, I loved your posting, Duke.

Thankyou. But Greg's ("il miglior fabbro") was the more thorough job.

best wishes
Prosimian D. Methusaleh
Forever Young

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Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 07:00:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 09:21:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

>Date: Fri, 03 Apr 1998 17:54:00 -0600
>From: Paul Reischmann <preischmann@beckman.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

>I agree with you, but I must point out that I have not researched
>the subject to any great depth.

>'Natural Formation' is the easiest position to take since we have
>nothing to lose no matter how it turns out. If Cydonia is
>nothing but an eroded rock, well, we will appear to have known
>this all along. If it turns out to be an ancient structure,
>everyone will be so excited about it, who will remember or care
>about what we said! :-)

>
>Regards,
>
>Paul

Paul,

Yes. I am known for taking the easy way out!

Bob

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Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

From: **RGates8254** <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]
Date: Sun, 5 Apr 1998 23:02:24 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 09:07:15 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

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> This is from <http://www.sightings.com>

> Vatican Admits On National
> TV That ET Contact IS REAL
> From Ross Dowe
> 4-4-98

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> the Pope has gone on national Italian television five times in
> recent months to proclaim that extraterrestrial contact is a real
> phenomenon.

I would suggest that its further evidence of another Internet tale that has gained legs and been widely dissiminated. Many people are prone to adopt the position that of "Well, I saw it on such and such web site so its absolute fact," or "Well, this email was posted far and wide so it must be true."

Other previously wide spread Internet tales that also gained legs.

Fossilize life in Mars rock discovery announced by NASA in August of 96. This according to all the rumor mongering was the "big precursror" to the big ET/UFO reality announcement BEFORE the election. Didn't happen.

Lee Shargel and his tale from "insider space scientists" who maintained that we had been in contact with ET and ET radio waves would bathe the entire planet earth on Jan 23 1997. Didn't Happen.

Yellowbook/Redbook/10,000 year history of ET on the earth/Christ was an ET blah blah. Everything was leading up to mass landings at White Sands on April 24th 1997 which would blow the lid off the coverup. Didn't Happen.

Another "mass landings" story that "had already happened on March 13th 1997." Didn't happen.

Chuck Shramek and his "companion object following hale Bopp" tale, which he later disowned to the press. Shortly after Shramek's announcement, the Remote Viewing community allegedly "discovered" the companion object and gave us lurid details about this alleged space ship, blah blah blah. The RVers seemed to be just as accurate as Shramek.

Remote Viewers claimed that when they "RVed" as the earth passed through the Hale Bopp debris, that some kind of microbe would get through and kill all the green plant life on earth. Didn't happen.

Remote Viewers also claimed that a "colony of Martians" was living in some kind of underground hive in New Mexico; further that they would come out and show their existance to the world. Never happened.

Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

Lets wait to see what develops before we conclude that this tale
is truthful.

Cheers,
Robert

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Reminder - UFO show at 8 tonight on UPN

From: UFO*BC <pengilly@axionet.com> [Dave Pengilly]
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 02:15:59 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 09:13:26 -0400
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Thank you,
Dave Pengilly,
UFO*BC

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Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 06:40:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 09:21:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

>Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 07:31:38 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

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>believe the objects MAY be artificial but only hi-res photos and
>a visit to Mars will settle the issue. They are open to either
>hypothesis. You seem bent towards the natural hypothesis.

>I don't know what the objects are and I'm waiting to see better
>photos before I give any opinions.

>Joe in Tampa

Joe,

I simply think they are natural features. I am not claiming
expertise, other than spending a lot of time in the deserts of
the USA and seeing a lot of artificial looking things that I know
are natural formations.

I'm not saying, as some are, that it is a waste of time to go and
take a good look and see if we can tell. I think the issue needs
to be resolved. I do think that there was life on mars in the
distant past, but whether that life got much beyond simple
creatures is something that seems questionable.

I am very serious in saying that I would like to be proved wrong
on this one.

Bob

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Re: Reminder - UFO show at 8 tonight on UPN

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 10:47:42 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 00:49:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Reminder - UFO show at 8 tonight on UPN

> Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 02:15:59 -0700 (PDT)
> From: UFO*BC <pengilly@axionet.com> [Dave Pengilly]
> To: UFO*BC Mail List <sovot@sunshine.net>
> Subject: UFO show at 8 tonight on UPN

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Maybe, but the latest issue of the Fortean Times demolishes the credibility of Jaime Maussan and the Elders' promotion of the Mexican wave of the last several years. Although the Mexican sightings have been heralded as some of the best cases of the century, FT researchers found they fell apart under investigation.

And, considering that the Elders sold it to UPN makes it all the more suspicious, considering UPN's record of accurate, objective UFO documentaries (or lack thereof).

As always, I reserve judgement until more facts are presented.

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>

Date: Mon, 06 Apr 98 09:56:34 PDT

Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 00:33:35 -0400

Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> Date: Sun, 5 Apr 1998 22:59:55 -0400
> From: The Duke of Mendoza <101653.2205@compuserve.com> [Peter Brookesmith]
> Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> The Duke of Mendoza presents his compliments.

> >To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
> >Date: Sun, 05 Apr 98 12:05:57 PDT

> Commenting on my submission that ufology is rife with belief,
> such that beliefs are at issue rather than what he had earlier
> called "logic and evidence", Jerome wrote:

> >Well, true, more or less, I guess, but also not entirely so.
> >"Belief" used in contexts such as the above is sometimes abused
> >in ufological polemic, where the real subtext is: "What I know
> >I know, and what you think you know you only believe."

> Well, true, more or less, I guess, but also not entirely so. It
> seems to me that a close cousin of faith drives the approach of
> many a ufologist to both evidence & logic. Look at MJ-12 et seq.,
> "Roswell" in general,
> aliens-invented-transistors,-fiber-optics-and-Scary-Spice, and
> especially abductology, where the "evidence" could point to alien
> intervention only with the help of a prior belief: as each bit of
> "evidence" has an alternative & somewhat less exotic explanation.
> The subtext in all these instances is "I know what I believe but
> I'm not about to admit it's a mere belief." It doesn't even get
> as far as imagining an opposition.

I fear the good Duke has demonstrated exactly my point: the abuse of the word "belief" in UFO polemic. He rejects the abduction phenomenon as evidence of an external intelligence; therefore anybody who feels otherwise is merely deluded by "belief," here defined, evidently, as any point of view the Duke doesn't like. Same for Roswell. And I am sure this applies to just about any other issue on which others are foolish enough to dissent from the Duke. And yes, you can always point to silly stuff written about any of the above; after all, the Duke himself vigorously supports unfettered free expression here.

But at the best level (the only level, one should think, that counts in the end), as in IUR, JUFOS, and JSE (in whose current issue Roswell is intelligently debated), many so far unresolved issues are examined in ways that only the most determined polemicist would deem intellectually illegitimate or beyond the rational pale. The abduction phenomenon, for example, remains puzzling and extraordinarily complex, resistant to simplistic explanation of any sort, with reasonable people coming down on different sides; see, for example, the excellent discussion in the MITconference volume, or the splendid papers JUFOS has published on the controversy, or Bullard's seminal UFO Abductions: The Measure of a Mystery.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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Life In A World Frozen In Time For 30 Million Year

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 17:25:38 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 00:29:00 -0400
Subject: Life In A World Frozen In Time For 30 Million Year

From: The Guardian via The Nando Times:

http://www.nando.net/newsroom/ntn/health/040698/health7_20580_noframes.html

A world frozen in time for 30 million years

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LONDON (April 6, 1998 00:37 a.m. EDT <http://www.nando.net>) --
Scientists are poised to explore a mysterious lost world more than two miles below Antarctica. A huge lake, insulated by millions of years of ice, could hold living creatures that inhabited the planet more than 30 million years ago.

British, French, German, Russian and American scientists met in St. Petersburg last week to agree on what will, in effect, be a landing on another planet: the painstaking venture into a body of water the size of Lake Ontario, more than 12,000 feet under the icecap at the Russian base of Vostok.

The lake was "mapped" by space-based and ground-based instruments in 1996, and the Russians have penetrated to within 150 yards of the surface of the water. But then the drilling had to stop.

The researchers face a dilemma. They have to find a way to explore the mysterious world of Lake Vostok without contaminating it with life from the surface.

They know that there will be forms of life down there: Russian and American microbiologists have been examining microbes in samples of ice laid down 400,000 years ago.

"We've found some really bizarre things.-- things that we have never seen before," said Richard Hoover of NASA. He and his Russian colleague have given the microscopic creatures temporary nicknames, such as Klingon, Mickey Mouse, Porpoise and Sphere. The discovery at such depths raises the hope that even stranger things lie waiting to be discovered under Vostok.

Dr Cynan Ellis-Evans of the British Antarctic Survey, one of the experts at the St Petersburg meeting, said the researchers were likely to use a hot-water lance to cut deeper into the ice. Then they plan to lower a thermal probe, which will sterilize itself as it descends. The ice will freeze again and close behind it. When the "cryobot" reaches the water, it will release a "hydrobot" to begin sampling the chemistry of the lake.

"It's a one way trip, isolating itself from microbes in the upper ice," he said. "We are expecting to find new things -- and yes, it is like going to another planet. People who work on Martian environments and the Jovian system all came along and said it had exactly the same feel."

Nobody knows why lakes should exist under the largest body of ice on the planet. Antarctica was once a mild, forested landscape: even now,

geologists are still discovering fossil ferns and carnivorous dinosaurs in the polar mountains.

The glaciers began to close over the continent 40 million years ago. Lake Vostok could be in a rift valley -- a deep fissure in the continent's crust -- and if it is, the huge depth of sediment below the water could be a "time capsule" of the planet's history.

Some geologists argue that there could be some form of volcanic heat deep providing the energy for unusual forms of life.

But there are other hypotheses: for instance, ice may have melted to form the lake as it sheared over the bedrock.

"I'm more of the feeling that there wasn't a lake to start with: that one evolved in more recent times," said Dr. Ellis-Evans.

The voyage of discovery will take years. NASA scientists regard the project as a rehearsal for the exploration of the ocean of Jupiter's moon Europa, another mysterious body of water, trapped under miles of ice.

Life depends on water, and Mars once had rivers but is now arid. U.S. scientists want to launch an orbiter to explore Europa -- and then devise a nuclear-powered probe to drive through the crust and into the ocean beneath the surface.

They expect to learn valuable lessons from Lake Vostok. Other researchers hope to learn a lot more about planet Earth.

Antarctica is 58 times as big as Britain, and more than 99 percent of it is covered in thick ice -- but there could be hundreds of lakes below the ice sheet.

"Every single one of them could be, potentially, of significance," said Ellis-Evans.

"This is a whole new world opening up for us."

By TIM RADFORD, The Guardian

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Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 11:29:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 00:39:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 06:40:57 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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Bob has already responded to this, but I wanted to add a couple
of thoughts.

While Bob is a photographer by trade, and not a scientist, I
think that an opinion regarding whether or not a formation looks
natural or not is valuable. He, after all, has a trained eye and
looks at a scene in its entirety. Any conclusions would have to
be accepted with his background in mind, and it should be
understood that any conclusion would be based on how it looks,
and not on a subset of data that has been derived through other
analysis. In his message, I think that Bob was very clear that
he was only offering this as an opinion.

Will the new Surveyor images help to clear up this mystery?
Perhaps.

Of course, IMHO, the issue for many people is more a religion
than a scientific examination. If the images appear to show that
the "face" is a "natural" formation, there are those who would
criticize that they must have been "doctored" by NASA before they
were released. Those who have a vested interest in this matter
will make every effort to fit the new data into their belief
system, and what doesn't fit will be judged irrelevant or
tainted.

I am very interested in what many scientists have to say about
the new images, and would be very pleased if they show an

artificial formation. However, I suspect that unless the images are much more detailed than expected, this could serve to ignite a broader debate.

In closing, I found an interesting synopsis of the history of this story, and provide it for your information and review:

Cydonia (Face On Mars) - 23 Years Of Mystery
By Kenneth Green

Dimensions Of Face
Length 2.5 Kilometers
Width 2 Kilometers=A0
Height =A0400 Meters

Dimensions Of Pyramid
Length=A03 Kilometers
Height 500 Meters

Viking Orbiter - July 1976

NASA Picture Frame 35A72

Face was dismissed as a "trick of light and shadow" when the first picture was taken.

1979 - Dipietro and Molenaar Are First To Study It Seriously

Vincent Dipietro and Gregory Molenaar were computer engineers contracted with NASA and worked for Goddard Space Flight Center, Maryland. They discovered the Pyramid which they named the D&M Pyramid which stuck for good.

1980's - Richard Hoagland

Richard Hoagland who was responsible for the plaques for "any alien life" that were on the Voyager spacecraft and others, examined some pyramidal mounds to the southwest of the Face called "The City" including "The Fort" with straight walls.

1986 - 1987 Dr. Mark Carlotto Used Another Method For Examination

He used a method called shape-from-shading that disproved the "trick of light and shadow" theory. He also said that "teeth" were present in the mouth. Also that there are crossed symmetrical lines on the forehead.

1988 - Erol Torun

He was (or still may be) a Geomorphologist and Cartographer for the U.S. Defense Mapping Agency in Washington D.C. He published a cartographic and geometrical analysis of the D & M Pyramid and says it is not like no natural mountain.

1995 - Professor McDaniel & Dr. Horace Crater

They are from University of Tennessee Space Institute. They published a mathematical analysis of the small mounds (City) including the Face to discount the random placing of the mounds.

Any of the above information was taken from Amateur Astronomy and Earth Sciences in a March 1996 article, =A9 Copyright Malcom Smith. 1996.

My Conclusion

In 23 years, many people believe in UFOs, but not the Face on Mars partly because Mars doesn't have an atmosphere like ours. But most of them can say that it could have been created from a very ancient civilization and that is something that still lasts from it. Recently NASA reported that water was once on Mars probably billions of years ago because of the new photos from Mars Global Surveyor. This month in April, the same Surveyor is going to attempt to take 3 pictures of Cydonia which will be much more detailed than the one from Viking, 23 years ago. If by chance it cannot, I'm sure it will attempt to do it again when

Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

the right orbit for pictures is in place. These new pictures will be on my web site as soon as they come out.

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<http://ufo-times.home.ml.org>

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Why is it...?

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 20:32:27 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 00:51:34 -0400
Subject: Why is it...?

Hi Errol, Hi All

Why is when you tell people that there are a billion billion stars in the universe they believe you?

Why is when you tell them the wetpaint they have to touch it to make sure?

Why is when you tell people that you have seen a ufo they laugh?

Life is but a dream, death is the only reality.
Sean Jones

reply to--sean@tedric.demon.co.uk

Homepage--<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/index.htm>

Research page --<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Cydonia Images Available

From: matt@mail.ltlb.com, Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 23:00:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 00:52:25 -0400
Subject: Cydonia Images Available

The Cydonia images are available at:

<http://mars.sgi.com/mgs/target/CYD1/index.html>

Enjoy,

Matt

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"What could be stranger than the truth?"

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Received: from mail.ltlb.com (mail.ltlb.com [207.243.166.2]) by unix.ltlb.com (8.8.7/8.8.7) with ESMTTP id MAA00624 for <skyopen@unix.ltlb.com>; Mon, 6 Apr 1998 12:50:39 -0500
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Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 14:01:07 -0500
From: "Matt Starnes" <matt@mail.ltlb.com>
To: skyopen@unix.ltlb.com
Subject: (Skyopen) Cydonia Images Available
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Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <brianc@freeside.fc.net>
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 12:07:49 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 01:02:05 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

> Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 22:09:27 -0800
> From: Skye Turell <turel33@west.net>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Vatican Says ET Contacts Real

> This is from <http://www.sightings.com>

> Vatican Admits On National
> TV That ET Contact IS REAL
> From Ross Dowe
> 4-4-98

> Monsignor Corrado Balducci, a Vatican theologian insider close to
> the Pope has gone on national Italian television five times in
> recent months to proclaim that extraterrestrial contact is a real
> phenomenon.

This story is curious enough to me that I decided to contact the director of the Vatican Observatory in Arizona, forwarding him a copy of the post, to see if I could get any reaction or leads into the Vatican on this story. I suspect the result will be one of:

1. No response at all
2. A "No comment"
3. "You gotta be kidding" (phrased diplomatically or not)
4. "We are not the ones to contact"
(with or without an alternative provided).
5. "Yep, its true" (well, bowl me over)

I'll forward any response I get on to the list.

By the way, I would suggest to others in the list, that if you know anyone in Catholic Church hierarchy in a position to comment on this, that you also forward inquiries on this post. Surely if we poke around enough, we can get a comment from someone.

-Brian Cuthbertson

PS. If anyone is interested, the Vatican Observatory's web page is:
<http://clavius.as.arizona.edu/vo/index.html>

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New JPL Mars Face Images Online

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Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 23:04:33 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 01:07:52 -0400
Subject: New JPL Mars Face Images Online

and we have them a full mirror

<http://area51.icom.net/moon/mars.html>

or visit the main page at
<http://area51.icom.net/>

Early analysis shows that these 1m photos have proven the face to be
artificial! take a look..

Olav
BTW with a full mirror those pictures aren't going anywhere

Date: 6 Apr 1998 19:05:40 GMT
From: ez073888@boris.ucdavis.edu (Olav Phillips)
Subject: New JPL Mars Face Images Online!!
Message-ID: <6gb924\$mq7\$2@mark.ucdavis.edu>
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Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 15:51:18 -0400
To: vortex-1@eskimo.com
From: Larry Wharton <wharton@climate.gsfc.nasa.gov>
Subject: Cydonia image available

The Mars Observer image of the Cydonia area on Mars is now available on:

<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/CYD1/index.html>

The face is clearly visable with higher resolution than the previous image and it still is a perfect image of a face. Also now all sides of the DM pyramid is visable and the perfect symmetry structure is preserved.

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Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

From: **Brian Straight** <brians@mdbs.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 16:00:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 01:33:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

The initial images from NASA look intriguing. Check out the MGS webpage at <http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/marsurv.html>

I'm still of the opinion that the face is a natural structure.
All the same, the partially processed image does have an
artificial look to it.

Brian

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Face Punched

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 18:11:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 01:34:14 -0400
Subject: Face Punched

Mars face looks as if someone with a giant fist punched it hard and flattened the features....ad gave it a (left) black eye.

JPL-processed image (250 kb at jpl.nasa.gov/marsnews/mgs/cydonia) appears non-symmetric (right half not mirror image of left). Does not appear sculpted when viewed at 4.32 m/pixel resolution. I predict arguments will blossom like the flowers this spring.

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Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

From: **RGates8254** <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 17:29:33 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 01:33:06 -0400
Subject: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

> >Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 07:31:38 -0500
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

> >Bob,

> >Have you read all of the work done on Cydonia by the independent
> >researchers? Some of the most impressive evidence for the
> >artificial hypothesis is found in the mound geometry. Have you
> >read the reports done on that? This was done by very competent
> >scientists. Dr. Horace Crater was one and Dr. James Strange was
> >the other. Do you think these gentleman don't know what they're
> >talking about? The chance of this geometric pattern being random
> >are very high.

> >How can you make such a statement like 100% natural when you
> >personally haven't published any scientific work on the matter or
> >have you? Even the independent scientists have said that they
> >believe the objects MAY be artificial but only hi-res photos and
> >a visit to Mars will settle the issue. They are open to either
> >hypothesis. You seem bent towards the natural hypothesis.

> >I don't know what the objects are and I'm waiting to see better
> >photos before I give any opinions.

> >Joe in Tampa

> >Joe,

> I simply think they are natural features. I am not claiming
> expertise, other than spending a lot of time in the deserts of
> the USA and seeing a lot of artificial looking things that I know
> are natural formations.

> I'm not saying, as some are, that it is a waste of time to go and
> take a good look and see if we can tell. I think the issue needs
> to be resolved. I do think that there was life on mars in the
> distant past, but whether that life got much beyond simple
> creatures is something that seems questionable.

> I am very serious in saying that I would like to be proved wrong
> on this one.

> Bob

> I tend to believe that the issue will never be resolved. Why?

Scenario 1. NASA releases the photos and they don't show what
Hoagland and all the folks who have staked their lives and
reputations (not to mention the videos and speaking circuit) on.
These folks will almost instantly claim coverup, conspiracy,
between NASA and pick your executive branch agency (Air Force,
DOD, DARPA, White House and so on) and argue the issue to death
for the next 20 years.

Scenario 2. NASA releases the photos and they show things which
appear to be man made ... perhaps even make an announcement.
Hoagland and others will instantly claim vindication for any and

all of his theorphs about Mars.

These (NASA and or Hoagland) conclusions will instaneously be disputed by a number of "well known" scientists (much like the Mars fossilized life meteorite) who will put their spin and interpretation on the subject i.e. why NASA is wrong, why the photos were incorrectly examined, why their scientific examinations reflect conclusions that are totally different blah blah.

Such an announcement will generate a headline on USA today, a day or two of media flapping, then the the media will go back to Clinton Scandel, Ken Starr, and Monica. The American public will also yawn after a day or two and go back to beer and major league baseball.

I too would love to be proved wrong.

Cheers,
Robert

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Re: "Extraterrestrial Cafe" Will Show Latest UFO

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Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 01:56:20 -0400
Subject: Re: "Extraterrestrial Cafe" Will Show Latest UFO

From the New York Post:

<http://www.nypostonline.com:80/040698/gossip/999.htm>

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By RICHARD JOHNSON with Jeane MacIntosh

(snipped)

PLANET Hollywood, Hard Rock Cafe, Fashion Cafe, Harley-Davidson Cafe, Comedy Nation, Television City and all the other theme restaurants may be in for some other-worldly competition. With the millennium approaching, Michael Luckman, director of the New York Center for UFO Research, hopes to build an extravagant Extraterrestrial Cafe in Times Square. The joint will feature a Mars Bar, a live "all alien" band, TV monitors beaming the latest UFO sightings, and waitresses in futuristic metallic outfits and flying saucer hats. Luckman, who says the Sphinx-like face found on Mars could be "the biggest scientific discovery in human history," is pitching his idea to investors.

<snipped>

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The New Mars Facial Structure

From: **Jim Deardorff** <deardorj@proaxis.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 01:57:52 -0400
Subject: The New Mars Facial Structure

Well, what's the verdict on the Face? Tonight's newscast I viewed (Peter Jennings) played it down, and talked briefly only about how it now doesn't look like a face, so that it must have been a couple tricks of light and shadow before.

What they failed to discuss was the outline of the structure, and how impressive that looks as an artificial structure -- a beveled strip whose outer edge is perfectly straight along the "side of the head," very gradually curving into the "chin" outline, with both edges of the upward-inclined "bevel" being parallel or congruent. The odds against that occurring naturally are phenomenal. Then, add the symmetry of the right-hand edge, at least with respect to the outer edge of its beveled strip, and it seemingly can't possibly be a natural formation.

The viewing wasn't helped by the brighter swath that passed vertically through the entire strip that was viewed. And some of the brighter blotches on the "face" might possibly have been Martian clouds.

I don't know what to make of the whole central area looking quite different than on either of the previous two Face photos. Here is where the conspiracy theorists need to go to work; or is it still a face, but highly eroded?

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Vatican Announcement Not Hoax

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Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 01:54:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Vatican Announcement Not Hoax

Here's an update from www.sightings.com regarding the Vatican announcements about ETs/contacts.

NOT A HOAX!!
Vatican Admits On National
TV That ET Contact IS REAL
4-4-98

Note - Here is one of the actual Italian television appearances by Father Balducci stating the Vatican's belief that ETs exist. His quotations are in Italian. Click here
<http://www.worldlink.it/nonsoloufo/baldui01.htm>

Monsignor Corrado Balducci, a Vatican theologian insider close to the Pope has gone on national Italian television five times in recent months to proclaim that extraterrestrial contact is a real phenomenon.

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The Story Of The UFO Superhackers

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Subject: The Story Of The UFO Superhackers

Thanks to the Sunday Times.

Stig

The schoolboy spy

Sunday Times - London

Sun, Mar 29 1998

The Americans called him their No 1 enemy, but he was only 16. Jonathan Ungoed-Thomas reveals one of the strangest stories of the cyber-age.

On the evening of April 15, 1994, six American special agents sat in a concrete basement at a secret air force base patiently waiting for an attack. Their unseen and unknown enemy had for weeks been rampaging across the Pentagon network of computers, cracking security codes and downloading secret files.

Defence officials feared the infiltrator was a foreign agent. They were monitoring his move ments in a desperate effort to trace him to his lair.

He had first been spotted by a systems manager at the Rome Laboratory at the Griffiss air base in New York state, the premier command and control research facility in the United States. He had breached the security system and was using assumed computer identities from the air base to attack other sites, including Nasa, Wright-Patterson air force base - which monitors UFO sightings - and Hanscom air force base in Massachusetts. He was also planting "sniffer files" to pick up every password used in the system.

This was a new type of warfare, a "cyber attack" at the heart of the most powerful military machine on earth. But the American military had been preparing for "cyber war" and it had a new breed of agent ready to fight back against the infiltrator. Computer specialists from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) and the Air Force Information Warfare Centre in San Antonio, Texas, were dispatched to Rome Laboratory to catch the attacker.

By the end of the second week of their attempt to outwit him, their windowless basement room was a mess of food wrappers, sleeping bags and empty Coca-Cola cans. Sitting among the debris, the American cyber agents saw a silent alarm throb on one of the many terminals packed into the 30ft by 30ft room. Datastream Cowboy, as he called himself, was online again.

They carefully tracked him on a computer screen as he used the access code of a high-ranking Pentagon employee to sign on. This gave him the power to delete files, copy secret information and even crash the system. As he sifted through battlefield simulation data, artificial intelligence files and reports on Gulf war weaponry, the agents worked frantically at their terminals, trying yet again to establish who he was and where he had come from. It was futile. Datastream Cowboy always bounced around the world before launching an attack and it was

impossible even to establish in which country he was sitting.

Suddenly he left the Pentagon system. The agents rapidly checked the computer address of his new target and were chilled by the result: he was trying to get access to a nuclear facility somewhere in Korea.

The shocked agents saw a terrible crisis coming. The United States was embroiled in tense negotiations with North Korea about its suspected nuclear weapons programme. The Clinton administration was publicly split between a faction that wanted to punish the Stalinist regime in Pyongyang for attempting to develop a nuclear bomb and State Department diplomats who insisted on a gentler approach.

If the paranoid North Koreans detected a computer attack on their nuclear facility from an American air base - because Datastream Cowboy had assumed an American military identity by routeing his assault through the Griffiss computer - they would be bound to believe that the hawks had won and this was an act of war. Senior defence officials were hurriedly briefed as the agents attempted to establish the exact location in Korea of the computer that Datastream Cowboy was trying to crack.

After several tense hours, they had their answer. His target was in South Korea, not North. The security alert was over, but the damage meted out by Datastream Cowboy was not. In the space of a few weeks he had caused more harm than the KGB, in the view of the American military, and was the "No 1 threat to US security".

What made Datastream Cowboy so dangerous, in the view of the Americans, was that he was not alone; he was working with a more sophisticated hacker who used the "handle" of Kuji. The agents repeatedly watched Datastream Cowboy unsuccessfully attack a military site and retreat for an e-mail briefing from Kuji. He would then return and successfully hack into the site.

Both Datastream Cowboy and Kuji were untraceable. They were weaving a path through computer systems in South Africa, Mexico and Europe before launching their attacks. Over 26 days, Datastream Cowboy and Kuji broke into the Rome Laboratory more than 150 times. Kuji was also monitored attempting an assault on the computers at Nato headquarters near Brussels.

It was only three years after the final collapse of Soviet communism, but there was already a strong fear within the American government that the United States had become vulnerable to a new military threat: electronic and computer warfare.

Both America's superpower military arsenal and its huge civilian economy had become reliant on microchips and in the words of Jamie Gorelick, a deputy attorney-general: "Some day we will wake up to find that the electronic equivalent of Pearl Harbor has crippled our computer networks and caused more chaos than a well placed nuclear strike. We do not want to wait for that wake-up call."

What made the American military so vulnerable was that the Internet - the computer communications system that had been developed by Pentagon scientists as a tool for survival after nuclear war - was opening up in 1994 to anyone in the world who had access to a cheap and powerful personal computer.

The Internet automatically brought hackers to the very gates of the Pentagon's most secret files - and it could not be policed, as it had been deliberately set up without controls to ensure ease of access for nuclear survivors.

According to official American figures, the Pentagon's military computers are now suffering cyber attacks at the rate of 250,000 a year and it is retaliating with a \$3.6 billion programme of computer protection to key systems.

THE attacks by Datastream Cowboy and Kuji were the opening shots in this barrage, and the Pentagon generals insisted that they had to be found and put out of action. It would have been relatively simple to shut them out of the Pentagon network, but they would survive to attack again - and their identities and the information they had already stolen would have remained unknown. The American cyber agents were ordered to continue chasing them through the electronic maze.

But how? They used a process called "fingering" in which they tried to detect every computer that Datastream Cowboy had used as stepping stones before attacking them. A computer on the Internet gives its own

address in the first few bytes of any communication and the agents tried to trace Datastream Cowboy's path backwards. The process can often be hit and miss because of the vast amount of traffic on the Internet and the hacker's path was simply too long and circuitous to follow to its end. The agents almost gave up hope. Then old-fashioned police work was brought to bear. In the cyber age, where do hackers hang out? On the Internet, of course. They "chat" with each other through their screens.

The agents had informants who cruised the Internet and one of these made the breakthrough. He found that Datastream Cowboy hung out at Cyberspace, an Internet "service provider" based in Seattle. Moreover, he was a particularly chatty individual who was eager to engage other hackers in e-mail conversation. Naive, too. Before long, the informant had established that Datastream Cowboy lived in the United Kingdom. He even gave out his home telephone number.

Jubilant, a senior AFOSI agent contacted the computer crime unit in Scotland Yard for assistance. Datastream Cowboy's number was traced to a house in a cul-de-sac in Colindale, part of the anonymous north London suburbs. In cold war days it would have been a classic address for a spy's hideaway.

Telephone line checks revealed that the hacker was first dialling into Bogota, the Colombian capital, and then using a free phone line from there to hack his way into the sensitive military sites.

American agents flew to London and staked out the address with British police officers. Detectives were cautious, however, about making an immediate arrest because they wanted Datastream Cowboy to be online when they entered the house, so that he would be caught in the act.

At 8pm on May 12, 1994, four unmarked cars were parked outside the Colindale house. Inside one of them, a detective's mobile phone rang. An agent from the Rome Laboratory was on the other end: Datastream Cowboy was online. Officers made a second call to British Telecom in Milton Keynes and established that a free phone call was being made to South America.

Posing as a courier, one of the officers knocked on the door. As it was opened by a middle-aged man, eight policemen silently appeared and swept into the house. The officers quietly searched the downstairs and first floor. Then, creeping up the stairs to a loft-room, they saw a teenager hunched in his chair tapping frantically away on the keyboard of his Pounds 700 PC World computer. They had found Datastream Cowboy.

One of the detectives walked up silently behind the young suspect and gently removed his hands from the computer.

For 16-year-old Richard Pryce, a music student, it was the shock of his life. He looked at the policemen as they prepared to arrest him and collapsed on the floor in tears.

"They thought they were going to find a super-criminal and they just found me, a teenager playing around on his computer," says Pryce now. "My mother had noticed people sitting outside our house for a few days beforehand, but I didn't think much of it. I never thought I would get caught and it was very disturbing when I did.

"It had just been a game or a challenge from which I had got a real buzz. It was unbelievable because the computers were so easy to hack, like painting by numbers."

Pryce, who was then a pupil at The Purcell School in Harrow, Middlesex, was arrested at his home but released on police bail the same evening. Five stolen files, including a battle simulation program, were discovered on the hard disk of his computer. Another stolen file, which dealt with artificial intelligence and the American Air Order of Battle, was too large to fit on to his desktop computer. So he had placed it in his own storage space at an Internet service provider that he used in New York, accessing it with a personal password.

During the subsequent police interviews, one pressing question remained unanswered: who was Kuji? Pryce claimed he had only talked with his hacking mentor on the Internet and did not know where he lived. American investigators regarded Kuji as a far more sophisticated hacker than Datastream. He would only stay on a telephone for a short time, not long enough to be traced successfully. "Kuji assisted and mentored Datastream and in return received from Datastream stolen information...Nobody knows what Kuji did with this information or why it was being collected," agents reported.

Mark Morris, who was then a detective sergeant with Scotland Yard's computer crime unit, was one of the investigating officers on the case. "It was awesome that Pryce, who was just one teenager with a computer, could cause so much havoc, but the greater worry in the US was about Kuji," says Morris. "The fear was that he could be a spy working for a hostile foreign power. The job was then to find him."

Pryce did give detectives one telephone number, but it was a red herring: a school library in Surrey. During the next two years of compiling evidence in Britain and America in the case against Pryce, British detectives and American agents failed to turn up any evidence that might lead to Kuji.

Their break finally came in June 1996 when the computer crime unit decided to sift once again through the mass of information on the hard disk of Pryce's computer.

Morris took on the job. "I was at home with my laptop and went through every bit of that hard disk, which was a huge task." It took him three weeks. If all the files had been printed out they would have filled 40 filing cabinets.

At last he found what he wanted. "At the bottom of a file in the DOS directory I saw the name Kuji. Next to the name was a telephone number. Pryce might not have even known it was on his system because he downloaded so much information."

For American agents hoping to catch a superspy, Kuji's telephone number was a grave disappointment. He was based in Cardiff. A team of officers drove up to his address, a terraced house, and finally discovered Kuji's identity. He was 21-year-old Mathew Bevan, a soft-spoken computer worker with a fascination for science fiction. His bedroom wall was covered with posters from The X Files and one of his consuming interests was the Roswell incident, the alleged crash of a UFO near Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947. He was arrested on June 21, 1996, at the offices of Admiral Insurance where he worked.

"I would never have been caught if it wasn't for Pryce and even then they took two years to find me," Bevan says now. "And the only reason Pryce got caught was that he gave his number to a secret service informant."

Bevan, the son of a police officer, said he had not even been alarmed when Datastream Cowboy disappeared from the Internet. "Everyone was joking with me on the e-mail that he must have been arrested, but I didn't believe it. It wasn't until a year later that a friend phoned me and said: 'Have you seen the papers? They think you're a spy'."

However, Bevan became confident that he had escaped detection and was stunned when he was arrested. "I was told to go and check the managing director's computer. I went in and there were seven or eight of them in suits and I was arrested." He was charged the next day with two counts of conspiracy under the Criminal Law Act 1997. He was later charged with three offences under the Computer Misuse Act 1990.

Pryce had been charged in June 1995, about 13 months after his arrest, with 12 offences under Section 1 of the Computer Misuse Act 1990. He was also charged with conspiracy three days before Bevan's arrest.

At the culmination of one of the biggest ever international computer crime investigations and after a massive security scare in the United States, law enforcers were left with a meagre and faintly embarrassing prize: two young hackers who in their spare time, from the comfort of their bedrooms, had penetrated what should have been the most secure defence network in the world. To rub salt into the wounds, their credentials were hardly impressive. Pryce had scraped a D grade in computer studies at A-level and Bevan had dropped out of an HND course in computer science.

Pryce's father, Nick, who restores musical instruments, said: "They said Richard was a No 1 security threat and I think that was just rubbish. They had overreacted and when they found out it was just a teenager, they still wanted to try to make an example of him. I never knew what he was doing at the time; I just thought he was in his bedroom playing on his computer. When I found out, I never thought he had done anything particularly wrong and neither did our friends. He just showed how bad security was on those computers."

But how did two rather ordinary young men manage to penetrate the Pentagon computer system and spark such a massive security alert? Both

were bright and articulate, but there was nothing in their backgrounds to suggest a computer wizardry that would outwit the American military. Their success was based on a mixture of persistence and good luck, which was abetted by crude security mistakes in the Pentagon computer system.

Pryce had had a musical upbringing with his two sisters, Sally and Katie, and had a passion for playing the double bass. He was bought his computer when he was 15 to help him in his studies. He would spend his spare time linked up to a bulletin board on the Internet, where computer users traded information and chatted. It was here tha he got his first introduction to hacking.

"I used to get software off the bulletin boards and from one of them I got a 'bluebox', which could recreate the various frequencies to get free phonecalls," he said. "I would phone South America and this software would make noises which would make the operator think I had hung up. I could then make calls anywhere in the world for free."

Now 20 and in his third year at the Royal College of Music in London, Pryce said: "I would get on to the Internet and there would be hackers' forums where I learnt the techniques and picked up the software I needed. You also get text files explaining what you can do to different types of computer.

"It was just a game, a challenge. I was amazed at how good I got at it. It escalated very quickly from being able to hack a low- profile computer like a university to being able to hack a military system. The name Datastream Cowboy just came to me in a flash of inspiration."

The attack on Rome Laboratory, his greatest success, relied on a ferret called Carmen. Pryce easily gained low-level security access to the Rome computer using a default guest password. Once inside the system, he retrieved the password file and downloaded it on to his computer. He then set up a program to bombard the password file with 50,000 words a second. "I just left the computer running overnight until it cracked it," he explained.

If all the air force officers with access to the computer had followed orders and used passwords with a mixture of numerals and letters, his attack would have been foiled; but luck was on his side.

Morris, who has since left Scotland Yard's computer crime unit and now works in London for Computer Forensic Investigations, a private company, revealed: "He managed to crack the file because a lieutenant in the USAF had used the password Carmen. It was the name of his pet ferret. Once Pryce had got that, he was free to roam the system. There was information there that was deemed classified and highly confidential and he was able to see it."

Once he was in the system, Pryce kept getting access to higher levels in his aim to become a "root user", which gives the hacker total control of the computer with the power to shut out other users and command the entire system.

"I was interested in Rome Labs because I knew they developed stuff for the military. I just wanted to find out what they were doing. I read that UFO material was being kept at Wright Patterson base and I thought it would also be a laugh to get in there. I also hacked into a Nasa site," he said.

"Rome Labs was my main project. I got the programming code for an artificial intelligence project. I downloaded files so I could view them at leisure at home.

"I know there was a big fuss when I tried to hack into a computer in Korea, but there was nothing sinister about it. I just fancied having a go at a different sort of computer and I happened to be on the Rome Laboratory computer. I just tapped in the address for the Korean research computer, but I didn't hack into it. It never went further than that." During an intensive three months of hacking, Pryce sent e-mails at least twice a week to the fellow hacker he knew as Kuji, without knowing his real name was Mathew Bevan.

Bevan, who is now 23, was more of a loner than Pryce and would spend up to 30 hours without a break on his computer. He claims the fraternity of hackers gave him the friendship that he had failed to find during his childhood. "I was bullied at school and I found my little community and interaction through my computer," he said. "The hackers would all egg each other on. There wasn't anything malicious about it. If there was, I could have downed as many computer systems as I wanted. I was

just really looking for anything about UFOs. It was like war games; I just couldn't believe what we could get into. I wasn't tutoring Pryce, but the Americans made out I was because they thought I was some kind of east European masterspy."

Pryce agrees: "We embarrassed them by showing how lax their security was and that's why they made out we had been a huge security threat. I'm now amazed by what I did, but I wasn't surprised at the time. It was just my hobby. Some people watched television for six hours a day, I hacked computers."

The first time Pryce and Bevan met in person was in July 1996 when they appeared at Bow Street magistrates court jointly charged with conspiracy and offences under the Computer Misuse Act. "He was at the back of the court when I went in and his mother said: 'You'd better say hello', which he did. We didn't even have a chat," said Bevan.

Conspiracy charges against both Pryce and Bevan were later dropped, but in March last year Pryce was fined Pounds 1,200 after admitting 12 offences under the Computer Misuse Act. His lawyers said in mitigation that there had been some exaggeration when the Senate armed services committee had been told in 1996 that the Datastream Cowboy had caused more harm than the KGB and was the "No 1 threat to US security". The remaining charges against Bevan were dropped in November after the Crown Prosecution Service decided it was not in the public interest to pursue the case.

Nevertheless, the case of Datastream Cowboy and Kuji remains one of the most notorious in American cyber history. The two young men are living this down in different ways. Pryce's computer was confiscated, to his initial dismay. "After I had my computer taken away it was quite difficult because I had been doing it every night for a year," he said. "If they hadn't caught me, I would have carried on." Now he thinks hacking was a waste of time and insists he will never do it again. He does not even own a computer any more.

Bevan, however, has put his notoriety to good use: he is now employed testing the computer security of private companies.

Targeting the pentagon

United States defence computers have for years been one of the most coveted targets for hacking addicts inspired by the film War Games, which showed a boy cracking an American defence network and nearly starting the third world war.

One of the pioneers of this craze was Kevin Mitnick, who repeatedly hacked into Pentagon computers in the mid-1980s. He was jailed in 1989 but continued his exploits on his release and was arrested again after a two-year hunt by the FBI. The number of cyber attacks on the Pentagon is estimated by Washington officials as 250,000 annually, but the incidents the public hears about are only the few where hackers get caught. In 1996 six Danes who hacked into Pentagon computers were given sentences of up to three months. The same year, special agents tracked down three teenage hackers in Croatia who had also succeeded in penetrating Pentagon computers.

They were never identified or charged, however, as there is no law against computer hacking in Croatia. Last month there was a spectacular example of the hackers' work when American defence officials revealed that the Pentagon computer network had been subjected to a relentless two-month attack. CIA agents were reportedly anxious that the hackers might be the agents of Saddam Hussein.

FBI agents blamed a secret convention of hackers believed to be held in New York. A few days ago, the real culprit gave himself up. Ehud Tenenbaum, an Israeli teenager who dubbed himself The Analyser, had worked with two young hackers in California. Under house arrest in Tel Aviv, he said the attacks were not malicious. He had concentrated on American government sites because he hated organisations. "Chaos, I think it is a nice idea," he said.

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Books for sale

From: werd@interlog.com [Drew Williamson in Toronto]
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 22:52:09 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 02:09:12 -0400
Subject: Books for sale

BOOKS FOR SALE

I have three copies of "The Gods Have Landed" for sale. If you are interested in the abduction scenario, you should own this book. Chapters price; \$27.95 + tax = \$32.14 CDN. My price is just \$15.00 CDN.

Contact me at <werd@interlog.com>

Ta

Drew Williamson

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The Cydonia thing

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 23:53:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 02:14:34 -0400
Subject: The Cydonia thing

Oddly, Robert Gates wrote almost exactly a message which I had composed a week ago, concerning the "explanations" which would rise from the Cydonia images showing a natural formation. (This clearly demonstrates that the two of us are under the baleful influence of the astrological configuration of the Face as it is geometrically linked with the position and configuration of the massive underground complexes currently being constructed by a species of diminutive, nearly sightless beings which have haunted my locale ever since their first appearance last year, directly under the yard outside my house (big deep breath) :-).

Unfortunately, I decided not to mail it.

But, thanks to the miracle of modern technology...

Here are the explanations I predict (I have a few more than I originally predicted):

- 1) This is not a picture of the Face. NASA has substituted a more appropriate image to convince us the Face is a landform.
- 2) This is a picture of the Face, but it has been altered. By NASA, by MJ-12, by the Cigarette-Smoking Man.
- 3) This is a picture of the Face, but the aliens have changed the Face's appearance to hide its true nature, because we are not yet ready.
- 4) This is a picture of the Face, but the Face was specially designed to only look like a face at a certain time of the year, in accordance with an alien human-worship festival.

One could go on, but this covers most of the possibilities. I now include another section, from another e-mail, which I sent to someone concerning images claiming to show massive artificial structures near the Martian south pole (which were actually JPEG enhancement artifacts)...

"Unfortunately, the geologic interpretation of orbital photographs on Mars is not something which can successfully be performed without significant training. Even the basic identification of features and their origin is complicated by the conditions on Mars - conditions only rarely approached on Earth (usually in sub arctic terrain) - extensive low-viscosity lava flows, extensive subsurface permafrost and melting of that permafrost by subsurface magma, long-term aeolian erosion and only localized water erosion.

"Worse, many features on Mars, when viewed by the amateur, are sufficiently foreign that one with any disposition to see intelligence at work will construe those features as buildings and "complexes". For instance, features in 47B29 (showing units of Olympus Mons formation burying rugged aureole material) have some resemblance to the famous "Face" - yet they are simply and clearly mountains and hills. Or 886A13, where a crater largely buried in a lava flow could be interpreted by the unwary as some sort of megalithic stone ring. Or the chaotic terrain features resulting from permafrost melting and catastrophic water outflow in 366S68 which such persons might claim (as they do with the "Pyramids" in Cydonia) as a city of huge structures. (Note: all

of these images can be found in "Mars", Keiffer et. al., U of AZ Press).

"I appreciate the motivation which leads people to seek evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence on photos of our neighboring bodies.

But to do so without a basic familiarity with the normal geology of the body as represented by the best and clearest images and data, and without a complete understanding the nature and limits of image processing, simply invites credible scientists to lump the best data on UFOs with the worst of these sorts of speculations."

Like, Bob Shell, I would be glad to find evidence of extraterrestrial artifacts on neighboring bodies. Unfortunately, the evidence for such artifacts in Cydonia is basically non-existent. The landforms seen there are not terribly unusual when compared to Viking photos of other landforms not claimed to be of artificial origin. Mundane and reasonable geologic explanations have been able to account for those other features quite well.

The Face itself seems quite clearly to be explainable as an "inselberg", similar to Ayers Rock and others. These formations are typical of arid locations, such as one would find on Mars.

Having spent some time tonight with the Cydonia photos from MGS, it seems clear that they show a natural landform. The geometry surrounding the feature is very similar to that found in terrestrial synclines.

No doubt, some professional processing will reveal more detail as to the specifics of the feature, but there isn't a single unexplainable thing in the lot.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at

<http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman>

- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -

Author of SF novels available at...

http://www.infohaus.com/access/by-seller/The_Temporal_Doorway_Storefront/

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IUFORCE: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object

From: Pat Parrinello <pparri@crossfields.com>
Date: Tue, 31 Mar 98 21:22:36 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 08:46:51 -0400
Subject: IUFORCE: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object

IUFORCE - International UFO Researchers Conference & Exchange

As I recall in the recent past I mentioned STS-52 and some films and that someone from the ufology community should try and get them. The original of that message can be seen at:

<http://www.crossfields.com/~ace/current/ARCHIVE/1998/Mar/TueMar17175700CST1998.html>

Nobody, and I mean NOBODY responded! I guess that told me how much my word means or folks thought I was jokeing. NOT SO!

So, not one to let it pass by without trying, I went out and found someone to fund the purchase. I now have all those films in my hot little hands. I have yet to look at thousands of photos and films. No telling what else will turn up of interest.

As for now I have found something I think ALL of you will want to have a look at. You can judge for yourself. The quality is not good but I've done the best I can at present to get this stuff on the web so you can see it. I had to use my video camera with a make shift cardboard backlight to get a few half decent low rez photos you can see.

If I seem a bit miffed at you ufologist for snubbing my call for help it's because I am! :(

As for VALIDITY and PROOF I have "THE NASA MASTER PRINTS!" and I will allow one person to call me and come and see them for herself if she wishes. She knows who she is.

Here are the URLs where you can see this. Both have the same material.

<http://www.crossfields.com/~general>

<http://205.241.85.173>

Arthur C. Clark should see this!

~Pat~

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Re: Gender Differences Between Experiencers

From: jpolanik@mindspring.com [Joseph Poloniak]
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 00:42:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 09:17:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Gender Differences Between Experiencers

Gender Differences

Recently I posted an extract from John Rimmer's The Evidence for Alien Abduction which suggested that there may be gender differences in the way that males and females experience, interpret or report abduction experiences.

Rimmer's particular focus was availability status.

"If we look at those cases where women have been abducted alone, or in the company of other women ... we find a distinct tendency towards the phenomenon selecting women who are divorced, separated or undergoing some sort of marital or sexual crisis."

The responses I've gotten from this post have been extremely varied:

1. Is Alien Technology a Factor?

It was argued that it is unlikely that women are selected based on their social/sexual availability status because the abductors have the technology to 'switch off' a target female's sleepmate.

This is a good argument, but it cuts both ways. If we *were* to find a correlation between availability status and frequency of experienced or reported abduction, this would mean either that the abductors *lacked* the technology they are widely thought to have or that they were selecting their targets non-randomly. If this latter point were true, then it would discredit the idea that aliens are here to do scientific research, which, as several writers pointed out, is based on using random samples.

2. Do Alien Abductors have a Purpose?

If Alien Abductors select disproportionately more women than men then the belief that they are here to conduct some sort of breeding program becomes more plausible.

Perhaps there are ways to test this possibility. If a survey were to show that women with hysterectomies did not report significantly fewer abductions than women capable of bearing children, then there would be no basis for concluding that Alien Abductors select female targets based on whether they can contribute to the supposed breeding program.

Similarly, with regard to men, if men with vasectomies or who are otherwise sterile are abducted about as frequently as men who are capable of impregnating women, then there would be no basis on which to conclude that Alien Abductors select male targets based on whether they can contribute to the supposed breeding program.

In any event, in order to test these theories researchers would have to collect detailed personal information about their research subjects. Unfortunately, as Rimmer pointed out, researchers often fail to gather demographic information about their subjects because of a prior assumption that such facts are irrelevant --- not a good way to conduct either scientific or phenomenological research.

3. What the Trionic Research Institute has Discoverd Thus Far

So, why am I dwelling on the issue of gender differences?

Well, as those of you who have visted the TRI website may know, there is a simple on-line questionnaire. It's purpose is to find out how people classify experiences that are arguably related to Awareness during Sleep Paralysis [ASP].

There is also a Query page which enables you to see a table of the results thus far.

There are two points worthy of note:

1. About as many females as males have filled out the questionnaire.

Does this mean that there are no gender related differences involved? Well, that would depend on whether the population of net users is about half male and half female. I consider this rather unlikely at this point in time, but maybe it is true.

In any event, there seems to be a distinct gender related difference in the data we've collected so far. (From the website Query page, <http://www.trionica.com/resultsmenu.htm>, select DataView 2)

I draw your attention to the columns that display results relating to the trion of Lucid Dream Experience, Out of Body Experience and Astral Projection Experience (listed on the query as LDE, OBE and APE, respectively). People often argue whether these are different interpretations of the same core experience.

In my view, the phrase 'Out-of-Body Experience' is phenomenologically more accurate than the others --- this is often the way it seems to experiencers, but it makes no assumption as to the way 'it really was'. The phrase 'Lucid Dream Experience' takes the same data and adds the interpretation that it 'really' was just a hallucination that happened to happen when the body was asleep. The phrase 'Astral Projection Experience' substitutes the assumption that it 'really' was a journey in another body and perhaps to another plane of Being.

Well, for some reason, it seems that males report disproportionately more Lucid Dreams and females report disproportionately more OBEs and Astral Projection Experiences.

Do females have different types of experiences than males? Or is this a gender difference as to interpretation only?

I don't know the answer to that question. At this point I can only suggest that researchers who ignore the possibility of gender related differences may be overlooking important information.

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Re: Vatican ET announcement?

From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 00:01:02 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 09:22:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Vatican ET announcement?

>From: Majorstar <Majorstar@aol.com> [George A. Filer]
>Date: Thu, 2 Apr 1998 18:40:35 EST
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Filer's Files #13

>Filer's Files #13-1998 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>George A. Filer: MUFON Eastern Director,
>April 2, 1998 Majorstar@aol.com (609) 654-0020
>From edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it Tue Apr 7 02:16:00 1998

Hello George!

>Allegedly a Monsignor Cibrinni from Vatican is announcing that extr-
>terrestrials are real. Allegedly he has something to with exorism,
>Do you have any knowledge if this true?

I read it was Monsignor Corrado Balducci, but I am afraid the news was made somehow bigger than reality. Mr Balducci has often spoken about UFOs and ETs, mostly on TV programs, but his own approach has always been very rough, uninformed and prejudiced.

He may well have recently said something more open-minded, but nobody noticed it, here in Italy. Please believe that our own members are closely monitoring and busily videorecording all TV programs where UFOs are even marginally mentioned, and the news item says Balducci went on national TV (RAI) as many as FIVE times in the last few months stating extraordinary claims that would have made headlines here.

I'll check the news item presently circulating in the USA, but may I remind you that's not the first time that sensational as unfounded claims are spread on your side of the Big Pond about the Pope's (or Vatican hierarchy's) alleged interest in UFOs, aliens, Hale-Bopp or whatever else, and may I add that the news item (from Australia?) also quote such a "reliable" source as "alleged MJ-12 scientist Dr. Michael Wolf"?

Anyhow, Mr Balducci is NOT entitled to speak on behalf of the Catholic hierarchy and - as far as I understand it - he has often stated very personal and "unorthodox" opinions.

>Are you recieving my Filer's Files?
>Copy is attached.

I get it through Errol's UFO Updates, thank you. And I answer you via that same mailing list, since others may be interested.

Regards

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Re: Face Punched

From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 02:16:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 09:25:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Face Punched

> Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 18:11:27 -0400
> From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> Subject: FACE PUNCHED
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> Mars face looks as if someone with a giant fist punched it hard
> and flattened the features.....ad gave it a (left) black eye.

> JPL-processed image (250 kb at jpl.nasa.gov/marsnews/mgs/cydonia)
> appears non-symmetric (right half not mirror image of left).
> Does not appear sculpted when viewed at 4.32 m/pixel resolution.
> I predict arguments will blossom like the flowers this spring.

Bruce,

Why not try deconvolving the released data set to lower resolution to see what it shows. This is a pretty elementary image processing operation.

My prediction is that at no resolution will the released data set bear any resemblance to the Viking pictures.

Bottom line - the released image is not an image of the object imaged by Viking.

Moreover no information which could be held up in a court of law has been provided by NASA to establish that this new image is an image of the object imaged by Viking.

Gary Alevy

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NASA pseudo-science

From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 02:29:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 09:46:57 -0400
Subject: NASA pseudo-science

07:49 PM ET 04/06/98

NASA images show Mars ``face'' is just a hill

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - NASA released a new photograph of Mars on Monday showing that the so-called ``Face on Mars'' is only a hill.

The image, taken by the Mars Surveyor circling the red planet, gave scientists the closest look yet at the surface feature that appears to resemble a human face. The face in the Cydonia region of Mars had come to light after it appeared in pictures taken by the 1976 Viking mission.

Some scientists since then have speculated that the ``face'' was not a one-mile long natural feature, but rather might be a monument surrounded by pyramids, suggesting some kind of life on Mars.

But the image released Monday on the the web site of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration put that theory to rest.

``It looks like a natural figure,'' said spokeswoman Diane Ainsworth.

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How can a 'theory be put to rest' when NASA has in no way done any kind of scientific comparison of the images.

1. NASA has not demonstrated that the images were taken of the same location.
2. NASA did not make the data available in realtime.
3. The absence of features in the surrounding terrain to make an appropriate image comparison raises more questions than can be answered by what ever it is that the have included in the image.

Gary

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Re: Vatican Announcement Not Hoax

From: authority@webtv.net (Doc in Phoenix) [John Barry]
Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 23:23:22 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 09:43:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Vatican Announcement Not Hoax

The Sightings on the Radio webpage is updated by Richard Boylan, Ph.D.

In this latest story of a Vatican announcement, implying forthcoming changes in Vatican policy, a Dr. Michael Wolf is mentioned.

Dr. Michael Wolf is a fiction writer who claims two Ph.D., an M.D., and many other degrees, none of which can be verified. It has been stated that a government agency has erased his academic credentials, without changing his name. That is an impossibility because it would mean collection of class year books from hundreds of different individuals. The alleged "Dr." Wolf also claims he was a flight surgeon, an advisor to President Clinton, and a member of the highly secret MJ12 group. He is active in what he calls, The New England Institute for Advanced Research, that has 30 employees. However, the Institute's address and phone is in the "Dr." Wolf's Hartford, Connecticut apartment.

Before you evaluate the current "Vatican Announcement Update" know that the original story was about something revealed to a "clinical professional" who remains unnamed. Vatican announcements are not made by one priest talking on TV. Nor are they made by one priest talking about a case of child molestation on TV. Vatican announcements are made by the Vatican, period.

=== Doc

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My Conclusion on the Mars Face

From: Pat Parrinello <pparri@crossfields.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 98 02:01:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 10:28:43 -0400
Subject: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

I have concluded from image studies that the Mars images of today most certainly and without doubt is the actual area of the face. What you see is what you get.

NASA has played no game. There ain't no face, there ain't no pyramids, there ain't nothing there to convince me that that there is anything but natural formations.

For those who may doubt, I will soon post my image studies and you can draw your own conclusions.

~Pat~

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Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 02:57:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 10:27:30 -0400
Subject: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

> Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 19:24:25 -0700 (PDT)
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
> Subject: The new Mars facial structure

> What they failed to discuss was the outline of the structure, and
> how impressive that looks as an artificial structure -- a beveled
> strip whose outer edge is perfectly straight along the "side of
> the head," very gradually curving into the "chin" outline, with
> both edges of the upward-inclined "bevel" being parallel or
> congruent. The odds against that occurring naturally are
> phenomenal. Then, add the symmetry of the right-hand edge, at
> least with respect to the outer edge of its beveled strip, and it
> seemingly can't possibly be a natural formation.

Actually it can quite easily be a natural formation, and the
outline structure can easily be caused by either a syncline or
slumped permafrost material, both of which are easily found
around many features in both MGS and Viking photos.

Saying that "the odds against that occurring naturally are
phenomenal" is very misleading. On what basis are such odds
calculated? Many geologic features, on Mars and elsewhere,
contain relatively straight lines. These include

Faults
Synclines
Anticlines
Polygonal cracking in cooling lava
Polygonal sorting in tundra terrains
Collapsed lava tubes (i.e. rills)

Of these, synclines, anticlines, and polygonal features tend to
produce outlines and sometimes nested outlines with parallel
lines, some of which, depending on erosion, can be curved or
straight. Further, slumping of material from an isenberg can
generate a parallel plateau which can be further modified by
erosion.

Finally, certain types of cratering can cause nested ring
formations of various sizes, which, after erosion, can
generate some parallel features.

Thus, the odds are not against such a feature being natural.

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Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

From: "Keith Woodard" <gwoodard@worldnet.att.net>

Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 03:23:02 -0700

Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 10:30:45 -0400

Subject: Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

> From: [RGates8254](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com) <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]

> Date: Sun, 5 Apr 1998 23:02:24 EDT

> To: updates@globalserve.net

> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

<snip>

> Chuck Shramek and his "companion object following hale Bopp" tale, which he later disowned to the press.

<snip>

I missed this "disowning." Anyone have a quote and/or reference?

Keith

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Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 06:43:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 10:46:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

>Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 11:29:35 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

>>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 06:40:57 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

>>>Date: Fri, 3 Apr 1998 07:31:38 -0500
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 7000 Year Old Observatory Found In Sahara

>>>Bob,

>>>Have you read all of the work done on Cydonia by the independent
>>>researchers? Some of the most impressive evidence for the
>>>artificial hypothesis is found in the mound geometry. Have you
>>>read the reports done on that? This was done by very competent
>>>scientists. Dr. Horace Crater was one and Dr. James Strange was
>>>the other. Do you think these gentleman don't know what they're
>>>talking about? The chance of this geometric pattern being random
>>>are very high.

>>>How can you make such a statement like 100% natural when you
>>>personally haven't published any scientific work on the matter or
>>>have you? Even the independent scientists have said that they
>>>believe the objects MAY be artificial but only hi-res photos and
>>>a visit to Mars will settle the issue. They are open to either
>>>hypothesis. You seem bent towards the natural hypothesis.

>>>I don't know what the objects are and I'm waiting to see better
>>>photos before I give any opinions.

>>>Joe in Tampa

>Bob has already responded to this, but I wanted to add a couple
>of thoughts.

>While Bob is a photographer by trade, and not a scientist, I
>think that an opinion regarding whether or not a formation looks
>natural or not is valuable. He, after all, has a trained eye and
>looks at a scene in its entirety. Any conclusions would have to
>be accepted with his background in mind, and it should be
>understood that any conclusion would be based on how it looks,
>and not on a subset of data that has been derived through other
>analysis. In his message, I think that Bob was very clear that
>he was only offering this as an opinion.

>Will the new Surveyor images help to clear up this mystery?
>Perhaps.

>
>Of course, IMHO, the issue for many people is more a religion
>than a scientific examination. If the images appear to show that
>the "face" is a "natural" formation, there are those who would
>criticize that they must have been "doctored" by NASA before they
>were released. Those who have a vested interest in this matter
>will make every effort to fit the new data into their belief

>system, and what doesn't fit will be judged irrelevant or
>tainted.

>I am very interested in what many scientists have to say about
>the new images, and would be very pleased if they show an
>artificial formation. However, I suspect that unless the images
>are much more detailed than expected, this could serve to ignite a
>broader debate.

>In closing, I found an interesting synopsis of the history of
>this story, and provide it for your information and review:

Thanks, Steve,

People do tend to over react when you step on their religion.

The first images of Cydonia are up on JPL's site. I've downloaded
the high res versions and magnified and enhanced them as much as
is practical, and I just don't see ANYTHING but a bunch of sand
and rock.

We need to do overlays of the old and new to see just what
features were being interpreted as "face", "pyramid", "fort",
etc.

Bottom line, there ain't no face.

Now it will be interesting to see how Dick Hoagland and others
"save face"! Should be fun and games.

Bob

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Re: Partial Context for Vatican Announcement

From: "Keith Woodard" <gwoodard@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 04:49:30 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 10:48:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Partial Context for Vatican Announcement

Apparently, the first English report on the Internet of the Vatican's "announcement of the reality of extraterrestrial contact" appeared last Friday evening, when Dr. Richard Boylan posted to I_UFO text now archived at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/apr/m05-002.shtml>

The ensuing firestorm of controversy rapidly engulfed that ever-volatile mailing list, drawing even me into its swirling flames.

Saturday morning, Dr. Boylan offered this elaboration:

"The information on the Vatican announcing extraterrestrial reality on Italian national television comes to me from the ACCET clinician who herself dialogued with the Vatican spokesperson, Monsignor Balducci.

"And I received independent verification of Monsignor Balducci's proclamations on Italian television from a noted Italian UFO/ET investigator-lecturer, Giorgio Bongiovanni."

However, yesterday I posted this inquiry to Dr. Boylan:

"Suppose the church hierarchy begins taking the abduction/contact phenomenon seriously. They're not sure what it is, but they no longer believe it's demonic, the result of an abnormal personality, or an attention-seeking device. It could be angelic, visionary, mystical, or possibly even extraterrestrial.

"Suppose Monsignor Balducci is one of their key investigators in this area. Suppose they authorize him to go on television five times and talk informally about this shift in their thinking. Would it be fair to say this represented an official announcement? Wouldn't this be consistent with the story your sources tell?"

He responded:

"The one thing off in the scenario you spin is the word 'informally.' Monsignor Balducci was on national television as a spokesperson for the Vatican."

I followed up with:

"This scenario is approaching something I wouldn't find so difficult to believe. Suppose I remove the word "informally." And suppose he wasn't authorized to appear for the specific purpose of making this announcement, but that his superiors are very well aware of the wide-ranging television interviews in which he is introduced, perhaps not with the words "spokesperson for the Vatican," but with his official title and position. Would this be consistent with your information?"

I await Dr. Boylan's answer.

Kind regards,

Keith

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[M-TRAC - NPAA] Face image

From: SKvs <bradford@globalserve.net> [Sue Kovios]
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 07:59:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 10:50:21 -0400
Subject: [M-TRAC - NPAA] Face image

Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 11:44:28 +0200
To: cydonia@majordomo.pobox.com, mars_updates@world.std.com
From: JJ Mercieca <mufor@maltanet.net>
Subject: [M-TRAC - NPAA] Face image

Face image analysis posted to NPAA web site :

www.mufor.org/ares/mgs/prettyface2.jpg (335 k)

Analysis by Bryan Butcher

-o-
Near Pathfinder Anomaly Analysis
Possible artifacts in Ares Vallis
<http://www.mufor.org/ares/>

The M-TRAC Project
A private, unmanned mission to Mars
<http://www.mufor.org/mtrac/>

No pienses que es imposible,
confia en tu corazon,
nada es lo que parece,
el mundo es una ilusion.

(translation:
Don't think it's impossible,
trust your heart,
nothing is what it seems
the world is an illusion.)

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Re: Cydonia image available

From: **Kerry Ferrand** <kferrand@rocketmail.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 05:21:33 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 11:13:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Cydonia image available

> Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 16:32:17 -0700
> From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: [Fwd: Cydonia image available]

> Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 15:51:18 -0400
> To: vortex-1@eskimo.com
> From: Larry Wharton <wharton@climate.gsfc.nasa.gov>
> Subject: Cydonia image available

> The Mars Observer image of the Cydonia area on Mars is now
> available on:

> <http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/CYD1/index.html>

> The face is clearly visable with higher resolution than the
> previous image and it still is a perfect image of a face. Also
> now all sides of the DM pyramid is visable and the perfect
> symmetry structure is preserved.

Is this message a joke? In no way can the new images be taken as
a "perfect image of a face" ..perfect image of a face after
meeting both shotgun barrels perhaps..

K

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Re: Vatican Announcement Not Hoax

From: **Edoardo Russo** <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 15:30:27 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 11:18:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Vatican Announcement Not Hoax

>Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 16:11:22 -0700
>From: Skye Turell <turrel33@west.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Vatican Announcement Not Hoax

>Here's an update from www.sightings.com regarding the Vatican
>announcements about ETs/contacts.

>NOT A HOAX!!
>Vatican Admits On National
>TV That ET Contact IS REAL
>4-4-98

>Note - Here is one of the actual Italian television appearances
>by Father Balducci stating the Vatican's belief that ETs exist.
>His quotations are in Italian. Click here
><http://www.worldlink.it/nonsoloufo/baldui01.htm>

Ah! Now it's clearer!

It's just the former website of the Italian UFO cult
"Nonsiamosoli" (Wearenotalone), headed by contactee, BVM
visionnaire and "stigmatized" Giorgio Bongiovanni.

If you can read Italian, you should also find interviews with
such notorious frauds as "Mel Noel". Their main philosophy is: all
is good and true as of ET claims.

When Bongiovanni recently became more commercial-oriented
(selling the dying alien interview footage and the like), his
webmaster divorced from him, renamed the site as "nonsoloufo"
(NotOnlyUFO) but left most of the wild claims taken from their
magazine therein.

Now I'll be able to check dates and coordinates of alleged TV
broadcasts.

Thanks.

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Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 07:54:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 11:15:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Global Surveyor Images

>From: RGates8254 <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]
>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 17:29:33 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Mars Global Surveyor Images

>I tend to believe that the issue will never be resolved. Why?

>Scenario 1. NASA releases the photos and they don't show what
>Hoagland and all the folks who have staked their lives and
>reputations (not to mention the videos and speaking circuit) on.
>These folks will almost instantly claim coverup, conspiracy,
>between NASA and pick your executive branch agency (Air Force,
>DOD, DARPA, White House and so on) and argue the issue to death
>for the next 20 years.

>Scenario 2. NASA releases the photos and they show things which
>appear to be man made ... perhaps even make an announcement.
>Hoagland and others will instantly claim vindication for any and
>all of his theorys about Mars.

>These (NASA and or Hoagland) conclusions will instaneously be
>disputed by a number of "well known" scientists (much like the
>Mars fossilized life meteorite) who will put their spin and
>interpretation on the subject i.e. why NASA is wrong, why the
>photos were incorrectly examined, why their scientific
>examinations reflect conclusions that are totally different blah
>blah.

>Such an announcement will generate a headline on USA today, a day
>or two of media flapping, then the the media will go back to
>Clinton Scandel, Ken Starr, and Monica. The American public will
>also yawn after a day or two and go back to beer and major league
>baseball.
>I too would love to be proved wrong.

>Cheers,
>Robert

Well, let's see.

The photos are out, and there is no face. Nothing, nada, zippo.

Let's see how Hogland et.al. react.

Panem et circusenses!

Bob

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Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

From: **Brian Straight** <brians@mdbs.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 09:58:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 11:40:30 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> Subject: My Conclusion on the Mars Face.
> Date: Tue, 7 Apr 98 02:01:20 -0500
> From: Pat Parrinello <pparri@crossfields.com>
> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>

> NASA has played no game. There ain't no face, there
> ain't no pyramids, there ain't nothing there to convince
> me that that there is anything but natural formations.

> ~Pat~

I have to agree. The image is clearly that of the same area imaged as the 'face' in the Viking photos. The formation is, in many respects, similar to Ayres Rock in Australia. Impressive, but (unfortunately), it appears to my relatively untrained eyes to be natural.

I suspect that the controversy will rage on, however, with dark conspiracy theories and the usual well-meant but naive interpretations by those untrained in geological science (if there are any trained geologists out there, it would be interesting to hear your opinions).

Brian

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Re: Face Punched

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 11:09:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 11:44:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Face Punched

>Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 02:16:13 -0400
>From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Face Punched

>> Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 18:11:27 -0400
>> From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>> Subject: FACE PUNCHED
>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> Mars face looks as if someone with a giant fist punched it hard
>> and flattened the features.....ad gave it a (left) black eye.

> JPL-processed image (250 kb at jpl.nasa.gov/marsnews/mgs/cydonia)
>> appears non-symmetric (right half not mirror image of left).
>> Does not appear sculpted when viewed at 4.32 m/pixel resolution.
>> I predict arguments will blossom like the flowers this spring.>

>>Bruce,

>Why not try deconvolving the released data set to lower
>resolution to see what it shows. This is a pretty elementary
>image processing operation.>

YES INDEED!. This is now Carlatto's "duty" as a scientist,
gentlemen and/or ufologist. He has all the software and hardware
to to it (I don't). He should

1) use a symmetric (in x and y) low-pass (spatial frequency)
filter to reduce the resolution to that of the original face (OF)
pictures of 20 years ago

2) create a 3-D model of teh degraded mage

3) change the viewpoint to that of the satellite 20 years ago

4) change the sun angle to that of 30 years ago

(He could reverse 1 and 2). In other words, demonstrate that it
is possible to go from the real face (RF) image to the OF image.

>My prediction is that at no resolution will the released data set
>bear any resemblance to the Viking pictures.>

Well, this is a prediction Carlatto should check. And I, for one
would not bet against the ability o make the RF image look like
the OF image once viewing angle and solar angle are taken into
account.

>Bottom line - the released image is not an image of the object
>imaged by Viking. >

True.... wrong viewing angle, wrong solar angle..and
"extreme" resolution, as compared with the old

>Moreover no information which could be held up in a court of law
>has been provided by NASA to establish that this new image is an
>image of the object imaged by Viking.>

That may be true.... but presumably they can demonstrate the complete "data flow". My own hunch is that because of all this publicity they have just dumped the raw data for anyone. (I tried to download th 5 MB raw data but couldn't get it yesterday.... probably too many hits on their web site)

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Re: UFORCE: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 08:48:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 11:39:04 -0400
Subject: Re: UFORCE: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object

>Subject: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object
>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 98 21:22:36 -0600
>From: Pat Parrinello <pparri@crossfields.com>
>To: <iuforce@anne.crossfields.com>

>IUFORCE - International UFO Researchers Conference & Exchange

>As I recall in the recent past I mentioned STS-52 and some films
>and that someone from the ufology community should try and get them.
>The original of that message can be seen at:

><http://www.crossfields.com/~ace/current/ARCHIVE/1998/Mar/TueMar17175700CST1998.html>

>Nobody, and I mean NOBODY responded! I guess that told me how much
>my word means or folks thought I was jokeing. NOT SO!

>So, not one to let it pass by without trying, I went out and found
>someone to fund the purchase. I now have all those films in my
>hot little hands. I have yet to look at thousands of photos and
>films. No telling what else will turn up of interest.

>As for now I have found something I think ALL of you will want
>to have a look at. You can judge for yourself. The quality is
>not good but I've done the best I can at present to get this stuff
>on the web so you can see it. I had to use my video camera with a
>make shift cardboard backlight to get a few half decent low rez
>photos you can see.

>If I seem a bit miffed at you ufologist for snubbing my call for
>help it's because I am! :(

>As for VALIDITY and PROOF I have "THE NASA MASTER PRINTS!" and I will
>allow one person to call me and come and see them for herself
>if she wishes. She knows who she is.

>Here are the URLs where you can see this. Both have the same material.

><http://www.crossfields.com/~general>

><http://205.241.85.173>

>Arthur C. Clark should see this!

>~Pat~

Since the object and the window frame appear to be in
approximately equally sharp focus, it can't be all that far away.
Most likely a chunk of space garbage, possibly even something
which was ejected from the shuttle itself.

Does NASA have an "official explanation" of what this is?

Bob

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Re: The Cydonia thing

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 11:10:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 13:43:15 -0400
Subject: Re: The Cydonia thing

>Subject: The Cydonia thing
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 23:53:09 -0400
>To: updates@globalserve.net

As I pointed out in a message to Deardorff, Carlatto et al now have the "duty" of taking the high resolution data, degrading it by using a "low pass filter" (leaving only low spatial frequencies... i.e., blurring out fine details leaving only the grosser aspects and I do mean gross.... of the high resolution image to prove that the original face (OF) can be created from the real face (RF).

In other words, use electronics to synthesize a picture of the face as it would have appeared to the original spacecraft 20 years ago if viewed from the viewing angle and under the sun illumination conditions at the time of the newest photos.

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Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 13:45:04 -0400
Subject: Re: The New Mars Facial Structur

>Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 19:24:25 -0700 (PDT)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: The new Mars facial structure

>Well, what's the verdict on the Face? Tonight's newscast I
>viewed (Peter Jennings) played it down, and talked briefly only
>about how it now doesn't look like a face, so that it must have
>been a couple tricks of light and shadow before.

>What they failed to discuss was the outline of the structure, and
>how impressive that looks as an artificial structure -- a beveled
>strip whose outer edge is perfectly straight along the "side of
>the head," very gradually curving into the "chin" outline, with
>both edges of the upward-inclined "bevel" being parallel or
>congruent. The odds against that occurring naturally are
>phenomenal. Then, add the symmetry of the right-hand edge, at
>least with respect to the outer edge of its beveled strip, and it
>seemingly can't possibly be a natural formation.

>The viewing wasn't helped by the brighter swath that passed
>vertically through the entire strip that was viewed. And some of
>the brighter blotches on the "face" might possibly have been
>Martian clouds.>

>I don't know what to make of the whole central area looking quite
>different than on either of the previous two Face photos. Here
>is where the conspiracy theorists need to go to work; or is it
>still a face, but highly eroded?>

> Jim Deardorff

To me the overall shape looks like an island in a very shallow
river.....perhaps there was major water flow in this area.

As far as the face image is concerned, Carlatto now has the
following "duty" to perform.

Using the 4.3 m resolution data, apply a uniform (in x and y)
spatial low frequency filter that essentially degrades the
resolution to what it was before (I don't recall.... 100 m or
something like that) and demonstrate that the "filtered face"
(FF) can be thereby retrieved from the "real Face" (RF). He will
have to also manage to shift the illumination and viewing angles
to get a match between the FF and the original.

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Sorry 'bout that! We all have things to do, places to go, videos
to analyze..... etc.

Hope you found something good.

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Re: Face Punched

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 11:24:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 14:07:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Face Punched

>Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 02:16:13 -0400
>From: [galevy](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com) <galevy@pipeline.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Face Punched

<text deleted>

>Bruce,

>Why not try deconvolving the released data set to lower
>resolution to see what it shows. This is a pretty elementary
>image processing operation.

>My prediction is that at no resolution will the released data set
>bear any resemblance to the Viking pictures.

>Bottom line - the released image is not an image of the object
>imaged by Viking.

>Moreover no information which could be held up in a court of law
>has been provided by NASA to establish that this new image is an
>image of the object imaged by Viking.

>Gary Alevy

Gary-

I had thought that the hope was for a better picture of the region, and not an image that was to be modified to look like the original. However, I would assume from the thrust of your statement that you believe NASA wouldn't release any data that would seem to indicate that the structure isn't a natural formation. This belief would put NASA in a no-win situation, in that there is nothing they could provide that would be acceptable, unless it conforms to what is expected.

Is a legal challenge being proposed here, to force NASA to prove that the images are what they are purported to be? That would be a first, and presumes that only information that is provable in a court of law is acceptable. In reality, I would suspect that any evidence submitted by NASA to prove that the image is of the same area would be met with criticism by those who already "know" the truth, and even a court ruling would be questioned as "part of the plot".

Anyone who believes these images (and the ones to follow this month) will end the debate and force one side to "give in" is most likely mistaken.

NASA imaged the area as promised, and posted those images to the "net". Other images will likely follow as the planet is mapped. But unfortunately (IMHO, and not directed at those involved in this particular thread) this is like a "religion" to some "true believers", and for them this isn't really a discussion. No matter what is shown, their "faith" won't be shattered.

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Re: The Cydonia thing

From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 98 09:47:32 PDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 14:05:28 -0400
Subject: Re: The Cydonia thing

> Subject: The Cydonia thing
> From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
> Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 23:53:09 -0400
> To: updates@globalserve.net

> Like, Bob Shell, I would be glad to find evidence of
> extraterrestrial artifacts on neighboring bodies. Unfortunately,
> the evidence for such artifacts in Cydonia is basically
> non-existent. The landforms seen there are not terribly unusual
> when compared to Viking photos of other landforms not claimed to
> be of artificial origin. Mundane and reasonable geologic
> explanations have been able to account for those other features
> quite well.

> The Face itself seems quite clearly to be explainable as an
> "inselberg", similar to Ayers Rock and others. These formations
> are typical of arid locations, such as one would find on Mars.

> Having spent some time tonight with the Cydonia photos from MGS,
> it seems clear that they show a natural landform. The geometry
> surrounding the feature is very similar to that found in
> terrestrial synclines.

> No doubt, some professional processing will reveal more detail as
> to the specifics of the feature, but there isn't a single
> unexplainable thing in the lot.

Mark,

As usual you make excellent sense. It should not be forgotten,
of course, that there will be two more passes later this month
over Cydonia, and those ought to resolve any remaining issues.

Of course it would have been wonderful if Cydonia had yielded
concrete evidence of intelligent artifacts on the Red Planet, but
the good news is that we now apparently have a solid answer to
what had been an intriguing question. And if we are
truth-seekers, not mystery-mongers or conspiracy-conjurors, that
is a cause for rejoicing. Let's hope that the other mysteries
that concern get solved as conclusively.

Jerry Clark

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From: entropy@dagda.sunflower.com [Tom Genereaux]
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 10:37:26 +0000
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<massive snip to save bandwidth>

> Thanks, Steve,

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> The first images of Cydonia are up on JPL's site. I've downloaded
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> practical, and I just don't see ANYTHING but a bunch of sand and
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Bob -

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The MOC frames are put into the context of the Viking frames. As
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Tom G.

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Re: IUFORCE: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object

From: "Cathy Johnson" <rfsignal@idirect.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 00:11:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 14:54:29 -0400
Subject: Re: IUFORCE: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object

>Subject: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object
>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 98 21:22:36 -0600
>From: Pat Parrinello <pparri@crossfields.com>
>To: <iuforce@anne.crossfields.com>

>IUFORCE - International UFO Researchers Conference & Exchange

Dear Pat,

I apologize for getting in where you were upset because no one dared to look. Well, I went and looked. I had to do a bit of digging to get the browser to work, but I did see the pictures you were speaking of. Now, what remains is to explain what the object in question might possibly be.

Admittedly, there is a huge amount of debris and junk floating around up that high. But, the question is could that object have ever been a part of any manmade object that was rocketed up there in the first place? I would like to think that there is a database of everything mankind has sent up into space. But, I don't think that there will be an easy explanation for this one. What do you think?

By the way, I thought to comment on the excellent effort you have been up to and you should be proud of it. Great work!

Take care for now,
Cathy Johnson

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Re: Cydonia image available

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 12:48:10 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 14:56:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Cydonia image available

Kerry Ferrand wrote:

> Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 05:21:33 -0700 (PDT)
> From: Kerry Ferrand <kferrand@rocketmail.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Cydonia image available
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

Re: Goddard employee post on symmetry of "The Face".

> Is this message a joke? In no way can the new images be taken as
> a "perfect image of a face" ..perfect image of a face after
> meeting both shotgun barrels perhaps..

Remember that this Goddard employee saw the *original* data
downloaded from MGS.

(He said with tongue planted firmly in cheek.)

Seriously, sources inside NASA say that the image we viewed
yesterday was the result of bombardment of "The Face" by SDI
energy weapons much the same as Napoleon's troupes took shots at
the Sphinx nose.

Seriously (really this time), methinks Mr. Wharton was having
some fun with Vortex listserver members. Obviously, he nailed me
as I realized upon seeing the first contrast-enhanced versions of
the MGS data.

BTW, I still want to see "The Fort" reimaged!

Terry

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Society for Planetary SETI Research (SPSR) - Press

From: "Yvonne Hedenland" <yvonne_h@email.msn.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 12:22:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 14:58:38 -0400
Subject: Society for Planetary SETI Research (SPSR) - Press

From: Hoomai [Hoomai@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 1998 11:14 AM
To: diana@oznet.com
UFO Forum <http://forums.msn.com/ufo>

Subject: Press Release

Controversial Features on Mars:
Scientific Studies Say High Probability Some are Artificial

Chicago We've been studying the Cydonian region of Mars for two decades, says Professor Stanley V. McDaniel, spokesperson for The Society for Planetary SETI Research (SPSR). It has taken us that long to produce the statistical studies and image analysis that allow us to conclude there's a high probability that some of the Cydonia features may be nonrandom or even artificial. We're thrilled that NASA and JPL have worked so hard to produce these images.

They look very intriguing so far, but the right side of the image could well be obscured by the camera angle. Anyway, science takes time, so we'll be analyzing today's images and the other upcoming Mars Global Surveyor images of Cydonia with great care to discover whether they confirm or disconfirm our findings--many of which will be updated at the American Geophysical Union meetings in late May.

In 1976," McDaniel continued, "Officials made a snap judgment that the Mars 'Face' was 'natural' within three hours of receiving the images from Mars. Many of their premature claims turned out to be mistaken. With the arrival of new images from the Global Surveyor, there will once again be a temptation to make premature conclusions. No one image of the Face will end the controversy because of the two-dozen or so other anomalous formations in the region which form the basis of many of our statistical conclusions.

Image Scientist Dr. Mark Carlotto added, We're seeing some of the features we predicted but some of them we're not. There could be several reasons for this. One is that we're not able to see them because of the light and viewing geometry. The others could be that they're distorted or eroded or not there, but we just don't know yet. We're also eagerly awaiting the additional data of other areas of Cydonia which NASA's Acting Director of Solar System Studies Dr. Carl Pilcher has promised us that NASA will try and capture in the next two imaging passes on April 14 and April 23.

SPSR President and quantum physicist Dr. Horace Crater of the University of Tennessee Space Institute pointed out, The image does seem to be distorted and stretched. Previous Viking images show a perfectly round impact crater below and to the left of the 'Face.' In the most recent JPL image, this crater is decidedly oval, so the image will have to be rectified to meet the

known geometric properties of previous NASA images.

Members of the SPSR, an association of scientists, some of whom have been studying the features of the Cydonia region of Mars for over twenty years, recently released the results of two decades of Mars anomaly research in a new book, *The Case for the Face*. It includes scientific and statistical studies that suggest that there is a high probability that a number of the features in the Cydonia region are "nonrandom and possibly artificial in nature. We are not aware of any natural processes here on Earth that can explain what we have encountered in Cydonia so far, states McDaniel.

While we are both pleased and perplexed with the long awaited new data from Cydonia, McDaniel states, we encourage the entire scientific community to join with the SPSR in using standard scientific analytical techniques before announcing conclusions about the area's possible artificial nature. With the release of new images by JPL, SPSR plans to conduct an intensive multi-disciplinary analysis of the data in order to understand what, if anything, might have once occurred at Cydonia. It is the intention of SPSR to make these results available to the media in a timely, accurate, and responsible manner.

The SPSR's membership of 25 scientists includes 14 PhDs, the authors of every peer-reviewed scientific paper on the subject, one of the leading Mars meteorite researchers in the country, a member of the former National Commission on Space, a quantum physicist at the University of Tennessee Space Science Institute, a noted archaeologist, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, a former member of the NASA astronaut corps, university professors, as well as credentialed individuals from the fields of space and planetary science, geology, anthropology, cartography, computer science, image interpretation, medicine and philosophy.

NOTE:

Dr. Mark Carlotto will be joining the UFO Forum for a live chat on Tuesday, April 7th at 6pm, PT. The chat is available at <http://forums.msn.com/ufo>

The Briefing Room chat can be accessed by any IRC client. The chat server name is publicchat.msn.com and the room or channel name is #briefing.

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Re: Cydonia image available

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 13:38:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 16:39:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Cydonia image available

>>From: kferrand@rocketmail.com Tue Apr 7 08:32:29 1998
>>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 05:21:33 -0700 (PDT)
>>From: Kerry Ferrand <kferrand@rocketmail.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Cydonia image available
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 16:32:17 -0700
>> From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>> To: updates@globalserve.net
>> Subject: [Fwd: Cydonia image available]

>> Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 15:51:18 -0400
>> To: vortex-1@eskimo.com
>> From: Larry Wharton <wharton@climate.gsfc.nasa.gov>
>> Subject: Cydonia image available

>> The Mars Observer image of the Cydonia area on Mars is now
>> available on:

>> <http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/CYD1/index.html>

>> The face is clearly visable with higher resolution than the
>> previous image and it still is a perfect image of a face. Also
>> now all sides of the DM pyramid is visable and the perfect
>> symmetry structure is preserved.

>Is this message a joke? In no way can the new images be taken as
>a "perfect image of a face" ..perfect image of a face after
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>K

Well now, if'n that message ain't a joke, they's sure lookin'
at a different picture than I's lookin' at.

Bob

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Water Found on Saturn's Moon

From: **TotlResrch** <TotlResrch@aol.com> [Kal Korff]
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 13:41:04 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 16:41:46 -0400
Subject: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

Dear List:

While Richard Hoagland and other farce on Mars types are busy trying to rationalize NASA's recent images that gut their favorite theory, the exploration and legitimate scientific understanding of our universe is priceless nonetheless.

Enclosed is an article I found last night after watching the wretched UPN "Danger", over-hyped special, and thought I would just share it.

It will be interesting in future years to see how this develops...let's hope that Hoagland and Company do not exploit this discovery for the PseudoScientific cause.

Enjoy!
Hastily,
Kal

Water Found on Saturn's Moon

LONDON (AP) - Europe's infrared space observatory has discovered water in many unexpected places - including a moon of Saturn - raising expectations of life elsewhere in the universe, the European Space Agency said today. The discovery of water vapor in the atmosphere of Titan, Saturn's largest moon, may indicate that conditions there duplicate those that gave birth to life on Earth, the agency's director of science said.

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 07:58:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 07:58:35 -0400
Subject: Posting Rules

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Please make your lines no more than 70 characters long

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Longer lines are wrapped by various pieces of software along the Net and leave awkward and eye-jarring line lengths.

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>Date: 01 Jan 97 00:00:01 EST
>From: Genghis@mukluk.com <Bob Bobberts>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Grays are Grey Area

Again - it's at the beginning of the 'body' of the message you are responding to.

3. Quoting

Always quote from the message to which you are responding.

Quotes should come before you key your response.

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The Archive software will automatically italicize these lines. Visit the Archive page and take a look.

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When 'Reply' is clicked, some E-Mail software will insert a line which states:

On 01 Jan 97 at 00:00:01 EST, UFO UpDates wrote:

If your program does this, please remove it - UFO UpDates did not write the message - it merely posted it to the List.

5. Don't send 'personal' responses to the list that should be sent directly to the original author. Send a message to the list only if it contains new information that you want everyone to see.

Messages that contain what the List Administrator considers to be personal attacks or 'flames' will not be posted to the List. Those messages will be forwarded to the person they refer to for their information.

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Re: Mars Face Report

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 17:22:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 09:15:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face Report

NEARSIGHT INSTITUTE

OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE NASA/JPL MARS FACE PHOTOS

ISSUED APRIL 7, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --

Detailed analysis of the new photo of the Cydonia region of Mars by the technical staff of the Nearsight Institute has revealed the following.

There is clear evidence that the Mars Face Anomaly has been destroyed, most likely by nuclear explosions. Analysis of sand and wind patterns, erosion, and special Non-Remote Viewing leads us to state categorically that this occurred on August 14th of 1997.

It is our belief that in their intense desire to hide the evidence of advanced civilization on Mars the government of the USA, probably with the help and collusion of other major world governments dispatched a fleet of nuclear missiles to obliterate the site well before any possibility of clear imaging.

Doubtless this plan was developed under the control of the Illuminati, the New World Order and MJ-12, and it is unlikely that even President Clinton is aware of this deception.

We must all rise up and denounce this senseless destruction of a major exoarcheological site.

Bob Shell, Director
Nearsight Institute

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Richard Hoagland

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Hoagland was on the Art Bell radio show last night, saying that
the face was feline in appearance.

He obviously hasn't seen the same pictures I have.

Check out Art Bell real audio archives, as Hoagland tries to "save face" as you put it. Imagine spending 15 years on something and having it all fall apart overnight!! Ouch!!

Sorry Dick!!

Brett
brettmart@desupernet.net

"Get serious, get informed" - me

Pennsylvania Region Director
Skywatch International, Inc.
<http://www.freeyellow.com/members2/brettmart/index.html>

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From: **Brian Straight** <brians@mdbs.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 13:54:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 09:11:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Face on Mars

For a really superb enhanced image, see
http://barsoom.msss.com/mars/global_surveyor/camera/images/4_6_face_release/face_inverted.gif

For a good comparison with the Viking data, see
http://barsoom.msss.com/mars/global_surveyor/camera/images/4_6_face_release/index.html

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Re: UFORCE: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object

From: "Greg Sandow" <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 15:33:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 09:13:43 -0400
Subject: Re: UFORCE: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object

> Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 08:48:11 -0500
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: IUFORCE: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object

> Since the object and the window frame appear to be in
> approximately equally sharp focus, it can't be all that far away.
> Most likely a chunk of space garbage, possibly even something
> which was ejected from the shuttle itself.

That was my take, too, Bob. Seemed utterly unremarkable.

Greg Sandow

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Re: 'Danger In Our Skies: The New UFO Threat'

From: MB DRUMS <MBDRUMS@aol.com> [Mark Beecher]
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 17:54:22 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 09:24:50 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Danger In Our Skies: The New UFO Threat'

Hi Errol!

Just wanted to ask if anyone videotaped the UPN TV Network Special - "Danger In Our Skies: The New UFO Threat" (regarding the Mexico City UFO video) that aired April 6th 1998. If so, could they please contact me at...
mb drums@aol.com

I heard it was gonna be on, but didn't realize it was on last nite and missed it!

I can trade a copy of that video, for one of many UFO videos I have in my collection.

Thanks and hope to hear from someone.

Mark Beecher

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Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

From: **Ufojoel** <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 18:37:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 11:59:09 -0400
Subject: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

Despite what has been written on this list, if the Cydonia objects turn out to be natural, most of the us will not take this as our religion being "stepped on" and we will not be devastated. Life will go on. I don't have a vested interest in this matter. I just want to know!

The fact that people offer their opinions without doing one ounce of research is shown by them already coming to a conclusion on the matter of artificial vs. natural.

People, do your research!!! At least SOME research. Read ONE article from Stanley McDaniel and you will realize that no matter what The Face turns out to be, it is not the most important feature at Cydonia. Even if it's natural, that doesn't say anything about the other (Many) objects. What about "The Fort"?

Somebody wrote that there were no pyramids as Hoagland predicted. Of course not, the pyramidal looking structures are not located in the new photo of The Face. They are in "The City". "The City" should be the next area photographed next week. This is where the artificial vs. natural hypothesis will really be tested. Please wait until you come to conclusions on any of these photos. Mark Carlotto should be able to shed some light on this matter tonight in the MSN chat room. I value his opinion highly. He wrote:

"We're also eagerly awaiting the additional data of other areas of Cydonia which NASA's Acting Director of Solar System Studies Dr. Carl Pilcher has promised us that NASA will try and capture in the next two imaging passes on April 14 and April 23."

By the way, is it me or did the MGS photo of The Face look pretty crappy for a hi-res image? Some of the other photos on Malin's site look so much clearer. Maybe it's me.

Joe in Tampa

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Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 15:23:16 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 11:57:14 -0400
Subject: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

>Subject: UFO UpDate: The New Mars Facial Structure
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 02:57:37 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 19:24:25 -0700 (PDT)
>> To: updates@globalserve.net
>> From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>> Subject: The new Mars facial structure

>> What they failed to discuss was the outline of the structure, and
>> how impressive that looks as an artificial structure -- a beveled
>> strip whose outer edge is perfectly straight along the "side of
>> the head," very gradually curving into the "chin" outline, with
>> both edges of the upward-inclined "bevel" being parallel or
>> congruent. The odds against that occurring naturally are
>> phenomenal. Then, add the symmetry of the right-hand edge, at
>> least with respect to the outer edge of its beveled strip, and it
>> seemingly can't possibly be a natural formation.

>Actually it can quite easily be a natural formation, and the
>outline structure can easily be caused by either a syncline or
>slumped permafrost material, both of which are easily found
>around many features in both MGS and Viking photos.

>Saying that "the odds against that occurring naturally are
>phenomenal" is very misleading. On what basis are such odds
>calculated? Many geologic features, on Mars and elsewhere,
>contain relatively straight lines. These include

>Faults
>Synclines
>Anticlines
>Polygonal cracking in cooling lava
>Polygonal sorting in tundra terrains
>Collapsed lava tubes (i.e. rills)

>Of these, synclines, anticlines, and polygonal features tend to
>produce outlines and sometimes nested outlines with parallel
>lines, some of which, depending on erosion, can be curved or
>straight. Further, slumping of material from an isenberg can
>generate a parallel plateau which can be further modified by
>erosion.

Mark,

Tendencies in the direction you indicate do occur, I grant you.
Where the odds become infinitesimal is for these tendencies ever
to show up as perfectly, smoothly, congruently and symmetrically
as those of the "face's" outline.

Though I'm not from Missouri, you need to show me the best
example you can find of an "isenberg" surrounded by an otherwise
relatively featureless terrain with a linear-to-curved beveled
sidewall extending around it symmetrically, etc. Then perhaps I
can locate an aerial photo of it or topographical chart and check
it out.

The only other structures I know of that can compare at all,
outside of Earth's various constructed pyramids, are also in the

Cydonia region.

This latest photo shows that what had previously been thought to be the inner edge of the "hairline" or "helmet," which parallels or is congruent to the outer edge, actually extends down around the bottom of the "chin." This part hadn't been visible before, and adds further odds against its being natural.

The idea of de-convoluting the picture, or reducing its resolution to what exists in the 1976 pictures, is a good one, but, as has been mentioned, its 3-D terrain heights need to be determined so that the shadows can be deduced for the different solar angles of 1976. For this, one or more further views of the "face" from different vantage points but with similar resolution need to be taken. This may not be forthcoming. But if it should be, not only should a "face" supporter do the analysis and no doubt find that it would not come close to replicating the 1976 shots, but so also a detractor, to see if he could close to replicating it. (I assume no expert of neutral opinion in between could be found.) Then after that, one would need to go to the best 3 out of 5, etc.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Cydonia image available

From: **Andy Denne** <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 20:49:31 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 12:37:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Cydonia image available

> Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 12:48:10 -0700
> From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Cydonia image available

> Kerry Ferrand wrote:

>
> > Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 05:21:33 -0700 (PDT)
> > From: Kerry Ferrand <kferrand@rocketmail.com>
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Cydonia image available
> > To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> Re: Goddard employee post on symmetry of "The Face".

> > Is this message a joke? In no way can the new images be taken as
> > a "perfect image of a face" ..perfect image of a face after
> > meeting both shotgun barrels perhaps..

> Remember that this Goddard employee saw the *original* data
> downloaded from MGS.

> (He said with tongue planted firmly in cheek.)

> Seriously, sources inside NASA say that the image we viewed
> yesterday was the result of bombardment of "The Face" by SDI
> energy weapons much the same as Napoleon's troupes took shots at
> the Sphinx nose.

> Seriously (really this time), methinks Mr. Wharton was having
> some fun with Vortex listserver members. Obviously, he nailed me
> as I realized upon seeing the first contrast-enhanced versions of
> the MGS data.

> BTW, I still want to see "The Fort" reimaged!

> Terry

Hi there,

I want to comment on some of the strange reviews I recieved on
the Cydonia-pictures. Now, I'm not saying I have all the answers,
I'm just a simple Dutch UFO-researcher ;-)

But I wonder howcome we only get to see a picture, allegedly of
the "Face", that is is taken in such a position that tells us
really zip!

As you probably noticed there is a clear crater, close to the
left side of the face in the Viking-pictures, well now, in the
MGS-pictures the alleged "Face" is photografted in such an angle
that it's quite difficult to make out wether it really IS the
face-like structure. And why doesn't anybody wonder why we didn't
get to see any pictures of the "pyramids"?

Another thing that I noticed on the picture we got to see on the
evening news (I video-taped it so I could take a closer look at
it) is the fact that the outside band-like structure of the
"Face" really was to low and to flat and smooth compared by the

initial viking-pictures?

I really would like here the opinion of any one out there on these issues!

Greetings,

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Re: The Cydonia thing

From: "Paul Hunter" <gscribe@thefree.net>
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 98 21:42:20 PDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 12:39:38 -0400
Subject: Re: The Cydonia thing

Have I been looking at the images differently to everyone else?

I'm no scientist, but what I downloaded last night from NASA's site was accompanied by text which said that the image was of the Cydonia region, not the 'Face' itself.

As it's the region as a whole that people are interested in, to my eyes the 'trench' seems to surround the Cydonia region as a whole, not the 'Face'.

What people have been referring to as the 'Face' seems to me to be the entire Cydonia region.

Maybe I'm wrong, but if you look about half way down the enclosed 'trench' area (down in a straight line from what some people seem to have referred to as the right eye - i.e. 'right' from our viewpoint - you see a strongly lit small object.

I've been supposing that this object is the 'Face'. Being brightly lit is indicative of height to my mind; also it is only lit on one side, as per Viking pictures, although the shadow angle is different

If you print out the relevant section of the 'strip', i.e. this 'trench enclosed' 'footprint shaped' area, & then turn it clockwise by about 90 degrees I think you may see a (quite low resolution) of the whole Cydonia region FROM THE ANGLE MOST OF US ARE USED TO SEEING IT, that is with the 'face' looking at us.

I did this & I get quite a good correlation with the placement of other Cydonia region objects, although because the resolution is so poor, you can only make out vague bumps & shapes, whereas in the enhanced Viking pictures you can see the 'D&M pyramid' etc.

Perhaps I've got this all wrong, but if not, you heard it here first! :)

If by any chance I'm right, this would explain why NASA have promised better resolution imaging in future passes.

Also, if I'm right, someone at NASA might be laughing up his or her sleeve at this successful 'misdirection' of presenting the image at the 'wrong' (unexpected) angle.

Paul

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Re: DISPATCH # 90 -- the weekly newsletter of

From: ParaScope <ParaScope@AOL.COM>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 22:15:48 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 12:33:56 -0400
Subject: Re: DISPATCH # 90 -- the weekly newsletter of

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4/9/98

Quote of the Week

"Now anybody with a computer is a newspaper."

-- Warner Bros. marketing chief Chris Pula, decrying the low barriers to publication on Internet fan sites, which ruin studio marketing plans for multi-million-dollar films such as "Batman & Robin."

Rant of the Week: "Diplomatic Contacts With An Alien Power"

Every week we pick the wackiest, scariest, nastiest or funniest rant from the hundreds of letters received by us here at ParaScope headquarters, and present it to you as our Rant of the Week. This week, "Timmy" details a unique theory that the "Face on Mars" was destroyed by aliens to aid in an ongoing cover-up of evidence of Martian monuments. Enjoy.

"At this stage we would like to advance the theory that the picture is genuine; the location is correct, and it's the mountain itself which has changed. That would be the least detectable cover-up. No one from NASA, JPL, or MSS would have to be in on the conspiracy. But it would require the complicity of an agency able to go to Mars and blast the mountain. However we know "they" operate on Mars. There was a UFO in the doctored Pathfinder picture; several Mars probes have been lost in suspicious circumstances; a Russian astronaut confirmed that the last frame from their phobos probe showed a very large UFO.

"This theory requires that there be ongoing diplomatic contacts with the alien power. Someone had to explain to them that public pressure meant that the MSG was going to target the face, and that in order to protect the Big Lie it was essential that the face not look like a face by the time the probe reached it. It must have been explained to them that the damage inflicted on the mountain should be concentrated on the right hand side which was under shadow in the first pictures. They must have agreed, and carried out the deliberate destruction of the monument. We can probably date this meeting of man and alien to around the time that NASA stopped resisting demands that the face be targeted, and agreed to send the MGS to Cydonia.

"To the deceivers and liars we can only say: you had the opportunity to present the reality of extra-terrestrial intelligence to the general public in a totally non-threatening way, in the form of a relic of an extinct civilisation. You had the chance and you wimped-out! Do you really think you can keep the lid on this forever?"

All rants are printed "as is," with spelling and grammar goofs left uncorrected. Some rants may be edited for brevity or clarity, to the extent such a thing is possible. If you've got a rant you'd like to share, send it to pscp lady@aol.com with "possible rant" in the subject line of your letter.

Opening Up the X-Files

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Coming Up Next Week!

Catch a number of great stories next week on a daily basis on America Online or all at once next Friday on the web site, including daily updates to our Conspiracy Newsline and Daily Dose features. Among the articles you'll want to check out:

NASA Revisits Cydonia; Will the "Face" Show Up?

On April 6, 1998, the Mars Global Surveyor began photographing the Cydonia region of the planet Mars as part of its ongoing mission to map the surface of the Red Planet. Launched in 1996, the Mars mission hit the headlines last year when it sent down the Mars Pathfinder to the planet's surface. Now exobiology buffs and UFOlogists are waiting to see if the Global Surveyor will cast new light on the much-debated "Face" on Mars. Is it a monument built by extraterrestrials, or just a natural -- but very unusual -- rock formation? Join ParaScope as we check out the newest pix of this controversial anomaly!

Junior Skeptic KO's Therapeutic Touch

When fourth-grader Emily Rosa had to come up with a science project idea in 1996, she had no idea it would end up being published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Emily's project debunked one of the most controversial alternative therapy methods of modern times: "therapeutic touch" therapy, in which therapists lay their hands over the bodies of patients with various illnesses and injuries, believing that the manipulation of "energy fields" will promote healing or reduce physical pain. Despite a severe lack of proven scientific value, TT is currently practiced in about 80 hospitals in North America and taught in over 100 colleges and universities in 75 countries. Is this therapy so bogus that even a child can debunk it? Enigma editor D. Trull has the details on the Junior Skeptic.

UFO Roundup

Get the latest ufology news and sighting reports, courtesy of Joseph Trainor's UFO Roundup! Florida UFO flap enters third week; JARVIS team tracks orbs over Lake Ontario; anomalous painting found beneath Roman ruins; black helicopter seen by ufologist and witness in New Jersey; silver sphere UFOs seen in Georgia; lots more news.

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Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

From: **Mike Morton** <morton@spdc.ti.com>
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 18:51:30 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 12:29:49 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> Subject: My Conclusion on the Mars Face.
> Date: Tue, 7 Apr 98 02:01:20 -0500
> From: Pat Parrinello <pparri@crossfields.com>
> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>

> I have concluded from image studies that the Mars images
> of today most certainly and without doubt is the actual
> area of the face. What you see is what you get.

> NASA has played no game. There ain't no face, there
> ain't no pyramids, there ain't nothing there to convince
> me that that there is anything but natural formations.
>
> For those who may doubt, I will soon post my image studies
> and you can draw your own conclusions.

> ~Pat~

Of Course there aren't any pyramids in the new picture the
Pyramids are a few miles away frm the face. All the media
attention has been wrongfully saying the face was supposedly
surrounded by pyramids....NOT so. The pyramids have not been
photographed yet!

As for the face yes I too beleive they photographed the correct
region and it is in fact a natural formation. But as some have
always held...myself included...was that the face was most
probably the best candidate to be an actual "natural" formation.
Once they show the pyramids in the "City" and the "D&M pyramid"
then the case can be closed...but as it stands right now....this
is far from over.

just my opinion
Mike

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"We are but visitors on this rock...hurtling through time and space at 66,000
miles per hour....tethered to a burning sphere by an invisible force....in an
unfathomable universe...."

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Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

From: **RGates8254** <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]
Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 21:06:26 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 12:32:19 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

> Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 12:07:49 -0500 (CDT)
> From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@freeside.fc.net>
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

> > Date: Sat, 04 Apr 1998 22:09:27 -0800
> > From: Skye Turell <turel33@west.net>
> > To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> > Subject: Vatican Says ET Contacts Real

> > This is from <http://www.sightings.com>

> > Vatican Admits On National
> > TV That ET Contact IS REAL
> > From Ross Dowe
> > 4-4-98

> > Monsignor Corrado Balducci, a Vatican theologian insider close to
> > the Pope has gone on national Italian television five times in
> > recent months to proclaim that extraterrestrial contact is a real
> > phenomenon.

> This story is curious enough to me that I decided to contact the
> director of the Vatican Observatory in Arizona, forwarding him a
> copy of the post, to see if I could get any reaction or leads
> into the Vatican on this story. I suspect the result will be one
> of:

- > 1. No response at all
- > 2. A "No comment"
- > 3. "You gotta be kidding" (phrased diplomatically or not)
- > 4. "We are not the ones to contact"
> (with or without an alternative provided).
- > 5. "Yep, its true" (well, bowl me over)

> I'll forward any response I get on to the list.

> By the way, I would suggest to others in the list, that if you
> know anyone in Catholic Church hierarchy in a position to comment
> on this, that you also forward inquiries on this post. Surely
> if we poke around enough, we can get a comment from someone.

> -Brian Cuthbertson

What will happen if the story is denied (or no comment, or ignored, or otherwise) is all the purveyors of this tale will claim conspiracy/coverup to save face.

Have you ever heard anybody who spreads these storys on the Internet later come back and say "Well I was deceived" or "I was full of crap" or "my source was wrong?"

Cheers,
Robert

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Re: [M-TRAC - NPAA] Face image

From: **harald hornung** <harald_hornung@bc.sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 11:44:14 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 17:07:18 -0400
Subject: Re: [M-TRAC - NPAA] Face image

Hello everyone :

I'm usually a reader and not a talker on UFO UpDates but I just wanted to have my say this time.

Granted I'm no expert, just a someone who takes an interest and thinks their own thoughts!

I just want to suggest that we all practise caution before making any hasty judgements on the pictures from Cydonia. For one thing they are not all that clear, there appears to be a wispy cloud, or maybe a reflection on the the most important part of the image.(where the face should be!!) Could it be airbrushed, even?!!

Secondly, we did not see the images exactly as they appear straight from Mars, so there is a possibility that they have been made less distinct, maybe !!

I know, you're thinking - I'm true believer who can't take the truth! Well, no its not that, sure it would be the story of the century if it was really there, but we are so manipulated these days in what to believe and disbelieve I would preach caution even if the "Face" was plainly there surrounded by pyramids etc.

I think we still have along way to go with this, don't make any quick judgements. It could, in my opinion, still go either way. Are we being told the truth? Or have we in the past been the victims of over excited media anxious to sell their magazines etc.? Maybe, we are too gullable or too cynical! Whichever!

Thanks to listening to my feelings - what do you think ?

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'Indiana' Explained... ?

From: "K. Young" <task@fuse.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 17:17:56 -0400
Subject: 'Indiana' Explained... ?

Indiana EXPLAINED... ?

Shortly after 2:30 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 1998, I made contact with a Lt. Col. Soldner of the 122 Fighter Unit of the Indiana Air National Guard.

Soldner did not have any knowledge of the reported 300+ UFO sightings received by the news department of the Evansville, Indiana FOX affiliate. He knew well military procedures utilizing flares as well as MOA zones and boundaries. He stated the following:

The closest MOA to the Evansville, Indiana region is the RED HILLS MOA, which is an air-to-air operating area, typically used both day and night. It is not at all unusual, while practicing defensive maneuvers in this zone, for ANG aircraft to 'pop flares' in multiple or single releases. The Red Hills MOA is situated in parts of Southern Illinois and also extending into the southeastern part of Indiana, close to Evansville

The 122nd Fighter Unit out of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, was not operating in the RED HILLS MOA during the time-frame of the reported sightings. Soldner suggested that a visiting operation, possibly from out of state, could certainly have been in action within the MOA zone during this time period. "Chances are that it would be one of two units, the SPRINGFIELD, Illinois unit and Terre Haute units, both using F-16 aircraft," Soldner said.

There is also an Air to Ground training facility called CAMP ATTERBERRY (sp?), and operations at this range includes daytime air to ground operations. Launched from there is a rocket/projectile nick-named 'Smokey Sam,' which is like a huge bottlerocket that fires up into the air. Soldner said that flares are sometimes popped there as well.

The flares themselves burn very brightly for 2 to 3 seconds then trail out. There are no parachutes on the flares, he said.

When asked if the 300+ UFO sightings received by the Evansville television station would warrant a matter of concern to the ANG, Soldner added: "That seems to be information within public domain, and probably would not concern us. We can't speak for any of the sightings or reported sightings."

When informed of reports involving the objects spotted during adverse weather conditions, Soldner said: "We would even avoid FLYING in adverse weather, and that would include anyone."

Soldner added that maneuvers utilizing flares are not permissible outside of MOA zones. "It's pretty straightforward as to where we're allowed to employ flares, we have to be in certain airspace."

When asked if ANG units could be hot-dogging and toying with the public, Soldner stated: "I would never say that's a possibility."

Soldner went on to add that the flares stay lit 'real bright' for about 3 or 4 seconds at the most, and then trail off. "They

don't put on a good visual display," he declared.

When asked about my theory of a joint discharge of flares from multiple jets flying in a V-shaped formation, Soldner said it was not likely.

"The coordinated discharge of flares while in formation is not a routine practice," he said.

Major Houser with the Terre Haute, Indiana Air National Guard was contacted, and acknowledged that Terre Haute ANG units were flying in the Red Hills MOA during the last week of March.

Houser also added that the Terre Haute units were utilizing flares in their maneuvers.

Houser added that their flying was not at low elevations, and stated: "We can't go to a low elevation in RED HILLS anyway."

Houser said that their operations do not extend outside of the MOA zones.

Their exercises do not use parachute flares, and he didn't know the burn time of the flares involved.

He said that these activities will not fly in adverse weather conditions. "We don't fly in storms, but sometimes go around them."

Houser recalled that when the flights returned to base, a phone call was received at the air tower from a person inquiring about the flares.

This caller was from a neighboring county, possibly Dearborne.

He said that a record of visiting units into the Red Hills zone is available through the Freedom of Information Act.

Comment:

The Terre Haute ANG said they were flying in the last week of March and using flares. This statement alone stands as a viable explanation to address the concerns of over 300 callers to an Evansville, Indiana television station, who reported what they perceived to be UFOs. It is my belief that the activities of F-16 jets from the Terre Haute ANG outfit explains a majority, if not all, of the reported UFO sightings.

What is at issue now is to analyze this event, and isolate the reported UFO sightings which are not instantly applicable within the flare explanation. These reports must be reviewed to determine the following:

1. Objects/lights/flares spotted within or under adverse weather conditions/into the wind
2. Objects/lights/flares at unmistakably low elevations
3. Objects/lights/flares sighted outside of the boundary restrictions for the RED HILLS MOA zone.
4. Duration or burn-time of reported flare/phenomenon, as indicated above, is for only 3 to 4 seconds, using no parachutes. The reported phenomenon was described, in some instances, as being visible for 3 to 4 minutes.
5. Objects/lights/flares sighted in formation, such as triangle or V-shape. A 'multiple release' flare discharge could lace the sky with flares in a straight line or even a V-shape, if the jet in question performs a banking maneuver while discharging. However, it was stated that coordinated flare discharges from multiple jets 'is not a routine practice.'

Regional investigators within the area of these sightings are encouraged to coordinate with me to address the conflicting characteristics in these reports.

In the process of investigating the most recent spate of UFO sightings from Indiana, I have spoken with several ANG officers from Peoria and Springfield, Illinois, Ft. Wayne and Terre Haute, Indiana, as well as Ohio Air National Guard persons. Any time I have asked the ANG operatives about the possibilities of their pilots 'hot-dogging' or 'screwing with the public' by deliberately flying outside of MOA zones, dropping flares at low elevations and trying to generate UFO sightings, they become

hotly defensive, always refusing to answer directly, and deferring my question to a supervisor or other public relations hireling.

In evaluation of this matter, it seems as if the final answer is clear: flares are a factor. If the contradictory reports are to be considered, then we must leave open the continuing possibilities that the witnesses are totally mistaken in their reportage of a dubious, non-existent phenomenon in the face of a totally conventional explanation.

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Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

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Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 11:33:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 17:39:13 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

>From: "Keith Woodard" <gwoodard@worldnet.att.net>
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real
>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 03:23:02 -0700

>> From: [RGates8254](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com) <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]
>> Date: Sun, 5 Apr 1998 23:02:24 EDT
>> To: updates@globalserve.net
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: 'Vatican Says' ET Contacts Real

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>> Chuck Shramek and his "companion object following hale Bopp" tale, which
>he later disowned to the press.

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>I missed this "disowning." Anyone have a quote and/or reference?

>Keith

If memory serves, Shramek acknowledged that the "companion" he had questioned was actually a faint star that wasn't on the star chart he was using at the time. Initially, I believe that he only posted (or sent) the image to others on the "net" to help him identify it. Because he was being hounded by everyone and their brother regarding the "companion", which quickly took on a life of its own on the Internet, his responses became (IMHO) somewhat defensive.

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Re: Mars Face Report

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 09:55:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 17:31:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face Report

>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 17:22:42 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mars Face Report

>NEARSIGHT INSTITUTE

>OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE NASA/JPL MARS FACE PHOTOS

>ISSUED APRIL 7, 1998

>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --

>Detailed analysis of the new photo of the Cydonia region
>of Mars by the technical staff of the Nearsight Institute
>has revealed the following.

<snipped>

>Doubtless this plan was developed under the control of
>the Illuminati, the New World Order and MJ-12, and it is
>unlikely that even President Clinton is aware of this
>deception.

>We must all rise up and denounce this senseless destruction
>of a major exoarcheological site.

>Bob Shell, Director
>Nearsight Institute

Bob-

Care should probably be taken to make sure that everyone is aware that your tongue is firmly planted in your cheek. I suspect that someone will probably forward this report from the "Nearsight Institute" as the gospel and give it their own "spin" as they distribute it to the world via the "net".

In spite of the images and the proof that they allegedly contain, there are those who have devoted years to this research, and there will be great resistance to their acceptance of any "proof" that disagrees with their beliefs. It would not surprise me to see some of the proponents issue theories very similar to the one outlined above.

Steve

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Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 13:19:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 17:42:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

>From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 18:37:07 EDT
>To: UASR@MyList.net, updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

Tampa Joe writes,

>Somebody wrote that there were no pyramids as Hoagland
>predicted. Of course not, the pyramidal looking structures
>are not located in the new photo of The Face. They are in
>"The City". "The City" should be the next area
>photographed next week. This is where the aritifical
>vs. natural hypothesis will really be tested. Please
>wait until you come to conclusions on any of these
>photos.

After I read Hoaglands original tome on the Mars face I was never too impressed with his arguement about that structure being a representation of a human visage. I always thought that it was pretty much the same thing as when you look at a cloud and make out familiar shapes. I just never thought much of the "face" to begin with.

But, . . .I also believe that the strongest arguement for the existance of actual artificial structures is in the so-called 'City.' The pyramidal type structures that exist there are the ones that everyone should be concentrating on. Those pyramidal shapes (the angles on the structures) cannot have been created by any natural means. (ie; wind and water erosion.)

I'm waiting for the new photos of those areas (the City) before I dismiss it completely. I agree Joe, we all ought to hold of passing final judgement until all of those features have been photographed and studied.

I will anxiously await the analysis reports of those images from the director of the 'Nearsight Institute' who once confided in me, . . .

"I do not avoid women Mandrake, I merely deny them my essence!"

In the purity and essence of our precious natural fluids, I await further developments. <G>

John Mandrake Velez ;-)

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Re: 'Danger In Our Skies: The New UFO Threat'

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 11:22:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 17:35:49 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Danger In Our Skies: The New UFO Threat'

>From: MB DRUMS <MBDRUMS@aol.com> [Mark Beecher]
>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 17:54:22 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: "Danger In Our Skies: The New UFO Threat"

>Hi Errol!

>Just wanted to ask if anyone videotaped the UPN TV Network
>Special - "Danger In Our Skies: The New UFO Threat" (regarding
>the Mexico City UFO video) that aired April 6th 1998. If so,
>could they please contact me at...
>mb drums@aol.com

>I heard it was gonna be on, but didn't realize it was on last
>nite and missed it!

>I can trade a copy of that video, for one of many UFO videos I
>have in my collection.

>Thanks and hope to hear from someone.

>Mark Beecher

If UPN follows their normal pattern, I would suspect that the
show will be repeated in 4 to 6 weeks. If I see any reference to
it's airing again, I'll try to make sure the 'List' is aware of
it.

Steve

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Alfred's Odd Ode #237

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 17:34:29 -0400
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #237

Apology to MW #237 (For April 8, 1998)

Consider anew: our society swallows us, up, with distracting detail. Consider how it threatens us with what will happen if we *fail*. Consider it a tyranny, convenient if you please -- not happy 'till you're brought to heel, and bruising up your knees.

And know it gets away with it -- will not be brought to bear! And know that it is hiding *stuff* in spots -- oh, here and there. And know the real reason is a shadow of the past, when kings and priests ruled jealously; not well =85 but sweet, and fast.

What's this to do with UFOs our EBK may task <g>! Rather, who controls our blinders, covers up, I'd rather ask. Who decides the subterfuge? Who decides what hides? Who's it sets the tone for shame; who sullies and derides? Who's it puts Dan Rather's tongue so firmly in his cheek? Who's it touts religion? Who decides when you can speak? Who's the one that dictates just how much you're going to pay? Who decides design that fails; who complicates your day?

Would you have a billion dollars if a million went without? Would you live in castled mountains if your pleasure curried doubt? =85Deny our mass salvation to continue like a god -- a road to hell for innocents you give a wink and nod? Would you trade your common place for riches if it kept us from the stars? Would you drive a family homeless owning million dollar cars? Would you wallow in your excess like the privileged and elite while knowing you're the cause of tired, unshod, dirty feet?

We worry that the aliens are here with cruel agendas. We worry 'cause we know that we're poseurs and crass pretenders. We worry that we're found out. We worry for our gods. We worry that reality may poke, or jam, and prod. We worry that our ill got gain on which we're so dependent, is snatched away from clutching hands that drip with blood, resplendent.

Any wonder that we're lonely, and a little sick at heart, and feeling rather ready for a better second start? Any wonder why we're slighted by the strange lights in the sky? Any wonder that the space folk won't *come out* and tell us "Hi"? Any wonder why they're shifting in the dark behind the clouds. Any wonder that they fear us when we give them cause right now.

Why should they really fear us? We show no self restraint! Why should they really fear us? We stress our ecosystems faint. Why should they really fear us when our own we disadvantage, so consistent when we screw each other over for percentage. Why should they really fear us? We breed like squalid flies! So many that it matters not that thousands starve and die. Why should they really fear us when we teach our children lies that we couch in holy history we make up -- it's all contrived.

It's us to do the changing, not the EBE or grey. It's us that needs the oil change, it's us to save the day. It's us that needs to grow up. It's us that needs to try. It's us that needs drop the scales, nay, rip them from our eyes!

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

I'm blindfolded, and tied on the trestle. I think I hear a train coming -- perhaps feel it in the metal tracks. All the cultural voices say the way is clear -- no train. This is the same bunch that absolves criminal behavior in our closed institutions . . . I wonder. . .

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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 18:49:59 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 18:51:30 -0500 (CDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Mike Morton <morton@spdc.ti.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>Of Course there aren't any pyramids in the new picture the
>Pyramids are a few miles away frm the face. All the media
>attention has been wrongfully saying the face was supposedly
>surrounded by pyramids....NOT so. The pyramids have not been
>photographed yet!

>As for the face yes I too beleive they photographed the correct
>region and it is in fact a natural formation. But as some have
>always held...myself included...was that the face was most
>probably the best candidate to be an actual "natural" formation.
>Once they show the pyramids in the "City" and the "D&M pyramid"
>then the case can be closed...but as it stands right now....this
>is far from over.

>just my opinion
>Mike

Ok, Mike,

And everyone else who is talking about "the city", "the fort",
"pyramids" and so on.

I will once again go way out on a limb and predict that there is
no city, no fort, and no pyramids. Once the area is photographed
what will be seen is a bunch of ugly-ass rocks and barren
desert.

I can't wait.

Bob

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Re: NASA Images Could Solve 'Face' Mystery

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Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 18:51:40 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Images Could Solve 'Face' Mystery

>From the Washington Post. URL:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/national/science/daily/april98/mars07.htm>

NASA Images Could Solve 'Face' Mystery

Mars, Then and Now

1976: A photograph shows what appears to be a face on the surface of Mars. (NASA photo via AP)

1998: A more detailed photo of the area appears to show a mesa. (NASA photo via AP)

By Kathy Sawyer
Washington Post Staff Writer

Tuesday, April 7, 1998; Page A1

NASA scientists yesterday wiped the "face" off Mars and with it, the belief in some quarters that it was the remnant of an ancient Martian civilization.

At least they hope they did.

More than 20 years ago, one of the U.S. Viking space probes took a photograph of what appeared to some people to be a monumental sculpture of a humanoid face, staring skyward from a hilly desert region of Mars known as Cydonia. Since then, the Martian "sphinx" has generated tabloid headlines, true believers and questions. For some, its stony stare carried intimations of intelligent beings at work on the Red Planet and led more recently to "X-Files"-style suspicions of a U.S. government conspiracy to keep this knowledge from the public.

NASA yesterday released images taken over the weekend by the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, which is orbiting the Red Planet on a mapping mission. The pictures show the same site in 10 times the detail and with the sun shining from the opposite direction, compared with the 1976 image.

It's a mesa, scientists have concluded, once again. And the only sculptor at work there is nature. "There will always be a few die-hards, but I think the American people will look at this and wonder what all the fuss was about," said Surveyor chief scientist Arden L. Albee of the California Institute of Technology.

"Anyone who has flown in an airplane will recognize that this is natural," rather than an artificially constructed feature, he added. "You could see [something like it] in many places on a flight from Washington to L.A. It's not an unusual feature."

Albee said the new images, taken from 276 miles above the surface,

confirm previous NASA analysis indicating that the "face" is actually a natural rock formation, an isolated mesa where ridges and gullies cast shadows. The illusion of human features was produced by the combination of light and shadow that prevailed when the original Viking picture was taken on a July day in 1976.

The first Surveyor image of the region, which NASA posted on a Web site in midafternoon (East Coast time), was a dark rectangle with a muddle of lighter shapes, including what appear to be small impact craters, at the location where the mile-wide face had appeared in the Viking image. Subsequently, NASA posted clearer versions of the image.

Groups that believe in the "Case for the Face" (the name of a recent publication that compiles 18 research papers on the issue) plan exhaustive analysis of the new images in coming days and weeks, said Stephen Bassett, of the Paradigm Research Group, a consultant for leading advocates of the theory that the face is the unnatural product of intelligent activity.

"There are many layers to this. This is going to be analyzed to death," he said. "At this point, there's nothing in that photo that leaps out at you" to either confirm or eliminate the theory that the feature is artificial. But he suggested that if someone had sculpted a face a mile across, leaving it to weather as long as 2 million years, "getting closer to it is not necessarily going to make it look more like a face."

In addition to extremely close scrutiny of the photos for such signatures of artificiality as repeating patterns not found in nature (fractal analysis), pro-face groups plan online chats and interviews with experts. The new NASA images will be a topic of discussion at gatherings such as the 10th annual Ozark UFO conference in Eureka Springs, Ark., which begins Friday.

The supposed face has attracted the attention of engineers, computer specialists and others with technical training, including some NASA contract employees.

But some of the more extreme speculation has frustrated mainstream scientists. Some face partisans have claimed to find a city to the southwest of the face, complete with temples, fortifications and monuments with an astronomical orientation.

And some have accused NASA of a vast coverup that included faking the costly August 1993 failure of the \$1 billion Mars Observer spacecraft just as it arrived at Mars, so the agency could study the face covertly. NASA scientists have consistently dismissed such a scenario as not only outrageous but unnatural, against their own self-interest and, in any case, impossible to pull off.

NASA's latest attempt to resolve the controversy goes only part of the distance for true believers.

"The real issue is, 'What's the next photo,' " Bassett said. "We're all waiting for them to take the city itself."

On the Web

- *The Global Surveyor image of the controversial area (heavy traffic - connection is slow)
- *Past NASA images of the "face"
- *NASA's "face" fact sheet
- *NASA press release on the mission change
- *Home page of an author who aims to prove scientifically that the "face" is artificial

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NASA's 'Face' Fact Sheet

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<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/facts/HTML/FS-016-HQ.html>

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Stig

The "Face On Mars"

Background: The Viking Images

The Viking missions to Mars in the late 1970s produced more information about the Red Planet than had been gathered in all the previous centuries of study by Earth-bound astronomers and observers. The primary mission of the Viking program was to search for signs of life on the surface of Mars. Two landers containing sophisticated biological laboratories studied soil samples in a variety of tests which, it was hoped, would prove or disprove the existence of life.

The results of these tests indicated that Mars contained no life, at least at these landing sites. However, Viking gathered volumes of data on the weather, soil chemistry and other surface properties and mapped the surface using low-to-moderate resolution cameras on the two orbiters.

Shortly after mapping began in 1976 an interesting image taken by the Viking 1 Orbiter was received at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif., which contained a surface feature resembling a human or ape-like face. The photo was immediately released to the public as an interesting geological feature and dubbed the "*Face on Mars." Shortly afterwards other photos of the same area were taken, and some scientists believed that the formation appeared to be a face due to the lighting angles as seen from the Orbiter.

Origin Of Features Examined

Over the years, some people began to raise questions about the origins of the features. A few ideas and theories arose speculating that the features may have been built by aliens in the distant past. These theories are based largely on the results of computer photo enhancements and other analytical techniques performed on the Viking images beginning in the early 1980s.

Most planetary geologists familiar with the set of photos, however, concluded that the natural processes known to occur on Mars -- such as wind erosion, Mars quakes, and erosion from running water in the distant past -- could account for the formation of the complicated fretted terrain of the Cydonia region, including the face.

Because the entire data set includes only nine low-to-moderate resolution photos, scientists say that there just is not enough data available to justify what would be an extraordinary conclusion that the features are not natural in origin (many

scientists question whether images alone would be enough to settle the matter). Such a proven discovery of extraterrestrial life or artifacts would be one of the greatest discoveries in human history, and, as such, demand the most rigorous scientific investigation.

However, despite the phenomenal nature of such a potential discovery, no one in the scientific community -- either in the U.S. or worldwide -- has ever proposed an investigation for a mission to study these features. Until more data is gathered, many scientists consider the probability that the features are anything other than natural in origin are just too low to justify the major expenditure of public funds which such an investigation would entail (more on this below).

What is agreed on is that a greater number of high resolution images of this area should be gathered. Following the failure of the Mars Observer mission in August, 1993, NASA proposed a decade-long program of Mars exploration, including orbiters and landers. The program, called Mars Surveyor, would take advantage of launch opportunities about every 2 years to launch an orbiter and a lander to the Red Planet. The first mission, consisting of an orbiter to be launched in 1996, will map the surface and take high- and medium-resolution images of particular features on the Martian surface that are of high interest. NASA intends to make observations of the Cydonia region making the best effort feasible, either with the first orbiter or on follow-on missions, to obtain images of the "face" and nearby landforms.

Quite aside from the interest generated by these curious features, Cydonia has long been regarded as an area of high scientific importance, ever since the first detailed images were returned by NASA's Viking spacecraft in the late 1970s. The Cydonia region of Mars is part of the so-called fretted terrain, a belt of landforms that circles Mars at about 30-40 degrees North Latitude. In this region, the ancient crust of Mars has been intensely eroded by weathering processes, leaving high remnants of older crust surrounded by lower plains of eroded debris.

The landforms of Cydonia resemble in some respects those of terrestrial deserts, but they probably have been shaped by a unique range of peculiarly martian agencies: wind, frost and possibly running water in ancient times. Deciphering the geological age and origin of this terrain will yield important insights into the evolution of the martian surface, into the role of ice and water in its development and into the nature of the martian climate in times past.

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Proposing Investigations

The selection of goals and scientific priorities for NASA to undertake on future space science missions starts in the scientific and academic communities, as well as within NASA. Scientific associations, such as the National Academy of Science, determine the research priorities in any given field of science. For instance, the most important questions remaining about Mars include gaining an understanding of the amount of water on the planet; mapping the surface in detail to gain a complete understanding of the geological processes, history and composition; and gaining a global understanding of the atmosphere, including climate and weather.

When NASA receives permission to proceed with a science mission, the Agency publishes an Announcement of Opportunity (AO). The AO solicits interest in providing high priority scientific investigations and instruments that will be part of the new mission. The AO receives the widest possible circulation throughout the university and research communities and industry.

Proposals are submitted and reviewed through a competitive peer review process. In this process, scientists from various institutions and organizations evaluate each proposal's scientific and technical merit, and then rank the relative merit of each. NASA receives the reports of the review panels and makes a final selection as to which instruments will be built and actually flown. This rational selection process ensures that only the most useful research, with a high probability of returning

good science, is done at taxpayer expense.

After selection, each Mars Surveyor Principle Investigator (PI) team will develop its instrument, build it, test it and prepare it for launch and the 10-month journey to Mars. They are also charged with developing, testing, and using the software required to properly calibrate their instrument's data. Most of the scientists working on the various Mars Surveyor missions will have several years invested in their instrument before the spacecraft arrives at Mars and they can actually receive the bulk of the data they have been waiting for.
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Obtaining *Images of the "Face" and Other Planetary Data

Since the release and subsequent widespread circulation of the 'face' images, scientists and individual members of the public have freely drawn their own conclusions about the nature and origin of this feature. NASA encourages anyone seriously interested in this topic to obtain the photo(s) and decide for themselves, just as every day many hundreds of independent researchers and scientists make use of NASA-provided data on a variety of subjects.

The most noteworthy image of the 'face' feature is available to the public, for a nominal fee, through Headquarters and JPL. A photo catalogue can be provided to select images.

The phone numbers for ordering photo catalogues are: HQ:
202/358-1900
JPL: 818/354-5011

All imaging data obtained by the Mars Surveyor program, as well as other types of data, will be deposited in open data archives. Two such archives widely used are the Planetary Data System (PDS), an open archive accessible to thousands of scientists and other individuals, and the National Space Science Data Center (NSSDC) where images and other data will be readily available to the general public (generally on CD-ROMs or as hard copy, as appropriate), for a nominal charge that covers the materials and time needed to produce the copies. For information about ordering copies of NASA science mission images, including on CD-ROM format, contact the NSSDC at:

National Space Science Data Center
Request Coordination Center
Goddard Space Flight Center
Greenbelt, MD 20771
Telephone: 301/286-6695

Listed below are the photo numbers of every image taken by Viking of the 'face' feature and the surrounding Cydonia terrain. When ordering from the data archive centers, refer to the Viking picno (photo number).

<snipped, too hard to format here, Stig>

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UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 13:36:28 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 19:10:51 -0400
Subject: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

Hello All,

By coincidence the Martian Face picture got scheduled to be taken and presented just a few hours before the UPN program, "Danger in our Skies." So the "Face" has received a lot of attention but UPN's rendition of the Aug. 6th Mexico City UFO has not.

From what I gather, the main alternative UPN presented to the reality of that UFO event was the idea that it was a holographic projection, put on by some U.S. military research group that figured Mexico City and its smog was a good place to test it.

Now, it seems, any important UFO sighting, witnessed and photographed/video-taped, is subject to that explanation, especially if a light beam of any sort is seen to emanate from the UFO.

Do we have someone on this list knowledgeable enough on holographs to tell us about the feasibility of projecting such an image? Is a uniform distribution of smog that allows a visibility of a couple miles sufficient?

Would it require the intersection of two laser beams to do the trick? If so, how would that work?

I suspect there are quite a few good objections to the holographic hypothesis, and I'd like to see them aired here. No doubt it would take a good deal of extra effort just to get such an image to suddenly accelerate up to a certain velocity, and then maintain that constant velocity for a while.

The other alternative hypothesis to a genuine UFO, of course, is that of a carefully crafted computer simulation with planted witnesses acting out their stories.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 16:15:48 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 19:08:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

> From: TotlResrch <TotlResrch@aol.com> [Kal Korff]
> Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 13:41:04 EDT
> To: Updates@GLOBALSERVE.NET
> Subject: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

<snip>

> It will be interesting in future years to see how this
> develops...let's hope that Hoagland and Company do not exploit
> this discovery for the PseudoScientific cause.

> Enjoy!
> Hastily,
> Kal

> Water Found on Saturn's Moon

> LONDON (AP) - Europe's infrared space observatory has discovered
> water in many unexpected places - including a moon of Saturn -

It is, of course, a BIG leap of faith for scientists to suggest that where there is water there may also be life anymore than it is to suggest that where there is smoke and alcohol there is an ET party going on.

We shouldn't pick on Hoagland when scientists themselves (who have recently discovered that some brownish ice in Antartica contains previously unknown microbes) now "see" microbes in the brownish ice patterns on Europa, a moon of Jupiter. Also, when NASA itself uses the same popular names for features on Mars that Hoagland, et. al. use (eg. Inca City, The Fort, etc.), it promotes the PseudoScientific cause.

Nick Balaskas

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Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 22:42:40 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 19:14:12 -0400
Subject: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

Received via "alt.alien.research" April 7 at 10.18 local time (GMT + 1 hour).

Stig

Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 07:48:38 GMT
From: cybroid@nospam.worldnet.att.net (Brian)
Subject: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic
Message-ID: <6gclmu\$5a0@bgtnc03.worldnet.att.net>

Two thirds of the data is missing!! Using a histogram, both Richard Hoagland and Keith Rowland have determined that two thirds of the data on the RAW image of Cydonia is missing! The histogram shows that on a gray scale of a possible 256 shades of gray, there is only 70-80 shades of gray on the image-two thirds is missing!! Hoagland calls the picture CRAP and useless. Any pictures made from the raw image are also missing two thirds of the data. In simple terms, this means two thirds of the detail are missing.

The question now is WHY.

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Brian
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Mars Face, yes it's there!

From: ATKMajic@iname.com, Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:46:17 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 19:41:46 -0400
Subject: Mars Face, yes it's there!

Received via "alt.paranet.ufo" April 7 at 10.51 local time (GMT + 1 hour). To view Fiontar McEoghan's latest results, go directly to

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shire/4470/fom.htm>

Good luck!

Stig

Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 20:10:21 -0400
From: PHD: Feanturi <ATKMajic@iname.com>
Subject: Mars Face, yes it's there!
Message-ID: <352AC06C.69A3C03@iname.com>

Hi All,

I've posted some images on the web that I think everyone needs to see before deciding on the "Face" on Mars. The human eye is a funny thing, and the tilt to the face formation makes it particularly hard to discern the features. So, first I rotated the image to the right 37 degrees, so the face is straight up and down. It makes things much clearer.

If it was a face created by someone, it was clear from the image that the right side had been damaged much worse than the left, so I mirrored the left side onto the right, to see what it might look like symmetrically, and was very shocked how clear it was. Other than the rotation, and the mirroring, NO other alterations were made. I think the results deserve a look, and some consideration.

Let me know what you think:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shire/4470/>

Thanks,
Fiontar McEoghan

Please note, I'm not drawing any conclusions, but the results are at least consistent with a face.

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Signature:
PHD:Feanturi
ATKMajic@iname.com

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shire/4470/>

[The above email address and URL are (most likely) permanent. You should always be able to reach me there.]

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Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA - Mistake or

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 23:30:44 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 19:23:17 -0400
Subject: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA - Mistake or

Received via "alt.alien.research" April 8 at 10.16 local time (GMT + 1 hour). Unfortunately this message turned up when I tried the link: "The requested URL

<http://www.globaldrum.net/rvnewmexico/marsface.htm>

was not found on this server."

But Alexander Krivenyshev's homepage on "Geocities", where the link can be found, is real. His Russian homepage cannot be accessed at the moment.

Stig

Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 22:13:23 GMT
From: Alex Krivenysh <krivenysh@geocities.com>
Subject: Reversed Mars Images by NASA : mistake or mislead ?????
Message-ID: <352AA4DF.6513@geocities.com>

Reversed Mars Images by NASA : mistake or mislead ?????

Images of Mars released by NASA is a Negative(reverse) Images of actual photos. (I discovered it 14 hours ago). Using Graphic program I reversed the "Negative" image of the 'Face on Mars' and one can see completely different picture, very much the same as photo taken in late 70s. On NASA's released photo(left image), the "large sunken area" which looks like "eye"- actually is a "butte"(top) of eyebrow. On "processed" photo(right image)- after my performing of reversed negative image" - one can clearly see eyes, nose and mouth on the photo.

Here is my Web page with "NASA reversed" and "my processing " pictures:

<http://www.globaldrum.net/rvnewmexico/marsface.htm>

Regards,

Alexander Krivenyshev- oceanographer and web designer, born in Siberia, Russia, now in New Mexico, USA

<http://www.halyava.ru/tunguska/worldtm.htm>

<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/5082/>

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Re: Mars Face Report

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 19:16:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 22:03:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face Report

Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 17:22:42 -0400
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mars Face Report

>NEARSIGHT INSTITUTE

>OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE NASA/JPL MARS FACE PHOTOS

REPORT FROM INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED MYOPIA

It's still a face..... lots of faces.... smaller than the
origina.....I look.... I see a chin///another chin..... I see
a nose...another nose.. I see eyeballs.

.....I see (said the blind man
as he picked up his hammer and saw.....)

REPORT FROM TUNNEL VISION RESEARCH ASOCIATES

We agree with the results published by the INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED
MYOPIA....

However, whereas the original face of 20 year ago was
scowling....this one appears to be smiling....on one side of its
face.....

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Mars Updates: A Few Comments on Real Science

From: "Steve Wingate" <swingate@crl.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 17:06:27 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 22:00:27 -0400
Subject: Mars Updates: A Few Comments on Real Science

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To: mars_updates@world.std.com, anomalous-images@world.std.com
From: JJ Mercieca <mufor@maltanet.net>
Subject: (FWD) A few comments on real science
Reply-to: mars_updates@world.std.com

Forwarded message :
From: "Giuseppe" <russellp@iafrica.com>
To: <cydonia@majordomo.pobox.com>
Subject: [M-TRAC - NPAA] A few comments on real science

Good day all,

I wanted to point out a few things which although obvious, often tend to be forgotten in light of new and exciting information. Let us for a moment forget about exactly why the new NASA images ARE exciting, (regardless in other words of whether it is because they are fake/real and prove/disprove conspiracy/artificiality etc.) and focus on the scientific method. I use the word *scientific* here to identify not people who have a piece of paper hanging from a wall that says they are qualified to be scientists, but rather, the more correct term, meaning, the method where a theory is based on premises, where those premises have been tested logically, and passed the tests, and hence, logical deductions, based on those premises can be formed.

Those deductions in turn similarly require logical testing and so on. It is utterly irrelevant under this system whether one has a degree in astrophysics or not, therefore, with respect to pointing out how this or that person is making illogical statements, one should be concerned not so much with their qualifications as issued by an institution, but with the 'qualification' they themselves express vis a vis the ability to perform logical analysis, commonly referred to as scientific work.

In this respect then, I would like to make a few comments regarding the Cydonia hypothesis and how this relates to the comments of certain individuals on this list.

The Face and nearby structures (in the form of Viking Images) have undergone extensive scientific testing with respects to the likelihood of their being artificial in nature. This testing extends over a period of more than 20 years and includes contributors from several fields. I borrow a partial list from Dave, there actually have been more contributions than these, but it is not really necessary to dig up every last one. Interested parties could probably get a general overview by reading Carlotto's latest book and the McDaniel report, and being aware that their work is not only repeatable, but it is UNFALSIFIABLE, that is the correctness of their work is NOT in question.

Arguments FOR artificiality:

- * Fractal analysis of the Face and other features (Carlotto & Stein)
- * Photoclinometric analysis of the Face (Carlotto, DiPietro & Molenaar)
- * 3D and shape-from-shading analysis of the Face (Carlotto)
- * Extensive statistical analysis of mounds near "City" (Crater)
- * Geometric modeling and analysis of D&M Pyramid (Torun)

- * Astronomical analysis (Martian pole shift) and socio-relevant positioning of Face (Van Flandern)
- * Extensively documented history of NASA obfuscation of Cydonia research, including repeated use of misleading statements in official letters to Congress (McDaniel, Hoagland)

** Institutions represented by researchers: The Analytical Sciences Corp (TASC), Tennessee Space Institute, Defense Mapping Agency, Celestial Mechanics Branch of the Naval Observatory

It is important to note that when I say the list includes contributors from several fields, I am referring ONLY to those persons that have validated themselves by showing their willingness to follow the scientific method as outlined above. The National Enquirer for example does NOT fall within this category. More surprising however is that neither does Carl Sagan, since in the infamous article he wrote on the Face he lied about the existence of 'another' frame that showed no Face existed. Neither does NASA, as shown by the extensively documented McDaniel Report.

In this respect then, we have the curious problem, that we are relying on a body which has shown its willingness to LIE and FALSIFY data for the retrieval of further data. It is a bit like a scientist having to rely on a used car salesman for receiving the values of engine performances. THIS should be the only thing that requires qualification, and can possibly create confusion.

Furthermore, extensive logically tested work has been done that goes beyond the artificiality issue. Anyone aware of the large body of scientific work done on this issue cannot seriously deny that the case for artificiality is strong. It is only normal then that a few people will have wondered, well, then, let's say it IS artificial and see where that leads us, and then see if THAT is congruent with what we have already tested. In this respect then, the conclusions one has to inevitably run up against is that certain technological developments MUST exist. It's a long road to go from the Face on Mars to machines capable of manipulating gravity, but it is a logical and testable road. At this point then, it will become obvious, that such technology IS potentially deadly dangerous for the entire planet (as well as being potentially the most beneficial thing to have come to the human race in historical memory).

Mars itself, is a clear indication of what misuse of this type of technology can reduce a planet to, so it is NOT surprising that a cover-up relating to alien artifacts exists, because if they were known about in general, enquiring, scientific persons would begin to ask, where they originate from, what modes of transport they used and so on, and from there, within a few short weeks or months, you would have groups of people, institutions and individuals all around the world trying to build such technology, and sooner or later, antigravity machines would be built (I should say refined, since T. T. Brown built crude versions until the mid 1950s, when his work was classified by the US Navy. (Patent numbers of his work available on request by the way)).

There is therefore, a clear and logical reason why 'the powers that be' in the form of NASA employees (NSA inspired or otherwise) would want to keep such knowledge hidden. The NASA charter states as much and the Brookings report practically spells it out, stating that amongst the religious nuts etc. one of the things that would 'push society over the edge' (I'm paraphrasing) would be the idea for the so called commoners that their leaders are actually nothing but a bunch of puppets at the mercy of a superior intelligence (in the form of little green men or whatnot, regardless of whether they are actually here or not presently).

In fact, in their position I would probably be taking very similar action (ie keeping the thing under wraps to some degree or other), for the sake of global safety if nothing else. On the other hand, as anyone familiar with the work done by the professor emeritus (biologist) Rupert Sheldrake will know, morphic resonance will practically ensure that antigravity machine knowledge WILL eventually 'leak' out. In this respect it is far preferable to have a gradual and consistent education of people to this technology, so that when it finally IS introduced, the shock effect can be minimal (it will still be huge, whichever route is taken, but a program of education will minimise the resulting damage to humanity) which is why I talk about this,

rather than have a sudden culture shock that Humanity would have very little chance of surviving.

In conclusion then, how all of this relates to the comments made by certain persons is simply that it becomes relatively easy, when the whole picture is taken into account, to spot misinformationists. In certain cases, these may simply be people ignorant of the science that has been undertaken and in this regard, one can only point them in the direction of the tried and tested scientific work which has been done. If they refuse to look at the evidence, then of course they disqualify themselves from further discussion. That is they may continue to babble but one is no longer required to listen. The other type of misinformationist on the other hand is someone that is employed in the task of not only spreading disinformation, but the 'debunking' of that true and accurate science that HAS ALREADY been done, as well as the prevention of meaningful discussion taking place between members of the loosely associated humans who follow the scientific method.

In this respect then it also becomes somewhat possible to differentiate between the misinformed and the (slightly?) more educated but conscious misinformationist.

I applaud JJ for not banning such persons from this list, despite the fact that I am fairly sure that at least one of them (and probably up to three or so) exists here. The reason I applaud it is because these people too need education, if in a slightly different format from the rest of the masses.

While Mr. Average may need to learn a lot more how to curb his idiocy so as not to reduce Earth to a slag-heap first chance he gets to wield incalculable power, the misinformationists need to learn a more dynamic and relevant way of 'educating' the 'sheep', because their methods, although tried and tested over the last 50 years (as regards anti-g anyway) are becoming less and less valid by the minute. In a dynamic system (the human race) a non-dynamic system may temporarily succeed, but only temporarily, and it is high time that the MIB (for want of a better term) learned that it is time to chance system. from secrecy they have to start to orient towards education, and even then, the TYPE of education is important. It must, as much as possible be based in honesty. I am probably way ahead of the times in describing this type of 'free-er', more 'honest', la-la-land type of society, but it is important that the MIB understand that the need to begin to implement this type of system is NOW, even if the real benefits accrue only another 50 or 100 years down the line, because it is a relatively SLOW system and requires the earliest opportunity of implementation in order to have a reasonable chance of success. The only other alternative (and the two can be combined anyway) is the removal from Earth of the few who are in possession of this technology, before the crisis point is reached, but this will result in only a minority of humanity 'making it'.

I hope then that those that need to will get to read this message in its entirety, and that it may have some bearing on their future decisions.

Best Regards,

Giuseppe Filotto

PS: feel free to distribute this e-mail as you see fit, but kindly do not alter it if doing so and include the source of authorship.

People commenting to the post of course may snip to their heart's content.

Regards to all (and Dean Adams fans in particular)

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Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 22:10:12 -0400
Subject: Lunascan: MGS Face Images & The Next Two Passes

I think we got a legit image, crappy as it is (compare the original muddy strip to previous MGS images in quality). They nailed the Face dead on, which means they can nail the City and the Fort. I always believed, having been heavily influenced by the accomplishments during the Apollo years, that NASA could do anything it really wanted to do. What began to disturb me long ago was that it seemed they really didn't want to openly and directly deal with Mars anomalies whatsoever. Perhaps we are in fact now witnessing a slowly hastening de-sensitization process and this is NASA's designed way of doing their part. It's just a thought though, and I still believe NASA has it's "background" agenda.

Anyway, there already appear to be new mysteries to consider based on the new 'enhanced' Face image. If the Face was designed, it may have been meant to be seen as such from an optimal distance above the planetary surface. Think of the Nazca Plain with all those line drawings: if you are far enough above them, they look like something identifiable; if you are above them but too close, you can't see the forest through the trees as it were.

I think acquisition of the new Face image is a breakthrough. NASA did it, at least they did it. Though I don't suspect fraud regarding the taking and distribution of the image, we apparently don't have the documented trail which Hoagland stressed was necessary for validation of the acquisition process, and thus the validity of the image.

Be that as it may, public pressure must be maintained to acquire not-crappy images on the next two MGS passes (I believe April 14 and April 24). The City, the Fort, and the area which would enable verification of the Mound geometry are of highest priority, imho, so researches - whoever they/we are - can work on verifying or falsifying artificiality hypotheses.

After studying the new 'enhanced' Face image, I in no way felt compelled to give up the idea that that landform was in fact designed to be seen as a face from (an optimal distance) above. It looks very close to what Carlotto predicted it would look like from that sun angle. For me, the jury is still out regarding the Face and its origins, especially when one considers the context in which it lives: the rest of highly anomalous Cydonia.

I am very concerned about the major media reaction. To me, they have proven themselves more than ever to be entertainment shows, not news shows, for they do not appear to ask even the simplest questions but rather draw conclusions as quickly as it takes to emit their sound bites. Of course, it's still early. However, the public should make every effort to not let them drop this story so quickly.

I gotta tell you this: in spite of the interminable wait of decades to get new data; in spite of all the ongoing stress, anger, doubt, suspicion, accusation, ranting, raving, politicizing, and polarizing; in spite of the fact that after revering NASA and Carl Sagan during those Golden Years, and having done a 180-degree reversal of opinion during the past fifteen or so years ... in spite of all that, I am once again REALLY EXCITED about space exploration!!! But DAMN, it sure took long enough.

I'm very happy I can say that, and I recognize that's just me, but I'm sharing the feeling with you. I also say to everyone, we MUST keep up the public pressure, we must keep on top of NASA, Malin, the media, and the government at large. Keep on top of 'em, but support 'em as well, in the effort to get pertinent and good data on these upcoming two passes: after

all, if they don't do it now, who else will do it and when? They gave us the Face. We now need to get what is perhaps the more important sites of the City and the Fort.

I want to be hopeful - and I am at least for this moment - that there is new momentum in the search for the truth which, I am told, is "out there".

That's just my opinion. I could be wrong.

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Posted by: Jeff Glickman <glickman@javalina.csf.edu>

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Re: IUFORCE: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object

From: "Leanne Martin" <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 18:27:52 PDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 22:49:22 -0400
Subject: Re: IUFORCE: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object

>Subject: STS-52 - Photos of Anomolous Object
>Date: Tue, 31 Mar 98 21:22:36 -0600
>From: Pat Parrinello <pparri@crossfields.com>
>To: <iuforce@anne.crossfields.com>

>IUFORCE - International UFO Researchers Conference & Exchange

>As I recall in the recent past I mentioned STS-52 and some films
>and that someone from the ufology community should try and get them.
>The original of that message can be seen at:

><http://www.crossfields.com/~ace/current/ARCHIVE/1998/Mar/TueMar17175700CST1998.html>

>Nobody, and I mean NOBODY responded! I guess that told me how much
>my word means or folks thought I was jokeing. NOT SO!

>So, not one to let it pass by without trying, I went out and found
>someone to fund the purchase. I now have all those films in my
>hot little hands. I have yet to look at thousands of photos and
>films. No telling what else will turn up of interest.

>As for now I have found something I think ALL of you will want
>to have a look at. You can judge for yourself. The quality is
>not good but I've done the best I can at present to get this stuff
>on the web so you can see it. I had to use my video camera with a
>make shift cardboard backlight to get a few half decent low rez
>photos you can see.

>If I seem a bit miffed at you ufologist for snubbing my call for
>help it's because I am! :(

>As for VALIDITY and PROOF I have "THE NASA MASTER PRINTS!" and I will
>allow one person to call me and come and see them for herself
>if she wishes. She knows who she is.

>Here are the URLs where you can see this. Both have the same material.

><http://www.crossfields.com/~general>

><http://205.241.85.173>

>Arthur C. Clark should see this!

>~Pat~

~Pat~

These images appear to be of a piece of shuttle tile. Note that they remain consistently in view even as the backdrop of the earth is changing behind it. Suggests that said fragment is tumbling along in an orbit matching that of the shuttle . . .

Over to you

Regards,

Leanne Martin

Computer Engineer @ Wang Australia.

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Project 1947: Mr. Balducci, the Vatican, UFOs and

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 22:35:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 22:35:51 -0400
Subject: Project 1947: Mr. Balducci, the Vatican, UFOs and

The Vatican, UFOs & ETs thread is yet another Boylan-based waste of time. Keith Woodward went to a great degree of trouble in getting to the source of the 'story' over the last couple of days. Due to Boylan's featuring in Keith's reports they won't be posted to UpDates.

Boylan e-mailed me his original piece 'Vatican Tells' last Friday, the 3rd. I snickered that snicker I reserve for 'Boylan' stories and spiked it. But the story kept arriving here from different sources and ended up on the List.

What an astounding asset Boylan is to ufology. A shining example to us all. Thank you Boylan for your invaluable input. What a joke this man is continuing to be.

And now a word or three from that nice Mr Russo, who does seem to know what's really happening.....

ebk

Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 14:58:55 +0200
From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@TORINO.ALPCOM.IT>
Subject: Mr. Balducci, the Vatican, UFOs and ETs
To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

Hello Jeff!

At 09.42 07/04/98 -0800, you wrote:

>Your note below was forwarded to me this morning. If you would like to
>write up a slightly more formal rebuttal, I'll be happy to post it with the
>Balducci/Vatican story on my website. The story has been updated somewhat
>with pictures of Fr. Balducci, etc. Dr. Boylan said he believed Fr.
>Balducci's remarks were made over a period of a couple years. Anything you
>might want to do to help clarify this issue would be appreciated.

I don't think a more formal rebuttal is needed, but if you like...

1) Monsignor Corrado Balducci is NOT a Vatican theologian (that is he is not one of those belonging to any congregation), though he is a theologian and at the same time a priest.

2) As any other theologian (be they priests or not) he can claim whatever personal opinion he may have, though controversial, on any subject, but that is NOT the Vatican's opinion in any sense. Moreover, he has sometime expressed controversial and unorthodox opinions (eg. about subliminal messages in rock lyrics).

3) Corrado Balducci is a frequent guest on TV programs on a wide variety of subjects, and he has also talked about UFOs in more than one occasion. In particular, he was interviewed on a "Special TGI" at national TV first channel (Raiuno) about UFOs on August 16, 1997, and he offered his opinion that something must be true, given the many witnesses, and that such alien beings

could well be superior to man, though inferior to angels, should have both body and soul, but that he hoped they were less body-conditioned, thus helping us to respect those universal values God put into all intelligent beings. Similar opinions he had already told in a previous TV debate he also took part on October 7, 1995. (I've got a videorecording of both TV emissions in CISU files.)

4) Such spiritualist viewpoints are shared by the most vociferous UFO cultists here in Italy, grouped around contactee/BVM visionnaire/stigmatized Giorgio Bongiovanni's "Nonsiamosoli" movement and journal. Thus "Nonsiamosoli" chose to publish an interview with Corrado Balducci in a recent issue and also reported his various TV statements. The same texts were put on the Internet in that group's homepage:

www.worldlink.it/nonsiamosoli

which was recently renamed:

www.worldlink.it/nonsoloufo

when the webmaster divorced from the increasingly commercial-minded activities of "Nonsiamosoli".

That was the source for the recently circulated news item, which was:

- exaggerate as of scope (not the Vatican but a single theologian);
- wrong as of times (it's not such a recent development, but a series of more than two years interviews);
- wrong as of contents (it's not concerning an acceptance of alien UFOs, but an opinion on the possible spirituality of aliens).

I hope that this may settle the matter.

Regards

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Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

From: **Ufojoel** <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:06:36 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 08:05:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

>From: **TotlResrch** <TotlResrch@aol.com> [Kal Korff]
>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 13:41:04 EDT
>To: Updates@GLOBALSERVE.NET
>Subject: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

>>Dear List:

>While Richard Hoagland and other farce on Mars types are busy
>trying to rationalize NASA's recent images that gut their
>favorite theory, the exploration and legitimate scientific
>understanding of our universe is priceless nonetheless.

Kal,

I thought that somebody like YOU, who is such a scientific investigator, would understand that the important photos from Cydonia haven't even been taken yet. I guess not.

Do some research Kal. It will do you some good. No theories have been gutted yet.

Joe

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Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

From: **Ufojoel** <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:49:09 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 08:08:17 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 15:29:22 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>I will once again go way out on a limb and predict that there is
>no city, no fort, and no pyramids. Once the area is photographed
>what will be seen is a bunch of ugly-ass rocks and barren
>desert.

>I can't wait.

>Bob

Gee Bob, I thought you said that you would love to be proven wrong on this matter. Sounds like your the one who is entrenched in a belief that all the objects in question are natural.

They may be natural but we need to wait before we know more. By the way, what technical articles have you read regarding the objects on Mars? Have you read any of them or is your belief so strong that the objects are natural that you won't even look at the serious work that has been done? Turn the other way & don't even look!

This sounds like the same people who wouldn't look at the crazy Wright Bros. new flying object because lighter than air flight was impossible and the Wright Bros. had to be hoaxers. Man, does history repeat itself or what?

Joe

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 23:02:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 07:50:51 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 13:36:28 -0700 (PDT)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: UPN's "Danger in our Skies" and holographs

>Hello All,

>By coincidence the Martian Face picture got scheduled to be taken
>and presented just a few hours before the UPN program, "Danger in
>our Skies." So the "Face" has received a lot of attention but
>UPN's rendition of the Aug. 6th Mexico City UFO has not.

>From what I gather, the main alternative UPN presented to the
>reality of that UFO event was the idea that it was a holographic
>projection, put on by some U.S. military research group that
>.figured Mexico City and its smog was a good place to test it. >

>Now, it seems, any important UFO sighting, witnessed and
>photographed/video-taped, is subject to that explanation,
>especially if a light beam of any sort is seen to emanate from
>the UFO.>

>Do we have someone on this list knowledgeable enough on
>holographs to tell us about the feasibility of projecting such an
>image? Is a uniform distribution of smog that allows a
>visibility of a couple miles sufficient?>

>Would it require the intersection of two laser beams to do the
>trick? If so, how would that work?>>

>I suspect there are quite a few good objections to the
>holographic hypothesis, and I'd like to see them aired here. No
>doubt it would take a good deal of extra effort just to get such
>an image to suddenly accelerate up to a certain velocity, and
>then maintain that constant velocity for a while.>

>The other alternative hypothesis to a genuine UFO, of course, is
>that of a carefully crafted computer simulation with planted
>witnesses acting out their stories.
><

Press/media in.....
Garbage out!!!

Typical.... remember that UPN = ENTERTAINMENT...not science
(unless it is entertaining). The news media assume, with
President Clinton...that most "Joe Sixpack" people want to lean
back and watch... without thinking too much.... a la Homer
Simpson (the Joe Sixpack of the 90's).

Anyway.... H O L O G R A P H I C..... what a nice word.... it sort
of brings a feeling of togetherness... you know, "wholeness"

Unfortunately, peopel don't understand the term as used in
physics. You can't "project" a 3-D image from a hologram.... a
hologram is like a piece of film that can be used with COHERENT
light (single frequency) to create within the eye of the observer
who looks IN THE DIRECTION OF THE LIGHT SOURCE (OR IN THE
DIRECTION OF A REFLECTION OF THE LIGHT SOURCE) the impression of

an image "floating in space." A holographic image is a real image...can be photographed from several angles/
It is the reconstruction of light waves reflected from a 3-D object.

Anyway, the suggestion that the Mex. Aug 6 video shows a hologram of some object is less believable (if you can believe that) than that the Roswell witnesses were unwitting "victims" of a "dummy drop".

(You recall last summer's "dummy drop" theory of the Roswell bodies.) The suggestion is made that the smog somehow made the "hologram" visible. Had there been a dense cloud and had it been night time then it would have been possible to project some light image on the cloud and create the impression of some lighted object. You cannot project "darkness".... yet the UFO image is darker than the sky background. Thus you would have to assume that the "hologram" sucked light out of the atmosphere within a volume that defines the size of the UFO. The "dark side" may be powerful.... but not that powerful.
Bottom line: not a hologram or any trick of light projection.

A much more physically reasonable explanation would be an electronic fabrication. However, that runs into interference if the witnesses are believable.

Note: this UPN show was somewhat premature (not surprising)... because not all the witness testimony is yet analyzed... and because the video itself is undergoing intense analysis. See the April issue of the MUFON Journal for an article I wrote concerning the initial analysis of the video, complete with graphs of object motion and oscillation.

(I tried to post same here as a message with attachments but it seems to have been lost in "limbo.")

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Re: Cydonia image available

From: "Terry J. Blanton" <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 23:00:49 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 07:52:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Cydonia image available

Andy Denne wrote:

> Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 20:49:31 -0700
> From: Andy Denne <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Cydonia image available

> But I wonder howcome we only get to see a picture, allegedly of
> the "Face", that is is taken in such a position that tells us
> really zip!

Hi Andy! It's good to hear from our European colleagues! The angle of the photograph is a result of the position of the spacecraft. The ground controllers have little control of this once the spacecraft enters orbit. To change the location of the craft requires huge expenditures of station keeping fuel. Personally, I am amazed that NASA was able to hit the face on the first pass. (Good job, NASA!)

> As you probably noticed there is a clear crater, close to the
> left side of the face in the Viking-pictures, well now, in the
> MGS-pictures the alleged "Face" is photographed in such an angle
> that it's quite difficult to make out wether it really IS the
> face-like structure. And why doesn't anybody wonder why we didn't
> get to see any pictures of the "pyramids"?

I love a conspiracy as much as anyone. I am as disappointed with the results of the imaging as anyone. However, I am quite confident that we are looking at the correct location. There are actually two craters which correspond with the Viking image relative to the "face". Visit the website of the company who does the processing and look at the evidence. It's at:

<http://barsoom.msss.com/>

> Another thing that I noticed on the picture we got to see on the
> evening news (I video-taped it so I could take a closer look at
> it) is the fact that the outside band-like structure of the
> "Face" really was to low and to flat and smooth compared by the
> initial viking-pictures?

Andy, look at some of the later enhancements. I have compared the raw data of the Viking images with the later enhancements and find the same relationships as we see with the MGS images. The contrast and depth of the raw data is poor on both. The enhancements are required to give the correct perspective to the image.

It's tough to give up on something that we have loved for so many years; but, let's face it (ugh!) . . . it's not a face.

Be water or dust the source of our birth
There's no man in the Moon
There's no face on Mars
And it's quite gestionable
If there's intelligence on Earth.

Terry
(My Opinion)

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Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 01:42:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 08:41:00 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> Subject: My Conclusion on the Mars Face.
> Date: Tue, 7 Apr 98 02:01:20 -0500
> From: Pat Parrinello <pparri@crossfields.com>
> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>

> I have concluded from image studies that the Mars images
> of today most certainly and without doubt is the actual
> area of the face. What you see is what you get.

> NASA has played no game. There ain't no face, there
> ain't no pyramids, there ain't nothing there to convince
> me that that there is anything but natural formations.

> For those who may doubt, I will soon post my image studies
> and you can draw your own conclusions.

> ~Pat~

Pat

NASA did not image the region of the "pyramids" in the first set of images. So what do you base that statement on?

As for games.... the images were shown as negative images relative to the Viking images. This is well known to alter ones perception of relief of objects. Moreover released image data was not corrected for geometry which shows up as the elliptical distortion present in the crater included with the "face" image.

I don't care if the object is a mesa or a face, displaying the image that way is gamesmanship and misleading the public which is not trained to know about these effects.

Gary

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Re: Mars Face Report

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:57:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 08:23:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face Report

>Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 09:55:29 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mars Face Report

>>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 17:22:42 -0400
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mars Face Report

>>NEARSIGHT INSTITUTE

>>OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE NASA/JPL MARS FACE PHOTOS

>>ISSUED APRIL 7, 1998

>>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --

>>Detailed analysis of the new photo of the Cydonia region
>>of Mars by the technical staff of the Nearsight Institute
>>has revealed the following.

><snipped>

>>Doubtless this plan was developed under the control of
>>the Illuminati, the New World Order and MJ-12, and it is
>>unlikely that even President Clinton is aware of this
>>deception.

>>We must all rise up and denounce this senseless destruction
>>of a major exoarcheological site.

>>Bob Shell, Director
>>Nearsight Institute

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>Bob-

<snip>

>It would not surprise me to
>see some of the proponents issue theories very similar to the one
>outlined above.

>Steve
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Hi Steve, hi Bob,

Don't worry about copyright infringement Bob. I will testify on
your behalf that you said it first! <G>

May the farce be with you.

John Velez ;-)

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In light of Mars!

From: "Todd Andrews" <todd@riskers.org>
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 20:22:00 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 07:46:12 -0400
Subject: In light of Mars!

In light of the new crap about Mars, and the literally ridiculous things that NASA has been doing, RISKERS/NUFOIA is sponsoring a new web site.

www.eaglesdisobey.com

Not only is this going to be the main site for the book, Eagles Disobey, it will also become the place to get new information about Mars, from MGS, etc.

Please feel free to check out the site tomorrow, as it will be registered by 6:00PM tomorrow. For now, you can reach the site at:

<http://209.38.129.131>

Tomorrow at:

<http://www.eaglesdisobey.com>

Todd

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Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 07:51:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 09:02:29 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
> Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:49:09 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> >Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 15:29:22 -0400
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> >I will once again go way out on a limb and predict that there is
> >no city, no fort, and no pyramids. Once the area is photographed
> >what will be seen is a bunch of ugly-ass rocks and barren
> >desert.

> >I can't wait.

> >Bob

> Gee Bob, I thought you said that you would love to be proven
> wrong on this matter.

...And he *sounded* so sincere...

> Sounds like your the one who is entrenched
> in a belief that all the objects in question are natural.

I, too, noticed the undisguised, inappropriate, and counterproductive glee of those so quick to dance around the fiery Cydonian stake. Mr. Shell pretends to be broadminded, but his relief, and the relief of others, is abundantly apparent.

> They may be natural but we need to wait before we know more. By
> the way, what technical articles have you read regarding the
> objects on Mars? Have you read any of them or is your belief so
> strong that the objects are natural that you won't even look at
> the serious work that has been done? Turn the other way & don't
> even look!

That is the way of it for -- sure. There is comfort (for most) in standing with the rest to laugh and tease at the unknown and frightening Quasimodo, but Quasimodo was quite real, in the literature anyway, wasn't he? Mr. Shell pretends that there is some actual *looking* going on in, and by, our respected (but closed) institutions, and the information is, *of course* dissiminated to us in a *completely* forthcoming manner. Respectfully, -- blather-wah , and requiring no citation.

> This sounds like the same people who wouldn't look at the crazy
> Wright Bros. new flying object because lighter than air flight
> was impossible and the Wright Bros. had to be hoaxers. Man, does
> history repeat itself or what?

> Joe

Maybe not this time Joe. Too many guys like you and me want to read all the way to the period. Thanks for the --"HEY! WAIT a minute"!

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 01:35:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 08:32:31 -0400
Subject: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

> Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 15:23:16 -0700 (PDT)
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>, updates@globalserve.net
> From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

> >Subject: UFO UpDate: The New Mars Facial Structure
> >From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
> >Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 02:57:37 -0400
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> >> Date: Mon, 6 Apr 1998 19:24:25 -0700 (PDT)
> >> To: updates@globalserve.net
> >> From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
> >> Subject: The new Mars facial structure

> >> What they failed to discuss was the outline of the structure, and
> >> how impressive that looks as an artificial structure -- a beveled
> >> strip whose outer edge is perfectly straight along the "side of
> >> the head," very gradually curving into the "chin" outline, with
> >> both edges of the upward-inclined "bevel" being parallel or
> >> congruent. The odds against that occurring naturally are
> >> phenomenal. Then, add the symmetry of the right-hand edge, at
> >> least with respect to the outer edge of its beveled strip, and it
> >> seemingly can't possibly be a natural formation.

> >Actually it can quite easily be a natural formation, and the
> >outline structure can easily be caused by either a syncline or
> >slumped permafrost material, both of which are easily found
> >around many features in both MGS and Viking photos.

> >Saying that "the odds against that occurring naturally are
> >phenomenal" is very misleading. On what basis are such odds
> >calculated? Many geologic features, on Mars and elsewhere,
> >contain relatively straight lines. These include

> >Faults
> >Synclines
> >Anticlines
> >Polygonal cracking in cooling lava
> >Polygonal sorting in tundra terrains
> >Collapsed lava tubes (i.e. rills)

> >Of these, synclines, anticlines, and polygonal features tend to
> >produce outlines and sometimes nested outlines with parallel
> >lines, some of which, depending on erosion, can be curved or
> >straight. Further, slumping of material from an isenberg can
> >generate a parallel plateau which can be further modified by
> >erosion.

> Mark,

> Tendencies in the direction you indicate do occur, I grant you.
> Where the odds become infinitesimal is for these tendencies ever
> to show up as perfectly, smoothly, congruently and symmetrically
> as those of the "face's" outline.

<snip>

> The idea of de-convoluting the picture, or reducing its
> resolution to what exists in the 1976 pictures, is a good one,

> but, as has been mentioned, its 3-D terrain heights need to be
> determined so that the shadows can be deduced for the different
> solar angles of 1976. For this, one or more further views of the
> "face" from different vantage points but with similar resolution
> need to be taken. This may not be forthcoming. But if it should
> be, not only should a "face" supporter do the analysis and no
> doubt find that it would not come close to replicating the 1976
> shots, but so also a detractor, to see if he could close to
> replicating it. (I assume no expert of neutral opinion in
> between could be found.) Then after that, one would need to go
> to the best 3 out of 5, etc.

> Jim Deardorff

Jim,

I would like to make a point as to why I recommended deconvolution of the high resolution image and not filtering as Bruce Macabee responded to in my post. These are not equivalent terms in image processing.

Filtering is a mathematical operation using any number of arbitrary functions, each having different properties and effects on an image or in this case pixel of an image. Image processing based on application of filtering is challengeable based on the selection of filtering operations and their ordering applied to the image in question.

Different aspects of an image can be enhanced or suppressed by the adroit selection of filters and their order.

Deconvolution is a process which uses the known properties of the imaging chain(s) [mathematical functions] that uses an image transform actually derived from measurement of the physical imaging systems in question. One takes the image data in question, processes it deconvolves it, through the image transform which represents the physical imaging chain under investigation in order to create a new image which reflects the changes created by the actual imaging chain itself and not an arbitrary selection of filters and operations.

The cameras that NASA uses are very carefully analyzed as to their imaging properties. If the corrected, high resolution image data of the Malin camera images were deconvolved - processed with the image transform of the Viking camera and correction was made for the differences in lighting angles and luminosity then one would have the best available image for comparing the Viking and Malin images of the Cydonia "face".

Its sad that NASA, which has some excellent imaging specialists, hasn't allowed their expertise to enter into any public part of the discussion of these objects. Probably one of them will have to have their opinion published posthumously as Paul R. Hill did.

Gary

Back in the 1980's this was a pretty easy bit of work for DeAnza level image processing workstations with the correct software and data sets.

Someone conversant with the NASA literature or old SPIE proceeding of the appropriate imaging group might be able to find some published information on the Viking camera or it might be available through the NTIS or camera subcontractor.

Gary Alevy

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 02:32:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 08:42:31 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 13:36:28 -0700 (PDT)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: UPN's "Danger in our Skies" and holographs

>Hello All,

Jim writes,

<snip>

>Would it require the intersection of two laser beams to do the
>trick? If so, how would that work?

I'm sure that you'll hear from experts but from what little I know of laser imaging (two) beams are needed. One is a reference beam while the other carries the graphic data.

Where the two beams intersect is where the image is formed.
(I think! <G>) I'm sure we'll get the straight dope soon enough.

<snip>

>The other alternative hypothesis to a genuine UFO, of course, is
>that of a carefully crafted computer simulation with planted
>witnesses acting out their stories.

According to the two special effects guys that they contracted to analyze the tape there was no "computer fakery" detectable by them. One of them did say that he thought that the UFO was suspended on a cable from a helicopter, but both agreed that -whatever it was- was actually there on the scene as it was videotaped. Ergo, not an "add on" or a "special effect."

Smoking gun? I think it's the best we've seen yet, but then I'm no video expert. Spooky thing to watch though. It was a big one!

Peace,

John Velez

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Re: Extraterrestrial Cafe

From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 02:24:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 08:44:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Extraterrestrial Cafe

> Posted by : Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)

> >From the New York Post. URL:

> <http://www.nypostonline.com:80/040698/gossip/999.htm>

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> By RICHARD JOHNSON with Jeane MacIntosh

> <snipped>

> PLANET Hollywood, Hard Rock Cafe, Fashion Cafe, Harley-Davidson Cafe,
> Comedy Nation, Television City and all the other theme restaurants may
> be in for some other-worldly competition. With the millennium
> approaching, Michael Luckman, director of the New York Center for UFO
> Research, hopes to build an extravagant Extraterrestrial Cafe in Times
> Square. The joint will feature a Mars Bar, a live "all alien" band, TV
> monitors beaming the latest UFO sightings, and waitresses in futuristic
> metallic outfits and flying saucer hats. Luckman, who says the
> Sphinx-like face found on Mars could be "the biggest scientific
> discovery in human history," is pitching his idea to investors.

> <snipped>

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> Posted by : Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)

Stig,

Have you ever checked if there is such an organization?

There is no phone listing or mail address in New York City for
the so called "New York Center for UFO Research". Micheal
Luckman is a publicist with a phone line and an answering machine
that doesn't return calls inquiring about this so called
organization.

He does have some connection or 'in' with the New York Post as
they do periodically publish comments or press releases by him
and this so called organization from time to time. What for or
what purpose is unclear.

Does anyone have some background information on this
organization?

Gary

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Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

From: **Andy Denne** <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 09:31:34 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 08:57:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 13:19:38 -0500
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> >From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
> >Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 18:37:07 EDT
> >To: UASR@MyList.net, updates@globalserve.net
> >Subject: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> Tampa Joe writes,

> >Somebody wrote that there were no pyramids as Hoagland
> >predicted. Of course not, the pyramidal looking structures
> >are not located in the new photo of The Face. They are in
> >"The City". "The City" should be the next area
> >photographed next week. This is where the aritificial
> >vs. natural hypothesis will really be tested. Please
> >wait until you come to conclusions on any of these
> >photos.

> After I read Hoaglands original tome on the Mars face I
> was never too impressed with his arguement about
> that structure being a representation of a human visage.
> I always thought that it was pretty much the same thing
> as when you look at a cloud and make out familiar shapes.
> I just never thought much of the "face" to begin with.

> But, . . .I also believe that the strongest arguement for
> the existance of actual artificial structures is in the
> so-called 'City.' The pyramidal type structures that exist
> there are the ones that everyone should be concentrating
> on. Those pyramidal shapes (the angles on the structures)
> cannot have been created by any natural means. (ie; wind
> and water erosion.)

> I'm waiting for the new photos of those areas (the City)
> before I dismiss it completely. I agree Joe, we all ought
> to hold of passing final judgement until all of those
> features have been photographed and studied.

> I will anxiously await the analysis reports of those images
> from the director of the 'Nearsight Institute' who once
> confided in me, . . .

> "I do not avoid women Mandrake, I merely deny them my essence!"

> In the purity and essence of our precious natural fluids,
> I await further developments. <G>

> John Mandrake Velez ;-)

Hi John,

Okay, I do absolutely agree that the most important reason to
assume there are any artificial structures in the Cydonia-region
always were the pyramidlike structures. But, what I wonder is the
following:

Have you ever seen the structure you find in some semi-precious stones? Just take a look at the natural shape of raw crystals or amethyst and on the endings of these stones you can also find, almost pyramidlike shapes.

So it seems that even these shapes don't HAVE to be artificial.

Now though, it almost looks like no ufologist has ever believed or was interested in the "Face", and that doesn't seem true to me! C'mon know yourselves and admit that just like me, we're really all hoping the "city" is turning out what we hoped to be...

But were are we gonna take it when the City also turnes out to be nothin' at all...Let's all make sure to keep all our sences and don't bring in Illuminati, New World Orders or nuclair destruction of Mars,..

No if there isn't any face, if there aren't any pyramids... SO WHAT, we made a mistake.

Now it's up to us to deal with the matter, and what about doing that unlike scientists who make mistakes, and just ADMIT IT. Science should be progressive and NOT dogmatic.

Bye from Holland,
Andy Denne, A.U.R.A.

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Greer's Back on the Soap Box

From: jared@valuserve.com (Jared Anderson)
Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 22:31:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 08:28:02 -0400
Subject: Greer's Back on the Soap Box

THE CSETI PROJECT STARLIGHT DISCLOSURE STRATEGY:

UPDATE AND CLARIFICATION 8 April 1998

For over four and one half years, CSETI has been diligently implementing a strategic plan to effect a disclosure on the UFO/ETI subject. Recent misinformation and disinformation regarding this process which has appeared on the Internet and elsewhere necessitates a reiteration of that strategic plan and an update on the process.

In the summer of 1993, a group of CSETI advisors and military consultants met to discuss how to best develop a reliable point of contact (POC) to the US government. This was felt necessary after a number of CSETI CE-5 encounter incidents had occurred which resulted in team members expressing concerns about covert attempts to interfere with the CE-5 diplomatic initiative. It was felt a reliable POC was needed for communication and briefing purposes, thus reducing the likelihood of an undesired outcome or event.

Ultimately it was decided that we should pursue various POCs within the Executive Branch of the US government and the military and to approach congressional leadership at a later point in the process.

A strategic plan was devised to 1) collect and identify the Best Available Evidence related to UFOs/ETI; 2) identify top-secret military and intelligence witnesses to the matter who were willing to come forward and disclose what they knew; 3) create a team of briefers and advisors to Executive Branch officials and military officials who would conduct briefings and recommend near-term disclosure of the subject and the end to secrecy related to the subject.

By September of 1993 this plan was in action, and with the assistance of a senior official at the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a meeting was set up at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base with the top-secret Foreign Aerospace Science and Technology Center located there (this had previously been the Foreign Technology Center to which the 1940's New Mexico UFO crash remains had been sent; it is now called the National Air Intelligence Center -NAIC). The discussions at Wright-Patterson AFB were cordial and constructive.

Eventually, a number of consultants became involved with the briefing and disclosure process, including national security think tank heads, friends of the President and others. Continued networking resulted in briefings for senior Clinton Administration officials, including CIA Director James Woolsey.

During these briefings, we recommended decisive government action to end the secrecy surrounding this subject and that the Administration should work to disclose substantial facts about the UFO/ETI issue as soon as possible. In the materials provided for senior White House, CIA, DOD and other officials we set out the rationale for the timeliness of this disclosure and the dangers associated with continued secrecy. We also clearly stated in writing that if the government did not coordinate this disclosure, that we would bypass the government and work to disclose these secrets unilaterally. However, we made it clear that it was in the nation's (and world's)

best interest to have so weighty a matter disclosed cooperatively by the government.

Unfortunately, very senior Executive Branch officials, including the CIA Director, senior Presidential advisors and Pentagon officials found it difficult to penetrate the ultra-secret 'black' programs dealing with this subject. As CIA Director Woolsey pointed out to me, they cannot disclose what they do not know or have access to.

It is now a matter of public record that Assistant Attorney General and close Presidential friend Webster Hubbell had been asked officially by the President to look into the UFO issue (see Hubble's book 'Friends in High Places'). Hubbell stated that they were not satisfied with the answers they were getting from NORAD and elsewhere. It is disturbing to think that the President - our Commander-In-Chief - and his inner circle may not have high enough clearances to be briefed fully on this matter...

After a period of extensive briefings for US, foreign and UN leaders, it became obvious that 1) these leaders were deliberately being kept in the dark on the subject and 2) that they did not possess the courage or political will to take on the covert apparatus managing the UFO/ETI matter. In fact, they were visibly shaken by the situation.

As more and more top-secret witnesses, documents and other evidence was identified, it became clear that - unless a Presidential executive order effectively ended the secrecy and resulted in disclosure - that our next best option would be to identify a member of congress who would call for and hold open congressional hearings on the subject.

At this point, a number of old wags in the UFO subculture stated that we should just come forward with what we knew, identify the top-secret witnesses and let it all come out. This facile strategic recommendation overlooked three major problems:

The foundation of the disclosure process is the pool of dozens of top-secret military and intelligence witnesses to unambiguous UFO/ET events and programs. These courageous witnesses have asked for a safe, effective and official means of coming out with their testimony, if at all possible. CSETI felt a moral responsibility to vigorously pursue an officially sanctioned venue for so momentous a disclosure, if at all feasible. To this end, CSETI has - for 4 * years - attempted to secure the highest, safest official venue possible for this disclosure. These courageous military witnesses have asked this of us, and we have faithfully pursued that request. Some of these witnesses are in fear for their lives; others fear other sanctions and punishment. All of them would prefer to come forward in an official setting, freed from the restraints of their national security oaths etc.

The disclosure of the reality of UFOs and ETI is no small matter. Neither the CSETI leadership nor our witnesses wanted to appear to be upstaging the US government, the UN or other concerned governments. It was imperative that we make good-faith efforts to get our national and world leaders to deal with this subject officially, prior to a unilateral privatized disclosure. The implications of such a disclosure are so vast and so profound that only a very reckless person or group would attempt to effect this disclosure without first offering to work cooperatively with our governments. We have assiduously created a paper trail which fully documents these efforts, lest we later be accused of disclosing the ultimate secret without first consulting with the government. While this process has been in turns tedious, rewarding, exasperating, expensive and time-consuming, we are certain that it was the right thing to do.

In the absence of significant funding for a privatized disclosure, the best and most cost-effective way to achieve this goal was to convince the government or the Congress to take on this task. A congressional hearing, obviously, would be funded by the Congress. A private disclosure will need to be funded by - who? Those who think that you simply hold a press conference with the witnesses (arranging that - including flying into one place, lodging etc dozens of witnesses - would alone cost tens of thousands of dollars, if not hundreds of thousands) have never dealt with big media on this subject. We are not willing to expose these witnesses unless it is strategically effective. There is no point in taking such risks unless there is a reasonable likelihood that the status quo will be changed. To privately see that this is the case -with no support of congress or the government - will be a very complex and expensive undertaking, far

outside the resources of the UFO community at this time (or at any time in the past). In light of the above, from 1995-1997 CSETI pursued a number of briefings with members of Congress. One year ago, on April 9, 1997, we convened the historic CSETI briefings for members of Congress, White House figures and senior military figures, among others (see the CSETI Report on the DC Briefings). Since April of 1997, we have continued to provide briefings and recommended to key congressional committee chairmen that open hearings be convened as soon as practical. Hundreds if not thousands of CSETI supporters have written these key congressional leaders recommending open hearings on the UFO/ETI subject.

I have personally met with numerous members of Congress. Key committee chairmen have been fully briefed and given unambiguous evidence and top-secret witness testimony, in person and on videotape. And everyone is tossing this hot potato to someone else's committee. Not unlike the refrain Not In My Backyard, it appears our leaders are saying Not In My Committee .

To recap, we have over the past four and a half years assiduously fulfilled a strategy to identify the best scientific evidence and government witnesses, brief and advise world leaders, members of Congress, the Pentagon, the UN and others and have fully documented this process. We have done everything humanly possible, at immense cost in funds, time and human life, to see that this process was done properly. In good faith to our witnesses we took no shortcuts and have consistently asked the President, the Congress and others to allow this disclosure to take place officially and safely through proper channels.

While we are willing to continue to brief members of Congress, Pentagon leaders and other government leaders when called upon, and while we still prefer official government involvement in this disclosure, the time has come to begin these disclosures without the government. We cannot allow this process to be delayed indefinitely by bureaucrats or timid politicians who will not take on this responsibility. The opportunity has been offered to them, and we continue to offer our cooperation should Congress or the President decide to do the right thing and become involved in this disclosure process.

Ultimately, however, the time comes when closure is needed regarding the government briefing process, and 'we the people' should exert our rights to free speech and come forward with the truth as we have found it.

Without the cover of a Congressional subpoena, many witnesses may be reluctant to step forward. However, we know that the most courageous and resolute government witnesses will come forward with us, independent of the government. They, more than we, are weary of the excessive secrecy and ridiculing which surrounds this subject. With these courageous witnesses, we will come forward with a privatized, civilian led program to disclose the truth of this subject, in the most credible, highest and most effective manner possible.

This will consist of a world news conference, multi-part prime time expose documentary series, compendium books and a world scientific summit. This process, once begun, must be relentless, high quality, serious and thorough.

Ironically, numerous members of Congress, White House staff, and very senior Joint Chiefs of Staff personnel have recommended that we bypass the government altogether and come forward with the evidence and witnesses. Of course, this is somewhat self-serving, since it gets them off the hook and ignores the fact that many of our best witnesses will not come forward without officially sanctioned approval and immunity from prosecution for violating national security regulations. Nevertheless, after four and half years of thorough strategic implementation, the time has come to see that the truth comes out via a civilian, privatized multi-media process. And we have been told by members of Congress that once this happens, the likelihood of open Congressional hearings will be significantly enhanced.

These are the crossroads at which we find ourselves: The Congress, like Caesars's Senate, pursues trivialities while Rome burns, and the main stream news media regards the pursuit of sexual peccadillos as the summit of investigative reporting. How tragic.

Meanwhile, it is left to the people to resolve one of the most important issues of our time: That we are not alone, that intelligent life is visiting this planet, and that a cabal of covert programs and

entities are hiding the truth from our leaders and from the people.
And the means for generating immense amounts of pollution-free energy
is hidden away in black projects, while the earth's geophysical
equilibrium is increasingly upset.

I suggest we move on.

Steven M. Greer M.D. Director of CSETI

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From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 01:38:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 08:25:47 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Danger In Our Skies: The New UFO Threat'

>Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 11:22:01 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: 'Danger In Our Skies: The New UFO Threat'

>>From: MB DRUMS <MBDRUMS@aol.com> [Mark Beecher]
>>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 17:54:22 EDT
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: "Danger In Our Skies: The New UFO Threat"

>>Hi Errol!

>>Just wanted to ask if anyone videotaped the UPN TV Network
>>Special - "Danger In Our Skies: The New UFO Threat" (regarding
>>the Mexico City UFO video) that aired April 6th 1998. If so,
>>could they please contact me at...
>>mb drums@aol.com

>>I heard it was gonna be on, but didn't realize it was on last
>>nite and missed it!

>>I can trade a copy of that video, for one of many UFO videos I
>>have in my collection.

>>Thanks and hope to hear from someone.

>>Mark Beecher

>If UPN follows their normal pattern, I would suspect that the
>show will be repeated in 4 to 6 weeks. If I see any reference to
>it's airing again, I'll try to make sure the 'List' is aware of
>it.

>Steve

Hi Steve, hi All,

You should also caution Mark that he may not be able to tape it
because it may not be the actual program. The military may just
be projecting a 'hologram' of the show into the atmosphere
surrounding his TV set! <VBG>

Debunkers take careful note:

Swamp gas is out as an explanation, . . .military holograms is
in!

Peace,

John Velez, still holding my "I told you so."

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Re: Mars Face Report

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 08:19:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 09:00:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face Report

>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 19:16:25 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Mars Face Report
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 17:22:42 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mars Face Report

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>REPORT FROM INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED MYOPIA

>It's still a face..... lots of faces.... smaller than the
>origina.....I look.... I see a chin///another chin..... I see
>a nose...another nose.. I see eyeballs.

>I see (said the blind man
>as he picked up his hammer and saw.....)

>REPORT FROM TUNNEL VISION RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

>We agree with the results published by the INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED
>MYOPIA.....

>However, whereas the original face of 20 year ago was
>scowling....this one appears to be smiling....on one side of its
>face.....

Err, Bruce,

Checked your Lithium dosage recently?

Bob

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Re: Face Punched

From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 03:21:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 08:46:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Face Punched

> Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 11:24:28 -0400
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Face Punched

> >Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 02:16:13 -0400
> >From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Face Punched

> <text deleted>

> >Bruce,

> >Why not try deconvolving the released data set to lower
> >resolution to see what it shows. This is a pretty elementary
> >image processing operation.

> >My prediction is that at no resolution will the released data set
> >bear any resemblance to the Viking pictures.

> >Bottom line - the released image is not an image of the object
> >imaged by Viking.

> >Moreover no information which could be held up in a court of law
> >has been provided by NASA to establish that this new image is an
> >image of the object imaged by Viking.

> >Gary Alevy

> I had thought that the hope was for a better picture of the
> region, and not an image that was to be modified to look like the
> original. However, I would assume from the thrust of your
> statement that you believe NASA wouldn't release any data that
> would seem to indicate that the structure isn't a natural
> formation. This belief would put NASA in a no-win situation, in
> that there is nothing they could provide that would be
> acceptable, unless it conforms to what is expected.

> Is a legal challenge being proposed here, to force NASA to prove
> that the images are what they are purported to be? That would be
> a first, and presumes that only information that is provable in a
> court of law is acceptable. In reality, I would suspect that any
> evidence submitted by NASA to prove that the image is of the same
> area would be met with criticism by those who already "know" the
> truth, and even a court ruling would be questioned as "part of
> the plot".

> Anyone who believes these images (and the ones to follow this
> month) will end the debate and force one side to "give in" is
> most likely mistaken.

> NASA imaged the area as promised, and posted those images to the
> "net". Other images will likely follow as the planet is mapped.
> But unfortunately (IMHO, and not directed at those involved in
> this particular thread) this is like a "religion" to some "true
> believers", and for them this isn't really a discussion. No
> matter what is shown, their "faith" won't be shattered.

Steve,

Unfortunately I believe you did not understand my post but Bruce Macabee who is an imaging specialist did. I have included Bruce's replies below so I won't repeat that here instead I will cover some other points.

No, the point of imaging Cydonia was not to obtain a 'better picture' that anyone could interpret and challenge on any arbitrary ground. The purpose of reimaging the area was (at least for the imaging scientists who seriously analysed this and other objects in the Cydonia region) was to obtain an image that would help prove or disprove the hypothesis that this object the so called "face" and the other objects in the Cydonia region were of natural or artificial origin.

To do this properly one must have unassailable data, data that cannot be challenged as to its authenticity. NASA in its press releases had stated it would make that data available in "realtime". Curiously they didn't do this but what the heck they are NASA, right.

Your putting words in my mouth about assumptions is just wrong. I don't have to guess whether or not NASA would release data that the structure isn't a natural structure. It is well documented that our government has studied this issue e.g. Brookings report, etc. and would not release this type of information without careful deliberation.

The reality about "what is expected" concerns what NASA's actions for 15 years - basically performed politicized, non-science on this issue, familiarize yourself with the McDaniel Report.

Not everyone is a "true believer" like you who accepts uncritically whatever information NASA posts in a press release. NASA is composed of people some of them scientists, administrators, some of them with "cold warrior" backgrounds like Dan Goldin etc of varying agendas just like the rest of the people in the world. NASA does not have the scientific 'gospel' as your 'faith' in them seems to hold.

As for why a scientist would find the deconvolution of the higher resolution image to the Viking image important, read what Bruce Macabee had to say, he speaks of it as this as being Carlottos 'duty' as a scientist - you ought to understand why Bruce speaks of it that way and until you do I would say you'd be wasting any scientists time with your 'know'ing nonsense about 'plots' 'truth' 'religion' and 'true believers'. There are usenet groups for discussions like that, I think they are called alt.conspiracy or some such.

Gary Alevy

>From Bruce Macabee's post:

YES INDEED!. This is now Carlatto's "duty" as a scientist, gentlemen and/or ufologist. He has all the software and hardware to to it (I don't). He should

1) use a symmetric (in x and y) low-pass (spatial frequency) filter to reduce the resolution to that of the original face (OF) pictures of 20 years ago

2) create a 3-D model of teh degraded mage

3) change the viewpoint to that of the satellite 20 years ago

4) change the sun angle to that of 30 years ago

(He could reverse 1 and 2). In other words, demonstrate that it is possible to go from the real face (RF) image to the OF image.

>My prediction is that at no resolution will the released data set >bear any resemblance to the Viking pictures.>

Well, this is a prediction Carlatto should check. And I, for one would not bet against the ability o make the RF image look like the OF image once viewing angle and solar angle are taken into account.

>Bottom line - the released image is not an image of the object >imaged by Viking. >

True.... wrong viewing angle, wrong solar angle..and

"extreme" resolution, as compared with the old

>Moreover no information which could be held up in a court of law
>has been provided by NASA to establish that this new image is an
>image of the object imaged by Viking.>

That may be true.... but presumably they can demonstrate the
complete "data flow". My own hunch is that because of all this
publicity they have just dumped the raw data for anyone.
(I tried to download th 5 MB raw data but couldn't get it
yesterday.... probably too many hits on their web site)

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Alien life 'will be found by 2050'

From: **RSchatte** <RSchatte@aol.com> [Rebecca]
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 05:21:43 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 08:59:08 -0400
Subject: Alien life 'will be found by 2050'

From: The Forteana List

From: "Martin Adamson" <martin@srv0.ems.ed.ac.uk>
Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 10:52:10 +0000
Subject: Alien life 'will be found by 2050'

The Scotsman - 8 April 1998

Alien life 'will be found by 2050'

Expert predicts planet-hunting space telescope will track down
extraterrestrials

ALASTAIR DALTON and DEREK LAMBIE

LIFE will be discovered on planets going round other stars before
the middle of the next century, a leading Scottish astronomer is
predicting.

Dr Alistair Glasse will tell the Edinburgh International Science
Festival tomorrow that he expects an ambitious European space
project to find extraterrestrial life.

Dr Glasse, of the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh, is a telescope
specialist on the =A3500 million Darwin Mission, which is
competing for funding from the European Space Agency.

The project involves launching five rockets containing separate
telescopes out towards the orbit of Jupiter to search for life.

The telescopes would be linked to create an instrument with 40
times the power of the Hubble space telescope to detect light
from planets previously hidden by the glare from their stars. The
mission would involve a two-year journey to a spot 400 million
miles away from the Earth.

The ESA is expected to rule on Darwin and a rival proposal, Gaia,
in 2000, with the mission to be launched in 2015.

Dr Glasse said yesterday: "I think it is likely that there is
life elsewhere in the universe and it is highly likely that this
mission will detect something.

"You cannot say for certain there is life until you detect it,
and it is important to have hard evidence.

"But if there is life on any of the 120 stars we are looking at,
then Darwin will detect it," he added.

American scientists have already claimed that conditions on one
of Jupiter's moons, Europa, are capable of supporting life.
Research on a Martian meteorite has also suggested that there may
once have been life on Mars.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration revealed last
month that it had found water on the moon.

In the Darwin Mission, scientists would search for signs of life, ranging from plants to intelligent aliens, on planets believed to be orbiting nearby stars.

The five infrared telescopes would examine the signals from the planets for traces of oxygen or water, which could signal the presence of life.

Dr Glasse said: "It goes back to how life on Earth started. In the early days of Earth, the atmosphere was just carbon monoxide, but algae developed into plants which produced oxygen.

"So far, planets in our solar system have showed no signs of life, but using modern technology gives us the chance of looking for signs elsewhere in the universe. The problem we face is that we are looking at something which is a very long way away."

The combined power of the five space telescopes would be required because of the difficulty of picking out the planets against the glare of the stars.

Dr Glasse said: "It's like trying to detect a glow worm which is beside a furnace from a distance of 350 miles.

"To detect them we would have to have a telescope 100 metres in diameter in space but we cannot launch something like that.

"What we will do is launch five together and they will join to map out a big mirror to help us see further."

The five telescopes would join up in a set pattern in an orbit somewhere between Mars and Jupiter and will take up stations about 50 metres apart. Their images would be combined in a central control unit where a technique called nulling interferometry would be used to cancel out the light from the star being examined making it possible to detect light from the planets.

To build up a full picture, the telescopes would be moved in a precise pattern which would be measured by lasers to within a millionth of a metre.

The first stage would be merely to establish which stars have planets in orbit round them. The next would be to read the patterns in the light reflected from the planets to tell which chemicals - particularly water and oxygen - are there.

A separate spacecraft would be used for distance measuring and communications with the Earth.

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Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 09:01:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 15:46:56 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:49:09 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 15:29:22 -0400
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>>I will once again go way out on a limb and predict that there is
>>no city, no fort, and no pyramids. Once the area is photographed
>>what will be seen is a bunch of ugly-ass rocks and barren
>>desert.

>>I can't wait.

>>Bob

>Gee Bob, I thought you said that you would love to be proven
>wrong on this matter. Sounds like your the one who is entrenched
>in a belief that all the objects in question are natural.

>They may be natural but we need to wait before we know more. By
>the way, what technical articles have you read regarding the
>objects on Mars? Have you read any of them or is your belief so
>strong that the objects are natural that you won't even look at
>the serious work that has been done? Turn the other way & don't
>even look!

>This sounds like the same people who wouldn't look at the crazy
>Wright Bros. new flying object because lighter than air flight
>was impossible and the Wright Bros. had to be hoaxers. Man, does
>history repeat itself or what?

>Joe

Joe,

I have sat through a "lecture" by Richard Hoagland, which was more of a paranoid and disjointed rant. I have watched some of the other "experts" explain their theories on the geometry of the city on video. I have not read any of their published reports, since I found their basic assumptions so flawed that I saw no reason to waste my time on it. The simple fact is that the resolution of those old Viking photos was simply not good enough for them to draw the conclusions they were making. Enhancing images electronically will not create data that is not there in the originals, but it can produce false artifacts, as appears to be the case in the "face".

I have really been astonished here to see all of the posts saying that "it really still is a face", "it's not a face but it looks artificial", and so on. Pardon my language, but this is bullshit. It's a god damned mesa, period! There is NO face.

Now, as I said before, I would love to be proved wrong when the other features are imaged, but I am predicting with rather strong confidence that this just ain't gonna happen.

Maybe there was life on mars. Maybe there still is life on mars.
Maybe it got advanced enough to have civilization before something wiped it out. All of this could be true, but I think the traces will be so small that it will have to wait for manned (or very advanced robot) landing and exploration. I believe strongly that it is highly unlikely that earth is the only place life evolved.

Your Wright Brothers analogy is way off the mark. Think about it, won't you?

Bob

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Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

From: **Ufojoel** <Ufojoel@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:06:36 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 15:52:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

>From: **TotlResrch** <TotlResrch@aol.com> [Kal Korff]
>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 13:41:04 EDT
>To: Updates@GLOBALSERVE.NET
>Subject: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

>>Dear List:

>While Richard Hoagland and other farce on Mars types are busy
>trying to rationalize NASA's recent images that gut their
>favorite theory, the exploration and legitimate scientific
>understanding of our universe is priceless nonetheless.

Kal,

I thought that somebody like YOU, who is such a scientific investigator, would understand that the important photos from Cydonia haven't even been taken yet. I guess not.

Do some research Kal. It will do you some good. No theories have been gutted yet.

Joe

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Re: Mars Face, yes it's there!

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 09:05:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 15:48:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face, yes it's there!

>From: ATKMajic@iname.com, Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:46:17 +0200
>Subject: Fwd: Mars Face Turned Straight Up And Down

>Received via "alt.paranet.ufo" April 7 at 10.51 local time (GMT + 1
>hour). To view Fiontar McEoghan's latest results, go directly to

><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shire/4470/fom.htm>
>Good luck!

>Stig

>*****

>Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 20:10:21 -0400
>From: PHD: Feanturi <ATKMajic@iname.com>
>Subject: Mars Face, yes it's there!
>Message-ID: <352AC06C.69A3C03@iname.com>

>Hi All,

>I've posted some images on the web that I think everyone needs to
>see before deciding on the "Face" on Mars. The human eye is a
>funny thing, and the tilt to the face formation makes it
>particularly hard to discern the features. So, first I rotated
>the image to the right 37 degrees, so the face is straight up and
>down. It makes things much clearer.

>If it was a face created by someone, it was clear from the image
>that the right side had been damaged much worse than the left, so
>I mirrored the left side onto the right, to see what it might
>look like symmetrically, and was very shocked how clear it was.
>Other than the rotation, and the mirroring, NO other alterations
>were made. I think the results deserve a look, and some
>consideration.

>Let me know what you think:

><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shire/4470/>

>Thanks,
>Fiontar McEoghan

>Please note, I'm not drawing any conclusions, but the results are
>at least consistant with a face.

What I think is that if you play enough games with this image of
a mesa, you can make it look like anything.

What is that supposed to prove?

Bob

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Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 09:33:59 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 15:51:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

>From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 23:30:44 +0200
>Subject: Fwd: Reversed Mars Images by NASA : mistake or mislead ?????

>Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 22:13:23 GMT
>From: Alex Krivenysh <krivenysh@geocities.com>
>Subject: Reversed Mars Images by NASA : mistake or mislead ?????
>Message-ID: <352AA4DF.6513@geocities.com>

>Reversed Mars Images by NASA : mistake or mislead ?????

>Images of Mars released by NASA is a Negative(reverse) Images of actual
>photos. (I discovered it 14 hours ago). Using Graphic program I
>reversed the "Negative" image of the 'Face on Mars' and one can see
>completely different picture, very much the same as photo taken in late
>70s. On NASA's released photo(left image), the "large sunken area"
>which looks like "eye"- actually is a "butte"(top) of eyebrow. On
>"processed" photo(right image)- after my performing of reversed
>negative image" - one can clearly see eyes, nose and mouth on the
>photo.

<snipped>

No, no, no. It is NOT a negative image. The light is just coming from a different direction.

Get real, people!

Bob

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The Eyes of Media Upon Us

From: authority@webtv.net (Doc in Phoenix)[John M. Barry]
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 06:34:47 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 16:03:30 -0400
Subject: The Eyes of Media Upon Us

Although we waited for April 6th, and watched for the release from NASA of the first pictures of the Cydonia region, the man on the street was not informed.

To the great interest shown and dispersed by CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, BBC, CBC, Reuters, AP, and UPI, we say:

"May the FACE be with you" = Doc

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Re: Mars Face Report

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 09:43:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 16:07:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face Report

>Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 09:55:29 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mars Face Report

>>Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 17:22:42 -0400
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mars Face Report

>>NEARSIGHT INSTITUTE

>>OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE NASA/JPL MARS FACE PHOTOS

>>ISSUED APRIL 7, 1998

>>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --

>>Detailed analysis of the new photo of the Cydonia region
>>of Mars by the technical staff of the Nearsight Institute
>>has revealed the following.

><snipped>

>>Doubtless this plan was developed under the control of
>>the Illuminati, the New World Order and MJ-12, and it is
>>unlikely that even President Clinton is aware of this
>>deception.

>>We must all rise up and denounce this senseless destruction
>>of a major exoarcheological site.

>>Bob Shell, Director
>>Nearsight Institute

>Bob-

>Care should probably be taken to make sure that everyone is aware
>that your tongue is firmly planted in your cheek. I suspect that
>someone will probably forward this report from the "Nearsight
>Institute" as the gospel and give it their own "spin" as they
>distribute it to the world via the "net".

>In spite of the images and the proof that they allegedly contain,
>there are those who have devoted years to this research, and
>there will be great resistance to their acceptance of any "proof"
>that disagrees with their beliefs. It would not surprise me to
>see some of the proponents issue theories very similar to the one
>outlined above.

>Steve

Steve,

Boy are you on target! I got a bunch of e-mails this morning
from people who took the whole thing seriously. Some wanted me
to e-mail them the complete research paper, some wanted to know
how they could learn non-remote viewing, and on and on.

This has become more of a religion than I realized.

Oh well, let's wait for the rest of the pictures..... I'm sure they will show all sorts of things to the true believers.

Bob

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Re: Phil Klass to discuss UFO Abductions

From: "Yvonne Hedenland" <yonni_h@email.msn.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 08:53:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 16:26:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Phil Klass to discuss UFO Abductions

UFO Abductions: A Dangerous Game?

Tuesday, April 14th, at 6pm pt, the UFO Forums guest will be America's favorite debunker, Phil Klass.

Klass agrees that alleged abductees are victims, but not of aliens. They have been deceived, instead, by abduction researchers, who in the process of promoting themselves are determined to see alien intrusions regardless of the facts.

This chat is available at <http://forums.msn.com/UFO>
The Briefing Room chat can also be accessed by any IRC client. The chat server name is publicchat.msn.com and the room or channel name is #briefing.

The Netshow Audio Interview will be available Thursday, April 9th.

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Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 10:17:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 16:31:53 -0400
Subject: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

>Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 01:35:10 -0400
>From: [galevy](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com) <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

>Jim,

>I would like to make a point as to why I recommended
>deconvolution of the high resolution image and not filtering as
>Bruce Macabee responded to in my post. These are not equivalent
>terms in image processing.

>Filtering is a mathematical operation using any number of
>arbitrary functions, each having different properties and effects
>on an image or in this case pixel of an image. Image processing
>based on application of filtering is challengeable based on the
>selection of filtering operations and their ordering applied to
>the image in question.

>Different aspects of an image can be enhanced or suppressed by
>the adroit selection of filters and their order.

>Deconvolution is a process which uses the known properties of the
>imaging chain(s) [mathematical functions] that uses an image
>transform actually derived from measurement of the physical
>imaging systems in question. One takes the image data in
>question, processes it deconvolves it, through the image
>transform which represents the physical imaging chain under
>investigation in order to create a new image which reflects the
>changes created by the actual imaging chain itself and not an
>arbitrary selection of filters and operations.

Gary-

Could you explain the advantage of modifying the image to look more like the one that the Viking had taken so many years ago? I had thought the hope was for a better image that would show more detail and prove once and for all that the "Face" was not a natural formation. Of course I'm not an expert, and perhaps the purpose would be to show how the (alleged) natural formation could have appeared as a "face" in the Viking image.

Hoagland has raised the issue of whether or not some of the image detail was withheld by NASA, but I would like to see NASA's response to that complaint.

If I remember correctly, NASA decided to take these images and release them for the purpose of public relations, and not necessarily as a pursuit of "the truth". As far as NASA (at least publicly) is concerned, there's no question that the formations are natural and since three passes would allow them to image the Cydonia region, they decided to pacify the consistent thorn in their side. They didn't make any major changes in the mission, and since Cydonia wasn't actually targeted, the angle of the first image is far different than that of the Viking.

As mentioned by a few others on this List, we need to see the images from the next two passes before we begin this debate in earnest. If the "pyramids" and other formations that have been identified as the "city" appear to be natural formations, the

conversation here will become far more heated.

Steve

PS- Yes, I've read the McDaniel Report, and attended the Hoagland Press Briefing in Washington, DC when he announced that he would show astronauts walking among the "ruins", and the theories described are interesting.

However, both had called for new images of the area to help prove their contentions, and now that is being done. Unfortunately for them, those images may do the opposite.

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 08:01:31 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:21:56 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 23:02:51 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 13:36:28 -0700 (PDT)
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: UPN's "Danger in our Skies" and holographs

>>From what I gather, the main alternative UPN presented to the
>>reality of that UFO event was the idea that it was a holographic
>>projection, put on by some U.S. military research group that
>.figured Mexico City and its smog was a good place to test it. >

>>Now, it seems, any important UFO sighting, witnessed and
>>photographed/video-taped, is subject to that explanation,
>>especially if a light beam of any sort is seen to emanate from
>>the UFO.>

> [...]

>Unfortunately, peopel don't understand the term as used in
>physics. You can't "project" a 3-D image from a hologram.... a
>hologram is like a piece of film that can be used with COHERENT
>light (single frequency) to create within the eye of the observer
>who looks IN THE DIRECTION OF THE LIGHT SOURCE (OR IN THE
>DIRECTION OF A REFLECTION OF THE LIGHT SOURCE) the impression of
>an image "floating in space." A holographic image is a real
>image...can be photographed from several angles/
>It is the reconstruction of light waves reflected from a 3-D
>object.

>Anyway, the suggestion that the Mex. Aug 6 video shows a hologram
>of some object is less believable (if you can believe that) than
>that the Roswell witnesses were unwitting "victims" of a "dummy
>drop".

>(You recall last summer's "dummy drop" theory of the Roswell
>bodies.) The suggestion is made that the smog somehow made the
>"hologram" visible. Had there been a dense cloud and had it
>been night time then it woul have been possible to project some
>light image on the cloud and creat the impression of some
>lighted object. You cannot project "darkness".... yet the UFO
>image is darker than the sky background.Thus you would have to
>assume that the "hologram" sucked light out of the atmosphere
>within a volume that defines the size of the UFO.The "dark side"
>may be powerful.... but not that powerful.
>Bottom line: not a hologram or any trick of light projection.

Thanks very much, Bruce, for pointing out these things. It is too
bad that UPN didn't have anyone like you on their program to
bring in some common sense.

In this case, then, it would have been necessary for the
laser-beam projectionists to have a large mirror positioned up in
the sky directing the image to the video camera on the roof top,
and other such mirrors directing it to each of the witnesses?

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 10:50:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:19:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

>Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 09:31:34 -0700
>From: Andy Denne <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

>Hi John,

>Okay, I do absolutely agree that the most important reason to
>assume there are any artificial structures in the Cydonia-region
>always were the pyramidlike structures. But, what I wonder is the
>following:

>Have you ever seen the structure you find in some semi-precious
>stones? Just take a look at the natural shape of raw crystals or
>amethyst and on the endings of these stones you can also find,
>almost pyramidlike shapes.

>So it seems that even these shapes don't HAVE to be artificial.

>Now though, it almost looks like no ufologist has ever believed
>or was interested in the "Face", and that doesn't seem true to
>me! C'mon know yourselves and admit that just like me, we're
>really all hoping the "city" is turning out what we hoped to
>be...

>But were are we gonna take it when the City also turns out to be
>nothin' at all...Let's all make sure to keep all our sences and
>don't bring in Illuminati, New World Orders or nuclair
>destruction of Mars,...

>No if there isn't any face, if there aren't any pyramids... SO
>WHAT, we made a mistake.

>Now it's up to us to deal with the matter, and what about doing
>that unlike scientists who make mistakes, and just ADMIT IT.
>Science should be progressive and NOT dogmatic.

>Bye from Holland,
>Andy Denne, A.U.R.A.

Andy,

Right on, my man!

But who said anything about science? This is religion, man, and
we all had better watch out or we'll be made heretics and burned
at the stake!

After all, faces and pyramids are a lot more fun than rocks and
sand.

Hey, BTW, has anybody noticed how much that mesa looks like an
Egyptian scarab beetle if you rotate it, mirror the sides,
increase the contrast, stretch it, and invert it to a
negative???

That must prove some connection.

Bob

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Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

From: "Lloyd Bayliss" <Lloyd@gwent-tertiary.ac.uk>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 15:21:47 0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:24:14 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

Hello List,

This Cydonia thing ain't half bringing people out of the woodwork
- me included!!!

> Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 18:51:30 -0500 (CDT)
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Mike Morton <morton@spdc.ti.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> > Subject: My Conclusion on the Mars Face.
> > Date: Tue, 7 Apr 98 02:01:20 -0500
> > From: Pat Parrinello <pparri@crossfields.com>
> > To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>

<Snip>

> > NASA has played no game. There ain't no face, there
> > ain't no pyramids, there ain't nothing there to convince
> > me that that there is anything but natural formations.

> > For those who may doubt, I will soon post my image studies
> > and you can draw your own conclusions.

> Of Course there aren't any pyramids in the new picture the
> Pyramids are a few miles away frmo the face. All the media
> attention has been wrongfully saying the face was supposedly
> surrounded by pyramids....NOT so. The pyramids have not been
> photographed yet!

> As for the face yes I too beleive they photographed the correct
> region and it is in fact a natural formation. But as some have
> always held...myself included...was that the face was most
> probably the best candidate to be an actual "natural" formation.
> Once they show the pyramids in the "City" and the "D&M pyramid"
> then the case can be closed...but as it stands right now....this
> is far from over.

Just like to add my support to this opinion, there's an awful lot
more to the Cydonia region than a hill that looks like a face, be
it natural or artificial. The whole region needs to be
re-photographed and amongst other things, the staggering
mathematics done once again on the new images before all of this
research is binned.

Just my humble opinion :)

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Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 11:03:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:22:55 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 01:42:49 -0400
>From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>Pat

>NASA did not image the region of the "pyramids" in the first set
>of images. So what do you base that statement on?

>As for games.... the images were shown as negative images
>relative to the Viking images. This is well known to alter ones
>perception of relief of objects. Moreover released image data
>was not corrected for geometry which shows up as the elliptical
>distortion present in the crater included with the "face" image.

>I don't care if the object is a mesa or a face, displaying the
>image that way is gamesmanship and misleading the public which is
>not trained to know about these effects.

>Gary

Gamesmanship???????

They showed the image just as they recorded it. It is not
a negative, it just has the light coming from the opposite
direction. That happens when you photograph something at
different times.

The only gamesmanship I see is from those who refuse to
admit they were wrong.

Bob

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 12:00:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:38:09 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 02:32:04 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 13:36:28 -0700 (PDT)
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: UPN's "Danger in our Skies" and holographs

>>Hello All,

>Jim writes,

><snip>

>>Would it require the intersection of two laser beams to do the
>>trick? If so, how would that work?

>I'm sure that you'll hear from experts but from what little I
>know of laser imaging (two) beams are needed. One is a reference
>beam while the other carries the graphic data.

>Where the two beams intersect is where the image is formed.
>(I think! <G>) I'm sure we'll get the straight dope soon enough.

><snip>

>>The other alternative hypothesis to a genuine UFO, of course, is
>>that of a carefully crafted computer simulation with planted
>>witnesses acting out their stories.

>According to the two special effects guys that they contracted to
>analyze the tape there was no "computer fakery" detectable by
>them. One of them did say that he thought that the UFO was
>suspended on a cable from a helicopter, but both agreed that
>-whatever it was- was actually there on the scene as it was
>videotaped. Ergo, not an "add on" or a "special effect."

>Smoking gun? I think it's the best we've seen yet, but then I'm
>no video expert. Spooky thing to watch though. It was a big one!

>Peace,

>John Velez

If memory serves, the "specialists" that discussed the hologram
concept were responding to questions related to an image
connected to the Phoenix sightings, and not the Mexico City
video. Holograms were discussed during the Mexico video segment,
but not by the "experts" that testified about the U.S.
Government's involvement in that research.

I think that one of the two SFX experts mentioned one section of
the video where the edge of the craft appears to break up, but
that wasn't pursued.

On the other hand, they did mention that the "zoom" effect was
very difficult to duplicate and appears to be seamless, if the
video was indeed faked. This would seem to indicate that an
object did exist in the sky where it is seen on the video. If

you refer to Bruce Maccabee's research (published in the current issue of the MUFON Journal) he detected no residual swing in the object, which would have been the case if it was being suspended on a long cable and moved from one position to another. This analysis would tend to rule out the hoax proposal offered by the skeptical "expert". I believe that Bruce posted a portion of his article on this "list" a couple of weeks ago.

My initial reaction was the same as Bruce's first impression, in that it was an obvious fake. On the other hand, careful analysis is making that a difficult position to maintain. Bruce will be speaking at the Mid-Atlantic UFO Symposium next month in Bethesda, Maryland and I would assume that the Mexico City Video will be his topic.

Steve

PS- David Jacobs and Col. Halt are also scheduled speakers at the May event, and if anyone wants detail let me know.

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Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

From: Kal K. Korff [TotlResrch@aol.com]
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 12:27:40 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:41:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

Recently, Joe Murgia wrote:

<snip>

>I thought that somebody like YOU, [Kal] who is such a scientific
>investigator, would understand that the important photos from
>Cydonia haven't even been taken yet. I guess not.

>Do some research Kal. It will do you some good. No
>theories have been gutted yet.

>Joe

Dear Joe:

Obviously, YOU are misinformed. Perhaps you missed Dr. Mark Carlotto's statement recently that he is prepared to admit that the "face" is a NATURAL FORMATION?

I guess you apparently did!

Is that "scientific" enough for you, Joe??

Furthermore, would you care to make a \$1,000.00 bet with me that NO face will be found? I would place this bet that no face will be found, and you are free to take the "believer" side that a face will be found. Do you accept this challenge?

Why not put your money where your mouth is?, as the saying goes??

Of course, ANYONE, especially Richard Hoagland, who would say that the face WAS a real face in the first place, is simply making statements NOT derivable from the existing data. The original images were simply too ill-defined to be 100% conclusive.

THANKS for calling me "such a scientific investigator," I am GLAD you realize this at least.

The main point of my posting, by the way, was to let everyone know about the new, exciting discovery (claimed by science) of water on one of Saturn's moons.

I guess you missed this point as well.

Instead of taking issue with me, why don't you go bother Hoagland, who, at this rate, is going to have to backpedal from lots of claims (and part of his livelihood) about Mars.

I also predict, no artificial "pyramids" and other such nonsense will be found.

I sincerely hope I am WRONG on this.

Sincerely,

Kal (Looking forward to REAL science continuing to solve this "mystery,"....which was never much of one in the first place),

Korff

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Re: Extraterrestrial Cafe

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 13:06:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:43:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Extraterrestrial Cafe

>Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 02:24:49 -0400
>From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
>To: UFO UpDate <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Extraterrestrial Cafe

>> Posted by : Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)

>> >From the New York Post. URL:

>> <http://www.nypostonline.com:80/040698/gossip/999.htm>

>> *****

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>> By RICHARD JOHNSON with Jeane MacIntosh

>> <snipped>

>> PLANET Hollywood, Hard Rock Cafe, Fashion Cafe, Harley-Davidson Cafe,
>> Comedy Nation, Television City and all the other theme restaurants may
>> be in for some other-worldly competition. With the millennium
>> approaching, Michael Luckman, director of the New York Center for UFO
>> Research, hopes to build an extravagant Extraterrestrial Cafe in Times
>> Square. The joint will feature a Mars Bar, a live "all alien" band, TV
>> monitors beaming the latest UFO sightings, and waitresses in futuristic
>> metallic outfits and flying saucer hats. Luckman, who says the
>> Sphinx-like face found on Mars could be "the biggest scientific
>> discovery in human history," is pitching his idea to investors.

>> <snipped>

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>> Posted by : Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)

>Stig,

>Have you ever checked if there is such an organization?

>There is no phone listing or mail address in New York City for
>the so called "New York Center for UFO Research". Micheal
>Luckman is a publicist with a phone line and an answering machine
>that doesn't return calls inquiring about this so called
>organization.

>He does have some connection or 'in' with the New York Post as
>they do periodically publish comments or press releases by him
>and this so called organization from time to time. What for or
>what purpose is unclear.

>Does anyone have some background information on this
>organization?

>Gary

Hiya Gary,

Yeah, the "organization" consists of one member. Mike Luckman!
Mr Luckless is the same guy that organized the UFO artshow here

in NY last year and occasionally calls press conferences to advertize one of his UFO 'sideshow' extravaganzas. The guy is a joke.

He's obviously looking to set himself up in business using somebody else's money and nothing more. Although it isn't such a bad idea! Might even turn a profit here in Fun City! <G>

John Velez

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From: **Andy Denne** <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 15:37:26 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:47:28 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 07:51:15 -0500
> From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> > From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
> > Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:49:09 EDT
> > To: updates@globalserve.net
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> > >Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 15:29:22 -0400
> > >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> > >From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
> > >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> > >I will once again go way out on a limb and predict that there is
> > >no city, no fort, and no pyramids. Once the area is photographed
> > >what will be seen is a bunch of ugly-ass rocks and barren
> > >desert.

> > >I can't wait.

> > >Bob

> > Gee Bob, I thought you said that you would love to be proven
> > wrong on this matter.

> ...And he *sounded* so sincere...

> > Sounds like your the one who is entrenched
> > in a belief that all the objects in question are natural.

> I, too, noticed the undisguised, inappropriate, and
> counterproductive glee of those so quick to dance around the
> fiery Cydonian stake. Mr. Shell pretends to be broadminded, but
> his relief, and the relief of others, is abundantly apparent.

> > They may be natural but we need to wait before we know more. By
> > the way, what technical articles have you read regarding the
> > objects on Mars? Have you read any of them or is your belief so
> > strong that the objects are natural that you won't even look at
> > the serious work that has been done? Turn the other way & don't
> > even look!

> That is the way of it for -- sure. There is comfort (for most) in
> standing with the rest to laugh and tease at the unknown and
> frightening Quasimodo, but Quasimodo was quite real, in the
> literature anyway, wasn't he? Mr. Shell pretends that there is
> some actual *looking* going on in, and by, our respected (but
> closed) institutions, and the information is, *of course*
> dissiminated to us in a *completely* forthcoming manner.
> Respectfully, -- blather-wah , and requiring no citation.

> > This sounds like the same people who wouldn't look at the crazy
> > Wright Bros. new flying object because lighter than air flight
> > was impossible and the Wright Bros. had to be hoaxers. Man, does
> > history repeat itself or what?

> > Joe

> Maybe not this time Joe. Too many guys like you and me want to
> read all the way to the period. Thanks for the --"HEY! WAIT a
> minute"!

> Lehmberg@snowhill.com

Hi,

I think you should hold it there people... Now I agree, the way Bob brings his opinion is maybe a little rough as I stumbled over it aswell, but c'mon, We (by now, that is, as we had to wait a little longer to view them...) have probably been lookin' at the same piictures, and from the first picture I had the same ideas than you, but after having seen the other available versions and some advice from my American collegues (by the way thank you!)I can't see anything more than rocks and sand...

But before we are all putting each other down for reacting a little too enthusiastically (after all, we probably ALL did...) I for my part will not conclude anything about Mars untill we have a clear shot of the entire Cydonia-region, that way we could save us a lot of energy and a lot of trouble!

Peace...

Andy Denne

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Re: Cydonia image available

From: **Andy Denne** <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 15:44:03 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:49:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Cydonia image available

> Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 23:00:49 -0700
> From: "Terry J. Blanton" <commengr@bellsouth.net>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Cydonia image available

> Andy Denne wrote:

> > Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 20:49:31 -0700
> > From: Andy Denne <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
> > To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Cydonia image available

> > But I wonder howcome we only get to see a picture, allegedly of
> > the "Face", that is is taken in such a position that tells us
> > really zip!

> Hi Andy! It's good to hear from our European colleagues! The
> angle of the photograph is a result of the position of the
> spacecraft. The ground controllers have little control of this
> once the spacecraft enters orbit. To change the location of the
> craft requires huge expenditures of station keeping fuel.
> Personally, I am amazed that NASA was able to hit the face on the
> first pass. (Good job, NASA!)

> > As you probably noticed there is a clear crater, close to the
> > left side of the face in the Viking-pictures, well now, in the
> > MGS-pictures the alleged "Face" is photografted in such an angle
> > that it's quite difficult to make out wether it really IS the
> > face-like structure. And why doesn't anybody wonder why we didn't
> > get to see any pictures of the "pyramids"?

> I love a conspiracy as much as anyone. I am as disappointed with
> the results of the imaging as anyone. However, I am quite
> confident that we are looking at the correct location. There are
> actually two craters which correspond with the Viking image
> relative to the "face". Visit the website of the company who
> does the processing and look at the evidence. It's at:

> <http://barsoom.msss.com/>

> > Another thing that I noticed on the picture we got to see on the
> > evening news (I video-taped it so I could take a closer look at
> > it) is the fact that the outside band-like structure of the
> > "Face" really was to low and to flat and smooth compared by the
> > initial viking-pictures?

> Andy, look at some of the later enhancements. I have compared
> the raw data of the Viking images with the later enhancements and
> find the same relationships as we see with the MGS images. The
> contrast and depth of the raw data is poor on both. The
> enhancements are required to give the correct perspective to the
> image.

> It's tough to give up on something that we have loved for so many
> years; but, let's face it (ugh!) . . . it's not a face.

> Be water or dust the source of our birth
> There's no man in the Moon
> There's no face on Mars

> And it's quite questionable
> If there's intelligence on Earth.

> Terry
> (My Opinion)

Hi Terry,

This comment of mine was actually posted a bit too early...I guess... No after I looked into other repro's of the pictures I can only agree, No face, too bad and about the part on intellegent life on earth...get's me...here in Holland we haven't found too much of that so far!!! :-)) But thanks for the reaction anyway...

Andy.
(A.U.R.A.)

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Re: Mars Face, yes it's there!

From: "PHD: Feanturi" <ATKMajic@iname.com>
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 17:37:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 02:08:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face, yes it's there!

Bob,

You got me so steamed, I didn't even finish. ;-)

Once again, I didn't play with the images. I've encouraged people who have made similar comments to take the time and duplicate the results.

Rotate 37 degrees, copy left half, mirror it, paste over right half.

That's it. No gamma correcting, histogram stretching, brightness or contrast adjustments to make the features more striking. Just the NASA original, handled as stated above.

At least three of those who originally were blasting me have tried it, and then apologised. They may not have been convinced it "proves anything", hell, I don't say it proves anything either, unless it's just the point that there is more of interest there than first meets the eye.

However, they at least were kind enough to take back comments that I had "played with the images to get a result I wanted". I didn't have to try ten different spins on this thing to get something I liked, I did it, first try, and can't keep from going back and just looking at the damn thing.

Please take the effort to duplicate it before you start accusing me of playing with anything. NASA has "doctored" the image with the released enhancement at a level of magnitude, or three, more than I have here.

Thanks,
Fiontar

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Re: Mars Face, yes it's there!

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Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 17:26:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 02:06:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face, yes it's there!

> Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 09:05:53 -0400
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Mars Face, yes it's there!

> >From: ATKMajic@iname.com, Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)
> >To: updates@globalserve.net
> >Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:46:17 +0200
> >Subject: Fwd: Mars Face Turned Straight Up And Down

> >Received via "alt.paranet.ufo" April 7 at 10.51 local time (GMT + 1
> >hour). To view Fiontar McEoghan's latest results, go directly to
> ><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shire/4470/fom.htm>
> >Good luck!

> >Stig

> >*****

> >Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 20:10:21 -0400
> >From: PHD: Feanturi <ATKMajic@iname.com>
> >Subject: Mars Face, yes it's there!
> >Message-ID: <352AC06C.69A3C03@iname.com>

> >Hi All,

> >I've posted some images on the web that I think everyone needs to
> >see before deciding on the "Face" on Mars. The human eye is a
> >funny thing, and the tilt to the face formation makes it
> >particularly hard to discern the features. So, first I rotated
> >the image to the right 37 degrees, so the face is straight up and
> >down. It makes things much clearer.

> >If it was a face created by someone, it was clear from the image
> >that the right side had been damaged much worse than the left, so
> >I mirrored the left side onto the right, to see what it might
> >look like symmetrically, and was very shocked how clear it was.
> >Other than the rotation, and the mirroring, NO other alterations
> >were made. I think the results deserve a look, and some
> >consideration.

> >Let me know what you think:

> ><http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Shire/4470/>

> >Thanks,
> >Fiontar McEoghan

> >Please note, I'm not drawing any conclusions, but the results are
> >at least consistant with a face.

> >What I think is that if you play enough games with this image of
> >a mesa, you can make it look like anything.

> >What is that supposed to prove?

> >Bob

Bob,

I didn't "play games" with anything. The formation has been supposed by some to be a face. If it was a face, it's obvious now that there is uneven wear on the two halves. So, we want to see if it even looks like a face. We rotate the image to see it upright, to make it easier to discern if it is face like. It's a lot easier to see how this thing could have been thought to be a face by looking at it upright.

I'm trying to go slow, so you can understand. ;-)

Now, even though you can now see how this formation could have looked face like in the Viking image, it's clear that the lack of perfect symmetry, perhaps caused by uneven erosion or wear (remember, this thing could be millions of years old, we don't really know, do we?), is preventing the human eye from seeing "the face".

If we uncovered a sphinx in the deserts of Egypt, and half the face had mostly crumbled away, we would mirror the image at the central vertical axis to see what it might have looked like whole.

We have a picture of this face like thing on Mars, it doesn't make any less sense to apply the same analysis.

We take the rotated "face", mirror the left side onto the right, and we get a symmetrical image. Because this perfect symmetry is not there to begin with, this isn't going to prove to anyone it ever once looked like the result. However, if we had mirrored it, and not received such an incredible result, the possibility it ever was a face would be much more remote.

No other manipulation was done to the image, in fact it is more true to the original data than the NASA enhanced image. They did some serious fiddling there.

I've seen all the sites based on the Viking images of the Cydonia region, and even though I tried to be open minded, it really seemed they were reading way too much into some very blurry images. This result, however, is very clear.

We are left with probabilities once again. Is it possible a natural formation, mirrored on the central axis, could produce such an image? Maybe. But the image produced is so many steps above the "virgin Mary in the wood knot", or "Jesus in the water stain" variety that it must be considered at least very peculiar.

Skeptics have accused others of seeing what they want to see. If the results had looked like a lump of clay, with rough bumps where the eyes, nose and mouth would be, I would have said, "yeah, it's just a hill". However, that's not what we got. If the eyes had been vertical, or way out of proportion, if the brows or the cheek bones went off at strange angles, if the mouth and chin weren't perfectly aligned, I'd say we were just trying real hard to see something that was there.

We aren't talking about results that look like a face in a Picasso, we are talking about a very detailed, human/ simian face, not to mention that it "just happens" to have something that looks like an Egyptian Head Dress, etc...

I think that the skeptic's standard applies to you, in that you are refusing to see what you don't want to see.

I leave it up to the Geologists and Mathematicians to determine just how improbable these results are to occur naturally, but there is something very profound in those images that at least deserves the proper investigation.

Thanks for your comments,
Fiontar McEoghan

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A Few Comments on Real Science

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 16:50:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 02:02:12 -0400
Subject: A Few Comments on Real Science

I forward this for information and comment:

From: mars_updates-approval@world.std.com
From: "Giuseppe" <russellp@iafrica.com>

Good day all, I wanted to point out a few things which although obvious, often tend to be forgotten in light of new and exciting information. Let us for a moment forget about exactly why the new NASA images ARE exciting, (regardless in other words of whether it is because they are fake/real and prove/disprove conspiracy/artificiality etc.) and focus on the scientific method. I use the word *scientific* here to identify not people who have a piece of paper hanging from a wall that says they are qualified to be scientists, but rather, the more correct term, meaning, the method where a theory is based on premises, where those premises have been tested logically, and passed the tests, and hence, logical deductions, based on those premises can be formed. Those deductions in turn similarly require logical testing and so on. It is utterly irrelevant under this system whether one has a degree in astrophysics or not, therefore, with respect to pointing out how this or that person is making illogical statements, one should be concerned not so much with their qualifications as issued by an institution, but with the 'qualification' they themselves express vis a vis the ability to perform logical analysis, commonly referred to as scientific work.

In this respect then, I would like to make a few comments regarding the Cydonia hypothesis and how this relates to the comments of certain individuals on this list.

The Face and nearby structures (in the form of Viking Images) have undergone extensive scientific testing with respects to the likelihood of their being artificial in nature. This testing extends over a period of more than 20 years and includes contributors from several fields. I borrow a partial list from Dave, there actually have been more contributions than these, but it is not really necessary to dig up every last one. Interested parties could probably get a general overview by reading Carlotto's latest book and the McDaniel report, and being aware that their work is not only repeatable, but it is UNFALSIFIABLE, that is the correctness of their work is NOT in question.

Arguments FOR artificiality: * Fractal analysis of the Face and other features (Carlotto & Stein) * Photoclinometric analysis of the Face (Carlotto, DiPietro & Molenaar) * 3D and shape-from-shading analysis of the Face (Carlotto) * Extensive statistical analysis of mounds near "City" (Crater) * Geometric modeling and analysis of D&M Pyramid (Torun) * Astronomical analysis (Martian pole shift) and socio-relevant positioning of Face (Van Flandern) * Extensively documented history of NASA obfuscation of Cydonia research, including repeated use of misleading statements in official letters to Congress (McDaniel, Hoagland)

** Institutions represented by researchers: The Analytical Sciences Corp (TASC), Tennessee Space Institute, Defense Mapping Agency, Celestial Mechanics Branch of the Naval Observatory

It is important to note that when I say the list includes contributors from several fields, I am referring ONLY to those persons that have validated themselves by showing their willingness to follow the scientific method as outlined above. The National Enquirer for example does NOT fall within this category. More surprising however is that neither does Carl Sagan, since in the infamous article he wrote on the Face he lied about the existence of 'another' frame that showed no Face existed. Neither does NASA, as shown by the extensively documented MCDaniel Report.

In this respect then, we have the curious problem, that we are relying on a body which has shown its willingness to LIE and FALSIFY data for the retrieval of further data. It is a bit like a scientist having to rely on a used car salesman for receiving the values of engine performances. THIS should be the only thing that requires qualification, and can possibly create confusion.

Furthermore, extensive logically tested work has been done that goes beyond the artificiality issue. Anyone aware of the large body of scientific work done on this issue cannot seriously deny that the case for artificiality is strong. It is only normal then that a few people will have wondered, well, then, let's say it IS artificial and see where that leads us, and then see if THAT is congruent with what we have already tested. In this respect then, the conclusions one has to inevitably run up against is that certain technological developments MUST exist. It's a long road to go from the Face on Mars to machines capable of manipulating gravity, but it is a logical and testable road. At this point then, it will become obvious, that such technology IS potentially deadly dangerous for the entire planet (as well as being potentially the most beneficial thing to have come to the human race in historical memory).

Mars itself, is a clear indication of what misuse of this type of technology can reduce a planet to, so it is NOT surprising that a cover-up relating to alien artifacts exists, because if they were known about in general, enquiring, scientific persons would begin to ask, where they originate from, what modes of transport they used and so on, and from there, within a few short weeks or months, you would have groups of people, institutions and individuals all around the world trying to build such technology, and sooner or later, antigravity machines would be built (I should say refined, since T. T. Brown built crude versions until the mid 1950s, when his work was classified by the US Navy. (Patent numbers of his work available on request by the way)).

There is therefore, a clear and logical reason why 'the powers that be' in the form of NASA employees (NASA inspired or otherwise) would want to keep such knowledge hidden. The NASA charter states as much and the Brookings report practically spells it out, stating that amongst the religious nuts etc. one of the things that would 'push society over the edge' (I'm paraphrasing) would be the idea for the so called commoners that their leaders are actually nothing but a bunch of puppets at the mercy of a superior intelligence (in the form of little green men or whatnot, regardless of whether they are actually here or not presently).

In fact, in their position I would probably be taking very similar action (ie keeping the thing under wraps to some degree or other), for the sake of global safety if nothing else. On the other hand, as anyone familiar with

the work done by the professor emeritus (biologist) Rupert Sheldrake will know, morphic resonance will practically ensure that antigravity machine knowledge WILL eventually 'leak' out. In this respect it is far preferable to have a gradual and consistent education of people to this technology, so that when it finally IS introduced, the shock effect can be minimal (it will still be huge, whichever route is taken, but a program of education will minimise the resulting damage to humanity) which is why I talk about this, rather than have a sudden culture shock that Humanity would have very little chance of surviving.

In conclusion then, how all of this relates to the comments made by certain persons is simply that it becomes relatively easy, when the whole picture is taken into account, to spot misinformationists. In certain cases, these may simply be people ignorant of the science that has been undertaken and in this regard, one can only point them in the direction of the tried and

tested scientific work which has been done. If they refuse to look at the evidence, then of course they disqualify themselves from further discussion. That is they may continue to babble but one is no longer required to listen. The other type of misinformationist on the other hand is someone that is employed in the task of not only spreading disinformation, but the 'debunking' of that true and accurate science that HAS ALREADY been done, as well as the prevention of meaningful discussion taking place between members of the loosely associated humans who follow the scientific method.

In this respect then it also becomes somewhat possible to differentiate between the misinformed and the (slightly?) more educated but conscious misinformationist.

I applaude JJ for not banning such persons from this list, despite the fact that I am fairly sure that at least one of them (and probably up to three or so) exists here. The reason I applaude it is because these people too need education, if in a slightly different format from the rest of the masses. While Mr. Average may need to learn a lot more how to curb his idiocy so as not to reduce Earth to a slag-heap first chance he gets to wield incalculable power, the misinformationists need to learn a more dynamic and relevant way of 'educating' the 'sheep', because their methods, although tried and tested over the last 50 years (as regards anti-g anyway) are becoming less and less valid by the minute. In a dynamic system (the human race) a non-dynamic system may temporarily succeed, but only temporarily, and it is high time that the MIB (for want of a better term) learned that it is time to chance system. from secrecy they have to start to orient towards education, and even then, the TYPE of education is important. It must, as much as possible be based in honesty. I am probably way ahead of the times in describing this type of 'free-er', more 'honest', la-la-land type of society, but it is important that the MIB understand that the need to begin to implement this type of system is NOW, even if the real benefits accrue only another 50 or 100 years down the line, because it is a relatively SLOW system and requires the earliest opportunity of implementation in order to have a reasonable chance of success. The only other alternative (and the two can be combined anyway) is the removal from Earth of the few who are in possession of this technology, before the crisis point is reached, but this will result in only a minority of humanity 'making it'.

I hope then that those that need to will get to read this message in its entirety, and that it may have some bearing on their future decisions.

Best Regards,

Giuseppe Filotto

PS: feel free to distribute this e-mail as you see fit, but kindly do not alter it if doing so and include the source of authorship.

People commenting to the post of course may snip to their heart's content.

Regards to all (and Dean Adams fans in particular)

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Tom Porter on #Visitations

From: **Angela Shilling** <angela@skipnet.com>
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 14:49:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 02:11:13 -0400
Subject: Tom Porter on #Visitations

Tom Porter, Mind Control Researcher, Will be a guest speaker on #Visitations.

Saturday, April 11th 7pm Pacific / 9pm Central / 3am GMT

Where: #Visitations on the Undernet

How to Get to IRC: <http://www.skipnet.com/~visitations/irc/>

BIO:

INTRODUCTION:

I became interested in the topic of US government mind control research about five years ago after a friend told me about being a victim of this research. I currently host a web page called DEEP BLACK MAGIC: US Govt.

Research into ESP & Mind Control:
<http://www.mindspring.com/~txporter/>

In the course of investigating Mind Control and ESP, I have been fortunate enough to attend several conferences on anomalous trauma, parapsychology, and ritual abuse. These conferences allowed me to talk with other investigators, care givers and veterans of these projects. Among the people I have come into contact or corresponded with are Russell Targ, Willis Harmon, Gen. Albert Stubblebine, Rima Leibow, Lyn Buchannan, Jack Houk, Mark Phillips, Kathy O'Brien, Walter Bowart, Colin Ross, Randy Noblitt, and Pam Perskin.

I attended the famous (notorious?) Presidents' Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments hearings where Claudia Mullens and Chris De Nicola testified. From time to time I have spoken with folks at the Rhine [parapsychology] Research Center in Durham NC, since I was familiar with it from my school days at Duke.

After reading Colin Ross' presentation on George Estabrooks, I spent a couple of days last summer at Colgate University going through Estabrook's papers which are part of the university library's special collection. I also spent some time at the National Security Archive in Washington, DC going through John Mark's notes for writing "The Search for The Manchurian Candidate"

FROM MY WEB PAGES:

In the past several years there has been a great deal of interest in the topics of Mind Control, Psychic Spying, Classified Human Experimentation, and our government's role, if any, in such unusual areas of research. Nowhere has this interest been more obvious than on the Internet. There is a tremendous amount of information about these topics out there, and ultimately each reader must make their own decisions about the validity of the information they find.

I have tried to show that the US Intelligence Community has had a documented interest in these three areas, and that there is some overlap between them. Many of the details of the CIA's MK-ULTRA programs have been publicized since the Church hearings in the

70's. The CIA's interest in parapsychology has broken the surface of the news several times since the 70's as well, but the fall of 1995 opened the floodgates concerning 'Psychic Spying' with the announcements about projects 'Grill Flame' and 'Stargate.' Classified human experimentation has been exposed in all its horror with the Office of Human Radiation Experiments' reports on 50 years of human rights abuses in the name of science and the cold war.

If one accepts Remote Viewing as an intelligence gathering mechanism of unique capabilities, even if only sporadically, then the question of how to control or limit its use by the Remote Viewers certainly becomes relevant. Even in the Intelligence Community itself, access to raw intelligence and the methods of collection has always been severely limited. Once the intellectual hurdles of accepting that RV works had been overcome, I feel certain that the next items on the agenda would be counter-measures and control of the remote viewing assets.

Some of the discussion about mind control has centered on the use of drugs and hypnosis for gaining control of an individual and modifying their behavior. Both of these avenues of research were strenuously pursued by the CIA. As can be seen on my site, a prominent hypnotist has admitted going so far as to create whole alternate personalities for intelligence agents during WWII. There is a substantial debate raging these days over whether severe physical and psychological trauma during childhood can cause the creation of alternate or multiple personalities as well, through much the same mechanism as hypnosis, namely dissociation.

Anthropologists, as well as therapists working with multiple personality disorder, have discovered links between trauma and parapsychological abilities. Parapsychology archives are full of reports where tragedies and accidents triggered parapsychological events of all kinds. Even anecdotal reports from combat soldiers support the connection between trauma, stress, and parapsychology.

I feel that the US Intelligence Community has long been aware of these relationships and has specifically made use of drugs, hypnosis, stress, and trauma-based conditioning to:

- a. enhance the extended perception abilities of certain experimental subjects, and
- b. control and compartmentalize these abilities via hypnotic suggestion and the creation of alternate personalities so that they would not easily be available to the subject, but only upon approval by authorized intelligence officers.

I believe that my web pages show this speculation is at least worth considering, and that the US Intelligence Community has had the motive, the opportunity, and the means

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Re: Phil Klass to discuss UFO Abductions

From: **Andy Denne** <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 22:58:29 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 02:21:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Phil Klass to discuss UFO Abductions

> From: "Yvonne Hedenland" <yvonne_h@email.msn.com>
> To: <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Phil Klass to discuss UFO Abductions
> Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 08:53:28 -0500

> UFO Abductions: A Dangerous Game?

> Tuesday, April 14th, at 6pm pt, the UFO Forums
> guest will be America's favorite debunker, Phil
> Klass.

> Klass agrees that alleged abductees are victims,
> but not of aliens. They have been deceived, instead,
> by abduction researchers, who in the process of
> promoting themselves are determined to see alien
> intrusions regardless of the facts.

Oh yeah, that's just what we needed, a blind man trying to lead
the way, an elephant in the closet full of china ...

Wonder when we just simply stop listening to and wasting our
precious energy on debunkers like Klass. They're not about to say
something of any interest nor will they ever do their homework
properly, so why bother.

I've had several "dicussions" with Marcel Hulspas, one of
Holland's most irritating debunkers. On one of these occasions,
after three times trying to get any answers out of his mouth
instead of answering them he looked at his watch (in a filled
lecture-hall!) and opened his mouth. I saw several people in the
audience go : " he's going to answer...he really is..." hell no!!!
He was about to announce he had to go cause otherwise he'd miss
his train! Now, THAT's a scientific answer!

For all the money these people get for their idiotic allegations
they should at least can afford a hotel-room, one would say...

I don't actually know why the hell I'm telling you this...just a
little story from Holland I guess... :-)

Andy.

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Re: Cydonia Image Obscured By Clouds

From: [morris@#\\$.to.spam](mailto:morris@#$.to.spam), [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:59:29 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 02:26:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Cydonia Image Obscured By Clouds

Received via "alt.alien.visitors" April 9 at 07.41 local time (Gmt + 1 hour).

I have added the most relevant part of Malin's page on the new image, but do go to the page itself! There's a lot of indispensable information.

Stig

Literally. Malin Space Sciences reports that a wide-angled shot shows significant cloud cover over the area when the photo of the Face was taken. This explains why nothing was visible in the raw image, and even the enhanced image showed poor detail. It also means that some of the whitish areas may have been clouds rather than surface features.

Paul

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Email: lastname at best dot com. (no spam please)

Date: Wed, 08 Apr 1998 21:40:21 -0800
From: [morris@#\\$.to.spam](mailto:morris@#$.to.spam) (Paul Morris)
Subject: Clouds over Cydonia
Message-ID: <morris-0804982140210001@morris.vip.best.com>

>From the site of "Malin Space Science Systems" who made the Mars Orbiter Camera. URL:

http://www.msss.com/mars/global_surveyor/camera/images/4_6_face_release/index.html

The link is preceded by an asterisk

Mars Global Surveyor
Mars Orbiter Camera

Mars Orbiter Camera Views the "Face on Mars"

Shortly after midnight Sunday morning (5 April 1998 12:39 AM PST), the Mars Orbiter Camera (MOC) on the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) spacecraft successfully acquired a high resolution image of the "Face on Mars" feature in the Cydonia region. The image was transmitted to Earth on Sunday, and retrieved from the mission computer data base Monday morning (6 April 1998). The image was processed at the Malin Space Science Systems (MSSS) facility 9:15 AM and the raw image immediately transferred to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) for release to the Internet. The

images shown here were subsequently processed at MSSS.

The picture was acquired 375 seconds after the spacecraft's 220th close approach to Mars. At that time, the "Face", located at approximately 40.8=95 N, 9.6=95 W, was 275 miles (444 km) from the spacecraft. The "morning" sun was 25=95 above the horizon. The picture has a resolution of 14.1 feet (4.3 meters) per pixel, making it ten times higher resolution than the best previous image of the feature, which was taken by the Viking Mission in the mid-1970's. The full image covers an area 2.7 miles (4.4 km) wide and 25.7 miles (41.5 km) long.

Weather Conditions at the Time of Imaging

Winter clouds cover much of the northern hemisphere of Mars above 40=95 N latitude at this time of the martian year. An image of the Viking Lander 2 site (at 44=95 N) taken just over a day ago was completely obscured by clouds. The image below shows a color composite made from the red and blue wide angle cameras (the green component is synthesized from the average of the red and blue frames). The small box marks the location of the high resolution image. As can be seen, fortuitously, the area imaged was relatively clear, although the lack of surface definition in many nearby areas, and the low contrast of the raw MOC high resolution image, suggests haze or fog over much of the area.

*Color Wide Angle Image of Cydonia taken at same time as High Resolution Image
654 KB JPEG

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Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 02:24:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 09:33:59 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA - Mistake
>or Mislead?

>>From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 23:30:44 +0200
>>Subject: Fwd: Reversed Mars Images by NASA : mistake or mislead ?????

>>Date: Tue, 07 Apr 1998 22:13:23 GMT
>>From: Alex Krivenysh <krivenysh@geocities.com>
>>Subject: Reversed Mars Images by NASA : mistake or mislead ?????
>>Message-ID: <352AA4DF.6513@geocities.com>

>>Reversed Mars Images by NASA : mistake or mislead ?????

>>Images of Mars released by NASA is a Negative(reverse) Images of actual
>>photos. (I discovered it 14 hours ago). Using Graphic program I
>>reversed the "Negative" image of the 'Face on Mars' and one can see
>>completely different picture, very much the same as photo taken in late
>>70s. On NASA's released photo(left image), the "large sunken area"
>>which looks like "eye"- actually is a "butte"(top) of eyebrow. On
>>"processed" photo(right image)- after my performing of reversed
>>negative image" - one can clearly see eyes, nose and mouth on the
>>photo.

><snipped>

>No, no, no. It is NOT a negative image. The light is just coming
>from a different direction.

>Get real, people!

>Bob

Hi Bob and list members!

Just to put things straight. I didn't post Alexander Krivenyshev's or McEoghan's theories about the "Mars Face" to endorse them in any way, but to give an impression of the discussion that is going on.

Of course the possibility, that NASA, as part of a conspiracy, would commit the transparent fraud of posting a negative, is nonexistent, but McEoghan's idea of turning the face 37 degrees so that it is seen straight up and down, seems excellent to me.

Stig

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Hoagland on Art Bell 4-6-98 - Excerpts

From: "Keith Woodard" <gwoodard@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 20:40:00 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 02:54:52 -0400
Subject: Hoagland on Art Bell 4-6-98 - Excerpts

Program beginning 4-6-98. Words in brackets are mine, otherwise all are Hoagland's unless otherwise indicated.

Source:
<http://ww2.audionet.com/artbell/archive.html>

2:11
[Recommends acquiring his video "The Monuments of Mars," in which] you will see a whole series of photos, not only the original raw data, but the enhancements, what Carlotto has done, and what you'll see, in hard copy, is some very important prepared images that are duplicates, in simulation, of the photo that came down this morning. And that's very important. Because they did get the face. For everyone out there who doesn't understand what they're seeing, they nailed it. And that's the good news. And I'll explain why that's the good news in a minute.

The reason it looks so unfamiliar, so bizarre, so bad, is it's, as one of your callers said earlier, it's a really bad picture. It's a lousy picture. It is so far below the standards of NASA that I have come to know and love over the years, that frankly I would be ashamed, if I were a NASA employee tonight, to basically tell anybody in the average bar.

2:13
I can tell you unequivocally we've now identified every single thing in the strip, and he did nail it. He got it exactly where I would have wanted it.

2:15
The reason this [morning processed image] is so bad, Art, is it's an incredibly noisy picture.

2:17
Out of 256 grey levels, it [the morning raw image] is only playing with 75. In other words, two-thirds of the data that should be in this image is missing. It's history. It's gone. It's been discarded. It's been thrown away.

2:20
It look likes it [the greylevel data] is limited by some specific directed order to limit it.

2:21
In other words, something deliberately had to be done to make this image so bad.

2:39
All you have to do is go to NASA's websites and look at all these images that Malin has given us over the last several weeks, of stunning pictures -- I mean I blew Tammie away with photographs of sand dunes that were so sharp with the same camera that you could count the grains.

Alright, let me go through a little more of the processing. You'll understand how insidious this is, and how carefully planned it had to have been, to get certain network anchors to basically dismiss this whole thing.

Because when you take an image where you've thrown two-thirds of the data away, and then you apply any enhancement techniques, you're basically already what we call "down in the noise." You're groveling around at the bottom of the well. So when you enhance it, meaning when you brighten it up, when you increase the contrast, you're brightening up and increasing the contrast of the noise.

The noise in the enhanced image I was looking at, and commenting to AP about, was from the very fact that there's almost no data to begin with.

2:45
What we now have...is not only a direct link to this NASA site showing a different enhancement of supposedly this morning's image, but we also have a pretty good case that they have either have revised their politics inside and decided to give us more real data, because the image is so much better, or it, in fact, is a second picture, unannounced that they've just put up there quietly on the websites all over the world.

Now how do I know it's a second picture? Because if you go to our web, you'll see another thumbnail...which is a comparison between this new image and a simulated 3-D comparison that Carlotta had done several years ago.... What Mark did, from the original Viking...2-D data..., was to prepare, very lovingly, 3-D simulations using this technique called shape-from-shading. He was then able to attack the initial claim by NASA that it was all a trick of light and shadow by recreating a 3-D version in the computer, and then simulating the lighting during a full Martian day and a full Martian year.

2:49
Because it looks like this either is the first image -- because they flew right over the...damn thing -- so then the question I had all afternoon was, well, if you fly right over it, why did Dr. Malin wait until it was back north and they'd have to turn around and look at an angle to take it going away? Because that increases the distortion, makes it more difficult to recognize, and you lose most of the features on the right-hand side. This image shows a startling set of features on the right hand-side, and the left-hand side...but the most important thing is...the two-shot comparison I put up there, which is Carlotta's 3-D morning light view, given the shape-from-shading 3-D morphology he reconstructed from the Viking data, with the shot we got this morning [he meant evening]. And all of the predictions that that model makes as to what it would look like in morning light are overwhelmingly confirmed by this new, very good quality -- not best quality yet -- but getting-there quality image, which popped up on JPL sites this evening.

2:51
It shows, by the way, that the face on Mars is very feline looking.

3:08
Well, look, I mean let's stop beating around the bush. It's obvious that image that came from Mars this morning is a piece of hockey puck. Okay? The only question is, why? And the answer, of course, I think, is to be found in what's on it. Because when you start looking at the image that I'm about to send Keith [a mysterious, second enhancement that quietly appeared on JPL mirror sites in the evening]...the next thing you'll be able to see is the face, in morning light, at Cydonia, which confirms everything that we have claimed for the last fifteen years. This is an astonishing comparison.

4:41
Caller: He [Richard] has already said several times tonight that he now has the real picture, and it shows the face, and he accepts it, and he's ready to go on=85.

Richard: Well, I didn't say I accepted it. What I said was I know it's of the right geometry, it's the right orientation, it's the morning light, That's the first stage. The next stage, of course, is to get all the documentation as to how we got that image, which we're missing tonight. What I am saying is let's assume, for a moment, that NASA has fulfilled its commitment to get a new picture of the face on Mars, given their own words. What they now have said is, if we got it on the first pass, we'll

target the other objects on the next two orbits, and, frankly, I want to focus on the future, and not the past. I really think that we should be writing to Dan Goldin, with copies to Koppel and other correspondents, and congressmen and senators, demanding they photograph at least two passes over the city, on the next two orbits, which is where the real test of intelligence on Mars lies.

Caller: I thought I heard you say earlier that it had justified your last fifteen, twenty years worth of work, you know, the second photograph you had, you know, had proved it...

Richard: Well, I think you're slightly taking my words out of context. I am saying that we have a moving target tonight. We are seeing movement in the Agency. They gave us a crappy image this morning, we got a much better image tonight. That's movement.

[Art interrupts with a fax.]

4:45
There is a picture tonight which is, yes, geographically and geometrically of the face on mars. Now, it's not anywhere near the kind of picture we should have gotten. It is light years below the level this camera and this technology is capable of giving us, so they're giving us the business, but it is a picture geometrically targeted correctly. So the first part of what I would want has happened.

Now we know they can target. Now there's no reason they can't target the important stuff, which is the geometry in the city, the pyramids, the material that is numerically testable, and that's what we should be demanding, and oh, by the way, Mike, take the lens cap off the camera.

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Father Balducci Interview

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Subject: Father Balducci Interview

Go to

<http://members.aol.com/nonstopny/easter/vatican.htm#TEXT>

THE TEXT OF THE CONVERSATION

Here are the latest affirmations of FATHER BALDUCCI on the subject of extraterrestrials as seen in the conversation with journalist Bruno Mobrìci; filmed by RAI-TV 1 "SPECIAL TG1," it is available in a zip file.

Bruno Mobrìci: Father Balducci father, then, between us, would this answer how many support this versus how many are still opposed?

Padre BALDUCCI: Non si pu=F2 pi=F9 pensare... =E8 vero, non =E8 vero, sono veri o sono falsit=E0, ci si crede o non ci si crede, no! Oramai ci sono varie considerazioni che FANNO DIRE CON CERTEZZA CHE LA ESISTENZA DI QUESTI ESSERI C'=C8. NON SI PU=D2 DUBITARE. Magari si potr=E0 dire che su cento fenomeni ce ne saranno... anche se si dicesse 99 non veri e 1 vero, c'=E8 quell'1 che dice che certi fenomeni esistono. Quindi, questo =E8 il primo problema, non =E8 pi=F9... non rientra pi=F9 nell'ambito della prudenza umana... dubitare... perch=E9... la prudenza dice di essere prudenti, ma non di negare.

Father Balducci: These things give us a great deal to think about. Is it true, it is false, is it ... it is true, it is not true, is this believable or should we say this is incredible -- no! By now, at this point, there are several considerations made with CERTAINTY THAT these BEINGS DO EXIST. IT CANNOT BE DOUBTED. It can also be said that even if there are 99 things about this phenomenon that are false, within the entire totality there can be one true statement -- and it is that, certainly, it's true that this phenomena does exist for sure. Therefore, this is the first problem: there will be those who doubt, perhaps, but the most prudent people will not deny it entirely.

Bruno Mobrìci: What are the consequences regarding religious beliefs or philosophy?

Padre BALDUCCI: Non ci sono nessuna con... non c'=E8 alcuna conseguenza negativa... tutto =E8 contemplato, mica il Signore ci ha rivelato tutto, e quindi si pu=F2 pensare benissimo, anche la stessa redenzione umana, Cristo rimane sempre il centro dell'Universo, ma nell'Universo ci sono... c'=E8 tutto... quello... non solo il mondo, ma ci sono le migliaia di stelle, le migliaia di galassie, e ci sono... non voglio adesso dire numeri, ma indubbiamente si pu=F2 pensare e ragionevolmente a questo punto... ed entriamo qui nella seconda questione, come si spiegano, ...alla esistenza di altri mondi abitati, in che maniera abitati, da chi abitati? Vede noi... c'=E8 un detto che risale ancora a secoli, secoli fa: "Natura non facit saltus" eh... "la Natura non fa salti" cio=E8... no... c'=E8 il regno vegetale, il regno animale, il regno umano... e il regno angelico, le uniche cose, quattro

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Re: Mars Face Report

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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 08:16:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face Report

>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 08:19:24 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mars Face Report

>>NEARSIGHT INSTITUTE

>>OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE NASA/JPL MARS FACE PHOTOS

>>REPORT FROM INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED MYOPIA>

>>It's still a face..... lots of faces.... smaller than the
>>origina.....I look.... I see a chin//another chin..... I see
>>a nose...another nose.. I see eyeballs.

>>I see (said the blind man
>>as he picked up his hammer and saw.....)

>>REPORT FROM TUNNEL VISION RESEARCH ASSOCIATES>

>>We agree with the results published by the INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED
>>MYOPIA....

>>However, whereas the original face of 20 year ago was
>>scowling....this one appears to be smiling....on one side of its
>>face.....

>Err, Bruce,

>Checked your Lithium dosage recently?

Yes... I checked... Definitely not enough. And I need more than that.

Incidentally, somehow I get the impression that you could use a little yourself..... lithium, at least....

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Vast Water Vapor 'Factory' Found in Orion's Sword

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To: updates@globalserve.net
Subject: News - Morning Coffee Edition @ 04/10/98
From: InfoBeat <news@infobeat.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 03:18:07 MDT

*** Vast water vapor 'factory' found in Orion's sword

What looks like a pink star in the sword of the constellation Orion is actually a vast gas cloud churning out enough water vapor to fill Earth's oceans 60 times each day, astronomers reported Thursday. This distant water vapor "factory" may offer clues about where all the water in our own solar system came from, physicist David Neufeld said. This is significant, since water is seen as a necessity for life on Earth or anywhere else. The "factory" is located about 1,500 light-years from Earth - about 8,900 trillion miles away - hanging from the belt of Orion. In Orion's starry sword, one apparently pink star is in fact composed of many bright stars embedded in a gaseous cloud, said astrophysicist Martin Harwit. See:

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553677099-cb9>

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

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>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 02:32:04 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Jim writes,

><snip>

>>Would it require the intersection of two laser beams to do the
>>trick? If so, how would that work?

>I'm sure that you'll hear from experts but from what little I
>know of laser imaging (two) beams are needed. One is a reference
>beam while the other carries the graphic data.

>Where the two beams intersect is where the image is formed.
>(I think! <G>) I'm sure we'll get the straight dope soon enough.>

Actually what you have described the situation/arrangement for
creation of th hologram (which is a piece of film with the
diffraction pattern recorded on it). To recreate the image you
need only a single beam. BUT... you have to look toward the
light coming from the film... you can't project the image out
into space away from the film and then look away from the film and
see it. You have to look toward th film...i.e., toward the
hologram.

<snip>

>The other alternative hypothesis to a genuine UFO, of course, is
>that of a carefully crafted computer simulation with planted
>witnesses acting out their stories.

According to the two special effects guys that they contracted to
analyze the tape there was no "computer fakery" detectable by
them. One of them did say that he thought that the UFO was
suspended on a cable from a helicopter, but both agreed that
-whatever it was- was actually there on the scene as it was
videotaped. Ergo, not an "add on" or a "special effect."

Smoking gun? I think it's the best we've seen yet, but then I'm
no video expert. Spooky thing to watch though. It was a big one!

Hope you read my article in the MUFON Journal

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Filer's Files #14

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Subject: Filer's Files #14

Filer's Files #14 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer: MUFON Eastern Director,
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Numerous sightings continue. Images from Mars shows new details.

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

On March 17 and 25th, a "large green tadpole shaped" UFO was spotted one mile beyond Hampton over the Atlantic Ocean. Multiple witnesses on both days saw the polliwog like UFO hover for five minutes before it streaked seaward. During the second sighting, high tides were pushing sand and stones onto roads during a full moon. Thanks to John Thompson.

NEW YORK:

Alex Cavallari the New York State Director of Skywatch International photographed UFOs over the Sheepshead Bay area of Brooklyn on March 29, 1998, between noon and 4:00 PM EST. Sunday, Alex received a call from a friend who was filming UFOs and informed him "The boys were back!" Alex went outside with his camera. He said, "The objects appeared to perform a sky show. Some exhibited very unusual start and stop characteristics and then sped away at incredible speeds towards the northeast. Later, I noticed a Cigar shaped object that I was able to photograph along with the normal air traffic. The Cigar shaped object flew northeast to the southwest at extraordinary speed. It looked like an upside down Frisbee. It had a blue, purple haze on the top of its form. The craft emitted a very bright chalk white light. I took 78 pictures of spherical objects with Kodak ASA 400 speed film." Thanks to Alex Cavallari, whose photos can be seen at:
<http://members.aol.com/xelaufu/index.html>.

NEW JERSEY

Karin Gaun writes, "I wanted to let you know that along with my husband, father, mother brother, and two others, we all saw a strange light on March 29, 1998." It was 7:30 PM, and we had just arrived home from a day on Long Beach Island. We were looking up at the clear sky and thought we were watching a satellite, when all of a sudden it became a very bright moving light. So bright you want to shield your eyes, and then it suddenly flew to the southeast. There was no visible structure." Thanks to Karin Gaun.
(Southampton,N.J.)

PENNSYLVANIA

On April 4, 1998, Demostenese Cruger saw a UFO 12:45 PM near the Indiana Senior High School in Indiana, PA. He described the object has having red, blue, and green alternating lights in a circular pattern. The craft quickly disappeared into space. Their Phone Number: (412)742-4423, Indiana, PA. Thanks to John Thompson and ISUR.

VIRGINIA

On April 3, 1998, James Rickert, 26, a salesman reports observing a UFO only ten miles outside Washington DC in Fairfax, VA. James writes, "I was eating outside on the porch at a restaurant with twelve co-workers. Three of us at our table and many others eating at the restaurant saw a green orb in the sky. It moved along quickly and steadily for about ten seconds going across the sky, then disappeared. Forty people outside also saw it. A few dismissed it as a shooting star, those of who saw it for longer know that it was not. It glowed green and was cigar shaped. We are ten miles from Washington D.C. so I am sure others saw it." Thanks to James Rickert, Bruce Cornet. BUFOR Website.

GEORGIA

Chief Walter Sheets, MUFON's State Director reports, on March 30, 1998, at 10:30 PM, two women saw a UFO shaped like a "cue ball rack," hovering near the ground. The "balls" inside the "rack" were large, bright, non-blinking and white. The ladies saw the triangle-shaped UFO with 10 to 25 bright white lights for "3 to 4 minutes." Walter states, "I drove to Turner Road, where the witnesses first saw the UFO and stopped their car behind the Tall Pine Apartments to get a better view." The UFO was less than a mile away and had an apparent size ranging from 1 to 2 inches long. On reaching the back of the apartments, the UFO flew away at a high rate of speed, but slower than a jet." Since the UFO flew north, Walter thought they might have seen the Wall Street Journal plane as it took off from LaGrange's airport. This plane has some bright lights and generally lands around 9 PM. On calling Journal distributor in LaGrange, he said it was definitely not their plane as it always leaves by 10 PM. A manager at the LaGrange Calloway Airport said, "The plane has standard FAA lights and he knew of nothing that flies out of the airport that has numerous white non-blinking lights." The West Georgia Medical Center indicated no helicopters had flown on the night of March 30. Both witnesses remain adamant that the object was not an airplane or any other conventional aircraft. A check with local police and sheriff was negative.

MUFON Investigator John Thompson reports the following sighting is definitely a UFO! Teenagers were playing baseball north of LaGrange on March 31, at 7:10 PM. The batter, nearly 17 years old, was facing to the northeast and saw a huge white disc-shaped UFO fly by very fast. The UFO climbed at a steep 70 degree angle and disappeared behind a large cloud at blinding speed. The egg or plate shaped UFO was about a mile away and had an apparent size of three inches. It shot across the sky to the north in a second or less. The other boys did not see the UFO. I believe this is the same UFO that others in the LaGrange area saw in July and what a LaGrange High School student saw in September. This UFO can travel at several thousand miles per hour. The baseball player indicated the giant UFO's size was over 600 feet or two football fields. John states, "I now believe that a giant UFO is regularly penetrating airspace over the Troup-Heard Corridor in Western Georgia. Before darting away it creates a large flash, as it kicks into high speed. When loitering it flies well below the 2500 feet radar ceiling so that the FAA in Atlanta and Columbus can't "track" it. The UFO has an elliptical shape, so when looking at it "on edge" it appears as a slender disc-shape. At other times it appears the shape of an egg or plate. At night, it is luminous and appears "energized." In daytime it appears white. There is also the distinct possibility that the actual UFO is smaller and only has a large "halo" around it when "energized." Most likely it is not picked up on radar due to the computer elimination of high speed targets. The UFO picks areas to operate where radar coverage and the population are sparse. It loiters only at night and uses terrain such as ridges, valleys and hills for concealment purposes to mask its profile from ground view. Observers above the UFO claim it appears completely dark, when looking down upon it. Thanks to John Thompson.

KANSAS

Ted Phillips an expert in UFO trace cases writes. "I worked very closely with Allen Hynek from 1967, until his death. At his suggestion, I began specializing in Physical Traces associated with UFO landings in 1969. I was the original investigator of the Delphos, Kansas event and hundreds of other cases. I have started to re-investigate this case to try and extract additional data on the observation and traces. I'm looking for any piece of

info anyone might have such as news clippings, photos, articles, etc., relating to the event. If you could suggest any contact, I would greatly appreciate it. I remember a MUFON person (I think Larry Moyers) who went there and later gave me photos and a interview with witnesses. Do you know if he is still living? Please contact Ted Phillips theo2042@gte.net if you have information. I sent his request to MUFON Headquarters but perhaps our readers can help.

KENTUCKY, INDIANA

Clint Stone Kentucky MUFON reports that the flap in Henderson/Evansville/Owensboro area proves to be long from over. I have been observing the sky up here in Henderson for the most of the evening on April 6. Once again between 8 to 8:30 PM, I observed an UFO that had a combo of a white light, and a flashing red one. It was coming from the south with a light in the middle and two more white ones on the right side. It was heading northwest when it suddenly changed course to due east. It was almost as if it made a right angle turn to fly over my head. The lights on the craft were very unusual as they had erratic random motions that included chasing each other like Christmas lights. The combo of lights was followed by a very faint bluish white light that was only flashed every 10 seconds. The white/red light soon sped out in front of the bluish white light as it faded off in the distance. Soon after, a total of three lights was seen heading in the same direction. All had no sound. Thanks to: Clint Stone - Webmaster, ASD KY/MUFON at <http://www.angelfire.com/ky/ufohome>

ILLINOIS

Michael Petrick, 18, saw three lights in the distance on April 5, 1998, near Channahon some 40 miles southwest of Chicago. Michael says, "I spotted the lights that circled and moved while I was driving down a rural road at 11:35 PM. The lights in the shape of an equilateral triangle had lights at the corners. They were expanding outward as to give the impression, that whatever they were connected to was getting closer. The lights stopped moving and sat still in the sky. I noticed no other lights in the sky. I slowed to get a closer look before the next set of trees. I then saw the lights 'spin' clockwise and the one light that I had viewed began to move as if the front of an object. The UFO was sighted for 2 to 3 minutes before it rotated, hovered, changed color and moved away. Thanks to BUFORA and Bruce Cornet.

SARAH MC CLENDON, THE GRAND OLD WHITEHOUSE CORRESPONDENT

March 30, 1998. News release from the McClendon News Service by Sarah McClendon Washington, D.C. -- Unidentified Flying Objects, a term given for many years to unexplained sightings of craft in the skies over every state in the Union, are actual visitors from other worlds, believe a community of scientists and technicians employed by government. The real danger to the U. S. and perhaps this whole planet is the government has placed such a heavy blanket of secrecy upon this issue. So much secrecy, those in government who have knowledge showing UFOs are identifiable feel the subject cannot be discussed by those in the know without serious repercussions. Others are afraid their friends and co-workers will think they are crazy if they even so much as insinuate that UFOs are identifiable as manned craft from outside the earth. This particularly applies to newspaper editors and publishers, reporters and analysts. Thus the U. S. is denying itself the chance to learn more about UFOs or to encourage research despite the fact the U.S. stands to gain from such discussions. Not publicized but true is that the Clinton administration, soon after coming to office, had many briefings on the subject. Laurence Rockefeller provided the information for the President and Mrs. Clinton. Others provided documents and verbal briefings to presidential advisors Jack Gibbons (science), Bruce Lindsay (personal), Anthony Lake (national security) and Vice President Albert Gore. About the same time a three hour briefing was given by Dr. Steven Greer to the sitting Director of the CIA, Admiral Woolsey. Subsequently, Clinton instructed Webster Hubbell, when naming him to the position of Associate Attorney General at the Justice Department, that he wanted him to investigate and report back to him on two things, circumstances surrounding the death of President John F. Kennedy, and the existence of UFOs. Hubbell, despite his position and the presidential imprimatur, was boxed in at Justice Department and never was able to find out.

All of this was disclosed in Hubbell's memoir Friends in High Places. Now the lid on UFOs is gradually coming off. There is a national drive underway to get one million signatures on a petition calling for an open Congressional hearing for government employee witnesses. Another who feels that positive proof exists within government, is Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso (retired), who reveals in a recent book, The Day After Roswell, that he was in charge of the Roswell files during his tenure as head of the Army's Foreign Technology Division. He states unequivocally that these files confirm the crash which occurred at Roswell, New Mexico was an alien space craft. This completely refutes the Air Force denials and subsequent explanations. Corso says that the crashed vehicle was studied and proved to be manufactured of materials unknown as to source and usage in this country. In time, he says, this and other UFOs provided technologies which were "worked into the commercial world via front companies." Incidentally he vouches for the fact that this has proven to be a valuable contribution to U.S. aircraft design and other commercial products.

Corso and hundreds of others who work or have worked in secret defense and scientific agencies, are willing to swear under oath that alien craft are repeatedly penetrating our airspace. Whenever the military agencies are asked to look into this matter further, the answer is always the same - "We do not investigate UFOs." Contact: McClendon News Service at:

<http://bbs.daytaco.com/cgi-bin/WebX?14@@.ee6c827/20>

IRAN

The UFO World Website reports that the DSP-1 Satellite has confirmed that a UFO chased an Iranian F-4 jet on September 18, 1976. The DSP Connection is an impressive breakthrough in the confirmation of the Iranian UFO encounter. This evidence was uncovered by researchers Lee Graham and Ron Regehr, of Aero-Jet in California. They confirmed that the UFO sighting over Tehran was, in fact, tracked by the United States military's DSP satellite. The primary responsibility of the DSP-1 satellite is to detect the launch of ballistic missiles. This deep-space platform detects infrared heat through sensors, that are mounted on the body of the satellite. Anything that emits infrared heat is detected by this apparatus. It can determine different types of aircraft simply by comparing the "signature" of the infrared signals displayed by an object against an intensely complete database of all known aircraft. The DSP was, as we now know, responsible for the detection of Iraqi SCUD missile launches during Operation Desert Storm. During their investigations, Graham and Regehr have located computer print-outs from the time frame of the Iranian UFO overflight, which show that the DSP definitely detected an "anomalous object" in Iranian air space. Thanks to Lee Graham and the Website at, <http://ufo-world.simplenet.com/dsp2>.

MAJIC

Many books have been written about the so called MJ-12 or MAJIC Project that allegedly concerned the study of UFOs. Necah S. Furman has written a book called, Sandia National Laboratories, The Post War Decade, the University of New Mexico Press, 1990. Furman claims that MAJIC in fact stands for Manhattan (Engineering District), Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, JCS, Integrated, Command. A special weapons project normally has to do with nuclear weapons and implies a highly classified program. Furthermore it was known as Project Y, Division Z, Division-Group: Z(Ordnance)-12. The Group Leader was Estel L. Cheeseman and the organization was formed in September 1947 or earlier. It is not known what this group accomplished or its exact function. Z groups are normally involved in building or standardizing nuclear weapons components. This Project Y was apparently at the highest levels because it required Presidential invitation by AT&T Bell Telephone. Z Division's Group 12 was established in September 1947. Its function and purpose apparently still remains classified. Can anyone verify this explanation for the famous MAJIC or MJ-12? Thanks to Dan Smith. Editors note: We do know that the code name Project Y or Silverbug was also used as the designated name for a disc aircraft developed for the Air Force. It was declassified last year at Jack Pickett's and my request.

UNIVERSE IS FULL OF WATER

LONDON (AP) - Orbiting high above Earth, Europe's infrared space

observatory has discovered water around stars and planets and in many other surprising places, raising expectations of life elsewhere in the universe, the European Space Agency said Tuesday. The discovery of water vapor in the atmosphere of Saturn's largest moon, Titan, has generated the most excitement, because that moon may duplicate the conditions that led to the creation of life on Earth, said Roger Bonnet, the agency's director of science.

MARS FACE WAS ONLY A MASQUERADE

The purported "Face on Mars" that has created such controversy over last twenty years has done an about face. Joel Carpenter writes: "The Mars Global Surveyor "Face" images indicate as you can see, "It's just a hill!" Others claim it looks like a sandal print or a stuffed chili pepper. Geologist, Dr. Bruce Cornet writes: "A second image of the "Face" is now up at JPL and NASA, and it looks even more like a face than the first image, which was distorted due to perspective. The nose is more obvious, even with what appear to be a pair of nostrils! And yet deep erosion is evident. As I stated below, I think the proponents of this object being a sculptured face will retreat, analyze, regroup, and come forward with explanations that fit their theory, while the detractors will point out those areas which are more likely natural landforms in origin, and emphasize how greater resolution did not make it look more like a face, but less like a face. I am disappointed that the image looks less like a sculptured artifact and more like a natural eroded mound, but on the other hand, all the features that are apparent in the Viking images appear to be counted for in the new image. The angle and possible distortion due to angle elongate the face-like features, and the face-like proportions evident in Carlotto's images seem to be gone. And yet the left eye does indeed appear to contain an eyeball-like form, and the pupil-like feature is even more apparent. Overall the new images of the Martian "face" resemble and seem to confirm previous suggestions that this object represents the depiction of a sphinx, or the blending of human-like and lion-like features - still evident even in its apparent eroded and damaged state. But because the features are not stylized as on most versions or depictions of Egyptian sphinxes, I suggest that it represents a more primitive form or concept of the sphinx - one which simply gives a human countenance lion-like features without exaggeration. Even the nose, which now appears to have a pair of nostrils, looks more like that of a lion nose than a human one. The border around the "Face" now appears to be a naturally eroded bedform, possibly created from layering within the mountain.

NASA's Michael Ravine, the advanced project manager at Malin Space Science Systems which operates Surveyor's camera says, "The legendary formation appears to be nothing more than an eroded hills, debris, aprons and plenty of imagination. It's a butte, a mesa, a knob. The scientists were right all along in insisting the face was a natural formation, but I would have been overjoyed to discover otherwise. If we found flying saucers carved at the base of this thing. I would be even happier because that would be cool!" Taking his direction, I looked at the close up images of the base of the Face and spotted a circular structure. I then contacted author BJ Wolf who wrote Eagles Disobey: The Case for Inca City, Mars. He said, "They're own analysis has revealed a doorway of some kind at the base of the Face. I liken it to the passage ways often built into ancient terrestrial monuments like the Sphinx at Giza, and the large Pyramids. I'm sure we'll find more suspicious objects"

Editors Note: We're getting mixed signals from NASA. Are they telling us where to look? NASA claims to be taking a neutral stand on its images, but they also appear to be playing games with the Grey pixels. Experts from CNN and other outlets have noted that NASA provided very poor images for the first big announcements. The raw image published by NASA contains only about 75 shades of gray, instead of the requisite 256 shades in normal photos from the Malin camera imaging system. This means that two thirds of the data, expressed as shades of gray, are simply missing. Later versions, appeared more Face-like. I personally could not understand why a Martian civilization would build a two mile long Face, that could only be observed from above. But, the rest of the Cydonia area is more interesting than the Face, and "the Inca City" a name employed by NASA is even more fascinating. An ancient Face on Mars whether its natural or artificial does little to prove UFOs are in our skies.

The important factor is can we prove there is intelligent life out there in the universe. The incoming images will help answer the question about ancient life on Mars. We are just getting started and there is going to be much more to this story. This is not the end of the search for intelligent life on Mars, it's just a beginning.

Please send your letters and sightings to George Filer at Majorstar@aol.com

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Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 00:36:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 08:43:24 -0400
Subject: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

>Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 01:35:10 -0400
>From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

<snip>

>I would like to make a point as to why I recommended
>deconvolution of the high resolution image and not filtering as
>Bruce Macabee responded to in my post. These are not equivalent
>terms in image processing.

>Filtering is a mathematical operation using any number of
>arbitrary functions, each having different properties and effects
>on an image or in this case pixel of an image. Image processing
>based on application of filtering is challengeable based on the
>selection of filtering operations and their ordering applied to
>the image in question.

>Different aspects of an image can be enhanced or suppressed by
>the adroit selection of filters and their order.>>

>Deconvolution is a process which uses the known properties of the
>imaging chain(s) [mathematical functions] that uses an image
>transform actually derived from measurement of the physical
>imaging systems in question. One takes the image data in
>question, processes it deconvolves it, through the image
>transform which represents the physical imaging chain under
>investigation in order to create a new image which reflects the
>changes created by the actual imaging chain itself and not an
>arbitrary selection of filters and operations.>

>The cameras that NASA uses are very carefully analyzed as to
>their imaging properties. If the corrected, high resolution
>image data of the Malin camera images were deconvolved -
>processed with the image transform of the Viking camera and
>correction was made for the differences in lighting angles and
>luminosity then one would have the best available image for
>comparing the Viking and Malin images of the Cydonia "face".
>>

Perhaps you misunderstood what I am proposing... or I
misunderstand what you are saying.

Any picture can be considered the result of the convolution
(integration of factors multiplied together) of "filter
function" that represent various stages of the picture
acquisition. For example the size of the camera aperture, any
aberrations in the lens and the shape/size of the focal plane CCD
array and electronics following the CCD array are all represented
as "functions" (of amplitude - saturation, gamma- and of spatial
frequency and of color, etc.) that must be convolved to get the
electronic signal out of the CCD array.

Then there are functions representing the transmission of the
signal from the satellite, reception at the antenna, processing
by the electronics and final presentation.

All of these are "convolved" together and noise is added at each

step. The net result is an image which is degraded as compared to the original scene as it would be if "perfectly viewed."

Generally the process of deconvolution is to take the degraded scene and, in some way, "deconvolve" the degradations step by step to try to return get as close as possible to the "perfect image."

Hence it would make sense to use the known characteristics of the MGS cameras, etc., to take the newest images and try to "deconvolve" the degradations to get the best possible image.

The point I was trying to make was a bit different.

I was saying that the newest images are so much better than the old ones that we could start from the present images as if they were "perfect" and then apply the appropriate degradations (which I called "filters") to create an image similar to the Old Face (taking into account the direction of the solar illumination and the viewing direction from the satellite. Thus one should be able to take the new image and modify it to create the old image and thereby establish a scientific link with the past.

For one thing, this would prove that there had been no noticeable change in the face over the last 20 years. But more importantly it would show where/why the previous analysis/image processing had "gone wrong" or had failed to produce the correct version of the face. (For you conspiracy buffs: this would also act as an internal check on the data...i.e., establish that there has been no "fudging" of the newest data!)

One of the simplest degradations is the change in spatial (or pixel) resolution from 50 m or whatever it was 20 years ago to the present 4 meters. This can be represented mathematically as an integrating "window filter" or a "low (spatial) frequency pass filter" and hence my use of the term "filter" in the previous message. It could be as simple as a "square" window filter (which adds or integrates uniformly all sources of light within a resolution area)... or it could be a more complicated "weighted" filter, e.g., weighted by a Gaussian function that itself represents the product of diffraction and lens aberrations.

Anyway, I again suggest that this is what Carlatto should do to establish complete consistency between what we now have as a face image and what has been analyzed until everyone has become exhausted: Carlatto should use the new data, "deconvolved" as much as possible (degradations removed) to make a 3-D model. He should then place the sun and the viewing locations as they were 22 years ago and use appropriate filters (convolved together) to create the image as seen by the Viking

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Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 23:41:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 08:54:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
> Date: Tue, 7 Apr 1998 18:37:07 EDT
> To: UASF@MyList.net, updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> By the way, is it me or did the MGS photo of The Face
> look pretty crappy for a hi-res image? Some of the
> other photos on Malin's site look so much clearer.
> Maybe it's me.

I downloaded a multimeg gif, and did a little enhancement. It's actually quite clear even without enhancement.

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Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:21:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 08:58:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

> From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 22:42:40 +0200
> Subject: Fwd: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

> Received via "alt.alien.research" April 7 at 10.18 local time
> (GMT + 1 hour).

> Two thirds of the data is missing!! Using a histogram, both
> Richard Hoagland and Keith Rowland have determined that two
> thirds of the data on the RAW image of Cydonia is missing! The
> histogram shows that on a gray scale of a possible 256 shades of
> gray, there is only 70-80 shades of gray on the image-two thirds
> is missing!! Hoagland calls the picture CRAP and useless. Any
> pictures made from the raw image are also missing two thirds of
> the data. In simple terms, this means two thirds of the detail
> are missing.

> The question now is WHY.

Because the image has low contrast. Jeez.

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Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:13:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 08:56:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 13:19:38 -0500
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> But, . . .I also believe that the strongest argument for
> the existence of actual artificial structures is in the
> so-called 'City.' The pyramidal type structures that exist
> there are the ones that everyone should be concentrating
> on. Those pyramidal shapes (the angles on the structures)
> cannot have been created by any natural means. (ie; wind
> and water erosion.)

I strongly recommend anyone who agrees with this have a look at the following Viking images (please note that faulting, uplift and subsidence can all create angular features, as can shatter from impact events):

211-5266 (45N 322W) (Debris flows around remnants of cratered uplands)

545A50 (19N 181W) (Knobby terrain - remnants of old cratered surface, disrupted then lava flooded)

211-5066 (46N 351W) (Upper area. Patterned plains material)

567B3 (55S 41W) (Isolated mountain or volcano on floor of Argyre basin)

P-16983 (1S 42W) (Chaotic subsidence terrain near Simud Vallis)

P-19131 (3N 34W) (Chaotic terrain and outflow channels)

569A20 (Mesas and knobs embayed by plains material)

All of these images contain one or more "pyramidal" features, and in some cases, tens or hundreds of such features, all in a context which makes it quite clear that they are of natural origin.

On Earth photos, misinterpretation is more difficult because the terrain is usually imaged at a higher resolution, and the sun angles tend to be less oblique. However, a careful look at Gemini photo S-65-45720 (Zagros Mtns in south Iran) turns up a few isolated pyramids, as does the area in S-65-45721 (Saidabad), and S-65-45743 (Chihuahua, Mexico). Mountain ranges near Kerman photographed in oblique sunlight (S-65-45647) show some truly remarkable features, at least as artificial in appearance as anything in Cydonia. There are even a couple of face-like features.

Jim Deardorff asked for examples of synclines and antisynclines and other features similar to the Face. Gemini photo S-65-45722 (NW of Kerman, SCentral Iran) is filled with such features. Others appear in S-65-45617 (SE Iraq)

Of course, the Argyre "smiley" is well known to students of Mars, and is the result of a massive, basin producing impact.

Several features in 60A53 (Pedestal craters at 48N 349 W) have a proto-face appearance, including lobate debris flows and ejecta eroded. A polygonal mesa in one part of the frame has some resemblance to the "Hood" on the Face.

Concentric linear features which may be synclines or, more likely, glacial moraine retreat debris, show in 11B03 (50N 287W).

Polygonal cracking is shown in 32A18 (44N 18W), including two semi-circular features. These features are 100 times larger than the corresponding features on earth, once again illustrating the unusual geologic processes on Mars.

Relatively few images of terrestrial inselbergs are available, but the one which can be found at

<http://www.nkw.ac.uk/bgs/w3/photo/images/d2387.gif>

(Inselberg (Island Mountains)

Suilven and Canisp. Suilven is a relict mountain of reddish brown Torridonian sandstone with basal conglomerate resting unconformably on an irregular basement of Lewisian gneiss. Canisp is capped by Basal Cambrian quartzite and intruded by porphyry sills.)

clearly shows a large central ridge and a fan-shaped debris apron with linear striations.

It is also instructive to observe the oddly shaped volcanoes of Io, some of which have a close resemblance to the Face and other features in the area.

Martian geology is unusual, because many processes which operate on Mars are only minor processes in the shaping of terrestrial geology. Also, the lower gravity and a clear difference in the composition of lavas can lead to effects not commonly observed. Finally, the presence of ground ice can lead to phenomena only observed in the tundra regions of the earth, further constraining the number of similar examples available.

Nevertheless, a close examination of Martian and terrestrial geofoms shows that the Cydonia landforms are far from unique, and that artificiality is not likely.

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: **Theresa Carlson** <Tcarlson1@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 05:39:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 09:08:42 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 12:00:15 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

Dear Steve, and list and mostly the 'UFO experts',

>On the other hand, they did mention that the "zoom" effect was
>very difficult to duplicate and appears to be seamless, if the
>video was indeed faked.

The problem is, that statement is untrue. This is extremely easy even with a sweet, cheap, little animation programs.

Everything that experts are declaring make this very difficult are second nature to people that do animations. Camera motion, camera jiggle, even the pan stop bump, as well as the pan itself can all be key framed in. There is no frame by frame editing to do as some of the experts would have you believe.

And no matter what they would like you to believe, there were NO, count 'em, none, notta, witnesses to this event. On August 6th 1997, in the most populated city in the world, in broad daylight, not a single person called the UFO hotlines or Jaime Moussan's show to report this. Not a single witness came forward till AFTER this aired and Moussan even stated, he had to go looking for witnesses.

And a city, that we are told has been enamoured with the ufo subject since the eclipse sightings a few years ago, didn't report this huge object?

That's a far cry from the Pheonix incident, yet the producers of this show tried to put them in the same boat.

Send me a nice panoramic view of your home town. (Picture postcards usually have nice ones.) And I will make you your own little UFO, darting in between the buildings. You can take the video to a local tv station and get it aired, and I would bet you would even get some "witnesses". You can can take it to your ufo video experts, and they can check it to see if the ufo follows the camera motion, it will. You want zoom? Yep, you can have zoom. Those can be keyframed all together. But if you think about selling it to UPN, we'll have to talk. <g>

I know that just because something can be faked, doesn't mean it is fake. But saying that it is difficult to fake or that it would take expensive equipment to fake is very misleading. I can do it with \$99 software.

I realize that my word against all these experts is probably worthless, considering I am just an amateur hobbyist animator. But it angers me to no end to see expert make these kinds of comments. If your going to be a video expert, read a current book or magazine on computer graphics, animation, digital video, etc, so you know what really is out there and available to anyone with a computer. The guys that said they can't do zoom need to talk to me. I can teach them.

And if there are any people on this list that are familiar with

digital video making and editing you'll understand this. The buildings and foreground clutter in this video form a perfect travelling matte. My guess is some one had already done some chroma, luma, or other color or alpha channel keying on it. Not one of the experts mentioned that. The ufo stays relatively in the same place, with only slight movement in left, right, up, and down directions. And the buildings just pass in front of it. The UFO never passes in front of anything. An absolutely simple illusion to create.

(Look at the flags on the tops of the condo buildings. Anti-gravity?)

Regards,

Theresa Carlson

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:20:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 08:57:35 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

> Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 13:36:28 -0700 (PDT)
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
> Subject: UPN's "Danger in our Skies" and holographs

>From what I gather, the main alternative UPN presented to the
> reality of that UFO event was the idea that it was a holographic
> projection, put on by some U.S. military research group that
> figured Mexico City and its smog was a good place to test it.

> Now, it seems, any important UFO sighting, witnessed and
> photographed/video-taped, is subject to that explanation,
> especially if a light beam of any sort is seen to emanate from
> the UFO.

> Do we have someone on this list knowledgeable enough on
> holographs to tell us about the feasibility of projecting such an
> image? Is a uniform distribution of smog that allows a
> visibility of a couple miles sufficient?

The idea that this is a holographic projection at all can be quickly dispelled by realizing that no area of any kind of projection can be darker than its backdrop.

A daylight holographic projection would require extremely powerful lasers to overcome scattering and attenuation effects. I do not believe that visible light lasers with such power currently exist.

Besides, where are these "military people", or are the advocates of that hypothesis just making them up (as usual)?

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Re: "Danger in our Skies" and holographs

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 03:31:02 -0500
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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
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>>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 02:32:04 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

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>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>>Subject: UPN's "Danger in our Skies" and holographs

>>>Hello All,

>>Jim writes,

>><snip>

>>>Would it require the intersection of two laser beams to do the
>>>trick? If so, how would that work?

>>I'm sure that you'll hear from experts but from what little I
>>know of laser imaging (two) beams are needed. One is a reference
>>beam while the other carries the graphic data.

>>Where the two beams intersect is where the image is formed.
>>(I think! <G>) I'm sure we'll get the straight dope soon enough.

>><snip>

>>>The other alternative hypothesis to a genuine UFO, of course, is
>>>that of a carefully crafted computer simulation with planted
>>>witnesses acting out their stories.

>>According to the two special effects guys that they contracted to
>>analyze the tape there was no "computer fakery" detectable by
>>them. One of them did say that he thought that the UFO was
>>suspended on a cable from a helicopter, but both agreed that
>>-whatever it was- was actually there on the scene as it was
>>videotaped. Ergo, not an "add on" or a "special effect."

>>Smoking gun? I think it's the best we've seen yet, but then I'm
>>no video expert. Spooky thing to watch though. It was a big one!

>>Peace,

>>John Velez

>If memory serves, the "specialists" that discussed the hologram
>concept were responding to questions related to an image
>connected to the Phoenix sightings, and not the Mexico City
>video. Holograms were discussed during the Mexico video segment,
>but not by the "experts" that testified about the U.S.
>Government's involvement in that research.

Watch the tape again Steve! When they went to the Mexico City
segment they showed a picture of two 'beams' near the same

building where the 'UFO' was videoed. That was the tie in to what those two "non-lethal weapons experts" were proposing. They said that because of the overcast sky conditions that it would have been possible to project a holographic image (such as the UFO) into the area. Which sounds like total bullshit to me!

>I think that one of the two SFX experts mentioned one section of
>the video where the edge of the craft appears to break up, but
>that wasn't pursued.

What he said was, that he expected that the edge of the craft would break up when it neared the building, but that that hadn't happened! They both agreed that whatever it was was something that was actually there at the time and not an 'add on' or 'special effect.' Give it another viewing Steve. If I'm wrong please feel free to correct me as I had only the one viewing. I was unable to tape it.

>On the other hand, they did mention that the "zoom" effect was
>very difficult to duplicate and appears to be seamless, if the
>video was indeed faked. This would seem to indicate that an
>object did exist in the sky where it is seen on the video.

More importantly, no-one has conclusively (or otherwise) been able to show signs of any fakery. Some good and competent people - as you have mentioned - have looked at this thing and still no-one has found fakery.

I await further analysis and news.

Peace,

John Velez

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Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 03:08:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 09:02:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 10:50:04 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

>>Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 09:31:34 -0700
>>From: Andy Denne <aura.aa@wxns.nl>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

Hi All,

Would like to kill two birds with one stone if you'll permit.

John Velez

Andy wrote,

>>Hi John,

>>Okay, I do absolutely agree that the most important reason to
>>assume there are any artificial structures in the Cydonia-region
>>always were the pyramidlike structures. But, what I wonder is the
>>following:

>>Have you ever seen the structure you find in some semi-precious
>>stones? Just take a look at the natural shape of raw crystals or
>>amethyst and on the endings of these stones you can also find,
>>almost pyramidlike shapes.

>>So it seems that even these shapes don't HAVE to be artificial.

OK, show me a mountain sized crystal shaped structure and I'll consider your comparison. The simple fact is (and I'm no geologist) that there are no mountains that we know of with such symmetrical shapes. I wasn't saying or implying that these structures are/were artificial- only that they are the best argument_ for artificial structures on Mars. If they turn out to be rocks and debris then they are rocks and debris. I was agreeing with Tampa Joe that we should all wait until -all- of the pictures are in and they have been scrutinized/analyzed. I'm wasn't making an argument for or against their reality. Folks just love to read what they want to see rather than what I've written. Been the bane of my existence! <G>

Andy continues, . . .

>>Now though, it almost looks like no ufologist has ever believed
>>or was interested in the "Face", and that doesn't seem true to
>>me! C'mon know yourselves and admit that just like me, we're
>>really all hoping the "city" is turning out what we hoped to
>>be...

No. Sorry, I'm not like you at all. You can't jump off of a 'bandwagon' that you were never on to begin with! This post is the first time that I have ever mentioned the so-called 'Mars anomalies.' You or anyone else couldn't have known what my thoughts/opinions or beliefs about the face on Mars were because I have never stated them. But then here, you paint me with your own brush and say, " C'mon know yourselves and admit that just

like me, we're really all hoping the "city" is turning out what we hoped to be..."

I have had no such "hopes" nor have I ever intimated anything of the kind. So, speak for yourself and please read my posts more carefully before you ascribe certain beliefs to me. I thank you in advance for your cooperation. <G>

>>But were are we gonna take it when the City also turnes out to be
>>nothin' at all...Let's all make sure to keep all our sences and
>>don't bring in Illuminati, New World Orders or nuclair
>>destruction of Mars,..

I agree.

>>No if there isn't any face, if there aren't any pyramids... SO
>>WHAT, we made a mistake.

You mean, you made a mistake!

>>Now it's up to us to deal with the matter, and what about doing
>>that unlike scientists who make mistakes, and just ADMIT IT.
>>Science should be progressive and NOT dogmatic.

Amen!

John Velez

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Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 11:50:40 GMT
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 09:27:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

>From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk)@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 22:42:40 +0200
>Subject: Fwd: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

>Two thirds of the data is missing!! Using a histogram, both
>Richard Hoagland and Keith Rowland have determined that two
>thirds of the data on the RAW image of Cydonia is missing! The
>histogram shows that on a gray scale of a possible 256 shades of
>gray, there is only 70-80 shades of gray on the image-two thirds
>is missing!! Hoagland calls the picture CRAP and useless. Any
>pictures made from the raw image are also missing two thirds of
>the data. In simple terms, this means two thirds of the detail
>are missing.

>The question now is WHY.

No. The real question is why do you believe that fool trying to
save "Face".

How can there be data missing when the resolution is 10x better
than Vikings images?

In fact, there's more data! Think about it.

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Re: Phil Klass to discuss UFO Abductions

From: Henny van der Pluijm <hvdp@worldonline.nl>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 14:26:58 +0200 (MET DST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 09:39:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Phil Klass to discuss UFO Abductions

>Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 22:58:29 -0700
>From: Andy Denne <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Phil Klass to discuss UFO Abductions

>I've had several "dicussions" with Marcel Hulspas, one of
>Holland's most irritating debunkers. On one of these occasions,
>after three times trying to get any answers out of his mouth
>instead of answering them he looked at his watch (in a filled
>lecture-hall!) and opened his mouth. I saw several people in the
>audience go : " he's going to answer...he really is..." hell no!!!
>He was about to announce he had to go cause otherwise he'd miss
>his train! Now, THAT's a scientific answer!

>For all the money these people get for their idiotic allegations
>they should at least can afford a hotel-room, one would say...

>I don't actually know why the hell I'm telling you this...just a
>little story from Holland I guess... :-)

>Andy.

Hi Andy,

No, you're telling it out of sheer frustration. I had the same
experience myself with this person, also in a filled lecture
hall. Perhaps your discussion took place during that event where
I debated him in Nijmegen? There were a few people of AURA in the
audience.

Here is a trick to let the frustration disappear. People like
Hulspas don't know what they are talking about as far as UFOs are
concerned. Just remind yourself of that and it becomes easy.
Don't let yourself be intimidated by their high media profile and
their big mouth. They don't know what they're talking about,
period.

BTW. I informed the chief editor of the magazine he works for
that UFOs are a reality and that Hulspas is as biased as can be.
I could do that after having written for the same mag for five
years and after having built up a reputation for being right on
controversial issues. Perhaps you have noticed that the subject
of UFOs didn't come up in his columns during the whole of 1997,
while there was ample occasion to?

Keep your cool, Andy.

/ Met vriendelijke groet/Best wishes \
Henny van der Pluijm
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Re: Pyramids on Mars...?

From: Angel <gandalf@seker.es> [Xavier Soler]
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 17:20:51 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 09:36:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Pyramids on Mars...?

Hello to all ufo-updaters! ;-)

Nowadays everybody is talking about the famous city of Cydonia, the fort, the D&M Pyramid, but, has anyone noticed that in the region of Elysium there are perfectly aligned and defined pyramids? Does anyone know if Nasa is planning to re-photograph that zone? Please, take a look at the pictures sent by the mariner 9.

Second, I'm very surprised that ANY of the NASA probes recently sent to Mars hold in their agendas the study and scanning of the Mars satelites, Phoebus and Deimos. If you remember the 'incident' with the Russian Fobos 2, the thing is getting stranger. I personally think that the satelites of Mars deserve far more attention from our space agencies.

Maybe we're looking at the wrong place...

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Re: Mars Face, yes it's there!

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 08:22:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 09:31:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face, yes it's there!

>Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 17:26:50 -0400
>From: "PHD: Feanturi" <ATKMajic@iname.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Mars Face, yes it's there!

>I've seen all the sites based on the Viking images of the Cydonia
>region, and even though I tried to be open minded, it really
>seemed they were reading way to much into some very blurry
>images. This result, how ever, is very clear.

>We are left with probabilities once again. Is it possible a
>natural formation, mirrored on the central axis, could produce
>such an image?

>Maybe. But the image produced is so many steps above the "virgin
>Mary in the wood knot", or "Jesus in the water stain" variety
>that it must be considered at least very peculiar.

I completely disagree. There are whole books of photographs of natural formations and things on earth that look like faces and other parts of the human anatomy. A standard exercise for artists (mentioned by Leonardo da Vinci) is to stare at the patterns in wood and find faces, figures, etc. Everyone knows of the faces you can easily find in clouds. This is an aspect of seeing, which involves not just the eyes and nerves, but the interpretive aspects of the human brain and mind.

>Skeptics have accused others of seeing what they want to see. If
>the results had looked like a lump of clay, with rough bumps
>where the eyes, nose and mouth would be, I would have said,
>"yeah, it's just a hill".

>However, that's not what we got. If the eyes had been vertical,
>or way out of proportion, if the brows or the cheek bones went of
>at strange angles, if the mouth and chin weren't perfectly
>aligned, I'd say we were just trying real hard to see something
>that was there.

I looked at several web sites from people who have done "analysis" of the "face" and find it interesting that what one person says are clearly the nostrils, another says are clearly the eyes. By letting my imagination go, I can see an infant's face, and old crone's face, a standard "smiley face", a scarab, and several other things, but I am under no impression that any of these are really anything more than tricks of perception.

People arguing about this should look at some books or CD ROMS on optical illusions.

>We aren't talking about results that look like a face in a
>Picasso, we are talking about a very detailed, human/ simian
>face, not to mention that it "just happens" to have something
>that looks like an Egyptian Head Dress, etc...

I do not see a "very detailed" anything.

>I think that the skeptic's standard applies to you, in that you

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>are refusing to see what you don't want to see.

>I leave it up to the Geologists and Mathematicians to determine
>just how improbable these result are to occur naturally, but
>there is something very profound in those images that at least
>deserves the proper investigation.

>Thanks for your comments,
>Fiontar McEoghan

Ultimately, this weird hill on Mars is turning into the greatest
Rorschach ink blot that mankind has ever encountered. Everyone
will see/not see what fits within their view of the universe most
conveniently.

Bob

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Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

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Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 12:35:25 GMT
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 10:18:50 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:49:09 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>They may be natural but we need to wait before we know more.

Wait for what? The original face at 10m resolution was pretty stunning indeed. I kept alot of hope MGS would reveal the face's zits, so to speak! Guess what? At 1.3 m resolution, the face doesn't have zits, and it's no face! There is nothing left to o. The detail is there which shows a natural geological process.

It is what it is - no aliens involved, and nothing sinister. Unless of course if you believe that the aliens designed it to only be seen with such bad (10 m) resolution at a certain sun angle. Or that the governments of Earth sent a fleet of nuclear missiles to destroy it!

This is so much fun!

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Tom Van Flandern on New Cydonia Images

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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 10:15:44 -0400
Subject: Tom Van Flandern on New Cydonia Images

>From : <http://www.metaresearch.org/announce/pa45-cyd.htm>

Preliminary Analysis of April 5 Cydonia Image from the Mars
Global Surveyor Spacecraft

Tom Van Flandern
Meta Research

Background. Viking spacecraft images of Mars in the late 1970s included a photo showing an object that resembled half a human face, with shadows hiding anything that might lie to its immediate east. This drew scientific attention (as well as much unscientific attention) to this object and its vicinity, now named the Cydonia region.

Many of the objects near the Face object proved to be anomalous as well. A team of scientists found the region so scientifically interesting that they proposed a variety of tests that would measure the relative probability that the landforms found there are natural formations versus artificial structures. We now know eight such tests. The test results remained mixed until the end of 1996, despite favoring an artificial origin. Then a possible connection between Cydonia and the exploded planet hypothesis (eph) came to light in December 1996. This reversed the conclusions of the three test results appearing to favor a natural origin.

In light of the eph connection, these test results now favor an artificial origin of Cydonia at better than a 99% confidence level. Details of the tests and the exploded planet connection can be found in this authors paper New Evidence of Artificiality at Cydonia on Mars, Meta Res.Bull., vol. 6, #1 (1997), also posted at <www.metaresearch.org>.

At this time, all available test results indicated a probable artificial origin for objects in the Cydonia complex. This engendered high public interest. Consequently, on March 26 JPL/NASA announced that Cydonia would be one of the priority targets for the Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) spacecraft during the month of April 1998. The new camera was capable of producing images with 10-50 times better resolution than the earlier Viking images. On April 5, it captured the first such image. This report contains an analysis of this first MGS image and its implications for the artificiality hypothesis.

Description of the image. The spacecraft is in a near-polar orbit, and its high-resolution camera took a 4.4-km wide, 42-km long roughly north-south strip photo across the Cydonia region in a band that included the Face near its center. The spacecraft's orbit passed well to the west of the Cydonia region on this occasion, producing a viewing angle much lower than in any previous photos having useful resolution. The minimum range was about 440 km. Lighting conditions corresponded to late morning by local time at Cydonia. However, with the Sun well to the south of the Martian equator and Cydonia 41 degrees to the north, sunlight was also from a low angle to the southeast. Its altitude above the horizon was 25 degrees.

Initial press reports. Yielding to pressure for rapid release, JPL/NASA took the unprecedented step of releasing raw,

unprocessed imagery to the Internet hours before good quality, contrast-enhanced images could be posted. Unfortunately, many individuals and even media, inexperienced with handling raw images and with imaging processing techniques, jumped to conclusions based on a casual glimpse at this image. Most of these did not attempt to analyze the image content or compare it against the criteria for artificiality under discussion. Headlines were based on statements made only by biased individuals willing to comment without careful or proper analysis, and happy to seize on the lack of obvious face-like details in the raw image to ridicule the whole artificiality issue. The media need to become aware in general that such individuals are not acting as objective scientists. In effect, they have made themselves cheerleaders for one side of a controversial issue. The choice for the media here, as always, is between getting the first headlines versus getting the story right.

Does the Face still look like a face? From this viewing angle with this lighting, the resemblance to a face was rather poor in the initial images. Because of the poor contrast in the raw images, the lowness of the viewing angle was not immediately obvious. The whole Face landform seemed to be visible. Part of that is a new mini-mock face consisting of boulders and crevices bears little resemblance to a true face, but which led many to think they were seeing the Face itself at higher resolution. That was not the case, and led to many of the erroneous statements that appeared on the first day.

With processed, contrast-enhanced images to study, we now know that the eastern half of the Face is almost completely hidden behind the nose bridge. This is especially difficult to notice due to the absence of shadows on the eastern (sunlit) portion. However, this new image shows only the western half of the Face, the half also prominent in Viking imagery. Once that is recognized and the new perspective and lighting are considered, the features identified in earlier images are plain to see again.

Figure 1 shows the earlier Viking image plus the new image oriented similarly and scaled to comparable size. It also shows the same new image as a negative to simulate the partial reversal of light and dark areas between the two images.

The object would still look very much like a humanoid face if the viewing angle were from above and the lighting angle were from the low west. This would reproduce the conditions for the older Viking images. The higher viewing angle would allow us to peer over the nose bridge to the east side in the new image as we could in the old image, allowing us to see that both sides of the face are reasonably symmetric. This symmetry is near impossible to see in the new image alone. Moreover, as the middle image best demonstrates, the brightness of the sunlight washes out details on the east side that can be seen in the Viking image, such as the continuation of the mouth.

But why should these special conditions be necessary for optimal viewing? One possibility is that the feature is natural and only accidentally looked like a face under any conditions. But faces in general change appearance depending on viewing angle and lighting. Consider what a human face looks like if illuminated only by a flashlight held under the chin. Or if we are too far to one side, we see only a profile.

The aforementioned connection to the exploded planet hypothesis tells us that, if artificial, the Face builders would intend viewing only from locations on the parent planet about which Mars formerly orbited. Mars would always keep the same side toward its parent (as is true of most major moons in the solar system). So all viewing angles from the home world would necessarily be high ones such as those available to Viking, but unlike the current image. Note this is necessarily true if the Face is artificial. It cannot be seen as a face from ground level on Mars, and cannot be seen from any present-day solar system planet even in the largest telescopes.

If the builders intended viewing from a nearby planet, illumination of the Face would logically have been from west-side and possibly east-side artificial ground illumination sources so that the object would have maximum visibility during Martian nighttime. This artificial lighting most closely resembles

sunlight conditions for the Viking photo, but is far from MGS lighting conditions. Finally, viewing from the home planet would have been distant enough that a hypothetical architect would have needed only large-scale details. The blocks in the corners of the west eye socket provide a rounded appearance to the socket when viewed from a distance, but look like blocks when viewed from a relatively close distance.

Biases. Scientists are human. But it is always disheartening to see scientists behave unscientifically. In the first instance, each of us needs to check our own behavior for biases. Scientific Method calls for us to form explanatory hypotheses consistent with the data and propose tests of those hypotheses. We all feel sad when a favored hypothesis fails a test. But the trained scientist knows not to engage in adding ad hoc helper hypotheses to resurrect a hypothesis that has failed a test. That fact notwithstanding, such behavior happens all the time. Indeed, anyone reading the preceding paragraphs might well conclude that it is happening here and now in this analysis paper.

The key to overcoming bias here is to examine what the hypothesis as originally formulated actually predicted, and to compare that to the new data. The need for model changes after the arrival of new data is a good indicator of a failed or failing model unless those changes reasonably could and should have been anticipated before the new data. Conversely, the success of a model even beyond the predictions actually made is a good indicator of a solid model of scientific importance.

For the artificial origin of Cydonia hypothesis, considerations of a possible link between Cydonia and the exploded planet hypothesis led to several specific predictions that were fulfilled before this new image arrived. If artificial, the Face was apparently intended for viewing from a parent planet, making high-resolution detail unnecessary, high viewing angles mandatory, and artificial ground lighting from the sides probable. Therefore, as speculative as the description I gave above may seem to those unfamiliar with evidence supporting the exploded planet hypothesis [see the authors book, Dark Matter, Missing Planets and New Comets, North Atlantic Books, Berkeley (1993)], the argument is at least not ad hoc or after the fact.

By contrast, most scientists who believe in a natural origin of the landforms at Cydonia did not make testable predictions, contrary to what Scientific Method requires. They tended to focus on the physical appearance of a high-resolution, low viewing angle, low illumination angle, well-eroded landform, rather than on specific tests of artificiality. Their opinions are often no more than a reinforcement of their previous conclusions, without benefit of analysis or testable predictions to justify such reinforcement.

Typically, scientists in this class say the odds against artifacts on Mars are enormous, a statement that cannot be justified, and exemplifies the problem with their approach. If our galaxy has evolved intelligent life many times, all terrestrial planets in it may have been visited and contain artifacts, making the probability of finding artifacts on any of them close to 100%.

Conclusions drawn from invalid assumptions are not often noted for their usefulness.

How did the eight tests of artificiality fare? The new image could potentially shed light on just two of the eight tests for artificial origin of Cydonia. In brief, the eight tests and their pre-MGS-image results are:

1. The Face has face-like 3-dimensional contours, and does not resemble a face merely because of albedo variations (light and dark areas) or because it is seen in profile (easy to happen by chance).
2. The Face registers as artificial in military software designed to detect artificial objects in camouflage by measuring the degree of fractality in images.
3. The numerous mounds on the Cydonia plain, rare elsewhere on the Martian surface, are non-randomly distributed and repeat significant angles more often than chance will allow.

4. A number of anomalous and artificial-looking landforms are present among the objects nearest the Face.
5. The Face appears to have bilateral symmetry.
6. The Face appears in a culturally significant location on the planet, the old equator.
7. The Face has a culturally significant orientation, aligned north-south and upright.
8. The Face has a culturally significant purpose, to be viewed from the home planet of the builders, for which Mars was a synchronous moon.

The previous test results were positive for artificiality for all eight tests once the exploded planet hypothesis is considered.

The new image potentially bears on tests #1 and #5, but sheds no new light on any of the other tests.

However, because the image shows only the western half of the Face, it cannot confirm or deny previous image-enhancement work on two Viking photos that suggested bilateral symmetry is present. As for test #1, the new image does confirm that the west eye socket is a real depression and not a shadow, that the bridge of the nose is the highest feature on the mesa, and that the west side of the mouth is a real ravine and not just a shadow. Unfortunately, little information about the east eye socket and east side of the mouth can be gleaned from this image. But both of these are seen in the Viking imagery.

Our conclusion is that the new image confirms the results of one test, and does nothing to weaken the test results for the other seven.

New features. We all hoped that the higher resolution would show something that would resolve the controversy surrounding the artificiality of Cydonia. It may have done that. However, so many scientists jumped the gun and made statements to the press prior to image analysis that opinions have been formed and hardened, and now many people cannot look at the situation objectively without some loss of face (no pun).

But a great deal of new information has become available to us because of the much improved resolution and different perspective.

An asymmetrical or highly fractal appearance of the Face mesa would have been compelling evidence for a natural origin of at least this one feature, and with it the significance of six of the eight tests of artificiality for Cydonia. But the reality is that the object has a high degree of symmetry and very low fractal content, consistent with artificial origin. Lets examine some specific findings:

Below I list some of the highlights of new features seen in this 5-meter resolution image, mainly using those with full contrast-enhancement. But many details are seen to varying degrees in views with different brightness/contrast or other image processing settings.

=B7 Headdress: Old low-resolution photos gave limited details of this feature. The new MGS image shows that it wraps at least three-fourths of the way around the Face mesa, a distance of roughly 5 km. A line along the east side of the mesa hints strongly that this feature wraps all the way around, except perhaps for an entranceway at the southeast corner. The old Viking photos from a higher viewing angle confirm that this is the case the feature wraps around almost the entire mesa. Allowing for perspective, the headdress appears to have a uniform height of hundreds of meters over most or all of this span. Both its bottom and top follow smooth, regular lines or curves. The sides are straight, the bottom is smoothly rounded, and the top has symmetric right-angle bends in both corners. The top has a symmetric round-shape cap containing markings that, when combined with older images, are suggestive of a ceremonial purpose. A smooth, uniform-width trough seems to separate the headdress feature from the rest of the Face mesa, at least on the west and top sides. The headdress feature strongly reinforces the artificiality interpretation.

=B7 Face: Once careful allowance is made for perspective, the features start to look quite regular. The initial chaos that greets the eye soon falls into familiar functional patterns. The comparison between new and old images in the small insets above is helpful if extrapolating the correct perspective for our vantage point. The west top of the Face contains what appears to be a raised eyebrow. In previous stereo imagery, this feature was indistinct and seemed out of place on the forehead, and a possible cause of a shadow producing the false appearance of a west eye socket. The new image removes all doubt: The raised feature has the size, shape and orientation of an eyebrow, including a bend or furrow. Moreover, the eye socket is a deep hollow with no need of a shadow from the eyebrow to create its appearance. The deep west eye socket is delimited by elongated rectangular-looking blocks that appear placed to create the appearance of roundness for the socket.

The nose clearly contains two indentations placed and oriented correctly for nostrils, and the nose bridge narrows as it approaches the forehead. Neither the eyebrow nor the nostrils were predicted, but clearly could have been. And it is an amazing coincidence that these uniquely facial features exist in a landform resembling a face if the structure is not artificial. The interior of the mouth has a faint vertical jagged appearance almost suggestive of teeth. The chin is indistinct, but not obviously incorrect. Three regular, parallel lineaments (long, short, and long) just to the west of the nose bridge, and another just beneath the mouth, are again suggestive of ornamental facial decorations or a costume, consistent with the headdress. The features of a near-perfect face are all present, and almost every feature seen on the mesa has a size, shape, and orientation that enhances the appearance of a decorated face in headdress. No imagination is required. But we do require views from different viewpoints at different illuminations with different contrast enhancements, and the ability (which many people do not possess, according to Piaget) to mentally change perspectives. Those who possess such ability can mentally merge the images and see the combined features in 3-D. In such a view, no reasonable doubt appears to remain about the artificiality of this object.

=B7 Crest: This is a new low-contrast feature seen over the top of the headdress and its cap. We can trace its curve around the east side almost down to chin level, but nearly a face-diameter away. Unfortunately, the image does not extend far enough to see if the west side is also symmetric. But if it were, this would add emphasis to an extensive and unusual feature favoring artificiality. Possible other similar but fainter features may surround this one, giving a shroud-like appearance.

=B7 Ridges: A face-diameter to the north we can trace some extremely faint uniformly spaced irregular ridgelines. I count no fewer than 15 in the best contrast-stretched views. Many more of these appear to the south. Their nature must apparently remain a matter of conjecture until NASA can obtain some ground truth.

=B7 Courtyard: Half way from the Face to the bottom of the strip frame is a half-kilometer crater with a rim that looks more like an enclosure than a crater rim. This is principally because it is so out of round, and because the rim starts at an interior point and completes its circumference by joining on to a different point, resulting in some rim overlap. There are two unresolved structures in the interior that are approached by the rim starting point, and a third, larger structure inside the rim behind the other two.

=B7 Animal: The largest feature in the strip, three-fourths of the way down from the Face, has the striking appearance of a pictogram, reminiscent of animal drawings in the Peruvian and Chilean desert sands. Since it appears not to have been noticed or named previously, but is the largest feature in the strip frame, I thought to give it a name for referring to it succinctly. It also seems to have a sharp and well-delineated boundary perhaps hundreds of meters high, similar to but far more irregular in shape than the headdress around the Face.

=B7 Comb and Teeth: A truly remarkable set of 20 short, parallel white lines slant down and to the east from the next feature down below the animal I call the comb. A similar set of lines slant down and to the east from the bottom and lower east side of the animal itself. I call these the teeth, although they tend to give

the seeming pictogram the aura-like appearance of rays coming from it.

=B7 D&M Pyramid: At the bottom of the strip we encounter the melt pool on the east side of the largest Cydonian pyramid-like structure. Unfortunately, the frame cuts off on the west and south sides too soon to see any trace of the high-interest pyramid itself. But the crater on the shadowed side of Viking imagery is now resolved. Earlier speculation about its unusual depth because of its very black shadow and invisible bottom appears justified in this new image. Although we now see the bottom, the walls are quite high and steep for the crater width. We also see an unusual gouge into the nearby terrain on the northwest side where the rim appears open. In the context of the pyramid itself, this author has suggested the possibility that an artificial explosion might have formed this crater. This hypothetical explosion might explain damage to the east side of the pyramid (presumed artificial), splitting and shifting its base and melting enough material to produce the surrounding melt pool on that side. Nothing in the new, high-resolution image appears to counter that hypothesis, but no realistic test is possible until the pyramid itself is imaged.

Conclusion. A preliminary analysis of the portion of the Cydonia plain revealed in high-resolution by the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft on April 5 shows that the early claims of conclusive natural origin for the landforms were, at best, premature. The eight original tests of artificiality indicated artificial origin to a degree suggesting that priority targeting of Cydonia was justified. This new high-interest image shows that such priority was justified, and calls for continued high priority for additional images, as is planned.

The humanoid facial features that first drew attention to this area are confirmed by this photo despite poor lighting and poor viewing angle. One feature, the headdress, is so much a symmetrical combination of right-angle linear and rounded features as to suggest artificiality strongly. Using the ability to change mental perspectives, one can see the mesa clearly, without imagining details, as an excellent rendition of a sculpted face. Other new features are so uncommon that they raise more questions than they answer. Nothing yet seen on our Moon or any other solar system surface besides Earth suggests artificiality to a comparable degree.

Objectivity. When dealing with scientific matters, especially controversial ones, it is of great importance that scientists conduct themselves in accord with the procedures of Scientific Method, and remove, to the maximum extent possible, the effects of prior bias from their conclusions. It is unfortunate, if understandable, that some scientists drew public conclusions for the press without background or analysis sufficient to justify their statements. It is even more regrettable that JPL and NASA did not publicly disassociate their agencies from such unscientific statements made by their own employees, thereby fostering the view in the public that JPL and NASA condone such unprofessional conduct by scientists. This engenders disrespect for all of science and all scientists, and should now be dealt with forthrightly in the appropriate manner before further damage occurs in connection with the next set of Cydonia pictures.

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Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 09:37:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

>From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:02:34 +0200
>Subject: Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

>Hi Bob and list members!

>Just to put things straight. I didn't post Alexander
>Krivenyshev's or McEoghan's theories about the "Mars Face" to
>endorse them in any way, but to give an impression of the
>discussion that is going on.

>Of course the possibility, that NASA, as part of a conspiracy,
>would commit the transparent fraud of posting a negative, is
>nonexistent, but McEoghan's idea of turning the face 37 degrees
>so that it is seen straight up and down, seems excellent to me.

>Stig

Rotating the image 37 degrees only makes sense if you think
it IS a face. Why should NASA, who obviously think it is a hill,
do anything like that???

For NASA/JPL to do this would imply support of the opinion that
there is something there. Obviously, there isn't.

Bob

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Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 02:44:34 -0400
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>Subject: UFO UpDate: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:21:47 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>> To: updates@globalserve.net
>> Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 22:42:40 +0200
>> Subject: Fwd: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

>> Received via "alt.alien.research" April 7 at 10.18 local time
>>(GMT + 1 hour).

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>> pictures made from the raw image are also missing two thirds of
>> the data. In simple terms, this means two thirds of the detail
>> are missing.

>> The question now is WHY.

>Because the image has low contrast. Jeez.

>-----
>Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at

Yeah. I wondered how many would notice that Hoagland is
spouting absolute and utter nonsense.

So the contrast is low. So effing what!!!

Damn, if these people had been in my basic photography course
when I was still teaching, they would all have flunked!

Rather than "curioser and curioser" this just gets sillier
and sillier.

Bob

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Re: Mars Face Report

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 02:38:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face Report

>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 00:36:21 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO Update: Re: Mars Face Report
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Yes... I checked... Definitely not enough. And I need more than
>that.

>Incidentally, somehow I get the impression that you could use a
>little yourself..... lithium, at least....

No, man, I'm a Prozac person!

This mars face fiasco has got me so pissed off that I popped
a double dose this morning.

Doesn't seem important at all now.

Bob

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Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 10:36:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 02:42:22 -0400
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>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:13:53 -0400
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>Nevertheless, a close examination of Martian and terrestrial
>geofoms shows that the Cydonia landforms are far from unique,
>and that artificiality is not likely.

>-----
>Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at

And that pretty much says it all, Mark.

But I suspect that this point will be belabored and
tugged on like an old dog bone for years.

Bob

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Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

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Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 11:50:40 GMT
> From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
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> No. The real question is why do you believe that fool trying to
> save "Face".

> How can there be data missing when the resolution is 10x better
> than Vikings images?

> In fact, there's more data! Think about it.

> Roger R. Prokic

Roger,

The Malin camera was supposed to be capable of displaying 256 shades of gray. Histogram analysis of the dataset of the face made available by NASA is supposed to have shown only 70-80 shades of gray. This is as you know an aspect of the data set which is independent of the spatial resolution. Either the raw data is raw and includes the complete dynamic range of the camera or it doesn't and it represents a subset of the data.

Whether or not Hoagland is a fool. What does a histogram analysis of the grayscale dynamic range of the raw data set show? This would clarify the issue a lot more than name calling.

One of the basic principles of imaging is that greater dynamic range depending on the imaging target can be more valuable in perception of a target than increased spatial resolution. This means that objects can be better imaged say at 100x100x256 than 300x300x80.

These principles are in any basic image processing textbook. Increased spatial resolution alone does not produce a superior image.

Gary

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Re: "Danger in our Skies" and holographs

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 03:13:31 -0400
Subject: Re: "Danger in our Skies" and holographs

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Watch the tape again Steve! When they went to the Mexico City
>segment they showed a picture of two 'beams' near the same
>building where the 'UFO' was videoed. That was the tie in to what
>those two "non-lethal weapons experts" were proposing. They said
>that because of the overcast sky conditions that it would have
>been possible to project a holographic image (such as the UFO)
>into the area. Which sounds like total bullshit to me!

Yes, John it is total bullshit. Projecting holograms is something that some of the best minds have been trying to do, but so far with no real success. Also, holograms are either monochromatic or show a diffracted spectral color appearance. I'm sure witnesses would notice this effect.

So, what would work would be to make a GIANT hologram on film, hang this film from a helicopter, and hit it with a laser beam to make the virtual image. Yeah, sure!!!

If it's a fake, someone whipped it up in a computer.

Bob

P.S.: Is the Museum of Holography still open in the city? If so, go by some time. Great stuff! Their staff could tell you how likely this is to be a hologram.

P.P.S.: To be technically accurate, the film on which the image is captured is a holograph. The virtual image created from this film is a hologram.

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> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:21:47 -0400
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> > From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
> > To: updates@globalserve.net
> > Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 22:42:40 +0200
> > Subject: Fwd: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

> > Received via "alt.alien.research" April 7 at 10.18 local time
> > (GMT + 1 hour).

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> > are missing.

> > The question now is WHY.

> Because the image has low contrast. Jeez.

>
> -----
> Mark Cashman

Mark,

You have not addressed the question as to why the image has low contrast. By definition the histogram analysis shows that, what's your explanation for why that is the case?

Gary

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Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

From: **Ufojoel** <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 12:44:08 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 03:34:34 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 12:35:25 GMT
>From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>>From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
>>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:49:09 EDT
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

>>They may be natural but we need to wait before we know more.

>Wait for what? The original face at 10m resolution was pretty
>stunning indeed. I kept alot of hope MGS would reveal the face's
>zits, so to speak! Guess what? At 1.3 m resolution, the face
>doesn't have zits, and it's no face! There is nothing left to
>do. The detail is there which shows a natural geological process.

>It is what it is - no aliens involved, and nothing sinister.
>Unless of course if you believe that the aliens designed it to
>only be seen with such bad (10 m) resolution at a certain sun
>angle. Or that the governments of Earth sent a fleet of nuclear
>missiles to destroy it!

>This is so much fun!

--
>Roger R. Prokic

Roger,

Obviously you don't read the posts before you respond to them.
Once again you refer to The Face. We're NOT talking about
The Face right now so ignore it. Let us say that it's 100%
natural. So what. The other photos of The City haven't been
taken yet. They will be on April 14. If they turn out to be
mountains then so be it. Not all of us jump to conspiracy
theories when things turn out differently than we thought.

Joe in Tampa

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Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 11:06:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 03:25:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 11:50:40 GMT
>From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

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>No. The real question is why do you believe that fool trying to
>save "Face".

>How can there be data missing when the resolution is 10x better
>than Vikings images?

>In fact, there's more data! Think about it.

>--
>Roger R. Prokic

I find Hoagland's desperate attempts to cling to his fantasy
depressing. The man just can't let go.

Anyone who works in digital imaging knows that 256 shades of
gray just represents the maximum number of shades available.
A very large number of images I work with day in and day out
have fewer shades of gray. That is NOT missing data. It is
missing shades of gray, nothing more, and is related to image
contrast. If you want 256 shades of gray in the image, it
is simple in Adobe PhotoShop or most any other high-end imaging
program to adjust the contrast to give you as many shades of
gray as you want.

Why does an image have fewer shades of gray? Because of low
subject contrast in most cases. What controls subject
contrast? Well things like angle and diffusion of light. We
are told by NASA/JPL that there was some cloud cover when the
image was shot. Guess what folks? Yep, cloud cover reduces
contrast, both by lowering the contrast of the light striking
the surface, and by lowering it again when the image forming
light passes through the clouds again on its way to the orbiting
camera. This is all Photo 101 stuff, folks. This is not
rocket science!

Every month I write and edit articles on photography and

digital imaging for one of the world's foremost photography magazine. This is my job, my field of expertise. When I hear someone like Hoagland spouting absolute gibberish about imaging, it really makes me very angry.

Bob

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Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

From: **Andy Denne** <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 17:04:20 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 03:31:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 03:08:21 -0500
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> >Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 10:50:04 -0400
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> >>Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 09:31:34 -0700
> >>From: Andy Denne <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
> >>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> Hi All,

> Would like to kill two birds with one stone if you'll permit.

> John Velez

> Andy wrote,

> >>Hi John,

> >>Okay, I do absolutely agree that the most important reason to
> >>assume there are any artificial structures in the Cydonia-region
> >>always were the pyramidlike structures. But, what I wonder is the
> >>following:

> >>Have you ever seen the structure you find in some semi-precious
> >>stones? Just take a look at the natural shape of raw crystals or
> >>amethyst and on the endings of these stones you can also find,
> >>almost pyramidlike shapes.

> >>So it seems that even these shapes don't HAVE to be artificial.

> OK, show me a mountain sized crystal shaped structure and I'll
> consider your comparison. The simple fact is (and I'm no
> geologist) that there are no mountains that we know of with such
> symetrical shapes. I wasn't saying or implying that these
> structures are/were artificial- only that they are the _best
> argument_ for artificial structures on Mars. If they turn out to
> be rocks and debris then they are rocks and debris. I was
> agreeing with Tampa Joe that we should all wait until -all- of
> the pictures are in and they have been scrutinized/analyzed. I'm
> wasn't making an argument for or against their reality. Folks
> just love to read what they want to see rather than what I've
> written. Been the bane of my existence! <G>

> Andy continues, . . .

> >>Now though, it almost looks like no ufologist has ever believed
> >>or was interested in the "Face", and that doesn't seem true to
> >>me! C'mon know yourselves and admit that just like me, we're
> >>really all hoping the "city" is turning out what we hoped to
> >>be...

> No. Sorry, I'm not like you at all. You can't jump off of a

> 'bandwagon' that you were never on to begin with! This post is
> the first time that I have ever mentioned the so-called 'Mars
> anomalies.' You or anyone else couldn't have known what my
> thoughts/opinions or beliefs about the face on Mars were because
> I have never stated them. But then here, you paint me with your
> own brush and say, " C'mon know yourselves and admit that just
> like me, we're really all hoping the "city" is turning out what
> we hoped to be..."

> I have had no such "hopes" nor have I ever intimated anything of
> the kind. So, speak for yourself and please read my posts more
> carefully before you ascribe certain beliefs to me. I thank you
> in advance for your cooperation. <G>

> >>But were are we gonna take it when the City also turnes out to be
> >>nothin' at all...Let's all make sure to keep all our sences and
> >>don't bring in Illuminati, New World Orders or nuclair
> >>destruction of Mars,..

> I agree.

> >>No if there isn't any face, if there aren't any pyramids... SO
> >>WHAT, we made a mistake.

> You mean, you made a mistake!

> >>Now it's up to us to deal with the matter, and what about doing
> >>that unlike scientists who make mistakes, and just ADMIT IT.
> >>Science should be progressive and NOT dogmatic.

> Amen!

> John Velez

John,
please do not get me wrong here, I wasn't refering to you as a person,
I don't know you at all, and so long as that's the case HOW can I speak
for you??? NOT AT ALL, and that's something I know and YOU should know
as well. I think that it's a language thing again...(Bob knows all
about that.. :-) The word "we" in dutch can also refer to the people
I'm working with,... here in Holland, that is.

Then, concerning the crystals: it only was a suggestion, and yes, I
agree as far as WE KNOW there no such huge crystals. I didn't suggest we
were lookin at huge pieces of crystal I only meant that shapes like that
can be natural. To illustrate this I mentioned semi-prec. stones, that's
all.

If you had the idea that I was refering to you in person when I said
that
"we should face the facts" I do apologize. I just was under the
impression that these mails are read not only by you, and that's why I
mentioned this in that certain message. Maybe not such a smart thing to
do, considering that I directed it to you.(that's what happens, when I'm
trying to answer mail on stupid times, remember there's a time
difference!) Well, next time I'll try to wake up first because in no way
is it my intention to hurt anyones feelings. And I don't like mine to be
hurt aswell!!! I do reject being called a believer, this is not true,
I just really SAW a face, not unlike most of you...that doesn't mean it
IS a face... So it seems you made a misjudgement also... how else culd
it be, since you know me as much as I know you. Let's change this a
little bit. I'm a regression-therapist and in 1990 I had my first
"abduction"-
case. I was VERY sceptical at first. A colleague of mine gave me a book
by Budd Hopkins. I looked into it about halfway and put it away. I
couldn't possibly believe a word of it. Untill about a year later my
second case showed up. Accendently. I went home and started to read
again
Surprisingly the same kind of story. After a while it turned out these
cases had a lot in common, I contacted Hilda Musch, a researcher who
worked on numerous of abduction-cases. She showed me drawings of beings,
tools and ships and the scared me to death. They could have been drawn
by one of the people I was working with. Even small details
matched...since then I changed my point of view, NOT because I believed,
no, I saw it with my own two eyes, so I KNOW, that's a difference...

peace ?

Andy .

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Re: Water found on Saturn's Moon

From: **Ufojoel** <Ufojoel@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 13:37:15 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 03:42:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Water found on Saturn's Moon

>From: Kal K. Korff [TotlResrch@aol.com]
>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 12:27:40 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

>Recently, Joe Murgia wrote:

>snip>

>>I thought that somebody like YOU, [Kal] who is such a
>>scientific investigator, would understand that the important
>>photos from Cydonia haven't even been taken yet. I guess not.

>>Do some research Kal. It will do you some good. No theories
>>have been gutted yet.

>>Joe

>Dear Joe:

>Obviously, YOU are misinformed. Perhaps you missed Dr. Mark
>Carlotto's statement recently that he is prepared to admit that
>the "face" is a NATURAL FORMATION?

>I guess you apparently did!

>Is that "scientific" enough for you, Joe??

Well Kal, you mislead people. As I said, the data isn't complete yet so no conclusions can be made. I wrote to Mark Carlotto and asked him if he was prepared to make the statement that The Face is natural. Here's my email to him with his response.

*Dear Mark,

*Sorry to bother you with such trivial matters but on an
*international UFO email list, the following was written
*to me. Is it accurate? It was in response to a post
*by me that stated that people should wait a bit before
*they jump to any conclusions.

*

*Thanks,

*Joe

*Subj: Re: Statement from you?
*Date: 98-04-10 11:14:10 EDT
*From: markjc@mindspring.com (Mark Carlotto)
*To: Ufojoel@aol.com (Ufojoel)

*I'm prepared to make the statement if there is no evidence to support
*artificiality. But we're not there yet.

*Mark

Well, well well. "We're NOT THERE YET"? Sounds like he's waiting until all the evidence is in. This is what real scientists do.

And if anybody cares, Carlotto also stated in the MSN chat room the other night, that even if The Face turns out to be natural, the most important and intriguing objects have always been located in "The City". "The Fort" being one of the most interesting. We must wait and be cautious, Carlotto urged.

Kal, stop misleading people. And by the way, do you consider Carlotto to be one of the "believers"? I hope not. I trust his opinions more than most of the other independent researchers.

Kal also wrote:

>Furthermore, would you care to make a \$1,000.00 bet with me that
>NO face will be found? I would place this bet that no face will
>be found, and you are free to take the "believer" side that a
>face will be found. Do you accept this challenge?

>Why not put your money where your mouth is?, as the saying
>goes??

Kal, I don't know if the objects are artificial or natural. If we can both go to Mars and check it out, maybe I would bet you a dollar. I don't bet big anymore. (Except lunch bets on the Tampa Bucs). Blackjack has gotten the best of me. Like I said, I will wait for ALL the data to come in before I say that the objects (Not Just The Face) APPEAR natural or artificial. This is getting old!!! How many times do I have to repeat myself? Objects not Object! These misunderstandings of the data is really getting to me! Read about nightmare below.

>Of course, ANYONE, especially Richard Hoagland, who would say
>that the face WAS a real face in the first place, is simply
>making statements NOT derivable from the existing data. The
>original images were simply too ill-defined to be 100%
>conclusive.

>THANKS for calling me "such a scientific investigator," I am
>GLAD you realize this at least.

Do I need to write anything here?

>The main point of my posting, by the way, was to let everyone
>know about the new, exciting discovery (claimed by science) of
>water on one of Saturn's moons.

>I guess you missed this point as well.

That's great news. I didn't miss it. Only problem is that more work is needed. Just like in the Cydonia case.

>Instead of taking issue with me, why don't you go bother
>Hoagland, who, at this rate, is going to have to backpedal from
>lots of claims (and part of his livelihood) about Mars.

I do bother Hoagland and he has the courtesy to listen. No matter what, Hoagland, with his many theories and all, is one of the most dedicated, passionate people I have seen out there. He may be wrong about a lot of things but at least he tries. He doesn't claim to be a scientist and doesn't claim to know everything unlike other people. Plus he's open minded to consider many things in this world that we don't understand yet. Say what you want about RCH but I really enjoy his interviews. He seems to care about the human race and what happens to us in the future if we keep on traveling on the same path that we're on now. You can find fault in that? I hope not.

>I also predict, no artificial "pyramids" and other such
>nonsense will be found.

>I sincerely hope I am WRONG on this.

Me too. But if not, oh well. By the way, for the 1000th time, the researchers who have looked at this issue for the SPSR are 25 scientists including 14 with PhDs. Are they all crazy believers? By the way, most of them don't make one dime on Cydonia research. I believe only Carlotto & McDaniel have made money on books on the subject. I doubt it's any substantial amount. Carlotto does this as a hobby. He has a real job. McDaniel is retired. I don't know all the details of the other guys. Hoagland isn't in this group obviously.

>Sincerely,

>Kal (Looking forward to REAL science continuing to solve this
>"mystery,"....which was never much of one in the first place),
>Korff

Kal and everybody else,

I think it's time for me to take a break from all these Cydonia arguments. Last night, I had a dream (At least I think it was a dream) that a UFO was traveling across my ceiling over my bed. I woke up screaming and scared the S**t out of my wife. Then in the morning, I woke up with a bloody nose. I get those a lot after being sick. I had been sick for two weeks. I don't think I had an implant put in but you never know... Why do I all of a sudden have an urge to make my mash potatoes in the shape of Devil's Tower?

The other dream consisted of Kal Korff chasing me around some house with a knife trying to kill me because of my "mean" email to him. He didn't get me!!! I had read Kal's response to me before going to bed so it was on my mind. I need a break!!! Nobody should have to dream about Kal Korff! No offense Kal. We all need to lighten up!

Oh yeah, I think Kal lightened up in the dream and wanted to play some music. We somehow wound up in a music warehouse with instruments. The owner of the warehouse wouldn't let me play the drums so we had to take a raincheck. I think Kal was ready to play the guitar. Is this sick or what. Good Bye!!!

Joe in Tampa

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Re: Tom Van Flandern on new Cydonia images

From: James Horak <jho443@airmail.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 10:50:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 03:28:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Tom Van Flandern on new Cydonia images

JJ Mercieca wrote:

> >From : <http://www.metaresearch.org/announce/pa45-cyd.htm>
> Preliminary Analysis of April 5 Cydonia Image from the Mars
> Global Surveyor Spacecraft

> Tom Van Flandern
> Meta Research

Highly objective analysis, regardless of whether or not one wishes to subscribe to the "exploding planet hypothesis." The angles of camera approach are critical, not just resolution. One thing additional, however, this is by no means the best image capability obtainable and is NOT definitive. Furthering, every bit, the tradition of avoidance by NASA rather than either full compliance or candid disclosure.

Too little, and much too late.
JCH

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Re: Extraterrestrial Cafe

From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 16:31:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 08:55:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Extraterrestrial Cafe

> Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 02:24:49 -0400
> From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
> To: UFO UpDate <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: Extraterrestrial Cafe

> Have you ever checked if there is such an organization?

> There is no phone listing or mail address in New York City for
> the so called "New York Center for UFO Research". Micheal
> Luckman is a publicist with a phone line and an answering machine
> that doesn't return calls inquiring about this so called
> organization.

> He does have some connection or 'in' with the New York Post as
> they do periodically publish comments or press releases by him
> and this so called organization from time to time. What for or
> what purpose is unclear.

> Does anyone have some background information on this
> organization?

> Gary

Gary:

The Center is "not" a scientific-oriented research organization, but is mainly a "one man" promotional show. On occasion the Center has sponsored lectures on the topic, usually at night clubs (e.g., Village Gate) and once at a school in the same area. Press conferences are addressed to sensational subjects, where there is a higher probability of press participation, particularly, the tabloid style New York Post. The events are usually in the same general area because the promoter does not like to travel far. Perhaps, he is afraid of being abducted by aliens who will attempt to collect fees promised, but not yet delivered to former lecturers he sponsored at his events.

Tom

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U.K. Team Discovers 2 New Faint, Distant Objects

From: "R. Matt Knudson" <KnudsonRM@chq.byu.edu>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 11:48:48 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 08:52:28 -0400
Subject: U.K. Team Discovers 2 New Faint, Distant Objects

Taken from SPACE NEWS, 6 April 1998, page 20

U.K. TEAM DISCOVERS 2 NEW FAINT, DISTANT OBJECTS

Two of the faintest objects ever seen orbiting the sun have been observed by a team of astronomers from several institutions in the United Kingdom. One is estimated to be 150 kilometers across, the other 110 kilometers, according to a statement from the Royal Astronomical society, Cambridge, England. Both are more remote than Pluto, which is 30 times as far from the sun as Earth.

Both objects are in the so-called Kuiper Belt in the region of space beyond Neptune. The researchers used the 2.5 meter Isaac Newton Telescope on the island of La Palma in the Canary Islands to image the sky for seven nights over an area slightly smaller than that covered by Earth's full moon.

The astronomers were surprised not to find more objects in the belt at this distance. The fact that they did not may mean the objects mark the outer edge of the belt.

-end-

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Dear Mr. Prokic, Stig and list

I thought about it, but still don't quite understand. Are there some 175-odd shades of grey "missing"? Or is this just a simple result of light conditions etc. when the image was taken.

Are there important differences between the "face" shots and others which came in much clearer? Were light conditions, distances, Mars weather etc. somehow selective or deselective in the Cydonia region?

As for Hoagland, I heard the interview. I agree it was a rather sad face-saving episode. I was reminded of "radio-buttons" .. you push down one piece of nonsense, and up pops another .. a whirling dervish of ideas that few can keep track of. Even the extremely tolerant [and seemingly credulous] Art Bell was getting lost, and audibly irritated.

So far, I see nothing to suggest anything artificial on Mars.

- Larry Hatch

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Nua Blather: Pretty Good Friday

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Weekly free email of Dogma Destruction,
Forteana and High Weirdness

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PRETTY GOOD FRIDAY

Welcome to this week's (Pretty) Good Friday Blather extravaganza, disseminated from a uncharacteristically (for the time of year) chilly Dublin, where vague hints of snow have been all day threatening the populace.

GNOMES WANT TO BE FREE

A smattering of snippets assail us this week, first and foremost we have the latest on gnome-napping. With the arrest of several members of the Gnome Liberation Front last November, we at Blather Operations were devastated, long time fans that we are these daring surrealists, who tend to leave behind calling cards reading 'The Garden Gnomes Liberation Front has been here. Your gnomes are now free and can finally live in peace together deep in the forest'.

However, all is not lost. Reuters, on April 3rd, reported a police hunt for the 'gang' that liberated 100 gnomes from a private garden in the Netherlands.

Also, Peter Darben (<http://www.thehub.com.au/~wormman/wlcont.htm>) warned us that the appearance of an April 1 '10 News' that the story of police netting a cache of stolen gnomes during a drug raid in Brisburg, Northern Territory, Australia may well be apocryphal in nature.

<http://clever.net/quinion/words/n-napl.htm>
http://dailynews.yahoo.com/headlines/human_interest/oddly_enough/story.html?s=z/reuters/980403/odd/stories/gnomes_1.html

NO POINT IN CRYING OVER SPILT BLOOD

Following last week's Blather (<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issue1no47.html>) mention of the impounding Virgin Mary statue that 'cries blood', the Associated Press of April 6th followed up with an announcement from the Bishop's office in Vic, which stated that the alleged miracle was, surprise, surprise, a hoax. A spokesman for the Bishop said that analysis of the bloodstains by a 'team of experts' had shown that the blood was from. . . a finger wound; 'It (the crying statue) proved to be the work of a rash group of adults motivated by personal conflicts rather than malice against religion'.

'The blood was applied from outside, in a crude and shoddy way'

<http://www.tampabayonline.net/news/news100f.htm>

<http://www.nando.net> April 6

Not content with her treatment in Spain, Herself turned up in a Mexican Cake on April 8th. Dozens of the faithful flocked to the 'Holy Week miracle' in the village Bacalar in eastern Quintana Roo, some 650 miles (1040km) east of Mexico city.

Ms. Fernanda Rivas said she nearly fainted when she took the cake from the oven, and saw the Virgin Mary's outline stamped in the middle. . . and it now resides on an hastily constructed altar. Other recent Mexican appearances have been in a sewage drain (in a Mexico City subway station, and a dented fender of an old Chevy).

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553666574-ae8>

BUT A MAN IS NOT MADE FOR DEFEAT. . .

The ghost of U.S. novelist Ernest Hemingway is on the roam, according to employees at his old estate, now a museum, near Havana in Cuba. The 'ghost', has allegedly been witnessed by several people, one former employee described it as a 'tall, red-faced man, walking slowly, and dressed with bermudas, a light, baggy shirt, and leather sandals'. This employee claims to have been pursued down a track at the Finca Vigia estate, which is rather interesting, considering he described that ghost as 'walking slowly'. The ghost has also been said to whisper in another employees ear, and three workers have resigned in fear. Cuban press agency Prensa Latina say that local authorities reckon it will 'enhance the tourist appeal'.

<http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2553613111-265>

WE BRING YOU THE VERY LATEST IN VIOLENT ANIMAL ESCAPADES

Yes, another. Perhaps silly season is with us all year round (blame El Nino) these days, but these stories keep showing up, this time with a 'classic' headline in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel of April 8th; 'Renegade Deer Terrorizes Norwegian Village, Steals Chain Saw'

The deer (species unspecified) had been 'terrorizing' the town of Aardalstangen, 220 miles (352km) north of Oslo, for weeks, according to the Aardal og Laerdal Avis newspaper. Knocking over garbage cans at child care center, threatening cars and frightening residents were amongst the big buck's crimes.

Sadly, things came to a head when the deer made off with a chainsaw from the yard of one Olav Haereid, carrying the machine on its antlers, prompting 'local officials' to shoot the enterprising creature.

<http://www.newsfinder.com/nf/offbeat/081569.html>

ERRATA

Thanks to reader Douglas Wright, a missing word can be re-added to the text of last week's Blather, regarding the God's Salvation Church related suicide in China.

'He jumped into the ocean and drowned, after telling his folks that wanted to see God arrive in a flying saucer.'

It should have read 'he wanted to see God'

Dave (daev) Walsh
10th April 1998

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 18:40:35 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 10:19:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

Theresa Carlson wrote:

> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 05:39:07 -0400
> From: Theresa Carlson <Tcarlson1@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

<major snip>

> And if there are any people on this list that are familiar with
> digital video making and editing you'll understand this. The
> buildings and foreground clutter in this video form a perfect
> travelling matte. My guess is some one had already done some
> chroma, luma, or other color or alpha channel keying on it. Not
> one of the experts mentioned that. The UFO stays relatively in
> the same place, with only slight movement in left, right, up, and
> down directions. And the buildings just pass in front of it. The
> UFO never passes in front of anything. An absolutely simple
> illusion to create.

<snip>

This is an excellent observation. Only someone familiar with SFX would see this; but, now that you point it out, the contrast between the buildings and the sky make creating the matte a breeze.

I'll tell you what bothers me about the video. We never see the saucer leave the site. Now, it is possible that it zipped away toward the horizon just opposite the camera; but, the odds of this are slim. And before anyone says that the cameraman simply stopped filming at that point, ask yourself: You're taping one of the most historic scenes in history -- wouldn't you wanna catch the saucer's exit?

I know this is all just circumstantial evidence; but, it sure makes it hard to have faith in the veracity of the vid.

Terry

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Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

From: [galevy <galevy@pipeline.com>](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 18:35:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 10:07:50 -0400
Subject: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 00:36:34 -0400
> From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> >Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 01:35:10 -0400
> >From: [galevy <galevy@pipeline.com>](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com) [Gary Alevy]
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

> <snip>

> Perhaps you misunderstood what I am proposing... or I
> misunderstand what you are saying.

> Any picture can be considered the result of the convolution
> (integration of factors multiplied together) of "filter
> function" that represent various stages of the picture
> acquisition. For example the size of the camera aperture, any
> aberrations in the lens and the shape/size of the focal plane CCD
> array and electronics following the CCD array are all represented
> as "functions" (of amplitude - saturation,gama- and of spatial
> frequency and of color, etc.) that must be convolved to get the
> electronic signal out of the CCD array.

> Then there are functions representing the transmission of the
> signal from the satellite, reception at the antenna, processing
> by the electronics and final presentation.

> All of these are "convolved" together and noise is added at each
> step. The net result is an image which is degraded as compared to
> the original scene as it would be if "perfectly viewed."

> Generally the process of deconvolution is to take the degraded
> scene and, insome way, "deconvolve" the degradations step by step
> to try to return get as close as possible to the "perfect image."
> Hence it would make sense to use the known characteristics of
> teh MGS cameras, etc,. to take the newest images and try to
> "deconvolve" the degradations to get the best possible image.

> The point I was trying to make was a bit different.

> I was saying that the newest images are so much better than the
> old ones that we could start from the present images as if they
> were "perfect" and then apply the appropriate degradations (which
> I called "filters") to create an image similar to the Old Face
> (taking into account the direction of the solar illumination and
> the viewing direction from the satellite. Thus one should be
> able to take the new image and modify it to create the old image
> and thereby establish a scientific link with the past.

> For one thing, this would prove that there had been no noticeable
> change in the face over the last 20 years. But more
> importantly it would show where/why the previous analysis/mage
> processing had "gone wrong" or had failed to produce the correct
> version of the face. (For you conspiracy buffs: this would also
> act as an internal check on
> the data...i.,e., establish that there has been no "fudging" of
> the newest data!)

> One of the simplest degradations is the change in spatial (or
> pixel) resolution from 50 m or whatever it was 20 years ago to
> the present 4 meters. This can be represented mathematically as
> a integrating "window filter" or a "low (spatial) frequency pass
> filter" and hence my use of the term "filter" in th previous
> message. It could be as simple as a "square" window filter (which
> adds or integrates uniformly all sources of light within a
> resolution area)... or it could be a mre complicated "weighted"
> filter, e.g., weighted bya Gaussian function that itself
> represents the product of diffraction and lens aberrations.

> Anyway, I again suggest that this is what Carlatto should do to
> establish complete consistency between what we now have as a face
> image and what has been analyzed until everyone has become
> exhausted: Carlatto should use the new data, "deconvolved" as
> much as possible (degradations removed) to make a 3-D model. He
> should then place the sun and the viewing locations as they were
> 22 years ago and use appropriate filters (convolved together) to
> create the image as seen by the Viking

Bruce,

I had originally thought that you were saying that off the shelf
filtering functions, e.g. Laplacian filtering, etc. should be
applied. Excellent clarification, and I agree with your points.

I suggest that one problem with the current data set will be that
the viewing angles of the Viking and Surveyor images are quite
different and that no amount of modeling will be able to account
for that difference.

Thanks again for the clarification.

Gary

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Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
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Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 10:20:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 08:25:49 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

>>From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:02:34 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

>>Hi Bob and list members!

>>Just to put things straight. I didn't post Alexander
>>Krivenyshev's or McEoghan's theories about the "Mars Face" to
>>endorse them in any way, but to give an impression of the
>>discussion that is going on.

>>Of course the possibility, that NASA, as part of a conspiracy,
>>would commit the transparent fraud of posting a negative, is
>>nonexistent, but McEoghan's idea of turning the face 37 degrees
>>so that it is seen straight up and down, seems excellent to me.

>>Stig

>Rotating the image 37 degrees only makes sense if you think
>it IS a face. Why should NASA, who obviously think it is a hill,
>do anything like that???

>For NASA/JPL to do this would imply support of the opinion that
>there is something there. Obviously, there isn't.

>Bob

Neither McEoghan nor I ever said that NASA should.

Stig

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UFOR: Mars Global Surveyor Update - April 9, 1998

From: **Francisco Lopez** <d005734c@dc.seflin.org>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 10:23:06 -0400
Subject: UFOR: Mars Global Surveyor Update - April 9, 1998

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>From the Mars Global Surveyor home page:
<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/update4-9.html>

SUMMARY OF CLUSTER 1 TARGETED IMAGING
09-APR-98 3:30 PM PDT

Mars Global Surveyor has completed the first of three sets (clusters) of specially targeted imaging opportunities during its current hiatus in aerobraking. While it was estimated that probability of successfully accomplishing this imaging would be on the order of 30-50% for each of the images, owing to navigation, spacecraft attitude control and map location uncertainties, it appears that we have done somewhat better.

On April 3, 1998, at 0958 UTC, MGS pointed the Mars Orbiter Camera toward the Viking Lander 1 site in Chryse Planitia. The area was covered with a thin cloud layer and patchy thick clouds, reducing but not eliminating surface visibility. The narrow angle image had relatively low contrast but the contrast was sufficient for adequate feature identification. This analysis showed that the targeted spot for the Viking Lander 1 sites was approximately 40 pixels or 150 m off the western edge of the image, although it was well centered in the north to south direction. We came very close, and the pointing performance was well within the expected variations of the spacecraft's attitude control system, and we'll count this as a miss. Because the Lander was not in the picture, we won't release the image at this time.

Viking Lander 2 is located in Utopia Planitia, further north and on the other side from Mars from Viking Lander 1. When MGS imaged this area on April 3, at 2137 UTC, on the orbit following the Viking Lander 1 observation, it found the area in heavy overcast, with clouds and haze severely reducing the surface visibility by over 70-80%. These clouds and possible surface frost led to a scene substantially brighter than anticipated, and thus much of the image data was saturated bright.

Aggressive application of image processing techniques enhanced faint brightness variations, rendering a small number of surface features visible. These features were used to attempt to determine the success of the targeting. It is believed that the Viking-era landing location may be with the extreme south-west portion of the image and the western-most of three new estimated positions, more recently determined, may be in the lower south-eastern portion of the image. The location of Viking Lander 2 is the least well known of the sites being imaged. So, we'll count this attempt as a hit, however, because the image is mostly clouds, we won't release it at this time.

Mars Pathfinder, the Sagan Memorial Station, and the Sojourner rover are located in Ares Vallis. On April 4th, at 0916 UTC, the spacecraft was successful in targeting the point that it was directed to, however, a controversy has arisen as to the true

coordinates of the real landing site. It appears that, after some reevaluation of the targeting information used with the Mars Pathfinder project, we have used the wrong coordinate references for our target point. Better information will be used in the next opportunity. Because it appears that Mars Pathfinder is not in the image, we won't release the image at this time.

The feature known as the "Face on Mars" in the Cydonia region was imaged quite successfully on April 5th and its image was released in raw form and in an enhanced form on April 6th. The picture was acquired 375 seconds after the spacecraft's 220th closest approach to Mars. At that time, the "Face", located at approximately 40.8 degrees N, 9.6 degrees W, was 275 miles (444 km) from the spacecraft. The "morning" sun (about 10 AM local solar time) was 25 degrees above the horizon. The picture has a resolution of 14.1 feet (4.3 meters) per pixel, making it ten times higher resolution than the best previous image of the feature, which was taken by the Viking Orbiter 1 in 1976. The full image covers an area 2.7 miles (4.4 km) wide and 25.7 miles (41.5 km) long.

Since winter clouds cover much of the northern hemisphere of Mars above 40 degrees N latitude at this time of the Martian year, the raw image of the "Face" was of very low contrast, that is, variations in brightness of the picture elements cover a very small range compared to the ultimate capability of the camera. Thus, the "raw" image appears very dark and flat. This very washed out appearance of the northern hemisphere of Mars can be readily seen in the wide angle image taken at the same time as the narrow angle picture that contains the "Face" (see http://mars/mgs/msss/camera/images/4_6_face_release/index.html). The enhanced version of the raw data has made the feature visible. The enhanced version also flipped the image left to right to make it appear in the same orientation as the familiar Viking image.

The targeting was very good for this attempt and is clearly a hit. The "Face" was nearly exactly in the center of the image. A portion of another feature in the area, the "D&M Pyramid", is the bottom left-hand corner of the image.

The Mars Surveyor Operations Project assesses the results of the first cluster of targeted imaging to have been quite successful. The results have provided information useful in fine tuning the processes for the second cluster of images that will be taken starting on April 12th.

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: **Mendoza** <101653.2205@compuserve.com> [Peter Brookesmith]
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 20:34:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 10:29:08 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

The Duke of Mendoza presents his compliments.

>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
>Date: Mon, 06 Apr 98 09:56:34 PDT

>I fear the good Duke has demonstrated exactly my point: the abuse
>of the word "belief" in UFO polemic.

Thanks a lot, but I fail to see the verbal abuse here. There is, for example, neither indisputable proof nor even any persuasive indication that "Roswell" involved any alien craft. To argue that it did from the available, *reliable* evidence seems to me to be a product of "belief". If I said "prejudice" or "biased opinion" would that make the point clearer? Whichever term you choose, it amounts to holding an opinion whose weight the evidence by itself will not support.

Some reactions to the new images of the Great Martian Mugshot are tropical cases of the same tendency. Religious belief is another. I am not against religious belief, by the way, although I admit to being wary of those who refuse to recognize the leap of faith their beliefs require. And militant atheism strikes me as no less a matter of faith or belief than what (say) John Wesley or Ayatolla Khomeini preached. Which is where we came in. As I originally wrote: "So much of "ufology" is entangled with 'belief' - from extreme debunker to extreme true believer - that, I submit, it's impossible to draw a line between what is secular and what is not in this field." I should have thought that the implication that "belief" (or faith) is not limited to matters of religion was not too difficult to grasp (and within nanoseconds).

>He rejects the abduction
>phenomenon as evidence of an external intelligence;

My consistently-stated point of view is actually that EVEN IF the abduction phenomenon WERE the product of an "external intelligence" then the evidence so far offered doesn't support the contention. As was wisely observed to the Arkansas Traveler, "If I was going to go there, I wouldn't start from here."

That judgement is reached through some familiarity with the proffered "evidence" & the arguments over it, some capacity for logical thought, and some acquaintance with sundry other matters that bear on the issues, some of which do not appear in the pro-alien literature. (This is not the occasion to ask why not.)

>therefore
>anybody who feels otherwise is merely deluded by "belief,"

And what, pray, is the word "therefore" doing in this sentence? To caricature my view of those who think differently from me as "merely deluded" insults the intelligence of some, at least, of those with whom I disagree, or whom I believe to be mistaken. In particular, and most irksomely, it suggests against all evidence that I hold in contempt those who have had abduction experiences. That suggestion *is* "intellectually illegitimate [and] beyond the rational pale".

>here
>defined, evidently, as any point of view the Duke doesn't like.

And that insults my intelligence. What is there to like or dislike in stories that have gnashed onto some debris lying in a desert, or someone's deeply-felt conviction that they have been violated by "aliens"? ("Evidently" is another word of mysterious provenance and questionable pretext.)

One judges to the best of one's wherewithal. Expressing a judgement implicitly invites criticism of its bases and processes. To that extent, and assuming some capacity for flexibility & honesty in the judging mind, one has a duty to make one's wherewithal as formidable as one can, and to recognize that any conclusion is inevitably provisional. That done, it is hardly unreasonable to wish that one's critics might exercise a similar discipline of mind, language and, even, courtesy. Traducing disinterested thought and trivializing it into a matter of likes & dislikes is not criticism but puerile dismissal. It has the whiff of vacant resources. Especially as there is no evidence to justify the conclusion.

I might just as well suggest that everything Jerome has written merely reflects and projects his own likes & dislikes. That would go down a bundle, what?

<snip>

>The abduction phenomenon, for example, remains
>puzzling and extraordinarily complex, resistant to simplistic
>explanation of any sort, with reasonable people coming down on
>different sides

I couldn't agree more - although I could hope for more in particular cases. I merely ask Jerome to recognize that there are also extremely unreasonable people involved - not to say clamoring, and some of them are barking - in these debates, and that he does not ignore their irrationalities: or they will dictate the tone and the content of the debate ever more powerfully. (And the general level of debate is whacky enough already.) I am repeating here a point others have made to Jerome before, but that he seems reluctant to accept: that "ufology" is not reducible to or defined by the mature considerations & desiderations of reasonable people. Still less is there any great likelihood that their "level" will be "the only one that counts in the end" as long as CUFOS or JSE or (name your choice) regard themselves as mugwumps above all that - or far enough below the sand to escape it. Shall I quote Lionel Trilling again?

That is why reasonable people should address & analyse & if need be do great battle with religiose tendencies and even secular but irrational "beliefs" in this field. That is where I came in on this thread, & also where I will lay off, for fear of boring even myself with repetition.

best wishes
Paregoric D. Mossbunker
Kipper's Dream

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Mars Surveyor: Plans For Second Cluster Of

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 03:03:33 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 12:04:15 -0400
Subject: Mars Surveyor: Plans For Second Cluster Of

Go to

<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/update4-10.html>

PLANS FOR SECOND CLUSTER OF TARGETED IMAGING

10-APR-98 5:00 PM PDT

The Mars Surveyor Operations Project is proceeding with the implementation of its second cluster of targeted imaging at Mars. This cluster will target the two Viking Lander sites, an refined Mars Pathfinder landing site, and, because of the previous successful imaging of the "Face on Mars", a different area of the Cydonia region will be targeted.

On Sunday, April 12th, at 8:22 AM PDT and at 8:01 PM PDT, MGS will again attempt to image the sites of the Viking Landers on two consecutive orbits.

On Monday, April 13th, at 7:40 AM PDT, MGS will again attempt to image the site of the Mars Pathfinder landing. The coordinates of the site have been refined since the first imaging attempt.

On Tuesday morning, April 14th, at 6:56 AM PDT, MGS will again image a portion of the Cydonia region. Because the image of the "Face" was successful in the last attempt, the target area will be shifted slightly to the southwest of the "Face" to capture an image of the features known as "The City". This area contains features identified as "mounds", "city square", "pyramid" and the "fortress". The "city square" will be the target point.

The same probabilities of success of 30% to 50% will apply to these attempts based on navigation uncertainties and spacecraft performance. Experience with the first cluster of targeted images has shown that winter weather in the northern hemisphere of Mars at this time causes hazy, surface frost and heavy cloud cover to be significant factors in the success of seeing the targets clearly. The weather effects are not included in the probability of success estimates.

Results of the Cydonia imaging will be posted on the Internet, in the same manner as in the first observation attempt, at approximately mid-evening Pacific Time on Tuesday, April 14th. If the landers are within the resulting images and can be identified, the image(s) containing it (them) will be released.

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Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

From: Karel Bagchus <karel@atmm.nl>
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 14:33:48 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 12:08:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 11:06:13 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

>>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 11:50:40 GMT
>>From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

>>>From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>Date: Wed, 8 Apr 1998 22:42:40 +0200
>>>Subject: Fwd: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

>>>Two thirds of the data is missing!! Using a histogram, both
>>>Richard Hoagland and Keith Rowland have determined that two
>>>thirds of the data on the RAW image of Cydonia is missing!

<snipped for brevity>

>>How can there be data missing when the resolution is 10x better
>>than Vikings images?

>Anyone who works in digital imaging knows that 256 shades of
>gray just represents the maximum number of shades available.

<snipped for brevity>

Hi Bob, Roger,

Bob is right on this. You can check for yourself by taking any full color image in a simple program like paint shop pro, select colors menu -> adjust -> hue/saturation, set the saturation to -100 to convert to B&W, then select colors menu -> count colors. the result is never higher then 256.

Hoagland has lost contact with reality. But then, I already knew that when he started propagating this "reverse speech" threory.

However, i still think that the "evidence" either way is inconclusive. What the pictures show is a heavily eroded rock, nothing more, but nothing less. We can't say mutch about the supposed structures in the supposed face because of the very low angle of view that distorts any features if present, and the poor lighting/visability conditions.

The same image "enhancements" that where used for 20 years to prove that the face is real are now being used to disprove the theory. IMHO you can enhance a picture as long as you want until you see either a natural rock or an artificial face.

Ofcourse "it" (no side taken) looks like an eroded hill. Gjees folks... what did we expect to see ? A shiny gold-plated sphynx with an inscription "killroy was here" ?

Once again we're being very unscientific. Ask any archeologist.

Karel.

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Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 20:14:03 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 12:05:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

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>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:13:53 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Jim Deardorff asked for examples of synclines and antisynclines
>and other features similar to the Face. Gemini photo S-65-45722
>(NW of Kerman, SCentral Iran) is filled with such features.
>Others appear in S-65-45617 (SE Iraq)

Mark,

Are these two Gemini S photos on the web anywhere, do you know?
I started searching, but no luck. Do I need to write to some
NASA address and wait a few weeks?

I did check out the web page with that nice photo of an inelberg
on it.

Regards,

Jim

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Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

From: **Kerry Ferrand** <kferrand@rocketmail.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 06:13:59 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 15:39:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 10:48:43 -0400
> From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

<snip>

> You have not addressed the question as to why the image has low
> contrast. By definition the histogram analysis shows that, what's
> your explanation for why that is the case?

> Gary

to quote <http://marsweb.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/update4-9.html>:

"Since winter clouds cover much of the northern hemisphere of Mars above 40=B0 N latitude at this time of the Martian year, the raw image of the "Face" was of very low contrast, that is, variations in brightness of the picture elements cover a very small range compared to the ultimate capability of the camera. Thus, the "raw" image appears very dark and flat".

K

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UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 08:37:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 15:35:56 -0400
Subject: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Thu, 09 Apr 1998 12:00:15 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

REGARDING THE MEXICO CITY AUG 6 1997 VIDEO:

<SNIP>

>My initial reaction was the same as Bruce's first impression, in
>that it was an obvious fake. On the other hand, careful analysis
>is making that a difficult position to maintain. Bruce will be
>speaking at the Mid-Atlantic UFO Symposium next month in
>Bethesda, Maryland and I would assume that the Mexico City Video
>will be his topic.

>Steve

>PS- David Jacobs and Col. Halt are also scheduled speakers at
>the May event, and if anyone wants detail let me know.

Yes, indeed I will discss the video. Also, Col Halt of
Bentwaters- Rendlesham (England) fame fame will likely NOT be
there (keeping silent while he completes his book). HOWEVER
Robert Swiatek (FUFOR), Robert Hall (sociologist), Peter Resta
(psychologist), Charles Emmons (author of "At the Edge"), Dave
Jacobs and Linda Howe will be there!

So.... BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!!!

(May 9. Interested? Email brumac@compuserve.com
for more info)

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 08:37:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 15:38:19 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 08:01:31 -0700 (PDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

<snip>

>>(You recall last summer's "dummy drop" theory of the Roswell
>>bodies.) The suggestion is made that the smog somehow made the
>>"hologram" visible. Had there been a dense cloud and had it
>>been night time then it woul have been possible to project some
>>light image on the cloud and creat the impression of some
>>lighted object. You cannot project "darkness".... yet the UFO
>>image is darker than the sky background.Thus you would have to
>>assume that the "hologram" sucked light out of the atmosphere
>>within a volume that defines the size of the UFO.The "dark side"
>>may be powerful.... but not that powerful.
>>Bottom line: not a hologram or any trick of light projection.

>Thanks very much, Bruce, for pointing out these things. It is too
>bad that UPN didn't have anyone like you on their program to
>bring in some common sense.

>In this case, then, it would have been necessary for the
>laser-beam projectionists to have a large mirror positioned up in
>the sky directing the image to the video camera on the roof top,
>and other such mirrors directing it to each of the witnesses?>

Yeah, well.... ":something like that.."

If a laser beam that had passed through a hologram had been
pointed at the camera.... yeah... marginally (given enough light
to see the image against the bright sky....

BBB...UUU...TTT....

Again I say, projections of laser beams and use of mirrors would
make an image that could be no darker than the sky.... since youj
can't bram "darkness" (at least we don't know how).

Hence I don't really care how you imagine a combination of laser
beams and holograms....

IT CAN'T BE DONE TO CREATE AN IMAGE SUCH AS WE HAVE IN THE MEXICO
CITY VIDEO.

Electronic forgery seems the only reasonable manner....
and even that is being stressed to the breaking point.....

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Alfred's Odd Ode #238

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 08:19:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 15:40:37 -0400
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #238

Apology to MW #238 (For April 11, 1998)

"End time deceptions" is what I've been reading, and I'm always afraid of the tone -- the ones give it credence =85 the ones with a smirk, and an axe they summarily hone. I'm leery of those proud of faith that's untested; those plainly damned by Comenius. He painted as worthless our untested faith; he said useless, inutile and valueless. I think it Voltaire who had put it the best, and allowed that there'd always be "scuts"; until such a time as the last King in line -- choked the last Priest with the King's steaming guts!

In my position I have intuition regarding a child thought bad. Believe it? It's true! You predicted, construed -- prophesy fulfilled (it's contrived but you're glad)! It's self fulfilling prophesy you worked to congruence, as the child, is a child -- is a child. It was the fruit of his mistreatment that insured his cruel abasement; it was you that turned him sullen, mad, and wild. It was you, oh so insured, and in the throws of your **conviction**. It was you that had, too quick, made up your mind. It was you that made dictation on the way that he went down.
It was you that made him lost; it was you that made him blind.

Your **book's** a mere shadow of what has been told. All the words of it worms on a log. Your tale has been told many times in the past -- Osiris, and Hercules, reflecting Christ's tale? Then Christ comes along in a scurrilous fog!

Faith's an inadequate drum one can beat when the slings of reality wound.
Don't count on your brother, or accuse your abuser, or work to improve the conditions construed. No, count on your **faith** to sustain you in ignorance; count on your **faith** for your bland, trite insouciance. Count on a **faith** that is good for the few; count on a **faith** that diminishes you.

"A lie in the fog," I've heard it described -- conveniently, columns of pain. It loves the supplication of the darling human Able, but hates and disrespects dissatisfactions found in Cain! I bet that's topsy-turvy and it's not the way we're taught! I bet we have it backwards, and I'm betting we've been mocked! Maybe Able smirked and sneered, and Cain's was just a frame up. The harder job, I think, was Cain's, and he rates a better write up!

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Now before you start getting out the hammers and the nails, lighting your torches, and knocking the cow dung from your pitchforks (some of you) -- read about Enlil, and Enki and tell me what conclusions you come to. Read the story that's at the roots of your story. Read what went before. Read how your story was told **first**! Read how it's all mixed up with visitations of physical beings from other worlds, realities, or dominions -- and UFO's <g>.

Here in Alabama we received in the mail a theatre production of the life of Christ. A conservative estimate at \$5.00 a tape (not counting using FEDERAL postal vehicles with NO POSTAGE paid -- the tape was free of ANY franking) means that 10 MILLION dollars was invested in a superficial,

nebulous, and instantly expended and lost -- momentary prevarication of self-gratifying "feel good". I can only think of ten million dollars invested at a conservative rate of 5% that would make 500 hundred thousand dollars a year available for an Alabama education system that bounces off the bottom of the national education scale.

Plato wondered that perhaps the unexamined life was not worth living. John Amos Comenius was abundantly clear that untested faith is not only valueless, it is harmful. And me? I read those guys <g>, while you =85 You just scare the hell out'a me. Keep grinding your axe, but also expect me to keep challenging you to prove how sharp it's really getting, and where you expect to employ that dull blade. Put down your pitchforks, and open different books. Give, and get respect.

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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 09:53:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 21:53:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 14:00:20 -0700
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

>Dear Mr. Prokic, Stig and list

>I thought about it, but still don't quite understand. Are
>there some 175-odd shades of grey "missing"? Or is this just a
>simple result of light conditions etc. when the image was taken.

>Are there important differences between the "face" shots and
>others which came in much clearer? Were light conditions,
>distances, Mars weather etc. somehow selective or deselected in
>the Cydonia region?

>As for Hoagland, I heard the interview. I agree it was a rather
>sad face-saving episode. I was reminded of "radio-buttons" ..
>you push down one piece of nonsense, and up pops another .. a
>whirling dervish of ideas that few can keep track of. Even the
>extremely tolerant [and seemingly credulous] Art Bell was
>getting lost, and audibly irritated.

>So far, I see nothing to suggest anything artificial on Mars.

>- Larry Hatch

Larry,

It is easy to understand why people who are not involved in digital imaging find all of this confusing. I spend a lot of time every month trying to make this stuff comprehensible to a non-technical audience, and it is difficult.

256 shades of gray is the standard dynamic range chosen for most high-end digital cameras. This range produces a camera capable of producing images which look natural to the human eye when taken under a wide variety of lighting conditions. But just because the camera CAN record 256 shades of gray, that does not mean that it will on the vast majority of images taken with it.

How many shades of gray it will actually record depends on the contrast (number of shades of gray available) in the subject. If you have something which is pure black and pure white, that's only two shades of gray. Both very high contrast subjects and very low contrast subjects have a limited gray scale, and will record images with fewer than 256 shades of gray.

To imply that this is missing data or some sort of flim-flammery on NASA's part is just about the most ridiculous thing that I have seen anywhere!!!

Those other shades of gray just weren't there in the subject, so there is no way ANY camera could have recorded them.

I think in the spirit of charity that all of us here on this list should donate a shade or two of gray to poor Mr. Hoagland. Perhaps he can then plug them into his image and go off happily

into his looking glass.

Bob

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From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 09:38:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 21:52:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 10:48:43 -0400
>From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

>Mark,

>You have not addressed the question as to why the image has low
>contrast. By definition the histogram analysis shows that, what's
>your explanation for why that is the case?

>Gary

Gary,

The image has low contrast because the SUBJECT had low contrast.

Flat lighting and some clouds, ergo low subject contrast.

A low subject contrast produces low image contrast.

Simple enough for you?

Bob

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Re: Water found on Saturn's Moon

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 07:00:45 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 21:56:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Water found on Saturn's Moon

> [to] Kal and everybody else,

> I think it's time for me to take a break from all these Cydonia
> arguments. Last night, I had a dream (At least I think it was a
> dream) that a UFO was traveling across my ceiling over my bed. I
> woke up screaming and scared the S**t out of my wife. Then in the
> morning, I woke up with a bloody nose. I get those a lot after
> being sick. I had been sick for two weeks. I don't think I had an
> implant put in but you never know... Why do I all of a sudden
> have an urge to make my mash potatoes in the shape of Devil's
> Tower?

> The other dream consisted of Kal Korff chasing me around
> some house with a knife trying to kill me because of my
> "mean" email to him. He didn't get me!!! I had read Kal's
> response to me before going to bed so it was on my mind.
> I need a break!!! Nobody should have to dream about Kal
> Korff! No offense Kal. We all need to lighten up!

> Oh yeah, I think Kal lightened up in the dream and wanted
> to play some music. We somehow wound up in a music
> warehouse with instruments. The owner of the warehouse
> wouldn't let me play the drums so we had to take a raincheck.
> I think Kal was ready to play the guitar. Is this sick or what.
> Good Bye!!!

> Joe in Tampa

Dear Joe:

This is kalled KKKitis.

The same thing happened with Hubert Horatio Humphrey.

The three initials being identical, the self (Hubert for example)
gets confused with the overlying Klass (class, excuse me!) i.e.
the Humphrey family; until the casual passer-by is lost in such
a mess of self-referential and cyclical loops that one wants to
vomit. Voila' its Nixon time!

I recommend small doses of dark Oregon beer, perhaps 2 or 3
ounces, taken at regular intervals, say 2 or 3 minutes apart. A
shot or 2 of scotch helps if you feel bloated.

If the condition persists, you might try some science classes at
your local community college!
These are amazingly
inexpensive.

There is no better deal in education on this planet.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

p.s. One Richard Hoagland book for sale. Make an offer.

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Yorkshire, UK UFO crash

From: David Clarke <dclarke14@compuserve.com>

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 10:48:45 -0400

Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 07:40:08 -0400

Subject: Yorkshire, UK UFO crash

Reply to Peter Kazlouski... re Sheffield UFO Crash

Your statement "Anyone claiming to be a ufologist MUST provide fact and detail, not just blind allegations having no slightest substantiation. To fail to provide such truth just increases the doubt,.. " exactly sums up this case.

The "ufologists" who are making the outrageous claims about this case have not provided any facts at all, merely speculation.

My investigation has produced facts which are on record and can be checked - for example, we know there was a low flying military exercise. We can prove that. We can't prove there were aliens flying around, as they don't keep log books as far as I am aware.

As for proof of who was flying the aircraft - it's not my job to discover who was responsible, that's for the authorities. What we have proved is there WAS an aircraft, or aircrafts. That is sufficient to solve this case.

As for the loony theories about a UFO shooting down an RAF fighter - do they really believe a Tornado fighter could crash into a reservoir just 15 miles from one of Britain's biggest cities and all traces of that crash, including two bodies, be removed right under the noses of 141 civilian mountain rescue team searchers without anyone noticing?

Yes, I hear the ET paranoids in reply.

But how many of these people know anything about the geography of this area - and how many have spoken to the mountain rescue, fire and police officers involved? I live just 5 miles from this crash zone, know the area very well, and can assure you hundreds of people would know about a crash if it had happened. No one does, other than two ET believers.

There are no Tornados missing, there are no missing pilots.

The truth about this case is that the word "UFO" was never even mentioned in connection with the incident until an ET believer decided to take it upon himself to turn it into a UFO incident.

The police, newspapers and everyone else involved knew all along that it was caused by a low flying aircraft, and that's how the story was dealt with by the Press and police right from the word go. Just who was flying that aircraft/aircrafts doesn't really matter - what matters is that it was an aircraft, not a UFO, whatever that might be.

I also fear you have misinterpreted what I said about the videotape of the light aircraft taken in Sheffield that night. No one, least of all the people who filmed the video footage, ever claimed it showed a UFO. They came forward with the video after hearing radio reports about the search for a crashed aircraft, and thought the airplane they had captured on camcorder that same night might be the one involved.

The point I was making was that when I viewed the video alongside detectives at Sheffield police station the "Aircraft" comes into view and APPEARS to look like a triangular formation

of lights. It is not until the aircraft approaches the camera and banks that the "triangle" resolves itself into a light aircraft, with lights on its nose and wings, and the clear drone of an engine can be heard.

My point here is that if a light aircraft can appear to look like a triangle, and we know that people claim to have seen a UFO looking like a triangle that very same night, then it is surely logical to conclude these people saw an aircraft too, not a triangular shaped UFO. Anything else and we are in bonkers territory.

Unlike you, I do not except the ETH as fact. Where are the facts? The videos taken in Mexico do not prove anything other than misperception of natural phenomena, as the feature article in the latest Fortean Times has demonstrated.

The Sheffield "crash" is just another prime example of misperception - it shows it is the UFOlogists who create the UFOs!

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Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

From: Kal K. Korff <Totlresrch@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 12:39:41 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 08:03:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

Dear Joe:

<big snip>

>Well Kal, you mislead people. As I said, the data isn't complete
>yet so no conclusions can be made. I wrote to Mark Carlotto and
>asked him if he was prepared to make the statement that The Face
>is natural. Here's my email to him with his response.>>

The information about Mark Carlotto came to me from MSN. Either Mark has CHANGED his story, or someone at MSN is not playing straight with the facts. I doubt this, since this person is a good friend of Mark's, and is a JOURNALIST who INTERVIEWED HIM. As you may know, I was on MSN recently as a guest as well, so when we were discussing the face on Mars, this information was communicated to me and I conveyed it ACCURATELY.

Just LOOK at the image, Joe!! Does it look like a face? NO!!

Carlotto was also, according to the MSN journalist, very careful about his remarks on the "face" as well...he said that the original conclusion was based on a certain set of ASSUMPTIONS.

Assumptions, Joe, NOT facts -- that's the key word here.

I was not literally serious about the face and the bet. I would hate to take someone's money so easily. :-) However, the FACT remains that there is NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT IS BEYOND DISPUTE OR DEFINITIVE that there EVER WAS or IS a "face on Mars."

However, due to people like Hoagland (who is far more than just an innocent "passionate" person, and I think YOU know better, so quit softpedaling him -- Billy Meier is "passionate" as well, but he is a cult leader and fraud) there is a "farce on Mars."

I think Hoagland should REFUND everyone's money for taking them all along on his Martian rorschach obsession.

While I would sincerely like there to be "pyramids" or real "faces" on Mars whose origin was artificial, once again I am predicting that the so-called "Hoagland evidence" (I hate to use the word evidence and Hoagland in the same sentence) will fall apart like the flimsy house of cards it was originally built on.

Now, if you don't mind, sir, I plan to return to my efforts of creating the largest government UFO-related documents/web-based database for UFO researchers to use -- even by those who still believe Billy Meier or the non-existent "face" on Mars.

Let Carlotto take his time...fine, but I "psychically" predict it WON'T make ANY difference. The "face" is not there...and the TRUTH is, there was never an absolutely certain reason for ever believing that it was EVER there in the first place, and once again the UFO field has yet another self-inflicted black eye on its' collective face.

Congratulations, Joe!!

Hope your "nightmares" about me come to an end -- but remember, sometimes the truth is NOT what we would like it to be.

And IF and when a face is ever found on Mars, despite the fact we never made a bet, I WILL pay you (or even Hoagland) \$1,000.00 -- and I would HAPPILY ADMIT that I was wrong.

Kal (returning to my government document effort where REALITY exists) Korff

Konfuscious saying #19.5: "No matter what the real evidence is, some people will ALWAYS believe that there is a face on Mars and the U.S. government is covering it up."

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From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 08:16:52 -0400
Subject: The UpDates .Sig

To: Errolk Bruce-Knapp
Fm: Larry Hatch
Re: Traffic

Dear EBK: (if that is acceptable)

Lots of steam has vented with respect to the issues. I'm sure that is all fine, and perhaps the object of it all.

My not-so-humble offering is that the ghastly masthead at the bottom of each post could simply be dropped.

Just tell your web-site parasite to leave it off.

The gig with the "UFO UPDATES .. " might have been cute in BBS days, but now I'm afraid Richard Hoagland might find something unwarranted.

Windows-95 and attachments eat up such insane amounts of memory that even the Quebecois are starting to study English. Please .. Nichte ein-stopffen der "bandwidth" mit 1977 cartoonen.

Otherwise, I wish you the very best!

- Larry Hatch.

[The committee will study the motion, as tabled, and will report back subsequent to the felling of several weed maples during the course of this day. Votes, comments welcomed -- ebk]

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Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 98 11:16:42 PDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 08:07:30 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"

> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 20:34:40 -0400
> From: Mendoza <101653.2205@compuserve.com> [Peter Brookesmith]
> Subject: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> The Duke of Mendoza presents his compliments.

> >To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> >From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UFOs An "End-Times Deception"
> >Date: Mon, 06 Apr 98 09:56:34 PDT

> >I fear the good Duke has demonstrated exactly my point: the abuse
> >of the word "belief" in UFO polemic.

> Thanks a lot, but I fail to see the verbal abuse here. There is,
> for example, neither indisputable proof nor even any persuasive
> indication that "Roswell" involved any alien craft. To argue that
> it did from the available, *reliable* evidence seems to me to be
> a product of "belief". If I said "prejudice" or "biased opinion"
> would that make the point clearer? Whichever term you choose, it

> amounts to holding an opinion whose weight the evidence by itself
> will not support.

Reading the above and, more particularly, what follows, I get the uncomfortable impression that the good Duke is having a bad day, since the fury of his response to my rather mild remarks seems, mmm, a tad out of proportion. Now it is even harder than formerly to resist the notion, as I stated in an earlier posting (which everybody else, I'm sure, has forgotten by now), that the Duke rejects the extraordinary claim that those who disagree with him could have any other motive than blind "belief."

The evidence for the Roswell incident as crashed spacecraft is hardly conclusive; neither, for that matter, are its alternative explanations, to which intelligent Roswell-as-ET-event advocates have mounted thoughtful rejoinders. (The problem, of course, is that no real investigation was mounted before three decades had passed; an event already shrouded in secrecy [a fact which, after years of angry denial, even debunkers have had to concede to the proponents], plus decades for people to die or memories to falter, is going to be extraordinarily difficult to reconstruct in a way that satisfies all reasonable observers. Which is why the debate effectively stalemated sometime ago.) Those who are still following the controversy will want to turn to the exchange in the current issue of the Journal of Scientific Exploration as well as any number of pieces we have run in IUR over the years.

> "So much of "ufology" is entangled with
> 'belief' - from extreme debunker to extreme true believer - that,
> I submit, it's impossible to draw a line between what is secular
> and what is not in this field." I should have thought that the
> implication that "belief" (or faith) is not limited to matters of
> religion was not too difficult to grasp (and within nanoseconds).

The first two lines make a certain sense, since obviously anybody can call himself or herself a ufologist if the spirit dictates.

It would be nice if we had a licensing procedure here, but we don't. If we are going to make any progress, however, it is the best of us, and the best evidence, that must be at issue, at least if the question is about the strength of the evidence rather than about the education, mental health, character, honesty, credulity, or bigotry of the persons shouting at each other.

By the third line, sadly, the good Duke is spewing rubbish. If the Duke really believes "It's impossible to draw a line between what is secular and what is not in this field," then I feel genuinely sorry for him.

Even the dimmest bulb in ufology knows the difference between, say, Bill Weitzel's investigative report on the Portage County police chase on one hand and channelings from Ashtar on the other, or Brad Sparks on the RB-47 case as opposed to Lord Clancarty on the Sky People, or Mike Swords on the ETH vs. George Van Tassel on same. Or Project 1947 as opposed to the George Adamski Foundation. Or James McDonald vs. Gordon Creighton. And on and on. This is the sort of rhetorical inflation from which even a Phil Klass would recoil, and it does absolutely nothing to further the discussion.

> >He rejects the abduction
> >phenomenon as evidence of an external intelligence;

> My consistently-stated point of view is actually that EVEN IF the
> abduction phenomenon WERE the product of an "external
> intelligence" then the evidence so far offered doesn't support
> the contention. As was wisely observed to the Arkansas Traveler,
> "If I was going to go there, I wouldn't start from here."

No disagreement there. I've said as much myself.

> That judgement is reached through some familiarity with the
> proffered "evidence" & the arguments over it, some capacity for
> logical thought, and some acquaintance with sundry other matters
> that bear on the issues, some of which do not appear in the
> pro-alien literature. (This is not the occasion to ask why not.)

Speaking of what is not spoken of in the anti-abduction literature, one ought to go back to the exchange here, a few months ago, in which an anti-abduction theorist tried to tell abductee John Velez what he had "really" experienced and happily ignored everything John had to say that cast the theorist's belief into serious question.

It reminds me of Ray Fowler's Allagash Abductions, which Fowler investigated with characteristic thoroughness and which makes a powerful case for a real event -- and then Peter Rogerson's review of same in Magonia, apparently of a different book of the identical title and an author who coincidentally bears the same name. As a young Paul Simon sagely observed three decades ago, a man hears what he wants to hear and disregards the rest. From my long observation of the abduction debate, that's as true of those on the Duke's side as on the proponents'.

> >here
> >defined, evidently, as any point of view the Duke doesn't like.

> And that insults my intelligence. What is there to like or dislike
> in stories that have gnashed onto some debris lying in a desert, or
> someone's deeply-felt conviction that they have been violated by
> "aliens"? ("Evidently" is another word of mysterious provenance and
> questionable pretext.)

> One judges to the best of one's wherewithal. Expressing a judgement
> implicitly invites criticism of its bases and processes. To that
> extent, and assuming some capacity for flexibility & honesty in the
> judging mind, one has a duty to make one's wherewithal as
> formidable as one can, and to recognize that any conclusion is
> inevitably provisional. That done, it is hardly unreasonable to
> wish that one's critics might exercise a similar discipline of
> mind, language and, even, courtesy.

Duke, with all respect, the above seems odd coming from somebody who's just leveled the incredible (and deeply offensive) charge that it's "impossible" to tell the difference between secular and religious responses to the UFO question. (Does this apply, incidentally, to your own writings on same?) Talk about an insult to the intelligence of all of us -- and, were you not the man

leveling the charge, I would have included you in that number -- who have labored to bring intellectual discipline to our unruly field.

Incidentally, I am writing a paper, for an anthology of scholarly work on ufology to be published by the University of Kansas Press (which apparently also knows the difference between religious saucerianism and secular ufology), on ufology's formative years, on how it came to see itself and to define its role. A crucial early essay, read by hardly anybody today that I know of, is Isabel L. Davis' "Meet the Extraterrestrial," Fantastic Universe, November 1957. Davis was among the early pioneers who fashioned a secular response to the UFO phenomenon, and her wonderfully written, witty piece explains why ufologists rejected the early contactees; in doing so, she helps define what ufology is or at least should be. (Jan Aldrich once told me that Isabel Davis was the most intelligent person he has ever met in this field. Those who read her article will get some idea of her formidable insightfulness.)

I would like not to suspect the Duke's motives here. I would like to believe that his insistence that ufology be defined by its worst has nothing to do with an aversion to its best, where the real and immensely difficult problems and prospects lie, along with evidence that has proven infuriatingly difficult to refute over these past five decades. No one has to lecture me about ufology's failings or its crazier aspects, about which I've probably written as much as any other human, living or dead. And that stuff is interesting, from any number of points of view, which is why there's so much about the contactee movement in the just-published 2nd edition of my UFO Encyclopedia. None of it, however, helps us understand the best-documented and most puzzling UFO cases. Which is so self-evident that, in being forced to make the point, I embarrass myself.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
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Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 08:08:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA

>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 08:25:49 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

>>From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 01:02:34 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Neg Reversal of Mars Images by NASA?

>>Hi Bob and list members!

>>Just to put things straight. I didn't post Alexander
>>Krivenyshev's or McEoghan's theories about the "Mars Face" to
>>endorse them in any way, but to give an impression of the
>>discussion that is going on.

>>Of course the possibility, that NASA, as part of a conspiracy,
>>would commit the transparent fraud of posting a negative, is
>>nonexistent, but McEoghan's idea of turning the face 37 degrees
>>so that it is seen straight up and down, seems excellent to me.

>>Stig

>Rotating the image 37 degrees only makes sense if you think
>it IS a face. Why should NASA, who obviously think it is a hill,
>do anything like that???

>For NASA/JPL to do this would imply support of the opinion that
>there is something there. Obviously, there isn't.

>Bob

Neither McEoghan nor I ever said that NASA should.

Stig

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Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 21:40:38 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 08:36:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

>Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 06:13:59 -0700 (PDT)
>From: Kerry Ferrand <kferrand@rocketmail.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 10:48:43 -0400
>> From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

>> You have not addressed the question as to why the image has low
>> contrast. By definition the histogram analysis shows that, what's
>> your explanation for why that is the case?

>> Gary

>to quote <http://marsweb.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/update4-9.html>:

>"Since winter clouds cover much of the northern hemisphere
>of Mars above 40=B0 N latitude at this time of the Martian
>year, the raw image of the "Face" was of very low contrast,
>that is, variations in brightness of the picture elements
>cover a very small range compared to the ultimate capability
>of the camera. Thus, the "raw" image appears very dark and
>flat".

Kerry, Mark, Bob Shell and others,

Evidently the lack of good contrast is being attributed to a thin cloud cover over the whole area. That is, if you have a high white overcast, it illuminates the ground from all angles, thereby largely filling in the shadows caused by the direct sunlight.

But I'm very dubious of this being an explanation that applies here. We see no evidence of this thin cloud layer. Although the moisture content or water-vapor density of the upper Martian air might be quite uniformly distributed, the vertical motions of the air containing the moisture are usually not free from non-uniformities, due to wind shear and turbulence, and these cause the water vapor to condense (in ice form) first and most in regions of strongest upward motion. So also on Earth, even when we have a fairly uniform sheet of cirro-stratus, one sees superimposed cloud streaks here and there, unless the sheet is thick enough for its overall whiteness to mask them. The postulated thin Martian cloud layer certainly wasn't thick enough to show up, and so wouldn't have been thick enough to mask the expected cloud streaks. In fact, since the postulated cloud layer is so transparent as not to be visible at all, it could scarcely have caused significant illumination relative to that of the direct sunlight (differences between back-scattered and forward-scattered intensities notwithstanding).

There are a couple of small, dark shadows in the image of the "Face." These also suggest to me that the thin cloud-layer explanation won't suffice; otherwise those shadows wouldn't be there.

There are some whiter blotchy regions around the right side (as

we view it) of the "face" and "chin." I don't know if these are clouds or not, but if they are, they don't explain the suspected lack of contrast elsewhere.

It might instead be that lack of proper focus of the camera was the prime culprit here.

An interesting sidelight: This image of the "Face" appears to show a crater in its lower right portion (as we view it), since a rim occurs around much of it and streaks of ejecta diverge away from it. (Please correct me if I'm wrong, experts!) This occurs at the very same spot (as far as I can tell) at which the 2nd Face photo of 1976 (70A13) at higher sun angle showed a circular spot. However, that circular spot was nothing but a grid marking superimposed on the image!

Some brief remarks about the inselberg Mark Cashman referred me to at: <http://www.nkw.ac.uk/bgs/w3/photo/images/d2387.gif> .

The half of the outline of the inselberg visible in the photo had the proper overall shape as the "Face" pedestal, but the larger-scale irregularities along its length looked to have a width of up to 10% of its length, while for the "Pedestal" the same figure seems like 2% or less. A view from way above would be necessary to check this better, and to determine the degree of lateral asymmetry. What the inselberg totally lacks is the parallel-running little ridge with inboard trough that forms the upper rim of the "Pedestal." (Instead, the inselberg continues rising into several giant peaks.)

Thus I'm interested in looking at any other earthly terrain features that might be able to compete with the "Pedestal," which I now call it, not knowing what the terrain contours upon it may once have looked like, or may still resemble with better imaging.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Theresa <Tcarlson1@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 19:58:59 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 08:32:16 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 18:40:35 -0700
>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

Hi Terry,

>This is an excellent observation. Only someone familiar with SFX
>would see this; but, now that you point it out, the contrast
>between the buildings and the sky make creating the matte a
>breeze.

Part of the problem may be that people tend to think of
the images as three dimensional. And they are not. There
is no such thing as a 3d image, all images are 2d. An
image may represent a 3d object but the image itself is
two dimensional.

That's probably why the perspective views of the buildings
doesn't change on this video as the camera pans. I made the
same mistake when I made the saucer fly through the
Minneapolis skyline. (Don't remember if I ever sent that
to you.)

Hey, that reminds me! On my SOD video I explain some
of the basics of working with 2d rather than 3d, and I did a
zoom. I did that one as steps though to emphasize it, rather
than smooth seamless zoom. The mechanics are the same.

Also in the movie "Who Framed Roger Rabbit", don't they
do a zoom in on Jessica playing patty cake with the bad
guys? I thought of that one because it too is a combination
of real live film and animated effects.

>We never see the
>saucer leave the site. Now, it is possible that it zipped away
>toward the horizon just opposite the camera; but, the odds of
>this are slim. And before anyone says that the cameraman simply
>stopped filming at that point, ask yourself:

Actually, he doesn't stop filming. UPN doesn't show the entire
video. I got the preview copy of this in January, and it has more.
The "camera" continues to move over to the next building and then
starts to pan back.

And there is another clue here. The camera only pans left and
right. If the object went out of view, wouldn't it be natural to look
up higher in the sky for it?? The view never goes any higher in
the sky than what is seen in the initial long shot. What happens
if you pan too far up on 2d image? <G>

For this footage people are automatically assuming that
the buildings are 3d objects. This is understandable, as
they know the buildings are there and real objects.

One thing I haven't been able to find, is the UFO's shadow.
Even in the smog, or haze or whatever, the balconies and
other part of the buildings and foreground clutter have nice
crisp shadows all aligned in the proper direction.

Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

That's kind of a shame because some of the higher end softwares allow key framing of shadows as well.

Regards,

Theresa

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/tcarlson1>

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> >Mark,

> >You have not addressed the question as to why the image has low
> >contrast. By definition the histogram analysis shows that, what's
> >your explanation for why that is the case?

> >Gary

> Gary,

> The image has low contrast because the SUBJECT had low contrast.

> Flat lighting and some clouds, ergo low subject contrast.

> A low subject contrast produces low image contrast.

> Simple enough for you?

> Bob

Bob,

Of course it is simple.
Moreover I already knew the answer from reading about the
photographic conditions described on Mike Malin's website.
Besides which I had read many of the technical papers on the MOC
imaging system when they were released.

I just didn't understand why you were putting oneliners on the
list when what would be helpful for some of the less technically
knowledgeable readers on the list to have a photographic expert
like yourself explaining the merits and faults in the claims and
counterclaims.

Gary

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Re: BWW Media Alert 980412

From: BufoCalvin <BufoCalvin@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 09:59:50 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 21:35:09 -0400
Subject: Re: BWW Media Alert 980412

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April 12, 1998

Busy weekend, so pretty much right into the listings. One note, though: OMNI Magazine has suspended their weekly on-line chats, unfortunately. Mostly THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL this week: it's a darling of people who promote educational television, and probably the channel that carries the most paranormal programming (with the possible exception of THE SCI-FI CHANNEL). Btw, I noticed that WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT? for April 15 (tax day in the U.S.) has an episode entitled SPIRITS, ROBBERS, AND THE DEAD...coincidence? Not that I'm saying anything about the IRS, of course ;)

Times are generally Pacific, unless stated otherwise.

TELEVISION

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Sunday, April 12, 3:00 PM, UFOS: DOWN TO EARTH: UNCOVERING THE EVIDENCE (crash and retrieval stories)
Sunday, April 12, 5:00 PM, INSIDE AREA 51
Monday, April 13, 5:00 PM, TRAVELERS (UFOs).
Monday, April 13, 10:00 PM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: GHOSTS, ALIENS, AND EMPERORS
Tuesday, April 14, 2:00 AM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: GHOSTS, ALIENS, AND EMPERORS
Tuesday, April 14, 10:00 PM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: SPIRITS, ROBBERS, AND THE DEAD (includes ghosts)
Wednesday, April 15, 2:00 AM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: SPIRITS, ROBBERS, AND THE DEAD (includes ghosts)
Wednesday, April 15, 10:00 PM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: CASTLES, TOMBS, AND LEONARDO (includes a haunted house)
Thursday, April 16, 2:00 AM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: CASTLES, TOMBS, AND LEONARDO (includes a haunted house)
Sunday, April 19, 3:00 PM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: GHOSTS, ALIENS, AND EMPERORS
Sunday, April 19, 5:00 PM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: CASTLES, TOMBS, AND LEONARDO (includes a haunted house)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Still running SIGHTINGS on Sunday at 7:00 or 7:30 PM, and pretty much every weekday at 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

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Friday, MONTEL WILLIAMS, psychic Sylvia Browne

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Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 10:39:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 00:09:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon

>From: Kal K. Korff <Totlresrch@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 12:39:41 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Water Found on Saturn's Moon)

>Dear Joe:

><big snip>

>Just LOOK at the image, Joe!! Does it look like a face? NO!!

>Carlotto was also, according to the MSN journalist, very careful
>about his remarks on the "face" as well...he said that the
>original conclusion was based on a certain set of ASSUMPTIONS.

>Assumptions, Joe, NOT facts -- that's the key word here.

<snip>

>Kal (returning to my government document effort where REALITY
>exists) Korff

>Konfucious saying #19.5: "No matter what the real evidence is,
>some people will ALWAYS believe that there is a face on Mars and
>the U.S. government is covering it up."

Once again I find myself in total agreement with Kal.

Does this mean I am doing something wrong????

Bob

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Strieber On Father Balducci

From: Stig Agermose <interstate@supernews.com>
Date: 12 Apr 1998 08:09:53 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 21:34:55 -0400
Subject: Strieber On Father Balducci

My server is down at the moment so I'm using another one. The email below was received via "alt.ufo.reports" and Deja News.

Stig

Subject: Whitley Strieber comments on Monsignor Corrado Balducci (fwd)
From: nobody@REPLAY.COM (Anonymous)
Date: 1998/04/11
Message-ID: <6goneo\$72k@basement.replay.com>
Newsgroups: alt.alien.visitors,alt.ufo.reports,alt.paranet.ufo,alt.conspiracy.area51

Forwarded Message:

Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 12:28:19 -0500
To: UFOLAWYER1@AOL.COM
From: Whitley Strieber <xtrl@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: Monsignor Corrado Balducci

Dear Peter:

Msgr. Balducci is entirely real, and much of what he has been saying about the visitors is accurately presented in Boylan's statement. In addition, I understand that he has been doing a good deal of television recently. I know the Monsignor through Michael Hesseman and have talked to him personally about his views. He has given me an interview that is going to be published in my new book Confirmation, and in it he makes substantially the same statements about the need to stop fooling ourselves that the contact situation is psychological, and he makes the point that it is dangerous for Christians to ignore the testimony of millions if they are to accept the testimony of just a few as the basis of doctrine. He also discusses his contention that the visitors are not demons, and mentions that the subject matter is of special interest to the Church and the Christian community.

Msgr. Balducci told me personally when I asked him about his relationship to the pope that he knows the pope and is friendly with him. When I asked him if the pope was aware of his views on UFOs, he said that they had not discussed the matter per se, but had talked together about issues of demonology.

Boylan is also accurate in describing Msgr. Balducci as an expert on demonology. He has published on the subject and has been the exorcist for the Archdiocese of Rome. It is because of his expertise in this field that there is reason for Christians to regard his views on the question of whether or not the visitors are demons as an authoritative one.

In the interview I have, he did not mention anything about Papal nuncios reporting information to the Vatican on a formal basis, or the existence of a commission to deal with the issue.

He has personally read and agreed to every detail of the translation, and it is completely accurate. It will be published as an appendix to Confirmation, which should be in the stores by April 15.

Strieber On Father Balducci

In the interest of accuracy, I would very much appreciate your reposting of this letter to the same list that has received the previous two posts.

Sincerely yours,

Whitley Strieber

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Re: Yorkshire, UK UFO crash

From: "Jon" <jon@wibble.powernet.co.uk> [Jonathan Dyton]
Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 21:15:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 00:12:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Yorkshire, UK UFO crash

>Unlike you, I do not except the ETH as fact. Where are the facts?
>The videos taken in Mexico do not prove anything other than
>misperception of natural phenomena, as the feature article in the
>latest Fortean Times has demonstrated.

To cut a long opinion short, that Fortean times article was pretty naff really. Lets face it, taking 4 or 5 cases that are very easy to pull apart and ignoring other, more difficult to solve cases is the oldest trick in the book. The trouble is that its a trick that is repeated by both sides in this argument. The article didn't (because of space restrictions I assume) go into much depth, nor did it tackle any of the well known cases. lets face it, if your going to rip Mexico to shreds, then start with that case, where 4 people have filmed the same thing, not a bunch of obscure easily solved cases, who's importance has been pumped up.

Apart from that I totally agree with you, and can someone get Tony Dodd, to name the ship that he claims Disappeared in the North sea or the friend of his who was raided by the Police as he was on the phone to Dodd (The police know who he is why can't we), or even the name of the vet who does his autopsies on these mutilated animals. That would be a start.

Cheers Jon

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: "Terry J. Blanton" <commengr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 13:24:18 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 00:10:40 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

Theresa wrote:

> Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 19:58:59 -0400
> From: Theresa <Tcarlson1@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

<snip>

> That's probably why the perspective views of the buildings
> doesn't change on this video as the camera pans. I made the
> same mistake when I made the saucer fly through the
> Minneapolis skyline. (Don't remember if I ever sent that
> to you.)

Uh, T, there *is* one other explanation: the camera is running
on a rail parallel to the movement of the UFO. <g,d,r>

> Hey, that reminds me! On my SOD video I explain some
> of the basics of working with 2d rather than 3d, and I did a
> zoom. I did that one as steps though to emphasize it, rather
> than smooth seamless zoom. The mechanics are the same.

Again, my compliments on "Shadows of Doubt". Anyone who hasn't
seen it should visit the uforeports web page.

<snip>

> The camera only pans left and
> right. If the object went out of view, wouldn't it be natural to look
> up higher in the sky for it?? The view never goes any higher in
> the sky than what is seen in the initial long shot. What happens
> if you pan too far up on 2d image? <G>

Hey! I know the answer to this one! Keystone Kops!

[snip]

> One thing I haven't been able to find, is the UFO's shadow.
> Even in the smog, or haze or whatever, the balconies and
> other part of the buillings and foreground clutter have nice
> crisp shadows all aligned in the proper direction.

Yeah, I looked for a shadow, too. At least they seem to get the light
source in the right place.

> That's kind of a shame because some of the higher end
> softwares allow key framing of shadows as well.

Software and EFFORT. All good points, T!

Terry

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The Millennium Report - April 12, 1998

From: psa@direct.ca (Paul Anderson)
Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 13:50:03 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 00:15:17 -0400
Subject: The Millennium Report - April 12, 1998

The Millennium Report
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The Millennium Report is the weekly on-line news service of The Millennium Group, an independent future studies research organization, which provides the latest current information on a wide range of the most phenomenal, controversial and enigmatic issues of our time, and their possible implications as we approach the next Millennium; TMR is an alternative source of information which is often ignored or sensationalized by the mainstream and tabloid media.

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SPECIAL BULLETIN
New "Face on Mars" Photos Fail to Settle Controversy
Poor Quality of Images Raises More Questions
Second Enhanced Photo Not Publicized by Media
"City" to be Photographed on April 14

Plans for Second Cluster of Target Imaging

Other Unusual Objects in First New Cydonia Photos?

Alien Life "Will be Found by 2050"

Water Found on Saturn's Moon

Vast Water Vapor "Canopy" Found in Orion's Sword

Complete report on the TMG web site:
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Giant Martian Fossil Strong Evidence Of Life

From: Stig Agermose <interstate@supernews.com>
Date: 13 Apr 1998 00:22:19 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 00:20:45 -0400
Subject: Giant Martian Fossil Strong Evidence Of Life

Hi

My server is down at the moment so I am using another one. The fascinating item below is from the BBC's online news service.
URL:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_77000/77166.stm

Go to the site for images! The links are preceded by asterisks.

Stig

Sci/Tech

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Life on Mars (again)

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(Image:) The fossil shape

Scientists are claiming that they have found new evidence of life on Mars.

Researchers at Glasgow University say a huge rock formation on the planet's surface is probably a giant fossil created billions of year ago by microbes.

(Image:) Imitating Martian conditions in a Scottish laboratory

Recently, doubts have been expressed about earlier claims by some scientists that signs of Martian life had been found in meteorites that landed on Earth.

But the Glasgow team believes that photographs of the fossil on the white rock - a 17km-wide feature in a giant crater - are the strongest proof to date of life on the red planet.

Professor Mike Russell says he believes the formation was caused by bacteria whose growth was fuelled by the sun and nutrients in the water in a crater lake.

However, he believes that the life forms probably retreated below ground billions of years ago when conditions became harder and water disappeared from the surface.

(Image:) Mars: life may have gone underground"

There probably is still life on Mars, but not actually on the surface. Wherever there is water on a planet there is likely to have been life. But Mars now has a dry desert surface so there probably is not any life near the surface," he said.

Dr Russell also believes it possible that the formation on the white rock could be similar to magnesium-rich deposits found on Earth, which were created by micro bacteria feeding on magnesium, carbon dioxide and iron and light.

The next NASA mission to Mars is due to blast off next year. It is not scheduled to visit the white rock, but Dr Russell hopes a future European space mission will investigate.

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From: Masinaigan <Masinaigan@aol.com> [Joseph Trainor]
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Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 00:18:26 -0400
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 3, Number 15

UFO ROUNDUP
Volume 3, Number 15
April 12, 1998
Editor: Joseph Trainor

PHOTO OF CYDONIA FACE
SPURS FIERCE DEBATE

On Sunday, April 5, 1998, at 12:39 a.m. Pacific time, the Mars Global Surveyor, beginning its 220th orbit, aimed its camera at the surface and took a new photograph of the mysterious "Face" on Mars.

The "Face" is located at 40.8 degrees North and 9.6 degrees West on Mars. It was late morning in Cydonia at the time, with the sun in the southeast.

Controlled from the Malin Space Sciences System (MSSS) facility in San Diego, California, the spacecraft's Mars Orbiter Camera (MOC) shot a high resolution photo of 14.1 feet (4.3 meters) per pixel. This was about ten times better resolution than the Viking photo of September 1976.

The new MOC photo encompasses an area measuring 25.7 miles (41.5 kilometers) long and 2.7 miles (4.4 kilometers) wide.

The photo was processed at the MSSS facility following its arrival on Monday, April 6, at 9:15 a.m. It was then downloaded to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Cal.

"The famous 'Face on Mars' thought by some to be the work of an alien civilization, appears to be nothing more than natural ridges and craters."

The photo "shows the features to be simply 'erosional remnants' of rock shaped either by wind or water, said Alden Albee, project scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory." (See USA Today for April 7, 1998, page A-3, "NASA: Mars 'face' just a pile of rocks.")

Release of the new Cydonia photo touched off a fierce debate among scientists.

"The formation in the image beamed back to Earth from the Mars Global Surveyor and released Monday looks like everything from a sandal print to a stuffed chili pepper--everything, that is, but a face."

"'It's a mesa, a butte, a knob,' said Michael Ravine, advanced projects manager at Malin Space Sciences Systems..."It's a natural formation. I hope this has scotched this thing for good." (NASA news release for April 8, 1997)

But Richard C. Hoagland of the Enterprise Mission, a space research group based in New Mexico, "said too much data had been stripped from the picture in enhancing it and the result was too poor in quality to draw conclusions." (see USA Today, April 7, 1998)

"It's like looking at a TV with a bunch of snow on it," Hoagland said.

Michael Carr, a geologist at the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, Cal., said, "The area photographed is in a transition zone between an old cratered area and newer low-lying northerly plains. Knobs of rock from the old formation poke up in the plains, and this is one of them."

The debate over the Face has raged on the Internet all week, with no sign of letting up anytime soon. (Editor's Comment: I saw the new photo at the Malin site, and I tend to agree with the geologist. The Face is clearly an uplift feature. However, the extreme weathering of the butte/mesa was clearly caused by water, not wind, erosion. Also, that type of weathering shows that the Face mesa consists of sedimentary, not igneous, rock. All of which deepens the mystery of Mars. What happened to the oceans/seas/lakes in which the Cydonia sedimentary formations were laid down millions of years ago?)

SPANISH UFOLOGIST CLAIMS ALIEN CONTACT IN BOYHOOD

According to an article in the Spanish language magazine Enigmas, by author Iker Jimenez, the famous Spanish ufologist Antonio Ribera claims to have made contact with an alien back in 1930.

According to Spanish ufologist Pedro P. Canto, "Ribera, 78 years old," claimed that the incident "happened in 1930 when (he was) in his room in Barcelona."

"There appeared a very potent green light" without any visible source, Canto reported. Ten-year-old Antonio then saw "a short-statured being, corpulent and quadruped." The boy could not "distinguish arms, thorax or legs...Ribera did not feel any fear but rather amazement and curiosity."

The alien reportedly told Ribera that space-traveling species such as his had begun an era of "quiet contact" with selected humans.

In the article, Ribera, the author of 40 books on UFOs in Spanish, is quoted as saying, "It was as if someone had extended to me the knowledge--to speak up for the people's right to know that this exists."

Barcelona is the largest city in Spain's Catalonia region, bordering the Mediterranean Sea, located about 425 kilometers (255 miles) east of Madrid. (Muchas gracias a Pedro P. Canto para esas noticias.)

(Editor's Note: I consulted that "Prince of Saucerers," Charles Fort, and came up with two UFO-related incidents for 1930. Here they are:

April 28, 1930 - During an eclipse of the sun, Dr. H.M. Jeffries at Lick Observatory spotted an anomalous shadow "five miles broad" on the moon. See the Los Angeles Evening Herald for April 28, 1930.

December 25, 1930 - Tremendous "meteor" seen and heard in southern Idaho. "The crash, heard for miles, was described as 'like an earthquake.'" See the Idaho Statesman of Pocatello, Idaho for December 26, 1930.

See also THE COMPLETE BOOKS OF CHARLES FORT, Dover Press, 1974, pages 725 and 832.)

MYSTERY METEOR AWES HUNDREDS IN HAWAII

On Friday, March 27, 1998, at 2:40 a.m. Honolulu time, a mysterious explosion of bluish-white light, accompanied by a roaring sound, lit up the night sky west of the Hawaiian Islands.

On Oahu, the explosion was seen by dozens of people at Waimea, Waialua and Kawaihoa Beach.

On Maui, police received reports from witnesses in Lahaina, Honokowai, Puukolu and Honokahua.

On Hawaii, or the "Big Island," as locals call it, the flash was seen by witnesses from Upolu Point south to Kailua Kona.

A pilot for Aloha Airlines "witnessed the object while in the sky. He was obviously very excited and very moved by the experience. He said the object came within two miles of his (cargo) plane and lit up the entire sky...He said it created an increase in temperature that was felt by everyone in the cabin."

On the Big Island, Lana Kirkwood "was awake, sitting in her living room, reading a book" at 2:40 a.m. "when suddenly 'the whole sky lit up--a big flash of white light that lasted about three seconds' and was then followed 'by a big sound like a thunderbolt but there was no storm.'" The explosive roar lasted for an estimated four to five seconds.

Ms. Kirkwood "thought it was an earthquake or a volcano about to explode."

"Big Island police said the light, which was seen in all districts of the island, made the night sky as bright as day."

The U.S. Coast Guard identified the object as "a big meteor" and said it had "determined the source of the light after an investigation." (See the newspaper West Hawaii Today for March 29, 1998. Many thanks to Joan Ocean for forwarding the news story.)

SILVER SPHERE UFO SEEN IN NORTHERN LOUISIANA

On Sunday, April 5, 1998, Ms. Kathy D. and her stepdaughter were driving south on Highway 9 in Louisiana, from Junction City (population 749) on the Arkansas state line to Homer, La. (population 4,152) when they spotted something unusual in the sky.

"We noticed a strange reflection in the sky," Kathy reported. "At first I thought this was the sun reflecting off an aircraft. But after looking at the object I could tell it was no airplane. It was a sphere, that I at first believed was a weather balloon. But when it began to move randomly, I knew that it was not a weather balloon."

"I pointed it out to my step-daughter, and we both watched it disappear."

"In a matter of ten to fifteen seconds, the object reappeared ahead of us...It moved away from us, turning toward the left and traveling at what seemed to be great speed. It then disappeared again, and we didn't see it again...I have never witnessed anything like this before." (Many thanks to Tim Hagemester of NACOMM for this report.)

LARGE SAUCER SEEN AGAIN IN LAGRANGE, GEORGIA

On Tuesday, March 31, 1998, at 7:10 p.m., a 17-year-old boy was playing baseball with his friends in LaGrange, Georgia (population 25,597) when he witnessed the sudden flyby of a large saucer.

According to investigator John Thompson of MUFON, the witness "was facing northeast and saw a large white disc-shaped UFO fly by very fast. The UFO climbed at a steep 70-degree angle and disappeared behind a large cloud at blinding speed. The egg- or plate-shaped UFO was about a mile away and an apparent size (at that distance--J.T.) of three inches. It shot across the sky to the north in a second or less. The other boys did not see the UFO."

Thompson said he believes this saucer to be the same UFO seen in July 1997 and by LaGrange High School students camping out in September 1997.

"I believe this giant UFO is regularly penetrating airspace over the Troup/Heard (County) corridor in western Georgia," Thompson said. "Before darting away, it creates a large flash, as it breaks into light speed. When loitering, it flies well below the 2,500-foot radar ceiling so that the FAA in Atlanta and Columbus can't 'track' it."

LaGrange is 64 miles (106 kilometers) southwest of Atlanta. (See Filer's Files #14 for 1998. Many thanks to John Thompson and George A. Filer of MUFON for this report.)

ANOTHER UFO SIGHTED IN WESTERN KENTUCKY

On Monday, April 6, 1998, investigator Clint Stone of Kentucky MUFON spotted a UFO while skywatching

in Henderson (population 25,945), a small city on the Ohio River about 144 miles (230 kilometers) west of Louisville.

"I observed an UFO that had a color of white light and a flashing red one," Clint reported, having scanned the night sky from 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. "It was coming from the south with a light in the middle and two more white ones on the right side. It was heading northwest (towards Indiana--J.T.) when it suddenly changed course to due east. It was almost as if it made a right-angle (90 degree) turn to fly over my head."

The UFO's lights made "erratic motions...chasing each other like Christmas lights," he reported. "The colored lights were followed by a very fast bluish-white light that only flashed every ten seconds. The white/red light soon sped out in front of the bluish-white light as it headed off in the distance. Soon after a total of three lights were seen heading in the same direction. All had no sound." (See Filer's Files #14 for 1998. Many thanks to Clint Stone and George A. Filer of MUFON for this report.)

(Editor's Note: Henderson, Kentucky is right across the Ohio River from Evansville, Indiana, the center of the big UFO flap two weeks ago.)

NEW UFO SIGHTING IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

On Friday afternoon, April 3, 1998, salesman James Rickert, 26, was having lunch with about a dozen colleagues at a restaurant in downtown Fairfax, Virginia (population 17,622) when they suddenly spotted a UFO.

Fairfax is ten miles (16 kilometers) southwest of Washington, D.C., near the Capitol's Beltway.

"I was eating outside on a porch at the restaurant with 12 co-workers," Rickert reported. "Three of us at one table and many others eating at the restaurant saw a green orb in the sky. It moved along quickly and steadily for about ten seconds, going across the sky, then disappeared. Forty people outside also saw it. A few dismissed it as a shooting star. Those of us who saw it longer know that it was not. It glowed green and was cigar-shaped." (See Filer's Files #14 for 1998. Many thanks to George A. Filer of MUFON for this news story.)

UFOs MAKE NIGHT FLIGHTS OVER SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Two UFO sightings were reported near Adelaide, South Australia (S.A.) last week.

On Thursday, April 2, 1998, at 11 p.m., residents of Mallala, S.A., located about 50 kilometers (30 miles) north of Adelaide, "reported sighting a flashing light in the northern sky. The illumination flashed each time for about 21 seconds, and it was about 70 degrees above the horizon."

On Saturday, April 4, 1998, at 4 a.m., witnesses near Durrem, S.A. reported seeing "a large white illumination 'in a holding pattern' (hovering) above a paddock" located "25 kilometers (15 miles) from the nearest township." While the UFO hovered over the paddock, "small red lights came out of the ground and rose up into the larger illumination." (Many thanks to Ross Dowe and the Australia-New Zealand 24-Hour UFO Hotline for these reports.)

DAYLIGHT DISC SPOTTED BY STUDENTS IN MALAYSIA

On Saturday, March 14, 1998, several students at Taman Orkid, near Mingguan in the Southeast Asian county of Malaysia "saw an object like a saucer."

The boys, ranging in age from 11 to 14, said the UFO "was at a distance of 100 meters (330 feet) and about the size of two cars."

Mohd Firdaus Rashid, age 12, said, "The saucer seemed to have a light on its rear...The saucer beamed its light at us a few times, and when all its lights flashed, it flew away into the sky."

Rashid and six companions were playing near the mosque when they sighted the saucer hovering nearby.

Mohd Nazrin Ozali, age 11, said "the color of the craft was grey. The saucer did not rotate, and we saw four wings and a light beam onto a field."

Ihsan Ibrahim, age 12, said they lost sight of the UFO when it retreated behind a hill. (See the newspaper Alor Star of Kedah, Malaysia for March 15, 1998. Many thanks to Steve Wilson and Skywatch International for this report.)

BLACK HELICOPTERS ACTIVE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

Black helicopters were sighted recently at two UFO sites on either side of the Atlantic.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., Peter Gann was "approaching the last mini-roundabout on Strathaven county road" in East Kilbride, Scotland when he sighted one. "The chopper was visibly black and hovering over the fields and factories in the area. It had the shape of a--don't laugh--Airwolf chopper on TV and was either dark grey or black in colour."

East Kilbride, located 30 miles (48 kilometers) southeast of Glasgow, has been the center of a UFO flap since December 1997.

On January 25, 1998, a Greenhills man reported, "My sighting is of a large black helicopter, and it was only a hundred yards from my window. I could see the rotor blade quite clearly...It was big, it was black, and it did have unusual lighting." (Many thanks to Dave Ledger for this report.)

Here in the USA, two black helicopter sightings were reported in mid-March near Salisbury, North Carolina (population 23,087), a town on Highway 29 about 115 miles (184 kilometers) west of Raleigh.

On Friday, March 13, 1998, witnesses on Bringle Ferry Road spotted a black helicopter hovering over the area where local resident Thomas Moon saw a triangular UFO the night of January 30th.

On Saturday, March 14, 1998, ufologists Stefan Duncan and Jamie Maness spotted a black helicopter flying over High Rock Lake, east of Salisbury. Their sighting took place at 11 p.m. Duncan, who is the editor of American UFO Newsletter (AUFON), was on a routine skywatch at the time. (See AUFON #4 for 1998, Many thanks to Stefan Duncan for letting UFO ROUNDUP quote from his report.)

from the UFO Files...

1976: ABDUCTION IN IRAN

On April 5, 1976, Gholam Reza Barzagani, 19, took a walk in the woods near his hometown of Chalus, near the Caspian Sea in northern Iran.

"According to Barzagani, while he was walking along in the deep forest on Friday, he suddenly saw a UFO emerge from the sky, fly straight towards him and stop directly above him. He said he was unable to move as he watched four 'beings' come out of the spaceship and take him inside it."

"He claims that he spent some time under the scrutiny of the 'beings' before passing out. 'The next thing I remember is that I woke up back on Earth early in the morning, not in the lush Caspian forests, but surrounded by barren lands.'"

Barzagani wandered all morning until he found a dirt road and followed it into the town of Isfahan. The UFO had dropped him off in the desert a good 480 kilometers (300 miles) south of Chalus.

Barzagani was examined by doctors at the Red Lion and Sun Society Hospital in Isfahan. They pronounced him physically and psychologically fit. The head physician said, "This young man firmly believes that he has been aboard a flying saucer."

SAVAK, then Iran's national police, investigated the case and learned that "a number of people from these villages" around Isfahan "reported seeing what they described as a 'flying saucer.'"

The Barzagani case was the first in a series of UFO incidents that culminated in the pursuit of a UFO by fighter jets of the Iranian Air Force in September 1976. (See the Tehran Journal for April 7, 1976. See also UNSOLVED UFO SIGHTINGS, volume 3, number 3, Autumn 1995 issue, "UFOs and the Persian Gulf War" by Timothy Green Beckley, page 41.)

FUN UFO WEBSITES:

Cydonia is the word this week! Check out the new Face photo at the Malin Space Science Systems website. You'll find it at http://www.msss.com/mars/global_surveyor/camera/images/4_6_face_releases/index.html

The Face can also be seen at this URL:
<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/CYD/index.html>

And at <http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/marsurv.html>

Mark Haywood's Cosmic Horizons website is up and online. Drop in at <http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/~mark.haywood/homepage.html>

Another new site is Paul McTaggart's Abduction Phenomena webpage. You can reach it at this URL:
<http://www.abductee.net>

Don't miss our parent site, UFO INFO. John Hayes is in the processing of adding new info sources to the site. You'll find them at <http://ufoinfo.com>

Back issues of UFO ROUNDUP can be accessed and downloaded at <http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

Thirty-seven years ago, on April 12, 1961, Major Yuri Alexeyevich Gagarin blasted off aboard the Russian spacecraft Vostok 1, becoming the first human to reach outer space. Traveling at an estimated speed of 17,400 miles per hour, Vostok attained an altitude of 325 kilometers (203 miles) and went into orbit around the Earth. Gagarin died in a plane crash in 1968 at the age of 33.

And we'll be back next weekend with more saucer news from "the paper that goes home-- UFO ROUNDUP." See you then.

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Director General of the Giza Plateau Suspended?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 08:32:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 08:32:04 -0400
Subject: Director General of the Giza Plateau Suspended?

From: <http://www.amargiland.com/hall-of-records/newsflash/>

Dr. Hawass: Obstruction Of Justice
Suspension As Director Of Giza Plateau

Sources high in the Egyptian Government have revealed a most startling development in the occupational status of Dr. Zahi Hawass. On March 17-24, 1998 - we, Larry Hunter and Amargi Hillier, while on assignment in Egypt working on an upcoming "Hall of Osiris" story, were asked by an honorable Egyptian government person, with responsibilities related to the safety of Egypt's #1 tourist site - the Giza Pyramids and Sphinx - to be his guest. While in his company, we were informed of a most interesting development regarding the occupational position of Dr. Hawass.

What Dr. Zahi Hawass doesn't want you to know is that a secret document, signed by a very high Egyptian Government official, orders his suspension as Director General of the Giza Plateau. The document revokes Dr. Hawass' signature authority concerning the monuments of Giza for a time period of at least six months, and also orders his transfer to a temporary position with the Sound and Light Show.

During this time, Dr. Hawass has been instructed to remove himself from his office and take up his new position at Sound and Lights. However, Dr. Hawass, with the assistance and protection of the highest antiquity official, Farouk Hosney - Chairman of Antiquities, Minister of Culture - is not complying with the orders of the higher Egyptian Government Authority. Dr. Hawass is continuing to act as the Director General of the Giza Plateau and is still signing documents. During a time that he is reportedly no longer the director, Dr. Hawass continues to suggest to the world that he is.

Is this not a classic case of obstruction of justice of a high Egyptian official? For the suspension is related to an official investigation into possible criminal activities by Dr. Zahi Hawass related to Egyptian antiquities.

This news flash, hopefully, will provide for you a first and groundbreaking peek at the corruption and deception of a man who will soon be under the probing spotlight of the Egyptian and world media, as well as his own government. This is the first match to be struck in an effort to shed light on the truth about what is really going on in Egypt. The light is now on you Dr. Zahi Hawass. Stay tuned for the 2nd match to be struck which will ignite the next most startling and disturbing truth. God's light will soon be shining bright, exposing the truth concerning his city and his ancient monuments.

Please Note: This news flash is meant to support the efforts of the high Egyptian government official who so bravely wrote the suspension order. If he needs our help in getting the truth to the world, we are at his service.

Please contact us, Larry Hunter or Amargi Hillier, at the following e-mail: hunter-hillier@amargiland.com.

We call on all the Egyptian newspapers to pick up this story and follow it to the end. Do not be afraid that doing so will drive away more tourists. Be confident in knowing, we as tourists are tired of being ripped off, lied to and denied our heritage concerning the truth as it relates to the true purpose and origin of Egypt's Great Monuments. The Truth is what will bring us back.

"God, please cleanse your sanctuary of this evil". That is our prayer for this day, Easter Sunday 1998.

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Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 00:05:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 08:46:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 20:14:03 -0700 (PDT)
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

> Are these two Gemini S photos on the web anywhere, do you know?
> I started searching, but no luck. Do I need to write to some
> NASA address and wait a few weeks?

I was unable to find anything older than shuttle photos at the NASA online archives. I used NASA SP-129 "Earth Photographs from Gemini III, IV, and V" LC#66-62098

Re: your comments on the inselberg - yes, unfortunately, the resemblance is not exact. However, an exact likeness was not to be expected, since there was no more than one photo on the web of an inselberg, none taken from orbit, and, furthermore, as I've mentioned before, Martian geology is significantly different from terrestrial geology.

As I look at the images longer, the more they look like a volcanic shield which experienced a fairly common differential erosion. The revealed structure may actually be the lava filled volcanic pipes and vents, which formed underneath a cover of thinner (and softer) lava and ash deposits which have subsequently been worn away.

A stunning example of this sort of thing affecting the area near Amphitrites Patera (a very flat volcano with extremely fluid lava flows) can be seen in Viking frame 578B01, where it modifies an impact crater and some hills.

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Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 23:36:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 08:44:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 10:48:43 -0400
> From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

> You have not addressed the question as to why the image has low
> contrast. By definition the histogram analysis shows that, what's
> your explanation for why that is the case?

Actually, the histogram results as stated don't actually show that. The statement was only 70 or 80 shades of grey were used instead of 256. The 70 or 80 shades could include black and white. But a look at the image shows that the incoming data is low contrast.

There are a number of possible reasons:

- 1) Atmospheric aerosols
- 2) Suspended dust
- 3) Atmospheric moisture
- 4) Very low sun angle
- 5) Poor calibration of the camera system

Nothing mysterious. It doesn't take much to widen the dynamic range, which is probably one of the first steps in image processing, but everyone wanted raw data - so there it is. Also, as long as the noise level is low, and the feature size of interest are large compared to the noise, the danger of introducing artifacts is fairly small.

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 07:47:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 08:52:24 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 13:24:18 -0700
>From: "Terry J. Blanton" <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Theresa wrote:

>> Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 19:58:59 -0400
>> From: Theresa <Tcarlson1@compuserve.com>
>> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> One thing I haven't been able to find, is the UFO's shadow.
>> Even in the smog, or haze or whatever, the balconies and
>> other part of the builings and foreground clutter have nice
>> crisp shadows all aligned in the proper direction.

>Yeah, I looked for a shadow, too. At least they seem to get
>the light source in the right place.

>> That's kind of a shame because some of the higher end
>> softwares allow key framing of shadows as well.

>Software and EFFORT. All good points, T!

>Terry

Terry,

Yes, Theresa does know her stuff. I've watched her Shadows of
Doubt video a bunch of times, and find myself leaning toward her
position.

I think that the Mexico City UFO is a fake. Good one, but fake.

Unfortunately, it is just too easy to fake something like this
today, so I expect to see lots of them turning up.

Bob

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CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS: A Face is a Face.....

From: **AL Cornett** <acorn@MIS.NET>
Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 22:59:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 10:18:06 -0400
Subject: CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS: A Face is a Face.....

Ladies and gentlemen: As a painter of landscapes and an artist (an old one) experienced in close observations of same for at least 50 years please may I inject my opinion.

It is still a face although badly eroded (or changed). Very seldom, if ever in the natural erosion process do we see such symmetrical curves, straight lines and 90 degree angles as in the straight line "berm" around the face, the squared-off head dress and the continuation of the top-of-the-head curvature. Also, the symmetry of the eyes, nose and mouth location is still present although, as Hoagland has pointed out, simian in structure.

It can still be judged as, at least, the remnants of a once very presentable face or the most remarkably coincidental structure in the history of geology, the latter of which is doubtful in my opinion.

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Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

From: **Kerry Ferrand** <kferrand@rocketmail.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 06:39:16 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 20:12:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

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Re: Rocket Men: The Houston Press

From: **RSchatte** <RSchatte@aol.com> [Rebecca]
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 15:18:58 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 20:20:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Rocket Men: The Houston Press

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ROCKET MEN
by Steve McVicker

The way Harry Dace figures it, NASA engineer Jim Akkerman is the best mechanic in the world. For Dace's sake -- and for the sake of Dace's fledgling Civilian Astronaut Corps -- Akkerman had better be.

Next year, on the Fourth of July, Dace and Akkerman hope to blast six civilians into suborbital space. As holiday revelers watch from a Galveston beach, the pair predicts, the titanium rocket Akkerman designed will lift off from the Gulf of Mexico and make a 15-minute journey from sea level to 70 miles above the earth's surface. Then the rocket will glide back to Earth, landing in the ocean near Galveston's sea wall.

Then, within two weeks, Dace and Akkerman plan to repeat the launch. And after that, they hope to begin booking suborbital flights to other continents -- flights so fast they make the Concorde look poky.

"We are going to rewrite one of the most important phases of the aerospace business," says the immodest Dace, who plans to be onboard the first manned test flight of the vehicle. "We are on the cutting edge, and everybody else is going to be copying us."

If they can carry off their scheme, they might indeed revolutionize the flight industry, and win a \$10 million prize in the process. And -- oh yeah -- Dace and Akkerman might get very, very rich.

Of course, they might also never leave the ground.

But that's a possibility that Dace refuses to acknowledge. "Like Napoleon said: If you say you're going to Vienna, by God, you better go to Vienna."

As Harry Dace walks, his head and shoulders precede his tall, thin body, and he unconsciously motions for the person trailing him to pick up the pace. "In a modest way, I've done all right for myself," he says, looking around the Brazoria County factory where he manufactures air-conditioning ductwork. "But three years ago, just before my 40th birthday, I decided I wanted to do something."

He made a list of people he'd like to work with, and at the top of that list was his boyhood hero, Jim Akkerman. As a 13-year-old growing up in Pearland, Dace was fascinated by go-carts. In a racing magazine, he learned that he lived near one of the best go-cart builders and race drivers in the country: Akkerman, an engineer at Johnson Space Center, held straightaway, drag-strip-style track speed records at places like Indianapolis Raceway Park. Dace was dying to meet him.

It turned out that Dace's father, who owned an air-conditioning installation business, had gotten to know Akkerman while installing the then-new Johnson Space Center's air-conditioning system. Dace's dad called Akkerman, who said for young Harry to come on over. Which he did.

For Akkerman, go-carts offered a chance to show off both his engineering prowess and his daredeviltry. "In big-car racing," he explains, "you're sort of racing cubic dollars. If you've got enough money, you can win. But in go-cart racing, you're racing ingenuity and careful preparation -- the kind of things that an ordinary guy could enjoy and do. And, if he did it well, he could win."

Akkerman belonged to a go-cart team, along with his dad and a couple of other guys from NASA. In an old red Pontiac station wagon, they traveled the country from race to race. And at home, Akkerman worked to make his go-carts the fastest.

The engineer's house was a go-cart geek's wet dream. There, he built his own engines out of solid blocks of aluminum and machined his own crankshafts. He had engines with three carburetors. He had rotary valves. He had reed valves. Dace was awed.

According to Dace, Akkerman asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up. Dace, in a fit of hero worship, gushed that he wanted to be a rocket engineer, just like Akkerman.

It was a bad idea, Akkerman replied. There were already people who knew how to build rockets. What the boy needed to do was to learn to make money. If he could do that -- if he could learn to run a business -- then one day, they could build a rocket together.

Akkerman doesn't remember the conversation, but it stayed with Dace. He remembered it almost 30 years later, in May 1995, long after both men had lost interest in go-carts. Midlife crisis raging, Dace called Akkerman. And once again, Akkerman told him to come on over. Which he did.

Dace had picked a good time to approach Akkerman about embarking on something new. After more than three decades with NASA, the engineer had grown disillusioned with the government's space program -- a program he'd once approached with the same zeal he unleashed on his go-carts.

In 1962, just a year out of UT-Austin, Akkerman had gone to work on NASA's propulsion team, creating a launch system that would send Apollo crews to the moon. Over the years, Akkerman developed a reputation as a problem-solver -- and as someone who couldn't take no for an answer.

"He is very good at ferreting things out," says Guy Thibodeaux, the former head of the propulsion division. "But sometimes Jim is a little naive about reality."

Akkerman helped produce a 1979 NASA study that advocated building a satellite to harvest solar energy, a clean, renewable source of power. But Congress looked only at the high price tag -- \$69 billion in start-up costs -- and promptly nixed the idea. Akkerman was heartbroken.

A devout Baptist, he sees that loss through the lens of his faith. "In the Bible, it talks about the Millennium, when the good guys call the shots," he says. "Well, solar energy is going to be the key. That will be the engine of the whole thing: low-cost energy."

Over Akkerman's years at NASA, other disappointments followed. He led a team that studied converting the space shuttles' rocket boosters from solid fuel to liquid. The team recommended the conversion; ten years later, the shuttle still runs on solid fuel.

Currently, he's helping design the X-38, an emergency escape vehicle for the proposed International Space Station. He complains that most of the work is being done by team members he refers to as "kids," while he's relegated to "nitpicky stuff." He did convince the "kids" to accept his magnetized docking system, rather than a less reliable bolt system, or a less safe pyrotechnic release. But still, the vehicle doesn't please him: In particular, he's worried about its parachute system, which failed in one test flight.

Private industry, he hopes, will be more satisfying. In 1989, Akkerman, along with other NASA engineers, helped Dr. Michael DeBaakey develop an artificial heart. Known as the axial flow pump, the little device could be tried on a human as early as next year. Smaller than most artificial hearts -- no larger than two double-A batteries -- the pump could fit inside the chest of a small woman or child and would be powerful enough to circulate five liters of blood per minute.

After that project, Akkerman longed to throw himself into another project he could do the right way -- his way. And what NASA wouldn't let him do, Harry Dace just might.

The men spent a couple of months getting reacquainted, going through Akkerman's files. In them, Dace was sure, lay buried a world-changing idea that the two of them could work on.

In July 1995, sitting at Akkerman's kitchen table, they discussed building a new air-conditioning evaporator system. But Dace, already in the air-conditioning business, said he wasn't excited by the idea, and he didn't think it excited Akkerman either.

Akkerman replied that Dace was right. There was only one thing in the world that he really wanted to do. He got up, pulled a box from a shelf, and gently placed it on the table. From the box, he removed three pieces of a model rocket.

"If you can put together a company that can build these," he told Dace, "I'll guarantee you these are the best rockets that have ever been designed."

Dace and Akkerman were in business. The Civilian Astronaut Corps was born.

Actually, Dace and Akkerman didn't stick with that model, but switched to another of Akkerman's designs. The most startling feature of the Mayflower II, as CAC will call its rocket, is its launch pad: the ocean.

Towed to a spot about 30 miles offshore, Akkerman explains, the rocket will bob upright in the ocean, just as a Coke bottle would.

Akkerman happily reels off the details that make his engineer's heart dance. The construction will actually be overseen by his own company, Advent Launch Services. The Mayflower II, he says, will be 70 feet long and weigh 15,000 pounds. It'll have a titanium structure with two 10,000-gallon-capacity fuel tanks: one for liquid natural gas, one for liquid oxygen. A cockpit will perch at the top of the rocket; directly below it will be a detachable passenger module 15 feet long and six feet in diameter. At the bottom of the rocket will be eight TRW engines, each capable of producing 5,000 pounds of thrust.

After the rocket's pressure-fed, underwater engine is started, its exhaust will create a large underwater bubble. After the rocket blasts off, the rising bubble will cause a wave large enough to make trouble for any small vessels nearby. "If there are any boats fishing," Akkerman laughs, "they're going to be in for a real ride."

Dace prefers to describe the adventure of the ride, rather than the nuts and bolts of the machine. He says that the Mayflower's test flights out of the Gulf of Mexico will last about 15 minutes. As the vehicle approaches and descends from the peak of its journey, passengers will experience about four minutes of

weightlessness. Clad in g-suits, they'll be free to unstrap themselves from their hammock-like seats, and can float around the cabin for roughly four minutes. "But when the pilot says to get back in your seat," says Dace, "you'd better get back in your seat."

That pilot will be Vaughn Cordle, a 42-year-old who's flown 767s for United Airlines for the past 13 years. Cordle, who claims 44 jet-stream-enhanced flight records, became involved in the project after a friend signed up for the inaugural flight.

On the phone from Atlanta, Cordle speaks in the monotone of all airline pilots -- the style that author Tom Wolfe claimed was copied from Chuck Yeager, who first broke the sound barrier 50 years ago. It's a monotone that makes anything, even flying a rocket, sound like no big deal.

"When it comes back into the atmosphere," says Cordle, "it's going to be traveling pretty fast, about 3,500 miles per hour. So around 30,000 feet, that's when I'll start bringing the nose back a little bit. I'll just ease it back, slow it down, and put it in the water. It won't be gentle; it'll be kind of a rough ride. But the landing and the gliding in, to me, are going to be a very safe operation. I don't take risks. I stay inside the envelope."

At Harry Dace's air-conditioning ductwork plant, pinned to a wall of his office, there's a large map of the world -- and of the future as he sees it. Magic-markered lines connect various cities, and above each line is written the time it would take to make a suborbital flight from one point to the other: 35 minutes from Los Angeles to Sydney; ten minutes from Boston to Ireland.

"You want to play the numbers game?" asks Dace. "Okay. Let's play the numbers game."

Take the Los Angeles-to-Sydney route, says Dace. If his rocket has room for six passengers, and he charges each passenger \$5,000, and he makes three trips a day, 200 days a year, he'll gross a cool \$180 million a year just on that route.

Of course, those projections focus on the future. Right now, Dace and Akkerman are playing a different, grimmer numbers game. Dace figures that it'll take \$10 million to begin construction of the Mayflower II, and it's \$10 million that he and Akkerman don't have.

To generate seed money, they've turned to would-be space travelers. Federal regulations prohibit charging for rides on experimental vehicles, so Dace doesn't come right out and say that he's charging \$3,500 for a rocket ride. Instead, he says he's selling "memberships" in his Civilian Astronauts Corps. According to Dace, CAC members will actually own the rocket, but will agree to sell it back to Dace and Akkerman after the ride. That way, if the thing crashes, "their wives and kids can't come back and sue us." Of course, he hastens to add, he's not expecting anything of the sort.

Dace figures he needs to sign up 2,000 customers by this summer for work to begin. So far, he's had 20 takers.

One of them is 21-year-old Toney Hermes, an employee of Fox Sports Southwest. Hermes, a self-described thrill junkie, stumbled across the project's web page, and over his girlfriend's objections, made a reservation on CAC's first flight. That one, he says, is the one that'll get all the attention. The one that'll make history.

And, maybe, the one that'll win Dace and Akkerman the \$10 million. Two years ago, a group of St. Louis businessmen established the X Prize Foundation, which offers that prize money to the first private team that flies two passengers to the suborbital height of 62 miles above the Earth -- and then does it again within two weeks. The foundation hopes to kindle the spirit of competition that propelled Charles Lindbergh across the Atlantic; so far, 16 would-be space enterprises have entered the competition. X Prize officials say that all have a shot at winning.

But, so far, the pack of contenders doesn't particularly impress

the space powers-that-be. "We think space should be open to commercial opportunities," says NASA spokesman Brian Welch. "And we're doing everything we can to make that happen. But what we've found over the years is that flying in space is difficult and costly and dangerous."

Other space-industry observers offer Dace and Akkerman even less encouragement. Two weeks ago, NASA and the Space Transportation Association, a private group that claims to represent companies hoping to develop commercial space travel, issued a report predicting that the first private-sector trips into space will likely charge at least \$100,000 per passenger. The report made no mention of the Civilian Air Corps' plan -- at \$3,500 per person, an astounding bargain.

"I don't want to knock them," says STA spokesman Eric Stallmer, "because maybe they've got an idea that no one else knows about. But if it was easy to build a vehicle for that price, everyone would be doing it. The idea sounds a little hokey."

Still, Gregg E. Maryniak, chief operations officer of the X Prize Foundation, disagrees with those who doubt the Civilian Air Corps, and invokes the foundation's favorite historical hero. "Lindbergh had completely different technology from all the other teams," says Maryniak. "He had a very lean approach. One pilot, single engine, relatively light aircraft. And because he had such a simple approach, he won. But he was definitely the dark horse at the time."

Such debate means little to Jim Akkerman, who harbors no doubts at all about his approach; he only wonders whether Harry Dace can raise the money to build the Mayflower.

Akkerman's mind is already on other projects, such as privately launched satellites capable of harvesting his beloved solar energy, and a rocket even more ambitious than the Mayflower. "A suborbital ride is just the tip of the iceberg," he says. "The real kick in the ass is going to be orbital flight. Spend two or three hours circling the earth -- now that will be a ride."

Contact Steve McVicker at his online address. Or call him at 713.624.1477.

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Re: Strieber On Father Balducci

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 14:31:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 20:17:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Strieber On Father Balducci

>Date: 12 Apr 1998 08:09:53 -0000
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Stig Agermose <interstate@supernews.com>
>Subject: Strieber On Father Balducci

>My server is down at the moment so I'm using another one. The
>email below was received via "alt.ufo.reports" and Deja News.

>Stig

>*****

>Subject: Whitley Strieber comments on Monsignor Corrado Balducci (fwd)
>From: nobody@REPLAY.COM (Anonymous)
>Date: 1998/04/11
>Message-ID: <[6goneo\\$72k@basement.replay.com](mailto:6goneo$72k@basement.replay.com)>
>Newsgroups:
>alt.alien.visitors,alt.ufo.reports,alt.paranet.ufo,alt.conspiracy.area51

Hi Errol, hi All,

It is painful posts such as these that make me rue the day I
'came out' publicly as an abductee. These guys are an
embarrassment. I almost hate to respond to because it's always
interpreted as one "camps" opinion about another "camp." I just
can't let garbage like this go by unflagged though. Please, do
not interpret my opinions as "in-house fighting" or more
ufologists feeding and tearing apart other ufologists.

That is not where I'm coming from at all.

John Velez- comments to follow. Read on at your own risk.

>Forwarded Message:

>Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 12:28:19 -0500
>To: UFOLAWYER1@AOL.COM
>From: Whitley Strieber <xtrl@worldnet.att.net>
>Subject: Monsignor Corrado Balducci

>Dear Peter:

>Msgr. Balducci is entirely real, and much of what he has been
>saying about the visitors is accurately presented in Boylan's
>statement. In addition, I understand that he has been doing a
>good deal of television recently. I know the Monsignor through
>Michael Hesseman and have talked to him personally about his
>views.

Boylan, Balducci, Hesseman, Strieber, does anyone else see a
'pattern' here? Keerist what a crew! Strieber vouches for
Balducci who is in turn corroborated by Boylan.

Or,

Moe says that Curly is for real and it must be because, Moe says
so, and -Larry- wrote an article about it! What a bunch of self-
deluded, egotistical crap that is. Streiber's just a writer for

Gods sake. How does his endorsement of Balducci constitute any kind of 'authority!' Strieber assumes that his saying so constitutes some kind of authoritative statement. I'll simply let my 'Three Stooges' analogy stand.

>He has given me an interview that is going to be published
>in my new book Confirmation,

I'd hate to think that the rest of this post from Strieber was constructed as camouflage for a shameless plug for his upcoming book! But maybe I hit paydirt here by accident.

>and he makes the point that
>it is dangerous for Christians to ignore the testimony of
>millions if they are to accept the testimony of just a few as the
>basis of doctrine.

"...the testimony of millions,..." Was there a major nationwide survey conducted while I slept? "Millions?" Where does he get "millions?"

>He also discusses his contention that the visitors are not demons,

Which is based on, . . . ?

>Msgr. Balducci told me personally when I asked him about his
>relationship to the pope that he knows the pope and is friendly
>with him. When I asked him if the pope was aware of his views on
>UFOs, he said that they had not discussed the matter per se, but
>had talked together about issues of demonology.

For all we know Balducci ran into the Pope at the Vatican urinals and as they relieved themselves the Pope may have casually inquired about what's new in the old excorsizm department! (Just to make polite conversation during an awkward moment. <G>)

>Boylan is also accurate in describing Msgr. Balducci as an expert
>on demonology.

Now there's an "endorsement" for you! I wonder if the Monsignor is aware of Mr Boylan's sexually abusive/exploitive approach to abduction therapy?

>He has published on the subject and has been the
>exorcist for the Archdiocese of Rome. It is because of his
>expertise in this field that there is reason for Christians to
>regard his views on the question of whether or not the visitors
>are demons as an authoritative one.

Well hey, if he's an authority on demons who else would you go to to find out? <painful grimace>

>In the interview I have, he did not mention anything about Papal
>nuncios reporting information to the Vatican on a formal basis,
>or the existence of a commission to deal with the issue.

So it's just Monsignor Loose Cannon then?

>He has personally read and agreed to every detail of the
>translation, and it is completely accurate. It will be published
>as an appendix to Confirmation, which should be in the stores by
>April 15.

And -again- DON'T FORGET TO MENTION THE BOOK!
(What did I tell ya earlier kiddies! Money talks,
bullshit walks. <EG>)

>In the interest of accuracy, I would very much appreciate your
>reposting of this letter to the same list that has received the
>previous two posts.

Or, "We want to reach as broad a 'UFO demographic customer base' as we possibly can! (Gotta sell that book man. Mortgage is due!)

>Sincerely yours,

In Capitalist lust, . . .

>Whitley Strieber

"Messenger" of the Gods, Yadda, yadda, yadda.

John Velez, (speaking for myself)

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Re: Cydonianism [was Re: Catholicism vs.

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 12:54:05 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 08:18:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Cydonianism [was Re: Catholicism vs.

>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 00:05:19 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 20:14:03 -0700 (PDT)
>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>> From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism

>> Are these two Gemini S photos on the web anywhere, do you know?
>> I started searching, but no luck. Do I need to write to some
>> NASA address and wait a few weeks?

>I was unable to find anything older than shuttle photos at the
>NASA online archives. I used NASA SP-129 "Earth Photographs from
>Gemini III, IV, and V" LC#66-62098

>Re: your comments on the inselberg - yes, unfortunately, the
>resemblance is not exact. However, an exact likeness was not to
>be expected, since there was no more than one photo on the web of
>an inselberg, none taken from orbit, and, furthermore, as I've
>mentioned before, Martian geology is significantly different from
>terrestrial geology.

Certainly not to be expected, no. It is precisely the
inselberg's lack of extreme regularity of outline, probable lack
of good symmetry, etc., that causes it not to have any appearance
of artificiality.

>As I look at the images longer, the more they look like a
>volcanic shield which experienced a fairly common differential
>erosion. The revealed structure may actually be the lava filled
>volcanic pipes and vents, which formed underneath a cover of
>thinner (and softer) lava and ash deposits which have
>subsequently been worn away.

But of course no volcano would have straight sides where it
intersects the surrounding plains, with those sides very
gradually merging into a more expected curved shape at the
"chin," but quickly merging into a curve of larger radius at the
"top of the head," while overall exhibiting good "lateral"
symmetry as well.

And the odds are extremely poor that the upper two-thirds of the
"volcano" would erode away down to a uniform height all around,
and at that height the odds are again poor that the "volcanic"
interior next to an eroded top would have filled up to the same
height all around, leaving the congruent trench-like edge to the
shape of the inner "pedestal." And the odds of no lava from a
volcano having spilled over the edge somewhere and produced
lateral asymmetry of the edge need to be taken into account. The
symmetrically placed rectilinear features of the "headdress," as
Van Flandern calls it, should also enter into the calculation of
the odds; this feature had not been visible in the 1976 images.

It's the consideration of the combined mathematical odds against
any such scenario occurring naturally, Mark, that keeps the
artificiality hypothesis very much alive.

Re: Cydonianism [was Re: Catholicism vs.

>A stunning example of this sort of thing affecting the area near
>Amphitrites Patera (a very flat volcano with extremely fluid lava
>flows) can be seen in Viking frame 578B01, where it modifies an
>impact crater and some hills.

Is this available somewhere on the web?

Jim Deardorff

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The Performance

From: "Ben Field" <ben@abcfield.force9.co.uk> [Bruce Cornet, Ph.D.]
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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 08:24:00 -0400
Subject: The Performance

Hello everyone,

One of the most spectacular performances by UFOs happened in Pine Bush on 29 April 1993 before seven witnesses, including the Sightings TV camera crew.

The Performance, a new website by Bruce Cornet, Ph.D., and Ben Field, webmaster of BUFOD <http://www.abcfield.force9.co.uk>, is now available for study.

Fifteen pages with 21 graphics and images, and ten sound files document this extraordinary event, which involved deliberate low-altitude runs at the cameras by two stealth aircraft, one of which may have been the reverse-engineered TR-3A Black Manta, and the other a very large diamond-shaped craft, nicknamed the Manta Ray.

Evidence of antigravitic technology, plasma lights, right angle turns, hovering, and aerobatics is documented. The flight envelopes for the FT, a deltoid-shaped craft, and the Manta Ray go beyond that of any military hardware revealed by the U.S. Air Force. An observation craft on the ground was also photographed, and a possible image of the pilot can be seen through its large transparent dome.

Telepathy and precognition, evidence for which was captured on photographs, implies the presence of non-humans, while the banking maneuvers of the aircraft imply skills more common to human pilots.

The two stealth black aircraft that came the closest to the cameras possessed hybrid technology designed for flight in an atmosphere, but they were capable of defying the laws of aerodynamic flight. "More than likely it was a well planned and staged release of information in a controlled environment, an experiment to see how information such as this would be interpreted and handled by scientists, the media, and the public. I believe that it was part of a government/military black ops program to gradually release and educate the public about contact and alliance with non-human civilizations."

This information will help those seeking proof of and evidence for the extent of alliance between humans and non-humans in covert black projects.

The Performance: <http://www.abcfield.force9.co.uk/bcornet/>

Yours truly,
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Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 08:19:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 23:36:16 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 10:48:43 -0400
>> From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

>> You have not addressed the question as to why the image has low
>> contrast. By definition the histogram analysis shows that, what's
>> your explanation for why that is the case?

>Actually, the histogram results as stated don't actually show
>that. The statement was only 70 or 80 shades of grey were used
>instead of 256. The 70 or 80 shades could include black and
>white. But a look at the image shows that the incoming data is
>low contrast.

>There are a number of possible reasons:

- >1) Atmospheric aerosols
- >2) Suspended dust

Mark,

Actually, these two are the same for Mars. I wonder, do we have any independent astronomical observations that would indicate the Cydonia area was experiencing a dust storm?

- >3) Atmospheric moisture

By this you would mean clouds, since water vapor is transparent. I commented on the problem with the thin, invisible cloud-sheet hypothesis earlier. In one of Ron Baalkes's communiques he mentioned that a thick cloud layer did lie over a different region of Mars (Utopia Planitia), but this caused an obvious brightness saturation problem.

- >4) Very low sun angle

Actually, a 25-degree solar elevation, or even lower, seems pretty optimal to me to show up shadows and differences in albedo well, which an overhead sun wouldn't do. Yet 25 degrees isn't so low as to accentuate dust or haze very much.

- >5) Poor calibration of the camera system

Could be.

Jim Deardorff

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McDaniel And Strange On New Cydonia Imaging

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 08:49:32 -0400
Subject: McDaniel And Strange On New Cydonia Imaging

>From Discovery (Channel) Online. URL:

<http://www.discovery.com/news/briefs/brief3.html>

More 'Face on Mars' Photos Coming

On Tuesday, the Mars Global Surveyor will make its second flyby of the Cydonia region of Mars, where the famous "face on Mars" rock formation lies.

Last Tuesday, the Surveyor beamed back pictures of the formation to Earth for eager space buffs to interpret. But the images looked more like a pile of rocks than a face. Those sent back in 1976 during the Viking mission to Mars showed a formation that clearly resembled a mask-like face. Face-supporters speculate that the formation is man or alien made, and was meant to be seen from another planet.

"I'm frustrated with the image I wanted information that would kill it (the rumors of it being an alien construction) or give it credence," says Dr. James Strange, a professor of material culture and religion at the University of Florida, Tampa, who has been following the face in space for years.

But, as several Mars observers point out, in these photos the light was shining from a different direction, and the spacecraft photographed the rock formation from a different angle than the Viking did.

Tuesdays flyby will be closer, and from a different angle, Strange says, which may shed more light on whether the formation is naturally geometric, or whether its a heavily eroded sculpture.

Stanley McDaniel, former chairman of the philosophy department at Sonoma State University in Calif. and author of "The McDaniel Report" about the Martian features, says on his website devoted to the formation: "My initial guess is that the low resolution of the Viking images, plus the particular lighting conditions, were what produced the remarkably face-like appearance in the images we are familiar with. It is our hope now that the camera on the next two orbits (April 14, 24) will retarget to obtain an image of the 'City' and the 'Fort.'"

Strange, too, is concentrating more on the mounds and valleys that surround the mesa-like formation, often referred to as the fort. From the new round of pictures, hell try to determine if the eight mounds are an elegant geology that produces this kind of a feature, or maybe theyre created.

If it looks like theyre too perfect to have been formed naturally, it sure would be exciting, he says.

Stay tuned to Discovery Online for more details on the face as they emerge.

By Lori Cuthbert

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Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

From: Michael Wayne Malone <wayne@HiWAAAY.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 08:45:20 -0400
Subject: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
> Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 00:49:09 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: My Conclusion on the Mars Face

> Gee Bob, I thought you said that you would love to be proven
> wrong on this matter. Sounds like your the one who is entrenched
> in a belief that all the objects in question are natural.

Or is he being a realist waiting on some sort of evidence before
jumping to a wild conclusion?

> They may be natural but we need to wait before we know more.

Why? Why is it such a bad idea to assume that the features are
natural instead of artificial?

> By the way, what technical articles have you read regarding the
> objects on Mars? Have you read any of them or is your belief so
> strong that the objects are natural that you won't even look at
> the serious work that has been done? Turn the other way & don't
> even look!

What scientifically acceptable technical articles on the new
pictures do you refer to?

> This sounds like the same people who wouldn't look at the crazy
> Wright Bros. new flying object because lighter than air flight
> was impossible and the Wright Bros. had to be hoaxers. Man, does
> history repeat itself or what?

If this is your idea of technical, then I'm even more firmly
entrenched against your notions.

Lighter than air flight existed and was well accepted before the
Wright brothers ever developed their powered HEAVIER than air
flying machine. And I think you will be hard pressed to find
anyone of any scientific training Circa the Wright Brothers who
thought heavier than air flight was impossible. After all, they
could watch birds, couldn't they?

Michael

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Toronto Star: Mars Loses Face With New Photo

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Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 08:54:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 08:54:30 -0400
Subject: Toronto Star: Mars Loses Face With New Photo

The Toronto Star, Sunday, April 12, 1998

Context Section, p.F8

Mars Loses Face With New Photo

It was a long time coming, but finally, 22 years after it was first seen, the famous "face" on Mars has been revealed in enough detail to show what it really is a rumpled kilometre-wide plateau of rock.

Not that this comes as much of a surprise to Mars experts who long ago pointed out that the Cydonia sector of Mars where the face is located is littered with similarly sized eroded plateaus, known as mesas, a geologic feature familiar to anyone who has travelled the U.S. southwest. One of the mesas on Mars happens to look like a face under certain sun-angle lighting conditions. Those conditions prevailed back in 1976 when the Viking Orbiter spacecraft was mapping Mars looking for a smooth touchdown site for the Viking lander.

The Viking Orbiter image shows the face feature illuminated from above the right forehead'. The Mars Global Surveyor image is illuminated from the opposite direction, from below the left side of the chin.

But the main difference is that the new picture takes advantage of two decades of technological progress and is more than 10 times sharper. The eye sockets, mouth and nose are not smooth, as in the Viking image, but rough and irregular in their details as would be expected of an eroded natural rock formation.

The new image was taken from an altitude of 444 kilometres using the 3500mm focal length f10 telescopic camera on board the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, which has been orbiting the red planet since last September. The scene shows features as small as a house.

Two decades ago, the apparently symmetrical and strikingly humanoid appearance of the feature in the Viking image got some researchers wondering if it might be the product of alien intelligence rather than a natural feature. In the spirit of scientific inquiry, this group of four scientists and engineers concluded in 1982 that the face might be the artefact of extraterrestrial intelligence. The late Carl Sagan noted the unusual nature of the feature and suggested that it should be a high-priority target for the next spacecraft mission to Mars.

Although the majority of Mars experts rejected any possibility that the feature could be anything but a natural formation, the Mars-face question ballooned into a field day for supermarket tabloids ("Elvis" face found on Mars") and conspiracy theorists who insist that NASA is concealing images that prove that the face was built by aliens.

With this background, NASA took extraordinary measures to use the Mars Global Surveyor to get a high-resolution shot of the face as

soon as possible, and to make sure it was released to the public immediately to deflect accusations of a cover-up. Although nothing will convince the most rabid conspiracy theorists, the clarity of the Mars Global Surveyor picture has finally put this controversy to rest.

--- Terence Dickinson is editor of Skynews magazine and the author of several guidebooks for backyard astronomers.

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Subject: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

Received via the German newsgroup 'de.alt.ufo' on April 14 at 00.26 local time (GMT + 1 hour). Two other leading 'Mars Face' researchers Stanley McDaniel and Tom Van Flandern were on the same Laura Lee show April 11.

Stig

Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 11:18:05 GMT
From: fdoernen@ruhrgebiet.net (Frank D=F6rnenburg)
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Hi!

Aus alt.fan.art-bell:

"A Pile Of Rocks"

Vincent DiPietro, the discoverer of the face on mars, has thrown in the towel, and said that the face on mars is a pile of rocks. He waved the white flag on the Laura Lee show,

http://www.lauralee.com/archive/04_11_98.htm

Bye,
FD

Visit <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/FDoernenburg>

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Plasma Physicist: Oil Shale On Mars

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Making a case for a face on Mars; scientist not ready to concede

By Billy Cox
FLORIDA TODAY

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - Though the so-called Face on Mars appears to have dissolved under sharper optical scrutiny, a group of researchers touting a dead-civilization hypothesis aren't bailing out yet. In fact, a scientist who'll be speaking in West Melbourne on Saturday claims Mars was once teeming with so much life, it might harbor massive supplies of oil.

"We have meteorites that say Mars had a history of liquid water much longer than anyone suspected, maybe 2 to 3 billion years, and that it was awash in a rich, organic soup," says John Brandenburg, a plasma physicist with the RSI Corp. in Lanham, Md.

"What I've discovered is oil shale on Mars. That could make going to Mars the equivalent of purchasing 500 new Alaskas."

Beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Brandenburg will make his pitch with a lecture, which coincides with last month's release of a controversial book, *The Case for the Face* (Adventures Unlimited Press, \$17.95), to which he contributed.

The Case for the Face - authored by a score of multidisciplinary researchers whose fields include geology, physics and computer imaging - deals largely with data collected by NASA's Viking orbiter data in 1976. Investigators calling themselves the Society for Planetary SETI Research (SPSR) go to exhaustive lengths asserting that alignments among Martian surface features in the Cydonia desert reflect redundant, geometrical consistencies that appear non-random.

For instance, Thomas Van Flandern, former chief of celestial mechanics for the U.S. Naval Observatory, argues in a paper presented to the American Astronomical Society that the Face stands only a 1 percent probability of having occurred by chance. And after studying a series of mounds near the Face, Horace Crater, a physicist with the University of Tennessee's Space Institute, calculates the odds are 200 million to 1 against natural origins.

Last November, six SPSR researchers shared their conclusions with NASA officials Carl Pilcher and Joe Boyce. Team member Stanley McDaniel, former Sonoma State University philosophy department chairman, had been one of NASA's biggest critics; in 1993, his scalding McDaniel Report

accused the space agency of sabotaging scientific inquiry into Cydonia through negligence and false claims.

But after the meeting, The Case for the Face reports that Pilcher, acting director of Solar System Studies, told SPSR that NASA would make the Face a targeting priority for Mars Global Surveyor. Significantly, MGS would train its high-resolution camera on the region, which could resolve the formation 10 times better than Viking.

"It was a remarkable and thoughtful meeting," says SPSR member David Webb, a member of President Reagan's National Commission on Space and now retired in Daytona Beach. "They were obviously impressed by the work that'd been done. My impression was that they were anxious to get these photos, and NASA went to extraordinary lengths to introduce new software to get the pictures (this month)."

NASA released the first photo of the Face in 22 years on Monday, and initial results were a bust for the pro-Face crowd. The sphinx-like visage staring into Viking's camera seemed to have disintegrated into craggy desolation beneath the MGS squint.

"The picture NASA sent back is devilishly tough to analyze," says Biblical archaeologist James Strange, former dean of the Religious Studies Department at the University of South Florida. "We've got a low-grey scale with only 56 shades of grey; we expected it to be in the 80s. We're all processing like mad."

Strange says new photos of the mounds and the pyramidal formations on Cydonia are more critical to acquire than the Face. "We're anxiously awaiting any other images," he says. "And if it turns out that the mounds are just piles of rocks, well, then we'll just have to figure out why they're all located on a square root of 2 grid."

But what MGS won't be able to do is resolve a challenge posted by John Brandenburg. A year before NASA Administrator Dan Goldin announced evidence for Mars microfossils in August 1996, Brandenburg was working on an even gutsier evolutionary leap - Martian oil shale.

Origins for Brandenburg's research date back to 1965, when a geologist named Bartholomew Nagy published his findings on exotic meteorites known as carbonaceous chondrites, abbreviated C1. The extraterrestrial clay-like stones were filled with tarry matter called kerogen, a biological substance on Earth, resembling oil shale.

Brandenburg, a NASA Advisory Board member on reusable launch vehicles, located the literature on eight C1 meteorites, discovered in Africa, India, Antarctica and Europe, and began comparing notes. The result was a paper in the May 1996 Geophysical Research Letters journal assigning the C1 meteorites to Mars, based on oxygen isotopes and noble gases. He says Goldin encouraged him to continue his research.

"What it means is that early Mars was crawling with life and perhaps supported an Earthlike climate as recently as the Coal Age, maybe 500 million years ago," Brandenburg poses. "What this means is that Mars suddenly becomes very easy to colonize. Rocket fuel, the production of plastics, food sources - Mars is a treasure, and making it our 51st state should be our goal."

Richard Hoover, an astrophysicist at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., included Brandenburg's paper during a Society for International Engineering conference last year in San Diego. Hoover is a fence-sitter when it comes to Brandenburg's theories. "He's advanced some arguments that may have merit," he says, choosing his words carefully. "I don't think many people are going to argue that C1s have complex organics. But whether they're from Mars - that's another matter."

Harold McSween, a University of Tennessee geologist and a leading authority on meteorites, labels the Martian origins of C1 "ludicrous," and says the puzzling meteorites are most likely primitive debris left over from the formation of the solar system.

"When Brandenburg proposed that we have these kinds of meteorites included with Mars samples, he was met with a kind of stunned silence," McSween says. "It goes against how we think meteorites are formed. It's not as controversial as the Face is, but it's out there."

"It would be kind to describe this as a debate. No one's debating this except John Brandenburg, and the idea is so implausible that most people have ignored it."

Brandenburg's most recent campaign for peer support came last month, when his work was featured in the Martian meteorite section of the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference in Houston. He is undeterred by the critics, comparing the intransigence of conventional thinking to the collapse of the Berlin Wall. "When the wall fell, it only seemed to take a few days, but it was crumbling for decades because it was built on a flawed premise," he says.

"Outside of Jerusalem, Mars is the most political piece of real estate in the solar system," Brandenburg adds. "Maybe the only thing we can all agree on is that the Mars story is just going to get bigger and bigger."

In the meantime, SPSR researchers and other Earthlings will be waiting for more Cydonia images. MGS will take another shot at it on Monday, and again on April 24. After that, Surveyor will swing back out to reposition itself into a full-fledged mapping orbit this summer.

Says McDaniel, "No one images of the Face will end the controversy, because of the two dozen or so other anomalous formations in the region which form the basis of many of our statistical conclusions."

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 09:27:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

>Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 21:40:38 -0700 (PDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

>>Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 06:13:59 -0700 (PDT)
>>From: Kerry Ferrand <kferrand@rocketmail.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 10:48:43 -0400
>>> From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary Alevy]
>>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

>>> You have not addressed the question as to why the image has low
>>> contrast. By definition the histogram analysis shows that,
>>> what's your explanation for why that is the case?

>>> Gary

>>to quote <http://marsweb.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/update4-9.html>:

>>"Since winter clouds cover much of the northern hemisphere
>>of Mars above 40=B0 N latitude at this time of the Martian
>>year, the raw image of the "Face" was of very low contrast,
>>that is, variations in brightness of the picture elements
>>cover a very small range compared to the ultimate capability
>>of the camera. Thus, the "raw" image appears very dark and
>>flat".

<snip>

> But I'm very dubious of this being an explanation that applies
> here.

As well you might be, Jim.

MSSS now has another, more satisfying explanation of the low
image contrast. (I hate to say this, but it puts those who were
completely satisfied with the "clouds" explanation in a bit of an
awkward position. I think the discussion would be more
productive if we were all to redouble our efforts to suspend our
biases, Bob Shell. :-)) (I can say that because my own bias is
against the face. And because I love Bob Shell.))

In any case, it's probably best to enter here:

http://www.msss.com/mars/global_surveyor/camera/images/index.html

Then click on "MOC and Viking Histograms."

(Another new page, "Why the 'Face' image is only 1024 pixels wide"
answers another of Hoagland's accusations of tampering that can be
found at:

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/images/finger.jpg>)

What MSSS is saying on the histogram page is that, once the

Viking images are corrected, they show the same low contrast as the Face strip. In the case of both Viking and Surveyor, this is the result of deliberate exposure settings motivated by fear of losing data should rare areas of high contrast be encountered.

One caveat. This article implies the raw strip contains typical Mars contrast levels. This is not consistent with their previous reference to "the low contrast of the raw MOC high resolution image." (See "MOC Observes the "Face" on Mars," at the same URL.) For this reason, I wish they would release other raw data -- frankly, all of it.

Kind regards,

Keith

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Betty Hill Disavows Modern Abduction Research

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Subject: Betty Hill Disavows Modern Abduction Research

Again. I am not posting this news item to endorse the views voiced therein, but for the sole purpose of information.

This excerpt is from the new issue of Fortean Times. I have added "B" as a signature for Peter Brookesmith and "H" for Betty Hill.
URL:

<http://www.forteantimes.com:80/artic/110/betty.html>

BETTY HILL and her husband Barney were apparently abducted by the occupants of a UFO in September 1961. The event became the template for the ever more elaborate abduction claims that we hear today. But they don't impress Betty Hill, as PETER BROOKESMITH discovered when he visited her at home in New Hampshire.

I'd heard about Betty's acerbic opinions of the modern abduction phenomenon on the ufological grapevine. Naturally I wondered how far and in what ways we might agree. We talked a lot about cats (about 15 condescend to frequent her house) and politics and her own abduction, but her less than dewy-eyed approach to most of today's abduction claims will probably surprise people more.

Those who promote the abduction phenomenon or, by their silence, do nothing to temper its excesses, do not amuse her though she chuckles a lot as she talks and never loses an opportunity to make a lightning-fast wisecrack. In 1995 she published A Common Sense Approach to UFOs, which tells of her long involvement in UFO and abduction investigation. "I have the feeling that most UFO organizations dislike my book," she wrote to me before we met. "None of them have reviewed it."

B: You must feel a certain amount of chagrin that this phenomenon has gone the way it has.

H: I try very hard not to have guilt feelings about the way stupid people have misinterpreted my experience. The reason I wrote this book was to try to get across to people that they should stay away from hypnosis. Don't let anybody fool around in your brain. I mean, you have problems enough to live with yourself, without other people making their contribution.

The whole problem now is the lack of understanding of hypnosis. The first stage of hypnosis is one of suggestibility. It's supposed to be useful to have a person lose weight, or help them cut down on smoking, or something like that. But if you say to a person, "You murdered someone!" in the first stage of hypnosis, they're going to spend the rest of their lives looking for the body. And the same too, when somebody goes in for hypnosis for a UFO abduction, they're going to get it (chuckles).

I can do hypnosis, and I can give you an abduction in 20 minutes. Sure I could. You can do it to anybody. See, what they use for hypnosis for abductions now is what we call 'flight of fantasy'. I do it with whole groups. Put someone in a light trance, and

give them the choice. You can go aboard a UFO, you can go back to a past life, you can take a quick trip around the galaxy, or you can go into the future. Ninety seven per cent will go back to a past life!

B: So you would trust an abduction account that came from medical hypnosis, but not one that comes from a lighter form of the technique the kind people like Hopkins and Jacobs and Mack use?

H: When people tell weird tales hallucinations, delusions, fantasy, dreams, something they've seen, heard or read when you rule out all of those, then you may have reality. And in working with people for years people would call me, particularly after they saw my movie, The UFO Incident, and say, "I think I've been abducted." And I'd say, "Well, you know, we really don't know." And I worked with these people, and we were able to pinpoint why they thought they'd been abducted when they had not been. As a result of this I was able to develop criteria to establish the real abductions from the fantasies. In this country, they say three million people have been abducted. Not once, but continuously. D'you realize that means three or four thousand people every night are being abducted? In this country alone? I don't know how the planes get through.

Most abduction researchers and their supporters say that what they find must be real, because it's consistent from witness to witness.

Of course it's real to them because they tell 'em the same thing! You know those therapy groups? A woman called me. She quit. She said she got fed up. That therapy group it ends up in "I'll show you the kind of sex I had on board the UFO if you show me the kind of sex you had on board the UFO." No matter what the subject is it's "Me Too!" I call 'em the Me-Too People. Whereas every real abduction has been totally different. There are no duplications. Actually, the real abductions, you've never heard of. Because nobody's writing any books about 'em. Most people who've been really abducted, have the same attitude Barney and I did. It was our experience and it was nobody else's business. But then we got the publicity. But they have the same feeling. It's something between them, and the UFOs.

B: If the kind of hypnosis that's used is producing fantasies, why do you think people are having those particular fantasies?

H: Because the investigators are directing them to have those fantasies. They're suggesting them to them. They're very, very destructive people. They don't care who they hurt to make people buy a book, to make some money. Okay I've been having contacts with this girl. Ten years old, she's on vacation with her parents, and she goes for a walk in the woods. And she's late getting back. Her parents are yelling to her, her brother's yelling to her, and they're saying, "Where have you been? We were ready to call out the police." But she was just taking a walk in the woods.

Years later, she wondered: Did I get abducted by a UFO? Even though she didn't see any UFOs. So she goes down and visits [a famous abduction researcher] for nine days. And during the nine days, she has all these abductees come in and tell her in great detail what happened to them on board the craft. And then he gave her hypnosis. Five tapes of abductions, beginning when she was three years old.

You know what happened next? She joined the Air Force. She's been in the Air Force maybe about six months and they come out with handcuffs and a straitjacket and carry her off, to a mental hospital. Now she claims that somebody somewhere sent one of the tapes of her hypnosis to the Air Force. I doubt it. I think if they'd sent the tapes, they would have just called her in and questioned her. I think she was really bizarre. She's been hallucinating ever since. She's even married to an alien now. She's had two fetuses taken. She can't get a job and keep it. She doesn't get along with anybody. She wrote a little booklet, but nobody'll touch it because it's exactly what everybody else is saying!...

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Subject: Re: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 18:35:50 -0400
>From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

<snip>

>I suggest that one problem with the current data set will be that
>the viewing angles of the Viking and Surveyor images are quite
>different and that no amount of modeling will be able to account
>for that difference.

>Thanks again for the clarification.

>Gary

Actually the difference in viewing angles and lighting should be no (or only a little) problem for modern software once a 3-D model of the face is built from the newest data. Carlatto made a 3-D model using the old data. Now he can make a new, more accurate model.

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>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 18:40:35 -0700
>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Theresa Carlson wrote:

>> Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 05:39:07 -0400
>> From: Theresa Carlson <Tcarlson1@compuserve.com>
>> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

><major snip>

>> And if there are any people on this list that are familiar with
>> digital video making and editing you'll understand this. The
>> buildings and foreground clutter in this video form a perfect
>> travelling matte. My guess is some one had already done some
>> chroma, luma, or other color or alpha channel keying on it. Not
>> one of the experts mentioned that. The UFO stays relatively in
>> the same place, with only slight movement in left, right, up, and
>> down directions. And the buildings just pass in front of it. The
>> UFO never passes in front of anything. An absolutely simple
>> illusion to create.

><snip>

>This is an excellent observation. Only someone familiar with SFX
>would see this; but, now that you point it out, the contrast
>between the buildings and the sky make creating the matte a
>breeze.>

>I'll tell you what bothers me about the video. We never see the
>saucer leave the site. Now, it is possible that it zipped away
>toward the horizon just opposite the camera; but, the odds of
>this are slim. And before anyone says that the cameraman simply
>stopped filming at that point, ask yourself: You're taping one
>of the most historic scenes in history -- wouldn't you wanna
>catch the saucer's exit?

>I know this is all just circumstantial evidence; but, it sure
>makes it hard to have faith in the veracity of the vid.

I guess you have't read my article in the MUFON Journal (april).

Measurements of th angular size (image size) of the UO
(unidentified object) show that it is constant until a couple of
seconds before it disappears the second time behind the higher
building. If the image size is interpreted as being inversely
proportional to the distance (a logical assumption) then it
maintain nearly a constant distance for most of the time
(probably traveled along a straight or nearly straight track
perpendicular to the camera field of view) and then moved away
rapidly.

IN fact, the data suggest an acceleration as the object abruptly
turned to its left. Obviously such an effect could be
synthesized... assuming the nasty synthesizer would think of
it...I might point out that this video is being analyzed almost
pixel by pixel.....

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 10:48:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Strieber On Father Balducci

>Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 14:31:54 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Strieber On Father Balducci

>It is painful posts such as these that make me rue the day I
>'came out' publicly as an abductee. These guys are an
>embarrassment. I almost hate to respond to because it's always
>interpreted as one "camps" opinion about another "camp." I just
>can't let garbage like this go by unflagged though. Please, do
>not interpret my opinions as "in-house fighting" or more
>ufologists feeding and tearing apart other ufologists.

>That is not where I'm coming from at all.

>John Velez- comments to follow. Read on at your own risk.

<snip>

>John Velez, (speaking for myself)

Yo, Bro John.

ROFLMAO!

Talk about hitting the nail on the head.

Why this is just the perfect time to mention our Beyond Roswell
CD ROM on sale now at better CD vendors everywhere. You will
find Msgr Balducci prominent in his lack of mention in our
appendix.

Bob

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 10:42:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

>Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 11:06:13 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

<snip>

>I find Hoagland's desperate attempts to cling to his fantasy
>depressing. The man just can't let go.>

>Anyone who works in digital imaging knows that 256 shades of
>gray just represents the maximum number of shades available.
>A very large number of images I work with day in and day out
>have fewer shades of gray. That is NOT missing data. It is
>missing shades of gray, nothing more, and is related to image
>contrast. If you want 256 shades of gray in the image, it
>is simple in Adobe PhotoShop or most any other high-end imaging
>program to adjust the contrast to give you as many shades of
>gray as you want.

>Why does an image have fewer shades of gray? Because of low
>subject contrast in most cases. What controls subject
>contrast? Well things like angle and diffusion of light. We
>are told by NASA/JPL that there was some cloud cover when the
>image was shot. Guess what folks? Yep, cloud cover reduces
>contrast, both by lowering the contrast of the light striking
>the surface, and by lowering it again when the image forming
>light passes through the clouds again on its way to the orbiting
>camera. This is all Photo 101 stuff, folks. This is not
>rocket science!

Bob,

Until we know what the INTRINSIC maximum contrast ratio or max.
brightness level over min brightness level is, we can't tell
whether or not "shades of grey" are missing. If the albedo ratio
of the surface (maximum reflectuion factor/minimum reflection
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(perhaps "black" or the noise level of the electronics). If the
intrinsic brightness ratio (maximum albedo times maximum
illumination /minimum albedo times minimum illumination) is less
than 256 to 1, then... so be it! There will then be less than
256 shades of grey.

Of course, in principle (perhaps not easily in practice) they
could readjust the amplitude per step (the gradations or "quantum
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brightness ratio. Evidently they didn't do that, however.

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Re: Yorkshire, UK UFO crash

From: Rob Irving <RobIrving@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 09:36:47 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 10:50:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Yorkshire, UK UFO crash

> From: "Jon" <jon@wibble.powernet.co.uk> [Jonathan Dyton]
> To: <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Yorkshire, UK UFO crash
> Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 21:15:23 +0100

Greetings Jon,

Re: Mexican Wave article.

> The article didn't (because of space restrictions I assume) go into
> much depth ,nor did it tackle any of the well known cases. lets
> face it, if your going to rip Mexico to shreds, then start with that
> case, where 4 people have filmed the same thing, not a bunch of
> obscure easily solved cases, who's importance has been pumped
> up.

I wonder if you and David are talking about the same article? The one I wrote (Fortean Times #109 4/98) focussed on an event recorded by many more than four people (more like twelve). In fact, the July 1991 'event', featuring Venus, Mars, Regulus and Sirius, during the eclipse, was what initiated the subsequent flap - a sensible one to focus on, it seems to me, and hardly "obscure" by any stretch of the imagination.

Anyway, the article was more to do with the perils of identification by video analysis, upon which the entire Mexico City furor is based, than any attempt at a comprehensive history of individual sightings. You're right, if I had been interested in doing that I would have been limited by space restrictions.

Rob

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Former Canadian PM on UFOs

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 19:18:50 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 11:14:52 -0400
Subject: Former Canadian PM on UFOs

Hi Errol,

In your last personal e-mail to me, you ended with the sentence "Lester Pearson would be proud.". I'd like to share the following bit of information below about this past Prime Minister with you.

Quoting from a photocopied paged of a library book (title?), we learn that that Canadians were ahead of their time with regards to understanding UFOs. This seems to fit well with some NRC documents with the signatures of Canada's top scientists which I photocopied in Ottawa who were members of a newly formed group, the 1952 Canadian Space Travel Planning Committee or Ottawa Interplanetary Society - a full 9 years before the first human spaceflight. A logo of a flying saucer was used at the top of their attendance sheet. Dr. Stedman, a member of this committee, even detailed how a flying saucer like the one flown by the "saucerians" can be built (I was not allowed to photocopy this technical document, now part of University of Ottawa's UFO collection).

[quote]

Lester B. Pearson, the United Nations diplomat who later became Prime Minister of Canada, gave expression to the fear in the 1950s that was focused on the skies and on outer space. In his Nobel Prize acceptance speech, delivered in Oslo, Norway, 11 Dec. 1957, Pearson made the following observation:

Perhaps there is a hopeful possibility here in the conquest of outer space. Interplanetary activity may well give us planetary peace. Once we discover Martian spaceships hovering over Earth's air-space, we will all come together. "How dare they threaten us like this!" we shall shout, as one, at a really United Nations!

[EOQ]

Three decades later U.S. President Ronald Reagan expressed a similar sentiment to Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev with respect to the "Star Wars" defence initiative.

You may share this information with the UFO UpDates list members for their comments if you like.

Bye for now. Nick Balaskas

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Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

From: butcherbr@dmps.des-moines.k12.ia.us (Bryan Butcher)
Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 09:28:08 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 11:46:39 -0400
Subject: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure

> Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 00:46:59 -0400
> From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: The New Mars Facial Structure
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> Actually the difference in viewing angles and lighting should be
> no (or only a little) problem for modern software once a 3-D
> model of the face is built from the newest data. Carlatto made a
> 3-D model using the old data. Now he can make a new, more
> accurate model.

Bruce...

Mark Carlotto has released his preliminary analysis of the new face, there is a 3-d model extracted from combining Viking and MGS data.

<http://www.psrw.com/~markc/marshome.html>

cheers,
Bryan Butcher
send personal replies to being@concentric.net

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Re: Nua Blather: Pretty Good Friday

From: **glennys mackay** <glenmack@thehub.com.au>
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 02:54:27 +1000
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 13:18:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Nua Blather: Pretty Good Friday

>*****
>April 10th 1998 Published By: Nua Limited Vol 1. No. 48
>*****

>PRETTY GOOD FRIDAY

You may be interested to know that BRISBANE IS THE CAPITAL OF QUEENSLAND NOT NORTHERN TERRITORY - this is where Pine Gap is, which is run by the Americans - could be confused - at the thought of those stationed deep under ground, could pop up as a bunch of garden gnomes when not on duty - could be the new spy system - the mind boggles at the thought Headlines " Pine Gap gnomes go AWOL - searching for Snow White.,< :) >

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Re: Cydonianism

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 11:18:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 11:27:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Cydonianism

> Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 12:54:05 -0700 (PDT)
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
> Subject: Re: Cydonianism

> >Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Catholicism vs. Cydoniaism
> >From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
> >Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 00:05:19 -0400
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> >Re: your comments on the inselberg - yes, unfortunately, the
> >resemblance is not exact. However, an exact likeness was not to
> >be expected, since there was no more than one photo on the web of
> >an inselberg, none taken from orbit, and, furthermore, as I've
> >mentioned before, Martian geology is significantly different from
> >terrestrial geology.

> Certainly not to be expected, no. It is precisely the
> inselberg's lack of extreme regularity of outline, probable lack
> of good symmetry, etc., that causes it not to have any appearance
> of artificiality.

Actually, it is impossible from that photo to determine the level
of regularity of its outline. It is likely as symmetrical as the
Face (which isn't very, despite the claims that it is).

As I mention, we suffer from the disadvantage of not seeing this
feature from orbit.

>>As I look at the images longer, the more they look like a
>>volcanic shield which experienced a fairly common differential
>>erosion. The revealed structure may actually be the lava filled
>>volcanic pipes and vents, which formed underneath a cover of
>>thinner (and softer) lava and ash deposits which have
>>subsequently been worn away.

>But of course no volcano would have straight sides where it
>intersects the surrounding plains, with those sides very
>gradually merging into a more expected curved shape at the
>"chin," but quickly merging into a curve of larger radius at the
>"top of the head," while overall exhibiting good "lateral"
> symmetry as well.

Actually, any volcano which forms on a linear fault can have a
fairly extended linear structure. And volcanos are almost always
symmetrical, by their very nature.

Synclines and anticlines are linear and are also symmetrical
around their centers.

Also, many mountain ridges are linear and also possess symmetry.

Finally, as for symmetry, the Face shown in the MGS images is not
all that symmetrical. It is certainly no more symmetrical than
typical earthly fault uplift mountains.

Furthermore, you ignore the nature of the inselberg formation
process, which is the erosion of a surrounding deposition plain
until the inselberg is revealed. Such a process typically results
is a fairly startling difference in relief between the inselberg

and the surrounding plains.

> And the odds are extremely poor that the upper two-thirds of the
> "volcano" would erode away down to a uniform height all around,
> and at that height the odds are again poor that the "volcanic"
> interior next to an eroded top would have filled up to the same
> height all around, leaving the congruent trench-like edge to the
> shape of the inner "pedestal." And the odds of no lava from a
> volcano having spilled over the edge somewhere and produced
> lateral asymmetry of the edge need to be taken into account. The
> symmetrically placed rectilinear features of the "headdress," as
> Van Flinders calls it, should also enter into the calculation of
> the odds; this feature had not been visible in the 1976 images.

> It's the consideration of the combined mathematical odds against
> any such scenario occurring naturally, Mark, that keeps the
> artificiality hypothesis very much alive.

Again we have the "odds" which started this exchange. I suspect a
misuse of statistics. Against what are these odds based?
Knowledge of geologically similar landforms? Observation of
Martian landforms?

But, at any rate, here's a hypothetical mechanism that can
explain the appearance of the Face as we see it in MGS:

1) A fissure opens in the plain. Being linear, the lava it emits
piles up in a sort of pup-tent appearance.

2) The volcano, in addition to lava, later emits a variety of ash
deposits and pyroclastic lava bombs, which make much of its
surface a less resistant material than the interior.

3) The volcano is partly buried by a plains forming event.
This material remains stable for a very long period of time,
during which natural erosion removes much of the less resistant
material from the exposed portion of the volcano. What is
revealed are harder, slow cooled, lava reservoirs and pipes.

4) A climate change or some geological event increases the rate
of erosion on the plains material. Or perhaps the plains material
is a softer substrate covered by a harder crust, and the crust
finally completes its erosion. At any rate, the lower section of
the volcano is revealed, and is not as eroded as the upper
section, due to protection by the plains material.

Such a scenario represents what seems to me to be a very likely
explanation for the Face geology. One can see that the edges of
the erosion on the landform have a two layered structure, which
fits well with a volcanic origin, where multiple eruptions
frequently result in several layers of differing hardness and
consistency.

Furthermore, the upper edges of that material are quite ragged
and irregular, indicating a natural process of erosion on a
single sheet of material rather than the collapse of a structure
made of blocks or other building material units.

Note that the internal structure of the Face shows none of the
hallmarks of artificiality, including straight lines, rectangular
shapes, connected linear shapes, indications of components, etc.

All of those are visible on orbital or aerial photos of
terrestrial ruins.

I suspect that if the Viking Face images had never been hyped, no
one, would contend that the MGS image represented anything but a
normal Martian landform.

> >A stunning example of this sort of thing affecting the area near
> >Amphitrites Patera (a very flat volcano with extremely fluid lava
> >flows) can be seen in Viking frame 578B01, where it modifies an
> >impact crater and some hills.

> Is this available somewhere on the web?

Try a web search, or refer to "The Surface of Mars"
(Carr, ISBN 0-300-03242-0)

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
<http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman>

Re: Cydonianism

- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -

Author of SF novels available at...

http://www.infohaus.com/access/by-seller/The_Temporal_Doorway_Storefront/

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Re: Yorkshire, UK UFO crash

From: **Mick Ibbotson** <miki@globalnet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 15:24:54 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 11:31:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Yorkshire, UK UFO crash

In response to David Clarkes recent postings.....

>As for proof of who was flying the aircraft - it's not my job to
>discover who was responsible, that's for the authorities. What we
>have proved is there WAS an aircraft, or aircrafts. That is
>sufficient to solve this case.

As you have stated it is now 99%+ likely it was the MoD. My first impressions of the 'light aircraft' theory that it was more likely smugglers - the drug trade in Britain is big and by using a light aircraft to ferry supplies from Europe they can escape detection by flying low and most really light aircraft can land in ordinary flat fields, plus the fact they are unlikely to log their flight plans means there would be no record.....

>As for the loony theories about a UFO shooting down an RAF
>fighter - do they really believe a Tornado fighter could crash
>into a reservoir just 15 miles from one of Britain's biggest
>cities and all traces of that crash, including two bodies, be
>removed right under the noses of 141 civilian mountain rescue
>team searchers without anyone noticing?

I heard that the searchers were actually looking in the wrong place - another rumour, in order to give the MoD time to remove the evidence. But I think you are right if a Tornado did come down the whole area would have heard it....and the whole area would have been sealed off...

>But how many of these people know anything about the geography of
>this area - and how many have spoken to the mountain rescue, fire
>and police officers involved? I live just 5 miles from this
>crash zone, know the area very well, and can assure you hundreds
>of people would know about a crash if it had happened. No one
>does, other than two ET believers.

I know the area quite well and can only agree you on this. However it is possible that everyone in the area was out that evening - highly unlikely but one for the 'believers' to hang onto - either that or they have been got at.....

>I also fear you have misinterpreted what I said about the
>videotape of the light aircraft taken in Sheffield that night. No
>one, least of all the people who filmed tthe video footage, ever
>claimed it showed a UFO. They came forward with the video after
>hearing radio reports about the search for a crashed aircraft,
>and thought the airplane they had captured on camcorder that same
>night might be the one involved.

I've seen the video footage - it was not very good quality nor did it give any indication of being anything other than a light aircraft...

>My point here is that if a light aircraft can appear to look like
>a triangle, and we know that people claim to have seen a UFO
>looking like a triangle that very same night, then it is surely
>logical to conclude these people saw an aircraft too, not a
>triangular shaped UFO. Anything else and we are in bonkers
>territory.

Couldn't agree more.....in overview, its sad when it turns out to

be just a conventional aircraft but as 99% of all sightings are explained away this way, simply a fact of life.

Mick
Member of YUFOS

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From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 14:45:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 15:08:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Mars Face Pic

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Bruce,

I was not aiming my simplified statements at experts like yourself,
but to the educated layperson trying to make sense of this.

Apparently they had the camera set for low contrast, based on their
latest statements, so as not to lose highlight detail. That makes
good sense.

I'm just trying to get across to people who don't know imaging
that just because a camera CAN record 256, or any number, of shades
of gray, that doesn't mean it always WILL or MUST do so.

Hoagland's original statements sounded like he was saying that
since the camera could record 256 shades of gray, that many shades
should be in the image, and if they weren't all there somebody
took 'em. That's what I was ranting against. Hoagland's statement,
if reported accuratly, is simple nonsense, and I would hope he
knows it.

Bob

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PROJECT-1947: Rendlesham - Refutation Refuted?

From: James Easton <pulsar@COMPUSERVE.COM>
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 22:09:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 14:35:57 -0400
Subject: PROJECT-1947: Rendlesham - Refutation Refuted?

Regarding...

>Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 13:54:58 PDT
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@FRONTIERNET.NET>
>Subject: Rendlesham: refutation refuted?

Jerry wrote:

>I hold no particular brief for Rendlesham, and I commend Mr. Easton
>for trying to make sense of it, and he has brought forward
>information we need to know. I do, however, object to this list's
>effort now to declare the case closed.

Jerry,

I haven't seen any intention to certify the 'case closed', quite the opposite. Any contributions I have made in unravelling fact from fiction are in need of a corresponding response, which, as I have implored on more than one occasion would be most welcome.

It's almost to the day six months since I first asked sources in the US who were colleagues of those who had contact with Halt, if the questions arising from my research could be put to Halt and ideally also Penniston.

I fully appreciated this was asking a great deal and explored several other possible avenues, e.g., via Salley Rayl and Diana Botsford, who had both been instrumental in the most recent 'Project: watchfire' on-line interviews with Halt and Penniston.

All to no avail.

Jenny's article won't provide those answers and I doubt that Halt's book will be anything other than a recapitulation of all that has gone before.

It's therefore a situation where the obvious explanation, as suggested by the more insightful evidence now available, is being accepted by many people as a de facto resolution of the case.

This was the point of my previous posting and a last appeal for any evidence to the contrary.

>Those not rushing to judgment will want to read (1) Jenny Randles' >courteous, respectful, but effective dissent from Mr. Easton (to >appear in IUR this summer)

I think it will be found that Jenny does not dispute any of the factual evidence contained in 'Rendlesham Unravalled'.

I know her main concern is that she queries whether Burroughs and Penniston may initially have 'underplayed' the full story, however that's a separate argument and one which may be difficult to maintain in the light of some further evidence, which Jenny isn't yet fully aware of, although I did indicate it existed.

We have also discussed other aspects to the case which it's

absolutely agreed are 'loose ends', however, these are comparatively of less importance than the main issues.

However, we can be optimistic that these central issues can be addressed as they consist of the most straight-forward questions.

What then should the response be of those who are in a position to at least ask of Col. Halt if he would comment on the considerable anomalies which are so evident?

Why was it was never revealed, until recently otherwise disclosed, that the Orford Ness lighthouse was known to have been, at least, a deceptive factor, or why he claimed that Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston all reported they had seen a metallic, triangular-shaped object, when apparently only Penniston did, or why Penniston's later story bears little resemblance to what we only now realise was documented at the time, etc.?

Neither Halt, Penniston or anyone else is of course obliged to answer these questions (perhaps Penniston might, if further efforts were made to contact him).

So, where does that leave the case and who should the focus be on for the next positive move?

The bottom line is that if we take a step back and look at the 'Rendlesham Forest' case as evidence of a possible ET contact, it's currently shot full of more holes than the Green Bay defence. ;)

Nothing else to be said, really.

James.
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CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS: Rendlesham

From: slk <slk@EVANSVILLE.NET> [Francis Ridge]
Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 09:23:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 15:21:36 -0400
Subject: CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS: Rendlesham

Greetings List Members & Jim Easton,

In the last week I've had hundreds of emails each day, so I have to let a lot of my responses simply go. But I wanted to address this one, for the benefit of UFOlogy and good relations with colleagues.

Jim, I have always been uncomfortable with cases like the Rendlesham Forest Incident. To me it's like a cup without a handle. Like Mark Cashman, I have trouble finding enough to retell the story. I certainly would not use this case in a briefing report. So, how did I get into this mess? I don't know everything about the UFO subject, even though I've spent going on 38 years (out of 55) working feverishly on the subject. So I have a group of advisers whom I consult when I get in a pinch. These guys have a great track record and know the UFO subject very well, also. They don't consider the subject of Rendlesham closed until Haut comments, but that may or may not help matters.

What is important, I just wanted to tell you that we all appreciate your research efforts (even if we don't always agree) and wish you the very best. One of the reasons I may have responded so briefly in the past is that, in dealing with people I don't know, I often suspect I'm dealing with closed-minded skeptics who feel they have an explanation for all sightings. I can handle explanations for 90-95%, because I've learned that it's the truth.

Brad Sparks has done some great work, too, on the Trent/McMinnville photo case, along with finding valuable new information on the RB-47 case.

There are a lot of good cases out there without quibbling over ones we can hardly define. Here's to you and your efforts.

Francis Ridge
NICAP Site Coordinator

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Why Cydonia Image is Only 1024 pixels Wide

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 15:35:58 -0400
Subject: Why Cydonia Image is Only 1024 pixels Wide

From: http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/msss/camera/images/size_of_image.html

Mars Global Surveyor
Mars Orbiter Camera

Why is the image of Cydonia only 1024 pixels wide?

This question has been asked a great deal over the past few days. The field-of-view of the MOC is 0.44=B0, and at the range of the Cydonia image, this translated to about 3.1 km (1.9 miles). The viewing angle was about 45=B0, so the projected width of the field was about 4.4 km (3 mi). The narrow angle detector is 2048 pixels across, so the intrinsic resolution was about 2.1 m/pixel. The maximum images size (in bytes) is 9.8 MBytes, or 2048 X 4800 pixels. At 2.1 m/pixel, this permitted a down-track field of view of 11 km. Considering the uncertainties in pointing of the spacecraft, this 11 km downtrack dimension was considered insufficient to insure a reasonable chance of hitting the target.

There are two ways of extending the downtrack dimension. First, we can use "lossless" compression to extend the distance by a factor of about 1.8. We do this with most of the MOC images. However, losses within the communication system occasionally create black bands (accounting for the loss of about 7-15% of the data) through the images. The MGS Project felt such losses would not be tolerable in the Cydonia images. The second way to increase downtrack dimension is to decrease resolution. If you sum the pixels two by two (that is, replace four pixels--two across by two down--with the average of the four), you can extend the image downtrack by a factor of four. This then changes the dimensions of the image from 2048 X 4800 to 1024 X 9600, and the images covers the same 4.8 km width but extends somewhat over 44 km downtrack. The resolution is lower (4.3 m/pixel vs. 2.1 m/pixel), but the image covers much more ground.

Since this resolution was still substantially better than the best Viking image (by about a factor of ten), the Project decided this was the best compromise in coverage and protection against data loss.

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Re: Former Canadian PM on UFOs

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 17:23:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Former Canadian PM on UFOs

> Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 19:18:50 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)
> From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: UFOs and famous Canadians

> Hi Errol,

> In your last personal e-mail to me, you ended with the sentence
> "Lester Pearson would be proud.". I'd like to share the following
> bit of information below about this past Prime Minister with
> you.

Errol, are you holding something out re Pearson?:-)

[Nope. Merely complimented Nick on his work on a MUFON
Ontario project and said ".....Pearson would be proud."
The Report eventually will out -- ebk]

Also Nick, interesting stuff below. Were you fellows also aware
of Pearson's involvement as a courier during WWII for Intrepid?

> A logo of a flying saucer was used at the top of
> their attendance sheet. Dr. Stedman, a member of this committee,
> even detailed how a flying saucer like the one flown by the
> "saucerians" can be built (I was not allowed to photocopy this
> technical document, now part of University of Ottawa's UFO
> collection).

Tell me more, particularly U.of O's refusal to let you copy Dr.
Stedman's documents.

Don Ledger

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Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 18:45:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

>Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 12:54:08 -0700 (PDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic

>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Hoagland's Rebuttal of Cydonia Pic
>>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 23:36:16 -0400
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Actually, the histogram results as stated don't actually show
>>that. The statement was only 70 or 80 shades of grey were used
>>instead of 256. The 70 or 80 shades could include black and
>>white. But a look at the image shows that the incoming data is
>>low contrast.

>>There are a number of possible reasons:

- >>1) Atmospheric aerosols
- >>2) Suspended dust

>Actually, these two are the same for Mars.

Actually, they aren't quite the same. Suspended aerosols typically would be considered to include water ice, CO2 ice, and very fine dust particles with indefinitely long suspension in the atmosphere, while suspended dust would be contributed by dust storm type activity and less thick dust convection from the surface.

I am not aware of the conditions at the time of the imaging, but was only attempting to supply a reasonably exhaustive non-conspiratorial list of possible causes.

>>3) Atmospheric moisture

>By this you would mean clouds, since water vapor is transparent.
>I commented on the problem with the thin, invisible cloud-sheet
>hypothesis earlier. In one of Ron Baalkes's communiques he
>mentioned that a thick cloud layer did lie over a different
>region of Mars (Utopia Planitia), but this caused an obvious
>brightness saturation problem.

Not exactly. Atmospheric moisture need not condense into clouds to reduce contrast through light absorption and scattering, particularly when combined with a low sun angle, which causes the sunlight to become more attenuated due to the thickness of atmosphere to be traversed.

>>4) Very low sun angle

>Actually, a 25-degree solar elevation, or even lower, seems
>pretty optimal to me to show up shadows and differences in albedo
>well, which an overhead sun wouldn't do. Yet 25 degrees isn't so
>low as to accentuate dust or haze very much.

It certainly is not a bad sun angle, but, again, I was simply trying to provide a fairly exhaustive list.

Cliffs and steep rises, however, can contribute contrast reducing

shadows, even at 25 degrees.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at

<http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman>

- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -

Author of SF novels available at...

http://www.infohaus.com/access/by-seller/The_Temporal_Doorway_Storefront/

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October's UFO Conference In Hong Kong

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Tuesday April 14, 1998

'Alien abductee' to beam down to Asia UFO summit

ANNE STEWART

An alleged alien abductee and mainland spacecraft spotters will be the star attractions at Asia's first UFO conference in Hong Kong later this year.

Organised by the Hong Kong UFO Club, the meetings will feature video footage of what are believed to be unidentified flying objects.

Experts, including a Japanese man who claims to have been abducted by aliens, will give talks. A 10-member team headed by Sun Shi-ling will brief delegates on sightings over the mainland.

Club committee member Henry Chen Yun-hai, 26, said the 700-member club was not expecting opposition from Christian groups.

However, he said the Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union had once described having an interest in UFOs as "evil".

Mr Chen, a UFO enthusiast since he was five, said he believed Christianity and an interest in UFOs were not mutually exclusive.

"I spoke to a bible teacher once who said if you believe in God, you can believe he created the universe and he also created aliens," he said.

Many UFOs had been spotted over Hong Kong, from Shamshuipo to Lamma, Mr Chen said.

Vatican spokesman Monsignor Corrado Balducci recently prompted a UFO debate in the Catholic Church after saying there was definitely extra-terrestrial life.

Father Luke Tsui Kam-yiu, of the Catholic Institute for Religion and Society, said he was not aware if the church had any opposition to a belief in extra-terrestrials or to the UFO Club's conference.

The conference will be held from October 23 to 28 at a venue to be announced.

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*Preachers take on alien beliefs

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Report From The "Life In The Universe Conference"

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Scientists study radio signals for signs of life out there

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BERKELEY, Calif. (April 14, 1998 08:43 a.m. EDT <http://www.nando.net>)
-- At this instant, radio signals from alien worlds might be passing through our atmosphere, through your home, through your very body.

Earthbound scientists hope to develop receivers "smart" enough to sense these faint messages from planets trillions of miles away.

Almost four decades after astronomer Frank Drake launched the quest for alien radio signals, the search continues in once unimagined ways, scientists said at a recent seminar at Lawrence Hall of Science, ways that include:

*Computers so smart and fast that they scan billions of celestial radio frequencies simultaneously, seeking just one that resembles an alien communique.

*Alien-detecting radiotelescope dishes the size of Volkswagens, operated by amateur enthusiasts and united in globe-girdling "arrays" that would monitor the entire sky 24 hours a day.

*Space telescopes, still on the drawing board, that might scan distant star systems for potentially life-bearing planets -- perhaps bluish-green, icecap-peaked, Earth-like worlds whose blurry mug shots may make front pages before today's youngsters are middle-aged.

In what at times resembled an intellectual PTA meeting, an enthusiastic audience of about 150, ranging from Berkeley scientists to parents with kids, attended the "Life in the Universe Conference" sponsored by the Astronomical Association of Northern California and the Lawrence Hall of Science. The topics discussed also included the possibility of prehistoric microbial life on Mars.

Since the mid-1990s, scientists seeking out alien life have been thrilled by repeated discoveries of planets that orbit other stars. Previously, skeptics had argued that our solar system is a galactic freak, and that almost all other stars are planetless and, hence, lifeless.

In reality, "planets are aands for Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

Consequently, "'E.T.' has plenty of 'homes' to phone home to," joked Shostak, who has a doctorate in astronomy from Caltech. His book on SETI, "Sharing the Universe," was recently published by Berkeley Hills Books of Berkeley.

Shostak estimates that one to 10 billion -- that's right, billion with a "b" -- Earth-like planets might swarm throughout the Milky Way galaxy. The galaxy is a vaguely pinwheel-shaped city of several hundred billion stars. The entire universe contains roughly 100 billion galaxies.

Jill Tarter, project director of the SETI Institute's Project Phoenix, described how she and her colleagues are searching for alien signals from about 1,000 nearby stars with radiotelescopes in West Virginia and Georgia.

The radiotelescopes detect natural radio "noise" from across the cosmos. Then the signals are scanned by high-speed computers trillions of times faster than anything at Drake's disposal when he first started looking for alien messages while working at a Green Bank, W.Va., radiotelescope in 1960.

The computers are programmed to look for unusual events -- say, a continuous sound like a beacon from a civilization that is trying to call attention to itself.

Likewise, aliens with radiotelescopes might detect television signals from Earth, said Dan Werthimer, director of a SETI project based at UC-Berkeley's Space Sciences Laboratory.

In terms of the intensity of television wavelength emissions, "the Earth is now 'brighter' than the sun," Werthimer said.

Tarter referred favorably to one private group's efforts to enlist amateur observers in the SETI search. Using converted satellite dishes, thousands of amateurs could scan the skies for alien messages. Such comprehensive coverage of the sky might make it easier to detect transient signals from aliens whose beacons aren't switched on full time, Tarter said.

Is SETI a waste of time? Skeptical evolutionary biologists argue that the emergence of intelligent life on Earth was a chance event so chancy that it's unlikely to be repeated elsewhere.

Even if the galaxy is jammed with intelligent creatures, intelligence may tend to emerge only for brief periods. That's because, according to pessimists, intelligent beings tend to self-destruct -- say, by inventing nuclear weapons or spoiling their planetary environments.

If that's true, then humans may have no one else to talk to in the entire galaxy, at least at the moment. The Milky Way galaxy may be a wasteland of dead civilizations buried in their own toxic waste and radioactive ashes.

Shostak is more optimistic. He recently proposed that civilizations typically pass through a bottleneck in time lasting a few centuries during which they are capable of total self-destruction. For humans, that period began in 1945, with the development of atomic weapons.

But as humans showed during the last half-century, a society that can build nuclear weapons can also launch spaceships to the stars. Perhaps within a century or so, humans will settle other worlds in our solar system. Future inhabitants of the moon, Mars and other worlds will perpetuate the species -- and, perhaps, communicate with aliens regardless of Earth's fate.

"I can get rid of the ants in my back yard, but I can't get rid of all ants everywhere because they're dispersed (around Earth)," Shostak explained. Likewise, "I can imagine a future where a couple is living on Mars. The guy looks at his newspaper and says, 'Gee Marge, look: NUCLEAR WAR ON EARTH, EVERYBODY DEAD.' 'Gee,'" Marge says, 'that's too bad.' "

By KEAY DAVIDSON, San Francisco Examiner

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Do you have some feedback for the Nando Times staff? (Link)

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Re: Former Canadian PM on UFOs

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 09:03:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Former Canadian PM on UFOs

> Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 17:04:04 +0100
> From: Don Ledger <dledger@istar.ca>
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO Update: Former Canadian PM on UFOs

<snip>

> Tell me more, particularly U.of O's refusal to let you copy Dr.
> Stedman's documents.

> Don Ledger

Hi Don,

Dr. D.F. Stedman was with the Applied Chemistry Branch of the National Research Council of Canada. In 1952 Dr. Stedman submitted a highly technical 46 page bound draft document titled "Synopsis Report On Atom Models" which detailed how antigravity worked and explained how "saucerians" used this technology in their flying saucers. Someone who had read this document has penciled in comments that certain items cannot be mentioned. This document is "Publication reserved" and I could not get permission to have it photocopied from the librarian at the University of Ottawa Archives and Special Collections (ARCS). It can be found in ARC 94-2, BOX 2, FILE: 3 and is part of the Arthur Bray's extensive UFO collection.

Quoting from Arthur Bray's 1979 book, "The UFO Connection" (from an autographed copy of my own), you may also be interested in this bit of UFO history.

<Quote>

In August 1970, U Thant visited Ottawa to open the International Congress of World Federalist. During this visit he was interviewed briefly by Mrs. I. V. Jacobi, a UFO reporter for an international organization. One of her questions was:

Your Excellency, UFO researchers the world over know that you are kept well informed on the possibility that extraterrestrial spacecraft do visit our planet but these facts are classified to the world public. Is this correct?

The same source reported that the Secretary-General nodded a hesitating yes and said "There are many things that I am forbidden to speak of".

<EOQ>

Maybe the major world political leader that Bud Hopkins refers to in his book "Witnessed" was not the first Secretary-General of the U.N. with intimate knowledge of UFOs.

Errol and I may know of some other high profile people with inside knowledge of UFOs but probably not as many as Dr. Greer of CSETI has managed to find. ;)

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Cydonianism

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Subject: Re: Cydonianism

>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Cydonianism [was Re: Catholicism vs.Cydoniaism)
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 11:18:31 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>[...]
>Actually, any volcano which forms on a linear fault can have a
>fairly extended linear structure. And volcanos are almost always
>symmetrical, by their very nature.
>[...]

Mark,

Thanks for posting the various web site addresses to look at.
After looking over several Martian volcanoes with irregular
outlines, I did find one that fits what you state above. It is
an elongated volcano in plan-form with good bilateral symmetry,
in the Tharsis region. So its outline is of the "face" shape. It
can be viewed at:

<http://ceps.nasm.edu:2020/ETP/MARS/MARSIMG/tharsis.gif>

in the upper center of the frame. What shows up by dark
shadowing is the outline of the relatively low upper wall of the
volcano's large interior. Although the outline of the outermost
edge at surrounding ground level is at best barely discernible,
it does seem to be pretty well congruent to the upper wall. So
I'm more comfortable now with the belief that the similar outline
of the "Face" is also a natural feature. There is a large
difference in scale between the two, with the tharsis volcano
being some 125 miles long, but I suppose such a structure is no
less unlikely to occur naturally on a scale 2 orders of magnitude
smaller.

Now I have only to contend with the symmetry of the rectilinear
"headdress" feature, or the possibility that the Face was only
designed to show up as a face when the sun is low in the west.
The latter does seem like a low probability bet, though.

Jim Deardorff

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Saucer Shaped Science Fiction Hall of Fame

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Flying Saucer Shaped Science Fiction Hall of Fame Being Built Near Queen Mary

Business Wire - April 14, 1998 07:16

LONG BEACH, Calif.--(ENTERTAINMENT WIRE)--April 14, 1998--Science fiction fans won't have to wait until 2001 to experience their own space odyssey. Queen's Seaport Development, Inc. (QSDI), operators of the popular Queen Mary attraction in Long Beach, Calif., are building a \$30 million, first-of-its-kind Science Fiction Hall of Fame (SFHF) on the 45-acre property adjacent to the Queen Mary.

Shaped to resemble a massive flying saucer, the 100,000-square foot facility is scheduled to open in early 2000, with projected attendance of more than one million adults and children per year. Interactive exhibits and immersive activities will feature state-of-the-art technology and special effects to showcase science fiction, fantasy and horror in film, television, comic books and graphic arts.

"Characters and lines of dialogue from science fiction works have made their way into the cultural lexicon," said Joseph F. Prevratil, president, QSDI. "Is there anyone who wouldn't recognize Darth Vader? Hasn't everyone, at some time, said 'Beam me up Scottie,' or 'Hasta la vista, baby?'" Prevratil noted that while the term "hall of fame" conjures up images of static museum exhibits, this facility will be anything but that, using video, audio, light, computer graphics, live presentations and special guest appearances to engage visitors in a journey befitting the exciting world of science, married with the future.

"Whether they are conversing with a holographic science fiction hero, creating their own comic book or 'starring' in a famous sci-fi scene, visitors to the Science Fiction Hall of Fame in Long Beach will be part of the action, directing their own unique science fiction adventure each time they visit," he said.

Plans for the SFHF include opportunities to experience virtually every genre of science fiction in the facility's imposing entry/arrival zone, pre-show theaters and five interest areas, covering television, graphics, film, authors, and science fiction heroes. Corporate sponsors, including studios, publishers and others, who recognize the broad appeal of science fiction, are also being approached for cross-promotions, as well as short and long-term partnerships.

Leading filmmakers, authors, artists and aficionados will be invited to sit on the Hall of Fame's advisory board. Prevratil indicated that an announcement of board members might take place in conjunction with the facility's August 1998 groundbreaking.

A selection committee will also announce the first inductees to the SFHF at a gala event in November of this year. To be eligible for induction, nominees must have made outstanding contributions in the arts and sciences of science fiction, based upon either cumulative contributions or achievements, or a singular and extraordinary contribution or achievement. Furthermore, a candidate must also have a body of work spanning a minimum of 20 years.

A series of television specials honoring the genre and its pioneers is in production and will be presented under the auspices of SFHF. The

first special will showcase women in science fiction and is scheduled for production late this year.

Prevratil noted that fans will also be able to help preserve memorabilia and honor icons of science fiction through tiered sponsorships (beginning at \$25) in the SFHF Foundation. The non-profit foundation is being formed to assist the Hall of Fame in securing artifacts from around the world and developing appropriate educational programs.

In addition, a rich world wide web site is currently under construction. It will bring the SFHF collection and its fascinating world of make-believe into homes around the globe.

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Malin: Mars Orbiter Camera And Viking Histograms

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I didn't format the number sequences so go to the site for the real picture.

Stig

Mars Global Surveyor
Mars Orbiter Camera

What about the histograms?

What is a histogram?

A histogram is a graph or table that shows the relationship between each brightness level in a picture and that fraction, amount, or percentage of the picture that has that brightness level. For example, a picture that was all black would have a histogram with a single value (for example, 100%) at the "0" brightness level. An all white image would have a histogram with a single value at the "255" brightness level. An image that was 1/2 white and 1/2 black would have two spikes in its histogram, each at 50%, at "0" and "255." An image that had equal numbers of gray levels between 0 and 255 would have a flat histogram, with equal percentages at each gray level. Remember this last example, as we'll return to it shortly.

Real images have differing shades of gray, depending on lighting conditions, the slope (slopes towards the sun are brighter than those pointing away from the sun, etc.), and whether the surface is composed of light or dark materials. Typically, images have histograms that resemble the familiar "bell-shaped" curve used to assign classroom grades.

A comparison of Viking and MOC Histograms

Figure 1 shows three histograms. From top to bottom, these are the 8-bit (256 shades of gray) histograms of Viking Orbiter images 035A70 and 070A13, as they are read from the Planetary Data System CD-ROMs, and MOC image 22003. These are also given, in tabular form, in their entirety: 035A70, 070A13, and 22003.

Figure 1: Comparison of Viking and MOC 8-bit Histograms (attached)

Examination of Figure 1 shows three attributes of the Viking

histograms, relative to the MOC histogram.

1.The vertical lines that define the curves are more broadly spaced for the two Viking histograms than they are for the MOC histogram (that is, the vertical lines in the MOC histogram are closer together).

2.The Viking histograms have long "tails" (brightness values that occur in small numbers) between 0 and 50 and between 130 and 255; the MOC image histogram has short "tails."

3.The Viking histograms are mostly confined between about brightness levels 50 and 130, while the MOC histogram is confined between 50 and 100.

The first of these attributes results from the fact that the Viking data as archived by NASA have 1 more bit of information than was actually acquired by the Viking Orbiter cameras. Inspection of a part of the 035a70 table shows what's going on:

Brightness	# of Pixels	% of Image	Graph of # of Pixels
50	441	0.03	
51	1	0.00	
52	458	0.04	
53	1	0.00	
54	646	0.05	
55	3	0.00	
56	2051	0.16	
57	2	0.00	
58	2703	0.21	*
59	1	0.00	
60	7432	0.58	***
61	2	0.00	
62	22573	1.78	*****
63	0	0.00	
64	22217	1.75	*****
65	1	0.00	
66	40797	3.21	*****
67	1	0.00	
68	51385	4.04	

Note that the odd-numbered brightness values (e.g., 51, 53, 55, etc.) occur very infrequently in the image (1 or 2 times in the entire image), while even values (50, 52, 54, etc.) occur much more often. This shows that there really is one-half the amount of data (every other brightness level) between 0 and 255, or only 128 real shades of gray.

Compare this to a similar section of the MOC histogram:

Brightness	# of Pixels	% of Image	Graph of # of Pixels
40	0	0.00	
41	0	0.00	
42	0	0.00	
43	2	0.00	
44	6	0.00	
45	42	0.00	
46	94	0.00	
47	161	0.00	
48	263	0.00	
49	387	0.00	
50	851	0.01	
51	2207	0.02	
52	4872	0.05	
53	9014	0.09	
54	13674	0.14	*
55	18935	0.19	*
56	25813	0.26	**
57	37456	0.38	***
58	56386	0.57	****
59	91238	0.93	*****
60	142126	1.45	*****
61	196481	2.00	*****
62	235086	2.39	*****


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        63                262813        2.67 *****
        64                294254        2.99
*****
        65                332896        3.39
*****

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Note that for MOC, that once values begin to appear, around brightness "42," every brightness value thereafter has an associated large number of occurrences.

Thus, the every-other value nature of the Viking data is responsible for the spacing seen in the histogram. This is the difference between 7- and 8-bit data.

The second attribute of the Viking data, that is, the long "tails" of values, can be seen in another excerpt from the 035A70 table:

Brightness	# of Pixels	% of Image	Graph of # of Pixels
140	305	0.02	
141	0	0.00	
142	318	0.03	
143	0	0.00	
144	236	0.02	
145	0	0.00	
146	230	0.02	
147	2	0.00	
148	234	0.02	
149	0	0.00	
150	271	0.02	
151	0	0.00	
152	195	0.02	
153	3	0.00	
154	170	0.01	
155	2	0.00	
156	174	0.01	
157	2	0.00	
158	158	0.01	
159	1	0.00	
160	209	0.02	

Note that every even brightness value has a few hundred occurrences. This is similar to the example given earlier of an image with equal numbers of pixels at all brightnesses. Inspection of the raw images (e.g., see the raw images in <http://www.msss.com/education/facepage/face.html>) shows "salt and pepper" noise (randomly spaced pixels that are either darker or brighter than their neighbors) that is characteristic of the telecommunications system used during Viking. This noise produces the long "tails" seen in the histogram.

Thus, the second attribute is explained by the noisier communication system of Viking relative to Mars Global Surveyor.

The final attribute is explained by a combination of the two previous explanations. The Viking image histograms are more spread out than the MOC image histograms because (1) the Viking data were "expanded" from 7- to 8-bit during their initial ground processing in 1976 and (2) radio system noise accounts for the longer tails.

Are gray levels missing from the MOC image?

With the background given above, it is possible to address the question of whether or not MOC images are "missing" brightness levels, as has been alleged by some.

Figure 2 shows three histograms. The top shows the 8-bit histogram of Viking image 035A70, as described above. The middle shows what that histogram looks like when the low values associated with the every-other nature of the data are removed (thus recreating the "original" 7-bit, 128 gray levels recorded by the Viking camera. Note that the spread in brightnesses is now one-half what it was earlier: the actual spread of brightnesses for 035A70 is seen to be between about 30 and 65-70, or 35-40 shades of gray. The bottom histogram is that from the MOC image, showing a range from about 45 to about 95, or

roughly 50 shades of gray.

Figure 2: 7- vs. 8-bit Histograms (attached)

Thus, the MOC data are not particularly different from the Viking data. Indeed, the MOC data actually have more gray levels than the Viking images.

Why are there so few gray levels in the Viking and MOC images?

In general, Mars is a low-contrast planet. This means that there are few areas that are really dark and few areas that are really bright, and that really dark and really bright areas usually don't occur next to one another. In fact, most of Mars is relatively bland. However, as noted at the top of this page, brightness depends also on slope and illumination conditions. When setting the exposure for both the Viking and MOC images, people worried about potential slope effects that could make the image too dark or too light, and also about occasional exceptions to the rule that bright and dark things don't occur very often. Thus, they were conservative in setting the controls, giving themselves more room above and below the expected "average" brightness in case something unforeseen was in the picture. By increasing the potential range of brightnesses that would fall between 0 and 255, the actual brightnesses were compressed into a smaller portion of that range. Hence, the images have low contrast, or in other words, narrow histograms.

Conclusion

There are no missing gray levels. The MOC and Viking images are very comparable in terms of the shades of gray they recorded. The primary differences between the images of the "Face on Mars" acquired by Viking and that acquired by MOC is the difference in the illumination direction and sun elevation, and the factor of ten higher spatial resolution of the MOC image. If it doesn't look like a face, it isn't because gray levels are missing.

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: "Terry J. Blanton" <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 21:38:11 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 10:01:17 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

Bruce Maccabee wrote:

> Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 00:46:53 -0400
> From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

<snip>

> I guess you have't read my article in the MUFON Journal (april).

> Measurements of th angular size (image size) of the UO
> (unidentified object) show that it is constant until a couple of
> seconds before it disappears the second time behind the higher
> building. If the image size is interpreted as being inversely
> proportional to the distance (a logical assumption) then it
> maintain nearly a constant distance for most of the time
> (probably traveled along a straight or nearly straight track
> perpendicular to the camera field of view) and then moved away
> rapidly.

> IN fact, the data suggest an acceleration as the object abruptly
> turned to its left. Obviously such an effect could be
> synthesized... assuming the nasty synthesizer would think of
> it...I might point out that this video is being analyzed almost
> pixel by pixel.....

Okay, I went back and reviewed the video and I agree with you --
the object is receding from the camera as it disappears behind
the last building. And it would not have to move very far from
the camera to disappear in the smoggy haze.

While my faith meter has improved slightly, it would get a bigger
jolt by having the photographer come forward. The ability to
create an amazingly realistic image is easily within the realm of
the home PC. Software has come a long way and I doubt I would
believe any anomalous image on the merits of the image alone. I
put more faith in the testimony of the witnesses. I've been
burned by more than one anonymous video.

Don't misunderstand. I'm a firm believer in alien visitation.
But I want the smoking gun AND the trigger finger before I can
call the images believable.

A great example of this is Walter's video over the bay. Here is
an object experiencing over 100 g's in it's movement with an
obvious shadow on the trees on the opposite side WITH the
testimony of the cameraman.

I think Ed filmed a real object and I doubt it's one of ours.

Terry

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Cydonia 'Swath': Explanation For Difference In Size

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Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 08:59:02 -0400
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Subject: Cydonia 'Swath': Explanation For Difference In Size

From: [Stig Agermose](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
To: updates@globalserve.net
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 01:47:03 +0200
Subject: Second Cydonia Observation: Explanation For Difference In Swath Size

>From NASA's Mars Global Surveyor site. URL:

<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/update4-14.html>

Explanation of Difference in Swath Size for Second Cydonia Observation

14-APR-98 1:45 PM PDT

cydonia_map2.gif (510 KB) (Attached)

In the second Cydonia observation from Orbit #239, the slant range to the target site is 196 miles (317 km), as compared to 275 miles (444 km) in the first observation on Orbit #220. The slant range is not a parameter controlled by the flight team. Instead, it depends on the location of the orbit relative to the location of the target, and will vary from orbit to orbit. Similar to cameras on Earth with a fixed lens size, decreasing the range to the target will yield a narrower field of view.

For example, both the first and second images of the Cydonia region have a pixel width of 1024. Since the slant range is smaller in the second image, the resolution is 8.13 feet (2.48 meters) per pixel as compared to 14.1 feet (4.3 meters) per pixel in the first image. In other words, the swath size encompassing the region observed from Orbit #239 is smaller. However, the resolution is higher than for the swath obtained from Orbit #220. The second Cydonia image covers an area 1.6 miles (2.54 km) across by 14.7 miles (23.81 km) long with a resulting resolution 20 times higher than the best previous image taken by the Viking Mission in the mid-1970's. The first Cydonia image covers an area 2.7 miles (4.4 km) wide and 25.7 miles (41.5 km) long, yielding a resolution 10 times higher than from Viking.

The raw image of the Cydonia region from Orbit #239 is schedule for release late this afternoon. The enhanced version should be available in the early evening Pacific Time.

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UFOs Cause Power Failures In Argentina

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Subject: UFOs Cause Power Failures In Argentina

From: "die tageszeitung", a Berlin newspaper, April 15.

http://www.taz.de/cgi-bin/markhtml?url=3Dhttp://www.taz.de:80/~taz//980415.taz/wa_T980415.208.html&mw=3DArgentinien

The German text follows my English translation.

UFOs Darken Argentina.

In the Argentine holiday center of Bariloche flying saucers have caused chaos in the power supply, and much concern among the inhabitants. The day before yesterday local radio stations were contacted by about a dozen eye witnesses, all of whom had seen four luminous, round discs hover in the sky the night before. "They were a large spacecraft and three smaller ones that attached themselves to the larger one again and again. Something like a shower of sparks occurred, and then all the lights went out," one of the inhabitants, Sara Salivar, told. A spokesman for the power station confirmed the, in his own words, inexplicable power failures. Already some years ago a pilot had problems landing at Bariloche on account of a UFO. For some unknown reason the power failed then, too.

Unheimlich: UFOs verdunkeln Argentinien

Im argentinischen Ferienzentrums Bariloche haben fliegende Untertassen ein Chaos in der Stromversorgung angerichtet und f=FCr reichlich Unruhe in der Bev=F6lkerung gesorgt. Bei lokalen H=F6rfunksendern meldeten sich vorgestern etwa ein Dutzend Augenzeugen, die allesamt in der Nacht zuvor vier leuchtende runde Scheiben am Himmel hatten schweben sehen.

"Es waren ein gro=DFes Raumschiff und drei kleine, die hin und wieder an das gr=F6=DFere ankoppelten. Dabei gab es jedesmal so etwas wie Funkenflug, und genau dann gingen in der Stadt die Lichter aus", berichtete Sara Salivar, eine Einwohnerin des Ortes. Ein Sprecher des Elektrizit=E4tswerks best=E4tigte die nach seinen Worten unerkl=E4rlichen Stromausf=E4lle. Bereits vor einigen Jahren berichtete ein Pilot =FCber Probleme beim Landeanflug auf Bariloche, verursacht durch ein UFO. Auch damals fiel aus bis heute ungekl=E4rter Ursache der Strom aus. Foto: taz-Archiv

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 12:43:23 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 13:24:18 -0700
>From: "Terry J. Blanton" <commenr@bellsouth.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Theresa wrote:

>> Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 19:58:59 -0400
>> From: Theresa <Tcarlson1@compuserve.com>
>> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

><snip>

>> That's probably why the perspective views of the buildings
>> doesn't change on this video as the camera pans. I made the
>> same mistake when I made the saucer fly through the
>> Minneapolis skyline. (Don't remember if I ever sent that
>> to you.)

>Uh, T, there *is* one other explanation: the camera is running
>on a rail parallel to the movement of the UFO. <g,d,r>

What is the significance of a "perspective view"? The camera
apparently filmed from one location. An aerial survey photo shows
that the "perspective view" from the building identified as the
location of the cameraman agrees with what appears in the video.
There is no parallax view that would require filming from another
location at the same time and would therefore give a 3-D aspect.
If the buildings look "flat" it can simply be because they are
hundreds of meters away.

<snip>

>> The camera only pans left and
>> right. If the object went out of view, wouldn't it be natural to look
>> up higher in the sky for it?? The view never goes any higher in
>> the sky than what is seen in the initial long shot. What happens
>> if you pan too far up on 2d image? <G>

>Hey! I know the answer to this one! Keystone Kops!

Another possible answer based on the apparent motion of the UO
(unidentified object): it moved upward slightly before
disappearing behind the first building and then continued to
upward motion for a short distance after reappearing. Then it
moved horizontally until it disappeared. One has to allow for the
distinct **possibility** that the cameraman would make the
logical assumption to the UO would continue to move to the right
at the same altitude since it moved steadily to the right before
it disappeared. Apparently the cameraman did not notice... which
is not surprising... that the angular size of the UO was
shrinking just before it disappeared... suggesting that it was
moving away from the camera.... where it could be lost in the
haze..

<snip>

>> One thing I haven't been able to find, is the UFO's shadow.

>> Even in the smog, or haze or whatever, the balconies and
>> other part of the buillings and foreground clutter have nice
>> crisp shadows all aligned in the proper direction.

>Yeah, I looked for a shadow, too. At least they seem to get the light
>source in the right place.

One must consider the *possibility** that the UO was beyond the
high rise building and hence its shadow, if there was one, was
obscured by nearby structures or by the buildings themselves.
(After the video zooms in it doesn't show the ground).

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Re: Strieber On Father Balducci

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 03:10:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 12:50:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Strieber On Father Balducci

>Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 07:46:19 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Strieber On Father Balducci

>>Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 14:31:54 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Strieber On Father Balducci

>>It is painful_posts such as these that make me rue the day I
>>'came out' publicly as an abductee. These guys are an
>>embarrassment. I almost hate to respond to because it's always
>>interpreted as one "camps" opinion about another "camp." I just
>>can't let garbage like this go by unflagged though. Please, do
>>not interpret my opinions as "in-house fighting" or more
>>ufologists feeding and tearing apart other ufologists.

>>That is not where I'm coming from at all.

>>John Velez- comments to follow. Read on at your own risk.

>><snip>

>>John Velez, (speaking for myself)

>Yo, Bro John.

>ROFLMAO!

>Talk about hitting the nail on the head.

>Why this is just the perfect time to mention our Beyond Roswell
>CD ROM on sale now at better CD vendors everywhere. You will
>find Msgr Balducci prominent in his lack of mention in our
>appendix.

>Bob

Hi Bob, hi All,

What really gets me by the ya-ya's is, the more unadulterated BS
one puts out there the more 'popular' and financially rewarded
you become!

example:

If I was to don some robes and start ringing bells and burning
incense (while accompanied by Hopi elders) and openly proclaiming
the coming of the Kingdom of the Space Brothers, I'd have a
bigger following and popularity rating than Clinton got after the
American people found out he was boinking interns for lunch!
Probably mean a bigger house for me too!

One of the very hardest things I have tried to do is to establish
a place where the experiencers themselves can be assured of an
honest and critical peer review of their own experiences. The
resistance to any kind of critical approach has been formidable!

Formidable enough to stop a rogue elephant dead in its tracks.

I think that's a sad state of affairs and a commentary on us all as a society. For so long we've been putting the emphasis on all the wrong things. Basketball players make millions while truly great educators live on welfare wages. Science fiction over science fact. Lies instead of truth. The President acts like a deranged Felini circus clown and his popularity rating goes up!

It's no wonder that con men like Dr. B can 'get over' on people even after being exposed as predator. No surprise that one BS artist can publicly endorse another (bigger) BS artist and expect to taken seriously by thousands of adoring fans. "Messengers" and "prophets" they call themselves! If it wasn't so sad I'd pee myself laughing.

I really work hard and believe in what I do. These sad idiots are an embarassment to anyone who is trying to get serious attention for something that is soon to become an issue for all to deal with. I was simply trying to point out the absurdity of Strieber's remarks. It wasn't hard. Every bloody sentence was a straightline just waiting to be punched. I wasn't trying to 'bash' anybody. Just calling a spade a spade.

I'll end this one like Spike Lee ended one of his, . . .

WAKE UP!

Peace,

John Velez, (speaking for myself)

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Alfred's Odd Ode #239

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 12:54:37 -0400
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #239

Apology to MW #239 (For April 15, 1998)

There are secrets keeping secrets wrapped in jealous secrete lies. It's a secret disrespects you; it's the secret I despise. It's the secret at the bottom keeping secrets held too dear; if they share them they're not special, and consumed with sullen fear. They keep them to be special, and to have their comfy edges. They keep them though they put themselves so far out on their ledges.

Keep your secrets then, for folly, as you stew in your own juices. Slowly simmer in your sameness till you die. I blithely sprint your un-trod path to YOUR feared edge -- I reach the lip . . . I spread my arms and jump!! I soar! I FLY!

Then it's from your edge I'm sailing, and I show you need no fear! What has scared you is a blessing, and it's that you should keep dear. The starfields are the meadows of a liquid plasma fight where the struggle for creation blooms the flowers of each night! The night is day, or day is night -- it's up to you to choose! What you watch, quite simply, changes! You change with it, or you lose!!

Turn to see a blueness that you'd sicken 'til she smells. See the breathing of her land; see her oceans, move and swell. Feel clouds like water pillows; smell the lightening split the sky; taste a grateful truth unending like the birds you're hearing fly. Hear the rumble of her whales as they make their conversations to the winsome wraith-like watchers from beyond. Know that it's connected to the dreams that you discount; a fact from which you've chosen to abscond.

I cleave Monk Bruno's heavens! Right now I'm breathing free! I scoff at your rejection. I fly opposed, but off my knees! I keep my eyes wide open, and I see you as you are -- a mote of sentient carbon born of massive blue white stars. And still you keep your secrets like the manner lords of old. Your position is not justice, so it's you I warn and scold. As a person is the way is, and you're mated to the dark. Your secrets are your disrespect; it's you keeps culture parked! Keep your faith untested, let tradition keep you shackled, and the future is a reason for your fear. But open up your mind and heart, how quick you find your second start; the way becomes a better kind of clear.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

On reflection -- I would do away with those secrets spelled like four letter words. Most are, certainly, disrespect taken form. . . secrets, of course, not four letter words. Many times, the traditional four letter words reflect a health we just won't cop to.

Why do you keep YOUR secrets, and aren't the reasons tragic?

Restore John Ford.

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Explore the Alien View?

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Cydonia Region - Contrast Enhanced Images

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 13:08:16 -0400
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Go to

<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/CYD2/index.html>

and enjoy!

Stig

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Re: Malin: Mars Orbiter Camera And Viking

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 14:52:29 -0400
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>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 02:21:07 +0200
>Subject: Malin: Mars Orbiter Camera And Viking Histograms

>>From Malin Space Science Systems via NASA's MGS site. URL:

>http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/msss/camera/images/4_9_histo_release/index.html

>I didn't format the number sequences so go to the site for the real picture.

>Stig

>Mars Global Surveyor
>Mars Orbiter Camera

>What about the histograms?

<Snipped>

Stig,

Thanks for posting this.

Malin is 100% correct, and his explanation is accurate and valid.

The man knows what he is talking about.

I hope this lays to rest all the crap about missing gray levels, but I know it won't. Unfortunately.

Bob

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Hoagland on Bell and Cydonia Pictures

From: "Keith Woodard" <gwoodard@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 08:14:16 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 14:54:55 -0400
Subject: Hoagland on Bell and Cydonia Pictures

Art: ...I'm getting from a number people who are sending me email...there are people who are seeing BUILDINGS, I repeat, BUILDINGS in the new photographs!

Richard: Absolutely, I'm looking at it myself. On the lower right hand corner, alright...

<snip>

Art: I mean I've got people -- let me read it to you. It says, "You can see straight lines and shadows, also what appear to be doorways, I repeat, doorways and several buildings!"

Richard: Yup. No question.

Art: You agree!

Richard: Abso -- I'm looking at them!

<snip>

Richard: This is a very historic night, Mr. Bell, a very historic night.

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SPACEWARN Bulletin

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 09:52:33 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 14:50:19 -0400
Subject: SPACEWARN Bulletin

To MUFON Ontario members and UFO UpDates subscribers.

If you are interested in a brief summary of the times and dates of all rocket launches (as well as many other details for each launch) and the dates spacecraft or rocket boosters return to Earth or burn up in the atmosphere (past and future), then I would suggest you subscribe to the SPACEWARN Bulletin which is sent out by e-mail.

Subscription information and other details can be found at:

<http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/spacewarn/spacewarn.html>

I have found the SPACEWARN Bulletins excellent for quick reference whenever a UFO sighting is reported by many over a large area and I suspect that it may have a possible connection to human space related activity.

Nick Balaskas

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Address Request

From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 00:50:05 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 17:27:12 -0400
Subject: Address Request

Dear Errol,

A colleague in the USA has asked me if anyone has the current snail mail address of crop circle researcher Pat Delgado. I'm afraid I don't have it but does anyone on the list ?

Thanks,

Philip.

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Document Request

From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 00:51:13 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 17:25:58 -0400
Subject: Document Request

Dear Errol,

Can anyone help provide me with a copy of the Senator Russell UFO sighting report that he made in the 1950's in the USSR.

Thanks,

Philip.

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Re: Cydonianism

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 12:19:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 17:29:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Cydonianism

>Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 18:02:03 -0700 (PDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
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Mars is certainly a place which stretches our sense of scale in geology. Volcanic features there are sometimes three orders of magnitude larger than comparable features on earth, and there are some features, such as the "paterae", which have never been found on earth.

There are also the rampart, pedestal, and "splish" craters, which are generated by the unique conditions of Martian soil and erosion effects. There's no question that such things make it very hard to anticipate the appearance of certain features, or to derive their causes based on terrestrial geology.

FYI, Viking frame 627A28 shows a volcano with an extremely elongated summit vent, which is almost exactly the sort of feature I have begun to suspect the Face began as.

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Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 12:19:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 17:28:33 -0400
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From: United Kingdom UFO Network <ufo@holodeck.demon.co.uk>

Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 20:08:56 +0000

Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 20:15:52 -0400

Subject: 91} part 1 - United Kingdom UFO Network

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By D. Lynne Bishop

Editorial

Guests on UK.UFO.NW -IRC- channel

United Kingdom UFO Network has had some very interesting guests on it's IRC (internet relay channel) over the last few weeks. Ros Reynolds: UK abductee - Nick Redfern: UK ufologist, author and government conspiracy investigator - Kevin Randle: World respected ufologist and Roswell expert.

Text transcripts of these meeting can be found on the below web sites:

<http://www.holodeck.demon.co.uk/>
<http://www.crowman.demon.co.uk/>

AND we are not stopping there. Future guests include:

Saturday 25th April 98

Philippe Piet van Putten live from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Director of the Brazilian Academy of Parasciences (ABP) and National Director for Picard UFO Research International (PUFORI). Editor of the bimonthly bulletin *Aerospatial Phenomena* (entering its 4th year of publication).

Saturday 2nd May 1998

James Bond Johnson

James was the photographer who took the famous 1947 Roswell UFO crash wreckage in the office of General Ramey in Fort Worth, Texas.

Confirmed UK.UFO.NW -IRC- guests (dates to be organised)

Nick Pope - UK MoD and former head of Sec (Air Staff) 2a at the MoD.

John Carpenter (USA)

Full connection details to the UK.UFO.NW -IRC- channel can be found at the foot of this e-zine.

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Alien humour

Folks please send us whatever Alien, UFO jokes you have or come across. Our address as usual is:

ufo@holodeck.demon.co.uk

United Kingdom News
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[UK 1]*****

Source: Daily Mail newspaper (UK)
Publish date: Tuesday 17th March 1998

Alien alert as mini meteors do the light fantastic

By David Derbyshire
Science Correspondent

A spectacular meteor shower sent hundreds of anxious onlookers scurrying to phone the emergency services, convinced aliens were about to land.

Police and coastguards were inundated with calls when the skies above Southern Britain lit up with stunning flashes and smoke trails and echoed to rumbling explosions.

Many mistook the shooting stars for distress flares from a ship in trouble, while others believed they were seeing UFOs.

In fact, the light show signalled the return of a group of meteoroids called Virginids, which reach the Earth every Spring. Experts say they will be around for weeks. Sunday night's display was particularly spectacular because of the nearly full moon and crystal-clear skies.

Emergency services across the South and West said yesterday they had taken hundreds of calls.

Police were also alerted, but soon learned the lights were shooting stars after checking with weather experts.

The Brixham Coastguard in South Devon said it took up to 30 calls reporting red distress flares in an area from Exmouth to beyond Plymouth.

"It was obviously quite a severe meteorite shower," a spokesman said. "We actually saw one over our own coastguard station. There was a bright flash of white light with a bang and some smoke. It was like a very big, very high firework.

Meteorologist Dr Richard Porter, from Kingsbridge, South Devon, told how he saw a trail of light across the sky.

"It was like a rocket which broke up into five or six pieces and disappeared but there was a smoke cloud which remained for ten minutes. I also heard bangs and rumblings for two or three minutes.

"I believe it was a meteor a foot or so across at about 18 to 30 miles up in the sky. This is comparatively low in our atmosphere and the lowest I have seen. It may have been a piece of space debris and not a true meteorite."

Gerald White, secretary of the Norman Lockyer Observatory in Sidmouth, Devon, said the meteors varied from the size of sand to a pea or even a cricket ball.

Tens of thousands of these lumps of rock and iron head towards Earth every year, but only 100 or so are large enough to survive their fiery descent and reach the ground.

When they float through space they are known as meteoroids. When they burn up in the atmosphere they become meteors and if they crash into the ground they are meteorites.

Meteoroids hit the atmosphere at up to 45 miles a second. Friction with the air turns them white hot and they appear as streaks of bright light. Mr White said reports of smoke were explained by vapour.

Most are the size of grains of sand and disintegrate at least 50 miles up. But larger meteoroids, travelling at five times the speed of sound, can produce sonic booms as they approach the ground.

They are created when asteroids collide in space, although some are debris from comets.

Meteor showers occur when the Earth passes through orbiting clusters of rocks. Some return annually, others every few decades.

[UK 2]*****

Source: The South Wales Argus, Monday March 16 1998
Publish date: Monday 16th March 1998
From: Lloyd Bayliss - lloyd@gwent-tertiary.ac.uk

They're Lights, Jim, But Not As We Know Them

By Helen Morgan

Gwent police were enjoying a quiet Sunday evening. Until 7pm last night, that is, when their switchboard was suddenly jammed with callers reporting flashing lights in the sky.

Dozens of people from accross the southh of the county put forward various explanations for the spectacle.

A plane crashing was the favourite, but there were also theories that the much publicised 2028 asteroid was making a premature appearance.

Inspector Ian Morgan, who was on duty at HQ in Cwmbran, said he checked with Cardiff Airport to make sure no aeroplane was in trouble.

"They assured us that everything they had in the air was still in

the air," he said.

But a quick call to the Cardiff Weather Centre solved the mystery. Forecaster John Moreton confirmed there had been a meteorite shower.

He explained that when a meteorite hits the atmosphere at an angle, rather than straight-on, the results are often spectacular as it burns up.

"It is actually quite common. If you stand outside for long enough you would see one most nights," he said.

Mr Moreton put the intensity of interest in the shower down to it happening on a cloudless night and relatively early in the evening.

"If it had been clear over the whole country, it would have been seen right accross Wales," he said.

[UK 3]*****

Source: Free Press (Wales)
Publish Date: March 1998 (exact date not known)
From: Lloyd Bayliss - lloyd@gwent-tertiary.ac.uk

Fireballs Were A Meteor Shower

Gwent police were put on alien alert on Sunday evening when they received reports from all over the country and beyond of fireballs falling from the she sky.

Callers from as far apart as Pontypool, Chepstow, Merthyr and Bargoed claimed they had seen alien landings in the Ebbw Vale / Bargoed area. A police spokesman said that officers were despatched to investigate but a search turned up no evidence of alien beings.

However, the matter was soon cleared up after a call to the experts at the weather centre. They told police the alien invasion was just a meteor shower.

[UK 4]*****

Source: Alien Encounters magazine
Publish Date: April 1998

Merseyside, UK

On the evening of 16th January 1998 the two occupants of a car travelling along the M56 near to Runcorn, Cheshire, were startled by a large dark triangular shape, which appeared to be tracking about 150 feet above their vehicle.

In the reflection from the motorway lights it was possible to make out a central fan construction on the underside of the aircraft, which itself only carried three small peripheral navigation lights. The objects speed was about 50-70 mph.

A few nights later, on the 19th January 1998, police on Merseyside received a number of calls about a strange disc like object which was seen hovering over Liverpool. The craft seemed to have a soft glow and gave the impression that it was slowly rotating. I received two calls myself about the sighting, which seemed to be causing some concern.

Looking out across the river Mersey I was able to determine that what had caused the stir was infact the airship TV camera platform covering Liverpool FC's home match!

Sitting barely into a thin cloud layer, at about 250 feet, the airship did indeed give the impression of a rotating saucer and was a good example of how easy it is to mistakingly identify unfamiliar aircraft.

[UK 5]*****

uk.ufo.nw says: The below reports appeared in The Sun newspaper over a period of four days. Following this report is another about the same family but by a different journalist and viewpoint.

Source: The Sun newspaper (UK)

Publish date: Monday 16th March 1998

Abducted

The book that proves the truth is out there.

Jason Andrews looks like an ordinary 14 year old. His bright blue eyes, fringed with dark eyelashes, are set in a round intelligent face. He is average at school but gets bad marks for forgetting to do homework.

He's cheeky when he can get away with it, terrific on the computer, hangs out with his friends and thinks money grows on trees. A normal boy - except that those blue eyes hide a terrible secret.

For Jason has been abducted by aliens.

Today, The Sun reveals his gripping story - the most extraordinary tale of alien abduction ever.

In the past, such stories have often been dismissed as the fantasies of cranks. But the mind blowing events you will read about, happened to this very ordinary family from Kent.

They are not weirdo's. They are not fantasists. Jason's Mum Ann and Dad Paul, both 41, run a 10-acre smallholding next to Ministry of Defence training site near the village of Crouch. In the evenings Paul drives a taxi to make ends meet.

Ann felt compelled to draw this image of an alien, right [typical greys head], after her family's experiences. And now they have told their incredible tale in a new book, Abducted. This week The Sun's Mike Ridley adapts their story. Read it...then make up your mind.

The astonishing story of alien abduction in rural Britain.

Jason Andrews fell into a deep sleep on the sofa after his first proper birthday party.

He was four years old, stuffed full of birthday cake and shattered after running around the house with his friends.

Jason's Mum Ann, relieved everything had gone well, settled down for a quiet cup of coffee with her husband Paul and her Mother Vi.

A loud banging at the door of their cottage in Slade Green, Kent, interrupted their chat.

It was 10 o'clock at night, too late for casual callers. The noise was urgent and insistent.

Louder than a fist, it was more like a heavy boot being thrust against the door with huge force. Paul flung the heavy oak door wide. The banging stopped the moment he touched the door. There was no one there. He peered up and down the lane that led to the cottage. It was empty.

As Paul stepped back into the living room there was a loud crack of thunder. The storm woke seven year old Daniel, the older son, who had been asleep in the bedroom. He climbed onto his Grandmother's lap. Jason slept on.

Suddenly, there was a flash of lightening, so fierce that even Paul, a big, unflappable man, jumped. Jason sat bolt upright. His eyes open, staring, but oblivious to the room and the people around him.

He started to talk, pouring out an incredible stream of numbers, as if he'd hit the jackpot on some weird, mental fruit machine.

Fantastic numbers, huge numbers, strange algebraic configurations, mathematical terms like 'pi' and 'binary codes', all spewed out of the mouth of a boy - not yet at school - who normally struggled to count to ten in his picture books. The loud banging at the door began again. It seemed to come from the windows and the doors at the same time.

The whole cottage seemed to shake. Paul grabbed the phone to dial 999 [UK emergency services]. Nothing happened. He had a dialling tone but the numbers did not register.

Jason stopped talking. At exactly the same moment, the banging

ceased.

Then Jason slid from the settee and, still in a trance, started to walk towards the door. Paul put his hands on his small son's shoulders, gently restraining him. The child looked up at his Father and replied in a strange emotionless voice: "They're waiting for me, I have to go." As he spoke the knocking began again.

This time his Father grasped him firmly. Jason struggled and Paul, in desperation, shook him violently to snap him out of it.

Jason fought harder. Then the banging receded, dying out completely as Jason looked at Paul and asked innocently if he could watch TV.

Paul picked up the phone again and this time was able to get through to the Police.

When two officers arrived he went through what had happened, without mentioning Jason's part in it.

They went outside but could find no signs of damage.

All four members of the Andrews family claim to have had X Files experiences.

Strange things have surrounded Jason from the moment he was born. Ann would put him into a cot in his bedroom and find him later lying under the cot. Twice she found him under a chair.

One terrifying night she could not find him at all. Her screams brought an answering wail from behind the door, where Jason was lying on the floor.

She thought Daniel, then four, was the culprit.

But Daniel, now 18, remembers that, as a youngster, aliens visited his bedroom too.

When he was four they turned to Jason. He says he is paralysed in bed on the nights Jason is abducted.

Ann has witnessed aliens on the family's smallholding. She says she too has been abducted but, unlike Jason, does not remember everything that happens.

And Paul, the most skeptical of the lot, once witnesses a bright orange circular object darting upwards towards the sky at enormous speed.

After Jason's fourth birthday, electrical equipment in the house developed a life of its own - the TV or hi-fi would come on in the middle of the day or night.

One night Ann was drifting off to sleep when the house was bathed in a bright blue light. The lane and farm buildings were lit, brighter than daylight.

A terrified scream came from Jason's room. "They're back, they're back!" he shouted in hysterics.

The screams subsided to sobs and the intense light went off suddenly. Paul refused to admit a connection between Jason's screams and the light. But over the next weeks Jason changed. Bedtimes were a battleground.

He was only really settled if he slept on the floor next to his Mother's side of the bed.

He became anxious and fractious. He would not even go to the toilet alone.

As Jason grew older he still suffered disturbed nights. Ann would wake him for school and sometimes he would get up with muddy streaks down his legs and arms, yet she knew he had bathed the night before.

Sometimes his pyjamas would be caked with mud and his feet and hands scratched.

At first the couple tried to dismiss it as sleep walking. But early one morning Paul poked his head into Jason's bedroom. He had disappeared. Panic stricken, they checked the shed in the back

garden. Ann strained at the heavy bolts. The door opened and they found him sound asleep. If Jason had been sleepwalking he would have needed all his strength to open the bolts. Even if he had, how could he close them again?

There were physical problems, too. He complained frequently of stomach pains but Doctors found nothing. When Jason was ten he had tests in Maidstone hospital. On the final day, doctors asked Ann why Jason had a six-inch scar on his right side. She had never seen the scar before and had no idea.

A week later Jason was suddenly struck with acute stomach pains. He was readmitted to hospital. There was no scar on his right side, but there were several red fresh-looking scars on his stomach.

It was another two years before Paul and Ann discovered a possible cause. At first it was an explanation they could not accept. It was so far-fetched, so incredible.

In 1995 the family were watching a TV show about hypnosis, when a man in his 40s explained how he had been driving his normal route home from work one evening.

A journey that normally took 35 minutes lasted over three hours. He could not explain what had happened in the extra two and three quarter hours. But since the mysterious time loss he had suffered mood swings, depression and an irrational fear of the dark.

Without warning, Jason leapt to his feet, picked up a china dog and hurled it at the TV.

The boy turned to face his parents and, tears coursing down his cheeks, he sobbed: "That man there is stupid. He should be glad he can't remember. He should leave it like that.

"Because I remember. I remember everything. I'm scared. They wont leave me alone. Why can't they leave me alone?".

He fled the room. Ann and Paul looked at each other in shocked silence.

Daniel, by then aged 16, spoke first: "Do you still not understand? This guy on telly was abducted by aliens. Don't you both get it yet?"

Ann's mind was racing. The behaviour the man on TV had described was just like Jason's.

Ann had seen stories in newspapers about people who claimed to be in contact with aliens, but she scarcely bothered to read them.

As for Paul - if Paul couldn't touch it, it didn't exist.

Daniel told his parents: "I get weird stuff happening, too. Last night I was woken by a bright light, and when I sat up I felt I had been hit by something all over. Almost like something had entered me.

"I felt something hot running through me, but I was paralysed. The next second I was asleep, and I didn't remember anything till this morning.

"I know the aliens wont hurt Jason, but he needs help Mum. He can't cope with it. It's really screwing him up." Jason was in the kitchen, his face buried in his arms. Gulping back sobs, he told his parents: "It's always the light that comes first.

"It wakes me up. Then I see the tall one rise at the foot of the bed. Suddenly there's lots of little ones everywhere.

"They're fuzzy and indistinct, and they move very fast.

"I can't move or speak, but I'm awake and I can see and hear and feel. I want to scream run, but the sound doesn't come and my body can't move.

"Sometimes I am screaming but it never wakes you, you never come to help me. I hate them. I hate them. I hate you for not coming when I need you."

Jason sat up and stared accusingly at his parents: "Why do you let them take me?"

"I have to go to hospital with them. They take me to an operating theatre. It's all white. Sometimes it's a circular room with a metal floor.

"It's always cold. I want to go home, I hate it. They're there. The big one touches me but I don't feel it, as if I've had an anaesthetic. I hate it, I hate it.

"But you don't believe me. You think I'm a stupid kid making it all up."

Ann said: "I believe you. I'll help you sort it out."

Did she believe him?

Ann knew instinctively Jason was telling the truth as he saw it. She felt there must be another explanation, but she knew Jason was not pretending. The events were real to him.

Paul was even more reluctant to believe what Jason had told them. But he accepted it was their duty as parents to help. What they learned took the family on a journey in the realms of science fiction.

The Ministry of Defence says there have been no secret operations at the Mereworth MoD site, which backs on to the Andrews smallholding. They say it is used for training part time Territorial Army soldiers.

But the Andrews are convinced their son IS still being abducted by aliens. They would love to be proved wrong. But so far no one has been able to.

1998 Ann Andrews and Jean Ritchie. Extracted from Abducted, The true story of Alien Abduction in Rural England by Ann Andrews and Jean Ritchie. Published by Headline in hardback at 16 pounds and 99 pence and available in all bookshops.

Cynic to believer

Journalist Jean Ritchie, who tells the Andrews family's story in Abducted, was converted from total cynic to believer as she started to investigate their story.

Jean, a journalist for more than 30 years, says: "I became convinced they were telling the truth.

"They are not fantasists. I quickly realised that Ann was not lying, exaggerating or being manipulated.

"I set out to disprove their story - I couldn't. There are so many unexplainable things that have happened to them.

"When I went to see Jason, I expected to meet a withdrawn, nervous, loner of a child - a nerd even. He's not.

"Jason is like any likable, 14-year old. He's outgoing and likes talking about Arsenal and the Spice Girls.

"I started as so many outsiders do, desperately looking for material proof- I wanted to touch an alien, take a photograph. Such proof is elusive, but perhaps this kind of evidence contradicts the nature of abduction.

"If we are dealing with higher levels of intelligence than our own, why should they leave fingerprints and clumsy evidence of an event they choose to shroud in mystery.

"Abductions almost always happen under cover of darkness with all potential witnesses rendered unconscious.

"What the Andrews family provide is a different kind of proof - a proof that cannot be dissected under laboratory conditions but is no less valid.

"Similar stories can be traced back to the beginning of civilisation, crossing all cultural, social and racial backgrounds. It is a sheer volume of evidence that cannot be ignored or dismissed."

Source: The Sun newspaper (UK)
Publish date: Tuesday 17th March 1998

Ann saw a face staring in the window...but it wasn't human.

Ann and Paul Andrews are an ordinary couple with two sons, Daniel and Jason.

They run a 10-acre smallholding, called Hawksnest Farm, near the village of Crouch in Kent. Their home lies next to a Ministry of Defence training site. Paranormal activity has surrounded the family since Jason, 14, was born. But it took 12 years for the couple, both 41, to discover the cause: Jason is regularly abducted by aliens. Neither Paul or Ann wanted to believe it and fought hard to find more logical explanations.

Now Ann has told their story in a gripping new book, *Abducted*, which you can read here first.

Today, Mike Ridley reveals Ann's diary of unexplained events.

Many weird things have happened to Jason Andrews, but among the most inexplicable are the strange marks that appear on his body.

Jason and his parents are convinced the wounds and scratches are caused when he is abducted by aliens in the night.

Here is part of his Mother Ann's diary for 1995:

Sept 20: Jason complained of a pain in his side this morning. Showed me a red triangular-shaped mark on his rib cage. Later there was no sign of it.

Sept 23: Jason limped slightly. Showed me a mark at the top of his leg, as if the flesh had been scooped out. But there was no cut. Later I tried to show Paul, but it had gone.

October 1: Jason has the dice mark on his left knee. (The dice mark was a square of dots, a quarter of an inch in diameter.)

On another occasion, Jason gashed his hand at a school fete. A St Johns ambulance first-aider placed five "butterfly" stitches on the wound and warned Jason he might have to go to hospital.

The next morning when Paul went to wake Jason, the bandage and dressing were on a bedside table.

His parents examined his hand. There was no sign of a cut or a scar.

Just after Christmas 1996, Jason woke up when the weather was below freezing outside. His skin was red, like he had been sunbathing. By the end of the day he had returned to his normal winter pallor. In June that year, Jason was seen by the family GP [Doctor], Dr Karen Parks. In a letter, she said: "Jason has shown me marks on his left side, stating this is where the 'creatures' cut into him.

"I do not know what to make of them. I haven't seen anything like this before."

Jason was examined by school psychologist Dr Pauline Stevenson who was satisfied that the youngster was not mentally ill.

FACE IN THE WINDOW: In November 1996, Jason had become so depressed Ann took him and three pals on holiday to a mobile home at Allhallows in Kent.

Ann was relieved to see Jason smiling again. But on the Wednesday night she was woken by his screaming. She rushed to the room he shared with his best friend Mark. Jason was standing by the bed.

The screaming stopped as Jason realised that she was there. He said: "Don't touch me, you mustn't touch me," In tears, Ann turned to leave the room. Jason spoke softly: "Mum, they're making me feel and see what they feel and see. I'll be all right."

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The Ministry of Agriculture told Paul to dispose of the bodies by incinerating them.

Later he received a call from a man claiming to be a Ministry official who told Paul to keep the carcasses.

Soon after a black transit van pulled up and a tall thin man dressed in a white coverall suit, complete with hood, leapt out. He told Paul: "We're from the Ministry."

He and five more "spacemen" in white suits loaded the carcasses into another lorry which lumbered into the yard. The two vehicles drove off along the dirt track. At that moment Jason and his brother Daniel returned from school. They had been dropped at the bottom of the lane - but had seen no van.

Five years later Paul was told the Ministry of Agriculture did not have a flying task force of vans and men.

The normal procedure after a salmonella outbreak is still to burn the carcasses on the farm.

HORSES: Paul discovered his horse, Shannon, had had a large flap cut in his shoulder. There was only a small amount of blood.

The vet said it was a deliberate incision and that layers of tissue below the skin had been removed.

Strangely, Shannon stood still and showed no sign of pain while the vet stitched the wound.

It seemed to Ann that the horse had already been anaesthetised.

At the time, the family knew nothing of a strange spate of animal mutilations which appear to have some connection with alien activity.

Ann noted in her diary for February 14 that all six horses, including the foal, were limping on the nearside back leg. Every animal had an identical bloodless wound in the same place on the rear leg. The wounds healed quickly.

COWS: In spring 1996 Paul bought four pregnant cows - three Charolais heifers and an older Jersey cow.

The farmer who sold them said all four would calve around September. During the summer Ann and Paul watched the cows swell and felt their carves kicking. But September came and went without any births. In fact, all four looked thinner.

In November, when Ann arrived at the smallholding she found deep cow hoofprints in the mud OUTSIDE the gate as if the cattle had been moving around in a circle. But there were no prints leading to or from the place, even though mud was everywhere.

Then Ann pointed to a boot print. There was only one - Paul estimated it to be a size 15. They raced to the barn. The cattle were there, but clearly disturbed.

The vet latter announced that only two of the cows were pregnant but the calves would not be born until the following spring - six months overdue.

ANIMAL DEATHS: In 1995, the farm cat was found dead in the barn. There was a neat hole in her head but no blood. Paul and Ann blamed vandals. But Ann felt uneasy. To her the cat looked as if it had been stretched out on a medical slab. The precision of the bore hole did not have the mark of vandalism.

A few months later they found a fox with the same strange injury.

On Friday, August 26th 1996, Jason went to the farm with his parents - and recoiled in horror.

Four dead mice were laid out in a line near the gate. Each one had a small hole, not much bigger than a pin prick in the forehead, the left eye missing, and the rectum cut out.

One had lost part of its stomach, another had its jawbone exposed and one had its left paw cut off.

PREMONITIONS: Jason began to have premonitions. One incident has been confirmed by all involved.

Paul was grazing two pregnant mares on land belonging to neighbours Billy and Sue Rutland.

On May 1, 1996, one of the mares, Honey, gave birth to a foal. The mare was in perfect health.

But at 3.3+am, the family was woken by Jason screaming. He sobbed he knew Honey was dead, repeating: "They didn't know she was ours."

Paul believed Jason had had a nightmare. But at 7am the Rutlands daughter Laura phoned. She mumbled: "Honey's dead. Please come."

The mare's stomach appeared to have exploded. An investigation concluded that the animal's stomach was in such a mess it was impossible to give a cause of death.

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Publish date: Wednesday 18th March 1998

The aliens are sharing my body...and my mind

Ann Andrews felt ridiculous as she explained to a stranger over the phone that she thought her 12 year old son was being abducted by aliens.

She expected a derisory laugh or perhaps a suggestion she should see a psychiatrist.

Instead the well spoken man on the other end of the line was calm and reassuring.

He did not ridicule her, or humour her.

Astonishingly, he reacted as if everything she said was perfectly familiar.

Ex-cop and UFO investigator Tony Dodd was to become the person who believed in them. He has helped the family cope since they realised son Jason, now 14, was being regularly abducted.

Strange and apparently inexplicable things have surrounded the boy almost since birth. He has vanished in the night, only to reappear covered in mud and wounds which vanish within hours.

Ann, in her book Abducted, tells of seeing "aliens" around the families ten-acre smallholding, which backs on to a Ministry of Defence site near Crouch in Kent.

Their animals have been surgically mutilated and many died in mysterious circumstances. Ann, and her husband Paul, both 41 - who have another son Daniel, now 18 - promised Jason they would search out the truth.

She met Tony after phoning Quest, a British based UFO investigative organisation.

The hard bitten former police sergeant had, with two colleagues, once witnessed a UFO over the North Yorkshire Moors.

He has researched UFOs for the last 20 years and is one of the world's leading authorities.

Tony Dodd does not care whether you believe him. He knows what happened to him and what has happened to thousands of others.

The majority of calls he receives will have a perfectly logical explanation. Only around two cases in every 100 contain enough unexplained evidence for him to investigate. The call from Ann Andrews fell into this category. He quizzed her gently and sympathetically.

Tony says: "Ann's answers rang true. I'm very suspicious of people who state they, or someone in their family, are being abducted.

"Ann put it forward as a possibility. She wanted help.

"I got a strong feeling, as I do in genuine cases, that she sincerely wished it would all go away."

Jason spent hours on the phone talking to Tony Dodd, recalling his early memories of aliens haunting the house where the family then lived in Slade Green, Kent.

He told Tony: "The first memory I have is hands. I was crying for some reason and I can see long fingers - twice as long as Mum's with large knuckles - reaching into the cot and picking me up."

As he gets older the memories of being taken in the night by a 5ft 4in alien and half a dozen smaller creatures became clearer. Jason gets a tingling feeling in his head when he is about to be abducted.

He says: "It always happens at 3am. I see the creatures in my bedroom. I never remember what happens immediately next.

"Sometimes I wake up and I'm lying on something smooth and cold. I can't move or speak. I can see the big alien. Its head is large with big black eyes on a slant and a small nose and mouth.

"I can see it touching me, but I never feel it. I'm always terrified."

Jason remembers another night when he found himself at his parent's smallholding, Hawksnest Farm, three miles from his present home in Borough Green, Kent.

The next thing he knew he was being chased by a big brown animal. He ran for a hole in the hedge which he knew was there.

He says: "It scratched me but I got through the hedge.

"I felt as if the aliens were with me, experiencing what I was feeling. I felt, for the first time, they were protecting me." When he woke up in bed at home, Jason was splattered with mud, deep scratches covered his body.

Tony Dodd is convinced Jason is telling the truth.

He says: "If children are making up stories it is usually very easy to trip them up."

One Sunday, as Jason was riding his favourite horse Patch, he became aware THEY were there.

Unseen, the aliens were with him experiencing the exhilaration of the ride. Jason knows that sometimes they share his feelings.

The ride ended badly. Another horse spooked Patch, who fell. Jason expected to experience immediate pain. There was none.

For weeks afterwards his bruised arm bore a hoof mark where the other horse had trodden on him. It was as though his uninvited guests had absorbed all the agony.

Jason has refused to ride a horse since. He blames the aliens.

He says: "They don't enjoy it and don't want to get hurt again."

Ann was horrified. She called Tony Dodd: "You have got to do something. He's somehow letting them share his own body, his mind. They're experiencing things - and he's letting them."

Tony calmly explained this was not unusual. He shies away from the word "alien." He calls them extra-terrestrial biological entities. Tony told Ann that, according to research, the EBEs were apparently incapable of feeling emotions but are interested in human experience of them. To do that, they need a human host.

One night Ann and Paul were woken by Jason who told them: "Look out that window, you will see them."

At first they could see nothing. Then Ann spotted a bright light becoming bigger and brighter.

The last thing they remembered was their bedroom being flooded with white light.

The next morning, Jason said in disgust: "You went to sleep, I had to go with them again."

He described being taken into an enormous room with hundreds of other people. On a giant screen was a picture of Earth.

Paul was listening attentively but Ann clutched Jason's arm urgently. She knew exactly what he was going to say. She whispered: "It blew up, didn't it? Then there was a low whistling sound, a desolate sound, like a strange wind."

Jason nodded and smiled with relief. He whispered softly: "I knew you were there. I saw you there."

Paul was in shock. He had resigned himself to his son's strange life...but his wife too?

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Check if you have been abducted

UFO investigator Tony Dodd has compiled a list of occurrences experienced by people who claim to have been abducted by aliens.

1. Noises in the ears.
2. Nose bleeds.
3. Increased psychic abilities.
4. Strange unexplained marks appearing on the body overnight. They usually disappear quickly.
5. Waking to find odd things have happened in the night - nightclothes removed or inside out and waking in the wrong bed or wrong room. In one case Tony investigated, an abductee woke wearing clothes that he had never seen before.
6. Fear of the dark.
7. Strange lights appearing around the home.
8. Animals behaving strangely, like dogs barking at unseen objects.

Source: The Sun newspaper (UK)
Publish date: Thursday 19th March 1998

How do you fight something that can paralyse you, levitate you and then float you out of the house through the walls?

Abducted - the book that proves the truth is out there

Adaption by Mike Ridley

Ann Andrews woke in the middle of the night as her bedroom filled with a mysterious light.

The next instant, she claims, she was standing in a field on the family's smallholding three miles away, still in her night clothes.

In an exclusive Sun serialisation this week of new book Abduction, Ann has revealed how her 14 year old son Jason is repeatedly snatched by aliens.

In today's final extract, she reveals how she came to realise that she too, was being abducted.

Ann explains: "A second after the light began, without any sensation of moving, I was in a clearing in the woods. There were large spotlights around the edge of the clearing and half a dozen men in navy blue or black overalls were working. One of the men smiled and took me by the hand and led me to the centre of the clearing where a

makeshift animal pen had been built.

"Lying in the pen was our stallion, Cardi. I thought he was dead yet I felt strangely emotionless. Then two of the men went inside and knelt down.

"I could not make out what they were doing but Cardi woke up and staggered to his feet. He wobbled as if he was coming round from an anaesthetic.

"I was aware I ought to feel relief he was alive, but again I felt detached.

"One of the men opened the gate and Cardi wandered slowly out and disappeared into the woods."

It might sound like a dream. But the next morning Ann and husband Paul went straight to their smallholding - Hawknest Farm, near Couch, Kent. As they drove up the lane to the farm they met a girl who works at the local stables leading Cardi. The groom had been riding when she found the stallion wandering in the woods.

Ann drove on while Paul walked the horse home. When Ann reached the farm the animals were clearly disturbed. When Paul returned he said the stallion seemed "half-doped" but there was no sign of injury.

That made Ann realise that, like her son Jason, she was being abducted by aliens. Ann, 41, believes she has been abducted all her life, but it is only now that memories are coming back.

Asked what the future holds, Jason shrugs his shoulders and says he does not see it ever getting better.

Nor does he see himself ever learning to accept it.

Chillingly, he reveals how he had seriously contemplated suicide, even going as far as to take a rope into the woods.

He talks about it with apparent indifference. Then suddenly the reserve breaks and tears come to his eyes as he shouts angrily at "Them," the strangers who have robbed him of his youth.

It was a sad moment, the sort many UFO sceptics ignore.

They demand proof and use the lack of it to dismiss the whole subject as cranky.

But for Jason, and many thousands of people like him across the world, the quest for proof is not important.

What matters is the search for a way of life.

Ex-cop and UFO investigator Tony Dodd says: "I wish I could promise Jason it will stop but it is unlikely. Having been selected for multiple abductions, I feel the aliens will follow him for many years, probably all of his life."

In learning to live with it, Jason and his family have already taken the first step.

Coping with abduction entirely alone makes victims miserable and some question their own sanity.

Tony pulled no punches, explaining to Jason that there was "no cure."

But by being open about his own experiences, he has helped Jason come to terms with what is happening. He described his own abduction to the boy and admitted: "We are all scared, not just you.

"I travel the world but I'm too afraid to enter a darkened room on my own.

"They still come for me and, although I now accept they mean me no harm, it still scares the hell out of me.

"It's easy to be calm and rational in the cold light of day, but when night comes, so does the fear.

"Having seen their craft and awesome power, I know we can never stop them. How the hell do you fight something that can not only paralyse

you, but can also levitate you and float you out of the house through the walls?"

It was a speech that brought great comfort to Jason. If a grown man could admit he was scared, then he had nothing to be ashamed of.

When Jason confided in a school friend about his abduction within days he was being laughed at in the playground and dubbed Spaceboy and E.T.

It was unsettling but Jason is resilient and survived with his "street cred" intact.

At times, when a burst of paranormal activity is at its height, he appears to be electrically charged. Touch him and you get a mild shock.

Ann was burned by him badly enough to leave a scar.

Unfazed, Jason charges 10p a time to give them an electric shock.

Paul and Ann eventually plucked up the courage to tell other members of their family how their son was suffering.

The reaction was mixed. Paul's mother Shirley was unwilling to believe in aliens.

She could not agree to accept everything he said but promised to be understanding and willing to listen to Jason. Ann's two brothers reacted differently. Stephen believes and accepts his nephew's story. David refuses to credit the alien story.

At first Stephen and his wife, Anita, had been unsure about the alien story.

On a holiday in Greece they became friendly with a family from Birmingham and after a few days the father confided they were on holiday to rest and bring normality to their lives.

He told them he was an abductee. It took courage to confess it and at first Stephen reacted by treating it as a joke.

It was only when he heard the full story that he was struck by the similarity to the stories his sister told about Jason.

When he returned home, Stephen rang Ann to apologise for not taking her seriously.

Looking at everything that has happened to him in his short life, Jason says: "Perhaps I have been chosen, perhaps I am special, maybe one day I will understand.

"But now I'd just like it to stop. I want them to leave me alone. I want them to let me be ordinary."

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Victims 'telling truth'

John Mack - professor of psychiatry at America's highly respected Harvard Medical School - turned down a request to examine a man who claimed that he was being abducted.

His reaction was that the man, Budd Hopkins, was "crazy."

Later, Mack agreed to see Hopkins because he was confident he would find a psychological cause for people to "imagine" they were being abducted. Mack found nothing wrong with Hopkins.

He went on to study 100 abductees. Their age, sex and family circumstances threw up no common patterns.

He concluded that, apart from the stress caused by the abduction, they are normal, sane people with no psychiatric problem.

He now believes that abductees are telling the truth.

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Source: Daily Mail newspaper
Publish date: Saturday 21st March 1998

Abducted by aliens

(or was this young boy carried away by the UFO lobby, a distinguished writer and publishing hype?)

by James Dalrymple

JASON ANDREWS looks you in the eye when he speaks. He is eager to do well, and although he mumbles and shrugs a lot, he tries hard to stick to the basic facts of his story.

On the surface, there seem to be but two possibilities. At Just 14 years old he is either a born liar capable of playing the leading role in an elaborate hoax. Or is he speaking the truth when he tells his extraordinary story of being taken from his bed in the night by creatures from beyond the Earth?

Experts have been throwing questions at Jason for several years. Doctors, social workers, psychiatrists, investigative journalists - they have all had a crack at him.

His medical and education records could fill a filing cabinet. His family have been examined down to the smallest detail - and exonerated.

The boy is not psychotic. He has not been the victim of abuse. Nor has he been coerced into a conspiracy. His family may be impoverished, but every expert has concluded that it is a close and loving one.

So how can we explain his complex and eerie tale? His skinny body shows no evidence that it has been sliced open by long, gleaming fingers using strange instruments. Yet his parents say they have seen large scars on his side and his stomach. Scars that disappeared within hours.

And his school record makes it unlikely he could reel off complex mathematical equations, with numbers running into the billions, or speak fluently in strange, crooning languages.

Yet his family say they have seen and heard him doing precisely that, in a trance-like state, in a voice sometimes deep and harsh, sometimes soft and melodic.

These events and many others, we are being asked to believe, have all happened to this ordinary boy from Hawksnest Farm in rural Kent.

In a new book, Jason and his family reveal the story of a long series of visitations by aliens who have targeted him (and sometimes his mother) for their experiments into the minds, hearts and bodies of earthlings.

Since Jason was four, the Andrews claim, they have been subjected to every type of extraterrestrial invasion. Small creatures, tall creatures, kind ones, sinister ones, some with huge round eyes, some in hoods and with dark features, others fair-skinned and ethereal, have all appeared in the various homes they have lived in.

SOMETIMES they appear flooded in brilliant light and merely move about the rooms, sometimes they transport Jason to another place and lay him on a smooth, cold slab and conduct experiments on him.

In the morning Jason often has long scars on his body, but by tea time they have disappeared. His father, Paul, says he has seen one such scar vanishing before his eyes.

The boy says the aliens can communicate to him through thought. He believes they have implanted devices inside him. They can blank out tape recorders and make cameras inoperable. They can induce coma-like sleep on the rest of the family, instantly silence barking dogs and 'freeze' farmyard birds and animals into immobile statues.

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 23:32:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 00:28:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Hoagland on Bell and Cydonia Pictures

>From: "Keith Woodard" <gwoodard@worldnet.att.net>
>To: "UFO Updates" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Excerpts from last night's Art Bell interview with Richard
>Hoagland
>Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 08:14:16 -0700

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AAAARRRRGGHHHH!

Higher resolution pictures will show Martians walking around in
space suits.

It looks to me as if the "city" was flooded out (and the face was
punched it).

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'Santa Claus' mentioned on Moon Mini-Series

From: Scott Hale <shale@columbus.rr.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 22:54:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 00:26:26 -0400
Subject: 'Santa Claus' mentioned on Moon Mini-Series

On the HBO series From the Earth to the Moon there was mention of Jim Lovell's comment "There is a Santa Claus." This was rumored to be a code for UFO. I just thought it was interesting to see that dialogue mentioned on the program, even though it probably meant nothing at all.

Best Wishes,
Scott K. Hale

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Re: Betty Hill

From: "Marigold" <ZIAZ@prodigy.net> [Carol Morres]
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 18:27:57 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 00:36:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Betty Hill

Hi!

Most of what your List sends is too technical for me, but I'm glad to see there are those out there searching for UFO truths from a scientific standpoint as well as keeping an open mind, weeding out the nonsense as much as possible.

Being an old-timer, I was pleased to see comments from Betty Hill as I remember her experience well and think she is genuine. Does anyone know if she has an e-mail address?

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Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 15:29:52 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 00:30:43 -0400
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It's worse than I thought.

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Re: Document Request

From: galevy <galevy@pipeline.com> [Gary ALevy]
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Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 00:24:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Document Request

> Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 00:51:13 +0000
> From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Document Request

> Dear Errol,

> Can anyone help provide me with a copy of the Senator Russell UFO
> sighting report that he made in the 1950's in the USSR.

> Thanks,

> Philip.

Philip,

This is the reference you requested:

Air Intelligence Information Report IR 193-55: Observations of
Travelers in U.S.S.R October 14, 1955, RG (Records Group) 341
Entry 267, File 5-2500, MMB, NA. (National Archives)

An interesting story is told regarding this report supposedly
when Russell was being debriefed on his report of the flying
saucer sighting it was considered too hot to conduct in the
embassy, Russian surveillance was pretty effective too.

Gary

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>From: "Terry J. Blanton" <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

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>While my faith meter has improved slightly, it would get a bigger
>jolt by having the photographer come forward. The ability to
>create an amazingly realistic image is easily within the realm of
>the home PC. Software has come a long way and I doubt I would
>believe any anomalous image on the merits of the image alone. I
>put more faith in the testimony of the witnesses. I've been
>burned by more than one anonymous video.

The "ability to create.....easily....." is being given a severe
test. I suspect that images/videos created "easily" will pass
only the cursory examination..... and not rigorous testing.
However..... we shall see.....

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'I thought it would make a good magazine piece,' she said. 'But when I met Ann and read her diary I saw that it was far more important than that. I began as a total sceptic, but now I have an open mind.'

'I feel they are telling the truth. I checked everything they told me, including the medical records. I have the names of all the doctors who were involved and there is no doubt they were mystified by what the boy was telling them.'

'There is no doubt Jason was suffering from strange injuries and illnesses at the times when he claims he was abducted. There is clear evidence of scarring and strange marks on his body. And throughout it all Jason was consistent.'

'One thing I am sure of: Ann and Paul Andrews are not liars out to make money.'

There are two things to remember with alien abduction stories. One is that they are almost comically derivative. If you have read one you have read them all.

All aliens look the same. They all have saucer eyes, pointed heads and are inherently benign. If they were monsters no one would ever get back to their beds. Nothing new in the literature has appeared in half a century, since the first B- movies of the Forties and Fifties.

Second, the victims of abductions cannot lose. It is impossible to disprove a paranormal invention. All they have to do is get their story right and stick to it. If witnesses say you never left the house that night, you simply devise a scenario when every one else in the house was zapped into frozen immobility for several hours.

Why didn't the video camera and the tape recorder set up to capture the aliens see the bright lights and hear the noises? Because they knock out all electronic equipment. And so on. For each reasonable question there is an unreasonable but complete answer. The aliens have all power.

So are the Andrews just liars and fantasists trying to earn a little media money? The answers to these questions are fascinating and complex.

AND the answers, in turn, pose intriguing questions about so much of the burgeoning UFO industry. There is no doubt Jason was a disturbed little boy. He suffered from bad dreams and he sleep-walked. Both he and his older brother, Daniel, told their mother they had seen things in the night.

Jason's schooling was a disaster. He began to be disruptive and was threatened with expulsion. He was forced to undergo psychiatric counselling.

Up until that point neither of his parents made any claims of alien intervention. Then Paul got some books from the library. And they began to immerse themselves in the cult of alien visitation and abduction.

The possibilities of this childlike rubbish are endless. Every dream, every small family crisis, every strange sound, every odd piece of behaviour by their pets, even a lightbulb blowing, becomes a sign of alien intervention. The Andrews family became instant converts.

'Suddenly, it all made sense,' said Ann. 'We knew we had found the answer.'

What she had found was an elaborate potpourri of pseudo- scientific mumbo-jumbo, invented by largely harmless obsessives, that has become a flourishing industry in the Western world.

They contacted one of the leading British 'authorities' on this phenomenon, an agency called Quest, and were eagerly welcomed to the fold by Tony Dodd, a retired Yorkshire policeman who styles himself Director of Investigations.

For Dodd the Andrews family were the find of a lifetime. He became their guru and protector. Using the gaudy terminology of the genre, he explained each of Jason's symptoms and instructed them what to look out for.

Above all, he told them they were special, chosen people. Nobody had ever done that before with the Andrews. It was like the opening of floodgates. Ann, who had never felt any connection to all this, suddenly began to remember childish visions, which eventually led to a whole slew of 'recovered memories', including the miscarriage induced by aliens.

The family attended UFO conferences and soaked up the lore of it all. Ann began to see the faces of the aliens herself, drew pictures of them, and began a diary of invasion. By the time Ritchie stumbled upon the story the entire family were already well-read in every facet of alienism.

They became convinced that Government scientists were removing their dead animals, that the council was conspiring against them and that strange military activity was taking place in a nearby Territorial Army base. They began to produce endless anecdotal evidence that their isolated farm was surrounded by strange forces which had the power to immobilise their animals and geese into living statues. After this came a series of mutilations to their horses.

ONE horse was discovered to have a large flap of skin hanging loose. But there was no blood or damage to the tissue and the animal was in no discomfort.

'The vet said he had never seen anything like it,' said Paul Andrews. 'And he was able to stitch the flap back without sedating the animal'

At another time they noticed that all their horses had become lame in the same back leg. 'There were little round boles that seemed to have been punched into the flesh,' said Ann. 'Again the horses didn't seem to be suffering.'

The Quest investigators loved all this. Animal mutilation is a major issue for them. It proves, for them, that aliens are testing for toxins in living creatures.

One day the family found four dead mice laid out in a neat row near the gate to the farm, each one with a tiny hole in its skull. This, ironically is the only hard piece of evidence the family have ever produced. And they are very proud of the snapshot of the dead mice.

Ritchie could find no chink in it- because there was none. An entire family was by now immersed in what the psychologists call passive group hysteria, and the fact that they could produce not a single tape recording, photograph of the 'visitors', or physical injury was explained away by the common response: the aliens were so far advanced in technology that they could do anything.

Ritchie did try to contact the medical and school authorities, but got nowhere. She talks of Jason's medical records, but she didn't actually see them; she only saw the notes which his mother had made from them.

After months practically living with the family, Ritchie produced her 80,000-word blockbuster. She, too, is now part of their world her next book will be into other aspects of alien intervention.

It may be impossible to expose an illusion-but it is easy enough to see the essential silliness that lies at the heart of it. All you have to do is spend some time with the boy himself sitting in the tiny wooden shed at the farm where some of these strange events happened, I put him through his paces and the whole charade began to collapse.

In two hours of questioning he rarely gave a full answer. Within moments of our interview beginning both his mother and Jean Ritchie were jumping in.

When I quoted specific incidents in the book, in which he talks in great detail, he faltered repeatedly, and each time the two women moved in with answers: 'Don't you remember, Jason, that was the time you saw the one you called the Monk,' says his mum. 'The one with the hood.'

'You saw the Instruments in his hands, didn't you Jason?' suggests Ritchie. Again and again, under prompting, he tried his best. 'Yeah. uh, like I remember seeing the Monk, with a sorts hood thing. I sensed he was wise, you now ... oh could see something in his hand.'

Again and again he missed his cue. Did you feel any pain when you woke with the scars in your body? He looked blank for a moment, then finally decided to ignore the question. We looked at each other in silence. I felt sorry for him.

Eventually he began to run out of answers of any detail at all. From then on his only reply to any of my questions was: 'I, uh, don't remember things too clearly. That's why I always run into my Mum's room and tell her to write it all down. She knows it all.' And he looked at her pleadingly.

Did you hear them speaking? 'You think you hear things. Sometimes I hear some funny voices ... coming from somewhere ... like, uh, I'm thinking things in my head ...'

Jean Ritchie breaks in, reminding him that they use telepathy. This was allegedly the same boy who, in the book, can give this kind of descriptive detail. 'There is a pattern to the bad nights, the nights when things happen to me ...

'I've got a very good alarm clock, a state-of-the- digital one, and it always stops at 3am. That's the time it happens... I always try to go back to sleep, in the hope that nothing will happen, but then I see something almost out of the corner of my eye.

'It rises up through the floor. It's a big one. There's only ever one a big one. It's about 5ft 4in tall, just a bit shorter than me.

THE head is large, with big black eyes on a slant which go round the side of the head, and a very small nose and mouth

'It's thin, and it has the long, dark fingers that I remember from my baby days ... I'm aware of the little ones. I never see where they come from, they're Just there ... They scuttle around. busy, busy, busy, they never stay still.

'Sometimes they bring some other creatures with them. I call them koalas because they are small and furry like bears ...'

When he began to look at the floor in silence, I had had enough. Leaving the dilapidated little farm, I was rather glad that the family were coming into their small fortune. They are nice people and they almost certainly believe by now that they are telling the truth.

But I had a bad feeling about Jason. He is now locked forever into his role as Britain's most famous alien abductee. Each day he will have to face derision and hostility at a school where he once suffered pain and rejection. And already, inside his extended family, there is agrowling anger at the publicity.

Jean Ritchie is central to all, of this. She is a talented writer with the ability to give the stamp of authenticity to any story. Whether she really believes this spider's web of nonsense or not is something that only she knows.

But it is entirely due to her that two things will happen. A hard-up and likeable family will become moderately rich and be feted briefly on the celebrity circuit before being spat out and forgotten.

And a rather lonely young boy, who has shown evidence of emotional and behavioural problems, will become a kind of freak show.

ABDUCTED, by Ann Andrews and Jean Ritchie, is published by Headline Book Publishing Ltd at 16 pounds 99 pence.

[UK 7]*****

Source: Daily Mail newspaper
Publish date: Saturday 21st March 1998

Private rocket nosedives after four seconds above Dartmoor

By Nick Constable

A PLUME of thick smoke over Dartmoor bore testimony yesterday to the short flight of Starchaser III.

Amateur rocket scientist Steve Bennett had seen his dream of launching a British space mission end in only four seconds.

His rocket managed a mere 200fh before a major malfunction. Instead

of soaring 15,000ft into the skies, the 4401b-rocket veered crazily into the side of a heather-clad valley on a military firing range.

The 20ft-long craft - the result of two years' work and 70,000 pound in sponsorship - bounced twice before exploding.

It scattered flaming debris and rocket fuel across a wide area of tinder-dry grass. Fanned by a stiff breeze, flames spread across several miles of moorland. Mr Bennett, 33- year-old director of the Space Technology Lab at Salford University, led students who attempted to damp down the flames before the fire brigade arrived.

Soldiers from the nearby military camp at Okehampton were brought in to help fight the fire.

All civilians were moved away from the crash area because of fears - that artillery shells buried on the firing range might explode. The occasional bang could be heard as live ammunition caught fire.

By last night fire officers, who could not venture off the roads for fear of explosion, had decided, to let the fire burn itself out.

With hindsight, Mr Bennett said it would have probably been a good idea to have had the fire brigade standing by. He said his party did have a couple of fire extinguishers. Police said they were 'very surprised' that the fire brigade had not been alerted beforehand and talked about Mr Bennett 'footing the bill' for the fire-fighting operation.

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{91} part 4 - United Kingdom UFO Network

From: United Kingdom UFO Network <ufo@holodeck.demon.co.uk>
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Some of Mr Bennett's students looked close to tears as they surveyed the wreckage of a craft described as 'the most sophisticated private civilian rocket'. Little more than Starchaser's tall fin survived intact. Mr Bennett, a former tester in a tooth paste factory, said: 'We had a bit of a problem. I was trying to light seven motors together, but a couple ignited before the others and it hit the side of the hill about three or four hundred yards away.'

'One has these ups and downs.'

He pledged to go back to the drawing board and also raise the necessary 40,000 pound to build Starchaser 3A and continue the quest for the 6 million pound prize offered by an American company for the first private rocket in space. 'We will fire it and it will be successful.'

Just before the launch, Mr Bennett spoke eagerly of blasting himself into space some time after the Millennium.

His success with his Starchaser II rocket in 1996, made in the garage of his house at Dukinfield, allowed him to give up his factory job and concentrate on his dream with a team at Salford University.

He insisted yesterday that his attempt to put a satellite into low earth orbit - opening up cheap satellite launches for private UK companies - would continue.

A spokesman for the University of Salford said: 'Everyone is terribly disappointed. But Steve is a committed professional. He will learn from this.'

World News
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[W 1]*****

Source: The Sun newspaper (UK)
Publish date: Wednesday 18th March 1998-03-18

Firm to send clips of hair into space

A U.S. firm will send clips of hair into space for 30 pounds, saying aliens could use the DNA to make a clone. Their rocket goes up in 2001.

[W 2]*****

uk.ufo.nw says: This is a follow up from the last issues [W 12] article.

Source: CNN
Date: 25th March 1998
From: Doug Roberts <doug@littlegreenmen.demon.co.uk>

"My predictions...can be considered nonsense"

Teacher Chen

UFO cult calm as God misses predicted TV appearance

GARLAND, Texas (CNN) -- Members of God's Salvation Church gathered at a member's house Tuesday night, waiting for a sign. Chen Heng-Ming, known to his followers as "Teacher Chen," had said that God would appear on television channel 18 worldwide at 12:01 a.m. CST, and in person via flying saucer on March 31.

When the hour arrived, the set showed nothing but static.

"Because we did not see God's message on television tonight, my predictions of March 31 can be considered nonsense," Chen said through an interpreter.

Chen's followers gathered at a cult member's house to watch for God's appearance.

"I hope that everybody can still have the true belief in God, in the existence of God. Even though the image doesn't show on the television, I don't have any reason to doubt the existence of the supreme being, God."

Chen, who said he would offer himself for stoning or crucifixion if his prophecies did not come to pass, says he will stay in Garland "to continue studying and researching." He insists that his followers are free to go their own way, and have always been.

Chen, who claims he fathered Jesus 2,000 years ago and now talks to God through a ring on his finger, brought his followers from Taiwan to the Dallas suburbs to await God's appearance. The 150 members, who dress all in white, from their sneakers to their cowboy hats, sold everything back home moved to Garland because, they say, it sounds like "God's land."

The 'ship'

The group also built what they called a spaceship out of radial tires and plywood, and stocked a shrine with fruit, cola and crackers for God's arrival.

Police cordoned off a 165-house area where the group lives, fearing the group might resort to suicide if God did not appear. Chen insisted that there was no threat of a mass suicide like that of the Heaven's Gate cult a year ago, almost to the day.

"They've been model citizens," said Garland police Lt. Don Martin Tuesday night.. But, he said, "We would be remiss in our duties if we didn't consider that option."

Religious experts say the Salvation Church, whose members include doctors, engineers and teachers, is typical of the kind of religious groups that spring up at the end of a century.

"They are comfortable with technology as a means through which spiritual powers can work," said Lonnie Kliever, a professor at Southern Methodist University.

A neighbor says she does not mind having the sect next door.

"They are not loud. They keep up their places nice. We could use more neighbors like them," said Bonnie Nichols.

[W 3]*****

uk.ufo.nw says: We would like to hear from anyone who has further information or articles on the below reports - or just your thoughts on the matter. Send you mail to:

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with: CLINTONS JET

as the subject.

Source: ITN News (UK major news network)
Date: Wednesday 11th March 1998
From: "Lloyd Bayliss" <Lloyd@gwent-tertiary.ac.uk>

Investigation into Clinton jet radar loss

The Federal Aviation Administration said it was investigating a report that an air traffic control radar screen had briefly lost President Bill Clinton's aircraft.

New York television station WNBC-TV and the newspaper Newsday reported that Air Force One disappeared from the radar screen in the regional control center on Long Island for over 20 seconds as Clinton flew to Connecticut on Tuesday morning.

Radio contact was never lost with the plane, the reports said.

FAA spokesman Les Dorr said the radar tapes were being reviewed to determine what actually happened. "We can't say one way or another what happened because we're still reviewing the tapes," he said.

Alien Humour

How many aliens does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

Only two, but they have to be very very small to fit in the lightbulb.

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"We're too late! It's already been here."

"Mulder, I hope you know what you're doing."

"Look, Scully, just like the other homes: Douglas fir, truncated, mounted, transformed into a shrine; halls decked with boughs of holly; stockings hung by the chimney, with care."

"You really think someone's been here?"

"Someone, or something."

"Mulder, over here--it's a fruitcake."

"Don't touch it! Those things can be lethal."

"It's O.K. There's a note attached: 'Gonna find out who's naughty and nice.'"

"It's judging them, Scully. It's making a list."

"Who? What are you talking about?"

"Ancient mythology tells of an obese humanoid entity who could travel at great speed in a craft powered by antlered servants. Once a year, near the winter solstice, this creature is said to descend from the heavens to reward its followers and punish disbelievers with jagged chunks of anthracite."

"But that's legend, Mulder--a story told by parents to frighten children. Surely you don't believe it?"

"Something was here tonight, Scully. Check out the bite marks on this gingerbread man. Whatever tore through this plate of cookies was massive--and in a hurry."

"It left crumbs everywhere. And look, Mulder, this milk glass has been completely drained."

"It gorged itself, Scully. It fed without remorse."

"But why would they leave it milk and cookies?"

"Appeasement. Tonight is the Eve, and nothing can stop its wilding."

"But if this thing does exist, how did it get in? The doors and windows were locked. There's no sign of forced entry."

"Unless I miss my guess, it came through the fireplace."

"Wait a minute, Mulder. If you're saying some huge creature landed on the roof and came down this chimney, you're crazy. The flue is barely six inches wide. Nothing could get down there."

"But what if it could alter its shape, move in all directions at once?"

"You mean, like a bowl full of jelly?"

"Exactly. Scully, I've never told anyone this, but when I was a child my home was visited. I saw the creature. It had long white shanks of fur surrounding its ruddy, misshapen head. Its bloated torso was red and white. I'll never forget the horror. I turned away, and when I looked back it had somehow taken on the facial features of my father."

"Impossible."

"I know what I saw. And that night it read my mind. It brought me a Mr. Potato Head, Scully. It knew that I wanted a Mr. Potato Head!"

"I'm sorry, Mulder, but you're asking me to disregard the laws of physics. You want me to believe in some supernatural being who soars across the skies and brings gifts to good little girls and boys. Listen to what you're saying. Do you understand the repercussions? If this gets out, they'll close the X-files."

"Scully, listen to me: It knows when you're sleeping. It knows when you're awake."

"But we have no proof."

"Last year, on this exact date, SETI radio telescopes detected bogeys in the airspace over twenty-seven states. The White House ordered a Condition Red."

"But that was a meteor shower."

"Officially. Two days ago, eight prized Scandinavian reindeer vanished from the National Zoo, in Washington, D.C. Nobody--not even the zookeeper--was told about it. The government doesn't want people to know about Project Kringle. They fear that if this thing is proved to exist the public will stop spending half its annual income in a holiday shopping frenzy. Retail markets will collapse. Scully, they cannot let the world believe this creature lives."

There's too much at stake. They'll do whatever it takes to insure another silent night."

"Mulder,"

"Sh-h-h. Do you hear what I hear?"

"On the roof. It sounds like ... a clatter."

"The truth is up there. Let's see what's the matter."

A FEARFUL SYMMETRY

A TRUE STORY OF ALIEN INTRUSION INTO HUMAN LIVES

By D. Lynne Bishop

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CHAPTER 13

I was withdrawn and moody at work that day, and spoke with Linda, my friend and co-worker, about the abduction. To my surprise, she asked what time it had occurred, and looked a bit shocked when I told her it had begun about 1:09 A.M., and ended at 2:37 A.M. She told me she was awake at 1:00, because her husband (a policeman) had just come in from patrol. She had glanced out their backdoor, and saw a brilliant white light flying quickly toward the town where I lived. It had no strobes and no other colors, and didn't move quite like any aircraft they'd been used to seeing. Circumstantial evidence at best, this information still put a chill in me.

The days crept by following the encounter, and I met each day with an icy numbness, as I accepted and integrated the memories from December 1. My husband and I puzzled over several aspects of the experience, and saw the faint origins of a pattern showing in the abductions. The two conscious events had occurred roughly two months apart. If this indicated a set time-frame, it would be possible to try some experimentation. Also, if the abductions were going to happen consistently, I could be better prepared to handle the situation and control my reactions. Intrigued by the idea of further experimentation, we decided to borrow my mother's voice-activated tape recorder. It became a nightly ritual: turning on the recorder and speaking into it to make sure it was working. On replay each morning, the various night sounds ran to marker twelve or fourteen, but nothing interesting was showing up. Still, we continued with the experiment, hoping we would capture something unusual on tape.

On December 7, my brother telephoned to ask if he could look at the transcripts from my sessions. He was unaware of my encounter on December 1, and I thought this would be an opportunity to tell him I had just had another conscious abduction. I kept hoping the strange experiences I was having would persuade him of the validity of the phenomenon--but I had been unable to convince him of a physical reality to the alien abduction scenario. Still, it was worth another try, so my husband and I bundled up the numerous pages and drove to my brother's house. Arriving at his home, we carted the massive amounts of paper inside, and placed them on his dining room table. My brother glanced at them briefly, and then said he had something to tell me.

"Let me tell you my tale of woe," my brother stated. I looked at him with curiosity. The tone of his voice was unusual, and I could tell something was bothering him. He proceeded to elaborate. His older daughter, a Licensed Practical Nurse, had arrived at the hospital she worked at early on December 1. Her supervisor had seemed preoccupied, and after several minutes passed, had called my brother's daughter aside, telling her she needed to tell her something, but didn't want anyone else to overhear the conversation. She said she had been enroute to work that morning, and around 5:00 or 5:30 A.M., had looked up into the still dark sky as she drove her vehicle. To her surprise, she saw a triangular-shaped craft of some kind, with lights in a triangular pattern. It shocked her, and she decided to pull off the road to get a better look. As she did so, a truck behind her pulled off, also, and the driver, (a man), got out. Both of them stared skyward, watching the object as it traversed the sky in front of them. They spoke to each other, to verify that both were seeing the same thing. After agreeing that they were, indeed, seeing a craft of some kind, they watched in awe as a blue beam of light was emitted from the craft. The beam flashed toward the ground below, and both of them ran toward their vehicles. Neither waited to see what would happen; the incident had taken on such a high strangeness they could no longer watch. The supervisor hadn't asked the man's name, so there was no way to get verification of her

story, but she was positive she'd seen something not made or controlled by any human agency. Hoping for further details, my brother had asked to speak with her, but she had refused any interview.

When my brother finished his summary, he noticed I had become quiet. He asked what was wrong, and I replied, "I had another conscious encounter on December 1." We both sat there in a daze for a moment, as the implications registered in our minds. Circumstantial evidence was accruing at a formidable pace. If only I could get hard proof--something unimpeachable.

That proof, though, was remaining elusive. The weeks continued to pass without indication of any alien interaction. We kept the tape recorder by our bed, and faithfully checked it each evening and morning. The marker still ran to twelve or fourteen before ending, and nothing of interest showed up. My husband and I had realized the abduction on December 1 occurred only days before we planned to try videotaping, and this made us more determined to keep pushing for substantial evidence. Jack and Mary still reported nothing on their video, but we all refused to give up.

The new year arrived, and we welcomed it with eagerness. Almost a year had passed since the day I first decided to discover what had happened in my life, and I was no longer the terrified person I had been. The alien encounters had become a conscious part of my life, and I had begun to take charge of my reactions to the phenomenon. It had become extremely important to me to communicate with these alien life-forms, whatever they were--to meet with them on equal footing, and somehow force them to acknowledge me as a member of an intelligent species. Perhaps, I thought, I could attempt to ask them for something, in return for whatever I was supplying them.

My husband and I discussed this possibility, and determined that I should try to concentrate on a question to ask the creatures when the abductions occurred. I had been curious about an aspect of the abductions: it seemed that very few persons ever recalled the actual entry into the ship, as if an amnesia were induced at that point. I decided to keep that question foremost in my mind. Since the entities by all accounts were telepathic, I reasoned they should be able to pick up any thought that was vivid in my mind. This thought about seeing the entry into a ship became a mantra, always close to the surface of my consciousness.

My nights had become relatively free of dreams that I recalled with any clarity, although in the past I had always seemed to remember my dreams on an almost daily basis. I assumed my frequent awakenings during the night had altered my dreaming schedule, so I was quite surprised to have a vivid dream on January 13. In this dream, I found myself in a different land. There was a teacher or mentor with me, whom I didn't see, but was aware he was giving me a three-part quest to fulfill. The first part of this quest involved going through a waterway to reach another location. This conduit was constricted, with very narrow walls. Concerned, I realized I could not negotiate the underwater path as a human; I was too large. My mentor dove into the water, and taking a "leap of faith," I dove in after him. To my surprise, I became a fish and easily navigated the canal.

My mentor and I exited the water onto a shore, and I regained human form. The shoreline was a mountain of detritus--littered with huge mounds of machinery and junk. My mentor informed me I would have to fly a particular machine to the next site of the quest, which was located over the massive metal graveyard. Walking toward this piece of past technology, I discovered it was the engine of an airplane. It didn't fly too ably, but somehow I managed to barely skim the junk heaps and landed in a field area beyond.

This third locale was still machine-filled, but was less choked with steel. In the distance I could barely see an expanse of grassy fields. My mentor again appeared and told me I had to repair another machine, and if successful, it would enable me to complete the journey. I walked to the equipment he indicated, and laughed. It was a riding lawn mower! I fiddled with the spark plug on it, and was amazed when the engine actually worked. Sitting on the mower, I very slowly rode off into the sunset--and the waiting grassy fields beyond.

I told my husband about the dream the following morning, and laughed with him about the heavily laden symbology in it. No doubt containing many psychological levels of meaning, the dream also

seemed to represent three of the four natural elements: water, air, and, earth. I wondered why the fourth element, fire, hadn't been present.

The following evening, I got my answer. Several hours after falling asleep, I had another lucid dream. I found myself in a combat zone. The locale was a jungle, heavily forested and humid. Military personnel were scrambling from small huts, and air raid klaxons were shrieking an alarm of incoming aircraft. Heavy artillery bursts could be seen and heard constantly, in every direction.

As the troops ran, I noticed several of the men were wearing loafers, instead of combat boots. I was very concerned, and yelled at one man, asking why he didn't have on boots. He replied that the loafers were the latest style. I was struck by how ludicrous this was--and how dangerous. The dream ended at that point, and I awoke. As I lay in bed thinking about the dream, I realized one possible representation of it was being "under fire." Somehow, my mind had supplied the fourth element I'd been searching for.

On January 18, after several quiet nights, I had what I considered a flashback memory, rather than just a dream. I had tossed and turned most of the night, and after finally slipping into a light sleep, saw myself on a table, paralyzed, with my hands raised over my head. The scene shifted, and looking past my feet, I saw a doorway. Moving past my feet was one of the gray aliens. In his hand was what appeared to be a squeeze-tube with some thick white goop in it. The entity applied the contents of this tube on my body, and then turned to leave the room. He returned shortly, with another tube in his hand. He gazed deeply into my eyes, and telepathically imparted the information that I could apply this one myself--or he would do so. Handing the tube to me, he stepped back. Had I been able, I would have flung it at him--but that was not one of the options. I chose the lesser of two evils; I did not want him near me.

Following these dreams and possible flashback memory, I became edgy. It seemed they were a prelude to something--and I was terribly afraid that "something" was another encounter. One small part of me anticipated an occurrence; the larger part of me hoped nothing would happen. Then, January 25, 1993 arrived--and so did the alien entities.

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Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 01:46:55 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 07:22:00 -0400
Subject: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

Hi All,

Holliman's message is below but first...

Has anybody seen the new Cydonia image? Am I crazy or is there a clear, pyramidal shaped object, which appears to be partially buried in sand, located in the photo strip? It looks clear to me but supposedly I'm biased (According to some on this list) so I want to hear opinions from others.

Good enhanced photo found at:

<http://www.bemyquest.com/mars/second.html>

Also,

A lot of people (Kal Korrf & Bob Shell to name two), have knocked Richard Hoagland's claims & theories on Cydonia. Do the same people who think Hoagland is extremely biased also believe the same about Dr. Tom Van Flandern? He seems like a quality scientist. He also believes that The Face is definitely artificial. Do you think that Van Flandern is seeing what he wants to see too?

Joe in Tampa

<http://www.cnn.com/TECH/space/9804/15/holliman/index.html>

The View from Space: 'Facing' the facts?

By John Holliman

E-mail: jholliman@CNN.com

April 15, 1998

Web posted at: 5:20 PM EDT (1720 GMT)

The interest in the face on Mars has generated more e-mail (300 pieces this week) than I have time to answer personally, so I'm going to try to tell you what I know here. I talked to NASA administrator Daniel Goldin last Thursday and he tells me the Mars Global Surveyor will continue to take pictures of the Cydonia region, where the face is located, until everyone is satisfied.

Many of you are writing telling me of a NASA conspiracy to hide information about the face, and I asked Goldin to provide all the information possible about the region where the "face" is located. He says he will, and I believe him. Let's see what happens as Surveyor continues its mission.

I'm sorry that I'm not going to be able to respond to all your e-mails personally but I hope this will suffice for the present. I really appreciate the fact that so many of you are interested in space exploration, my thoughts on the topic, and the face in particular. I'll keep you posted.

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Re: Address Request

From: SKvs <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 00:34:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 07:24:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Address Request

At 05:27 PM 15/04/98 -0400, Philip Mantle <el51@dial.pipex.com> wrote:

>Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 00:50:05 +0000
>From: Philip Mantle <el51@dial.pipex.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Address Request

>A colleague in the USA has asked me if anyone has the current
>snail mail address of crop circle researcher Pat Delgado. I'm
>afraid I don't have it but does anyone on the list ?

Here is an address for Circles Phenomenon Research International
from http://www.mic.dundee.ac.uk/ft/crop_circles/anasazi/openl.html :

PO Box 3378
Branford, Connecticut (CT) 06405-1978 USA
Tel/Fax: 203-483-0822

Hope this helps. It's dated back to May 97.

Sue Kovios

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 16:07:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 09:34:31 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 22:25:21 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>>Date: Sun, 12 Apr 1998 13:24:18 -0700
>>From: "Terry J. Blanton" <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>>Theresa wrote:

>>> Date: Sat, 11 Apr 1998 19:58:59 -0400
>>> From: Theresa <Tcarlson1@compuserve.com>
>>> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
>>> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

<snip>

>Another possible answer based on the apparent motion of the UO
>(unidentified object)): it moved upward slightly before
>disappearing behind the first building and then continued te
>upward motion for a short distance after reappearing. Then it
>moved horizontally until it disappeared. One has to allow for the
>distinct ****possibility**** that the cameraman would make the
>logical assumption to the UO would continue to move to the right
>at the same altitude since it moved steadily to the right before
>it disappeared. Apparently the cameraman did not notice... which
>is not surprising... that the angular size of the UO was
>shrinking just before it disappeared... suggesting that it was
>moving away from the camera.... where it could be lost in the
>haze..

><snip>

>>> One thing I haven't been able to find, is the UFO's shadow.
>>> Even in the smog, or haze or whatever, the balconies and
>>> other part of the buillings and foreground clutter have nice
>>> crisp shadows all aligned in the proper direction.

>>Yeah, I looked for a shadow, too. At least they seem to get
>>the light source in the right place.

>One must consider the ***possibility*** that the UO was beyond the
>high rise building and hence its shadow, if there was one, was
>obscured by nearby structures or by the buildings themselves.
>(After the video zooms in it doesn't show the ground).

Hi guys,

Brief interjection. (May help) Jaime Maussan presented two eye witnesses. One, a young Mexican woman of about 20 to 25 years old who was standing underneath the object on the - back side of building - (from the perspective of the cameraman) and a very young girl of about 13 or 14 years old that observed the UFO from several blocks away. Both of them were interviewed on air and the account of the first lady (of what she saw) tells what was going on -behind- the building!

(I'm paraphrasing) The woman said that, she heard a 'hissing' sound and looked up to see what was causing it. Her location was on the ground -behind/adjascent to the building.- When she looked up she saw the bottom of a large metallic disk and she said that as she observed it the object simply disappeared and left a purple mist behind in it's place. (Where it had been hovering for a moment.) She also stated that her eyes have been bothering her - burning and tearing since the sighting.

Review the tape again. The English translation may vary a bit from what I have told you. I am Puerto Rican and Spanish is my native language. I was listening to what she was actually saying in Spanish, . . .and not to the simultaneous English translation.

Hope this helps.

Peace,

John Velez

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Research Request (Video)

From: "Paul Hunter" <gscribe@thefree.net>
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 98 13:45:22 PDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 09:00:14 -0400
Subject: Research Request (Video)

Dear friends,

I have a request for colleagues in the UK (especially the Yorkshire region).

Can anyone supply equipment & or expertise, on a project to transfer an approx. 2 minute night time UFO video to computer format? (E.g:- .AVI or .MPG etc).

Yorkshire UFO researcher Andrew Ellis - who does not yet have internet access - says he can mail the video he has out to anyone able to help. If you can help please contact Andrew direct for more details:

Andrew Ellis
55 Wykebeck Road
OSMONDTHORPE

Leeds
LS9 0HN
Tel: (01132) 482 973

Or alternatively, you can E-mail me, (although I don't have full details of the video myself).

Paul Hunter

gscribe@thefree.net

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More Mars Observations & 'Improbable' Claims

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 09:56:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 09:56:55 -0400
Subject: More Mars Observations & 'Improbable' Claims

From: The Meta Research Home Page:

<http://www.metaresearch.org/announce/on-improbable-claims.htm>

On Improbable Claims

Tom Van Flandern
Meta Research

Often we heard arguments for fantastic claims based on a long list of coincidences very unlikely to happen by chance. Yet frequently they are all chance occurrences. Why is this so when the odds were against it, and how can we keep from being fooled by such circumstances?

I will mention just two common causes of deceptiveness among many known to science. The first is selection effects. You go to the airport for a trip, and while sitting there, you have a premonition that something might happen to the flight. Still, you board anyway. En route, an engine catches on fire and the plane makes an emergency landing. You remember your premonition. Isn't this near proof of a supernatural occurrence?

It turns out that you, like most people, probably have such premonitions almost every time you go to an airport and think about your mortality and how your fate will be in the hands of others. But such thoughts are quickly forgotten after all normal, safe flights. We remember them and transfer them into long-term memory only if some event reinforces the thought and causes you to ponder it.

In general, we are much more likely to remember improbable events and associations than normal or frequently occurring ones. So our memories contain many "selection effects" caused by forgetting most of the normal data and remembering only the abnormal data. It's the same if you think of someone and they call soon thereafter. Was it "psychic", or a selection effect? The latter explanation is usually the simpler and therefore the preferred one.

The second common cause of deception is also based on seemingly unlikely statistical coincidences. In any truly random data set, many regular patterns can always be found. For example, if we have a star chart with a million stars, we might find an unusual shape formed by stars that has less than one chance in a billion of happening by chance. So are some mysterious super-beings moving stars around? This is not as likely as the simpler explanation: In every random data set capable of forming billions of random patterns, it is virtually certain that some 1-in-1 billion pattern will be found formed by chance.

In general, we tend to be deceived because our minds often do not recognize how truly vast is the number of possible coincidences that can occur. So when a few of them do occur, as they must if the odds are right, we tend to be amazed simply because the odds

against that particular coincidence were very great. The odds against a flipped coin coming up tails ten straight times are 1024-to-1 against. But if we make several thousand attempts, the odds become pretty good that it will happen one or more times.

In science, an improbable event that has already happened is called "a posteriori" (after the fact), and generally is taken to have no significance no matter how unlikely it might appear. By contrast, if we specified a certain specific highly improbable event in all its detail "a priori" (before the fact), and it happened anyway, that would be significant, and we would be obliged to pay attention.

As all this pertains to the "Face" on Mars at Cydonia, the discovery of the face-like object was an a posteriori event. No one predicted it, nor could they have done so based on known facts. But once our attention was called to a particular object in a particular place on a particular planet as possibly being of artificial (constructed) origin, anything else found out about it that is highly improbable but related to the artificiality question becomes a priori. We can safely ignore a posteriori claims, but not a priori ones.

At Cydonia, almost everything we see in the new, high-resolution "Face" image fulfills highly unlikely a priori predictions. So when we found a "nostrils" feature, that was impressive. The fact that the relative size, positioning, and orientation is also correct for nostrils makes it a significant a priori prediction. The additional fact that no other nostril-like features can be found nearby means that our minds are not free to pick and choose such face-like features we may want to see. Because it is a priori, that single feature would be strong evidence for the artificiality hypothesis by itself.

But when we consider the perspective, lighting, and contrast limitations of the new image and use old Viking images to fill in missing items, we now see that a priori predictions for a "pupil" and an "eyebrow" are also fulfilled. These are a priori even if no one had verbalized them because the face hypothesis implicitly predicts such facial details before the fact. And each feature is unique on the mesa and its surroundings, and properly shaped and positioned relative to the face with the right relative size and orientation. All this makes the a priori probability of chance operating vanishingly low.

But there is much more. The eye socket is a well-formed 3-D cavity and not in any way shaped by shadows. The mouth is smooth and regular with inner and outer portions, curled just below the nose, and continues to the opposite side. Viking shows reasonable bilateral symmetry, although the Mars Global Surveyor image cannot because of its low viewing angle. The headpiece is smooth, regular, and symmetric. It is crowned with a huge crest feature just north of the mesa. The "enclosure" or headdress feature is smooth, symmetric, and right-angled, and is complete except for a small possible "entranceway" or break in one corner. The facial decorations are smooth, linear or symmetric, and appropriate for their relative locations with respect to a face.

Before seeing this new image, we knew that "fractal" content implied a natural origin, while regularity, angularity, and symmetry indicated artificiality. I see almost no fractality with the exception of the nose bridge, the feature least protected from wind erosion. I do see smooth lines and curves, right angles and corners (including one in the "furrowed" eyebrow), and lots of symmetry, especially detailed symmetry in the headdress enclosure. And that symmetry is not simple symmetry, as when duplicating a profile, but full 3-D symmetry. For example, the enclosure wraps all the way around with both its inner and outer boundaries, yet remains of uniform height and symmetric shape. Nowhere does the mesa overlap or get confounded with this boundary.

The whole amazing "Face" mesa stands isolated in a totally flat, barren desert. It's not as if there are lots of natural formations around, and this one just happened to look like a face. And all of this says nothing about the rest of the strip image, which also contains some surprises. Even the other major formation in the strip image, although it doesn't look like any recognizable shape, does appear far too non-fractal and regular to have arisen as a natural formation. Although its boundary has an irregular outline, it wraps all the way around. The uniform

parallel white strips that appear to radiate from the southeast boundary also have no precedent among natural features in the solar system.

The reason I have concluded that the case for artificiality of the "Face" is well-established is the fulfillment of so many a priori expectations, combined the lack of extraneous features that might allow us to see patterns that might arise by chance. We have almost no degrees of freedom, yet everything in the image appears to work. Each of the new a priori points such as the nostrils, mouth curl, pupil, and eyebrow has individually only very small chance to occur at all, let alone with the correct relative size, shape, location, and orientation. Each such feature by itself indicates artificiality at perhaps 1000-to-1 odds (some much more) just because of their a priori nature. Collectively, they say "artificial" beyond a reasonable doubt.

It is not the odds of occurrence of these features that is convincing, because even a long list of 1,000,000-to-1 a posteriori coincidences has no persuasive ability. It is the low probability of these features combined with their a priori nature that makes them persuasive. Real faces do have just such features, and all major facial features are present in the martian "Face". In truth, the thought never crossed my mind before the fact that the Face should have eyebrows, nostrils, pupils, and a lip curl. But of course, if it is a real face depiction, it should have those features. Anyone could have predicted those things, but most of us dare not hope for so much. Now we have them!

SUMMARY: Based on the best available high-resolution, contrast-enhanced Mars Global Surveyor image and the best old Viking images, the "Face" mesa contains regularity, angularity, symmetry, and the fulfillment of a priori predictions based on the artificiality hypothesis such as the appearance of nostrils in the nose, mouth shaping just under the nose, an eyebrow over the eye socket, a pupil in the eye socket, a separated vertical enclosure of the whole mesa with near perfect symmetry and corners, a crest over the headpiece, and the almost complete absence of extraneous or non-contributing features. These enhance earlier findings of bilateral symmetry, 3-D contouring, a lack of fractal features that are the trademark of natural objects, plus a culturally significant location on the old martian equator and a culturally significant upright north-south orientation. In my considered opinion, there is no longer room for reasonable doubt of the artificial origin of the face mesa, and I've never concluded "no room for reasonable doubt" about anything before in my 35-year scientific career.

Feedback to Meta Research (metares@well.com)

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From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 09:58:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 10:15:48 -0400
Subject: Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

>From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
>Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 01:46:55 EDT
>To: UASR@MyList.net, updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: John Holliman on Cydonia

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>biased (According to some on this list) so I want
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>Good enhanced photo found at:

><http://www.bemyguest.com/mars/second.html>

Where exactly are you seeing this pyramid. I downloaded
the big images yesterday and spent some time looking them
over. I didn't see anything unusual, certainly no half-buried
pyramid. I'll look again if you tell me on which image
and where you are seeing this.

>Also,

>A lot of people (Kal Korrf & Bob Shell to name two),
>have knocked Richard Hoagland's claims & theories
>on Cydonia. Do the same people who think Hoagland
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>He also believes that The Face is definitely artificial.
>Do you think that Van Flandern is seeing what he
>wants to see too?

>Joe in Tampa

Oh, Joe, you put me in such good company!!!!

I have to honestly say that I have no idea who Tom
Van Flandern is. I got the material from him that someone
posted here and read it, and it sounded like unadulterated
bullshit to me, so I didn't think any more about it.

Who is Tom Van Flandern?????

I'm trying not to be dismissive of all this without
looking at all the data. Quite honestly, though, I
have not seen anything in these photos which looks even
suggestive of artificial activity. I don't think I'm
"seeing what I want to see" because I have no vested
interest in this thing one way or another, and would
be absolutely delighted if we DID find something that
was unequivocally artificial. But I just can't find
even a hint of any such thing in these photos.

Bob Shell

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FROM: Fred Kurros

According to some of my sources at Lockheed/Martin here in Denver, NASA and Malin will soon be announcing that they believe that the structure in the new Mars Global Surveyor pictures is actually an artificial structure. According to these sources, the data and the image itself are nearly a full-blown smoking gun.

Apparently, yesterday at the Denver Lockheed/Martin location was nearly a part-like atmosphere, people running around and saying, "...there was life on Mars half a billion years ago!" Well, now they may be right, and NASA is prepared to announce it in the next few days.

"The new images show clearly at least one pyramid structure on the planet surface. The right angles on at least three of the sides of this structure cannot be argued, and it is a perfect right angle.", says the source. "Plus, many of us have been comparing it to pictures of the Giza Pyramid, and the likeness is stunning, this thing is not a mountain."

The big surprise is that NASA finally listened to the UFO buffs, and NASA finally acted on their beliefs. The Mars Global Surveyor took pictures and images of the Cydonia region, mainly due to pressure from scientists and Ufologists interested in the subject. Even though the new pictures of the 'face' did not yield anything, the fact remains that NASA did recognize the scientists and Ufologists interested in the subject. That is advancement in the right direction. Sounds to me like they may be recognizing and listening more in the very near future.

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>I have to honestly say that I have no idea who Tom
>Van Flandern is. I got the material from him that someone
>posted here and read it, and it sounded like unadulterated
>bullshit to me, so I didn't think any more about it.

>Who is Tom Van Flandern?????

From: <http://www.metaresearch.org/>

Dark Matter Missing Planets & New Comets

Title: Dark Matter, Missing Planets and New Comets
Author: Tom Van Flandern
Publisher: North Atlantic Books (1993)
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Evidence against the Big Bang theory; an exposition of the Meta Model alternative for the origin and nature of the universe; deductive models for the origins of stars, planets, moons, comets, asteroids, meteoroids, rings, Sun & planet spots; the latest on the hypothetical "tenth planet" beyond Pluto; an alternative to the Oort cloud of comets and the "dirty snowball" comet model; and much more. Since the book deals primarily with observational puzzles and anomalies that don't fit conventional models, many viable alternative models are described.

Additional topics treated:

- o the possibility of faster-than-light travel in forward time
- o the speed of propagation of gravity
- o origin of redshift and microwave radiation in the universe
- o reasons why black holes don't exist
- o evidence that quasars are nearby, and what they are
- o about gravitational shielding
- o the cause and nature of gravitation -- a complete model
- o new, classical descriptions of quantum physics
- o planetary breakup hypothesis as the origin of asteroids and comets
- o satellites of asteroids and comets
- o speculations about the origins of man
- o a discussion of terrestrial and non-terrestrial pyramids
- o surprising information about viewing solar and lunar eclipses
- o the origin of Mercury as a moon of Venus
- o the fission origin of Earth's Moon
- o the origin of Martian moons and the great Martian rift "fault"
- o a new model for Jupiter's Great Red Spot -- a floating impact site
- o the youth of Saturn's rings
- o the origin of black deposits, such as on the moon Iapetus
- o the Triton-Nereid-Pluto-Charon disruption story
- o a possible major planet beyond Pluto
- o an exposition of Scientific Method: how to tell good models from bad

This book is written for the science-interested layman almost entirely without math. The author is a senior professional astronomer with a doctorate from Yale University. Those familiar with his nearly 100 published technical papers in the mainstream journals of astronomy will be aware that he has plenty of solid evidence that has passed peer review to back up most of his alternative models.

Biographical Sketch of the Book's Author, Tom Van Flandern

Tom received his Ph.D. degree in Astronomy from Yale University in 1969. He spent 20 years at the U.S. Naval Observatory, where he became the Chief of the Celestial Mechanics Branch. In 1991, Tom formed a Washington, DC-based organization, Meta Research, to foster research into ideas not otherwise supported solely because they conflict with mainstream theories in Astronomy. Tom is editor of the Meta Research Bulletin, which specializes in reporting anomalies and evidence that does not fit with standard theories in the field. He is also a Research Associate at the University of Maryland working on improving the accuracy of the Global Positioning System.

North Atlantic Books is the publisher of Tom's 1993 book, "Dark Matter, Missing Planets and New Comets". As with his research papers, the book is critical of many standard models in astronomy, such as the Oort Cloud, the Dirty Snowball, and the Big Bang theory. Tom has organized an expedition for 100 people to travel to the Galapagos Islands for viewing the February 26, 1998 total solar eclipse.

During his career as a professional research astronomer, Tom has been honored by a prize from the Gravity Research Foundation; served on the Council of American Astronomical Society's Division on Dynamical Astronomy; taught astronomy at the University of South Florida and to Navy Department employees; been a consultant to NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab; and done several spots for the "Project Universe" series that continues to air occasionally on public TV.

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Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 11:26:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 13:05:57 -0400
Subject: Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

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>To: UASR@MyList.net, updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: John Holliman on Cydonia

>Hi All,

>Holliman's message is below but first...

>Has anybody seen the new Cydonia image? Am I crazy
>or is there a clear, pyramidal shaped object, which
>appears to be partially buried in sand, located in the
>photo strip? It looks clear to me but supposedly I'm
>biased (According to some on this list) so I want
>to hear opinions from others.

>Good enhanced photo found at:

><http://www.bemyguest.com/mars/second.html>

I find that when dealing with photos, "proof" (like "beauty") is often in the eye of the beholder. I looked at the images and don't see obvious "proof", which is especially true when shown next to the Giza images. On the other hand, the site didn't give an explanation of the distance from objects shown in either photograph, so I'm not sure how good (or valid) the comparison is. It is interesting, though.

>Also,

>A lot of people (Kal Korrf & Bob Shell to name two),
>have knocked Richard Hoagland's claims & theories
>on Cydonia. Do the same people who think Hoagland
>is extremely biased also believe the same about Dr.
>Tom Van Flandern? He seems like a quality scientist.
>He also believes that The Face is definitely artificial.
>Do you think that Van Flandern is seeing what he
>wants to see too?

>Joe in Tampa

How about word that Vince DiPietro has "thrown in the towel" in regard to the Mars "Face". Do you think he has given in too easily?

Hoagland, IMHO, is his own worst enemy. I've been to one of his "Press Briefings", and in spite of the fact that the media generally treated his entire presentation (flawed, disjointed, and confusing) as nonsense, he issued a self-serving press statement touting its success. While he has former NASA employees who claim to have been directed to remove anomalies from official images before their release, he concentrates his press statements on his "bottom line", which the media generally regards with great skepticism. IMO, Hoagland does a lot of PR work, but very little of it is very effective. Please understand that I attended the "briefing" as a supporter, and came away very disappointed.

As far as Van Flandern and other scientists are concerned,

they're just as human as you and I, and have their own beliefs and faith to help guide them. DiPietro (I assume) has looked at the same images as Van Flandern, and reached a different conclusion and what we have is a difference of opinion based (at least in part) on belief and faith. It has been my experience that scientists rarely examine evidence without first developing a theory as to what they expect to find. As such, I think it would entirely possible for "quality scientists" to see what they want (or expect) to see.

According to John Holliman of CNN, NASA has agreed to continue imaging the Cydonia region until the controversy is laid to rest:

<http://www.cnn.com/TECH/space/9804/15/holliman/index.html>

Unfortunately, I think there are quite a few that won't be convinced until we're able to walk around the "City" and see what it looks like at ground level.

Steve

PS- Somehow, I'm not sure that Bob Shell or Kal Korff are overjoyed at being compared to one another as equals. . . . <g>

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Re: More Mars Observations & 'Improbable' Claims

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 13:19:30 -0400
Subject: Re: More Mars Observations & 'Improbable' Claims

> Tom Van Flandern
> Meta Research

> As all this pertains to the "Face" on Mars at Cydonia, the
> discovery of the face-like object was an a posteriori event. No
> one predicted it, nor could they have done so based on known
> facts. But once our attention was called to a particular object
> in a particular place on a particular planet as possibly being of
> artificial (constructed) origin, anything else found out about it
> that is highly improbable but related to the artificiality
> question becomes a priori. We can safely ignore a posteriori
> claims, but not a priori ones.

> At Cydonia, almost everything we see in the new, high-resolution
> "Face" image fulfills highly unlikely a priori predictions. So
> when we found a "nostrils" feature, that was impressive. The fact
> that the relative size, positioning, and orientation is also
> correct for nostrils makes it a significant a priori prediction.
> The additional fact that no other nostril-like features can be
> found nearby means that our minds are not free to pick and choose
> such face-like features we may want to see. Because it is a
> priori, that single feature would be strong evidence for the
> artificiality hypothesis by itself."

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There are a number of things wrong with this. Allow me to point
out that certain types of wood have knots which look like faces.
Some of those knots look a lot like faces. Their nostrils are even
in the "right" place, the eyes have irises, and they have mouths.

Obviously, by the criteria being set above, there is clear evidence
for the artificiality of these knots in the wood.

But that isn't the end of it.

There are also knots in the same kind of wood, which look less
like faces. And those which barely look like faces. And those
which don't look like faces at all.

The Martian landscape in general, and Cydonia in particular,
aren't different from that wood. Take a look at the nearby
landforms, and you see things that look like the face in many
respect, but which don't have as ideal a geometry. Clearly,
whatever geological process created the Face was active to create
non-face shaped areas which are otherwise similar, including the
dual layer shield of less eroded material near the base.

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> But when we consider the perspective, lighting, and contrast
> Limitations of the new image and use old Viking images to fill in
> missing items, we now see that a priori predictions for a "pupil"
> and an "eyebrow" are also fulfilled. These are a priori even if
> no one had verbalized them because the face hypothesis implicitly
> predicts such facial details before the fact. And each feature is
> unique on the mesa and its surroundings, and properly shaped and
> positioned relative to the face with the right relative size and
> orientation. All this makes the a priori probability of chance
> operating vanishingly low."

But what about the a priori predictions of other anatomical features which don't show:

Lips
Eyelids
Iris
Nose to lip groove

Does this increase the possibility that the feature is due to chance?

What about the large difference in size between the left and right "nostrils"?

Why does the mouth look like a bow tie?

How is the "correct" placement determined, given the variation in human feature placement?

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> Before seeing this new image, we knew that "fractal" content
> implied a natural origin, while regularity, angularity, and
> symmetry indicated artificiality. I see almost no fractality with
> the exception of the nose bridge, the feature least protected
> from wind erosion. I do see smooth lines and curves, right angles
> and corners (including one in the "furrowed" eyebrow), and lots
> of symmetry, especially detailed symmetry in the headdress
> enclosure. And that symmetry is not simple symmetry, as when
> duplicating a profile, but full 3-D symmetry. For example, the
> enclosure wraps all the way around with both its inner and outer
> boundaries, yet remains of uniform height and symmetric shape.
> Nowhere does the mesa overlap or get confounded with this
> boundary."

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Strange that I see a landform with features at every scale.

There are many smooth curves, but these are easily explained as the result of erosion, which tends to soften sharp outlines.

And there are no clean right angles.

So why is the author seeing what is clearly not in the image?

As for the uniform height of the boundary, it is not uniform. It clearly varies significantly at the lower left, the lower center, and along the highly visible right side, there are numerous variations which appear to be between 1 and 5 percent of height.

The central features do merge into this boundary at the "top" of the feature, and also where the left "eye" merges into it.

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> The whole amazing "Face" mesa stands isolated in a totally flat,
> barren desert. It's not as if there are lots of natural
> formations around, and this one just happened to look like a
> face. And all of this says nothing about the rest of the strip
> image, which also contains some surprises. Even the other major
> formation in the strip image, although it doesn't look like any
> recognizable shape, does appear far too non-fractal and regular
> to have arisen as a natural formation. Although its boundary has
> an irregular outline, it wraps all the way around. The uniform
> parallel white strips that appear to radiate from the southeast
> boundary also have no precedent among natural features in the
> solar system. "

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Yes, they do. It's called erosion. It can be seen on any image of an inselberg or mesa. The same streaks can be seen in the ejecta of the crater near the Face, and on the "hood" of the Face, and in Valles Marineris on landslides...etc, etc.

The other major formation is not regular and does have features at many scales, including streaks and large scale curves with streaks; it has a very close resemblance to volcanoes on Io and volcanic features on Venus.

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> The reason I have concluded that the case for artificiality of
> the "Face" is well-established is the fulfillment of so many a
> priori expectations, combined the lack of extraneous features
> that might allow us to see patterns that might arise by chance.
> We have almost no degrees of freedom, yet everything in the image
> appears to work. Each of the new a priori points such as the
> nostrils, mouth curl, pupil, and eyebrow has individually only
> very small chance to occur at all, let alone with the correct
> relative size, shape, location, and orientation. Each such
> feature by itself indicates artificiality at perhaps 1000-to-1
> odds (some much more) just because of their a priori nature.
> Collectively, they say "artificial" beyond a reasonable doubt."

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This can only be considered true if many characteristics of the
"expectations" are ignored:

- 1) Variation in what is considered "correct" placement or size or
shape of a facial feature. Nostrils and lips and eyes show
considerable variation in their placement in humans.
- 2) Ignoring inconveniently absent facial features in favor of
those claimed to be present.
- 3) Ignoring deformities in existing features.
- 4) Ignoring clear parallels to other Martian and extra-Martian
geological structures.
- 5) Ignoring features at smaller scales.
- 6) Ignoring variations which corrupt "right angles", "perfect
curves" and "exact heights".

And where do these remarkable odds come from? A substantial study
of the presence of what appears to be "face" like component
features in terrestrial or extraterrestrial landforms? Or are
they just made up to support an a priori conclusion?

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at

<http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman>

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OK, so now I know who he is. Do I still think that what he said is bullshit? You betcha.

Some of the dumbest SOBs I know have multiple PhDs.

Just because he has degrees in astronomy and knows physics does not qualify him as a photo analyst and geologist, the two disciplines most important in this case.

Mark Cahsman's analysis and comments are right on the money.

Bob

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Anyone wanna make any bets on this happening?????

Hogwash!

Bob

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Yorkshire [UK] UFO Crash - MOD revelations

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Subject: Yorkshire [UK] UFO Crash - MOD revelations

From: Dave Clarke, BUFORA Press Officer

More Parliamentary Questions on "Aircrash Mystery" and exclusive interview with MOD [Ministry of Defence] UFO Desk

Further questions regarding the incident over Howden Moors, Derbyshire, were tabled in Parliament one week ago by Sheffield Hillsborough MP Helen Jackson. This followed the MOD's revelation that a low-flying exercise had taken place on the night a major air and land search was launched following reports of unexplained sonic booms and an "aircraft" crashing occurred over the Peak District moors near Sheffield, Yorkshire. A number of witnesses contacted police and UFO groups to report a triangular shaped object in the sky, followed by low-flying RAF fighters just minutes before the "crash".

Following my directions Mrs Jackson asked if the "military exercise" was carried out over the Sheffield area and whether the sonic booms were the result of aircraft breaking the sound barrier.

My intention was to follow up the questions with a direct audience with the RAF Press Office at Whitehall where I got an on-record interview with press office chief Alan Pattison (more to follow!)

I wanted to put the RAF directly on the spot and ask if the "military exercise" was pre-planned or was a interception mission launched to pursue an unidentified object picked up on Air Defence radar as some have claimed.

Questions in Parliament

On April 7 the Under Secretary of State for Defence John Spellar replied to Mrs Jackson in a written statement:

"It is not possible, twelve months after the date in question, to state precisely where military activity was being carried out. Records kept show only that aircraft were booked to carry out low flying over the Peak District between 2030 and 2107 hours local time on the evening of 24 March 1997. No low level flying is permitted over the Sheffield urban area, or any other major conurbation. Records of flying at medium level - between 2,000 and 24,000 ft - are not maintained so it is possible that there were aircraft in the area at medium level [too]."

He adds: "The regulations governing military aircraft flying at supersonic speeds are contained in the Joint Service Publication entitled 'Military Flying Regulations', an extract of which was provided in the answer I gave [Mrs Jackson] on 1 April...as for the sonic event detected by the British Geological Survey at Edinburgh University, I refer my hon friend to the answer I gave her on 30 March."

[The military flying regulations stipulate "all high level supersonic flights are to take place over the sea" and low-level flying only allowed when a radar visual search is maintained for shipping, helicopters and civilian aircraft. Supersonic flight over land not allowed and all planned flights must be notified to radar stations in advance and any breaches must be reported by

captains within 30 minutes of aircraft landing]

MOD on the spot

I immediately followed this statement with a direct Press interview with Alan Pattison who is the current civilian chief of the MOD desk which deals with UFOs and low-flying, and his deputy, RAF Squadron Leader Tom Rounds.

They confirmed the planes involved in the incident were two Tornado GR1 Strike aircraft which were operating from their base at RAF Marham in Norfolk on a pre-booked and pre-planned low-flying training exercise over the Peak District. These Tornados are the type used on bombing missions in the Gulf and are not fighters which would be scrambled for an intercept. They also admit other Tornados and indeed Jaguar fighters from other NATO bases took part in this night-time sortie, which involved night time flying at a minimum 250 foot altitude over the mountains west of Sheffield.

These details coincide with the descriptions of witnesses in the Dronfield area of Derbyshire who reported seeing a "huge triangular shaped UFO" pass directly overhead at an altitude of 300ft at 9.30 pm [UFO Magazine, May/June 1997 pg9]. This craft had "pinkish coloured lights around its curved edges and a blinding blue light on its underside. It gave off "a droning noise similar to an electric substation" and lit up the street as bright as day!!...Three minutes after this object passed over two military jets flew low and fast over the area, followed by two others. There is an obvious time discrepancy here which can only be explained by the witnesses being in error or the MOD's stated times being wrong [note these are only the 'booked' times]

Asked if the incident on March 24 involved fighters scrambled to intercept this UFO Pattison replied directly:

"This was a regular training flight involving two Tornado strike aircraft.

These are not aircraft which would be employed to intercept a threat to UK airspace This type of low-level training is carried out regularly over areas like the Peak District and is essential to give pilots experience for possible action in the Gulf and other trouble spots.

"There has been no cover-up over this incident and we did not scramble aircraft to intercept a UFO. All missions sent out that night were regular training flights."

UFO tracked by radar?

I then asked specifically about claims by researcher Max Burns that a "UFO" had been tracked by the Royal Signals at RAF Linton-upon-Ouse, near York, at 9.55pm that same night - three minutes after the first sonic event detected in Leeds.

I had already established from Flight Lieutenant Philip Inman that the radar at Linton is not used as part of the UK Air Defence system and when in operation is used for training purposes over a limited radius. In fact the base was closed down on the night of March 24. Radar cover for the military exercise was being provided by West Drayton.

These facts were confirmed by the MOD who added: "If an unidentified object is picked up on radar screen which we could not explain we would scramble fighter aircraft to intercept. This has happened on a number of occasions, not so much now but certainly in the past. But we often find that these radar blips are caused by people in light aircraft who have wandered onto the radar screens without notifying anyone of their presence.

"Air defence radar is directed out towards the sea to detect incoming incoming objects as a result of the Cold War. We would only intercept an object if we thought it was a threat to this country as we are only interested in establishing if there is a threat to UK airspace. We don't discount some of these objects may be unexplained phenomena but we are not funded to investigate these."

The sonic booms

The MOD/RAF current position is that the two sonic booms recorded at 2152 and 2206 that night remain "unexplained." They claim the low-flying exercise was over around 50 minutes before these sonic events were recorded, and say they have no record of them

at the time of the exercise.

They do admit they received a complaint from the British Geological Survey people afterwards and the BGS say the RAF told them they "could not confirm" one of their aircraft was involved.

But note they are admitting the exercise was "booked" between the times admitted which does not rule out the presence of other aircraft later that night. They have already admitted they received 13 complaints about "aircraft activity" from different parts of the country. Certainly numerous witnesses testify (in the South Yorkshire Police log of the events of which I have a copy) to the presence of aircraft until 11pm, and when pressed Pattison accepted it was "logical" to connect the exercise with the sonic events which occurred within one hour of the admitted times.

Note also sonic events have three general causes, space debris [none reported that night], Concorde [not flying] and military aircraft. The BGS say the two booms "could only have been caused by a military aircraft reaching supersonic speed possibly while performing a mid-air turn."

Pattison says: "Our pilots know very well they should not fly at twice the speed of sound over land. It's not impossible that a pilot might have accelerated to supersonic speed in order to take avoiding action if a civil aircraft was detected in their flightpath.

It is also possible a pilot might have covered his tracks if he had broken the rules and the only way we could prove this is by studying radar traces from the night in question. We could never rule this out."

Final words

In summary the MOD have made an unambiguous statement about the events of March 24, 1997. They say: "We did not chase a UFO and there has been no cover-up. " What's more they add: "We responded to a request by the police for help to search for a crashed aircraft and sent a helicopter from RAF Leconfield. We don't know what caused the sonic events and the whole thing is a mystery to us too."

We are left with a limited number of options. South Yorkshire Police and numerous witnesses testify to the presence of an unidentified low-flying aircraft in the Margery Hill area of the Peak around 10pm, coinciding with the two sonic events recorded in Edinburgh. One witness described it as a cigar-shaped object "glowing like it was on fire". A police special constable described it as a large four seater plane brightly illuminated. There was a flash and bang as it disappeared over the Howden Moors, leaving a red glow which gave the impression it had crashed.

Was this part of the military exercise earlier in the evening which the MOD have now admitted took place? Are the RAF telling the truth, or is there another explanation?

Answers to dclarkel4@compuserve.com.

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NASA Denies 'Artificial Structure Report' Pending

From: kzone@webgate.net [Rob McConnell]
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 14:08:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 17:29:21 -0400
Subject: NASA Denies 'Artificial Structure Report' Pending

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:-

Thursday, April 16, 1998 : 14:54:06 HRS EDT

London, Ontario, Canada: In a telephone interview with Rob McConnell, NASA JPL Spokesperson and Manager of Media Services, FRANK O'DONNELL, stated that the story being circulated on the internet pertaining to an alleged statement that NASA would be releasing as to alleged "artificial structures" on Mars as captured by the MGS are unfounded - and were denied.

O'DONNELL stated in the telephone interview the photos received at JPL after careful examination show no proof of any artificial structure(s) however, people will see in them what they want to see.

O'DONNELL was also questioned as to the reason for the delay of 30 hours prior to making the first photo's available to the public. O'DONNELL stated that the photo's are kept on the space vehicle for 10 hours before they are transmitted to Earth. The first photo's arrived were received on a Sunday, and due to budget restraints, technicians were not at their posts until Monday morning and within 30 minutes of arriving at the stations, the photos were released.

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Re: Betty Hill

From: **Mendoza** <101653.2205@compuserve.com> [Peter Brookesmith]
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 17:34:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 19:22:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Betty Hill

Compliments of the Duke:

>From: "Marigold" <ZIAZ@prodigy.net> [Carol Morres]
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Betty Hill
>Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 18:27:57 -0700

>Does anyone know if she [Betty Hill] has an e-mail address?

No, she doesn't. But her telephone has a *real bell* in it!

Mail should reach her if marked Personal & sent to:

PO Box 55
Greenland
NH 03840

You can also get her book, "A Common Sense Approach to UFOs" from this address. Details in FT #110 were wrong: price is \$15.95, plus postage - \$7.20 in the USA, \$10.50 elsewhere.

Also missing from FT #110 was mention of yours truly on the bill at the UnConvention. I'll be presenting a vastly refined version of "Martian Cats", sketched many moons ago on this List, which will include unpublished info on the Hill case, along with lewd pictures & loud music. There are also, of course, *good* reasons to attend this fest.

best wishes
Poinsettia D. Mexico
Selfraising Flour

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Re: NASA to Announce Artificial Structures on

From: "Jerome Clark" <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 98 16:11:40 PDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 01:20:51 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA to Announce Artificial Structures on

> From: "RISKERS/NUFOIA" <todd@riskers.org>
> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>,
> Subject: NASA to Announce Artificial Structures on Mars
> Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 10:29:46 -0600

> FROM: Fred Kurros

> According to some of my sources at Lockheed/Martin here in
> Denver, NASA and Malin will soon be announcing that they believe
> that the structure in the new Mars Global Surveyor pictures is
> actually an artificial structure. According to these sources, the
> data and the image itself are nearly a full-blown smoking gun.

Am I the only one who suspects our friend here is being had? How many anonymous sources have we heard -- in the last year or two alone -- promising mindboggling, world-altering revelations which never, ever come to pass? It isn't just religious cultists who have their failed prophecies.

> Apparently, yesterday at the Denver Lockheed/Martin location was
> nearly a part-like atmosphere, people running around and saying,
> "...there was life on Mars half a billion years ago!" Well, now
> they may be right, and NASA is prepared to announce it in the
> next few days.

Uh huh. Love to be wrong about this, and if I am, I'll eat my words, in a hotdog bun with mustard and ketchup. I anticipate no such unconventional dining, however.

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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Re: Document Request

From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 20:18:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 08:46:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Document Request

> Date: Wed, 15 Apr 1998 00:51:13 +0000
> From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Document Request

> Can anyone help provide me with a copy of the Senator Russell UFO
> sighting report that he made in the 1950's in the USSR.

Phillip:

The Fund for UFO Research, P.O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712
sells copies of an article by Bruce Maccabee, Ph.D. entitled,
"Senator Richard Russell: Flying Saucer Witness" (65 pages)
\$13.00 plus \$6.00 outside the U.S.A. mailing cost.

Tom Benson

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Re: NASA Denies 'Artificial Structure Report'

From: **Geoff Price** <Geoff@CalibanMW.com>
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 16:24:21 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 08:44:52 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Denies 'Artificial Structure Report'

>Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 14:08:27 -0400
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto"
>From: xzone@webgate.net [Rob McConnell]
>Subject: Reports that NASA to Announce Artificial Structures on
> Mars denied by NASA JPL and Lockheed/Martin in Denver,
> Co.

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>McConnell, NASA JPL Spokesperson and Manager of Media Services,
>FRANK O'DONNELL, stated that the story being circulated on the
>internet pertaining to an alleged statement that NASA would be
>releasing as to alleged "artificial structures" on Mars as
>captured by the MGS are unfounded - and were denied.

Wait just a darn minute! I have right here a copy of a UFO
Update message where someone quoted a news release from someone
who has a friend who works for a real defense contractor who has
the inside scoop on NASA who said *exactly the opposite*!

Have these people not seen the same photos I have, with the domes
and excavation sites and partially submerged pyramids with
extensive evidence of large burial chambers?

What the heck is going on!

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Sarah McClendon News Release. (Background Info.)

From: **Ted Oliphant III** <alkahest@slip.net>
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 16:17:29 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 08:41:05 -0400
Subject: Sarah McClendon News Release. (Background Info.)

Did you see this about Sarah McClendon's News Release?

It comes from Bob Durant.

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 30 Washington columnist Sarah McClendon published a report claiming, among other things, that "a community of scientists and technicians employed by the government" believe UFOs "are actual visitors from other worlds." Her report has received wide distribution on the Internet.

McClendon states that a number of senior Clinton advisors received UFO briefings. Among those named officials is Anthony Lake, who served as the President's National Security Advisor. Lake was nominated for the position of Director of Central Intelligence, but his nomination was withdrawn in the face of Republican opposition. He resigned from public life, and now teaches at Georgetown University.

On April 14 Lake delivered the annual George W. Ball Lecture at Princeton University. I attended the lecture, and approached him after the talk to ask about McClendon's report. The following is a transcript of our short but unambiguous conversation.

Durant: Two weeks ago Sarah McClendon, a Washington reporter,

Lake: Right, right

Durant: wrote a real fire burner about UFOs. And she indicated that this was taken very seriously by the Clinton administration. Your name was mentioned in it, as somebody having received a briefing on this topic. Do you know anything about this?

Lake: This is very highly classified. But if you looked at Independence Day, the contact with the space aliens, the description of the aliens is just about perfect. No, that's just nonsense. Absolute nonsense. I never got a briefing. There is no, what, what is it, Roswell. Unless, I never heard of Roswell, in fact, until I was on the Diane Reems (sp?) show about a year ago, and a caller said, so are you going to tell us about Roswell, Roswell and what's it called, 51 or 52?

Durant: Area 51

Lake: Oh, Area 51. I never heard of it, and so I went back to the Air Force and said, what's this all about? And they denied it. Maybe they lied to me. This is nonsense. And I think the explanation is, uh, I can't remember now, it may have had something to do with satellites, reconnaissance, going over, flights, planes going over that convinced people something was happening. Now, the problem is, as I said on the Diane Reems (sp?) show, I never heard about this, I don't know about this. You can either conclude, one, that I'm lying to you, or two, that I'm naive and nobody ever tells me anything, or three, that I'm telling the truth. All I can do is tell you what the truth as I know it is. But Independence Day was a good movie!

Durant: OK, gotcha. Thank you.

Earlier in the day, a colleague of mine telephoned Sarah McClendon to inquire about her source for the claim about Lake's UFO briefing. She was unable to answer that question at the moment.

Robert J. Durant
15 April 98

Comments: Oliphant

I spoke to Sarah McClendon on March 31st, the day after The McClendon News Service issued the News Release. She was in the Veteran's Hospital, recovering from a fall. Here is the gist of our conversation:

She told me she had never met Dr. Steven Greer and didn't know him. Her source was Steve Bassett, Washington lobbyist who told her Dr. Greer had "High credibility". She didn't know about Greer's claim that he had remote viewed aliens under Blance Peak in Colorado, while they were being attacked by covert military forces using a sarin-like gas.

Niether did she know about his vectoring in UFOs with high powered flashlights. She asked me to send her everything I had on Greer, right away. She explained that Steve Bassett was the source for some of the material in her News Release. She told me that Bassett had been a source for information used in articles she had written in previous years.

"He's drowning in UFOs" she told me. Sarah says she knew Bassett was trying to get congressional hearings going..."But right now that's not happening" she said. I told her I thought Bassett had used her, she didn't agree "No,

I don't think so. But you hurry and send me this material (On Greer) right away." I faxed some copies of Greer's statements to her that evening.

Two evenings later when she was preparing for an interview on the Art Bell Show, I spoke to Sarah McClendon's secretary who answered her hospitall room telephone. I was told McClendon was busy, but I heard Sarah in the background asking who was on the phone. Sarah came on the line to thank me for the material.

Finally, at 2 A.M. Washington time, 17 million people around the world hear her on the radio. When Art Bell started interviewing her, they only talked about the press release in briefly. After five minutes, Bell changed the subject, never asking any specific details of the story, her sources for information, not even mentioning one of the many names she printed in her article. The remaining 55 inutes of the one hour segment, never mentioned UFOs nor her News Release; that had obstensibly been the reason to have her on the show in the first place.

So there you have it, this News Release had Sarah's name and respect attached to it, but it remains of little substance. Bell's interview was of even less.

The sad part is that Sarah really wants the same thing we all want; our government to tell us the truth. McClendon became disenchanted with the government in 1947, when she was a reporter covering the South-West. She told me that when the government told her Roswell was a weather balloon "I didn't believe them then, and I don't believe them now" Who can blame her for that?

Regards,

Ted Oliphant III
<http://www.realityb.com/>

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Yet Another 'Debunker' Outed by Boylan

From: authority@webtv.net (Doc in Phoenix)
Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 18:16:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 09:27:56 -0400
Subject: Yet Another 'Debunker' Outed by Boylan

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a Boylan: a pimple on the buttock of Ufology --ebk]

Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 23:55:58 +0200
From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>
Subject: Boylan vs. Russo, re: Mr. Balducci, the Vatican and ETs
To: authority@webtv.net (Doc in Phoenix)

Hello!

Thanks for forwarding me Richard Boylan's posting answering my own comments on the subject above.

I found it odd that Boylan did not care to send it to me, since he apparently knew of my e-mail address, but maybe courtesy rules are different in your country, so I won't feel obliged to send him the following reply of mine. Please feel free to do so yourself, if you feel it appropriate, as well as to post or re-post it where you like to.

>So what we have here is "Doc-in-Phoenix" violating his ban on IUFO to
>post a slam by a debunker Italian "Ufologist" Edoardo Russo

I've been called worse names in the past, but I'm still wondering what Boylan may mean by "debunker" and how he can feel entitled to call me such, since he also acknowledged to have never heard of me before.

>post a slam by a debunker Italian "Ufologist" Edoardo Russo against another
>Ufologist, Giorgio Bongiovanni, whom Russo apparently feels is a rival.

Oh dear! Never in my life did I even remotely thought of Giorgio Bongiovanni as a "ufologist" and even less a "rival". When I was 16, Italian pioneer ufologist Gianni Settimo made it clear to me that contactees are not ufologists. His exact words were that between us (ufologists) and them (contactees) there is the same difference as between the student of the Napoleon times and the guy who says "I'm Napoleon". (To put it more gently, since they are the phenomenon to be studied, they can't pose as researchers at the same time.) But maybe Boylan has not yet figured out which category he belongs to.

>I've never heard of Russo. Bongiovanni is famous, and has lectured in
>the United States at the International UFO Congress several times.

Yes, Bongiovanni is famous. But Billi Meier is, too, and George Adamski was yet more famous. So what? Fame is not synonymous with reliability.

As far as myself, I will resist to the obvious joke that me too, I never heard of Boylan before (and still have managed to live well). I don't either expect him to frequent the same UFO circles or read/write in the same UFO literature as I've been doing in the last 25 years, but my first article in the "Flying Saucer Review" was published in 1979, and that same year I remember having presented

a paper at the First International UFO Congress held by BUFORA in London and being appointed Italian delegate of the International Committee on UFO Research (whose directors included J. Allen Hynek and Walt Andrus). If Boylan ever happened to glance over the "MUFON UFO Journal" (I've been MUFON Italian representative, too) and the "International UFO Reporter" (not to pretend he ever heard of European UFO journals), he might have found articles of mine therein, too. More details he will find in Robert Boyd's "Who's who in Ufology Directory" (1988).

>Mr. Russo's disrespectful attempt to turn Monsignor Balducci into
>"Mr." Balducci is a familiar old disdainful trick used by
>debunkers.

Shades of paranoia? Since when "Mr." is a sign of disrespect or disdain, instead of an acronym for either "Mister" or "Monsignor"? Mmmh! Maybe I should suspect something, given "Mr." Boylan's insistence at calling me "Mr. Russo" instead of the more proper "Dr. Russo" he should use, shouldn't I?

>Mr. Russo's denial does not make Monsignor Balducci any less a
>Vatican theologian. Mr. Russo's denial does not stop Monsignor
>Balducci from continuing his membership on the Vatican commission
>studying extraterrestrial contacts.

Indeed he is neither, by his own admission. More about this later.

>Mr. Russo apparently lives up in Turin.

That's the only "apparently" correct comment about me in Boylan's posting!

>My informant, the ACCET clinician interviewed Monsignor Balducci
>in Rome.

May I respectfully inform you, who live beyond the Big Pond, that such an odd device as the telephone was invented by an Italian? Do you really believe that 600 kilometers away means so great a distance as to prevent me from Turin to talk with Corrado Balducci in Rome?

>Mr. Russo's denial does not make him an expert on Vatican matters,

I never claimed to be one: and before stating what I did I did check and get information from competent people (theologians). Did Boylan ever try to?

>So Mr. Russo DOES acknowledge two of the five times that Monsignor
>Balducci has spoken about extraterrestrials on Italian television.

Not quite so: I did give two precise dates (wasn't I the first to do that?), but I had no need to "acknowledge" them, since I never denied it. Indeed I also know of some more occasions, if you extend the time span to the last ten years or so...

>Mr. Russo betrays his debunker hand here, labeling anyone who
>sees extraterrestrials as having souls a "spiritualist",

True: but maybe the language difference betrayed me: in Italian "spiritualist" means precisely the attitude of those seeing a spirit or soul in living beings (as opposed to "materialist"); in English that meaning has only remained in the technical jargon of philosophy, while the popular meaning of "spiritualism" has become a synonymous of "spiritism", which is quite another matter, not relevant here.

>and labeling ufo investigators who believe extraterrestrials
>have souls as "cultists".

Seems Mr Boylan's got some unresolved confusion in his mind as of the difference between "UFO investigator" and "ET believer". Anyway he doesn't need to make me say what I did not: not every believer is a cultist, though the contrary is true (never took courses in formal logic).

>Gee, I thought we had enough debunkers on U.S. UFO newsgroups
>that we didn't need to import another one from Turin.

Gee, I think we had enough true believers and fanatics in Italian ET buff groups that we don't need to import another one from California.

Out of the "ad hominem" rhetoric, why wouldn't he expect that Italian ufologists might be the better placed ones to check the story?

>Mr. Russo is in error. I never said that Monsignor Balducci's
>declarations were all recent. Indeed, I pointed out that he has
>made the declarations of extraterrestrial contact reality on
>Italian television five times, obviously over a period of time.

Mr Boylan is in error (or should I say he has been forced to acknowledge it was not recent?). I was not commenting what he might have said or written (I didn't even know 'twas him the source of the false news). I was asked to comment a news release which said exactly that Balducci "has gone on national Italian television five times in recent months to proclaim that extraterrestrial contact is a real phenomenon".

>What is recent is the ACCET clinician's
>interview with Monsignor Balducci in Rome

Might we learn the name of that clinician, the date of her interview with Balducci and a tape recording of it? Mr Balducci asked me to get more details on that matter.

>Mr. Russo has it wrong again. I did not say Monsignor Balducci
>talked about UFOs; he talked about extraterrestrials as CERTAINLY
>real, and that they POSITIVELY have souls, NOT "possibly".

If so, Mr Boylan was in error, exactly as of those all-capital words: certainly and positively, as we'll see.

>As usual, the debunkers have problems with the facts, because
>they don't want to hear the facts.

As usual, the true believers have problems with the facts, because they don't want to hear the facts.

The real difference between them and real researchers (whom they prefer to call "debunkers", for some reason) is that believers don't feel any need to check data and information, since they already KNOW (well, they think they know) the Truth.

While Mr Boylan chose to belong to the first group, I feel honored to be part of those not having a belief to defend, so I DID check that unfounded rumour and traced it back to its primary source: Mr Corrado Balducci.

Unfortunately for Richard Boylan and the other rumour-mongers, Balducci DID deny all that was attributed to him and confirmed all I stated. For sake of order and logic, the details of his formal denial are contained in a separate message of mine, more properly titled: "The Vatican and ETs: it WAS a hoax".

"Don't care about them but look and pass over", said the Poet. But I am not a poet, I am a researcher. And I believe we should never let false claims circulated, if we want ufology to be a scientific-oriented field of study, instead of the mess some well-identified characters have made it to become.

Regards

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Vatican and ETs - Merely More Boylan BS

From: authority@webtv.net (Doc in Phoenix)
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Subject: Vatican and ETs - Merely More Boylan BS

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On Dr. Boylan's exaggerated story.

= Doc

Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 23:55:52 +0200
From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.ALPcom.it>
Subject: The Vatican and ETs: it WAS a hoax
To: authority@webtv.net (Doc in Phoenix)

Hello!

The story has been widely circulating in the last two weeks, telling of "Vatican theologian" Corrado Balducci having been on Italian national TV as many as five times in the last few months in order to openly claim and admit that ET's exist, have souls and - most extraordinary of all - the Vatican knows it, studies them and collect data via a secret commission.

I have been asked to comment and have done so publicly, telling nothing of that sort ever happened, but:

- Corrado Balducci is a known theologian but not a Vatican theologian, nor a spokesman for the Vatican;
- though a frequent guest at TV programs on a variety of subjects, UFOs and ET's included, his own personal opinions about the matter have been spread over several years, and there's nothing new now.

Some of the people originally diffusing the story, notably Richard Boylan, chose to attack me personally for having said so, and challenged my claims.

The most simple and logical thing to do was to ask directly Corrado Balducci.

This I did yesterday, Thursday 15 April, in a very long (40 minutes) phone call.

He was at first surprised, then amused, at learning of the story as it is circulating on the Internet.

He asked me to collect and send him copy of it all, for his own files, and offered me his answers as of the many questions I asked him.

Here is a synopsis, in order to close and settle the matter once and for all.

- 1) He is no Vatican theologian

Corrado Balducci explained me in detail that he is just one of the thousands theologians in Italy (most younger Catholic priests have got a degree in theology) and no special one. He is not working at the Vatican and is retired now.

Moreover, no such thing as a "Vatican theologian" does exist: the nearest thing would be the "theologian for the Holy Father" (an elderly archbishop theologian acting as a consultant to the Pope).

2) He is not a member of any Vatican commission on ET contacts, which does not exist

He laughed a lot about the notion itself of a secret Vatican commission on ET contacts, which he told me he felt sure was non-existent, even if he is not working at the Vatican (but he's got many many friends and colleagues therein and he told me he would have known).

He authorized me to formally deny, in his own name, that either he has ever been member of such commission or that he ever heard of it.

As of the rumour that Vatican Embassies would collect ET contacts data and pass it on to the Vatican, he told me they have better and more important things to do, and nothing of that sort is even remotely believable.

3) He is not studying UFOs or ET contacts

He insisted he is specialized just in demonology, and his present concerns are about New Age beliefs and new religions. UFOs and ET's are not his own subject, he never wrote or presented the Vatican any document on that subject ("not even two lines").

His own present opinion as of UFOs is that we must trust testimonies, hence we cannot deny something is being seen.

His own present opinion as of ET intelligent beings is that, IF THEY EXIST and IF WE EVER MAKE CONTACT with them, they MIGHT well be beings superior to us as of spirituality. IF THAT IS TRUE, a contact might even be desirable for us.

4) He has not been speaking about UFO/ET on TV so frequently as claimed

He does not recall having been a TV guest on the UFO/ET subject as many as five times in a few months, though he has probably been in a few years.

5) He never spoke in the name of the Vatican

All that he has been saying about UFOs or ET beings, on TV or elsewhere, has always been his own personal opinion or even some wild hypotheses based upon logic and his own feelings. He does not feel either qualified or authorized to speak on behalf of the Vatican, which would do so in much more formal ways. Nor did he express official or unofficial opinions of the Vatican hierarchy.

6) He never released any interview to "Nonsiamosoli"

He was flabbergasted at learning a whole series of out-of-context quotations of his have been sold as an "interview" in Giorgio Bongiovanni's "Nonsiamosoli" bulletin and website, since he has always had a very bad opinion about Bongiovanni and his group and even confronted him on TV (ironically: in one of those emissions quoted by the ongoing story!) and told publically he did not believe Bongiovanni's stigmata came from God.

But he remembers having released a TV interview to Michael Hesemann, last year, and telling the same opinions of his, reported above. He wondered if that might be the original source, though largely deformed in the subsequently circulated story.

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A lot of comments might be added about the above points, but I feel it safe not to add anything to the naked, first-hand statements of the elderly clergyman himself.

Paranooids will surely go on alleging some dark cover-up, and we'll leave 'em to their fantasies.

What remains is the fact that the story of the official Vatican statements on the ET's, as circulated on the Internet, was definitely a hoax.

Another fact is that the real truth was not found by those rumour-mongers eager to promote just every wild story without boring to check their sources, but by serious-minded ufologists.

Please feel free to quote, post, distribute the above where you like.

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Re: Lee Shargel rears his ugly head again?

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 07:14:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 11:34:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Lee Shargel rears his ugly head again?

I received this very strange message in my e-mails this morning and thought I should forward it for your edification. BTW, pharmacokinetics?????

Bob

Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 01:44:26 EDT
To: noah@webex.net
Cc: Bob Shell <76750.2717@CompuServe.com>, Jorgen Westman <wufoc@wufoc.com>
Subject: Leon Shargel

Gentlemen,

In searching the net for news on my friend, Leon Shargel, I found your posted messages regarding Lee/Leon Shargel Research.

It appears that you are confusing Leon D. Shargel PhD with some strange science fiction writer of the same name. Leon D. Shargel is a noted pharmacokinetics research scientist, an executive in the pharmaceutical industry, and respected author and editor of pharmacy-related textbooks. He is not a NASA scientist, a UFO enthusiast or any of the other characterizations associated with "Lee Shargel".

I am dismayed and appalled by your association of Dr. Shargel (through his pharmacy publications) with the unusual man you are investigating. Please make it clear to your associates that Dr. Shargel is not the man you are looking for.

For your information, there is also an attorney in NYC by the name of Leon Shargel. I have serious doubts that he is your man either.

Thank you,

Alice C. Engelbrecht
alix21@aol.com

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Re: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

From: [Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com>](mailto:Ufojoel@aol.com) [Joe Murgia]
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 01:28:47 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 09:54:00 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

>>'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

>>From: fdoernen@ruhrgebiet.net,
>>Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)
>>Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 02:13:03 +0200
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 09:16:18 -0400
>>Subject: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

>>Received via the German newsgroup 'de.alt.ufo' on
>>April 14 at 00.26 local time (GMT + 1 hour). Two
>>other leading 'Mars Face' researchers Stanley
>>McDaniel and Tom Van Flandern were on the
>>same Laura Lee show April 11.

>>Stig

>Date: Mon, 13 Apr 1998 11:18:05 GMT
>From: fdoernen@ruhrgebiet.net (Frank D=F6rnenburg)
>Subject: Vincent DiPietro
>Message-ID: <3531f42c.6277036@news.nacamar.de>

>Hi!

>Aus alt.fan.art-bell:

>"A Pile Of Rocks"

>Vincent DiPietro, the discoverer of the face on mars, has thrown
>in the towel, and said that the face on mars is a pile of rocks.
>He waved the white flag on the Laura Lee show,

>http://www.lauralee.com/archive/04_11_98.htm

This is just another misleading post. Just as Kal Korff posted
incorrectly that Mark Carlotto was prepared to declare The Face a
natural object, this post is also incorrect by claiming DiPietro
"has thrown in the towel" and "waved the white flag".

If you listen to the Laura Lee interview, you will hear DiPietro
say that his first IMPRESSION & feelings from THIS photograph
would lean towards a natural explanation for The Face but made it
clear that he would like more photos of The Face before he could
come to a final conclusion. He even asked Tom Van Flandern to
send him some of Tom's enhancements that lead Van Flandern to his
artificial conclusion for The Face.

Just like Carlotto, DiPietro said it was too early to tell
anything and that he would reserve judgement until more data
could be collected. He said the photo doesn't prove anything one
way or the other, artificial or natural. He also said that IF The
Face is artificial, it could have been eroded over the many
hundreds of thousands of years and thus, the features of a face
could have been lessened from this erosion.

Now does this sound like he has thrown in the towel and waved the
white flag? I can't tell if this is a deliberate

misrepresentation from the person (Frank) who originally posted it or is it just shoddy research. Most likely the latter. If anybody disagrees with my assessment of DiPietro's opinion then don't take my word, go listen to the interview on Laura Lee. That's what I did. You can't trust anything until you look or listen for yourself.

Oh yeah, I can't remember exactly what DiPietro said regarding his first impression after seeing the original NASA "cat box" Face photo that was posted on NASA's web site but I know he was disappointed that NASA released such a misleading photo. Also, DiPietro knows that IF The Face is natural, it's an eroded Mesa NOT a pile of rocks.

DiPietro is waiting until ALL the data is in. He's a true scientist. We should all be that scientific.

Joe in Tampa

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Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 00:32:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 09:56:08 -0400
Subject: Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

>From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
>Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 01:46:55 EDT
>To: UASR@MyList.net, updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: John Holliman on Cydonia

>Hi All,

>Holliman's message is below but first...

>Has anybody seen the new Cydonia image? Am I crazy
>or is there a clear, pyramidal shaped object, which
>appears to be partially buried in sand, located in the
>photo strip? It looks clear to me but supposedly I'm
>biased (According to some on this list) so I want
>to hear opinions from others.

>Good enhanced photo found at:

><http://www.bemyquest.com/mars/second.html>

Thanks Joe. I appreciate you posting the above address.
I think you are on to something. Interesting...Yep...<G>

>Also,

>A lot of people (Kal Korrf & Bob Shell to name two),
>have knocked Richard Hoagland's claims & theories
>on Cydonia. Do the same people who think Hoagland
>is extremely biased also believe the same about Dr.
>Tom Van Flandern? He seems like a quality scientist.
>He also believes that The Face is definitely artificial.
>Do you think that Van Flandern is seeing what he
>wants to see too?

>Joe in Tampa

Joe, you would be better off, keeping such questions to a small
group of selected individuals with whom you wish to chat or
exchange mail privately. You (and now I) have just opened
yourself up to all manner of ridicule for being so gullible.
<sigh...>

Yet some of these people who would make such statements, have
themselves made claims which they seem to expect everyone else to
"take as the gospel," so to speak and not question the validity
of their claims. But at the same time, they have no problem
challenging the validity of others who make similar or totally
different claims.

This is just between you and I, Joe. I have no intention of
replying to anyone else who might feel they want to intrude in
"our" conversation.

REgards, Mike

The fastest way to respond to this message is through the ICQ Network. A
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Center: <http://www.mirabilis.com/7508455> (go there and try it!)
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Michael Christol -----

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Lots of Comics & Newspapers

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 09:47:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 09:47:45 -0400
Subject: Lots of Comics & Newspapers

Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 23:32:58 -0400
To: updates@globalserve.net
From: SKvs <bradford@globalserve.net> [Sue Kovios]
Subject: Lots of Comics & Newspapers

To The List,

I came across this while searching Canoe.com for the 'In The Bleachers' alien cartoon in the Toronto Sun April 16/98. If you like cartoons, you'll love searching the endless list and if looking for a newspaper, you can do it there too.

Enjoy.

<http://www2.uclick.com/demo/index.html>

Sue Kovios

No pienses que es imposible,
confia en tu corazon,
nada es lo que parece,
el mundo es una ilusion.

(translation:
Don't think it's impossible,
trust your heart,
nothing is what it seems
the world is an illusion.)

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eSufo - Cydonia "city" images available

From: "David Watanabe" <davew@exosci.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 02:50:34 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:03:36 -0400
Subject: eSufo - Cydonia "city" images available

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* CYDONIA "CITY" IMAGES FROM MARS GLOBAL SURVEYOR

- the MGS has now imaged the "City" portion of Cydonia. The images are available on our website.

* NEW MARS FACE IMAGE POSTED

- many people (myself included) were having trouble visualizing how the Face structure could actually have produced the Viking images, as the Viking images showed something quite protruding. This was a problem with some of the early MGS images NASA released which weren't really enhanced properly. so...

.. We've posted a new, much better enhanced image which really shows the 3D structure of the Face. This image makes the Viking images quite reasonable and understandable. A MUST SEE!!!

<http://exosci.com/probes/mgs/>

David Watanabe
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Abductee.net Launches Community Site To Explore ET

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 13:10:42 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:06:28 -0400
Subject: Abductee.net Launches Community Site To Explore ET

>From URLwire. Go to

<http://www.urlwire.com/newsarchive/041698.html>

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Date: Thursday, April 16, 1998

Abductee.net Launches Community Site To Explore Mystery Of Extra Terrestrial Life

Mulder and Sculley would be proud. Abductee.net today announced the opening of its Internet site

<http://www.abductee.net>

Abductee allows visitors to explore the mystery of extra terrestrial life, share experiences, and, naturally, shop for Abductee related products. This is not your typical UFO site, however. The quality of content and sense of purpose is evident right from the first screen.

Abductee's vision is to share the mystery of extra terrestrial life with people around the globe. Visitors can learn about the latest information on UFO's, extra terrestrials, alien abduction and government conspiracy. Visitors to Abductee can also file UFO reports, chat with people around the world about extra terrestrials, submit their alien stories & pictures and enter contests to win Abductee products.

Abductee has teamed up with BCTEL Interactive (<http://www.ecomm.bctel.ca/>) to provide a unique shopping experience that allows people from around the world to browse on-line for Abductee products and make purchases with their credit card in a secure environment. Abductee offers a broad line of high quality products which it will ship anywhere on Earth.

Abductee was created by a young entrepreneur, Paul McTaggart, who decided to quit his job at a large brokerage firm and follow his dream. He wanted to combine his passion for business with his love of the mystery of extra terrestrial life.

The Abductee web site was designed in cooperation with Atomic Crayon

*Other recent URLwire headlines

This is a private Web-based version of Eric Ward's URLwire tm advance E-mail news service. The URLwire is sent via Email only

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Eric

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NY State MUFON Web Page

From: **RobertCl30** <RobertCl30@aol.com> [Bob Canino]
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 08:48:13 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:12:27 -0400
Subject: NY State MUFON Web Page

New York State MUFON has announced that its website - www.nymufon.org - is now active. The site contains current cases, historical information as well as the toll-free NY STATE SIGHTINGS HOTLINE (1-888-311-9066). "We envision our webpage as not only a place where those interested in researching the UFO phenomenon can come only not only for specific information, but a place they can come to exchange information as well," said webmaster Larry Clark. "To that end we have also posted the names, addresses and contact numbers for our group here in Upstate.

Newly appointed State Section Director for Schuyler County and abduction researcher Bob Long agrees that the website will help the group reach out and network with others. "I've talked with quite a few other investigators in the field and they all agreed that the time to network and share information has never been more pressing. We feel all feel that the new Website is another good step in that direction."

The groups other planned activities include a newsletter, an active outreach / education program and a regional cable access program devoted to UFOs.

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Nua Blather: About that Millennium...

From: Dave Walsh <dave@nua.ie>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:09:20 -0400
Subject: Nua Blather: About that Millennium...

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Weekly free email of Dogma Destruction,
Forteana and High Weirdness

By Daev Walsh Email: blather@nua.ie
Web: <http://www.nua.ie/blather/>

April 17th 1998 Published By: Nua Limited Vol 1. No. 49

ABOUT THAT MILLENNIUM. . .

Last week, bizarre as it may seem, I found a copy of the palaeontologist and evolutionary biologist Stephen Jay Gould's 'Questioning the Millennium' lying upon my infamous couch . Not having the faintest idea as to where it had materialised from, I went and read it. I'm an admitted Gould virgin, not having managed to get round to perusing his texts, but while he is spoken of fairly highly with regard to his evolutionary work, I gather that there is some hesitation towards attributing kudos to his exploits outside his this field.

In 'Questioning the Millennium', Gould carefully weaves his way through our numeric foibles, pointing out the absurdity of our obsession with the forthcoming change of millennium. He's quick to ram home the understanding that the millennium is not something that will happen in a couple of years time -- that the millennium is an arbitrary period of 1000 years, not an event that will take place on some December 31st. I say some, as Gould takes time to highlight the 'which year' problem - should we be celebrating the turn of millennium at the change of 1999-2000 or 2000-2001? It's worth bearing in mind that the media and the 'elite' classes refrained from celebrating the new 20th century until January 1st 1901, whilst the 'vernacular classes' had their hooley on December 31st 1899. This time round, the big push is for 1999-2000, a choice which is open to some debate, and perhaps criticism. Gould attributes this to the homogenisation of popular and 'elite' culture, and I would add the widespread growth of literacy to this soup.

This controversy, Gould tells us, is due to the work of Dionysius Exiguus (Dennis the Little), who, in 525, was instructed by Pope St. John I to prepare the 'Cyclus Paschalis', a history of the Christian Era. To be very brief, Dionysius placed the Birth of Christ at the beginning of year 1 AD - rather than 0 AD. This causes a problem -- for instance, it presumably places Jesus's age at 1 year old on the day of his alleged birth. Gould expands on this, explaining that if each decade has to have 10 years (in the case of Dionysius, that goes 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10), and every century is to have 100 years, year 100 becomes stuck in that century, and the dawn of a new century is on January 1st 101. Continue on, in this pattern and we arrive at 2000-2001 as the change to the new millennium.

As Gould points out, 'we should not be overly harsh on poor Dennis', as western mathematics in the sixth century had not yet developed a concept of zero. The Egyptians had used one, albeit sporadically, and the Chinese didn't have one (although it was implied by the abacus). The Mayans did have a zero, but it was not used in a 'fully systematic way' in their calculations' -- and it's fair to say that wee Dennis knew nothing of the Mayans.

There's much more to Gould's research into the millennium - he goes to great lengths to discuss the history of 'millennium as apocalypse', and the many failed predictions which concerned the apocalypse, especially those which imply that the world is only in the sixth millennium of existence, the post apocalyptic seventh becoming a questionable metaphor for the final day of biblical God's burst of creativity, on which he rested.

In contradiction to the popular opinion concerning the last millennial change, i.e. that there was *no* hysterical apocalyptic panic, Gould tells of a lecture that he attended, where Medieval historian Richard Landes claimed that the 'famous chronologies of Venerable Bede, that redoubtable eighth century English cleric and scholar, had been copied extensively and widely distributed to almost canonical use among ecclesiastical timekeepers throughout Europe. Bede followed and popularized the B.C-A.D. system. Through his works, the advent of the year 1000 -- and its millennial implications -- had probably diffused to all social classes'. The idea that *nothing happened* is based on the theory that no one really knew when the new millennium started -- personally I haven't seen enough evidence to convince me either way.

A pleasant read, but I fear that the only people who will read 'Questioning the Millennium' are already wearing their 'I am a Millennial Cynic' t-shirts, where as those who would benefit the most from a brief perusal have been happily whisked along in the pre-millennial stampede of hope and faith.

'Questioning the Millennium : A Rationalist's Guide to a Precisely Arbitrary Countdown'
Harmony Books 1997
ISBN: 0609600761
http://bot.fringeware.com/browse?search_code=BOOK-0-609-60076-1

AND FOOLS SELDOM DIFFER

Interestingly, in Blather 1.47 (<http://www.nua.ie/blather/archives/issuelno47.html>) was emailed out on April 3rd. In a piece regarding God's Salvation Church, Blather stated:

'From Blather's perspective, God's Salvation Church seem like just another cult obsessed with their own version of the Rapture. The media police presence on Tuesday was apparently due to fears of a mass suicide. Blather would like to suggest that many of the media representatives covering the story were *hoping* for a mass suicide, to achieve a major *scoop*, therefore blackmailing the police force and emergency services into tagging along. It would have been a major embarrassment for the local authorities had something deathly *actually* happened, given the clouds of media scavengers collecting in the area. '

On April 4th, The Economist (<http://www.economist.co.uk>) had an article on page 29 titled 'Waiting for God. Oh'.

'The odd thing was not that Mr Chen persuaded 150 Taiwanese members of God's Salvation Church to move to Garland in the hope of being sucked up by God into a flying saucer made of tin cans; it was that American newspapers and television found the tiny sect worthy of headlines. Religion, alien abduction and prophetic movements related to the millennium are now big news. A chance of mass suicide--as with the Heaven's Gate cult in San Diego last year, or in the inferno of the Branch Davidians in Waco--tempts the networks to give air-time to the strangest groups, just in case they do something horrible on a large scale.'

Due to the realisation that we are now in the same league as the esteemed aforementioned journal, Blather hopes to soon start carrying news of weekly stockmarket anomalies. . .

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Dave Walsh
April 17th 1998

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Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 08:51:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:16:38 -0400
Subject: Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

>Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 11:26:16 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

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I run into this all the time. I look at literally thousands of photographs a month, and often do not see what someone claims is in them. There is such a thing as visual literacy, learning to observe and not just see (as Sherlock Holmes would put it), and it comes from many years of looking at images. A friend of mine (John Durniak) who died not long ago was Photo Editor at Life magazine for many years. John and I would look at the same photo and he would always astonish me by pointing out things in the image that I had not observed. I like to think that over the years that I knew him, my skills improved, and I was seeing just about everything he was in the images. This is a learned skill, and a big part of image evaluation is intuitive.

I've looked at these Mars images hard and long, in all of the versions, and I honestly just do not see anything that looks even remotely artificial.

>>Also,

>>A lot of people (Kal Korrf & Bob Shell to name two),
>>have knocked Richard Hoagland's claims & theories
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>>is extremely biased also believe the same about Dr.
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>>wants to see too?

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>How about word that Vince DiPietro has "thrown in the towel" in
>regard to the Mars "Face". Do you think he has given in too
>easily?

No. He is just facing reality. I wish the others would. There is simply NOTHING in these photos to suggest artificial anything, and he is not hidebound by "religious" belief.

>Unfortunately, I think there are quite a few that won't be
>convinced until we're able to walk around the "City" and see what
>it looks like at ground level.

Based on some of the posts I'm seeing, these people would not be convinced even then!!!!

As for NASA agreeing to continue imaging Cydonia until the

controversy is laid to rest, I wish them luck. They just don't know what they are dealing with. Much additional imaging would be a truly tragic waste of resources.

>PS- Somehow, I'm not sure that Bob Shell or Kal Korff are
>overjoyed at being compared to one another as equals. . . . <g>

That's OK, Steve. The more I deal with some of the idiots in this field, the more I am liking ol' Kal. The 'true believers' may make a skeptic out of me yet.

Bob

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Re: Mars, Rorschach Test of the Solar System

From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 13:48:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:20:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars, Rorschach Test of the Solar System

>Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 16:24:21 -0700
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Geoff Price <Geoff@CalibanMW.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Mars, Rorschach Test of the Solar System

>>Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 14:08:27 -0400
>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto"
>>From: xzone@webgate.net [Rob McConnell]
>>Subject: Reports that NASA to Announce Artificial Structures on
>> Mars denied by NASA JPL and Lockheed/Martin in Denver,
>> Co.

>>London, Ontario, Canada: In a telephone interview with Rob
>>McConnell, NASA JPL Spokesperson and Manager of Media Services,
>>FRANK O'DONNELL, stated that the story being circulated on the
>>internet pertaining to an alleged statement that NASA would be
>>releasing as to alleged "artificial structures" on Mars as
>>captured by the MGS are unfounded - and were denied.

>Wait just a darn minute! I have right here a copy of a UFO
>Update message where someone quoted a news release from someone
>who has a friend who works for a real defense contractor who has
>the inside scoop on NASA who said *exactly the opposite*!

>Have these people not seen the same photos I have, with the domes
>and excavation sites and partially submerged pyramids with
>extensive evidence of large burial chambers?

>What the heck is going on!

The posted statement was not a "news release", nor did it purport
to quote from a "news release". It said, in part:

->FROM: Fred Kurros

->According to some of my sources at Lockheed/Martin here in
->Denver, NASA and Malin will soon be announcing that they believe
->that the structure in the new Mars Global Surveyor pictures is
->actually an artificial structure. According to these sources, the
->data and the image itself are nearly a full-blown smoking gun.

Perhaps staff at Lockheed/Martin are aware of more information
than the JPL Spokesman has at his disposal, but this is little
more than anecdotal hearsay without names to attribute the
statement to. It could be argued that the PR department is often
the last to know when major policy shifts are contemplated, and
NASA/JPL is a fairly large and diverse organization.

But while I would like to be wrong, I doubt such an announcement
is forthcoming from NASA. As Hoagland and others point out, it
was NASA that commissioned the study in the early 60s that says
humanity would have to be prepared for such an information
release. IMO, I suspect that even if artificial structures were
confirmed on Mars, the information would be handed over to
another Federal entity and NASA would let that entity take
responsibility for the announcement.

It should also be noted that the "Kurros" article was
cross-posted from the RISKERS/NUFORIA "list", and was not

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originally posted to UpDates. I don't have a problem with cross posting, but it is sometimes important to see the progression of information around the "net".

Steve

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Re: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

From: Kal K. Korff <totlresrch@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 17:17:58 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 07:06:40 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

>From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
>Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 01:28:47 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net, UASR@MyList.net
>Subject: DiPietro Throws in the Towel?

Joe Murgia wrote:

<snip>

>This is just another misleading post. Just as Kal Korff posted
>incorrectly that Mark Carlotto was prepared to declare The Face a
>natural object, this post is also incorrect by claiming DiPietro
>"has thrown in the towel" and "waved the white flag".

Dear Joe:

I don't intend on getting into a long debate over this with you,
or anyone else... especially since you said you had a nightmare
about me, :-) -- but let's get something straight here.

SOME of the "face" on Mars "researchers" are telling the media
different stories. I did NOT mislead or misquote the MSN
reporter, contrary to your statement, and I think you know this.
YOU never spoke to the reporter, I did.

As you also know, I believe, I am also an investigative
journalist and I talk to and work with the media all the time.

>Just like Carlotto, DiPietro said it was too early to tell
>anything and that he would reserve judgement until more data
>could be collected. He said the photo doesn't prove anything one
>way or the other, artificial or natural. He also said that IF The
>Face is artificial, it could have been eroded over the many
>hundreds of thousands of years and thus, the features of a face
>could have been lessened from this erosion.

Nonsense: the issue boils down to this: SOME of the face on Mars
"experts," used their "science" to "prove" there was a "face" on
Mars -- "pyramids," a "city," and other such tripe.

Now that they have more definitive images to work with, "they're
not sure."

Yeah, right.

NASA and JPL certainly seem to be sure...indeed, it seems as if
only those with a vested interest, like Hoagland, are expressing
doubts or are crying "conspiracy."

The FACT is, the original "science" these "experts" used was
either flawed or at best, inconclusive. However, they won't even
admit this. In the case of others, they just made it up a la Jim
Dilettoso style.

The "erosion" argument you also use to rationalize the fact that
there is no "face," is also absurd...it's beyond credibility that
"such a well defined face" could "erode" this much, (hundreds of
cubic meters of surface and rocker over all) after just barely
over 20 years since the Viking mission images were first taken.

Think about it, Joe.

I would like to see two things happen: 1) Get these "face" types to finally admit there is no face, (I exclude Hoagland from this list because who cares what he thinks) -- 2) Hold accountable these "experts" for the "science" they originally (mis)used to "prove" their "case for the face."

These "experts" can't have it both ways -- if their "science" was accurate to begin with, conclusive and very visible evidence of a face would be visible on mars today. Instead, what is visible are mountains and other geological structures that look very natural/normal.

These "researchers" should also explain how and why their "science" blew up in their, excuse the pun, collective face to begin with.

Facts are facts, joe, they don't suddenly "change" 20 odd years later -- if these "facts" were really facts to begin with. To put it more simply: 2+2 has always equaled four, even when viking first started imaging the planet mars.

As I have said repeatedly to numerous "face" believers over the years, the "evidence" for the "face" was always shaky. Now it seems to be conclusive, and these guys have egg on their "face" and they rightly deserve it.

Hoagland is Hoagland, like Dilettoso is Dilettoso -- need I say more??

Kal Korff

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Re: UK.UFO.NW -IRC- guest Philippe Piet van Putten

From: **United Kingdom UFO Network** <ufo@holodeck.demon.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 18:42:09 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:42:59 -0400
Subject: Re: UK.UFO.NW -IRC- guest Philippe Piet van Putten

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- Please note that uk.ufo.nw have now changed IRC servers. We now meet on Chatnet. A full list of Chatnet servers can be found at the foot of this mail -

Saturday 25th April 1998

United Kingdom UFO Network special guest:

Philippe Piet van Putten

Philippe will be answering your questions live in a moderated meeting starting at 11pm (UK time) Saturday 25th April 1998.

Philippe will be connecting from Sao Paulo, Brazil and telling us of all that is going on there.

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Born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on february 21, 1959.

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Editor of the bimonthly bulletin Aerospacial Phenomena (entering its 4th year of publication).

Former member of APRO, NICAP, CUFOS and MUFON.

Finishing an Encyclopedia of UFOs and Anomalous Aerospacial Phenomena (to be released in the next few months).

Creator of the modern scientific-spiritualism (a parascience devoted to the study of metaconsciousness and religious experience).

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-- Some additional info can be found within WUFOR web site
-- <http://www.fortunecity.com/tattooine/swampthing/20/>

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MIRC is probably the best IRC program there is and it's free. To download MIRC for Win95 or Win 3.1/3.11 fully configured for connection goto:

<http://www.holodeck.demon.co.uk>

Select the 'Other Files' button.

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Times of the meeting will vary depending on your part of the world. We advise you to check for equivalent UK times.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Re: Some Questions about Your Book on Roswell

From: [galevy <galevy@pipeline.com>](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com) [Gary Alevy]
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 00:37:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 07:13:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Some Questions about Your Book on Roswell

> From: JBONJO@aol.com [James Bond Johnson]
> Date: Wed, 18 Feb 1998 14:12:36 EST
> To: updates@globalserve.net, DRudiak@aol.com
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Some Questions about Your Book on Roswell

> >From: DRudiak@aol.com [David Rudiak]
> >Date: Tue, 17 Feb 1998 19:13:54 EST
> >To: updates@globalserve.net
> >Subject: Re: Some Questions about Your Book on Roswell

> <snip>

> >David Rudiak

> David,

> I have an email signed by you. It is difficult to tell whether
> it came directly from you or from UFO Updates in Toronto, and
> which parts were written by you and which parts were written by
> others. To respond to the final statement:

> >One wonders what happened to make Johnson change his mind about
> >all this and start accusing Kevin Randle of misrepresenting his
> >original testimony.

> You might try asking me.

> JBONJO

> <http://www.ufomind.com/people/j/johnsonj/> James Bond Johnson
> <http://www.execpc.com/vjentpr/jbond.html> Roswell Crash Photographer

Hello,

I never saw this post answered on the list. I'd be interested in knowing.

Gary

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From: BufoCalvin <BufoCalvin@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 22:49:59 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 07:26:39 -0400
Subject: Re: BWWMA Flash

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Quickie, to be followed by a fuller one.

Loyd Auerbach, nationally known "ghostbuster" will be on the return of UNSOLVED MYSTERIES (now on CBS) tonight. He was investigating a case in Vancouver. The new UM website is (<A HREF="<http://unsolved.com/home.html>">Unsolved Mysteries - Television Show) .

This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 07:33:08 -0400
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<snipped wan pontification>

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> this field, the more I am liking ol' Kal. The 'true believers'
> may make a skeptic out of me yet.

> Bob

I submit, sir, that you are not in a position to make a competent
assessment on the efficacy of idiots _or_ true believers. You'll
have to lose about nine tenths of your smirking,
self-righteousness for that.

Perhaps you should begin by questioning the colossal relief I
perceive you are feeling in light of the current *evidence*
(every word you write fair drips with it) regarding a discredited
Cydonia.

". . .don't know who their dealing with," indeed. They are
dealing with a growing population of people that are leery of a
government that is not forthcoming. They are dealing with people
becoming tired of the actions of shadowy control bodies with
hidden agendas. They are dealing with people becoming tired of
smirking elitism from grasping clueless pundits of the most
exciting occurrences of our times! They are certainly not dealing
with _you_, sir -- of that I can be certain.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from

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afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the
fundamentalist's stake.

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
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>Joe, you would be better off, keeping such questions to a small
>group of selected individuals with whom you wish to chat or
>exchange mail privately. You (and now I) have just opened
>yourself up to all manner of ridicule for being so gullible.
><sigh...>

>Yet some of these people who would make such statements, have
>themselves made claims which they seem to expect everyone else to
>"take as the gospel," so to speak and not question the validity
>of their claims. But at the same time, they have no problem
>challenging the validity of others who make similar or totally
>different claims.

>This is just between you and I, Joe. I have no intention of
>replying to anyone else who might feel they want to intrude in
>"our" conversation.

>REgards, Mike

Mike,

Bob Shell, Kal Korrf and many other people on this list have really helped me out. They have made me a more balanced researcher and made me more careful of what I say. I am also a lot better at arguing my position than I was one month ago. I try to stay neutral but it's hard sometimes because this topic is so exciting.

I have nothing against anybody on this list. I don't agree with a lot of people's overly skeptic approach but that's their right to free speech. I'm still skeptical of artificial structures on Mars but I'll read as much research on the subject as I can. I want hard proof! The new second image showing what appears to be a pyramidal shaped object buried in the sand is not hard proof but it's very interesting.

Why has this list been so silent over this new image? I really want to see what Bob, Kal and others think about this "thing". I'm curious as to what their opinion is.

Mike, thanks for the support and the advice. I will continue to post my feelings on this list and if people want to ridicule me and call me gullible, let them. I'm 33 years old next week and I really don't care what people think of my opinions. All they are right now are opinions.

I feel in my heart that we will find evidence of past intelligent beings on Mars one day but if we don't, I wouldn't be shocked or devastated. My heart has been wrong on more than one occasion.

Another piece of this Cydonia puzzle comes from a remote viewing session on Cydonia done by Joe McMoneagle. If anybody doesn't think remote viewing can gather accurate data, you haven't done your research.

Check out:

<http://www.espresearch.com/webfiles/0evidence.html>

You can see how accurate some of the best viewers can get. Some of the targets were provided by the CIA.

I suggest that if anybody wants to read the entire Cydonia and surrounding area session or learn more about remote viewing, buy Mind Trek or check it out of the library. It's a great book by the world's greatest RVr. It shows, with years of hard work, how to learn RV on your own. Joe's a great guy. I have emailed back & forth with him on a number of occasions and he is a very humble person for somebody with such a fantastic gift.

Joe McMoneagle is one of the best remote viewers in the world. Joe did a RV session on Cydonia in 1984 while he was at the Monroe Institute working on improving RV with Robert Monroe. Among the sessions they had Joe work were The St. Louis Arch & Devil's Tower and Pompeii. They slipped the Cydonia & surrounding area session in on Joe in the middle of all the other normal targets.

As with every good RV session, Joe (The viewer) was kept totally blind to what the target was. He was just told to describe what he "saw".

His first impression was of pyramids. He picked up that the "megalithic" pyramids were built for shelters from some sort of major geological trauma. Also, he picked up that there were obelisks. He also kept saying that everything was big & very huge, including the "people". More on them later.

Later on Joe's impressions were that this geological trauma was from this place going through "cosmic crapola" or the pieces of a big comet. This event destroyed the environment and forced these "people" to escape to a safer place. Not all could go so the others that had to stay built the pyramids to protect themselves from the coming disaster. The environment was deteriorating very quickly.

This place where these "people" lived was dying and the next place that some of the people went to so they could survive was just starting to really come alive. (Maybe Earth?)

Joe reported that some of these "people" escaped on a large boat so they could go safely to this new place. The large boat had rounded walls and shiny metal. (In RV you TRY not to identify things, you TRY to just describe what you "see". This "boat" sounds like a saucer to me.)

The people are described as very tall. They are, according to Joe, gargantuan people. They are humanoid in form and have large bone structure. They wear tight fitted clothing. Joe says during the session that these people look like we would if we mutated 6 times over the next 10,000 years.

The ones that had to remain behind locked themselves away in the pyramids as if in a state of hibernation. They needed to "sleep" through these "savage storms". The search party that looked for another place to live would hopefully return with this new information while the others who stayed behind, waited for their return.

The place where these people lived, according to Joe, was dry. It had water but they really had to process to get it. They just couldn't go up to a pond.

The whole time during this session, Joe felt like he was in Egypt.

Remember, Joe knew NOTHING about this session before he started to report data. Joe, in the book, says this is not proof of anything but it sure was interesting. He did an incredible drawing of a city with many large, 4 sided pyramids. He recommended NASA get better photos of Mars in order to settle the controversy. He says "I would think that people in our government wouldn't hesitate to investigate." Fourteen years later, he was right!

For those who want to comment on this negatively, don't waste your time. I posted this for entertainment and for people to consider other sources of information. It's not offered as proof of anything. With more photos of the city though, some of Joe's 1984 session may turn out to be accurate.

Does anybody think that, if Joe IS accurate, these gargantuan people that might have come to Earth, might be the giants that the Bible refers to? Just a thought.

By the way, I know I wasn't 100% accurate in describing what Joe wrote in the book. Only by reading the entire session can you see exactly what Joe saw.

Oh yeah, I'm trying to get Joe booked on Art Bell again so he can tell everybody about this session. Any mail to Art requesting Joe as a guest would be appreciated.

Tell Art about this session. I already told Jeff Rense.

Jeff knows how good Joe is and will have him back on his show in the near future. Now if only Art will get a real RVr on his show. All he has had recently has been Ed Dames and his killer plant pathogen from outer space!

Joe in Tampa

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Alfred's Odd Ode #240

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:15:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 07:34:10 -0400
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #240

Apology to MW #240 (For April 18, 1998)

We're at Mother Nature's mercy; we only think we have a clue. Some humans strut and preen like they wear crowns. They're at rest and rape the planet for their squalid little comforts. We're the local spacetime's version of unfunny, tragic clowns.

Ever wonder why there's homeless -- or why we empty institutions of the crazy onto streets to sit and grin? We see them on the news, forlorn, the focus of our pity -- scorn, but still they happen, hapless, without end. We could rescue them you see; we could help them off their knees, but they serve a useful purpose, unbelievable. I'll tell you why they're there, and it's then you should beware, and perhaps allow their, well earned, late relief.

They're there as object lessons; they're on display for you and me. They're what happens when you cannot toe the line. They're what happens when you question institutions for your rights, or object to regulations out of line. They are there to keep you thinking on the dictates of the 'man' -- they are there to hide the lights in troubled skies. They are there to keep you focused from a crooked profit margin. They are there providing credence for =E9litist, scabrous lies. They are there to cover UFO's for fear you'd be like them. Those that sharpen the derision? They are PREGNANT with their sin! They're to keep us on the party line, and they keep us from our friends. They preclude their just salvation, they're to keep things as they've been.

It has never been the real world that you see on your TV. The safety of your home is an illusion. It's what you think observed. It is THAT, that has occurred. Don't shoot ME down, that's Heisenburg's conclusion. The universe can cough, and then you're scattered on the winds. Ask the folks in Alabama if that's true. It is these that have their faith served up, forget relief, its all corrupt, when fates decide to beat you black and blue.

"The Martian Face is punched . . . ," say the bunkies, out to lunch, and they stamp their feet, and dance about with glee. Imagine their relief, those that swallow NASA's brief, they have put off their comeuppance, they so shallowly believe. They can go back to futility, call abductees useless kooks -- they can salve their monstrous egos, and pretend to own the truth. They can build their crummy castles, and pretend they have a clue. They continue down a road that's very bad for me and you.

"The Mars face is a rock pile"! And belief is reinforced! The belief that they're *alone* returns to view. They, no longer, are compelled to find it's them that pays a freight, consigned. They'll discover what the open minded knew.

I can't believe the NASA as their interests are conflicted, and the data is in fragments -- and it was as they predicted! The government is lying . . . can't believe a thing they say; their interests mirror shadows! I want the truth, Jose!!

As the girl said in "Titanic" while the vessel slid from view, "I'd really rather be a whore than spend my life with you." My

sentiment exactly, as the rich man showed his colors and compelled a stunning disrespect from the ones that he had suffer.

We're at mother nature's mercy; we're a parasitic bug. You can blame the ones that lead us as the smarmyest of thugs. They're the ones that keep us shaded (you'd raise some hell you only knew) from where their secrets have been buried in their disrespect for you!

Lehmberg@snowhill.com

Every word I read that expresses an unbridled, and smirking glee at the NASA produced, (massaged, spun, and otherwise filtered) "conclusive proof" of a discredited Cydonia is actually an argument to stop looking for ANYTHING, altogether! In a rush to discredit an honest search for physical evidence of an ET society and culture, these intellectual and spiritual COWARDS forget the conservative implications of the Drake equation, and buy in to the arrogant, and I think moronic false assertion that ET's are not HERE, because WE (ha!) don't know how to get THERE!!! This is an obscene hubris, and it's ultimate price will be dear as our population ignorantly increases, decreasing the respect any one individual has to be shown.

Just one hundred years on this planet has seen the difference between a rough, primitive agrarianism, and MAGIC! A similar pontificating establishment of perpetual institutional elite, one hundred years ago, wanted to "close the patent office," because everything that could have been invented had been invented. .

That hot breath you feel on your neck is alien, Diz, patiently waiting for you to wake up, turn around (raise eyes from which you've raked the scales), and SEE!

Restore John Ford!

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Re: Lee Shargel rears his ugly head again

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:58:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:58:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Lee Shargel rears his ugly head again

From: "A. J. Gevaerd" <gevaerd@ufo.com.br>
To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
Subject: Lee Shargel rears his ugly head again
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 17:06:52 -0300

>Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 07:14:56 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Lee Shargel rears his ugly head again

>I received this very strange message in my e-mails this
>morning and thought I should forward it for your
>edification. BTW, pharmacokinetics?????

>Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 01:44:26 EDT
>To: noah@webex.net
>Cc: Bob Shell <76750.2717@CompuServe.com>
>Subject: Leon Shargel

>In searching the net for news on my friend, Leon Shargel, I found
>your posted messages regarding Lee/Leon Shargel Research.

>It appears that you are confusing Leon D. Shargel PhD with some
>strange science fiction writer of the same name.

<snip>

>For your information, there is also an attorney in NYC by the
>name of Leon Shargel. I have serious doubts that he is your man
>either.

>Thank you,

>Alice C. Engelbrecht
>alix21@aol.com

Folks!

Lee Shargel was first exposed as a hoaxer after his lecture on the 1997 International UFO Convention, Laughlin, Nevada (January 18-25). He spoke of so many improbable and impossible things during his lecture that lots of the people in the audience went to talk to Bob Brown and complained.

Bob was so concerned that the credibility of the Convention could have been ruined that he called all the directors of the International UFO Convention to attend an urgent meeting late that night of January 24. I took part in it as director for South America. We decided to invite Shargel for a private meeting two days later and there he was.

During those two days we performed an extensive check on his alleged credentials. We found absolutely no record of his PhD at the university from which he allegedly got it. We couldn't locate any office at JPL that could confirm his association with that lab and so on. We called several institutions where Shargel said he had studied or worked. No confirmation of his 'credentials' was found.

Some people at the directors meeting also believed that Shargel was someone from 20/20 TV show infiltrating the Convention in order to gain confidence of its organizers and speakers and later debunk or defame them and the whole UFO Community. Someone recalled seeing him on that show, but it wasn't confirmed.

I just wanted to share that with you. I still don't know who Shargel is and why he insists on giving us false information on his background. But I certainly know that there are a lot of people like him in the UFO community, in the USA, Brazil and everywhere...

Thanks for reading.

A. J. Gevaerd, editor
Revista UFO Magazine
gevaerd@ufo.com.br

In the attached picture, Lee Shargel at the meeting saying "No, I don't want you to film this meeting".

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Claims of Erosion - Phooey

From: SKvs <bradford@globalserve.net> [Sue Kovios]
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 08:31:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 08:48:41 -0400
Subject: Claims of Erosion - Phooey

To List,

It has taken thousands of years to cause erosion of the Pyramids and Sphinx. There have been craters and mounds on the Moon that have probably been there for thousands of years. The Mars Pathfinder sent images of rocks that have probably been there for thousands of years.

So how come the face has eroded in just 20+ years?

Sue Kovios

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Re: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 07:01:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 08:51:50 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

> From: Kal K. Korff <totlresrch@aol.com>
> Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 17:17:58 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

> >From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
> >Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 01:28:47 EDT
> >To: updates@globalserve.net, UASR@MyList.net
> >Subject: DiPietro Throws in the Towel?

> Joe Murgia wrote:

> <snip>

> >This is just another misleading post. Just as Kal Korff posted
> >incorrectly that Mark Carlotto was prepared to declare The Face a
> >natural object, this post is also incorrect by claiming DiPietro
> >"has thrown in the towel" and "waved the white flag".

> Dear Joe:

> I don't intend on getting into a long debate over this with you,
> or anyone else... especially since you said you had a nightmare
> about me, :-)) -- but let's get something straight here.

<snipped smirkage)

> Hoagland is Hoagland, like Dilettoso is Dilettoso -- need I say
> more??

> Kal Korff

Yes sir! You have plenty more to say beyond the usual character assassination, research by proclamation, and false premise. Your parallel drawn between Dilettoso, and Hoagland is specious and insulting; and I remind you that YOU have been involved in similar ethical peccadilloes -- the pot DOOMED to call the kettle black!

Moreover, what have YOU done to convince the reader of your own efficacy before you comment on the content or the substance of another!

Like Mr. Shell -- I fear you're just another grasping pundit trying to grind your pieces of silver from our fear, wonder, and contrived confusion.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

. . .I only surmise the Judas reference. . .but it's a strong suspicion.

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JPL Hiding Colour, Clear Face & Cydonia Pictures?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 12:45:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 12:45:45 -0400
Subject: JPL Hiding Colour, Clear Face & Cydonia Pictures?

Art Bell's Friday Night/Saturday Morning show, at the start of the 2nd hour, has an interview with a man named 'Kent'. He claims to have been an employee of JPL until the beginning of this past week.

One of 'Kent's' duties was to arrange for the couriering of material via FedEx. On Tuesday morning of this past week he was given a loosely rolled bundle sandwiched between blank sheets of cardboard. Since there were no cardboard tubes left in storage the area storage area in which to package the roll. He called FedEx and arranged for immediate delivery of some more tubes. While awaiting their arrival he took an early break in the 'break-room', where he was joined by a fellow 'lower-level' employee.

The loosely rolled package was bumped by 'Kent's' colleague, it rolled onto the floor and dislodged a colour photograph of... 'The Face' - clear, sharp and taken from almost directly overhead. There were 8 other photographs, including 'buildings' viewed from overhead and all dated April 5, 1998.

'Kent' was caught looking at the pictures and fired shortly thereafter.

The story, of course, is intriguing, well-told and sounds believable. Presumably, someone out there is poring over a keyboard transcribing the interview, which lasts about twenty minutes and for the RealAudio impaired will be posted as soon as I get a copy.

ebk

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Remote viewing of Cydonia [was CNN's John Holliman]

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 12:05:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 12:49:00 -0400
Subject: Remote viewing of Cydonia [was CNN's John Holliman]

> From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
> Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 00:59:28 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

> Another piece of this Cydonia puzzle comes from a remote viewing
> session on Cydonia done by Joe McMoneagle. If anybody doesn't
> think remote viewing can gather accurate data, you haven't done
> your research.

So far I have yet to see a single "RV'r" do a double-blind session on what is in the next room. Courtney Brown has explicitly refused to perform such a test.

The Hale-Bopp fiasco hardly inspires any confidence.

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> area session in on Joe in the middle of all the other normal
> targets.

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> blind to what the target was. He was just told to describe what
> he "saw".

It's easy to be "tested" with something where no one can refute your "findings" because no data exists. So who cares if he is "blind" to the target?

> His first impression was of pyramids. He picked up that the
> "megalithic" pyramids were built for shelters from some sort of
> major geological trauma. Also, he picked up that there were
> obelisks. He also kept saying that everything was big & very
> huge, including the "people".
> More on them later.

(much unprovable material snipped)

> For those who want to comment on this negatively, don't waste
> your time. I posted this for entertainment and for people to
> consider other sources of information. It's not offered as proof
> of anything. With more photos of the city though, some of Joe's
> 1984 session may turn out to be accurate.

And if they don't?

Listen, any fiction writer can close his eyes and use his imagination. There isn't any magic to it.

The problem lies in someone claiming that the contents of their imagination are worth scientific attention.

Let's send the RVrs back to their lairs and use the real, actual, remotely acquired scientific data we're getting from MGS to determine the truth about Cydonia. Then, that settled, let's get back to doing some real scientific work on UFOs.

Remember those? Thousands of unexplained accounts. Hundreds of radar visual sightings, tens or hundreds of ground trace and medical cases?

Unfortunately, too many people are addicted to the idea that there is some cheap and easy way to solve this problem.

"The government will tell us."
"The remote viewers will tell us."
"The channelers will tell us."
"The contactees will tell us."
"The abductees will tell us."
"The Ashtar Command will tell us."

What will tell us is our own work, using our minds, reason, and the scientific method. Anything else is a cheat, and will get us nothing but fooled.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
<http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman>
- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -
Author of SF novels available at...
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Ufological Squabbles [was: CNN's John Holliman...]

From: **Randi Bailey** <rbb2676@mailier.fsu.edu>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 12:49:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 14:32:47 -0400
Subject: Ufological Squabbles [was: CNN's John Holliman...]

> Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:11:12 -0500
> From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

> > That's OK, Steve. The more I deal with some of the idiots in
> > this field, the more I am liking ol' Kal. The 'true believers'
> > may make a skeptic out of me yet.

> > Bob [Shell]

> I submit, sir, that you are not in a position to make a competent
> assessment on the efficacy of idiots or true believers. You'll
> have to lose about nine tenths of your smirking,
> self-righteousness for that.

As a relatively new, but appreciative "lurker", I wanted to say how disheartening it is to hear the gifted/brilliant ufologists squabbling. In my own search for the "truth", I need to hear all angles, including the perspective of wonder (Alfred) and the perspective of science (Bob). Often in our history, wonder has evolved into science, and conversely, science into wonder. It is not my concern which path each researcher or believer favors. I want to hear all the views, as long as they are well-considered, and not purposeful hoaxes.

I would be equally disappointed to lose access to Alfred's Odes as well as Bob Shell's tireless rationalism. I don't know everyone's long history, being somewhat new, at least electronically, to the field. However, I did want to point out that Bob must have some capacity for belief, and is probably not into the smirkfest that he is being accused of, because he has put so much time and energy into keeping this list balanced.

Thanks to everyone who is sincere, and raspberries only to those who get a thrill out of toying with others.

rbb

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Re: Ufological Squabbles [Was: CNN's John

From: "Steven Kaeser" <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 13:46:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 14:33:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufological Squabbles [Was: CNN's John

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
To: updates@globalserve.net <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Saturday, April 18, 1998 7:42 AM
Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:11:12 -0500
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

<text snipped, but following comment is in response to Bob
Shell's reply>

>I submit, sir, that you are not in a position to make a competent
>assessment on the efficacy of idiots _or_ true believers. You'll
>have to lose about nine tenths of your smirking,
>self-righteousness for that.

Are you indicating that he isn't in a position to have an
opinion, or not in a position to share it? While some may not
approve of the manner in which it has been carried out, I would
submit that he has accomplished both.

>Perhaps you should begin by questioning the colossal relief I
>perceive you are feeling in light of the current *evidence*
>(every word you write fair drips with it) regarding a discredited
>Cydonia.

Actually, I think that Bob stated that he would rather have seen
something artificial, but perhaps you believe that he's merely
trying to "throw us off the scent".

>". . .don't know who their dealing with," indeed. They are
>dealing with a growing population of people that are leery of a
>government that is not forthcoming. They are dealing with people
>becoming tired of the actions of shadowy control bodies with
>hidden agendas. They are dealing with people becoming tired of
>smirking elitism from grasping clueless pundits of the most
>exciting occurrences of our times! They are certainly not dealing
>with _you_, sir -- of that I can be certain.

>Lehmborg@snowhill.com

If by "They", you're referring to the "True Believers" that Bob
mentioned, you are probably correct. But I'll have to admit that
I'm a bit confused over this reference.

(I was going to say a few other things here, but decided against promoting
my "elitist agenda". . .<g>)

=====

Has anyone else noticed that the conversation has drifted away
from the issue of what the images show, to a question of the
personalities making the comments. In other words, if one
doesn't like the message, make sure you shoot the messenger.

This particular thread started on a fairly positive note for those who support the contention that the objects are "artificial". CNN's John Holliman has gotten a commitment from NASA that they'll continue to image this area until the matter is settled (I sure how they're in for the long haul).

People on both sides of this issue have probably jumped the gun with their instant analysis of the images, but it's clear that there are no "obvious" anomalies that would prove to the world that there are artificial structures on Mars.

We are seeing what is classically known as "rhetoric" on this issue, where each side uses the evidence at hand to promote their own agenda.

Steve

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Re: Ufological Squabbles

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 13:50:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 15:40:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufological Squabbles

> Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 12:49:38 -0500
> From: Randi Bailey <rbb2676@mailier.fsu.edu>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

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> > To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

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There, there.

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> who get a thrill out of toying with others.

Where, where? <g>!

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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from
afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the
fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: Remote viewing of Cydonia

From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 14:50:17 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 15:38:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Remote viewing of Cydonia

> From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
> Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 12:05:41 -0400
> Subject: UFO UpDate: Remote viewing of Cydonia (was CNN)
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>explicitly refused to perform such a test.

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First off, don't mention Courtney Brown and RV in the same sentence. The same goes for Ed Dames.

I shouldn't have said that Joe's session was another piece of the puzzle. I should have said merely that it was about Cydonia and what he perceived. By the way, if you haven't seen a single RVr do a double-blind session on what is in the next room, you obviously haven't done your research. Until you do, I would suggest you don't make comments about something you don't know about.

> It's easy to be "tested" with something where no one can refute
> your "findings" because no data exists. So who cares if he is
> "blind" to the target?

Agreed. I made it clear in my post that the session was proof of NOTHING. Nobody was being tested. Where in my post did I write that he was being tested? I also said in the post that Joe M., in his book said it was proof of NOTHING. I posted it for entertainment and for others to just consider the possibility that Joe's session was accurate. Would you even consider this? Not as proof but as a mind opening exercise.

Also, I don't believe the Cydonia session was double blind. I believe the monitors knew what the target was. People could argue that they were leading him but if you read the entire transcript, you will see that was not the case. Could Joe have been picking up telepathic thoughts or expectations of the monitors? Definitely! That's always a possibility. Could his session have been totally off? Yes.

Also, remember, Joe was "tested" on real world targets like Devil's Tower and St. Louis Arch which he nailed WITHOUT the monitor leading him. Maybe Joe picked up their telepathic thoughts, I don't know. But the Cydonia session was sandwiched in between these normal sessions. Still, just because he was right on the real world targets, doesn't mean he was right on Cydonia. Is this clear enough? E-N-T-E-R-T-A-I-N-M-E-N-T

Remember ENTERTAINMENT! Not proof. Just consider it.
That's all.

>> For those who want to comment on this negatively, don't waste
>> your time. I posted this for entertainment and for people to
>> consider other sources of information. It's not offered as proof
>> of anything. With more photos of thecity though, some of Joe's
>> 1984 session may turn out to be accurate.

>And if they don't?

You must not read entire posts. If the session turns out to be wrong and there's nothing artificial on Cydonia, then OH WELL. RV is far from perfect, especially when you RV a target without any feedback to tell you if you're right or not. There is no way to tell until we get better photos. Didn't I say that already?

>Listen, any fiction writer can close his eyes and use his
>imagination. There isn't any magic to it.

>The problem lies in someone claiming that the contents of their
>imagination are worth scientific attention.

Once again, Joe never made that claim. Did you really read the entire post? Joe would never do that but you know nothing about him so how would you know?

>Let's send the RVrs back to their lairs and use the real, actual,
>remotely acquired scientific data we're getting from MGS to
>determine the truth about Cydonia. Then, that settled, let's get
>back to doing some real scientific work on UFOs.

Agreed again. Except for the lairs part. Send Dames & Brown wherever you want. They represent a tiny protion of people in the RV world.

Remember the word entertainment that I wrote?

Does everything on this list have to be nuts and bolts. I thought people might enjoy a break from all the bickering that's been going on so I posted it. Is that a crime? Did I make or infer any claims? If I did than I apologize. Did anybody else enjoy this post? If not, then I won't do anything like that in the future. I just get bored sometimes reading all those wordy scientific posts.

>Remember those? Thousands of unexplained accounts. Hundreds of
>radar visual sightings, tens or hundreds of ground trace and
>medical cases?

Now you sound like me when I talk to my skeptic friends, family and co-workers.

>Unfortunately, too many people are addicted to the idea that
>there is some cheap and easy way to solve this problem.

Don't know any of those people. Do you?

An Amazed & Disappointed Joe in Tampa

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Re: Remote viewing of Cydonia

From: Skye Turell <tural33@west.net>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 10:59:26 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 14:51:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Remote viewing of Cydonia

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In the very early days of remote viewing testing at SRI, Ingo Swann did perform tests of targets located in the next room. But, as he pointed out, if you want to know what's in the next room, or in a sealed box in the laboratory, you can just go over and look. He suggested that long distance targets be selected and the rest is psi-testing history.

Anyone who doubts the validity of remote viewing, MUST read Dean Radin's book "The Conscious Universe," which provides a history of psi testing, detailing all the peer-review comments and how the testing methodology has been improved over the years. Psi continues to hold up in the lab, to the degree that even the psi-friendly <sarcasm> folks at CSICOP can't find fault with it and have publically acknowledged this.

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No, but I wouldn't place these sessions on a par with those performed under proper procedures. This is kind of like using your local Little League team as representative of what baseball players are capable of. Little League players that don't play by the rules...;-)

> It's easy to be "tested" with something where no one can refute
> your "findings" because no data exists. So who cares if he is
> "blind" to the target?

You're absolutely right and Joe McMoneagle's response to situations like you describe has been that unless/until there's "feedback" and confirmation, those kind of sessions remain pure sci-fi. (Therefore, why do them.)

> Listen, any fiction writer can close his eyes and use his
> imagination. There isn't any magic to it.

> The problem lies in someone claiming that the contents of their
> imagination are worth scientific attention.

When the scientifically validated truth is that Joe can create blueprint quality sketches of objects/activities thousands of miles from his location, it IS certainly worthy of attention.

(You might have to alter your fundamentalist notions of psychics and the human psyche, however, and that seems to be the problem for many people.)

> Unfortunately, too many people are addicted to the idea that
> there is some cheap and easy way to solve this problem.

> "The government will tells us."
> "The remote viewers will tell us."
> "The channelers will tell us."
> "The contactees will tell us."
> "The abductees will tell us."
> "The Ashtar Command will tell us."

I agree with your comment, with the exception of the experiences of those who actually have had contact. They/we DO have valuable information on the subject. Not the whole story, but at least we are eyewitnesses. But fear of having to alter fundamenalist notions again seems to get in the way of truly scientific/objective processing of this information.

It's very easy to categorically discount the stories of psi and ET contact, but you do so at your intellectual detriment.

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Re: Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

From: "Philippe Piet van Putten" <abp1@uol.com.br>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 14:06:00 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 17:45:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

>From: Kal K. Korff <totlresrch@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 17:17:58 EDT
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

>>From: Ufojoel <Ufojoel@aol.com> [Joe Murgia]
>>Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 01:28:47 EDT
>>To: updates@globalserve.net, UASR@MyList.net
>>Subject: DiPietro Throws in the Towel?

OK guys...!

I'm trying to check this out. I have tried to phone call DiPietro but no one answers. Maybe his number changed.

Do you know if he has an e-mail address ?

Thanks.

Your colleague and friend,

Philippe Piet van Putten
The Brazilian Academy of Parasciences (ABP)
abp1@uol.com.br

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Re: On Cydonia [was: CNN's John Holliman...]

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 06:47:34 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 08:52:54 -0400
Subject: Re: On Cydonia [was: CNN's John Holliman...]

> From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Re: Cydonia..

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> assessment on the efficacy of idiots -or- true believers. You'll
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> Perhaps you should begin by questioning the colossal relief I
> perceive you are feeling in light of the current *evidence*
> (every word you write fair drips with it) regarding a discredited
> Cydonia.

> ". . .don't know who their dealing with," indeed. They are
> dealing with a growing population of people that are leery of a
> government that is not forthcoming. They are dealing with people
> becoming tired of the actions of shadowy control bodies with
> hidden agendas. They are dealing with people becoming tired of
> smirking elitism from grasping clueless pundits of the most
> exciting occurrences of our times! They are certainly not dealing
> with you, sir -- of that I can be certain.

> Lehmborg@snowhill.com

Dear Mr. Lehmborg:

With my untrained eyes, I cannot find a single sign of ANYTHING artificial in the images yet presented. This is a disappointment to me, but not a surprise.

What IS a surprise, is the tenacious way the 'face people' have grasped at every straw to salvage something from what appears to be a complete refutation of their beliefs. (Please forgive the 'face people' moniker, and suggest a better name. As an ex-Catholic, I am very tempted to make one up myself.)

I would like nothing better than to find some clear and obvious signs of artificiality on Mars, or anyplace else where humans could not have possibly been the cause.

Frankly, Bob Shell makes perfect sense to me .. and he is a lot easier on the eyeballs than Kal Korff, who tends to rant a lot.

I don't know Bob personally, but suspect that he also has an interest in possible signs of alien intelligent life.. why is he on this list otherwise?

You quote Giordano Bruno at the bottom of your messages as usual. It is my unfounded hunch that Bruno, were he alive today would say something like "Well, Cydonia is a bust. Lets look over here .. and then maybe over there to the southwest.. "
Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

" I click on the keyboard, and soar to the factual data. What others see from Yellow Falls,TX I have fully documented".

- Some ex-catholic burning the midnight oil.

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Re: Claims of Erosion - Phooey

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 17:59:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 11:48:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Claims of Erosion - Phooey

>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 08:31:03 -0400
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: SKvs <bradford@globalserve.net> [Sue Kovios]
>Subject: Claims of Erosion - Phooey

>To List,

>It has taken thousands of years to cause erosion of the Pyramids
>and Sphinx. There have been craters and mounds on the Moon that
>have probably been there for thousands of years. The Mars
>Pathfinder sent images of rocks that have probably been there for
>thousands of years.

>So how come the face has eroded in just 20+ years?

>Sue Kovios

No mystery here, Sue. It hasn't.

Bob

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From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 12:07:28 -0400
Subject: Re: JPL Hiding Colour, Clear Face & Cydonia

>Art Bell's Friday Night/Saturday Morning show, at the start of the
>2nd hour, has an interview with a man named 'Kent'. He claims to
>have been an employee of JPL until the beginning of this past
>week.

>One of 'Kent's' duties was to arrange for the couriering of
>material via FedEx. On Tuesday morning of this past week he was
>given a loosely rolled bundle sandwiched between blank sheets of
>cardboard. Since there were no cardboard tubes left in storage
>the area storage area in which to package the roll. He called
>FedEx and arranged for immediate delivery of some more tubes.
>While awaiting their arrival he took an early break in the
>'break-room', where he was joined by a fellow 'lower-level'
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>believable. Presumably, someone out there is poring over a
>keyboard transcribing the interview, which lasts about twenty
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>as I get a copy.

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Errol,

Why does this story sound believable?? To me it sounds ridiculous.

These are digital images. If you want to send them somewhere you
modem them, or put them on a disk and Fedex the disk.

[Bob, you and I both know that the bureaucracies, for the most
part, are not set up to look at digital images. Damn, they have
enough difficulty setting the clocks on their VCRs and sending
faxes. The people looking at 'those' pictures would want
hard-copy. They don't have time to go through learning curves
and if these images are the genuine article, wouldn't want
some TI drone looking at them either. Hence the possibility
that JPL, with their, what must, be even to you, absolutely
breathtaking facilities, are indeed printing pictures and
using FedEx to ship them - the "needle in a haystack
principal" (to quote Bell) justifies using public couriers.]

Believable???

["_Sounds_ believable"..... Time will tell. And hey, I'm merely
the messenger. Did you listen to the .ra file? --ebk]

Bob

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From: SKvs <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 20:11:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 12:12:22 -0400
Subject: Re: JPL Hiding Colour, Clear Face & Cydonia

At 12:45 PM 18/04/98 -0400, you wrote:

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I believe the date of the photographs was April 2, 1998.

I also find it interesting how alot of the guys interviewed on
Art Bell regarding conspiracies all sound alike.

Sue Kovios

"Truth is a shining goddess, always veiled, always distant, never
wholly approachable, but worthy of all the devotion of which the
human spirit is capable." -Bertrand Russell

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Re: Ufological Squabbles

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Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 17:59:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 12:10:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufological Squabbles

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>Thanks to everyone who is sincere, and raspberries only to those
>who get a thrill out of toying with others.

>rbb

Why thank you, Randi.

Now you gotta buy me all new hats, since my size just went up
a couple numbers when I read this.

Yes, I do have a capacity to believe. Particularly in UFOs,
since I've seen one in circumstances which did not permit
misidentification of some ordinary thing.

I know that something real, and real weird, is going on. But
only a tiny fraction of what is reported, in my opinion, reflects
anything real.

Bob

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Theresa <Tcarlson1@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 18:44:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 20:41:15 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Tue, 14 Apr 1998 22:25:21 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

Hi Bruce,

> One has to allow for the
>distinct ****possibility**** that the cameraman would make the
>logical assumption to the UO would continue to move to the right
>at the same altitude since it moved steadily to the right before
>it disappeared.

Even at the beginning of the sighting the cameraman seems to know
the direction the object was going to move. And where it was
going to come out above the building as well.
Also logical assumptions?

> Apparently the cameraman did not notice... which
>is not surprising... that the angular size of the UO was
>shrinking just before it disappeared... suggesting that it was
>moving away from the camera.... where it could be lost in the
>haze..

Isn't the witness testimony that the object disappear in thin air
rather than zipped away at high speed?

You seem to be convinced that this video is the real thing. What
do you plan to do with this remarkable evidence?

Regards,

Theresa Carlson

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/tcarlson1>

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>ebk

Hello Errol,

This is another issue on which we probably need to wait a little while before forming firm judgments. It might be that Kent was merely playing a well rehearsed role in attempting to (further) impair the credibility of Art Bell. Those in the secret government who insist on keeping the coverup in place as firmly as possible no doubt dislike the fact that Art is against the coverup and has a rather large radio audience. In my opinion, Courtney Brown is a good candidate to have tried this. So the motivation is quite strong for such shenanigans to be perpetrated from time to time.

But if we don't hear anything from Kent or some confirmed spokesperson for him in the next few weeks, saying that he had made the whole thing up just to see who would fall for it, it becomes less and less likely that it is a false representation. That is because this would not be in the long-range interest of whoever might have put Kent up to acting out such a convincing performance, as it just gains converts to the reality of a past ET presence on Mars, and to a conspiracy within the government and NASA, if the scam is not exposed fairly quickly.

So if we don't hear otherwise in a month or two or few, Kent's story is probably true. In the meanwhile, Art is evidently hoping to hear from Kent's colleague or anyone else who can confirm Kent's recent background.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: eSufo - Cydonia "city" images available

From: Don Ledger <dledger@istar.ca>
Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 11:01:04 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 20:48:39 -0400
Subject: Re: eSufo - Cydonia "city" images available

> From: "David Watanabe" <davew@exosci.com>
> Subject: eSufo - Cydonia "city" images available
> To: UFO@exosci.com
> Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 02:50:34 -0800

> exoScience UFO * 4/15/98 * exosci.com/ufo
>
> * CYDONIA "CITY" IMAGES FROM MARS GLOBAL SURVEYOR
>
> - the MGS has now imaged the "City" portion of Cydonia. The
> images are available on our website.

<snip>

Hi Dave and list,

I've been looking at these images for over a week now and I think this is a case of apples and oranges. The new mesa doesn't look to me to be the same as the old mesa, let alone an image match. I can go one way or the other on this thing but can anyone assure me that the site imaged by Surveyor is the same site as the Viking picture?

Don Ledger

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Re: Ufological Squabbles

From: "Greg Sandow" <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 18:50:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 20:42:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufological Squabbles

> Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 12:49:38 -0500
> From: Randi Bailey <rbb2676@mailier.fsu.edu>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: CNN's John Holliman on Cydonia

> As a relatively new, but appreciative "lurker", I wanted to say
> how disheartening it is to hear the gifted/brilliant ufologists
> squabbling. In my own search for the "truth", I need to hear all
> angles, including the perspective of wonder (Alfred) and the
> perspective of science (Bob). Often in our history, wonder has
> evolved into science, and conversely, science into wonder. It is
> not my concern which path each researcher or believer favors. I
> want to hear all the views, as long as they are well-considered,
> and not purposeful hoaxes.

> I would be equally disappointed to lose access to Alfred's Odes
> as well as Bob Shell's tireless rationalism. I don't know
> everyone's long history, being somewhat new, at least
> electronically, to the field. However, I did want to point out
> that Bob must have some capacity for belief, and is probably not
> into the smirkfest that he is being accused of, because he has
> put so much time and energy into keeping this list balanced.

> Thanks to everyone who is sincere, and raspberries only to those
> who get a thrill out of toying with others.

I trust I'm not alone in saying "bravo!"

Welcome to the list, Randi. We need you.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

From: **Ufojoel** <Ufojoel@AOL.COM> [Joe Murgia]
Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 10:23:47 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 21:03:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

>From: "Philippe Piet van Putten" <abp1@uol.com.br>
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel
>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 14:06:00 -0300

>OK guys...!

>I'm trying to check this out. I have tried to phone call DiPietro
>but no one answers. Maybe his number changed.

>Do you know if he has an e-mail address ?

>Thanks.

>Your colleague and friend,

>Philippe Piet van Putten
>The Brazilian Academy of Parasciences (ABP)
>abp1@uol.com.br

Good idea Philippe but if you listen to his interview on
The Laura Lee show, you won't come to any other conclusion
other than DiPietro is withholding final judgement until more
photos come in. I almost quoted him word for word. Let
us know what you find out.

Joe in Tampa

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BWW Media Alert 19980418

From: BufoCalvin <BufoCalvin@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 01:16:12 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 20:46:43 -0400
Subject: BWW Media Alert 19980418

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RADIO

ART BELL

Here is the upcoming schedule. The show runs from 10:00 PM to 3:00 AM weeknights, and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for Dreamland on Sunday. For more information, see <http://www.artbell.com>.

Sunday, April 19, 6:00 PM, DREAMLAND: Stephanie Leland, Author: "Peaceful Kingdom, Random Acts of Kindness by Animals"
Monday, April 20, 10:00 PM, Wayne Green
Tuesday, April 21, 10:00 PM, Matthew Alper, Author: "The God Part of The Brain"
Friday, April 24, 10:00 PM, Ed Dames, Remote Viewing
Sunday, April 26, DREAMLAND, Whitley Strieber, Author: "Communion" and "Confirmation"

TELEVISION

A&E

Thursday, April 30, 6:00 PM, UFOS: HAVE WE BEEN VISITED? (Michael Dorn narrates)
Thursday, April 30, 10:00 PM, UFOS: HAVE WE BEEN VISITED? (Michael Dorn narrates)

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Sunday, April 19, 1:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS WORLD: GIANTS FOR THE GODS (Nazca, etc.)
Sunday, April 19, 1:30 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS WORLD: MYSTERIES FROM HEAVEN (includes the Shroud of Turin...interesting story in the current FORTEAN TIMES (<http://www.forteanimes.com>) debunking the shroud and claiming it was made by Leonardo DaVinci)
Sunday, April 19, 2:30 PM, ANIMAL X: MYSTERIOUS EVENTS (includes thylacine, cattle mutilations)
Sunday, April 19, 3:00 PM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: GHOST, ALIENS, AND EMPERORS (a ghost and a priest, Area 51)
Sunday, April 19, 4:00 PM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: SPIRITS, ROBBERS, AND THE DEAD (includes English ghosts)
Sunday, April 19, 5:00 PM, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?: CASTLES, TOMBS, AND LEONARDO (includes haunting)
Thursday, April 30, 9:00 PM, ANIMAL X: GHOSTS AND PHANTOMS (includes black big cat sightings in Ireland)
Friday, May 1, 1:00 AM, ANIMAL X: GHOSTS AND PHANTOMS (includes black big cat sightings in Ireland)

THE LEARNING CHANNEL

Tuesday, April 28, 6:00 PM, ALIEN SECRETS: AREA 51
Tuesday, April 28, 9:00 PM, ALIEN SECRETS: AREA 51
Wednesday, April 29, 6:00 PM, WE ARE NOT ALONE: SKYWATCHERS (UFO witnesses)
Wednesday, April 29, 6:00 PM, WE ARE NOT ALONE: ALIEN HUNTERS
Wednesday, April 29, 9:00 PM, WE ARE NOT ALONE?: SKYWATCHERS (UFO witnesses)
Wednesday, April 29, 10:00 PM, WE ARE NOT ALONE: ALIEN HUNTERS
Thursday, April 30, 6:00 PM, ROSWELL
Thursday, April 30, 9:00 PM, ROSWELL
Friday, May 1, 6:00 PM, UFOS AND OTHER CLOSE ENCOUNTERS
Friday, May 1, 7:00 PM, THE CASE OF THE UFOS

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Continues to run SIGHTINGS reruns at 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM weekdays.

This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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<A HREF="<http://members.aol.com/weirdware/books.html>">Bufo's WEIRD WORLD Books
I'm very excited about this! Some of you know, I ran a bookstore for years, and it has always been a love of mine. I get asked often to recommend books(I do write reviews for several publications) on these topics, and now I can do it and actually give you a source for them at the same time! This is being done in association with Amazon.com, which has an outstanding reputation for the five "S"s of internet shopping: selection, searchability, service, savings, and security. If there is any specific book you want (or topic in which you are interested), let me know and I will do the research and e-mail you a link you can use to check it out more (and order it if you want). I will be linking to books within the Media Alert, to make it more efficient for you. If you click on the link, you will be sent to that title on Amazon. You do =not= have to buy it at that point! You may, but the option is yours.

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Re: Chat with Stephen Bassett, UFO Lobbyist

From: "Yvonne Hedenland" <yvonne_h@email.msn.com>
Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 10:47:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Apr 1998 04:36:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Chat with Stephen Bassett, UFO Lobbyist

Disclosure?

What will it take to get the government to share the truth on the UFO issue? The efforts for disclosure are currently at an all time high. And many of the individuals involved in these efforts are clients of Stephen Bassett, the nation's only registered UFO Lobbyist.

Join the UFO Forum on Tuesday, April 21st, at 6pm Pacific time, to discuss the goals and objectives behind Bassett's work. This chat is available at <http://forums.msn.com/UFO>

The Briefing Room chat can be accessed by any IRC client. The chat server name is publicchat.msn.com and the room or channel name is #briefing.

The Netshow Audio interview with Mr. Bassett is now available on the UFO Forum !

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Re: Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

From: JJ Mercieca <mufor@maltanet.net>
Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 16:00:20 +0200
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Apr 1998 04:34:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

>From: "Philippe Piet van Putten" <abpl@uol.com.br>
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel
>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 14:06:00 -0300

>I'm trying to check this out. I have tried to phone call DiPietro
>but no one answers. Maybe his number changed.
>Do you know if he has an e-mail address ?

Hi Philippe,

I think his address is : cydonia@erols.com
His web page is : www.lauralee.com/Dipietro.htm

Regards,

JJ Mercieca
Malta UFO Research
<http://www.mufor.org/>

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Mars "Ruins"?

From: koch@wad.berlin.fido.de (Joachim Koch)
Date: 19 Apr 98 15:04:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Apr 1998 04:51:51 -0400
Subject: Mars "Ruins"?

Date: 19 April 98 19:43:00 GMT
From: koch@wad.berlin.fido.de <Joachim Koch>
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
Subject: "Ruins" on Mars?

Hallo to all,

Not long ago Mr. Bruce Maccabee made reasonable suggestions here on this list re analyzing the "rest" of the "Face" by Mr. DiPietro et al.

So what happened to this analysis? Were they able to simulate the same appearance of the "Face" just like in the Viking image from the new data NASA has released? I think this should be possible and would clearly show that there is something wrong - or not.

Has anyone so far applied or tested what (Sorry!) Mr. Hoagland once reported: fractal geometry analysis to the new data?

Is there anyone else here who has the impression of a kind of "artificial appearance" of the very regular "slope" which is seen to the left of the "Face" and its nearly rectangular beding on the top left?

If not a "Face" - then "ruins"?

Joachim Koch

Homepage International Roswell Initiative, Germany:
> <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/jkoch1> <
Upcoming in May: News from Switzerland

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New-agey drug-types/conspiracy witnesses [was:

From: "K. Young" <task@fuse.net>
Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 14:07:22 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Apr 1998 04:57:17 -0400
Subject: New-agey drug-types/conspiracy witnesses [was:

>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 20:11:53 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: SKvs <bradford@globalserve.net> [Sue Kovios]
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: JPL Hiding Colour, Clear Face & Cydonia
> Pictures?

> Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 20:11:53 -0400

> >The loosely rolled package was bumped by 'Kent's' colleague, it
> >rolled onto the floor and dislodged a colour photograph of...
> >'The Face' - clear, sharp and taken from almost directly
> >overhead. There were 8 other photographs, including 'buildings'
> >viewed from overhead and all dated April 5, 1998.

> >ebk

> EBK:

> I believe the date of the photographs was April 2, 1998.

> I also find it interesting how alot of the guys interviewed on
> Art Bell regarding conspiracies all sound alike.

> Sue Kovios

Sue;

Allow me to furnish a brief, unscientific and admittedly biased
'editorial comment' on the 'commonality' you mention.

I have listened to numerous ART BELL programs and hear the 'young
man between 25-40-type' rant on and on about how our culture will
'be ravaged' by the truth while I consider the possibilities that
this person has been warped by some mind-altering drug.

These societal miscreants profess to be 'vampires,' 'UFO
abductees' or 'time travelers,' but I suspect a common chemical
or externally-induced defect among these sorts, a defect that
effects their mind.

Even from their attitude, way of speaking (vocal styles and
inflections which sound like they are 'cult-leader wannabeez'),
comments on society and new-agish tendencies, they exhibit a
general commonality I have noticed. I feel sympathetic for these
deluded mental-cases because they could dealing with or suffering
from a common mental/chemical imbalance.

I have also considered the possibility that this 'commonality' is
due to excessive drug use, and conformity/adherence to societal
expectations of/to the druggie-class.

I have some personal experience dealing with several of these
'druggie- types' from the Cincinnati area who have professed past
encounters with anomalous/conspiratorial phenomenon, and that
experience causes me to chuckle everytime one of these imbeciles
get on ART BELL.

These opinionated villains are not on a truth-seeking quest, but

New-agey drug-types/conspiracy witnesses [was:

rather, would seek to lie and justify their falsehood in promotion of their cause, and they strive to forevermore propogate their fraudulent, drug-induced new-age faith/dogma upon the ignorant, who so foolishly accept it without justifiable questioning.

So there.

KY

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opposite shore of the gulf. It was like saying that cultures in the Black Sea area could not have had contact with the Mediterranean.

When the contents of many ancient mounds and pyramids of the Midwest were examined, it was shown that the history of the Mississippi River Valleys was that of an ancient and sophisticated culture that had been in contact with Europe and other areas. Not only that, the contents of many mounds revealed burials of huge men, sometimes seven or eight feet tall, in full armour with swords and sometimes huge treasures.

For instance, when Spiro Mound in Oklahoma was excavated in the 1930's, a tall man in full armour was discovered along with a pot of thousands of pearls and other artefacts, the largest such treasure so far documented. The whereabouts of the man in armour is unknown and it is quite likely that it eventually was taken to the Smithsonian Institution.

In a private conversation with a well-known historical researcher (who shall remain nameless), I was told that a former employee of the Smithsonian, who was dismissed for defending the view of diffusionism in the Americas (i.e. the heresy that other ancient civilisations may have visited the shores of North and South America during the many millenia before Columbus), alleged that the Smithsonian at one time had actually taken a barge full of unusual artefacts out into the Atlantic and dumped them in the ocean.

Though the idea of the Smithsonian' covering up a valuable archaeological find is difficult to accept for some, there is, sadly, a great deal of evidence to suggest that the Smithsonian Institution has knowingly covered up and 'lost' important archaeological relics. The STONEWATCH NEWSLETTER of the Gungywamp Society in Connecticut, which researches megalithic sites in New England, had a curious story in their Winter 1992 issue about stone coffins discovered in 1892 in Alabama which were sent to the Smithsonian Institution and then 'lost'. According to the newsletter, researcher Frederick J. Pohl wrote an intriguing letter in 1950 to the late Dr.T.C. Lethbridge, a British archaeologist.

The letter from Pohl stated, "A professor of geology sent me a reprint (of the) Smithsonian Institution, THE CRUMF BURIAL CAVE by Frank Burns, US Geological Survey, from the report of the US National Museum for 1892, pp 451-454, 1984. In the Crumf Cave, southern branch of the Warrior River, in Murphy's Valley, Blount County, Alabama, accessible from Mobile Bay by river, were coffins of wood hollowed out by fire, aided by stone or copper chisels. Either of these coffins were taken to the Smithsonian. They were about 7.5 feet long, 14" to 18" wide, 6" to 7" deep. Lids open.

I wrote recently to the Smithsonian, and received a reply March 11th from F.M. Setzler, Head Curator of Department of Anthropology (He said) 'We have not been able to find the specimens in our collections, though records show that they were received.'

David Barron, President of the Gungywamp Society was eventually told by the Smithsonian in 1992 that the coffins were actually wooden troughs and that they could not be viewed anyway because they were housed in an asbestos-contaminated warehouse. This warehouse was to be closed for the next ten years and no one was allowed in except the Smithsonian personnel!

Ivan T. Sanderson, a well-known zoologist and frequent guest on Johnny Carson's TONIGHT SHOW in the 1960s (usually with an exotic animal with a pangolin or a lemur), once related a curious story about a letter he received regarding an engineer who was stationed on the Aleutian island of Shemya during World War II. While building an airstrip, his crew bulldozed a group of hills and discovered under several sedimentary layers what appeared to be human remains. The Alaskan mound was in fact a graveyard of gigantic human remains, consisting of crania and long leg bones.

The crania measured from 22 to 24 inches from base to crown. Since an adult skull normally measures about eight inches from back to front, such a large crania would imply an immense size for a normally proportioned human. Furthermore, every skull was said to have been neatly trepanned (a process of cutting a hole

in the upper portion of the skull).

In fact, the habit of flattening the skull of an infant and forcing it to grow in an elongated shape was a practice used by ancient Peruvians, the Mayas, and the Flathead Indians of Montana. Sanderson tried to gather further proof, eventually receiving a letter from another member of the unit who confirmed the report. The letters both indicated that the Smithsonian Institution had collected the remains, yet nothing else was heard. Sanderson seemed convinced that the Smithsonian Institution had received the bizarre relics, but wondered why they would not release the data. He asks, "...is it that these people cannot face rewriting all the textbooks?"

In 1944 an accidental discovery of an even more controversial nature was made by Waldemar Julsrud at Acambaro, Mexico. Acambaro is in the state of Guanajuato, 175 miles northwest of Mexico City. The strange archaeological site there yielded over 33,500 objects of ceramic; stone, including jade; and knives of obsidian (sharper than steel and still used today in heart surgery). Julsrud, a prominent local German merchant, also found statues ranging from less than an inch to six feet in length depicting great reptiles, some of them in ACTIVE ASSOCIATION with humans - generally eating them, but in some bizarre statuettes an erotic association was indicated. To observers many of these creatures resembled dinosaurs.

Jalsrud crammed this collection into twelve rooms of his expanded house. There startling representations of Negroes, Orientals, and bearded Caucasians were included as were motifs of Egyptians, Sumerian and other ancient non-hemispheric civilisations, as well as portrayals of Bigfoot and aquatic monsterlike creatures, weird human-animal mixtures, and a host of other inexplicable creations. Teeth from an extinct Ice Age horse, the skeleton of a mammoth, and a number of human skulls were found at the same site as the ceramic artefacts.

Radio-carbon dating in the laboratories of the University of Pennsylvania and additional tests using the thermoluminescence method of dating pottery were performed to determine the age of the objects. Results indicated the objects were made about 6,500 years ago, around 4,500 BC. A team of experts at another university, shown Julrud's half-dozen samples but unaware of their origin, ruled out the possibility that they could have been modern reproductions. However, they fell silent when told of their controversial source.

In 1952, in an effort to debunk this weird collection which was gaining a certain amount of fame, American archaeologist Charles C. DiPeso claimed to have minutely examined the then 32,000 pieces within not more than four hours spent at the home of Julsrud. In a forthcoming book, long delayed by continuing developments in his investigation, archaeological investigator John H. Tierney, who has lectured on the case for decades, points out that to have done that DiPeso would have had to have inspected 133 pieces per minute steadily for four hours, whereas in actuality, it would have required weeks merely to have separated the massive jumble of exhibits and arranged them properly for a valid evaluation.

Tierney, who collaborated with the later Professor Hapgood, the late William N. Russell, and others in the investigation, charges that the Smithsonian Institution and other archaeological authorities conducted a campaign of disinformation against the discoveries. The Smithsonian had, early in the controversy, dismissed the entire Acambaro collection as an elaborate hoax. Also, utilising the Freedom of Information Act, Tierney discovered that practically the entirety of the Smithsonian's Julsrud case files are missing.

After two expeditions to the site in 1955 and 1968, Professor Charles Hapgood, a professor of history and anthropology at the University of New Hampshire, recorded the results of his 18-year investigation of Acambaro in a privately printed book entitled MYSTERY IN ACAMBARO. Hapgood was initially an open-minded skeptic concerning the collection but became a believer after his first visit in 1955, at which time he witnessed some of the figures being excavated and even dictated to the diggers where he wanted them to dig.

Adding to the mind-boggling aspects of this controversy is the

fact that the Instituto Nacional de Antropologia e Historia, through the late Director of PreHispanic Monuments, Dr. Eduardo Noguera, (who, as head of an official investigating team at the site, issued a report which Tierney will be publishing), admitted "the apparent scientific legality with which these objects were found." Despite evidence of their own eyes, however, officials declared that because of the objects 'fantastic' nature, they had to have been a hoax played on Julsrud!

A disappointed but ever-hopeful Julsrud died. His house was sold and the collection put in storage. The collection is not currently open to the public.

Perhaps the most amazing suppression of all is the excavation of an Egyptian tomb by the Smithsonian itself in Arizona. A lengthy front page story of the PHOENIX GAZETTE on 5 April 1909, gave a highly detailed report of the discovery and excavation of a rock-cut vault by an expedition led by a Professor S.A. Jordan of the Smithsonian. The Smithsonian, however, claims to have absolutely no knowledge of the discovery or its discoverers.

The World Explorers Club decided to check on this story by calling the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., though we felt there was little chance of getting any real information. After speaking briefly to an operator, we were transferred to a Smithsonian staff archaeologist, and a woman's voice came on the phone and identified herself.

I told her that I was investigating a story from a 1909 Phoenix newspaper article about the Smithsonian Institution's having excavated rock-cut vaults in the Grand Canyon where Egyptian artefacts had been discovered, and whether the Smithsonian Institution could give me any more information on the subject.

"Well, the first thing I can tell you, before we go any further," she said, "is that no Egyptian artefacts of any kind have ever been found in North or South America. Therefore, I can tell you that the Smithsonian Institute has never been involved in any such excavations." She was quite helpful and polite but, in the end, knew nothing. Neither she nor anyone else with whom I spoke could find any record of the discovery or either G.E. Kinkaid and Professor S.A. Jordan.

While it cannot be discounted that the entire story is an elaborate newspaper hoax, the fact that it was on the front page, named the prestigious Smithsonian Institution, and gave a highly detailed story that went on or several pages, lends a great deal to its credibility. It is hard to believe such a story could have come out of thin air.

Is the Smithsonian Institution covering up an archaeological discovery of immense importance? If this story is true it would radically change the current view that there was no transoceanic contact in pre-Columbian times, and that all American Indians, on both continents, are descended from Ice Age explorers who came across the Bering Strait. (Any information on G.E. Kinkaid and Professor S.A. Jordan, or their alleged discoveries, that readers may have would be greatly appreciated....write to Childress at the World Explorers Club [address at end of article])

Is the idea that ancient Egyptians came to the Arizona area in the ancient past so objectionable and preposterous that it must be covered up? Perhaps the Smithsonian Institution is more interested in maintaining the status quo than rocking the boat with astonishing new discoveries that overturn previously accepted academic teachings.

Historian and linguist Carl Hart, editor of WORLD EXPLORER, then obtained a hiker's map of the Grand Canyon from a bookstore in Chicago. Poring over the map, we were amazed to see that much of the area on the north side of the canyon has Egyptian names. The area around Ninety-four Mile Creek and Trinity Creek had areas (rock formations, apparently) with names like Tower of Set, Tower of Ra, Horus Temple, Osiris Temple, and Isis Temple. In the Haunted Canyon area were such names as the Cheops Pyramid, the Buddha Cloister, Buddha Temple, Manu Temple and Shiva Temple. Was there any relationship between these places and the alleged Egyptian discoveries in the Grand Canyon?

We called a state archaeologist at the Grand Canyon, and were told that the early explorers had just liked Egyptian and Hindu

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FOUR UFOs CAUSE CITYWIDE
BLACKOUT IN ARGENTINA

Eyewitnesses spotted four UFOs over Bariloche, a city in southern Argentina, immediately prior and during two citywide electrical blackouts.

Bariloche is a popular ski resort in the Andes, on the south shore of Lago (Lake) Nahuel Huapi, located 1,040 kilometers (650 miles) southwest of Buenos Aires.

The first blackout took place at 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 1998 and lasted until 10:11 p.m. "Spokesmen for Cooperativa Electricidade Bariloche (CEB) said the origin of the electrical blackout that darkened a great part of the city has no explanation. No cause exists to explain the occurrence."

CEB linemen traced the source of the power shutdown to transmission lines leading to the Cipresales transformer substation.

Power was briefly restored for four minutes. But at 10:15 p.m., Bariloche's lights went off again, and the city remained without power until 1:30 a.m. Monday, April 13.

According to the newspaper Diario Rio Negro, "Gustavo and Beatriz Riveros saw strange lights hovering above Cerro Carbon (hill) in the eastern section of the city. Beatriz saw two of the lights 'fuse together' over the Lions (a land feature on the hillside--J.T.) just as the lights went out. Other witnesses reported strange illuminations over Lago Nahuel Huapi."

"In the barrio San Francisco, a woman saw 'a ball of red light' descending in a zigzag pattern toward the large pedestrian stairway at Tiscornia."

A "luminous disc" was also seen near the intersection of Calle Fernando Beschtete and Calle La Paz.

In the barrio Nicolas Lavalle, eyewitnesses saw four luminous UFOs hovering overhead. One witness, Sara Salizar, said, "They are a large spacecraft and three smaller ones that attached themselves to the larger one over and over again."

Andrea Capararo told the Argentine news agency TOLAM that she and her sisters, Natalia and Carolina, "at 11:30 (p.m.) we observed in the sky a kind of large plate with twinkling red, yellow, green and blue lights, and another object a little bit longer with red and yellow lights. The luminous objects seemed permanently supported in the air for several minutes, then moved away towards the lake."

Natalia and Carolina Capararo described the saucer as resembling "a tomato bigger than an airplane" and flying toward Cerro Carbon, east of

the barrio.

"Various inhabitants of the upper (highland) region of the city, for their part, told radio and TV reporters that they had first seen a formation of stars moving across the sky with twinkling lights colored red, yellow and green and with a brilliant white radiance, between 10:30 and 11:45 p.m. Sunday night."

"The moving lights appeared to be attached to an elongated form and another form resembling a small bottle, the inhabitants said. The union of the two objects produced 'a great star,' like a great electrical discharge, and the lights of the city went out."

Bariloche is the site of two of Argentina's most famous incidents, the Dr. Tarda case in December 1968 and the jetliner pilot case in June 1995. (See the Argentinian newspapers Diario Popular of Buenos Aires and Diario Rio Negro for April 14, 1998. Muchas gracias a Carlos Iurchuk, Luis Pacheco y ALFANET para esas noticias.)

NEON GREEN UFO SEEN IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

On Friday, April 3, 1998, at 6:30 p.m., a UFO described as "a small, neon green, egg-shaped object" flew over downtown Fredericksburg, Virginia (population 19,027).

Several local residents, plus four officers of the Fredericksburg police, witnessed the UFO's overflight.

Eyewitness Robert Tolen of Spotsylvania County spotted the UFO while he was at a pay phone at Eubank's Amoco station on Princess Anne Street. "I believe it was a UFO," Tolen was quoted as saying in the Fredericksburg Free-Lance Star, "I don't care what anyone says."

Michael Todaro of Stafford County "was at a baseball field at Falmouth Elementary School" when he spied the UFO, saying, "It was one of the weirdest things I've ever seen."

"If someone else hadn't seen it, I never would have told anyone about it. Never. Never," Todaro told the Free-Lance Star.

According to the newspaper, the four officers "were in the parking lot behind police headquarters" when they sighted the object.

The newspaper checked with the Wallops Island missile test range near Chincoteague to determine if the witnesses had actually witnessed a rocket test. But a spokesman for Wallops Island told them that there "were no tests on Friday."

Fredericksburg is just south of Route 3, about 57 miles (91 kilometers) north of Richmond, the state capital.

The Free-Lance Star also reported a UFO incident near the Patuxent Naval Air Test Center in Lexington Park, Maryland (population 9,743). "Witnesses saw a blue UFO that same evening" near the center on Highway 235, and "It hovered for a few minutes, then sped away." (See the Fredericksburg Free-Lance Star for April 7, 1998. Many thanks to Kenneth Young, public relations director for Tri-States Advocates for Scientific Knowledge, T.A.S.K., for forwarding the article.)

SPHERICAL BLACK UFO SEEN NEAR DALLAS, TEXAS

On Sunday, April 12, 1998, at 11 a.m., a U.S. Air Force veteran, Mike H., and his family were driving north on Interstate Highway 35 northwest of Dallas, Texas.

As he drove through the suburb of Farmers Branch (population 24,250), Mike reported, "I spotted a black round-shaped UFO flying very fast and just below the clouds. The object looked quite small to me, less than the size of a pencil held at arm's length. But due to the height, even a large object would look small."

At first Mike said nothing to his family, wondering if the object might be a bird, but then he realized that "it was flying much too fast" to be a bird.

The motorists kept the UFO in view as they drove past Royal Lane and L.B. Houston Park, heading for Interstate Highway 635, aka the Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway.

"The object was moving faster than we were," Mike reported. "Our vehicle was moving approximately 65 miles per hour, and the object moved past us in the same direction and within ten seconds was out of sight." (Email Interview)
(Editor's Comment: Ten seconds to the horizon would mean an estimated speed of 1,440 miles per hour.)

SHEFFIELD UFO CASE CAUSES A FUROR IN BRITAIN

The March 24, 1997 UFO incident in the Peak District west of Sheffield is now the subject of an investigation by the newspaper Sheffield Star, the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) and the Hon. Helen Jackson, Member of Parliament for Sheffield/Hillsborough.

In early April, the Sheffield Star revealed that the RAF had conducted a low-altitude training exercise that night and had participated in a massive air-and-ground search for a purported missing aircraft.

Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Jackson submitted a list of questions about the Sheffield case to the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD).

On April 7, 1998, John Spellar, Under-Secretary of Defense sent Mrs. Jackson this response: "It is not possible 12 months after the date in question to state precisely where military activities were being carried out. Records kept show only that aircraft were tasked to carry out low flying over the Peak District between 2030 and 2107 (8:30 to 9:07 p.m.) local time on the evening of 24 March 1997. No low-level flying is permitted over the Sheffield urban area or any other major conurbation."

The night of March 24, 1997, instruments at the University of Edinburgh recorded two mysterious sonic booms in the Sheffield area. Eyewitnesses on the ground reported seeing a triangular UFO and up to six RAF Tornado fighters flying overhead.

According to the May/June 1997 issue of UFO Magazine (page 9), the witnesses described the object as "a huge triangular-shaped UFO (that) passed directly overhead at 300 feet at 9:30 p.m. The craft had pinkish-colored lights around its curved edges and a blinking blue light on its underside and 'lit up the street as bright as day.'"

Since March 24, 1997, rumors of a UFO air battle and a Tornado crash have circulated in Derbyshire and South Yorkshire. According to the story, the triangular UFO appeared over Dronfield, Derbyshire. Six RAF Tornado interceptors engaged in an air attack on the craft. The UFO supposedly shot down a Tornado, which crashed in a reservoir near the Howden Moors in Derbyshire. The UFO then fled into space.

Following the exchange of letters between Under-Secretary Spellar and Mrs. Jackson, BUFORA press officer Dave Clarke interviewed Alan Pattison of MoD's "UFO desk" and his deputy, Squadron Leader Tom Manning of the RAF.

According to Clarke, the men "confirmed the planes involved in the incident were two Tornado GR1 Strike aircraft which were operating from the base at RAF Marham on a pre-booked and pre-planned low-level training exercise over the Peak District. These Tornados were the type used on bombing missions in the (Persian) Gulf War and are not fighters that would be scrambled for an intercept."

"They also admitted that other Tornados and indeed Jaguar fighters from other NATO bases took part in the night-time sortie, which included night-time flying at a minimum 250 feet altitude over the mountains west of Sheffield."

UFO researcher Max Burns has claimed that the

triangular mystery object was tracked on radar at 9:55 p.m. that night by the Royal Signals unit at the RAF Linton-upon-Ouse base, near the city of York.

Clarke stated, "The MoD/RAF current position is that the two sonic booms recorded at 2132 and 2206 (9:32 and 10:06 p.m. by Edinburgh) that night remain 'unexplained.' They claim the low-flying exercise was over fifty minutes before these sonic events were recorded and say that they have no record of them at the time of the exercise."

Pattison and Manning stated, "We did not chase a UFO, and there has been no cover-up. We responded to a request by the police to help to search for a crashed aircraft and sent a helicopter from RAF Leconfield. We don't know what caused the sonic events, and the whole thing is a mystery to us, too."

Clarke revealed that the air-and-ground search involved 200 police, fire and military reserve personnel, who covered an area of 40 square miles around Bolsterstone, South Yorkshire. The helicopter from RAF Leconfield was a Westland Sea King HAS Mk 6, which assisted the West Yorkshire police helicopter in the search. (See the Sheffield Star for April 4, 1998. Also UFO Roundup, volume 2, number 12 for March 30, 1997. Many thanks to Dave Clarke of BUFORA and John Hayes for this story.)

NEW CYDONIA PHOTO ADDS TO MARS MYSTERIES

The Mars Global Surveyor snapped a second high-resolution photo of the Cydonia region on Mars this week, this time encompassing an area known as "The City."

On its 239th orbit, Surveyor once again aimed its Mars Orbiting Camera (MOC) at the desert lowlands at latitude 40.8 degrees north and longitude 9.6 degrees west. And, just like last week, the photo's appearance on the Internet raised a ruckus.

On Thursday, April 16, 1998, a memo from a person identifying himself as "Fred Kurros" appeared on a website, alleging that Surveyor's images showed artificial structures.

"Apparently, yesterday (Wednesday, April 15) at the Denver Lockheed-Martin location was really a party-like atmosphere, people running around and saying, 'There was life on Mars half a billion years ago!'" Kurros wrote, "...and NASA is prepared to announce it in the next three days."

"The new image that clearly (shows) at least one pyramid structure...with right angles on at least three of the sides...and it is a perfect right angle. Plus, many of us have been comparing it to photos of the Giza pyramid, and the likeness is stunning."

At 2:54 p.m. on Thursday, in an interview with Rob McConnell, spokesperson Frank O'Donnell, Manager of Media Services for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, denied the "Kurros" story.

O'Donnell stated that "stories being circulated on the Internet pertaining to an alleged statement that NASA will be releasing as to alleged 'artificial structures' on Mars as captured by MGS (Mars Global Surveyor) are unfounded--and were denied."

O'Donnell added that "the (second Cydonia) photo received at JPL, after careful examination, shows no proof of any artificial structure(s)," and pointed out to McConnell that "people will see in them what they want to see."

The new Cydonia photo has also stirred renewed debate among professional geologists.

In a new paper entitled "A Geological and Geomorphic Investigative Approach to Some of the Enigmatic Cydonia Landforms," geologist James L. Erjavel disputed NASA's conclusion that the Face and other landforms in Cydonia were caused by "differential erosion."

NASA's 1989 McGill survey concluded that Cydonia was once covered by one kilometer (1,000 meters) of "erodible sediment" that was blown away by strong Martian winds "leaving a knobby terrain that is a combination of exhumed remnants of cratered terrain,

igneous intrusives and cratered plateau material."

Erjavel pointed out that the Cydonia photos show only a "slight modest erosion" of the region. Erodible material was present to a depth of only 200 meters in prehistoric times, not 1,000 meters.

As proof of his assertion, Erjavel offered a comparison of Cydonia with the cratered area immediately to the east. Both regions show clearly-defined impact craters of a diameter of one kilometer or greater. However, while the eastern region has "a significantly greater number of smaller craters less than one kilometer" in diameter, Cydonia has none.

"On the most basic level," Erjavel wrote, "this dimorphism suggests there is a distinct difference between the cratered and knobby terrains that cannot be accounted for if exhumation by erosive forces has been the primary factor in the area's morphological development." (Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for these news stories.) (Editor's Comment: Seeing the second new Cydonia photo, I was excited to find the remnants of an 'igneous intrusive,' aka a volcanic dike, in the lower portion of the picture. The dike is similar to the one at Shiprock, New Mexico and is proof that a stratovolcano like California's Mount Shasta or Washington state's Mount Rainier existed in Cydonia about ten to fifteen million years ago. Interestingly, these dikes, which are caused by molten magma seeping up into cracks in the existing bedrock, are usually found in sedimentary rocks. I still say the underlying formation that created Cydonia's plain is sandstone, not basalt.)

SHUTTLE "SPACE ARK" TAKES
OFF ON NEUROLAB MISSION

On Friday, April 17, 1998, the space shuttle Columbia took off from Cape Canaveral, Florida on its twenty-fifth mission--a two-week Neurolab experiment designed to study the effects of space travel on the brains of living creatures.

The launch had been scheduled for Thursday, April 16, but a malfunction in the main comlink data processor ended the countdown. "But tens of thousands of spectators packed around the Kennedy Space Center yesterday to watch the ship soar into a clear afternoon sky and glitter for five minutes before vanishing from sight.

The shuttle could easily be called Altman's Ark because, riding along with pilot Scott Altman, mission commander Rick Searloss and crew, are 1,514 crickets in the larval stage, 18 pregnant mice, 152 rats, 60 snails, 75 snail eggs and 233 swordtail fish.

"Scientists know from 37 years of human space flight what happens to the body during weightlessness. The goal of the current mission, called Neurolab, is to understand why."

"By knowing how the nervous system adjusts to the lack of gravity, the space agency will be in a better position to send astronauts to Mars and establish moon colonies."

On Saturday, April 19, Columbia's doctors, Dave Williams and Jay Buckley Jr. conducted complex animal dissections, "removing the brains of four rats so scientists can see how the nervous system changes in weightlessness. Scientists say the only way to know precisely how the nervous system adapts and develops without gravity is to remove and preserve body parts in orbit." (See the New York Post for April 18, 1998, "Shuttle roars off into space with a cast of thousands" and for April 19, 1998, "Shuttle crew looks to brainless rats for help.") (Editor's Comment: One can only hope that some star-hopping species unfamiliar with Earth does not select the next 15 days to visit our solar system. Their curiosity piqued by that strange vehicle orbiting the blue planet, they might focus the old tractor beam, reel in Columbia and schedule everything aboard for what the Post euphemistically calls "post-landing dissection.")

from the UFO Files:

1928: KARJAT TO POONA
VIA HYPERSPACE

A strange case of apparent teleportation took place in Poona, India back in April 1928. A nine-year-old boy, Damodar Ketkar, had been plagued by a type of teleportation phenomena since the previous year. Coins, toys and other small objects miraculously popped into view above his bed--inside a mosquito net--and dropped onto the sheet. The phenomena were meticulously recorded by Miss Kohn, his British governess.

But, seventy years ago, on April 23, 1928, Damodar made the jump into hyperspace himself.

Miss Kohn writes, "At 9:45 a.m. on April 23rd, the elder boy (Damodar) suddenly materialized in front of me in your doorway like a rubber ball. He looked bright but amazed, and said, 'I have just come from Karjat.' He didn't come through any door."

"My sister describes the posture of the boy as having been most remarkable. When she looked up from her letter-writing, she saw him bending downward: both his hands were hanging away from his sides, and the hands hanging limp--his feet were not touching the floor, as she saw a distinct space between his feet and the threshold. It was precisely the posture of a person who has been gripped around the waist and carried, and therefore makes no effort but is gently dropped at his location."

Suddenly, as if released by an invisible agency, Damodar tumbled to the carpet, shaken but unhurt.

The phenomenal manifestations in the Ketkar household at Poona, 200 kilometers (120 miles) southeast of Bombay, continued until 1930 and then mysteriously ended. (See POLTERGEISTS by Alan Gauld and A.C. Cornell, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1979, page 114)

FUN UFO WEBSITES:

The second Cydonia photo is available at this site: <http://www.mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/CYD2/index.html>.

I'd like to take time to correct two URLs from last week's issue, both on the first Cydonia photo:

Try the Malin site at this URL: http://www.msss.com/mars/global_surveyor/camera/images/4_6_face_releases/index.html

Also, try the JPL Surveyor site at this URL: <http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/target/CYD1/index.html>

Brazil's Sociedade de Estudos Extraterrestres (SOCEX) has a new site up and running. They are at <http://www.tabajara.com/socex/>

Don't miss our parent site, UFO INFO, with its vast array of stories, features, photos and links. Drop in at <http://ufoinfo.com>

For back issues of UFO ROUNDUP, try our website at <http://ufoinfo.com/roundup>

To our readers in Venezuela, Feliz Dia de Independencia! We'll be back next week with more saucer news from "the paper that goes home--UFO ROUNDUP." See you then.

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river from the El Tovar Crystal canyon, I saw on the east wall, stains in the sedimentary formation about 2,000 feet above the river bed. There was no trail to this point, but I finally reached it with great difficulty.

Above a shelf which hid it from view from the river, was the mouth of the cave. There are steps leading from this entrance some thirty yards to what was, at the time the cavern was inhabited, the level of the river. When I saw the chisel marks on the wall inside the entrance, I became interested, securing my gun and went in. During that trip I went back several hundred feet along the main passage till I came to the crypt in which I discovered the mummies. One of these I stood up and photographed by flashlight. I gathered a number of relics, which I carried down the Colorado to Yuma, from whence I shipped them to Washington with details of the discovery. Following this, the explorations were undertaken.

The Passages

"The main passageway is about 12 feet wide, narrowing to nine feet toward the farther end. About 57 feet from the entrance, the first side-passages branch off to the right and left, along which, on both sides, are a number of rooms about the size of ordinary living rooms of today, though some are 30 by 40 feet square. These are entered by oval-shaped doors and are ventilated by round air spaces through the walls into the passages. The walls are about three feet six inches in thickness.

The passages are chiseled or hewn as straight as could be laid out by an engineer. The ceilings of many of the rooms converge to a center. The side-passages near the entrance run at a sharp angle from the main hall, but toward the rear they gradually reach a right angle in direction.

The Shrine

"Over a hundred feet from the entrance is the cross-hall, several hundred feet long, in which are found the idol, or image, of the people's god, sitting cross-legged, with a lotus flower or lily in each hand. The cast of the face is oriental, and the carving this cavern. The idol almost resembles Buddha, though the scientists are not certain as to what religious worship it represents. Taking into consideration everything found thus far, it is possible that this worship most resembles the ancient people of Tibet.

Surrounding this idol are smaller images, some very beautiful in form; others crooked-necked and distorted shapes, symbolical, probably, of good and evil. There are two large cactus with protruding arms, one on each side of the dais on which the god squats. All this is carved out of hard rock resembling marble. In the opposite corner of this cross-hall were found tools of all descriptions, made of copper. These people undoubtedly knew the lost art of hardening this metal, which has been sought by chemicals for centuries without result. On a bench running around the workroom was some charcoal and other material probably used in the process. There is also slag and stuff similar to matte, showing that these ancients smelted ores, but so far no trace of where or how this was done has been discovered, nor the origin of the ore.

"Among the other finds are vases or urns and cups of copper and gold, made very artistic in design. The pottery work includes enameled ware and glazed vessels. Another passageway leads to granaries such as are found in the oriental temples. They contain seeds of various kinds. One very large storehouse has not yet been entered, as it is twelve feet high and can be reached only from above. Two copper hooks extend on the edge, which indicates that some sort of ladder was attached. These granaries are rounded, as the materials of which they are constructed, I think, is a very hard cement. A gray metal is also found in this cavern, which puzzles the scientists, for its identity has not been established. It resembles platinum. Strewn promiscuously over the floor everywhere are what people call "cats eye", a yellow stone of no great value. Each one is engraved with the head of the Malay type.

The Hieroglyphics

"On all the urns, or walls over doorways, and tablets of stone

which were found by the image are the mysterious hieroglyphics, the key to which the Smithsonian Institute hopes yet to discover. The engraving on the tables probably has something to do with the religion of the people. Similar hieroglyphics have been found in southern Arizona. Among the pictorial writings, only two animals are found. One is of prehistoric type.

The Crypt

"The tomb or crypt in which the mummies were found is one of the largest of the chambers, the walls slanting back at an angle of about 35 degrees. On these are tiers of mummies, each one occupying a separate hewn shelf. At the head of each is a small bench, on which is found copper cups and pieces of broken swords. Some of the mummies are covered with clay, and all are wrapped in a bark fabric.

The urns or cups on the lower tiers are crude, while as the higher shelves are reached, the urns are finer in design, showing a later stage of civilization. It is worthy of note that all the mummies examined so far have proved to be male, no children or females being buried here. This leads to the belief that this exterior section was the warriors' barracks.

"Among the discoveries no bones of animals have been found, no skins, no clothing, no bedding. Many of the rooms are bare but for water vessels. One room, about 40 by 700 feet, was probably the main dining hall, for cooking utensils are found here. What these people lived on is a problem, though it is presumed that they came south in the winter and farmed in the valleys, going back north in the summer.

Upwards of 50,000 people could have lived in the caverns comfortably. One theory is that the present Indian tribes found in Arizona are descendants of the serfs or slaves of the people which inhabited the cave. Undoubtedly a good many thousands of years before the Christian era, a people lived here which reached a high stage of civilization. The chronology of human history is full of gaps. Professor Jordan is much enthused over the discoveries and believes that the find will prove of incalculable value in archeological work.

"One thing I have not spoken of, may be of interest. There is one chamber of the passageway to which is not ventilated, and when we approached it a deadly, snaky smell struck us. Our light would not penetrate the gloom, and until stronger ones are available we will not know what the chamber contains. Some say snakes, but other boo-hoo this idea and think it may contain a deadly gas or chemicals used by the ancients. No sounds are heard, but it smells snaky just the same. The whole underground installation gives one of shaky nerves the creeps. The gloom is like a weight on one's shoulders, and our flashlights and candles only make the darkness blacker. Imagination can revel in conjectures and ungodly daydreams back through the ages that have elapsed till the mind reels dizzily in space."

An Indian Legend

In connection with this story, it is notable that among the Hopi Indians the tradition is told that their ancestors once lived in an underworld in the Grand Canyon till dissension arose between the good and the bad, the people of one heart and the people of two hearts. Machtetto, who was their chief, counseled them to leave the underworld, but there was no way out. The chief then caused a tree to grow up and pierce the roof of the underworld, and then the people of one heart climbed out. They tarried by Paisisvai (Red River), which is the Colorado, and grew grain and corn.

They sent out a message to the Temple of the Sun, asking the blessing of peace, good will and rain for people of one heart. That messenger never returned, but today at the Hopi villages at sundown can be seen the old men of the tribe out on the housetops gazing toward the sun, looking for the messenger. When he returns, their lands and ancient dwelling place will be restored to them. That is the tradition.

Among the engravings of animals in the cave is seen the image of a heart over the spot where it is located. The legend was learned by W.E. Rollins, the artist, during a year spent with the Hopi Indians.

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> So how come the face has eroded in just 20+ years?

> Sue Kovios

Remember when Mt. St. Helens in Washington blew its top in 1980? Well, in the video "Mount St. Helens", Dr. Steve Austin, a geologist shows just how quickly erosion can work. He has documented the quick formation of multilayers of new "geological strata" and the rapid water erosion that followed to produce large canyons in just a matter of days which were previously thought to take millions of years.

Frequent violent planet wide dust storms have been seen on Mars from even small telescopes on Earth. Similar storms on our planet would not only contribute to rapid erosion but would also constantly change the appearance of even large surface features from the huge quantity of material that was redeposited elsewhere.

Europa with its frozen oceans and Io with its numerous volcanoes spewing out hot liquid sulphur are just two other worlds which will keep cartographers busy with their ever changing faces.

I personally like the suggestion that the "Face on Mars" was rearranged by nuclear explosions from missiles fired from Earth by people that want to keep us in the dark regarding our E.T. neighbours. ;)

Nick Balaskas

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Filer's Files #15

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Filer's Files #15-1998 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer: MUFON Eastern Director,
April 16, 1998 Majorstar@aol.com (609) 654-0020

Sightings continue and Soviet KGB Files reveal aliens are with us.

I just returned from filming in Los Angeles for an Associated Television International two hour special documentary called "The Secret KGB UFO Files." My observations indicate this may be one of the best UFO specials ever. The show features Roger Moore as the host. Dr. Richard Haines, Antonio Huneus, Stan Friedman, and Russian experts will appear. The publicity for the special claims that Top Secret documents and pictures reveal the truth. When two MIG fighters tried to shoot down a UFO, both jets were blown out of the sky. We were shown amazing film footage smuggled out of Russia. There is stunning proof the Soviet's recovered something not from this earth. The KGB took UFOs seriously, they lost pilots and aircraft chasing them. Personally, I was always surprised the Soviets were so interested in UFOs. Their spy intelligence collection efforts would often pay more money for UFO information than solid data on our latest aircraft. It's too early to tell if the footage taken of me will end up on the editing floor, but from the little I saw this should be a remarkable show that will be shown during the sweeps in May on TNT. Thanks to the great guys at Associated TV.

NEW JERSEY

April 17, 1998: Sam Sherman writes: "Having seen a Flying Saucer and some other round anomalous aerial objects, I had no opinion either way about tales of long, tubular aerial objects that might be Mother Ships which carried smaller round scout craft to Earth. Tonight I believe I have learned otherwise. My wife and I were driving to dinner at 7:30PM in Old Bridge, NJ heading due West on Route 516 to East Brunswick. Directly overhead storm clouds were gathering, although low on the horizon the sky was still blue and the sun was shining brightly prior to setting. I looked up in the sky and saw what looked like a contrail between some dark clouds. It was like no contrail I had ever seen, as it moved forward in a northerly direction, but did not leave a trail of vapor or smoke behind it stretching out. This was of definite and finite length. To describe what I saw follows: At arm's length, it appeared to be about three to four inches long and tubular in shape. The color was white, but with luminescent color overlaid greenish-blue tinge. As the sun appeared to be behind it, the object did not appear to be reflecting the sun's rays, but instead produced its own bright illumination. This long tubular bright object was moving to the north and threading its way in the clouds. It eventually was lost behind a dark cloud to the north.

I have seen footage of objects like this going back to the 1940s and heard of observations of them from that era and up to date. I have heard these objects evaluated as being a mile long or longer. What I and my wife both saw was similar to recent footage from Colorado, New Jersey and South Korea. We did not film this, shoot this with a digital camera or produce any technical artifacts to create this image. We saw this object with our naked, unaided eyes. I don't think we have a big enough landing field for this craft in Old Bridge as much of our farm land is being developed for housing. This sighting may be added to anyone's catalogue of sightings of similar objects in the past or more recently. My wife and I will be glad to answer any questions posed on this sighting. By the way, the object was canted at an angle of about 100 degrees to the ground." Thanks to Sam Sherman.

GEORGIA:

MUFON investigator, John Thompson interviewed Douglas County Dispatcher, Adam

Watson, who said, "I took a call from a frantic lady reporting a UFO as big as a house!" On April 5, 1998, the lady asked, "Is there a ball park behind my house?" He replied, "No. Why?" She said there is a bright white light as big as a house behind my house. The light has six smaller white lights on it, that are rotating. "Watson said Douglas County Sheriff Department sent out cars to patrol to Fatman Road the rest of the night, but none of the deputies arrived in time to see a UFO. Dispatcher Watson said the lady was quite disturbed and called Channel 2 in Atlanta and other news outlets about her UFO sighting. John also talked to dispatcher, Jennifer Craig, who also talked to the lady. She said, both the lady and her husband, and possibly some of their neighbors, saw the UFO, hovering over some trees near the couple's home. It had four large white lights and two smaller lights. The UFO hovered for 10 to 15 minutes without making any noise. The lady described the UFO to the Douglas County dispatchers as the police cars raced to the scene, but the UFO disappeared just minutes before they arrived. Thanks to: John Thompson, Don and ISUR for this report.

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

We have further confirmation of the sighting of a strange craft over Norfolk. Another witness has come forward. MUFON investigators Mike Shields, Dennis Hawley and Dick Daley interviewed a witness Mr. William W., who reports observing a large boomerang shaped UFO on March 12, 1997. The object dropped in altitude to only 200 feet and moved north along the Hampton Boulevard in Norfolk at a speed of between 40 to 50 mph. It was boomerang in shape with three dome like structures underneath and one dome on top. It consisted of two right angles curving at the apex. The UFO was between 800 to 1,000 feet long with a groove along its length on its backside. The UFO disappeared moving north behind some trees in the direction of Hampton Roads Bay. Thanks to Ricardo Atristain MUFON VA State Director.

A reader saw the above article in Skywatch International e-mail. DJAlienasn writes:

"I live in the Hampton Roads area and work at Little Creek Amphibian Base. I saw the same thing as it crossed the bay towards Hampton and I followed it. It seemed to hover above Langley Air Force Base before ascending vertically really smooth and fast. I thought I was crazy. Now I know I was not!!!"

DJAlienasn@aol.com Editor's Note: This second sighting tends to confirm the first. I would recommend continued investigation and comparison of drawings. If we can come up with coordinates and times we may be able to confirm with satellite data. Thanks to Skywatch International Inc.

A flash of Kryptonite green zipped across the Fredericksburg area on April 3, 1998, according to The Free Lance-Star article dated: April 7, 1998. Four Fredericksburg police officers saw a green shaped neon egg along with many other witnesses.

LOUISIANA

On Sunday, April 5, 1998, Ms. Kathy D. and her stepdaughter were driving south on Highway 9 in Louisiana, from Junction City on the Arkansas state line to Homer, LA. when they spotted something unusual in the sky. "We noticed a strange reflection in the sky," Kathy reported. "At first I thought this was the sun reflecting off an aircraft. But after looking at the object I could tell it was no airplane. It was a sphere, that I at first believed was a weather balloon. But when it began to move randomly, I knew that it was not a weather balloon." "I pointed it out to my step-daughter, and we both watched it disappear." "In a matter of ten to fifteen seconds, the object reappeared ahead of us...It moved away from us, turning toward the left and traveling at what seemed to be great speed. It then disappeared again, and we didn't see it again...I have never witnessed anything like this." (Thanks to Tim Hagemester of NACOMM for this report. And UFO Roundup #14, Joe Trainor editor.

COLORADO

A bicyclist pulled into my place in the Rocky Mountains a while back to report an aerial object, and I thought I'd pass it along just to see if you have ever heard of any others like it. I never have. She described it as "an airplane with two tails." She said that it looked like someone had taken the back half of a private plane, and joined it to the back half of another plane, so that what was left was a fuselage with a tail on each end. But only the vertical part of the tails; the horizontal stabilizers were missing. She described it as floating slowly along in the air at 500 feet. Thanks to: Bob Thrift-Institute for UFO Research.

DUBLIN, IRELAND

David Martin reports that on April 2, `1998: "I was walking in a area called Blanchardstown in Dublin going into the Bell Pub, when I saw a red object flash across the sky at about 5.00 PM. It stopped and hovered over my head. It seemed circular in shape. It flew off to the east in the direction of Raheny.

Dave's address is: 111 Raheny Road, Dublin 17, Dublin Ireland Thanks to ISUR's John Thompson and David Martin.

AUSTRALIA

Kaan Kivilcim on April 8, 1998 observed a UFO wile at the Sutherland Cricket grounds in Sydney, Australia at 10:23 PM. The UFO was weird like a fireball coming through the atmosphere. then it went from a red color to a blue color then zipped of the coast Thanks to ISUR and Kaan at mkivilci@fl.net.au

"THE CONTACT HAS BEGUN"

Phillip H. Krapf, The Metro Desk editor of the Los Angeles Times (ret.), has written a new book called "The Contact Has Begun." Krapf claims to have been contacted by visiting aliens who told him to write this book in June of 1997. Most journalists are skeptical of stories about UFOs and visitors from space. This book is important because a key member of the news industry is putting his reputation on the line telling others we are being visited. Essentially a peaceful race of extraterrestrials is making contact with Earth's leaders from an Intergalactic Federation. The editor of the Los Angeles Times is a skeptical journalist, who with his won acclaim for his coverage of the Los Angeles riots. He claims to have been taken aboard a craft from another world. Krapf's claims he was instructed to help other humans accept we are not alone. Now is the time for us to prepare to enter the Intergalactic Federation of Sovereign Planets. Important people from all over the world are being contacted by the extraterrestrials to serve as ambassadors to the human race. The aliens claim to carry no weapons and are peaceful, promise a new wonderful world and call themselves, Verdants. Their planet is 14 million light-years from Earth and is more than twice the size of Earth. They assured him that the universe is teeming with life and there are hundreds of thousands of inhabited planets. Dan Smith interviewed Phillip Krapf in California and found him to be a warm, intelligent person with no apparent mental problems. He certainly believed his story and assured us that other important people will be speaking out in the coming years concerning their contact. He claims that he recognized many important people aboard the space ship who were also undergoing edification and indoctrination. All have been given a mission to meet with Earth's leaders and to prepare them for the future summit and contact. A new city will be constructed by the extraterrestrials overnight and called, "Genesis." Key leaders from all backgrounds will go to Genesis and be trained to participate in the confederation. The essential message is that they come in peace, they have discovered the light and they will shine it on our path. Humanity is on the threshold of rebirth. They will be our shepherd and watch over us like lambs. The first announcements will come in 2002. The book is from Hay House Publishers and local stores. Note: This is pretty wild stuff even for an UFO investigator.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CLERGY

There are a series of recent reports claiming Monsignor Corodio Bolducci, close to the Pope has proclaimed that extraterrestrial contact is a real phenomenon. Our contacts in Italy assure us this interpretation of the Monsignor's statements is in error and that he does not speak for the Vatican. However, Whitley Strieber interviewed Monsignor Corrado Balducci, and confirmed he is an important Vatican advisor. Whitley states: "Monsignor Balducci has given me an interview that is going to be published in my new book Confirmation, and in it he makes statements about the need to stop fooling ourselves that the contact situation is psychological, and he makes the point that it is dangerous for Christians to ignore the testimony of millions if they are to accept the testimony of just a few as the basis of doctrine. He also discusses his contention that the visitors are not demons, and mentions that the subject matter is of special interest to the Church and the Christian community. Msgr. Balducci told me personally when I asked him about his relationship to the pope, that he knows the pope and is friendly with him. When I asked him if the pope was aware of his views on UFOs, he said that they had not discussed the matter per se, but had talked together about issues of demonology. Msgr. Balducci as an expert on demonology and has published on the subject and has been the exorcist for the Archdiocese of Rome. It is because of his expertise in this field that there is reason for Christians to regard his views on the question of whether or not the visitors are demons as an authoritative one. In the interview I have, he did not mention anything about Papal nuncios reporting information to the Vatican on a formal basis, or the existence of a commission to deal with the issue. He has personally read and agreed to every detail of the translation, and it is completely accurate. It will be published as an appendix to Confirmation, which should be in the stores by April 15. In the interest of accuracy, I would very much appreciate your re-posting of this letter to the same list that has received the previous two posts. Sincerely yours, Whitley Strieber xtrl@worldnet.att.net and Peter A. Gersten, Esq. Executive Director, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, Inc. CAUS

SHAG HARBOR: It is known that the Roman Catholic Church has an excellent

intelligence system and is well aware that many UFOs are being observed around the world by its members and priests. Canadian MUFON reports that the role played by Roman Catholic Father Michael Burke-Geffen in the Shag Harbor UFO crash is interesting. On the night of October 4, 1967, shortly after 11:00 PM, a UFO some 60 feet in diameter was seen to disappear into water near the tiny fishing village of Shag Harbor, Nova Scotia. The UFO displayed four bright lights that flashed in sequence. This case was largely unknown before MUFON's Assistant Director for Nova Scotia Christopher Styles' began working on the case. His work was phenomenal. He discovered that Father Geffen, now deceased had two lives, one as a Jesuit priest and cornerstone at St. Mary's University in Halifax. In addition, he was an astronomer and held a position with Canada's NRC as a UFO investigator and government contact person. Requests from Ottawa can be found in Canada's RG 77 file calling for the priest to gather physical samples from UFO trace cases and Close Encounters to send to NRC Headquarters for detailed analysis. Father Geffen claimed to have no interest in UFOs, but was in fact collecting intelligence on them. Genuine Royal Canadian Mounted Police X-files, were found among his personal papers. Two of those X-files are replies to Father Geffen from the superintendent of the Nova Scotia RCMP, assuring the father that he would receive UFO reports from southwest Nova Scotia as quickly as was reasonably possible. In fact, personal notes in archives from this period of October 1967 show that he took notes on the details of UFO sightings given to him over the telephone, even before they could be mailed or telexed. Time seemed to be an important concern for this scientist priest. The Story! Perhaps the most exciting element of Styles' and Don Ledger's investigation is the story of an attempted recovery operation 25 miles up the Nova Scotia coast from the impact site. Thanks to Canadian MUFON web at:
<http://www.renaisssoft.com/ufocanada/shag.htm>

UNITED KINGDOM AND GEORGIA FLYING TRIANGLES

Almost nightly reports of giant flying triangles continue over the southeastern coast of England. The reports intimate a craft operating at only 40 to 60 mph. Since most aircraft stall out of the sky below 100 mph, it infers the witnesses may be viewing a lighter than air type craft, something like the Aereon Pumpkinseed design. It would be reasonable to have an Airborne Warning and Control (AWACs) type craft patrolling the coast at night carrying a large phased array radar system. However, it seems logical that someone would see a large craft lifting off unless it is stationed on some remote island or guarded peninsula. There could be a secret base some where near the North Sea such as on the Frisian or Sheppey Islands within range of these sightings? This craft could probably operate without much of a runway. We know the flying triangles are usually first sighted off the eastern coast of England coming in from the North Sea. If the craft flies as slow as is claimed, the West Frisian Islands seem to be the most likely base. Bentwaters or Sculthorpe RAF are other possibilities. This may be the same craft that operated over Belgium several years ago. Of course if the triangles are not stationed at any land base, then it might be a craft using an unknown type base. Some believe the craft performance indicates it is not of human design. It's strange lighting system seems designed to appear alien and to appear to accelerate at fantastic speeds.

Tim Matthews writes: "I agree with you that we need to focus our efforts upon the location from which these things operate. The coast seems to always play an important part in these sightings. A couple of years ago, I included a Jane's Defence Weekly report in my magazine which noted the use of "MOBs" -- Mobile Offshore Bases - which were not unlike large and glorified pontoon bridges. Although these could work on a temporary basis I doubt that the swell of the North Sea would make for ease of operations. There are comparatively few sightings this year. Keep up the good work. Yours for sanity in ufology. Tim Matthews

GEORGIA MUFON investigator, John Thompson writes I thought I would give you my observations concerning the Flying Black Triangles. The Manchester State Trooper sighting is the best on the Triangles in Georgia. In June of 1995 the trooper was driving in Talbot County on US 80 at around 10 PM near Fort Benning. As he drove down a hill, he saw a large Black Triangle hovering in the flats below him. The Triangle pivoted and its three huge orange lights began pulsating. Suddenly, the UFO started spinning rapidly and shot off to the northeast at almost instantaneous speed." Total sighting time for seeing the UFO was only 10 seconds. The Triangle moved nearly an entire mile while below the patrolman's line of sight. It bothered him so much. He put on his sirens and pulled the car over in front of him and asked, "Had he seen anything?" The driver verified he had viewed the UFO and agreed to let the Trooper record his observations. He taped the description and called it into his Manchester Patrol Post. I heard of this story from a LaGrange State Trooper. Then a MUFON member told me his friend who was a dispatcher at the Manchester Post had taken the frantic troopers call. By-the-time I caught up to the Trooper, and despite him having the audio tape of the other witness, he had become the butt of jokes. He refused to meet with us, but I ran into him at his dad's locksmith shop and he confirmed the whole story. The UFO was

"football field size" (300 feet) between each orange light. This was a big boy! Several more witnesses came forward claiming to see the triangle with orange lights moving at right angles at what he estimated was several thousand miles per hour. They stated, "It moved so slow you could walk along with them until they sped away. Both sightings were also just above their heads so close-they blocked out the entire sky above them. I have no doubt that some of these Triangles are of extraterrestrial origin and not of human technology.

SCIENTISTS CLAIM POSSIBLE GIANT FOSSIL ON MARS

Researchers at Glasgow University see strong evidence for Maritian Life. The experts say a huge rock formation on the planet's surface is probably a giant fossil created billions of year ago by microbes. The Glasgow team believes that photographs of the fossil on the white rock -- a 17 km-wide feature in a giant crater -- are the strongest proof to date of life on the Red Planet. Professor Mike Russell says he believes the formation was caused by bacteria whose growth was fueled by the sun and nutrients in the water in a crater lake. However, he believes that the life forms probably retreated below ground billions of years ago when conditions became harder and water disappeared from the surface. "There probably is still life on Mars, but not actually on the surface. Wherever there is water on a planet there is likely to have been life. But Mars now has a dry desert surface so there probably is not any life near the surface," he said. Dr. Russell also believes it possible that the formation on the white rock could be similar to magnesium-found on Earth, which were created by micro-bacteria feeding on magnesium, carbon dioxide and iron and light. Thanks to BBC's online news service.

Please send your reports and comments to George Filer at Majorstar@aol.com.

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Subject: Re: New-agey drug-types/conspiracy witnesses

>Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 14:07:22 -0700
>From: "K. Young" <task@fuse.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: New-agey drug-types/ conspiracy witnesses

>>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 20:11:53 -0400
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: SKvs <bradford@globalserve.net> [Sue Kovios]
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: JPL Hiding Colour, Clear Face & Cydonia
>> Pictures?

>> Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 20:11:53 -0400

>> >The loosely rolled package was bumped by 'Kent's' colleague, it
>> >rolled onto the floor and dislodged a colour photograph of...
>> >'The Face' - clear, sharp and taken from almost directly
>> >overhead. There were 8 other photographs, including 'buildings'
>> >viewed from overhead and all dated April 5, 1998.

>> >ebk

>> EBK:

>> I believe the date of the photographs was April 2, 1998.

>> I also find it interesting how alot of the guys interviewed on
>> Art Bell regarding conspiracies all sound alike.

>> Sue Kovios

>Sue;

Hello KY,

>Allow me to furnish a brief, unscientific and admittedly biased
>'editorial comment' on the 'commonality' you mention.

>I have listened to numerous ART BELL programs and hear the 'young
>man between 25-40-type' rant on and on about how our culture will
>'be ravaged' by the truth while I consider the possibilities that
>this person has been warped by some mind-altering drug.

>These societal miscreants profess to be 'vampires,' 'UFO
>abductees' or 'time travelers,' but I suspect a common chemical
>or externally-induced defect among these sorts, a defect that
>effects their mind.

I can't speak for the Vampires or time travelers but on behalf of
those who are experiencing abductions I'd like to offer this.

This whole line of thinking is unfair to many honest folks who
are just seeking answers to disturbing and unsettling experiences
that they cannot explain -any other way.- Whether it is actually
abduction or something else does not justify your accusing them
all of being on drugs. You can't paint them -all- with your
druggie brush in such a public forum and expect to get past me
unscathed Mr KY. <VBG>

I'd respond the same way if you had said that we were all crazy

or hallucinating. No group of people is ever all -anything.- I'll grant you that there -are- some 'cukoos' and some 'drug abusers' and probably some of 'everything else,' (including) some sober and honest people who are simply telling the truth about what has happened to them and their loved ones. It's just not fair to paint em all with the same brush.

Personal question:

Was someone close to you a drug addict? Are you a recovered drug abuser who got religious about sobriety? Maybe you were fooled or taken by someone who you later found out was on drugs and now you see everyone you disagree with as an mind addled addict. I'm not trying to be insulting, just trying to figure out where your particular fixation on drugs and your very judgemental attitude stems from.

>I have some personal experience dealing with several of these
>'druggie- types' from the Cincinnati area who have professed past
>encounters with anomalous/conspiratorial phenomenon, and that
>experience causes me to chuckle everytime one of these imbeciles
>get on ART BELL.

Yeah, those goddam hippie freaks are all on drugs! Ya gotta listen to yourself man! <EG>

Don't be so quick to dismiss what you cannot understand KY. Try to keep an open mind about the phenomenon of abduction and the people involved in it as well. Like I said, no group of folks is ever -all- one thing or another. Gotta take em all, . . .one at a time!

Peace,

John Velez

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>contribution to ALIEN ENCOUNTERS".

>This more-or-less leaves the UK market open to the Birdsell's UFO
>MAGAZINE and FORTEAN TIMES. Not a pleasant thought.

>Philip.

Can I just clarify the situation here as Philip's announcement is
a little premature if altogether incorrect.

ALIEN ENCOUNTERS magazine is NOT closing down. We have simply had
a budget cut which means that we are no longer able to commission
work from external contributors, and that all future features
will now be written in-house.

Reports of our death have, as they say, been grossly
exaggerated.

Robert Irvine
Staff Writer
ALIEN ENCOUNTERS

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Coming to Turin for the Shroud?

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Date: Mon, 20 Apr 1998 16:53:54 +0200
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Subject: Coming to Turin for the Shroud?

Hello List!

If there's anybody on the List planning to come to Turin, Italy, in order to see the Holy Shroud exposition (from April 18 to June 14), why not inform us locals in advance?

It might well be a welcome occasion for meeting personally, have a pizza or visit CISU headquarters and files (one of the largest UFO archives in continental Europe).

Some foreign colleague ufologists already called me with that in mind, so I thought others might also be interested.

Regards

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Re: Claims of Erosion - Phooey

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 00:02:10 -0400

Subject: Re: Claims of Erosion - Phooey

> Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 16:47:00 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)

> From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>

> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Claims of Erosion - Phooey

> Remember when Mt. St. Helens in Washington blew its top
> in 1980? Well, in the video "Mount St. Helens", Dr. Steve
> Austin, a geologist shows just how quickly erosion can
> work. He has documented the quick formation of multilayers
> of new "geological strata" and the rapid water erosion that
> followed to produce large canyons in just a matter of days
> which were previously thought to take millions of years.

> Frequent violent planet wide dust storms have been seen on
> Mars from even small telescopes on Earth. Similar storms
> on our planet would not only contribute to rapid erosion
> but would also constantly change the appearance of even
> large surface features from the huge quantity of material
> that was redeposited elsewhere.

It is important to remember that these are dust storms, not
sandstorms.

According to "Mars" (U of AZ, 1992, p 1029), the particle sizes
range between 1 micrometer and a few tens of micrometers, with a
mean diameter near 2 micrometers.

(Maritan Dust Cycle)

p 1031 points out that only small amounts of dust are required to
move in order to explain the observed changes in albedo features.

p 1032 cites a figure of 10^{-4} g / cm², which represents an
accumulation of a few tenths of a micrometer, is sufficient to
brighten darker areas by several tens of percent. The amount of
dust required to account for the observed atmospheric haze can be
estimated as equivalent to a surface layer of a few micrometers.

(Aeolian Processes)

p 733 indicates that the most easily moved particles are 100
micrometers in diameter, however these particles move on
trajectories averaging 1m length and 10-20 cm in altitude. It
indicates that such particles set the smaller dust particles into
suspension in the air.

According to p 741 dust storms are implicated in
sedimentation. It does not discuss erosion. However,
lander observation of changes in dust distribution at
the landing site showed relatively little change in the
dust, and no change in the rocks.

p 755 indicates that the highest estimated wind erosional rates
on Mars (from laboratory experiments) are 2.1×10^{-2} cm/yr; this
suggests that various forms of large scale pitting and erosion by
wind, sand, and dust, are extremely long term in generation.

I hope this helps clear up questions raised about erosion
on Mars.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at

<http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman>

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Re: Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 00:02:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

>From: fdoernen@ruhrgebiet.net, Stig_Agermose@online.pol.dk (Stig Agermose)
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>Subject: Fwd: 'Mars Face' Discoverer Throws In The Towel

<snip>

>Vincent DiPietro, the discoverer of the face on mars, has thrown
>in the towel, and said that the face on mars is a pile of rocks.
>He waved the white flag on the Laura Lee show

<snip>

Folks - bottom line, listen to what he has to say on the Laura Lee show. He has in no way shape or form 'thrown in the towel'. He's a scientist and he's sitting on the fence. The best place to get a good view, IMHO.

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 20 Apr 1998 18:36:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 00:02:10 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 18:44:23 -0400
>From: Theresa <Tcarlson1@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Hi Bruce,

>> One has to allow for the
>>distinct ****possibility**** that the cameraman would make the
>>logical assumption to the UO would continue to move to the right
>>at the same altitude since it moved steadily to the right before
>>it disappeared.

>Even at the beginning of the sighting the cameraman seems to know
>the direction the object was going to move. And where it was
>going to come out above the building as well.
>Also logical assumptions?

Huh? Was it going so rapidly that he had to pan ahead of it?
(No). Was the camera perfectly stationary before the UO started
to move to the right, or was the camera jiggling around? (no,
jiggling)

And what would you have the cameraman do in the few seconds it
was behind the building? Immediately start moving the camera
rapidly around the sky, searching for the object, or just wait to
see if it reappears since it was going upward as well as to the
right?

And, if the cameraman knew at the beginning that the UO was going
to go to the right, and if he moved the camera to the right to
keep in step, then why didn't he stop moving the camera to the
right when the UO went behind the second building? Didn't he
know that it would not appear again?

Bottom line: can't second-guess the cameraman in this regard.

>> Apparently the cameraman did not notice... which
>>is not surprising... that the angular size of the UO was
>>shrinking just before it disappeared... suggesting that it was
>>moving away from the camera.... where it could be lost in the
>>haze..

>Isn't the witness testimony that the object disappear in thin air
>rather than zipped away at high speed?>

Witness testimony not completely documented yet, but at least two
say they last saw it traveling eastward. A couple say they looked
away and when looked back it wasn't there. There is also a report
of a mist around the object.

>You seem to be convinced that this video is the real thing. What
>do you plan to do with this remarkable evidence?

I'm not convinced of anything yet except that this video deserves
"due process." I must admit to being intrigued at the first UFO
video I've seen that seems to combine several types of physics or
dynamics. However, these could be created by a sufficiently
inventive hoaxer.....supposing said person thought of it. I have

published some but not all of the information we have gotten from the video. I'm waiting to see what intentional hoaxers come up with first.

As for what to do with it....that'll depend upon how well it holds up to intense scrutiny and how well the witness testimony holds together. If everything "pans out" I'm sure there will be more public exposure in th coming months.

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Strieber terms Boylan a possible disinformation

From: authority@webtv.net (Doc in Phoenix)
Date: Tue, 21 Apr 1998 04:33:21 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 00:02:10 -0400
Subject: Strieber terms Boylan a possible disinformation

"VATICAN ADMITS" story by Dr. Richard Boylan is not true.

Read what WHITLEY STRIEBER says,
No Vatican commission on UFO's
Boylan originated false report

Read Whitley Strieber's comments on Jeff Rense's "SIGHTINGS ON
THE RADIO" webpages -- go to:

<http://www.sightings.com/ufo/boylandisinf.htm>

I certainly thank Edoardo Russo of Italy, Jeff Rense, Whitley Strieber, and Monsignor Balducci for exposing this exaggerated and false story posted on newsgroups and on many mail lists on the net.

== Doc

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Re: Alien Encounters Magazine To Close

From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Wed, 22 Apr 1998 08:45:30 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 11:00:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Encounters Magazine To Close

Dear All,

It would seem that apologies are in order. I mistook some comments from Nina Pendred at Alien Encounters magazine that the magazine was to cease.

This is not the case. Nina has outlined further the situation below. Once again I apologise for getting the wrong end of the end of the stick.

Philip.

Nina Pendred wrote:

Hi Philip,

Issue 26 will not be the last issue of Alien Encounters - please amend your posting on the UFO update web site. You have misinterpreted the situation.

Paragon have merely decided to cut costs by using in-house freelancers rather than external ones. This budget cut is due to a slump in the paranormal market. The only other change is that I will no longer be working on the magazine after issue 25. BUT IT IS NOT CLOSING AS OF ISSUE 26. Just because Alien is not using external writers doesn't mean it's closing down!

Your web posting is also misleading - you state that this information came directly from me. As you know, this is not the case. It reached you via an email from Stuart Taylor.

Please amend these comments as soon as possible, together with an explanation of the REAL turn of events.

Best wishes,
Nina

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Video on 1965 Kecksburg UFO Crash Released

From: Stan Gordon <PAUFO@WESTOL.COM>
Date: Tue, 21 Apr 1998 20:28:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 10:52:21 -0400
Subject: Video on 1965 Kecksburg UFO Crash Released

I hope this email finds all of you well at UFO UpDates. I want to commend you on what you have accomplished. This List provides excellent information for researchers seeking current news.

You might be aware that I have been investigating the 1965 UFO crash/recovery incident near Kecksburg, PA for many years.

After many months of hard work, I have produced a 92 minute video documentary on the case called "Kecksburg The Untold Story." The video contains a lot of new details about what occurred. It is available for \$29.95 plus shipping and handling and can be ordered by calling toll free 1-888-UFO-VIEW.

I have recently established a new website which gives more information on the video. It can be accessed at www.westol.com/~paufu .

My 24 hour PA UFO Hotline number is still active at (new area code) 724-838-7768. My mailing address is P.O. Box 936, Greensburg, PA 15601.

I would appreciate it if you would notify readers about the video.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks for your help,

Stan Gordon

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Re: NASA to Announce Artificial Structures on Mars

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Date: Wed, 22 Apr 1998 06:52:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 11:03:33 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA to Announce Artificial Structures on Mars

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>Subject: NASA to Announce Artificial Structures on Mars
>Date: Thu, 16 Apr 1998 10:29:46 -0600

>FROM: Fred Kurros

>According to some of my sources at Lockheed/Martin here in
>Denver, NASA and Malin will soon be announcing that they believe
>that the structure in the new Mars Global Surveyor pictures is
>actually an artificial structure. According to these sources, the
>data and the image itself are nearly a full-blown smoking gun.

>Apparently, yesterday at the Denver Lockheed/Martin location was
>nearly a part-like atmosphere, people running around and saying,
>"...there was life on Mars half a billion years ago!" Well, now
>they may be right, and NASA is prepared to announce it in the
>next few days.

This is nothing but BS! I am there in the middle of this Mars mission! My reply is quite the opposite. I think some folks here are smoking some wacky weed! That's the only way you'll ever see anything artificial in Cydonia!

Roger R. Prokic
Telecom Design Lead
Mars Surveyor Program 2001
Lockheed Martin Astronautics
Denver, Colorado USA
-sent from a PalmPilot Professional
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Alfred's Odd Ode #241

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 11:06:06 -0400

Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #241

Apology to MW #241 (For April 22, 1998)

They dance and they skip and they pulse behind mesas. They drop behind roofs of a neighboring home. They cross the night skies like a star that detaches, their blinking is soundless, and we're not alone.

We're not alone as we gather possessions; we're not alone as we squander our trust. We're not alone as we punish the innocence; thinking that we have to, convinced somehow we must. We're not alone while the rain forests burn. We're not alone as we wither and die. We're not alone; we've seen them a' flying in all the world's countries in their tortured, troubled skies. We're not alone as we torment ourselves. We're not alone; we are fragile -- forlorn. We're not alone, and affixed with our blinders I'd rip from our faces with pleasure and scorn!

They dart between buildings in Mexican places! They hover for shuttles, we've seen them in space, Diz! They've neutered our nukes at the drop of their hat . . . somebody knows, it's as simple as that!

Somebody knows what it is we'd be knowing. Somebody knows why the ET's are here. Somebody knows surely more than we're getting when circumstance is passing strange -- with things so god damned queer! Somebody knows what the ancients were knowing and shared in their tablets of clay!

Somebody knows where the secrets are buried that would make a man autonomous, and a woman not his slave! Somebody knows why we suffer and die when the best of all times could be had! Somebody knows why we hate to look up; why we're shamed, why we're cowards, why at best we're so damned sad. . .

They land and they leave all the strangest of traces. They clutter and clog at the sweep of the sky! We find them in ads, that insult our intelligence, for all of the stuff that we lust for and buy. We find them on our candy; we find they shill for cars -- machines that do our washing, from the toy box to the stars. They float in all our magazines; they sell us junky food. They're all around; they're surely here; they exist, and they intrude!

They intrude into our consciousness. They won't leave us alone. They intrude their own agenda, and they listen on your phone! They intrude where we won't have them in a sullen white bread world. They intrude into our emptiness and they prove they will not yield. They intrude in sullen closets where we think we keep a secret, and they make a strange notation in their book. Knowing bodies we've been hiding, they can dig up moldy bones, and they know just where you'd, likely, never look.

As days go by they're closer still; they will not be denied. They'll solve our crass indifference; they'll expose what's been contrived. And you better have your center. You better open up your mind. You better open up the box in which you keep your soul confined. The future is a freight train, and we're sitting on the track, the bonds we feel we've tied ourselves -- c'mon, it's all a fact!

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

Ain't it? If not here, certainly somewhere in the grand expanse of that which we cannot even **know** how to know. And that's as good as being there <g>. Ain't it?

I think we avoid looking for this stuff because we know if we look . . . we will find. That's a good implication from Heisenburg, don't you think? If we observe something for an occurrence, we will have an occurrence.

Things are spring loaded to happen. Looking into the night sky, trying to step past the fear of what could be out there, and attempting a search for a bonified UFO yields some interesting results. Frankly -- you see UFOs!

Let's start there. Let's look. We're not, really, looking.

Restore John Ford!

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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Astronomers Find Evidence of Planet

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Astronomers Find Evidence of Planet

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By PAUL RECER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Signs of a new family of planets orbiting a distant star are the clearest evidence yet of worlds forming beyond our solar system and suggest that planets where life could evolve may exist throughout the universe, astronomers say.

Using powerful new instruments on telescopes in Hawaii and Chile, two teams of astronomers independently found a doughnut-shaped disk of dust rotating around a star 220 light-years away. A light-year is about 5.9 trillion miles.

They said at a news conference Tuesday that the hole in the doughnut may have been caused by the birth of planets.

"A solar system like our own is being constructed in the middle of this disk," said David Koerner of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of an astronomy team that used the Keck II telescope in Hawaii to study the star.

He said the finding, along with similar discoveries reported this week in the journal Nature, suggests that planets may be very common throughout the universe.

"Perhaps there are lots of places for life to exist," he said.

Another astronomy team, using the Cerro Tololo Observatory in Chile, made a confirming observation.

Both teams focused on a star call HR 4796 that earlier studies had suggested could be at the center of what is called a protoplanetary disk.

"These disks are thought to be the birthing rooms of planets," said NASA astronomer Edward Weiler, head of a space agency program that is searching for evidence of extrasolar planets and life.

"We haven't actually detected any planets," said Lee Hartmann of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and a member of the Cerro Tololo team. But he said the most likely explanation for the absence of dust in the hole of the disk is that planets have formed.

He said new and highly sensitive instruments are allowing astronomers to move "from just speculating about planets forming to actually seeing it." Hartmann said that over the next few years, there will be many new planetary families discovered outside the solar system.

A new type of infrared detector attached to the Keck and the Cerro Tololo telescopes, determined that the dust about HR 4796 existed mostly in a thin outer ring and that between this ring and the star there was an empty cavity. It's believed that this cavity was carved out by planets that swept up the dust in their birth process.

A team of American and British astronomers tells this week in the journal Nature of finding the telltale doughnut holes in dust disks about three other stars: Vega, Fomalhaut and Beta Pictoris. These stars are older than HR 4796 and it is believed that planetary formation there is further along.

As planets form, said the astronomers, they would tend to act like gravitation vacuum cleaners, sucking up the dust and gas from areas near their orbits. After all the planets are formed, only a faint outer ring of dust and gravel is left. Such a ring, called the Kuiper Belt, exists now around the sun, orbiting beyond Pluto and Neptune, the outermost planets of the solar system.

``This may be what our solar system looked like at the end of its main planetary formation phase,`` said Michael Werner of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, who worked with Koerner and two other astronomers.

He said comets may be forming now in the outer dust ring about HR 4796, just as comets are thought to have formed in the Kuiper Belt.

The planetary disk orbiting HR 4796 is 18 billion miles across, while the cleared area, or doughnut hole, is about 9 billion miles across, slightly larger than the diameter of the solar system, the astronomers said.

Stars are thought to form from the concentration of a gas and dust in the center of a cloud. The process causes stars to spin and the dust left over from stellar construction flattens into a disk.

Some particles in the disk join, forming a gravitational base that attracts other particles, which, in turn, increases the gravitational attraction and draws in still more dust particles. This growth, or accretion, continues until planets are formed and most of the orbiting dust is swept up.

The whole planetary process may take a few hundred million years of a star's 10-billion-year lifetime. As a result, said Hartmann, there is only a small window of time, relatively speaking, during which the construction of planets about a specific star can be observed.

Weiler said astronomy is on the brink of having the instruments needed to actually see the ``pale blue dots`` of Earth-like planets orbiting distant stars. Early in the next century, he said, there will be new telescope systems in orbit that will actually photograph planets and take measurements of their oxygen and carbon dioxide, gases that are hallmarks of life.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientist said the new findings suggest planetary formation is not rare and may be, in fact, a common thing. This, he said, ``has a lot of implications for extraterrestrial intelligence.``

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The Millennium Report
April 21, 1998

The Millennium Report is the weekly on-line news service of The Millennium Group, an independent future studies research organization, which provides the latest current information on a wide range of the most phenomenal, controversial and enigmatic issues of our time, and their possible implications as we approach the next Millennium; TMR is an alternative source of information which is often ignored or sensationalized by the mainstream and tabloid media.

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Shifted Target Zone to Include "Fort" and Pyramid"
Previous Photo Misses Key Targets

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Says He was Fired for Seeing "Real" Pictures

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Circles Phenomenon Research Canada Update
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1998 Crop Circle Season Begins in England
First "Pictogram" Crop Formation in Israel Appears in Galilee

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Black Triangle UFO

From: Steve Neeley <stneeley@mail.bright.net>
Date: Wed, 22 Apr 1998 17:12:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 11:56:24 -0400
Subject: Black Triangle UFO

For Posting

From: "Richard J. La Monica Sr." <saskwatchr@email.msn.com>
To: <stneeley@bright.net>
Subject: Black Triangle UFO
Date: Mon, 20 Apr 1998 09:44:45 -0400

Hi,

I was checking out the Unusual Research site and came across your Web site. My compliments to you for a very thorough site.

I want to relate a sighting I and another person had in 1997.

I was training a new driver for a produce delivery route that I had in West Virginia. We were about 10 miles or so south of Marietta, Ohio. I'd say about six miles from Mineral Wells, W. Va.

As I was proceeding down the highway(I-77), my partner yelled "Look at that!". He startled me so bad that I almost lost control of the truck. Anyway, I looked out my window, and to my total amazement, I witnessed a large, black triangle, heading eastward just above the hills.

I gathered my senses and pulled the truck to the side of the road. We both got out of the truck to look at it. As I held my arm straight up and made a fist, It was about twice the size of my fist. If I had a rock, I could have hit it!

I could see plainly, that it had a non-reflective, kind of like flat-black, surface. On the bottom of this craft were four lights. They looked as if they were on dim. That is to say, they did not shine brightly, but were definitely visible. The one thing that caught my attention, was that it made no sounds, what-so-ever. It just seemed to float. It was moving so slowly that I could have out-raced it on foot.

We watched it for at least 10 minutes, then it moved over the hills, and we lost sight of it. We got back into the truck and went south a few miles and I pulled over to see if I could see it again. We didn't see anything again that night.

I can say, that whatever it was, didn't appear to be anything connected to the military, unless it came from Wright-Patt and was an experimental craft. My son has many aircraft books and I did not see anything in them that even came close to what we saw that night.

It looked like the craft that was seen in Belgium. It had one red/orange light in the middle and a beige light at each of the three corners. It was incredible, to say the least. I look at the sky every chance I get, when I am away from the light pollution of the bigger cities, and have not seen anything like that night since.

I will continue to look continually now. I have purchased a telescope to view the heavens and I hope I will get the chance to see a UFO up close with it.

Thanks;
Rich La Monica

Steven J. Neeley, Director
Ohio Skywatch International

<http://www.geocities.com/soho/5782>

stneeley@bright.net

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Re: New-agey drug-types/conspiracy witnesses rant

From: **Nemesis** <nemesis@fastinternet.net.au> [Lawrie Williams]
Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 18:56:02 +1000
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 12:28:28 -0400
Subject: Re: New-agey drug-types/conspiracy witnesses rant

>Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 14:07:22 -0700
>From: "K. Young" <task@fuse.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: New-agey drug-types/ conspiracy witnesses

>> >The loosely rolled package was bumped by 'Kent's' colleague, it
>> >rolled onto the floor and dislodged a colour photograph of...
>> >'The Face' - clear, sharp and taken from almost directly
>> >overhead. There were 8 other photographs, including 'buildings'
>> >viewed from overhead and all dated April 5, 1998.

>I have listened to numerous ART BELL programs and hear the 'young
>man between 25-40-type' rant on and on about how our culture will
>'be ravaged' by the truth while I consider the possibilities that
>this person has been warped by some mind-altering drug.

Quite likely. Some may even be suffering outright psychosis.
BTW I've never heard of a case where the drug alcohol was
not involved. There might be rare exceptions.

Are you suggesting these young men are alcoholics?

Are you trying to warn us not to drink alcohol, or are you trying to
discredit a perceived belief system by saying they are drunkards?

>These societal miscreants profess to be 'vampires,' 'UFO
>abductees' or 'time travelers,' but I suspect a common chemical
>or externally-induced defect among these sorts, a defect that
>affects their mind.

A small percentage of people have untreated mental disorders.
You seem to be suggesting an association between some of
these disorders and a belief system you do not like. The nature
of these disorders could be related to a real external phenomenon
here. There is nothing new under the sun. You are saying folk
who identify as witches should not be respected or tested, just
burned?

>Even from their attitude, way of speaking (vocal styles and
>inflections which sound like they are 'cult-leader wannabees'),
>comments on society and new-agish tendencies, they exhibit a
>general commonality I have noticed. I feel sympathetic for these
>deluded mental-cases because they could be dealing with or suffering
>from a common mental/chemical imbalance.

This is a healthy attitude on your part. Let us hope that as they
mature they learn to use the safer stimulant drugs in moderation
instead of trying to drown their confusion in alcohol, which only
makes them all the more confused and obnoxious.

>I have also considered the possibility that this 'commonality' is
>due to excessive drug use, and conformity/adherence to societal
>expectations of/to the druggie-class.

This is possible. People behave in really stupid ways when
they get drunk and they strive to encourage others to share
in their patterns of denial and abuse. One handy way is by
seeking to focus group hatred on some real or imagined
other group, attributing to them a host of vague characteristics
and faults so they can be social scapegoats. In this esteemed

circle that would mean affixing labels like "fraud", "hoaxer", "hypnotherapist", "sexual", "biased" or "commercial". I hope I got most of them.

>I have some personal experience dealing with several of these
>'druggie- types' from the Cincinnati area who have professed past
>encounters with anomalous/conspiratorial phenomenon, and that
>experience causes me to chuckle everytime one of these imbeciles
>get on ART BELL.

Yes, a sample of two can sometimes be very meaningful, e.g. by imparting vital data about anyone who would rely on such a sampling method..

>These opinionated villains are not on a truth-seeking quest, but
>rather, would seek to lie and justify their falsehood in
>promotion of their cause, and they strive to forevermore
>propagate their fraudulent, drug-induced new-age faith/dogma upon
>the ignorant, who so foolishly accept it without justifiable
>questioning.

There's dickheads everywhere friend, some come in short hair and some in long hair. Some smoke pot and others prefer booze. But hair or drug preference or gender or skin color or species does not make anyone else with these qualities dickheads.

(I am trying to imagine Dr Hoagland with shoulder length hair and a tie-died shirt passing a bong to his audience before returning to the podium. Never saw anyone who looked so straight. Or was it straight-faced. I chortled through the video of his old Face presentation and my new agey lady visitor felt I had no respect. She was a vegetarian, I recall, and very Pure.)

Heck, if you try to categorize people you would need one category for every person on the planet.

Now, perhaps you have an opinion about "drugs" and their effect on telepathy? Be assured that in many cultures past and present the belief is strong that drugs are essential to tune the brain to the state where communication becomes possible. Even alcohol was used!

For ufologists interested in directly contacting UFOs, knowing this is as basic as being told you need to be able to hold the pencil against the paper.

How can this be? Seems to me it would be a bit like tuning a radio, since drugs alter the capacitance of the synapses in local areas. (Hence opium has its natural counterpart in the enorphins and cannabis in the form of the anandamides.) There are many structures in the brain we know little about, so we can do no worse than to simply follow the methods that are old but tried and true and document the results. As I shall continue to do.

Has anyone else got a view on this?

All the best.

Nemesis_____

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ICQ UFO Group - #UFO_IRC@ICQ

From: **Floyd** <floyd@enterprise.net> [Lloyd WA Cosway]
Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 15:53:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 12:34:40 -0400
Subject: ICQ UFO Group - #UFO_IRC@ICQ

UFO INTERNET COMMUNITY PLEASE NOTE

I have set up an ICQ group for the use of the Internet community.
For people who allready use ICQ, you can view, and join, at the
following address:

<http://groups.icq.com/group.asp?no=23908>

Remember to include your town/city and country

Unaware of what ICQ is or does, check here:

<http://www.icq.com/icqme.html>

The ICQ98a (latest release) Software is still available as a "TIME LIMITED FREE" beta release
from this address:

<http://www.icq.com/downloadicq.html>

You will need your password to set up your account on the group
page, if you have forgot your password you can obtain it from
here, takes about a week to be processed.

<http://www.mirabilis.com/password/>

Finally and perhaps most importantly

Thanks for getting this far :)

For people who have used early versions of ICQ but deleted it for
obvious reasons you will be surprised with what has been done
with ICQ.

Please forward this mail to other lists, thanks.

regards

pathFINDER/floyd

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Within the circle were seven round pods in the mud. All vegetation within was killed and the ground was severely dessicated compared to the surrounding soil. In four of the pods, the soil was coated in a white powder, while in the other three pods there was a red oily fluid. Where the fluid fell on wheat stalks, the plants turned brown compared to healthy plants in the field. Yet even in the field just beyond the circle, some wheat stalks were missing their heads and they could not be located beside the plants.

Young ufologist Gil Bar painstakingly collected the powder and oil from the earth and stored them in vials. I took chemist, Dr. Marvin Antleman to see Bar's samples and his first reaction to the oil was that it had the unique crimson color of cobalt. He is attempting to arrange laboratory testing.

I have sent samples of both the powder and fluid to Michael Hessemann for testing. I will offer the same material to any other party willing to conduct serious laboratory testing.

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Re: NASA to Announce Artificial Structures on Mars

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 13:49:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 12:42:47 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA to Announce Artificial Structures on Mars

>Date: Wed, 22 Apr 1998 06:52:38 -0500
>From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: NASA to Announce Artificial Structures on Mars

>This is nothing but BS! I am there in the middle of this Mars
>mission! My reply is quite the opposite. I think some folks here
>are smoking some wacky weed! That's the only way you'll ever see
>anything artificial in Cydonia!

>Roger R. Prokic
>Telecom Design Lead
>Mars Surveyor Program 2001
>Lockheed Martin Astronautics
>Denver, Colorado USA
>-sent from a PalmPilot Professional

Roger,

What's the point? No matter how much you tell people the truth,
which is that there is absolutely nothing in these photos even
hinting at artificiality, they are not going to listen.

This is religion, man, not science.

Bob

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Re: Strieber on Boylan

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 13:55:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 12:45:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Strieber on Boylan

>From: authority@webtv.net (Doc in Phoenix)
>Date: Tue, 21 Apr 1998 04:33:21 -0700
>To: Updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Whitley Strieber terms Boylan a possible disinformation agent

>"VATICAN ADMITS" story by Dr. Richard Boylan is not true.

>Read what WHITLEY STRIEBER says,
> No Vatican commission on UFO's
> Boylan originated false report

>Read Whitley Strieber's comments on Jeff Rense's "SIGHTINGS ON
>THE RADIO" webpages -- go to:

><http://www.sightings.com/ufo/boylandisinf.htm>

>I certainly thank Edoardo Russo of Italy, Jeff Rense, Whitley
>Strieber, and Monsignor Balducci for exposing this exaggerated
>and false story posted on newsgroups and on many mail lists on
>the net.

>== Doc

Hi Doc, hi All,

Let me just say, . . .Whaaaaaat? Just a week ago Strieber was
posting elaborate 'endorsements' of Balducci and using Boylan as
some kind of authority and -now- he's being lauded as a hero who
"exposed" Balducci and Boylan! Am I caught in an old Twilight
Zone episode or did I miss something?

The -only one- (if anyone) who deserves "credit" for exposing
Balducci is Edoardo Russo! He has been posting since the first
appearance of the "Vatican post" and filling us in on what the
real deal is with Monsignor Loose Cannon Balducci.

Just one week ago I wrote a scathing response to Striebers
"endorsement" post about Boylan and Balducci, (does anybody
else remember Striebers post?) What has changed so
dramatically since then Doc? Why is Strieber now the one
who "exposed" Balducci and Boylan? Schizy stuff man!
Please fill me in.

Confused.

John Velez

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Future Events News Service

From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 08:12:23 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 12:52:04 -0400
Subject: Future Events News Service

Dear colleagues,

You might be interested to know of a news service here in the UK that can help place information direct to many different types of news media around the world.

I was contacted today by Hilary Osborne of Future Events News Service.

She is looking for any information on events, surveys or reports on the subject of UFOs. Hilary is the UK Editor for Future Events News Service, a news organisation that provides a series of weekly rolling diaries of forthcoming news events to major news organisations such as the BBC, CBS, ITN, New York Times, Le Figaro, France 2 TV, The Times, The Guardian, The Sunday Times, Sky Television and many more.

Hilary is looking to be added to mailing lists and you can contact her at:

Future Events News Service,
FENS house,
8-10 Wiseton Road,
London, SW17 7EE.
tele: 0181 672 3191.
Fax: 0181 672 2282.
E-mail: uk@fens.demon.co.uk

All the best,

Philip.

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CUFORG 1998 UFO Conference Guest Speakers Wanted

From: crow@crowman.demon.co.uk (Raine & Crow)
Date: Wed, 22 Apr 1998 23:33:22 GMT
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 14:48:14 -0400
Subject: CUFORG 1998 UFO Conference Guest Speakers Wanted

CUFORG (Cornwall UFO Research Group), England are organising their second annual UFO conference on Saturday 29th August 1998. It is to be a one day event held in the city of Truro, in Cornwall, South West England.

CUFORG is three years old and run by Dave Gillham and several other committee members, it concentrates on investigating ufo sightings/phenomena and holds regular monthly meetings with some 50-70 members.

CUFORG would like to know if there are any ufo researchers/investigators/conference speakers that would be interested in speaking at the conference on their particular interest/subject.

As they are a non profit making group on a limited budget, they are unfortunately unable to fund any flights over to this country. But are hoping that any potential speakers who may already be in the UK on vacation or attending other conferences and who have that date free, would like to attend the conference.

Obviously any costs incurred would be reimbursed and any fees wanted paid, of course, within reason.

The conference held last year was a two day event and attracted over 300 people, with speakers Nick Pope Ex Ministry of Defence Air Staff 2(a), Marcus Allen 'NEXUS' magazine, Roy Lake London UFO Studies Chairman, David Icke Author and TV Personality, Robert LaMont Forensic Hypnotherapist, Andy Thomas Crop Circle Researcher, Pauline Delcous-Min Regression Therapist, Terry Walters Contactee.

This years conference will run from approximately 10am til 8pm and have several speakers, some of which are provisionally booked. The location will be on the outskirts of Truro city, with easy access and plenty of free parking.

If you are interested, could you please contact CUFORG via email

cuforg@crowman.demon.co.uk

Or contact Dave Gillham direct:

24. Carrine Road,
Truro,
Cornwall.
TR1 3KB.
(+44) 01872 276381

Thanks .

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Re: What Congress heard at CSETI's UFO/ET Briefings

From: **RGates8254** <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]
Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 19:04:51 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 14:54:59 -0400
Subject: Re: What Congress heard at CSETI's UFO/ET Briefings

>Subj: What Congress heard at CSETI's UFO/ET Briefings
>Date: 98-04-23 12:32:58 EDT
>From: webmaster@cseti.org (Tony Craddock)
>To: webmaster@cseti.org

>On the one-year Anniversary of CSETI's historic briefing of
>Congress on April 9th, 1997 by Military and Intelligence
>witnesses as to the extent of the UFO coverup, we have summarized
>some of their testimony (with photos) on a new page on the CSETI
>Website.

The witnesses were interesting, but from the point of view of a person that has been around the UFO community for 25-30 years we have had those kind of witnesses all along.

Even with those witnesses, we still (as has happened so many times in the past) have not been able to "interest" Congress in hearings. The congress people pay lip service to you in person, ooh, and awe as you are telling them your story, then the instant you walk out of their office they do the same thing with the next "special interest group" that comes along.

If you have been following the news you may have seen where a "kid" has been able to do what the crew members of the WW-2 ship the USS Indianapolis haven't been able to for the past 40 years: get Congress to introduce a bill which wipes clean the record of the Captain of the USS Indianapolis.

Why you say is the kid so successful and we are not? Simply because he is a kid, it is "a homegrown effort" and in front of TV cameras no Congress person in their right mind is going to get caught telling a kid no, or later showing no support for the kids cause, especially during an election year. Not to mention the fact that supporting the kid will not cause the congressional folks any kind of political "damage."

I suspect that all those committee chairpeople CSETI visited will be far more interested in holding a hearing for the kids cause THIS YEAR than they ever will to a subject that is spurned by so called main stream science, and an issue that their opposition could use against them during the Congressional elections.

Sadly, this is the way the Washington two step goes.

> Just follow the Link from the What's New Section.

>Of interest also are the CSETI Website visits by the
>Executive Office of the President USA.

Like Chris OBrien, I tend to believe the mundane explanation at first glance: Just a bunch of lazy bureaucrats surfing the web on taxpayers time.

Cheers,
Robert

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Latest Cydonia photos

From: **Bob Shell** <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 17:55:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 18:48:36 -0400
Subject: Latest Cydonia photos

Linda Howe phoned me this afternoon to tell me that the latest Cydonia photos were up on Michael Malin's site (<http://www.msss.com>) and that I should take a look. I was working in the studio when she called, and only just got loose to come to the computer.

Well, I'll be hornswaggled, there's a damned pyramid in the lower half of this one!!! At least it looks like one at first glance.

I followed the link from Malin's site to JPLs and downloaded the BIG file. On magnification, the apparent regularity of the "pyramid" dissolves into irregularity, and it takes on the appearance of a hill surrounded by sand dunes. Drat!

I still have not found the "half buried pyramid" people kept saying they were seeing in the previous image, and no one responded to my request to point out just where it was.

So, I still don't think we have found the elusive "city".

I'm off Sunday on a magazine assignment in Europe and will be off line for a couple of weeks. If someone could tell me where that bloody "half buried pyramid" is, I'd appreciate it.

Bob Shell
Certified Pyramidiot

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Report of UFOs as NASA Launches Rockets

From: "Ben Field" <ben@abcfield.force9.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 16:17:45 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 18:10:58 -0400
Subject: Report of UFOs as NASA Launches Rockets

Hi!

I thought some of you may find this interesting. It was reported to me on April 21, 1998.

All the best

Ben
B.U.F.O.D.
<http://www.abcfield.force9.co.uk>

-----Start of report-----

First name: A very reliable person
Age: 44
Occupation: retired (armed forces)

Month sighting took place: March
Day (date): early
Day sighting took place: Not known
Year sighting took place: 1998

Country: Puerto Rico
Nearest town: MANATI
Time sighting took place: 2000hrs

Circumstances of the sighting/experience:
It started when the local news announced the NASA project. Then I started looking at every rocket take off. Immediately after the first night that's when all sightings began to appear.

Description of area where sighting took place:
On early march 1998 at an old air landing strip, near the town of Manati (north side of Puerto Rico) NASA was launching different types of rockets. Many people were watching the rockets, during that time strange lights started appearing on the night skies.

As days went by more sightings occurred, more people started reporting these, the personnel in charge of this project became more aggravated and requested local police security. They also had private security. This location is about 20 miles from one of the largest radars on earth (Arecibo observatory). Look I saw plenty of unknown flying objects, and still to this day you can see that what's going on here is very serious. What concerns me the most is all the activity going on around that area. As soon as area 51 was put on front page, all kinds of secret activity related to NASA and another branch of the gov. became more frequently. Im just writing this because the sightings are spectacular. Someone should take a look at this.

The UFO was sighted for Minutes: 40min

Did anyone else witness the sighting?: Yes
relationship of witness: MANY UNKNONW PEOPLE

Was any photographic record made at the time?: No

The height the UFO was from the ground was about: 200ft

(Weather and Conditions) - Darkness

(Weather and Conditions) - Calm
(Weather and Conditions) - Clear
(Weather and Conditions) - Dry

The UFO was sighted in or near: an air route
The UFO was sighted in or near: a Military Airfield Establishment

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Re: Strieber on Boylan

From: authority@webtv.net (Doc in Phoenix)
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 10:28:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 18:12:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Strieber on Boylan

Dear John Velez,

As was mentioned in the previous post that you included with your message, all the credit for exposing the exaggeration of Dr. Boylan's "Vatican Admits" story goes to Edoardo Russo.

Edoardo Russo held a 40 minute interview with Monsignor Balducci about this matter, and he also contacted Whitley Strieber concerning the real facts.

Meanwhile, Richard Boylan, Ph.D., posted his reply to this exposure on the IUFO mail list and again called Edoardo Russo a debunker. Boylan is sticking by his original story which is exaggerated nonsense. The Vatican admitted nothing. Father Balducci is not a voice for the Vatican and no Vatican committee exists for study of UFOs. The original Boylan story is bovine excrement.

Doc Barry
DocBarry@ufology.net

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Does Munck Apply A Computational Calculus?

From: Milamo <Milamo@aol.com>
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Subject: Does Munck Apply A Computational Calculus?

This is in response to a post by Jeff Glickman on the
mars_updates mailing list.

Again ... thank-you, Jeff.

Michael L. Morton

From: Milamo <Milamo@aol.com>
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Subject: Re: Does Munck apply a computational calculus?
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Thanks, Jeff

OK ... I'll talk about Munck's numbers for 'The Face' @ Cydonia
and its longitude position relative-to 'The D&M Pyramid' here, as
well as looking at The Old Man Of The Mountain in New Hampshire,
USA. (And more, as well).

Jeff is asking about the 'rules/procedures' for computing or
determining the Grid Point Values, etc. Of course. Yes, there are
general rules /procedures ... but, yes there are exceptions
.... but the exceptions MAKE SENSE! And, you can 'be on the
alert' for them after you learn a little bit about them ... and
'The Face' @ Cydonia is an example of one of these 'exceptions'.
Remember ... the mapping for the part of Cydonia where 'The Face'
and 'The D&M Pyramid' are located, was done by a professional
cartographer who has been employed by the Defense Mapping Agency.
So, we know the latitude/longitude numbers there are correct. And
where is the ancient Prime Meridian for longitude on Mars ? It
runs right through the center of 'The D&M Pyramid' ... just as
The Great Pyramid was the ancient marker for Prime Meridian on
Earth.

In general, a Grid Longitude is calculated by a site's (centered)
number of longitude degrees x minutes x seconds. For sites to
the west of Greenwich, England (if you are using W.Greenwich
longitude), we add on 31 deg + 08 min + 0.8 sec to the
W.Greenwich longitude to adjust to W.Giza longitude.
Longitude is measured east and west from the meridian running
through the center of The Great Pyramid. Of course, it 'works'
for E.Giza longitude, too. In general, Grid Latitudes are
calculated the same way ... a site's (centered) number of degrees
x minutes x seconds. A Grid Point Value is found by
calculating the exact ratio of Grid Longitude to Grid Latitude
... larger number ALWAYS over smaller number.

Now sometimes there is "less than one" degree, and/or
minute, and/or second involved in the latitude or longitude
siting. In these situations, there can be a number of solutions.
The one that "makes the most sense" ... in terms of its numbers
in relation to other sites in this matrix ... will be the
solution. You need to 'learn' this matrix in order to "know"
this. You CAN learn this and know this. It was designed to be
learned and known by ANYONE capable of self-referential
awareness.

Now, the 'Old Man Of The Mountain'. This site is a carved
'profile' in rock. Because this is not a 'full face or head' ...

does that mean it is not carved? No. It is definitely in this matrix and it certainly was put there intentionally by high intelligence (and high technology). Grid Longitude 102 deg x 49 min x 2.977793679 sec = 14883.01281 W.Giza = 480 x (Pi Cubed) Grid Latitude 44 deg x 09 min x 38.84400782 sec = 15382.2271 North = 16 x (Pi Cubed) x (Pi Cubed) Grid Point Value 15382.2271 / 14883.01281 = 1.033542556

Some people say that you can only see the 'profile' from the north when you move a half-mile or so, it 'disappears'. Does this invalidate this site as an important node in this matrix ? I think not due to much more 'evidence' here to follow.

Munck has discovered that there are other human-like 'faces' as 'nodes' in this matrix, in addition to 'The Face' @ Cydonia. There is another 'profile'; seen from aerial view ... near Poverty Point, Louisiana. This one is very large, and can only be recognized from above ! The grid point here is centered on the "eye" of the face profile ... a mound called "Motley Mound". Grid Longitude 122 deg x 32 min x 15.85026687 sec = 61879.44187 W.Giza = 1080 x RADIAN deg (Note : Radius of our Moon is 1080 statute miles) Grid Latitude 32 deg x 39 min x 25.96153846 sec = 32400 North = Square of 180 = (Pi x RADIAN deg) Squared Grid Point Value 61879.44187 / 32400 = 1.909859317 In Peru, there is a huge full-head sculpture in rock at Marcahuasi, also a node in this matrix. Grid Longitude 107 deg x 43 min x 19.40840618 sec = 89298.07684 W.Giza = 2880 x (Pi Cubed) = Grid Latitude of The Great Pyramid Grid Latitude 11 deg x 46 min x 47.3290186 sec = 23948.48341 South = [(1.909859317) Squared / Pi] x (RADIAN deg) x 360 (Note : 1.909859317 is Grid Point Value of the "eye" mound ... 'Motley Mound' at the Poverty Point, Louisiana face profile). Grid Point Value 89298.07684 / 23948.48341 = 3.72875707

Now, 'The Face' @ Cydonia Grid Longitude 06.890283706 min E.Cydonia so, here we have a case where the position of a site is less than a degree to the East of the Martian Prime Meridian. Obviously, if we use zero as a term, everything 'zeroes-out', so we can't use the general procedure for calculating a Grid Longitude here. It turns out that because Munck was very familiar with this matrix ... having re-discovered it he was able to recognize a "pi-multiplex" here three terms, multiplied, involving basic fractions of Pi (2Pi / 3) x (Pi / 3) x Pi So, in this case, the Grid Longitude of 'The Face' @ Cydonia is its actual longitude E.Cydonia. Grid Latitude 41 deg x 11 min x 10.03080581 sec = 4523.893421 North = 1440 x Pi Grid Point Value 4523.893421 / 6.890283706 = 656.56127 = (36 / Pi) x RADIAN deg

We have now described four kinds of 'faces' three on Earth and one on Mars. It is very interesting, to say the least ... :-) ... how these are related to one another.

Recall from above, the Grid Latitude of the Old Man Of The Mountain 15382.2271 North. If we divide that figure by the Grid Point Values of the faces/heads at Marcahuasi and Cydonia, we get a familiar constant (15382.2271) / (3.72875707) / (656.56127) = 6.283185307 = 2Pi There are 2Pi Radians ... 2Pi x RADIAN deg ... on the circumference of any true circle or sphere.

If we multiply the Marcahuasi face/head times 'The Face' @ Cydonia we get the Grid Point Value of The Great Pyramid TIMES the Square of Pi 3.72875707 x 656.56127 = 2448.157478 = 248.0502134 x (Pi Squared) If we multiply the Grid Point Values of the Old Man Of The Mountain, Motley Mound, and 'The Face' @ Cydonia, we get the Square of the number 36 1.033542556 x 1.909859317 x 656.56127 = 1296

As Munck points out, these are THREE faces 'showing' us a 'product' of 1296. So, if we divide 1296 by 3, we get 432 a number which means "consecration" in the ancient lost science of Gematria.

As I've said in earlier posts to this list, the people behind the Cover-Ups can give us 'bogus, doctored, mutilated' images from MGS but they CANNOT take away the precise LOCATIONS ... the actual Grid Points ... of 'The Face' @ Cydonia and 'The D&M Pyramid'. We have the 1976 Viking photos already analyzed and documented. We already HAVE the PROOF !!! In fact, every time

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they 'doctor' or otherwise attempt to obfuscate an image, they are only further incriminating themselves.

Michael Lawrence Morton

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Chat with Tony Ortega, Phoenix New Times Journalist

From: "Yvonne Hedenland" <yvonne_h@email.msn.com>
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Subject: Chat with Tony Ortega, Phoenix New Times Journalist

Join the UFO Forum and journalist Tony Ortega, Author of the controversial article "The Hack & the Quack" in which he has investigated issues surrounding the Phoenix Lights of March 13, 1997, as well as the current Frances Barwood campaign and it's use of the UFO platform.

The chat is available at <http://forums.msn.com/ufo> on Sunday, April 26th at 7pm, Pacific Time.

The Briefing Room chat can also be accessed by any IRC client. The chat server name is publicchat.msn.com and the room or channel name is #briefing.

The Netshow Audio interview with Tony Ortega is now posted on the UFO Forum as well.

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Filer's Files #16

From: Majorstar <Majorstar@aol.com> [George Filer]
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Subject: Filer's Files #16

Filer's Files #16-1998 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer: MUFON Eastern Director,
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Numerous sightings around US continue. Start searching the skies, its fun.

Peter Davenport from the UFO Reporting Center phoned and stated they had received UFO reports from all over the United States on Monday and Tuesday nights, April 20 & 21, 1998. Reports were coming in from Phoenix, Arizona, Martinsburg, West Virginia, Austin and Houston, Texas, Boise, Idaho, Portland, Oregon and the Fresno and Palmdale, California. The reports are mixed between lights and actual craft being sighted. A woman in Martinsburg, WV reportedly video taped a craft and was sending it. Tower operators at Edwards Air Force Base also reported strange craft near their base. Thanks to the UFO Reporting Center and Peter Davenport.

SEARCHING FOR UFOs

Many investigators complain I have not called them to put them in touch with witnesses who have had a sighting. Frankly, we do not have enough cases to go around for the thousands of investigators. However, we have found that a little investigation in your area will turn up numerous reports. Also if you notify your local newspaper about your talents they are usually willing to run a story. Then people read the story and will tend to call you. If your like John Thompson in LaGrange, Georgia he put a sign in the window of his insurance business and dozens came to tell about their sightings. John was recently asked where to find UFOs in his area. John stated, I would try any of the accesses on the Corp of Engineer sites at West Point Lake. The extreme northern part of Troup County and South Heard County is the hottest area. But UFOs have been seen on other parts of the Lake south of there. Brushy Creek access on Bevis Road between Hwy. 219 and Franklin would be good. On getting near the Chattahoochee River that is a good spot where we have had several sightings.

The fact is that lakes, rivers and bays seem to be some of favorite places for UFOs. They are often found near water. Frequently, they are seen leaving or entering the water or just trolling above the water. If you have a vista or outlook where you can see several miles your chance of spotting a UFO is much improved. Once you have located a good view of the surrounding countryside start out by learning the local air traffic. In most cases these aircraft will fly by in a few seconds. However, if you notice a craft loitering in the area flying lower and slower than is normal, it's a good chance it might be a UFO. There is another group that flies so fast they are hard to pick up. A good video camera helps slow down these quick ones. The new digital cameras also show promise. Now, there are often people who live in the area and know what is happening. I encourage you to talk to postal workers, fisherman, police, delivery personnel, and those who live in the vicinity. If there are no large bodies of water in your area the next most likely place to see UFOs is around interesting geological formations like Bald Mountain. It is probably the biggest piece of exposed granite in Alabama.

They seem to like valleys, volcanoes, continental plates, interesting mountains, even old historic and religious sites. My own first sighting was chasing one for the Air Force near Stonehenge in England. They also seem to like to examine our military and nuclear facilities. They are often sighted near our bases. If you see one hovering over a local base, don't be surprised if they don't see it, or at least will not admit to seeing it. I challenge those skeptical scientists to do a little scientific research and see what they find.

WENONAH, NEW JERSEY:

Lisa Carpenter, 23 was driving home at 0035 AM on April 20, about ten miles south of the Philadelphia Airport not far from the Delaware River. It was an overcast dark sky with a low hanging cloud cover. Suddenly she saw four very bright lights shining down from above. Two lights were the color of green traffic signals and two were white lights. All the lights were brighter than standard aircraft landing lights. That in itself seemed very unusual, but as she drove along they seemed to hover above and in the general vicinity of her car. The UFO came and moved from a position in front of her car to a position near her left driver's window. Lisa described the lights as being very big and coming as close to her as a hundred yards. This didn't seem like any normal aircraft. She could hear no sound above the softly playing music on the car radio. She became alarmed. She drove 70 mph to escape from the object. This craft seemed to be chasing her. She was very frightened sped up to her house and ran inside. Her boyfriend called the police and they came and talked to her. One reasonable explanation was a helicopter with four brilliant lights, but she could not hear any noise. She is emotionally shaken by the UFO and stated: "I was so scared I could barely get her key in the door!"

Jeremiah Paul Steffen, also from Wenonah, reports a similar sighting of a UFO several hours after the previous sighting through E-mail. He wrote that on April 20, 1998, my brother's girlfriend was driving home at 2:30 AM this morning. She encountered an object hovering above her car. Her home is about 1 mile from ours. She called us as soon as she got home. She was hyperventilating and extremely upset when she called. That is why I believe she was telling the truth. Note: It's possible this is confirmation of the first report with a two hour time difference. The phone number: 609-384-5931 given to us has not answered.

A LETTER CONCERNING SHERMAN'S HUGE NEW JERSEY UFO.

Glen Scheper writes, "I just read the Sam Sherman's Old Bridge, NJ sighting from Filer's Files #15-1998. I wanted to let you know that Sam's sighting is like mine."
<<At arm's length, it appeared to be about three to four inches long and tubular in shape. The color was white, but with luminescent color overlaid greenish-blue tinge. As the sun appeared to be behind it, the object did not appear to be reflecting the sun's rays, but instead produced its own bright illumination. This long tubular bright object was moving to the north and threading its way in the clouds. It eventually was lost behind a dark cloud to the north. ..The object was canted at 100 degrees from the ground. (Correction it was canted at 10 degrees)>> Glen states: "This sounds as if it is 100% identical in appearance and as to that evening storm condition as in my 1982 sighting, which I have written up and thoroughly illustrated at the following URL:
<http://www.gentech.com/~employee/glenn/sighting.htm>." Yours truly, Glenn Scheper gscheper@gentech.com.

NORTH CAROLINA

Stefan Duncan, from AUFON reports on his continuing sightings at High Rock Lake in the Piedmont Plateau. Upon reviewing the April 13/14th video of UFO, we can barely detect a triangular shape with a centered red circle of light in the bottom. There are two bright beams coming from the frontal edge. This craft continues down the northern side of the lake heading west. Suddenly, flickers of light -- strobe staccato style, appear behind the object and above it. Slow motion of the film shows the flicker of light coming from the triangular craft and a second flicker coming several length sizes away. This second object continues flight northward as the triangular craft goes west.

April 20, 1998, at 9:30 p.m., Stefan Duncan states, "Soon as I position myself and look toward the eastern end of the lake from Panther's Point -- I see my reddish UFO! It is similar to the object I had seen on April 2nd, an object whose light was a non-blinking reddish/white and gave a glow like the shape of Saturn if the rings were seen edge on. The tape in video camera jams. This craft was perhaps a mile further down the lake shore line. It was much smaller because of distance than the April 2nd sighting. This object rose from the treetops and hovered for about five minutes and descended. Video camera is working again.

No other electronic disturbances are apparent. Surrounding lights appear unaffected. At 10:00 p.m. the object rises from the treetops, but just to the top of the trees and goes no higher. It stays in this position for about two minutes before descending again. The tape in video camera jams. At 10:14 p.m., the object rises a third time, but just over the treetops. It brightens, then goes back to normal glow. After two minutes, it descends. At its nearest point to us, the craft's shape can hardly be detected, but upon freezing the frame, it appears now to have a faint black triangular shape. Underneath and centered is a red light. Beyond the shoreline where I have observed the UFOs is the Uwharrie Mountains." Thanks to Stefan Duncan and read the entire text at <http://www.aufon.com>.

DALLAS, TEXAS

On Sunday, April 12, 1998, at 11:00 a.m., a U.S. Air Force veteran, Mike H., and his family were driving north on Interstate Highway 35 northwest of Dallas, Texas. As he drove through the suburb of Farmers Branch, Mike reported, "I spotted a black round-shaped UFO flying very fast and just below the clouds. The object looked quite small to me, less than the size of a pencil held at arm's length. But due to the height, even a large object would look small." At first Mike said nothing to his family, wondering if the object might be a bird, but then he realized that "it was flying much too fast" to be a bird. The motorists kept the UFO in view as they drove past Royal Lane and L.B. Houston Park, heading for Interstate Highway 635. "The object was moving faster than we were," Mike reported. "Our vehicle was moving approximately 65 miles per hour, and the object moved past us in the same direction and within ten seconds was out of sight." (E-mail Interview) (Editor's Comment: Ten seconds to the horizon would mean an estimated speed of 1,440 miles per hour. Thanks to UFO Roundup#16, Joe Trainor editor)

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

April 22, 1998, MUFON State Section Directors, Jerry Glass and Cinde Costello, report they received a call on the "Hotline" from a person who stated she works with the Job Corps. The person reported at 8:55 PM, that over 50 people witnessed three bright lights while looking east towards the Big Bear mountain area. When first seen the lights were bright amber-yellow and appeared to be floating or hovering. The witness initially thought they may be hang gliders with lights. The three objects then began move south and changed colors from amber to bright red. The objects were viewed for ten minutes until they were lost from view. The witness stated that while only the lights was most prominent. At a distance she estimated to be one mile, she could make out a wing-like structure on the objects that she described "like a seagull's wings." A similar UFO was reported on January 5, 1998 (during the daytime). This description also matches a wave of sightings that took place in the same area during 1979. Witnesses included staff, security guards and trainees. Reports are currently being filed with MUFON SB and an investigation will follow. Thanks to: Peter A. Gersten, Esq., CAUS and San Bernardino, MUFON.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The April 1998, National Geographic Magazine carries a story "Closing the Circle" by Roff Martin Smith, who rode his bike completely around the Australia. He notes while riding along the southern coast a large billboard reads: "BEWARE OF UFOs NEXT 111 KILOMETERS WE BORD ON THE UNBELIEVABLE." In 1988, a family driving across the Nullarbor claimed a flying saucer picked up their car and tossed it to the side of the road. I could use some help of some friendly aliens this morning." Thanks to National Geographic Magazine.

April 1998.

Two UFO sightings were reported near Adelaide, South Australia on April 2, 1998. At 11:00 p.m., residents of Mallala," reported sighting a flashing light in the northern sky." The illumination flashed each time for about 21 seconds, and it was about 70 degrees above the horizon." On April 4, 1998, witnesses near Durrem, S.A. reported seeing "a large white illumination 'in a holding pattern' hovering above a paddock at 4 a.m. While the UFO hovered "small red lights came out of the ground and rose up into the larger illumination." Thanks to Ross Dowe and the Australia-New Zealand 24-Hour UFO Hotline and UFO Roundup #15, Joe Trainor editor.)

FLYING SAUCER BEING BUILT IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

A Flying Saucer shaped Science Fiction Hall of Fame is being built near the Queen Mary. Science fiction fans won't have to wait until 2001 to experience their own space odyssey. Queen's Seaport Development, Inc. (QSDI), operators of the popular Queen Mary attraction in Long Beach, Calif., are building a \$30 million, first-of-its-kind Science Fiction Hall of Fame (SFHF) on the 45-acre property adjacent to the Queen Mary. Shaped to resemble a massive flying saucer, the 100,000-square foot facility is scheduled to open in early 2000, with projected attendance of more than one million per year. Interactive exhibits and immersive activities will feature state-of-the-art technology and special effects to showcase science fiction, fantasy and horror in film, television, and graphic arts. Science fiction works have made their way into the cultural lexicon," said Joseph F. Prevratil, president, QSDI. "Is there anyone who wouldn't recognize Darth Vader? Hasn't everyone, at some time, said 'Beam me up Scottie.' Prevratil noted that while the term "hall of fame" conjures up images of static museum exhibits, this facility will be anything but that, using video, audio, light, computer graphics, live presentations and special guest appearances to engage visitors in a journey befitting the exciting world of science, married with the future. "Whether they are conversing with a holographic science fiction hero, creating their own comic book or `starring' in a famous sci-fi scene, visitors to the Science Fiction Hall of Fame will be part of the action, directing their own unique adventure each time they visit," he said. Plans for the SFHF include opportunities to experience virtually every genre of science fiction in the facility's imposing entry/arrival zone, pre-show theaters and five interest areas, covering television, graphics, film, authors, and science fiction heroes. Corporate sponsors who recognize the broad appeal of science fiction, are also being approached for cross-promotions, as well as partnerships. Leading filmmakers, authors, artists and aficionados will be invited to sit on the Hall of Fame's advisory board. Prevratil indicated that an announcement of board members might take place in conjunction with the facility's August 1998 groundbreaking. A selection committee will also announce the first inductees to the SFHF at a gala event in November of this year. To be eligible for induction, nominees must have made outstanding contributions in the arts and sciences of science fiction, based upon cumulative contributions or achievements, or a singular and extraordinary contribution or achievement. Furthermore, a candidate must also have a body of work spanning a minimum of 20 years. A series of television specials honoring the genre and its pioneers is in production and will be presented under the auspices of SFHF. The first special will showcase women in science fiction and is scheduled for production late this year. Prevratil noted that fans will also be able to help preserve memorabilia and honor icons of science fiction through tiered sponsorships (\$25+). The non-profit foundation is being formed to assist in securing artifacts from around the world and developing appropriate educational programs. Thanks to AOL News and Chaser 910.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL:

Carlos Amazonas reports: "We saw little black and silver points, exactly six objects at 1:00 p.m. on December 28, 1997. They made acrobatics in the sky. The UFOs flew up and down, zigzagging very fast. We filmed it and they were so fast that we could only see them well in slow motion on the videocassette player. Thanks to: John C. Thompson ISUR Sighting Report Carlos Amazonas, Ewald@unikey.com.

UNITED KINGDOM:

Richard Porter from Mansfield, Woodhouse reports a sighting at 23:30 on April 15, 1998. He saw a low flying UFO with 3 very bright lights at the front moving very slow. It made no sound until after it past when we heard a very deep rumbling sound, unlike any plane he had ever heard. When overhead the 3 lights turned off and we could see 4 red lights in a diamond shape. Richard said, "I saw the same object again last Wednesday. If there is a reasonable explanation for this sighting, please e-mail me because I know a bit about planes. I know of nothing that would have looked, moved, or sounded like what I saw. He had a similar sighting about 1.5 years ago. Thanks to John Thompson and ISUR.

MAJIC MJ-12

Reference your article on MJ-12 in Filer's Files #14. We were informed back in '87 that the Air Force and others used Nuclear Weapons programs to hide this UFO stuff. Mj-12 used programs such as this plus the "Office of Disaster Preparedness" now FEMA as covers for itself. Back in the eighties then President Reagan and Vice President Bush reportedly made regular trips to the Manzano Weapons Storage Facility for briefings on this "Alien" subject. I saw a few of those small 737 size shuttle airplanes parked on the back ramp at Kirtland AFB many a time. bob c

Joel Carpenter writes:

"I strongly doubt this explanation of the MAJIC name. I think it was simply a term that was invented when the MJ-12 documents were faked, a play on the famous "MAGIC" codeword for WWII decrypts of the Japanese codes. The REAL Manhattan Project "Project Y" was the Oak Ridge gaseous diffusion isotope separation plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. It had nothing to do with the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFSPW) in New Mexico or the Avro saucer project. Project Y was so named by John Frost, the Canadian saucer designer, because it was a step beyond "X," more impressive than the other X-planes. (See Richard Rhodes' book on the development of the A-bomb for details of the nuclear Project Y.) As for the alleged meaning of MAJIC -- the Manhattan Engineering District was a component of the Army Corps of Engineers, and the term was dropped after WWII. So it seems not too believable that it would be used in connection with the AFSWP, which was Air Force-managed. And why would the term "JCS" have anything to do with AFSWP? I think he just needed a word that began with "J" to put in there. The other factor is that MAJIC as used in the MJ-12 documents is clearly a codeword for a security compartment, not the name of an organization. This is silly -- it's like classifying a document "Top Secret-NORAD." Secrecy compartment codes are always five-letter words, i.e., UMBRA, THUMB, CANOE, MAGIC, FROTH, etc. MAJIC was obviously supposed to be the same thing.

>From "US Nuclear Weapons: The Secret History," by Chuck Hansen:

"Formal engineering development of the Mk 4 [nuclear weapon] started on August 2, 1945, with the establishment of Z Division, or the Ordnance Engineering Division, at Los Alamos. Z Division was an offshoot of the wartime E Division at Los Alamos. E Division had been formed to study and develop bomb fuses, the uranium gun for Little Boy, and implosion systems. Z Division was to conduct bomb engineering and production, chiefly concerned with airplane and ballistic problems, and replace a wartime group known as project W-47 at Wendover Field, near Salt Lake City, Utah. By this time, the Manhattan Project had acquired a small airfield (formerly an Army Air Forces Base called Sandia Base) near Albuquerque, New Mexico; Z Division was to be assigned its own airplanes and use of a large Army Base at Kirtland Field near Albuquerque.

The new division was barely organized before the war ended.... One of the first tasks of Z Division was to redesign the Fat Man from a sound engineering point of view....In the fall of 1945, Z Division transferred W-47 activities to Oxnard Field (Sandia Base) near Albuquerque. Several buildings were available, along with explosives magazines and assembly areas. Nearby Kirtland Field was used to base the B-29 squadron required for aircraft compatibility and drop test programs. Z Division was consolidated at Sandia Base in Feb. 1947. On April 1, 1948, Z Division of LASL [Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories] became the Sandia Branch of LASL. During 1946-1947, Z Division at Los Alamos studied the possibility of creating a penetrating weapon to pierce armored ship decks, underground bunkers, and heavily-

reinforced submarine pens ." Histories of Z Division are available: "Z- Division Progress Report, 18 July 1947 -- 18 Aug. 1947," LAMS-607, 26 Aug.1947, Los Alamos Scientific Labs, Los Alamos, NM From the "US Nuclear Weapons Databook, Vol. III: US Nuclear Warhead Facility Profiles" the history of Sandia Labs: Thanks to: Joel Carpenter.

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JPL 'Kent' Exposed

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My apologies for the tardy deliver of this one - life has been somewhat chaotic around UpDatesville for the past while..... thanks Jeff.

ebk

From: <http://www.reversespeech.com/kent.html>

JPL 'Kent' Exposed

The following Reverse Speech analysis of the famous Kent broadcast on the Art Bell show where he claimed to have seen color photos of the Face on Mars and the ruins of a city, has been exposed by David Oates and Richard Hoagland, as a scam. When confronted by Richard Hoagland on April the 2nd with information found in reverse, Kent whose real name is supposedly Greg Beal, broke down and confessed, claiming that he was working for a disinformation unit in the defense intelligence agency. He was staggered that they had been exposed by Reverse Speech so quickly.

From: eotl@west.net [Jeff Rense]
Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 01:28:21 -0700 (PDT)
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
Subject: URGENT KENT TEXT

This will be going up on my sightings.com website shortly. David sent it this evening and I've formatted it.

Best,
Jeff

David John Oates' Reverse Speech Analysis - "KENT" EXPOSED!
By David John Oates
4-22-98

Note: David John Oates has come to a determination that the "Kent" story, based upon extensive reverse speech analysis of the actual interview done on the Art Bell program, is NOT WHAT IT SEEMS. Below is an email we just received from David who will appear as Jeff's guest on Sightings, Thursday, April 23, 1998.

The following Reverse Speech analysis of the famous "Kent" broadcast on the Art Bell show where he claimed to have seen color photos of the Face on Mars, and the ruins of a "city," has been exposed by as a CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED GOVERNMENT DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN.

When confronted by Richard Hoagland on, Wednesday, April 22nd, with the information found in my reverse speech analysis, "Kent"

whose real name is supposedly Greg Beal, broke down and CONFESSED THAT HE WAS WORKING FOR A DISINFORMATION UNIT IN THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

"Kent" (Beal) said he was STAGGERED AND STUNNED that the operation had been exposed by Reverse Speech so quickly. Reversals for the "Kent" text, plus more transcripts will be posted in the next few days.

Here are some of the "Kent" reversals:

Kent: "...put the cap onto the Federal cylinder, seal it, take it down to the lady where the Federal Express machine is."

Reversal: "Mission in the sand / We deal with the sly bigot"

Kent: "She said, 'OK, the courier will bring them by.' And then I didn't have much to do until Federal Express got there."

Reversal: "They were smart"

Kent: "So, I went into the break room and was sitting there by the window there..."

Reversal: "Near the skill"

Kent: "...sitting there drinking some hot chocolate when the maintenance guy came in. We've always seen each other in the hall..."

Reversal: "See a war, you're wanting it / Had to bring in a new guy"

Kent: "So, I bent over to pick up that picture. I set it up down on the table."

Reversal: "They handle a weapon"

Kent: "...you've got the eyebrows and you've got two eye sockets, you've got the nose and you've got two nostrils..."

Reversal: "The baggish warned the bloody earth"

Kent: "...one of the photographs that we looked at, picture World War Two..."

Reversal: "(????) "will see this"

Kent: "...one of the walls had been knocked out, like say if you went inside and had a sledge hammer and was knocking out the wall."

Reversal: "I may still see it"

Kent: "...about that time when we were looking at the pictures, I heard, 'Oh my God,' and there was one of the big wigs, he was standing right there in the doorway..."

Reversal: "I want it"

Kent: "...and he's giving us a few unpleasant subtelties there and he's putting the photos back in between the cardboard."

Reversal: "He's boss / Goodbye, you used him Kent"

Kent: "...and about a quarter to two in the afternoon, he calls me back into the office, and he tells me to clean by stuff out and he says your interest is no longer needed here."

Reversal: "They grabbed him / Source interest / They see money"

Kent: "...because one of the big wigs down there didn't like me looking at their pictures."

Reversal: "They plan to kill him" (Assasination of who?)

Kent: "He said, 'It doesn't matter, you should have put the picture back in there. (he said) We don't need the American public looking at these pictures.'"

Reversal: "You see lamb beside the scene / They see it on you. Been naughty when they grabbed the ship"

Kent: "...a lot of the photographs were being sent to Washington DC. Some of the cylinders were being sent to the United Nations..."

Reversal: "You're seen. Let me show with less neighbors"

Kent: "I was the one that put the label on myself and it was going to Langley."

Reversal: "I will deal with Lupert"

Kent: "I've got the perfect guy you need to talk to and he said you need to talk to Art Bell."

Reversal: "I will screw / Your Bell will see this"

Kent: "...then I was talking to some other people and they told me definitely to do that."

Reversal: "Afraid we lost gamble"

Kent: "I noticed that the phone had been moved. It wasn't in the same place."

Reversal: "We plan to kill (???) I lost city / Need to know a curse"

Kent: "I'm going to go someplace where I know that I'll be safe."

Reversal: "Worn arrows"

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BWW Media Alert 19980424

From: BufoCalvin <BufoCalvin@aol.com>
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April 24, 1998

On to the listings! Most times are Pacific unless otherwise noted. Oh, and I expect to have the next Bufo's ANOMALIT Review out within a week.

I'm appearing in my regular every other Sunday slot on Eddie Middleton's NIGHTSEARCH out of WREC in Memphis this weekend. Eddie asked me about an alleged recent skirmish between human and alien forces in which some of the humans reportedly suffered injuries. If you have heard of this one, I'd appreciate a note in the next two days. Please let me know if you would like to be cited as a source or if you would prefer to maintain your anonymity.

RADIO

ART BELL

Here is the upcoming schedule. The show runs from 10:00 PM to 3:00 AM weeknights, and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for Dreamland on Sunday. For more information, see <http://www.artbell.com>.

Friday, April 24, 10:00 PM, Ed Dames, Remote Viewing
Sunday, April 26, DREAMLAND, Whitley Strieber, Author: "Communion" and (<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/031218557X/bufosweirdworlda/>">Confirmation: The Hard Evidence of Aliens Among Us)

TELEVISION

A&E

Thursday, April 30, 6:00 PM, UFOS: HAVE WE BEEN VISITED? (Michael Dorn narrates)
Thursday, April 30, 10:00 PM, UFOS: HAVE WE BEEN VISITED? (Michael Dorn narrates)

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Thursday, April 30, 9:00 PM, ANIMAL X: GHOSTS AND PHANTOMS (includes black big cat sightings in Ireland)
Friday, May 1, 1:00 AM, ANIMAL X: GHOSTS AND PHANTOMS (includes black big cat sightings in Ireland)

THE LEARNING CHANNEL

Tuesday, April 28, 6:00 PM, ALIEN SECRETS: AREA 51
Tuesday, April 28, 9:00 PM, ALIEN SECRETS: AREA 51
Wednesday, April 29, 6:00 PM, WE ARE NOT ALONE: SKYWATCHERS (UFO witnesses)
Wednesday, April 29, 6:00 PM, WE ARE NOT ALONE: ALIEN HUNTERS
Wednesday, April 29, 9:00 PM, WE ARE NOT ALONE?: SKYWATCHERS (UFO witnesses)
Wednesday, April 29, 10:00 PM, WE ARE NOT ALONE: ALIEN HUNTERS
Thursday, April 30, 6:00 PM, ROSWELL

Thursday, April 30, 9:00 PM, ROSWELL
Friday, May 1, 6:00 PM, UFOS AND OTHER CLOSE ENCOUNTERS
Friday, May 1, 7:00 PM, THE CASE OF THE UFOS

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Continues to run SIGHTINGS reruns at 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM weekdays.

This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

You can stop receiving this from me just by asking (note: it is commonly redistributed, and I can't control you getting it from those sources) by e-mail at BufoCalvin@aol.com. You can also subscribe or unsubscribe to Bufo's WEIRD WORLD Media Alert the same way. Also, please let me know if there is something in the media you think I should cover. Deadline is Tuesday, the week before.

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Jacques Poulet's 'The Fortean Files 1' CD ROM

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 08:47:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 08:47:13 -0400
Subject: Jacques Poulet's 'The Fortean Files 1' CD ROM

Jacques Poulet's BBS 'Chucara' was for several years the Eastern Canadian distributor of Don Allan's 'FIDO UFO', John Powell's 'Odyssey/BAMA' and The MUFON Network. Jacques, in those years, collected literally thousands of files which are now available on a CD ROM.

'The Fortean Files 1' holds 400 Mb in over 10,000 files of all kinds, classified by subject. From Bigfoot's 'Shout' (.wav) to the August 6, 1997, Mexico City UFO movie (.mov) and includes fringe sciences and all of the paranormal. This archive is a must for both oldtimers and newcomers.

The price is \$25.00

For ordering information and a screen shot of the cover visit:

http://www.generation.net/~jpoulet/main_e.htm

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UK Conference - 'UFOs - The Global Evidence'

From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 22:57:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 08:39:43 -0400
Subject: UK Conference - 'UFOs - The Global Evidence'

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UK Conference

Sunday 26th July 1998

U.F.O.'s - The Global Evidence

Speakers:-

- Dr. Steven Greer (U.S.A.) - CE-5's/Disclosure
- Michael Hesemann (Germany) - UFO Report 2000 - The Best Cases of the Nineties (including video footage)
- Nick Redfern (U.K.) - The British Government Cover-Up

Tickets are limited and will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

For further details please e-mail TSpurrier@compuserve.com

Yours, Tony

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Theresa <Tcarlson1@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 04:10:59 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 08:50:50 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Mon, 20 Apr 1998 18:36:49 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

Bruce,

> Was it going so rapidly that he had to pan ahead of it?

No, but he does.

>Was the camera perfectly stationary before the UO started
>to move to the right, or was the camera jiggling around?

The camera is moving but the city image is not. No cars move, no birds, no rustling of of the leaves on the trees. Even the smog, or fog, or whatever it is suppose to be, lays in a still and even layer through out the entire video. We don't get smog here so I could be wrong, but doesn't it roll and move about a bit, and isn't it patchy or uneven in density?

One of the researchers that went to Mexico City reports that the top floor of the building houses a real estate company that uses videos to show the properties they have for sale. This is the reason they have video cameras there. Now tell me, does a company that uses video presentation, just throw raw video at their prospective customers? Or do they do some editing to make it more professional and presentable?

Even basic video editing includes overlays and transparency. That's all that's needed to create a composite video. Had the UO passed in front of something in the video it would have been a little more difficult but still not impossible.

Another photo expert asked me about whether video editing programs had the capability to create camera effects like, camera motion, depth of focus, motion blur, field rendering, etc.. The answer is yes they do, but that would be the hard way to do it. The easiest way to create camera effects is to film the composite video with a camera. That's the way professionals do it.

And this isn't anything new, look at old movies Hollywood used to make even before computers. It was frequently used to create the illusion of people riding in a car, and the scenery passing by. (Luckily they do this differently now.)

What is it that makes you think the city scape is a "live" video shot and not a still image? Do you see something moving independently in it or does the image move as a whole with the camera motion?

>I must admit to being intrigued at the first UFO video
>I've seen that seems to combine several types of physics or
>dynamics. However, these could be created by a sufficiently
>inventive hoaxer.....supposing said person thought of it.

Or they got lucky.

Thanks ,

Regards ,

Theresa

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/tcarlson1>

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Alfred's Odd Ode #242

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 07:24:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 08:52:25 -0400
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #242

Apology to MW #242 (For April 25, 1998)

Learn, well, your lessons kiddies, and take them near to heart,
or your culture will intrude its will, and take away your start.
It'll test with what's unsuited; it won't care about your talent,
but will put you in its prisons, and then act all prim and
gallant. It lies regarding chivalry, and produces strident rules,
but won't follow its own edicts it so aims at me and you.

It keeps your eyes from wonders that are blooming in our skies.
It ridicules your questions when you ask what others cry. It
grinds you with its science that is far from efficacious, as it
treats it like a truth revealed, but it's a cyst, sebaceous. It
won't admit its wrongs it wrought to further selfish ends. It
won't admit the tyranny that it uses -- it pretends. It won't
reduce our numbers and it poisons Mother Earth.
It is jealous for the few. It's a full blown vicious curse.

Some think themselves a better lot, their genes are so supreme,
they have a right to take from you the self respect that you
would dream. These disallow the valid, and this ridicules the
lot. They don't care that you don't get it -- if you think it's
care it's not. They're a dweller of the shadows, and they listen
to your moans, but your message is regarded as the whining of
their working drones. So, they shall not then respect you.
Respect compels concern, and the moment that they make that so,
less fortune they would earn.

There are secrets they possess that are the stuff of all our
dreams.
These are dreams of satisfaction found in sparkling mountain
streams. The bluest skies are filled with birds that live in easy
balance; the forests are our breathing lungs; the mountains are a
chalice. The desert's colored sand art, and the valley's
un-despised as a cradle I can live in 'til I grow up, dream, and
die. And growing would be possible -- would continue to the end.
Less is more I have discovered. More is death, I must contend.

Disrespect the weakest at your comfort loving peril, and ridicule
a face on Mars till you're bone dry, spent, and sterile. Keep
right on believing that it's humans wearing crowns -- that we're
alone in unknown space, we shan't usurp our haughty frowns. Keep
on thinking we should conquer -- Earth's is subject to our
will. Keep your faith that won't be tested -- live that life of
rancid swill. Stay your course of population, and unearth the
grand disease that will humble prideful humankind, and bring it
to its knees.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

I'll say it again. We have overpopulation so any one person
does not have to be respected too much. If that person balks at
a lofty, prideful command from the manor lord, make it easy to
procure another that will! Make people hungry! Keep them that
way. Steer pro life, and steer clear a self-respecting pro
choice.

We Americans CREATE the barbarians at our gates. We keep them
stocked with guns, nukes, chemical munitions, and biological
weapons of extreme lethality to use on one another. We sit

complacently while thousands daily starve. Any wonder that observing aliens are so reluctantly forthcoming, mysterious, and inscrutable?

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Explore the Alien View?

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: Does Munck Apply A Computational Calculus?

From: David Gullick <dgullick@interlog.com>
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 20:33:20 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 21:31:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Does Munck Apply A Computational Calculus?

>From: Milamo <Milamo@aol.com>
>To: mars_updates@world.std.com
>Subject: Re: Does Munck apply a computational calculus?
>Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 17:19:46 EDT

>OK ... I'll talk about Munck's numbers for 'The Face' @ Cydonia
>and its longitude position relative-to 'The D&M Pyramid' here, as
>.....

To List members who are not familiar with Carl Munck and
archeocryptology there is a brief article on the Laura Lee
page with other pointers at <http://www.lauralee.com>

Hi Michael,

>In general, a Grid Longitude is calculated by a site's (centered)
>number of longitude degrees x minutes x seconds. For sites to
>the west of Greenwich, England (if you are using W.Greenwich
>longitude), we add on 31 deg + 08 min + 0.8 sec to the
>W.Greenwich longitude to adjust to W.Giza longitude.
>Longitude is measured east and west from the meridian running
>through the center of The Great Pyramid. Of course, it 'works'
>for E.Giza longitude, too. etc....

This is interesting and appears to work for Munck, but
almost ANYTHING can be "proven" or indicated with numbers.

As an example, an aside fall-out of my on-going investigations,
the following simplistic "coincidences" may be of interest to
yourself and List members:-

Adding the (31 deg + 8 min) to specific significant historical
sites yields some remarkable results when converted to decimal
format.

examples:

St Levan:	36.8000	Oster-Marie:	16.1000
Blois:	29.8000	Versailles:	29.0000
Bruges:	27.9000	Montsegur:	29.3000
Lubaantum:	120.1000	Pujaten:	108.5000
Mixco Viejo:	121.8000	Aksum:	- 7.6000
Macchu Picchu	103.7000	Nimrud:	- 12.2000

Is there some significance here? <big smile>

David G.

[solis sacerdotibus]

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Re: JPL 'Kent' Exposed

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 07:25:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 21:15:28 -0400
Subject: Re: JPL 'Kent' Exposed

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 08:09:10 -0400
>Subject: JPL 'Kent' Exposed

> 'Kent' Exposed

> The following Reverse Speech analysis of the famous Kent
> broadcast on the Art Bell show where he claimed to have seen
> color photos of the Face on Mars and the ruins of a city, has
> been exposed by David Oates and Richard Hoagland, as a scam...

I must toss in a few opinions here!

#1) Reverse speech, wherein phonemes are played backwards, must inevitably create meaningful sounding words and/or phrases. There are, after all, only so many phonemes (word fragments) in any language.

If you search long and hard enough, you will get short phrases. Use a little selective imagination, and you can have anyone saying all sorts of little things.

R.S. is bunk .. easily comparable to 'numerology'.

One need not resort to this sort of B.S. to expose 'Kent'. He exposed himself ! Anyone who missed out must have forgotten to wind up his Bay-Gin radio.

#2) If Richard Hoagland bought into this, remember that it was Hoagland who brought you the 'face on Mars'! When that crapped out, it was the "city" .. the "pyramid"...

Grow a brain you guys!

Here are some "speech reversals" sent in by someone on this list. [Thank you for your work!]

> Reversal: "Near the skill"
> Reversal: "See a war, you're wanting it / Had to bring in a new guy"
> Reversal: "They handle a weapon"
> Reversal: "The baggish warned the bloody earth"
> Reversal: (????) "will see this"
> Reversal: "I may still see it"
> Reversal: "I want it"
> Reversal: "He's boss / Goodbye, you used him Kent"
> Reversal: "They grabbed him / Source interest / They see money"

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I could go on, but no. This is crap.

I believe there is a genuinely mysterious phenomena which we call UFOs for lack of a better name.

I see no use for side shows like this here. They have their place on the 'net, but should meet on some other email list .. a forum that prefers activity to grey matter.

Best Wishes

(In spite of all this. Please don't be angry, just grow a brain.)

- Larry Hatch

PS: I couldn't believe it. Art Bell recently told one of his invited talk-show guests that he found his story " hard to believe " !

I don't recall the details. I think the guy was telling Art that he was talking to a house-plant, and it started arguing back. All I know is the guest was not Richard Hoagland. -LH

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Re: JPL 'Kent' Exposed

From: Ralf Zeigermann <kag15@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:14:28 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 21:12:54 -0400
Subject: Re: JPL 'Kent' Exposed

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 08:09:10 -0400
>Subject: JPL 'Kent' Exposed

>The following Reverse Speech analysis of the famous Kent
>broadcast on the Art Bell show where he claimed to have seen
>color photos of the Face on Mars and the ruins of a city, has
>been exposed by David Oates and Richard Hoagland, as a scam. When
>confronted by Richard Hoagland on April the 2nd with information
>found in reverse, Kent whose real name is supposedly Greg Beal,
>broke down and confessed, claiming that he was working for a
>disinformation unit in the defense intelligence agency. He was
>staggered that they had been exposed by Reverse Speech so
>quickly.

Oww ... an obvious nutcase has now been 'exposed' by Oates and
Hoagland? A cover-up? Why? Disinformation? Why?

Why do we have to deal with this crap here on the UpDates list?

Why do we still have to deal and seriously discuss Boylan's
findings about the Vatican, when Eduardo proved that it was
nothing more than BS? (and that was a good one, Eduardo - carry
on!) Why do we have to discuss the 'Face on Mars' when there
obviously is no face?

Aren't there more important things to do? I think it was James
Easton who suggested some time ago setting up a database of all
of the triangular UFO sightings.

Has anything happened?

No.

Are there any more news regarding Roswell (Kevin, where are
you?!)?

No.

Do we get any news at all?

No.

It's all Boylan, Mars, Mexico, Mars, Boylan.

Is this all there is?

I'm in a foul mood anyway, sorry.

Cheers,

Ralf

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:03:42 GMT
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 21:23:46 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Thu, 9 Apr 1998 02:32:04 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>them. One of them did say that he thought that the UFO was
>suspended on a cable from a helicopter, but both agreed that
>-whatever it was- was actually there on the scene as it was
>videotaped. Ergo, not an "add on" or a "special effect."

That's the most explainable and probable scenario. It wobbled
too much to be a real flying machine - especially from another
world.

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Roger R. Prokic
Telecom Design Lead
Mars Surveyor Program 2001
Lockheed Martin Astronautics
Denver, Colorado USA
- sent from a PalmPilot Professional -

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Re: New-agey drug-types & Kent Uncovered

From: SKvs <bradford@globalserve.net> [Sue Kovios]
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 15:13:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 07:12:14 -0400
Subject: Re: New-agey drug-types & Kent Uncovered

>Date: Thu, 23 Apr 1998 18:56:02 +1000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Nemesis <nemesis@fastinternet.net.au> [Lawrie Williams]
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: New-agey drug-types/conspiracy witnesses rant

>>Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 14:07:22 -0700
>>From: "K. Young" <task@fuse.net>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: New-agey drug-types/ conspiracy witnesses

>>> >The loosely rolled package was bumped by 'Kent's' colleague, it
>>> >rolled onto the floor and dislodged a colour photograph of...
>>> >'The Face' - clear, sharp and taken from almost directly
>>> >overhead. There were 8 other photographs, including 'buildings'
>>> >viewed from overhead and all dated April 5, 1998.

>>I have listened to numerous ART BELL programs and hear the 'young
>>man between 25-40-type' rant on and on about how our culture will
>>'be ravaged' by the truth while I consider the possibilities that
>>this person has been warped by some mind-altering drug.

>Quite likely. Some may even be suffering outright psychosis.
>BTW I've never heard of a case where the drug alcohol was
>not involved. There might be rare exceptions.

<Big Snipit>

>Has anyone else got a view on this?
>All the best.
>Nemesis_____

Well I'm sorry to say I'm the one that started all this nonsense.
How did my implication that these guys on Art Bell all sounding
alike end up here? I was simply suggesting that these guys
are a set-up.

I think the days of the CIA drug testing are over :)

So if this Kent (Beal) guy was a set-up for JPL, then why would
they go to all this trouble? What's lurking up someone's slimey
sleeve now?

Has Oates done an analysis on the 'frantic' phone caller on Art
Bell a few months ago? I'll bet it's the same guy. Any way for
someone to do a speech comparison (i.e. certain patterns of
saying certain things, similar emphasis on specific words....)?

Sorry to combine the two messages but it's all the same ball
of melting wax.

Sue Kovios
(Drug-free)

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Re: JPL 'Kent' Exposed

From: **UFOLAWYER1** <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:00:14 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 07:16:23 -0400
Subject: Re: JPL 'Kent' Exposed

In a message dated 4/25/98 6:17:20 AM US Mountain Standard Time, updates@globalserve.net writes:

>The following Reverse Speech analysis of the famous "Kent"
>broadcast on the Art Bell show where he claimed to have seen
>color photos of the Face on Mars, and the ruins of a "city," has
>been exposed by as a CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED GOVERNMENT
>DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN.

LOL...what double nonsense now. If there is a disinformation campaign, I would suggest the conspirators are Bell/Hoagland/Oates/Beal. Will charlatans never cease...or for that matter the gullability of the public. I am sure the same people that believed Kent originally will once again believe him now...though an admitted liar.

Peter A. Gersten

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50 People Witness 3 UFOs Over San Bernadino, CA

From: "Stefan Duncan" <duncan@tarheel.net>
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 14:57:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 07:10:22 -0400
Subject: 50 People Witness 3 UFOs Over San Bernadino, CA

Does anyone have the San Bernadino, Ca MUFON e-mail address?
Trying to contact Jerry Glass in regards to sighting.

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Chat with Clifford Stone, Author/Retired Army

From: "Yvonne Hedenland" <yvonne_h@email.msn.com>
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:56:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 07:13:07 -0400
Subject: Chat with Clifford Stone, Author/Retired Army

Join the UFO Forum and Clifford Stone on Tuesday, 4/28/98 at 6pm, PT, for a discussion on government secrecy. According to Stone, the United States government actively pursued the question of ET.

Stone joined the Army in 1968 and was a Nuclear/Biological/ Chemical Retrieval Specialist. According to his book, UFOs Are Real, he was assigned to UFO Investigations and debris analysis.

This chat is available at <http://forums.msn.com/ufo> or can be accessed by any IRC client. The chat server name is publicchat.msn.com and the room or channel name is #briefing.

Stone indicates in his audio interview that there have been several crash retrievals and face to face encounters with various species. The Netshow Audio interview is available now on the UFO Forum <http://forums.msn.com/ufo>

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Re: JPL Hiding Colour, Clear Face & Cydonia

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 11:00:10 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 07:07:44 -0400
Subject: Re: JPL Hiding Colour, Clear Face & Cydonia

>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 17:59:26 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: JPL Hiding Colour, Clear Face & Cydonia Pictures?

>Why does this story sound believable?? To me it sounds ridiculous.

>These are digital images. If you want to send them somewhere you
>modem them, or put them on a disk and Fedex the disk.

>[Bob, you and I both know that the bureaucracies, for the most
> part, are not set up to look at digital images. Damn, they have
> enough difficulty setting the clocks on their VCRs and sending
> faxes. The people looking at 'those' pictures would want
> hard-copy. They don't have time to go through learning curves
> and if these images are the genuine article, wouldn't want
> some TI drone looking at them either. Hence the possibility
> that JPL, with their, what must, be even to you, absolutely
> breathtaking facilities, are indeed printing pictures and
> using FedEx to ship them - the "needle in a haystack
> principal" (to quote Bell) justifies using public couriers.]

Hi Errol, Hi Bob

I would like to interject here if I could. Whilst I am personally
on the fence regarding the issue of the Face on Mars I do know
something of the British bureaucracy regarding confidential
documents and etc.

A friend of mine works for our esteemed HM Customs Office. In
his job he deals with some very confidential papers, pictures and
etc. All important documents have to be hardcopy and mailed by
secure courier because HMS Customs Service does'nt trust the
security of Fax'es and email because they can be intercepted.
"Normal" mail, which can be pretty dammin can be faxed or
emailed.

People can have it any colour, as long as its black!
Sean Jones

Homepage--<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Zone/1745/index.htm>
Research page--<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: Latest Cydonia photos

From: Pedro Cunha <ppfilho@nutecnet.com.br>
Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 21:14:02 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 07:21:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Latest Cydonia photos

> Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 17:55:23 -0400
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
> Subject: Re: Latest Cydonia photos

> Linda Howe phoned me this afternoon to tell me that the latest
> Cydonia photos were up on Michael Malin's site
> (<http://www.msss.com>) and that I should take a look. I was
> working in the studio when she called, and only just got loose to
> come to the computer.

> Well, I'll be hornswaggled, there's a damned pyramid in the lower
> half of this one!!! At least it looks like one at first glance.

> I followed the link from Malin's site to JPLs and downloaded the
> BIG file. On magnification, the apparent regularity of the
> "pyramid" dissolves into irregularity, and it takes on the
> appearance of a hill surrounded by sand dunes. Drat!

> I still have not found the "half buried pyramid" people kept
> saying they were seeing in the previous image, and no one
> responded to my request to point out just where it was.

> So, I still don't think we have found the elusive "city".

> I'm off Sunday on a magazine assignment in Europe and will be off
> line for a couple of weeks. If someone could tell me where that
> bloody "half buried pyramid" is, I'd appreciate it.

Hello Bob,

I am just curious about something! Who would know how a highly eroded pyramid would look like in our days? Let's try this one. (I am just supposing someone would know!) I mean It is very interesting to see what we have there. How can you prove like $a+b=c$ that there's nothing there but natural geological formations?

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Please, you and all the others that have been posting here, must be convincing, and must have scientific proof, enough to show... Q.E.D!
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And please... let me know all your findings about the Roswell

Film.

I would appreciate... I am not a scholar... but I am looking to find out what we have about UFOs and all the happenings in the world.

Salutations from a truly admirer,

Pedro Cunha

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Re: JPL 'Kent' Exposed

From: **RGates8254** <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 00:00:22 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 07:29:46 -0400
Subject: Re: JPL 'Kent' Exposed

> Subj: UFO UpDate: JPL 'Kent' Exposed
> Date: 98-04-25 09:04:17 EDT
> From: updates@globalserve.net (UFO UpDates - Toronto)
> To: updates@globalserve.net

<snip>

> From: <http://www.reversespeech.com/kent.html>

> JPL 'Kent' Exposed

> The following Reverse Speech analysis of the famous Kent
> broadcast on the Art Bell show where he claimed to have seen
> color photos of the Face on Mars and the ruins of a city, has
> been exposed by David Oates and Richard Hoagland, as a scam. When
> confronted by Richard Hoagland on April the 2nd with information
> found in reverse, Kent whose real name is supposedly Greg Beal,
> broke down and confessed, claiming that he was working for a
> disinformation unit in the defense intelligence agency. He was
> staggered that they had been exposed by Reverse Speech so
> quickly.

I have another take on all this:

Anybody, can call Art Bell or any radio talk show host, claim to be just about any govt official, intelligence community, super secret organization source, say ANYTHING (i.e. weave any kind of lie,tale,rumor,gossip, inuendo) tell it in the first person basis and many gullible people will believe such people until unmasked.

The militia guys used to call Chuck Harders show and unload every fantastic tale/claim/story/rumor/gossip/innuendo, naturally told to Chuck in the first person "to sound credible".

"Well I saw the black helicopter land at...."

When the reality is:

"I heard from my buddy, who heard it from his brother, who was told by his wife, who heard it from his hairdresser, who heard it from.... who said they saw a black helicopter with UN markings landing in...." If they said that they would sound like they are, just another person repeating a story he heard.

The bottom line on any radio talk show is to take everything you hear with a big grain of SALT, wait for independent proof (which usually never happens) and carry on with life.

Also, don't quit your day job based upon a tale Art or one of his listeners unloaded on his show.

Cheers,
Robert

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Jean van Gemert <jeanvg@dds.nl>
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 09:56:29 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 10:22:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:03:42 GMT
>From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>That's the most explainable and probable scenario. It wobbled
>too much to be a real flying machine - especially from another
>world.

And just where is the logic behind this one? I doubt strongly that you're much of a true expert on the mechanics of a real extraterrestrial craft to "know" what can or cannot be. It's all opinion with no basis in fact, no one can tell beforehand if an extraterrestrial "saucer" wobbles too much or far too less, or should not even wobble at all. I'm not saying the Mexico film is real, your "argument" just has no merit.

Aside from that, "wobbling" behavior has been consistently present in quite a number of UFO reports, you might want to check Paul Hill's "Unconventional Flying Objects" for details, or see NICAP's "UFO Evidence" for reports.

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Re: Latest Cydonia photos

From: Bob Shell <bob@bobshell.com>
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 08:44:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 10:25:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Latest Cydonia photos

>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 21:14:02 -0300
>From: Pedro Cunha <pplfilho@nutecnet.com.br>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Latest Cydonia photos

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>research...
>Sure someone will, one day.

No, I don't know what a highly eroded pyramid would look like.
I'm not a geologist or archeologist. Hopefully those with
experience in these fields will weigh in here.

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>my humble research to find something interesting to show you all.

>And please... let me know all your findings about the Roswell
>Film.

If you are referring to the alien autopsy film, I'm still working
on it. I go back and forth on it. At the moment I am more
inclined to consider it a good SFX fake. Ask me in a few days
and I may have flipped back the other way. I don't balance on
fences very well. Philip and I still want to do a book about it
if we can ever find the right publisher.

>I would appreciate... I am not a scholar... but I am looking to
>find out what we have about UFOs and all the happenings in the
>world.

I will be off this list starting today for a week or two, so
please don't expect answers to messages sent during that time. I
have to unsubscribe to keep my mail box from filling up and
bouncing messages back.

Bob

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Divers Find World's Oldest Building

From: "Brian Straight" <briansxx@gte.net>
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 08:01:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 10:29:07 -0400
Subject: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

The following URL is interesting -- source is the London Times:

<http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/news/pages/Sunday-Times/frontpage.html?1781903>

Text of the article follows--but the picture is worth seeing!

Divers Find World's Oldest Building
by Trushar Barot

A STRUCTURE thought to be the world's oldest building, nearly twice the age of the great pyramids of Egypt, has been discovered. The rectangular stone ziggurat under the sea off the coast of Japan could be the first evidence of a previously unknown Stone Age civilisation, say archeologists.

The monument is 600ft wide and 90ft high and has been dated to at least 8000BC. The oldest pyramid in Egypt, the Step Pyramid at Saqqara, was constructed more than 5,000 years later.

The structure off Yonaguni, a small island southwest of Okinawa, was first discovered 75ft underwater by scuba divers 10 years ago and locals believed it was a natural phenomenon.

Professor Masaki Kimura, a geologist at Ryukyu University in Okinawa, was the first scientist to investigate the site and has concluded that the mysterious five-layer structure was man-made. "The object has not been manufactured by nature. If that had been the case, one would expect debris from erosion to have collected around the site, but there are no rock fragments there," he said.

The discovery of what appears to be a road surrounding the building was further evidence that the structure was made by humans, he added.

Robert Schoch, professor of geology at Boston University, dived at the site last month. "It basically looks like a series of huge steps, each about a metre high. Essentially, it's a cliff face like the side of a stepped pyramid. It's a very interesting structure," he said. "It's possible that natural water erosion combined with the process of cracked rocks splitting created such a structure, but I haven't come across such processes creating a structure as sharp as this."

Further evidence that the structure is the work of humans came with the discovery of smaller underwater stone mounds nearby. Like the main building, these mini-ziggurats are made of stepped slabs and are about 10m wide and 2m high.

Kimura said it was too early to know who built the monument or its purpose. "The structure could be an ancient religious shrine, possibly celebrating an ancient deity resembling the god Nirai-Kanai, whom locals say gave happiness to the people of Okinawa from beyond the sea. This could be evidence of a new culture as there are no records of a people intelligent enough to have built such a monument 10,000 years ago," he said.

"This could only have been done by a people with a high degree of technology, probably coming from the Asian continent, where the oldest civilisations originate. There would have to have been some sort of machinery involved to have created such a huge structure."

Teruaki Ishii, professor of geology at Tokyo University, said the structure dated back to at least 8000BC when the land on which it was constructed was submerged at the end of the last ice age. "I hope this site is artificial as it would be very exciting. But at this time I feel it is too early to say. I think the structure could be natural, but part of it may have been made," he said.

The first signs of civilisation in Japan are traced to the Neolithic period around 9000BC. The people at this time lived as hunters and food-gatherers. There is nothing in the archeological record to suggest the presence of a culture advanced enough to have built a structure like the ziggurat.

British archeologists are, however, cautiously enthusiastic about the discovery which will be featured this summer in a Channel 4 documentary.

Jim Mower, an archeologist at University College London, said: "If it is confirmed that the site is as old as 10,000 years and is man-made, then this is going to change an awful lot of the previous thinking on southeast Asian history. It would put the people who made the monument on a par with the ancient civilisation of Mesopotamia and the Indus Valley."

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Any More News Regarding Roswell? [was: JPL 'Kent']

From: **KRandle993** <KRandle993@aol.com> [Kevin Randle]
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 09:45:19 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 10:34:14 -0400
Subject: Any More News Regarding Roswell? [was: JPL 'Kent']

>Subject: JPL 'Kent' Exposed
>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:14:28 +0100
>From: Ralf Zeigermann <kag15@dial.pipex.com>
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 08:09:10 -0400
>>Subject: JPL 'Kent' Exposed

> Oww ... an obvious nutcase has now been 'exposed' by Oates and
> Hoagland? A cover-up? Why? Disinformation? Why?

> Why do we have to deal with this crap here on the UpDates list?

> Why do we still have to deal and seriously discuss Boylan's
> findings about the Vatican, when Eduardo proved that it was
> nothing more than BS? (and that was a good one, Eduardo - carry
> on!) Why do we have to discuss the 'Face on Mars' when there
> obviously is no face?

Hear, Hear.

> Are there any more news regarding Roswell (Kevin, where are
>you?!)?

Yes, but it's bad. Glenn Dennis invented his nurse, and probably had nothing to do with the case.

J. Bond Johnson is now billing himself as the "Roswell Photographer" though he only photographed the remains of a balloon in General Ramey's office. He is denying that he told me that Ramey told him it was a balloon. He is denying that he said that he wrote the story in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, which he told me. It's all on tape. Even after hearing the tapes, he denies it.

Jim Ragsdale so changed his story that he is useless as a witness to anything. He sold out for money. He signed to mutually exclusive affidavits.

The case has become so confused by so many people with their own agendas that it is becoming difficult to sort the truth from the fiction. Some see it as a way of making money, some see it as a way of gaining the spotlight, and some see it as a danger to their own belief structures. We have the Air Force issuing multiple final reports, some with conclusions so ridiculous that even the news media was rejecting them.

But, when all is said and done, we have every member of Colonel Blanchard's staff who was alive to talk to us telling us that what was recovered was not a balloon. Patrick Saunders wrote on the flyleaf to

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Current-Encounters: US Airforce's Bad Rap in

From: slk <slk@EVANSVILLE.NET> [Francis Ridge]
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 10:07:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 11:55:43 -0400
Subject: Current-Encounters: US Airforce's Bad Rap in

Greetings, this Sunday morning,

The evidence is becoming clearer by the day that the Air Force got a bad rap regarding the UFO issue in the early days. Maybe if we can make this well-known they might try to be more open with the facts as time goes on.

The evidence is clear. Base commanders took their pilots' reports seriously. Air Force people and project Sign had a damned good reason to send the Top Secret Estimate and later reports to the "top". Col. It appears that McCoy was probably an associate member of NICAP because he attended a meeting at NICAP HQ circa 1958 and this is all on audio tape. He took the issue very seriously and claimed they were doing the best job they could. It also appears that the Air Force got bad advise from the scientific community (even Hynek in the early days). One of Project Sign's advisers, George Valley (Scientific Advisory Board) said he looked at the reports and could explain 95% of them. The rest he said were considered lies!!!

Each time the Air Force (early days, now) asked scientists to advise them, they were told it was all nonsense, truly the "Dark Ages" which set the stage for the entire Air Force UFO involvement. Even Gen. Vandenburg, who took the "heat" for batting down the "Estimate" had advsers that were probably similar to people like G. Valley, and simply took their advise.

The more we dig, the more we find. If we could just get into the Navy UFO files.....

Fran

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Re: 50 People Witness 3 UFOs Over San Bernadino, CA

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Subject: Re: 50 People Witness 3 UFOs Over San Bernadino, CA

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>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: 50 People Witness 3 UFOs Over San Bernadino, CA
>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 14:57:20 -0400

>Does anyone have the San Bernadino, Ca MUFON e-mail address?
>Trying to contact Jerry Glass in regards to sighting.

Hello Stefan,

The following is hopefully up to date:

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Hope this helps,

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April 26, 1997
Editor: Joseph Trainor

UFOs CAUSE TWO MORE
BLACKOUTS IN BARILOCHE

Two more unexplained power failures blacked out Bariloche last week at the same time people reported seeing UFOs passing overhead.

The city, also known as San Carlos de Bariloche, is a popular resort in the Andes of Argentina. Located on the south shore of Lago (Lake) Nahuel Huapi, the city is about 1,040 kilometers (650 miles) southwest of Buenos Aires.

The first in the series of inexplicable blackouts took place Sunday, April 12, 1998 when witnesses reported seeing two UFOs "fuse together" over Cerro Carbon (hill).

On Tuesday night, April 14, 1998, "a great part of the city was totally darkened." Cooperativa Electricidade de Bariloche (CEB), the city's power company, traced the source of the blackout to the transmission lines along the Avenida Bustico near the transformer substation at Puerto Moreno. CEB said the sobrecorriente (power surge) "was five to six times greater than normal."

In the barrio Melipal, eyewitness Julio Posse stated, "I saw an interesting glow to the east of the Cerro Otto (hill). With my family I saw it from my yard. My sons shouted, 'Papa, the OVNI's!' (Spanish acronym for UFOs--J.T.) All I said was 'Yes, the OVNI's.'"

According to the newspaper Diario La Manana del Sur, "Officially no one has cited the word OVNI. But, to all of the questions, no one (at CEB) can explain the phenomenon. The lines were hit with a charge of 1,050 amperes. The automatic meters at the transformer substation Los Cipresales indicated the same surge at the moment during which witnesses sighted OVNI's last Sunday in the skies over Bariloche."

CEB spokesman Luis Baigorria said, "At present we do not have an explanation that can determine the cause of the surge."

Claudio Campo, an engineer for CEB, said, "That which occurred Tuesday night was identical to the incident Sunday. But in this case it was reported by the meters at the substation in Puerto Moreno."

The third blackout occurred Thursday night, April 16, 1998. Again Bariloche was completely blacked out for several hours.

Meanwhile reports of UFO sightings poured in from the Lago Nahuel Huapi shore and the hills and valleys east of Bariloche.

A man named Zuber "videotaped an OVNI about 15 kilometers from home, near School #255 at the intersection of Rutas 23 and 237. His three-minute tape shows a great black object with a light that 'shines intently and incessantly' with twinkling red, blue, yellow and green lights. The object can be seen with better clarity when he zooms in. A slight luminous halo surrounds the object."

Zuber's Sony camcorder tape was aired on Canal (Channel) 6's noontime news broadcast in Bariloche the following day.

Other witnesses reported seeing "two or three OVNI's" flying eastward over the city towards Cerro Leon" hill. (See the Argentinian newspapers Diario la Manana del Sur for April 15, 1998 and Diario Rio Negro for April 17, 1998, "Filmaron un OVNI Cerca del Cerro Leon en Bariloche." Muchas gracias a Carlos Iurchuk para esas noticias.)

CIGAR-SHAPED UFO HOVERS OVER A STADIUM IN ECUADOR

A luminous, cigar-shaped UFO hovered over the municipal stadium in Guayaquil, Ecuador on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at 7 p.m., interrupting a professional futbol (soccer in the USA--J.T.) game.

Guayaquil, Ecuador's port city on the Pacific Ocean, is located 380 kilometers (224 miles) southwest of Quito, the national capital.

The game pitted the Guayaquil pro futbol team against the pro team from Barcelona.

Midway through the game, people in the stands noticed "a very bright light" rising in the southwest sky. As it drew nearer, more and more spectators pointed it out and shouted. The UFO was described as "a white cigar-shaped object surrounded by a strong luminosity."

The UFO crossed the city and then hovered over the stadium for ten minutes. A cameraman for Canal (Channel) 7 in Guayaquil, who was covering the game, aimed his videocam at the object. His footage was broadcasted by Canal 7 the following day.

The UFO flew away to the north "at a tremendous velocity." (See the Brazilian newspaper Correio Brasiliense for April 22, 1998. Muito obrigado a Pedro Cunha por eso caso.)

FIRST CROP CIRCLE APPEARS IN ISRAEL

On Thursday, April 16, 1998, Israel Television Channel One broadcast an interview with Golan Nasrir, 30, an Israeli Arab who discovered a crop circle in a wheat field in the Emeq Yisreel (Valley of Jezreel.)

The crop circle was found near the village of Bet Zarzir, located about 40 kilometers (24 miles) southeast of Haifa.

According to Israeli journalist Barry Chamish, "On the evening of April 12, a resident of the Jezreel Valley Arab village of Bet Zarzir heard dogs bark wildly, looked outside and saw small lights darting in a nearby wheat field. The next day he told his friend Golan Nasrir about the incident, and he (Golan) went to the field, thus discovering the crop circle."

Chamish described the crop circle as "a 26-meter half-circle with an equally long and straight 'tail' attached."

"Within the circle were seven round pods in the mud. All vegetation within was killed, and the ground was severely dessicated compared to the surrounding soil. In four of the pods, the soil was covered with a white powder, while, in the other three pods, there was a red oily fluid."

Israeli ufologist Gil Bar painstakingly took samples of the white powder and red oil. Chamish showed the samples to Dr. Marvin Antleman, who reportedly speculated that the oil might be a derivative of cobalt. Dr. Antleman is making arrangements to have the

samples analyzed in a laboratory. (Many thanks to Barry Chamish for this news story.)

UFOs AGAIN ACTIVE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

On Saturday, April 18, 1998, at 8:30 p.m., Richard Macedo was at his home in Temple City, California (population 31,100), a suburb of Los Angeles, with his wife and sister. Macedo is a 39-year-old quality assurance manager for a Boeing subcontractor.

"My sister saw it first," Richard reported, "She was looking east and saw the object in a one o'clock position. She was sitting under a 2-foot eave so I imagine her viewing angle was around 80 degrees. My wife responded to my sister's shouting and spied the object somewhat lower in the sky."

"I saw the final part of its descent with a large tree in the foreground, and it seemed to be blinking as the foliage partially blocked out my view. But my sister claimed it was blinking all the way down, even when it was in the open sky. It appeared to be falling at an 85 degrees angle."

The trio watched the UFO from their porch near the intersection of Olive Street and Halifax Road in Temple City. Richard said the UFO was "utterly silent" and might have gone down in the area of lower Azusa Avenue.

"The object appeared to be illuminating the roof of the church next door...I thought I might have noticed a bluish glow from the bottom of the object before it vanished completely." (Email Interview)

On Wednesday, April 22, 1998, Cinde Costello of San Bernardino MUFON received a phone call from a woman employed by the Job Corps. The woman reported that "fifty people had witnessed three bright lights heading east towards the Big Bear mountain area" at about 8:30 p.m.

San Bernardino (population 164,164) is located 65 miles (84 kilometers) east of Los Angeles.

At first the woman "thought they might be hang gliders with lights." She described the UFOs as "the lights were bright amber-yellow and appeared to be floating or hovering. The three objects then began to move south and changed color from amber to bright red. The objects were viewed for more than 10 minutes."

The UFOs were an estimated one mile from the 50 witnesses. Some claimed to have seen a "wing-like structure or an object with what she described as 'like a seagull's wings.'"

According to Cinde Costello, a gull-winged UFO was seen over San Bernardino on January 5, 1998. (Many thanks to Jerry Glass and Cinde Costello of MUFON for this news story.)

FLYING-WING UFO SIGHTED OVER SAN FRANCISCO

On Saturday, April 18, 1998, at 10:15 p.m., designers Amy S. and Jennifer K. were in the backyard of a home near Army Street in San Francisco (population 723,959) when Amy spotted a strange-looking object high in the sky.

Jennifer reported, "The object was moving northwest" over the city "really slow, way up. We were out looking at the stars--looking for satellites. No sound, no trail. We had it in view for 35 to 40 seconds."

"There was no fuselage. It looked like a wing flying in the air. No tail section," she added. "Wings were not bigger than the fuselage because there wasn't any." The object was primarily "perpendicular wings with some sweeping back, the ends were bent slightly. It was moving in a forward direction. There was no glow, just a faint gray color. Other friends of ours didn't see it because it was so fast. It seemed very high up." (Email Interview)

MARFA MYSTERY LIGHTS
DAZZLE FAMILY IN TEXAS

On March 13, 1998, at 7 p.m., Nicole Prescott and her grandmother, mother and sister were at their home near Marfa, Texas (population 2,424) when the area's most puzzling phenomenon--the Marfa Lights--made a sudden appearance.

The lights appeared "at 70 to 75 degrees above the horizon. They were crackling bright lights of white and orange."

Nicole reported, "They seemed to come towards you. Some were the size of a basketball. Others were no bigger than the head of a pencil."

The Marfa Lights were first reported in 1881 by a local cowboy. A Japanese scientific team videotaped them in 1994. Science has never been able to explain the mysterious darting lights, which usually appear over Mitchell's Flat, southwest of Chinati Mountain.

Marfa is at the junction of U.S. Highways 67 and 90, about 194 miles (310 kilometers) southeast of El Paso.

According to Nicole, a local man was driving across the flat prairie north of the Cuseto del Punto mountains last winter when a Marfa light entered his car through the rear window, hovered over the back seat hissing and crackling, and then vanished several minutes later. (See American UFO Newsletter #7 for 1998. Many thanks to editor Stefan Duncan for this news story.)

GLOWING TRIANGULAR UFO
SIGHTED IN FRANCE

On Wednesday, April 15, 1998, at 11:40 p.m., law clerk T. Tony was at his home on the Rue d'Authie in the quartier Chemin Vert in Caen, a city in northern France, when he spied a triangular UFO.

"I found myself at home when my attention was drawn to the window by a luminosity in the night sky, which that night was very clear," M. Tony reported. "The moon was in its first quarter but could not be seen, the wind slight and there were few clouds. It (the UFO) appeared to be a luminous mass, vaguely triangular, like a triangle with rounded edges but very sharp in the front. It was a bright orange luminosity, with a band of light red across the middle that was quite visible. It was followed by a red rectilinear hind part. There weren't any beacons or clusters of lights."

"The object was in rapid descent when I saw it, but without any noise. In 20 seconds, the object performed a multitude of aerobatic maneuvers that did not appear to have any logical purpose, passing in pirouette and looping without ever changing its speed. Then it left my field of view, and I saw nothing more."

Caen is in Normandy, in the department Calvados, about 250 kilometers (150 miles) west of Paris. (Merci beaucoup a Franck Marie et Banque OVNI pour ces nouvelles.) (Editor's Note: In July 1944, Caen was the site of a big battle of World War II.)

FLOURESCENT GREEN UFO
SPOTTED IN AUSTRALIA

On Saturday, April 4, 1998, at 10:30 p.m., residents of Healesville, Victoria state, Australia spotted "a flouro (flourescent) green illumination crossing the northern sky."

The UFO flew very quickly and "traveled from the east to the north, taking about five seconds to pass. There was no sound, no tail and no trail. The respondents described it as 'a green fireball.' It appeared to be the size of a half-moon."

Healesville is 120 kilometers (72 miles) northeast of Melbourne. (Many thanks to Ross Dowe and the Australia/New Zealand 24-Hour UFO Hotline for this report.)

IRISHMAN REPORTS UFO
SIGHTING IN DUBLIN

On April 2, 1998, at about 5 p.m., David Martin "was walking in an area called Blanchardstown" in Dublin, capital city of Ireland. As he approached "the Bell Pub, I saw an object flash across the sky. It stopped and hovered over my head. It seemed circular in shape. It flew off to the east in the direction of Raheny." (Many thanks to John Thompson of ISUR and David Martin for this report. See Filer's Files #15 for 1998.)

SATURN-SHAPED UFO BACK IN NORTH CAROLINA

On Monday, April 20, 1998, Stefan Duncan, editor of American UFO Newsletter (AUFON) began a skywatch "on a pier approximately 300 yards (270 meters) east of Panther's Point" on High Rock Lake. The lake is located just east of Salisbury, North Carolina (population 23,087), a city on Highway 29 about 115 miles (184 kilometers) west of Raleigh.

At 9:45 p.m., "looking towards the east end of the lake, I saw my reddish UFO," Duncan reported. "Similar to the one I saw April 2, an object whose light was a non-blinking reddish-white" with "the shape of Saturn when the rings are seen edge on. The object was probably a mile down the lake. The object rose from the treetops and hovered for about five minutes and then descended."

At 10 p.m., the UFO "moved from the treetops but just to the top of the trees and went no higher." An attempt to videotape the object failed when Duncan's camcorder jammed. "It stayed in position for two seconds before descending."

At 10:14 p.m., "the object rose a third time but just over the treetops. It brightened, then went back to normal glow. After two minutes, it descended."

The UFO flap began December 15, 1997 when local resident James Minster spotted four flat discs hovering over High Rock Lake. (See American UFO Newsletter #7. Many thanks to Stefan Duncan for this report.)

WHITE TUBULAR UFO SEEN IN NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

On Friday, April 17, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., Sam Sherman and his wife were driving to dinner on Route 516 in Old Bridge, New Jersey (population 6,090), heading for nearby East Brunswick, when Sam spotted a UFO.

"Directly overhead storm clouds were gathering, although low on the horizon," Sherman reported. "The sky was still blue and the sun was shining brightly prior to setting. I looked up in the sky and saw what looked like a contrail between two clouds. It was like no contrail (condensation trail--J.T.) I had ever seen, and it moved forward in a northerly direction (towards New York City--J.T.) but did not have a tail or vapor or smoke behind it."

"This was of definite and finite length. To describe what I saw, as follows--at arm's length, it appeared to be 3 or 4 inches (6 or 8 centimeters) in length and tubular in shape. The color was white but with luminescent color overlying a bluish-green tinge. As the sun appeared to be behind it, the object did not appear to be reflecting the sun's rays...The tubular bright object was moving north and threading its way through the clouds." He eventually lost sight of the UFO "behind a dark cloud to the north." (See Filer's Files #15 for 1998. Many thanks to George A. Filer, Eastern MUFON director, for this report.)

AIR SYSTEM FAILURE MAY SHORTEN NEUROLAB FLIGHT

The space shuttle Columbia may have to end its 15-day Neurolab mission days earlier than planned because of a failure in the spacecraft's air cleansing system.

Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral,

Florida on April 17, Aboard are seven astronauts, led by pilot Scott Altman and mission commander Rick Searloss, and animals scheduled for inflight tests, including 152 rats, 18 pregnant mice, 60 snails, 75 snail eggs, 1,514 baby crickets and 233 swordtail fish.

The shuttle, nicknamed Altman's Ark, now holds the record for the largest number of passengers--living creatures from Earth--to enter outer space.

"If Columbia's crew can't fix a unit designed to remove carbon dioxide from the cabin air, the spacecraft may have to return to Earth late Wednesday or early Thursday, several days early."

"NASA Mission Control spokesman James Hartsfield said the carbon dioxide system may be repairable."

"In the meantime, the astronauts are using cans of lithium hydroxide which cleans carbon dioxide out of the air chemically. They've got enough cans to last seven days." (See the New York Post for April 26, 1998, "Shuttle landing is up in the air.")

from the UFO Files...

1937: STRANGE CRUISE OF
THE O.M. MCFARLAND

One of the weirdest disappearances in the history of the Lake Michigan Triangle occurred on April 28, 1937, sixty-one years ago.

According to the Cleveland Press, "A new mystery of the Great Lakes was unfolded today when the freighter O.M. McFarland docked in Port Washington, Wisconsin and crew members reported the disappearance of the ship's master."

It was a big day for the McFarland's skipper, Captain George R. Donner--his fifty-eighth birthday. Born in 1879, Donner "had sailed for ten years on the old Valley Camp Steamship Company boats until the firm was taken over by Columbia (Transportation Company). It was his first command under the Columbia house flag, although he had been on the lakes for years and had served as a skipper for several of them."

Days earlier, the McFarland had picked up 9,800 tons of coal at the dock in Erie, Pennsylvania. The vessel sailed out of Lake Erie, across Lake Huron, and through the Straits of Mackinac into Lake Michigan.

"At 10:15 p.m. on the night of April 28, 1937," Captain Donner "left the pilot house, giving instructions to the second mate to call him when the McFarland was off her destination of Port Washington, Wisconsin, some three hours hence. Stating that he wanted to get a couple of hours sleep, he went below, out of sight of the mate and the wheelman. The desire for rest was understandable, for the McFarland, on her first trip of the season, had encountered the usual heavy ice in the Straits of Mackinac, losing considerable time. And, once in northern Lake Michigan, a sharp watch had to be kept for roving ice fields."

"After leaving the pilot house, Captain Donner must have busied himself with paperwork before retiring, for he was later heard moving around in his room."

"At 1:15 a.m. (April 29, 1937--J.T.) as the McFarland neared Port Washington, the mate, as instructed, descended to the captain's room to summon him. There was no response to his knocking on the door, so the second officer opened it and peered in, assuming that the captain was merely sleeping heavily. But Captain Donner was not in the bed or anywhere else in sight."

"On the possibility that the captain had walked aft to get coffee or partake of the night lunch, the mate hurried back to the galley, but except for a couple of off-duty firemen finishing a midnight snack, it was deserted. Quickly summoning the other mate and the chief engineer, he organized a thorough search of the McFarland, crew members combing every nook and cranny of the thirty-four year-old vessel. Without a doubt, Captain Donner

had disappeared!"

Yes, indeed, Captain Donner had vanished from his locked room. There was no other hatch except the one leading into the companionway, and he was too large to pass through the room's two portholes. No one had seen him in the companionway between midnight and 1:15 a.m., when the mate knocked on his door.

Interestingly, during this critical hour, the McFarland was 30 miles (48 kilometers) northwest of Ludington, Michigan. Ludington is reputed to be the nexus of the Lake Michigan Triangle.

"Ships along the McFarland's route were asked to keep a watch for Donner's body, and the same request was passed on to communities along the shore."

"Captain Donner's body never did turn up, and his disappearance from his cabin aboard ship is as much a mystery now as it was in 1937."

(See STRANGE ADVENTURES OF THE GREAT LAKES by Dwight Boyer, Freshwater Press, Cleveland, Ohio, 1974, pages 223 to 225. Also THE GREAT LAKES TRIANGLE by Jay Gourley, Fawcett Publications, Inc., Greenwich, Conn. 1977, page 176. Also GATEWAY TO OBLIVION by Hugh Cochrane, Avon Books, New York, NY, 1980, pages 34 and 35. And the Cleveland (Ohio) Press for April 29, 1937.)

FUN UFO WEBSITES:

Mars continues to interest the UFO community. Check out MUFOR's image of Cydonia at this site:

<http://www.mufor.org/ares/mgs/structure-comp.jpg>

The Pathfinder Anomalies Analysis Group has a site at <http://mufor.org/mars.html>

Stephen Miles Lewis has an Anomalous Experience page devoted to Forteana at his site. Drop in at <http://www.sogweb.com/~elfin/links/ELFLinks1.html>

More on recent crop circles in the UK, the Netherlands and Israel can be seen at Circles Phenomenon Research (CPR-Canada). Try them at <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Cavern/3310>

There's more Forteana available at Jacques Poulet's site at <http://www.generation.net/~jpoulet>

Kenneth Green of UFO TIMES has a new page that organizes sightings in the USA on a state-by-state basis. Drop in and look it over at <http://ufo-times.home.ml.org>

Definitely not to be missed is our parent site, UFO INFO, with its vast array of news, photos and features. Check it out at this URL: <http://ufoinfo.com>

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On this date sixty-five years ago, i.e. on April 26, 1933, physicist Arno Allen Pezias was born. In 1978, Pezias won the Nobel Prize for his discovery of the existence of microwave cosmic radiation in space.

That's it for this week. We'll be back next Sunday with more saucer news from "the paper that goes home--UFO ROUNDUP." See you then.

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In a message dated 98-04-26 11:02:26 EDT, you write:

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>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:14:28 +0100
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>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 08:09:10 -0400
>>Subject: JPL 'Kent' Exposed

> Oww ... an obvious nutcase has now been 'exposed' by Oates and
> Hoagland? A cover-up? Why? Disinformation? Why?

> Why do we have to deal with this crap here on the UpDates list?

> Why do we still have to deal and seriously discuss Boylan's
> findings about the Vatican, when Eduardo proved that it was
> nothing more than BS? (and that was a good one, Eduardo - carry
> on!) Why do we have to discuss the 'Face on Mars' when there
> obviously is no face?

Hear, Hear.

> Are there any more news regarding Roswell (Kevin, where are
> you?!)?

Yes, but it's bad. Glenn Dennis invented his nurse, and probably had nothing to do with the case.

J. Bond Johnson is now billing himself as the "Roswell Photographer" though he only photographed the remains of a balloon in General Ramey's office. He is denying that he told me that Ramey told him it was a balloon. He is denying that he said that he wrote the story in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, which he told me. It's all on tape. Even after hearing the tapes, he denies it.

Jim Ragsdale so changed his story that he is useless as a witness to anything. He sold out for money. He signed to mutually exclusive affidavits.

The case has become so confused by so many people with their own agendas that it is becoming difficult to sort the truth from the fiction. Some see it as a way of making money, some see it as a way of gaining the spotlight, and some see it as a danger to their own belief structures. We have the Air Force issuing multiple final reports, some with conclusions so ridiculous that even the news media was rejecting them.

But, when all is said in done, we have every member of Colonel Blanchard's staff who was alive to talk to us telling us that what was recovered was not a balloon. Patrick Saunders wrote on

the flyleaf to

[Seems Kevin stopped keying here... -- ebk]

Let's just say I was AOLed] to finish...

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE UFO CRASH AT ROSWELL "Here is the truth and I haven't told anybody anything." In other words, a man in a position to know, who had no motivation at all, was suggesting that there had been a UFO crash at Roswell.

I should also mention Edwin Easley who said the same sort of thing as did others.

And where did this idea that there were no ground based radars at Roswell come from? Yeah, they traveled around practicing radar bombing at various locations, but that doesn't mean that such facilities didn't exist in Roswell. They finally got their Ground Controlled Approach system working in August which means the radars were in place before then.

Oh well.

KRandle

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Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 15:43:10 -0400
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>Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 09:56:29 +0200
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>>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:03:42 GMT
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>>That's the most explainable and probable scenario. It wobbled
>>too much to be a real flying machine - especially from another
>>world.

>And just where is the logic behind this one? I doubt strongly
>that you're much of a true expert on the mechanics of a real
>extraterrestrial craft to "know" what can or cannot be. It's all
>opinion with no basis in fact, no one can tell beforehand if an
>extraterrestrial "saucer" wobbles too much or far too less, or
>should not even wobble at all. I'm not saying the Mexico film
>is real, your "argument" just has no merit.

I was reminded (by a friend) about a post that Greg Sandow wrote about a year ago called, "Objectivity." It's worth a trip back to the UpDates archive just to re-read it. It's relevant to Rogers' remarks about how "alien craft wouldn't wobble." How do you know, Roger, how an "alien craft" would behave? 'Wobbling' may be perfectly 'normal' behavior for whatever type of magnetic field propulsion system they may be using! (For all any of us know)

>Aside from that, "wobbling" behavior has been consistently
>present in quite a number of UFO reports, you might want to
>check Paul Hill's "Unconventional Flying Objects" for details,
>or see NICAP's "UFO Evidence" for reports.

I have had several "sightings" (some of them multiple witness) and I have observed this odd 'wobbling' on more_than_one_occasion_. That's eyewitness testimony.

Again, please refer to Greg Sandow's post!

It's a rainy (peaceful) Sunday afternoon here in the Big Apple so I'm going to that I'm seeing flying saucers and that I've been abducted by aliens. <HEE-HAW>

Peace,

John Velez :-)

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The Armchair Ufologist - Issue 3

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The Armchair Ufologist

issue three

Those whom the gods wish to destroy they first make ufologists

Countdown to Ecstasy?

Newbie watchers will have noted the emergence, over the past year or so, of one 'Max Burns' onto the scene. Hailing from the Yorkshire's very own Rotherham Triangle, Max is an out and out ET believer. By some quirk of strangeness he caught the wave at the right time and ended up writing quite a lot (of rubbish) for Alien Encounters magazine. But they liked him and he fitted in well with that 'zine's uncritical viewpoint and make-money-at-any(one's)-expense ethos.

Indeed, last year at the BUFORA disaster in Sheffield when it was mooted that Alien Encounters magazine form some kind of union with BUFORA, using A.E. as BUFORAs house zine I suggested to editor Ninny Penny Dreadful that this would only take place if Maxy boy was dropped. 'Can't do that' she replied.

Alien Encounters' sales figures suggest they are now reaping what they sow.
Fairysnuff.

Time passed and Max and I duly insulted each other at the opening night of The Unexplained exhibition in Bradford. He was so insulted that he later 'phoned me up and told me that he was 'having a spot of bother with the police'. This spot of bother, according to Max, and all the other ufologists who have told me since, was that he'd been lifted in possession of 1000 tabs of ecstasy and had been charged with possession with intent to supply same.

This would all be just tough cookies if it wasn't for the reasons Max gives. Which are:

Max says it's all a fit up, and believes he is being 'got at' by The Establishment. Why? Because he's an ace ufologist and knows secrets so terrible has to be silenced. Lawdy. Worse still other ufologists such as Miles Johnstone agree with him! Mad as lorries the lot of 'em.

When I spoke to Max he confidently assured me that he was going to call Tim Good as a witness (because 'everybody knows he's a government agent') and therefore the case would collapse.

That's Max Logic for you.

Let's see if that really happens pilgrims, or if it's just another fantasy.

Several seasoned ufologists have wondered if his real name isn't Max

Boyce (actually it's not even Max Burns, can you guess what it is?). Whatever his paranoid ramblings about fit ups and cover ups, the forces of lawn order seem to think otherwise and he has been committed to Crown Court. And the charge of Ecstasy 'dropped' to amphetamine, which raises another problem - if Max is found guilty was he ripped off or was he going to rip someone else off? It's a murky world out there kids.

I have to say here that ecstasy and any amphetamine derivative, these days, in my opinion is a crap drug anyway only suitable for dumb clubbers - but each to his own I suppose.

Can't buy a thrill eh?

We'd say Happy Trials to Max but I suspect it won't be and that we may have to wait quite some time before Max can enlighten me as to the nature of the alien base under the Midland bank at Chapletown, Sheffield, not to mention how I'll just never get to know about the Tornado jet which was taken by a UFO last year in the infamous 'Peak District Crash' scenario.

Speaking of which. Ace researcher (and soon to be 'Dr', courtesy of a PhD) Dave Clarke has wrapped up the aforementioned South Yorkshire UFO crash and in a rare feat of good research (rare for ufology not for Wavy Davy) he has proved conclusively that it was all caused by military aircraft breaking the sound barrier and covering it up. Long story but you'll be able to read about it in the Brothers' Grimm 'UFO' zine shortly.

'Political Dynamite' as Graham used to say in the heady days of Quest International.

Anyway the also aforementioned Max thought he had the vaguest inkling of what had gone on with this case and got a right strop on when he found Dave wasn't playing at ufology and had actually solved it.

Cue the Max Factor.

Max took to making abusive 'phone calls to Dave at work and used 'bad boys language' to boot.

Sad really but there y'go. I'm afraid Max just can't accept that his beloved case is a complexity of mundanities which caused and not aliens blah blah blah blah.

In his best defence of the nonsense he believes Max took to alleging that anyone who disbelieved in his theories was working for 'Intel'. We presume he meant the intelligence services and not the people who make computer chips.

My how we laughed - but only after we'd been given permission to do so by MI5 of course.

The Miles Files

Miles Johnstone anybody? Long time BUFORA member, used to be big in an Irish UFO group, works for SKY TV, used to be sensible, has a penchant for hard co.....oops can't penetrate that one any further, but we have the evidence. Anyway we discovered that Miles was in league with Maxy baby. Miles had been up to Sheffield to do some filming for something to do with the alleged 'crash' which was to be presented to the BUFORA AGM meeting. Now BUFORA look pretty stupid as it is, how they could think to put on - totally uncritically - a video conjured up by Messers Johnstone and Burns - god only knows.

So I emailed Miles J and told him that research had been done which made any ET interpretation somewhat invalid. I also asked him to contact Dave to check things out so a more balanced view could be offered at the AGM.

Oh dear! Miles replied:

I asked Dave to contact me, as I was going to Sheffield on Friday. He has not returned my call.

When I ask someone to contact me, as I am in his area, and he cannot even return the call:- obviously they have nothing to say.

So please do not ask me to contact someone who is so rude as to avoid

me in the first place.

When you are constructing a cover story, be so prudent as to avoid making so many holes in the first place.

The problem with unknown craft is, that they have the troublesome problem of not doing what they are told to do, i.e. not exist.

When coming up with cover stories, it is also advisable to come up with definitions which are correct.

If a Bollide had been over Sheffield, then most of middle England would not exist, as a Bollide IMPACTS, i.e. is not an air burst.

Suggest you talk to the witnesses and tell them they did not see the bodies being taken from the water, because, they were not supposed to.

But then we are not SUPPOSED to see anything are we? As nothing is happening, and we are all happy little johnnies.

Obviously the expression of a point of view is a crime in BUFORA.

I am sure your contacts in "intel" will be informing you of my status in these affairs by now anyway.

I shall expect the knock at dawn... or do they do it remotely these days... heard someone's house went up not too recently, for asking to many questions.

The bottom line is that you lot have blown it, and it is time, if ever there was, a more professional lot will take over, which I am sure will happen, as sure as day becomes night.

MJ

The above is 'sic', if not 'sick'. But you get the idea where Miles is coming from? Yeah, a small galaxy just to the right of Zeta Reticulli. Wearied by this paranoid nonsense I asked him what he meant in the last paragraph, all that stuff about people's houses 'going up'. Tell me who these people are/were Miles, tell me where their house is/was. I guaranteed him I could prove he was talking what Father Ted would call 'shite'.

Needless to say I didn't get a reply to that one.

Another scattershot email from Miles came across my bows later. Apropos of nothing it went:

received your threatening email.

During the taping of the report... a simple report on a UFO,

I have had quite sufficient attention thank you.

exposing yourself in this manner is quite pathetic.

usual measures are in effect.

Max has no email address, as he is unemployed, and due to be remanded until November.

He made every effort to get his side of the story across.

A simple video of someone's report is such a

threat!!

Be happy I have such patience.

But do they?

Miles . J

Again I present it in all it's sic-ness. Note the expression 'usual measures are in place'. This comes hot from the Barry King phrasebook as anyone who gets THE VOICE will know. Miles is a King acolyte and the two often discuss tunnels of an evening over a cup of Ovaltine.

Keeping one eye on the door of course in case 'they' come for them.

Natch.

Miles then forwarded Max Burns' replies to David's latest findings.

This was more of the same unsubstantiated garbage he has come out with before. But Miles added his own little coda which went:

ETH is a well out of date 70s concept anyway. As you have clearly not noticed things have moved along since. It was 4 years ago that I showed an interview with a senior engineer who actually works with the Greys and Reptilians, and the other types, in making our versions of their craft. But then you probably missed that.

The unusual use of the Queen's English is again all Miles'.

So, the ETH is an outdated concept? I'll go for that one Miles. And because you've talked to a crazy who spun you a yarn we're supposed to believe it? I think not.

There's more.

Miles wasn't going to be put off by anyone doing research which produced results when speculation was to be had. Another extract from

the Miles Files delivered the killer blow:

Whilst editing the brief video report for BUFORA, who I was livid about, for NOT showing I was visited by 2 transdimensional entities, one of whom chose to sit on my right knee, and observe the edit.

Lap-dancing transdimensionals eh. Conjure for yourselves readers the thought of Miles trying to edit a video with a trans-dimensional entity' sat on his knee. It's an enduring image and let's face it, we've all been there.
But Miles has it all under control.....

'I have already been told that the usual sources which deal with the cover for such events have made a right mess of the Sheffield case, including the drugs charges on Max, and the subsequent police who have dealt with the case. '

Note well readers this is the level of ufology, and of ufological debate, which the literalists think actually counts for something.

I could barely get this issue of TAU to the printers because Miles kept bombarding me with stupidity. His last long email - so far - rambled on about pirate radio stations, abducted DJs, the checking of SKY TV personnel by intelligence agents and so on and on. His crowning moment was some idiocy about secret messages encoded in music:

If you are not aware of the encoding being used in music, and its influence in society, then I imagine you will not see the link between the drug scene, certain pirate radio, and how it is manipulated, then I suggest you start finding out.

No, this isn't Gordon Creaking writing, it's still Miles. But I think we know where he's heading children, don't we? I don't think we've heard the last of the Sheffield UFO 'crash', or Max, or Miles. We'll keep you updated.

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Paranoia Strikes Deep- Into Your Heart It Will Creep

Paranoia, as you have seen, is at its worst ever at the moment on the UK UFO scene. Everyone you speak to accuses everyone else of being an agent of disinformation or a debunker or whatever. None of these charges are ever proven and it seems to me that when the subject is in meltdown with no real research being done then that's when the witch hunts start.

The Internet, whilst being a fantastic research tool has exacerbated the loony tendencies ufologists have and rumours can now be spread ten times faster than ever before.

Where once the slow transmission of information by post and telephone led to consideration and reflection, things are now radically different. If someone has an ill-advised thought it has become a theory by tea-time, a fact before bedtime and is in a magazine or book within months. It is then irrefutable and anyone who does attempts criticism is working for the.....and round and round and round and round we go.

Take the Rendlesham Forest case. In recent months new details have come forward which strongly suggests that the whole series of events over two night was - like the Sheffield crash case- a complex series of misidentifications and misperceptions.

Even its principal investigator Jenny Randles has been quoted as saying 'Rendlesham is at best half the case it was and may turn out to have been little of any substance after all.' But I bet she changes her mind!

Researcher James Easton has done terrific in depth research on this case and come up with original statements from Rendlesham witnesses. I won't go into the details here - it will be all over the UFO press soon enough. I suggest that those of you with Internet connections have a look at Easton's spiffy homepage at:
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/>

Of course this sort of real research was too much for many and without thinking or considering the evidence (or in fact without many of the goons actually having read much about the original case) people leapt to the defence. Elder statesman of ufology (i.e. old bloke with a lot of books) Richard Hall just couldn't hack it at all and bleated and

baa'd in an arrogant fashion, as did others from across the waters.

James Easton responded delicately but firmly by re-iterating what he had discovered, comparing it with what was know and drawing the inevitable conclusions.

No.

Still didn't work.

It seems that a great many ufologists are so narrow minded that they cannot conceive of any other explanation than the exotic. Moreover they haven't the faintest idea about the nature of misidentification, misperception, the workings of the human brain, transmission of folklore or probably what day it is.

Of course Easton was immediately denounced as a debunker, despite him once being a staunch supporter of the case. The people who denounced him just cannot accept that any of their military personnel could be subject to a massive misperception, the corpse of which has been picked over by ufologists ever since.

Joined up thinking is as new a concept to some of our American colleagues as it is to the believing bunch here I'm afraid. The UK backlash hasn't really kicked in yet - but it will. Look out for Matthew Williams et al on their high horse about it and I predict a Jenny Randles 'well, the case isn't as bad as we first thought because there are still unexplained factors' damage limitation exercise - followed by a book, of course!

And that's how it goes. Even if Col. Halt signed a statement in Larry Warren's blood saying he had misidentified the lighthouse no-one would now believe him because, well because Rendlesham begins with an 'R' like Roswell, and therefore an alien craft must have crashed there.

Halt has apparently written a book on the incident, due later this spring. Rendlesham groupies will no doubt seize on its every full stop. Quite frankly I think whatever he writes is redundant now that the original witness statements are available. All else is conjecture. It will also depend on whether Halt is seduced by the lure of money as to what he writes. Of course if he does explain the incident in terms of misidentification and misperception the believers will say he's been 'got at' and if he says it was exotic and unexplained it goes against the witnesses statements.

We are still awaiting the book penned by the Lighthouse about the strange lights and Americans with tape recorders it saw in the forest in December 1981.

If you want a good example of how ufologists think check out the UFO UpDates mailing list (you can find the archives via the UFOMIND site). It's a constant babble of half formed speculation, pseudo-truth and pseudo-religious yearning. But well worth a look nevertheless.

You will:

SEE famous ufologists dodge the issue. THRILL as they ignore facts. WONDER at what nonsense they will come out with next.

Apocalypse Maiow

Everyones favourite ufologist, Harry Harris, has been in the news recently. Older readers will recall that Mr Harris, a solicitor by trade, is keen to defend his views and opinions.

So much so that several ufologists have been threatened with legal action by him for merely disagreeing with some of the strange claims he has made.

Like Alan Godfrey was abducted by aliens - yeah, as if.

Of course legal action and belief in aliens are Harry's prerogative. But it does seem a little odd to defend one's opinions via the law courts andnot in open debate. Anyway.....

Harry was also instrumental in the legal action that Stanton Freidman, once an Unclear Physicist and now a ufologist by tirade, took against Jenny Randles in 1989 simply because she disagreed with Freidmans

claims and alleged he was a fanatic. The fact that this was in private correspondence to a journalist who blabbed and then refused to back Jenny up makes things all the more seedy. But then journalists are all partakers of Satans semen so we shouldn't be at all surprised.

This cost Jenny a lot of money, as the UK libel laws are fundamentally corrupt and date from another time forgotten place and class system.

Basically if you've got the money and the time you will invariably win.

It's also always puzzled me how Harry could write legal letters using himself as his own solicitor - thus saving money whilst the people he threatens action against have to fund their own defence. The legal profession serves only itself I'm afraid.

I too have my Harry file where his threatening legal letters are lovingly stored for when the social history of ufology is written.

Anyway we digress, but suffice it to say many ufologists have a place in their hearts for Harry. So imagine my surprise when the February 3rd issue of the Manchester Evening News ran a short piece entitled Lawyers Pet Threat which reported that Harry was to appear before magistrates on charges of making threats to kill and possessing a firearm with intent to cause fear. According to the article Harry had allegedly threatened to shoot a pensioner's dog which had chased his cat up a tree.

Obviously this case has not yet come to court. We are merely reporting the Manchester Evening News account of the charges and offer no comment or opinion.

As we go to press the M.E.N. ran another piece, stating that Harry had been bailed until May 5th for Crown Court committal proceedings.

As Harry is a well known ufologist we merely note the facts of the matter as reported by the M.E.N.

A posse - should that be pussy - of northern ufologists will be in attendance at the May 5th hearing.

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North Of The Border News

Scottish councillor and UFO fancier Billy Buchanan has been banned from every committee and sub-committee until the local government elections there in 1999. Moreover he can now only communicate with council staff by fax or letter! The furore all stems from Buchanan's general behaviour and he has been accused of:

*Calling chief officers 'a band of vagabonds who are like leeches'
*Accusing the chief executive of racist behaviour merely because they didn't want a Kraut Kamara Krew filming in the council building.....

And so on. Typical behaviour for an aggrieved ufologist whatever their profession I'm sure you'll agree. It's nice to know those involved in the democratic political process have such a firm grip on reality.

After losing the vote Billy questioned whether he was 'living in Bonnybridge or Baghdad'. Geography, along with politics, is obviously not a strongpoint among some of our Scottish brethren.

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Lights, Camera, Action

Now, some real ufology!

February 2nd 1998. Several hundred people saw two bright lights fly slowly from west to east across the Pennines. Aeroplanes! No, they flew too slow, too low and too together. Airports said they had nothing on their screens. The press received hundreds of reports and two videos of the objects were taken. Should be easily solved then eh?

Er, no.

Of course ufologists in the area seized on this as a UFO, which strictly speaking it was. UFO magazine determined it was the best

sighting since, oooo, since the last one. Their special report hasn't appeared yet but I'm told it will be comprehensive and may even include facts!

Usually anything witnessed by more than two men and a dog almost certainly has a mundane explanation - but what could it be?

BUFORA's NIC's (National Investigations Committee) John Heptonstall has studied this case sensibly and in depth. By viewing the videos and collating the testimony of over 30 witnesses he was able to plot a flight path and determine various characteristics. It seems that the two objects were almost certainly helicopters or RPVs of some sort.

OK, so why the fuss? Why should all official sources deny any knowledge? Because it was a secret operation? What - over the major conurbations of northern England? Not likely! And anyway, if it was a 'secret' why were the craft flying with huge lights on them?

Well how about this.....

Whatever agency was flying these craft sent them over built up areas and with lights on intentionally. They then monitor public opinion via the press, which then gives them the feedback they need.

You can imagine the conversation as Bert and Sid, the MODs top men, discuss the incident:

"How's it hanging Bert. What's new?"

"Well we flew the two X14%'^s over northern England in February as planned Sid"

"Did anyone see the structure Bert?"

"No the lights completely obliterated it Sid"

"Any problems Bert?"

"Nah Sid"

"What did people think they were Bert?"

"UFOs Sid."

"Suckers, Bert."

"Yeah suckers, Sid."

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A Hypothesis Too Far?

This is just an extension of the Federal Hypothesis, which has it that a government will use the UFO mythos for their own ends. The F.H. receives all too little attention in my opinion. Far too complicated several people have said. But it's not at all.

The beauty of the Federal Hypothesis from the official point of view is that the public create and nurture it. They do the majority of the work for them. No secret departments necessary, no hidden files needed. No one has to be employed to work for the government because ufologists unknowingly volunteer to do it for free.

The press is happy to go along with any silly season nonsense because it means they get 'good' copy without having to do any work and all government departments have to do is to answer any questions which are posed.

Any problems here are got over by semantic gymnastics and usually by answering exactly what is asked within the standard AS2a party line about 'no defence significance'.

Or is that just my imagination, running away with me?

Anyone who has seen the bloke at Leeds/Bradford airport on TV denying he knew what these things were immediately knows he's lying as he smirks something about extraterrestrials. These things were meant to be seen. Anyone who believes they were anything other than terrestrial craft is a sap. Simple as that.

Back to life, but not necessarily back to reality.....

We've Got To Page 7 And Not Mentioned BUFORA So We'd Better Do So Now

As usual a great deal of this newsletter concerns itself with the petty minutiae, in-fighting and squabbles from a very tiny little bit of the ufological political scene.

Why, you ask. Well, quite simply because I feel that people have a right to know about how ufology runs itself, about what ufologists say and do to prevent freedom of ideas, opinions and change. And it has always been my opinion that certainly in BUFORA there are factions at work which have actively prevented any change or progression.

Some of these people are on council, some just council hangers on. They've been around since the 70s and before and really need dealing with.

Why does any of this matter? isn't it just petty political in-fighting?

Yes.

But.

Because.

BUFORA for all their faults - and they are many - are well established, with a good world wide reputation and an infra structure for actually being a major force in ufology.

Pity its not maximised.

They produce nothing and live on their reputation, taking =A320 a year from people, offering a scratty magazine in return which is so out of date by the time the member reads it, it was hardly worth the bother. I've paid my =A320 and that gives me - and all the other members- the right to criticise until something happens.

The Law Of The Bungle

BUFORAs totally fantastic web site has as many of you know its own private members area where sage ufologists probe the mysteries of the universe.

But what's this? Some nasty, rough, boys hijacked the site for their own uses. Thus we were treated to the 'wit' of one 'Bert Buttock' - which would have been fine he had been even just a little bit funny. Anyway instead of just ignoring this nonsense until things got back to normal the old dears at BUFORA got 'em in a twist somewhat and terminated the site.

Guerrilla hackers soon brought it back to life.

But then it all happened again. Without any warning or a by-your-leave they just discontinued the web site leaving hundreds of BUFORA members totally mystified as to what had happened.

You pays yer money and no have no choice.

More BUFORA stuff in a bit.

Oi, Redfern -NO!

Nick Redfern's book A Covert Agenda is among us. A far more sensible version of the tripe Tim Good comes out with but still failing to deliver a killer blow to those nasty sceptics. I reviewed Agenda for F.T. and admire Nick's dogged research into the facts - such as they are.

But!

I spoke to Nick, saying 'There's one particular chapter I have a problem with'. 'Is it 'The 'Copter and the Crash', he asked 'I thought it might be that.' And indeed it was.

Irrespective of the pros and cons of A Covert Agenda generally it was nice to find a chapter which I am my co-researcher Dave Clarke knew something about.

'The 'Copter and the Crash dealt with a slew of sightings in 1973 and early 74 of what became known as the Phantom Helicopter. Ancient or more erudite readers will remember this as being a well publicised flap in the Peak District, Staffordshire, Cheshire and North Wales.

No Copter was ever found to be the source of these sightings and indeed the sightings were largely of light sources, NOT helicopters.

Therein lies the central mystery of ufology but we must press on.

'The crash' part of Nick's chapter refers to an event which took place on January 23rd 1974 in the Berwyn Mountains area of mid north Wales. Over the years this case has been resurrected reshuffled and misquoted by Dodd, Randles, Fry, Redfern etc and is on the brink of turning into the desperately longed for 'British Roswell'.

Unless we can stop it!

The case as it is presented in any of the available sources is a mish mash of fact and fiction. In an attempt to redress the balance and prevent the case mutating further I am reinvestigating it (Dave C. and I first mentioned it in our 1990 book Phantoms of the Sky). This reinvestigation will culminate in a fully referenced booklet later this year and lectures for several UFO groups including with one at Madam Bott's Staffordshire Dominatrix Club, the November LAPIS conference and various others.

If any readers have information or views on this case please get in contact. I have a great deal of material on this case but anything is welcome and will be credited.

Two months work on the case has already shown that all researchers who have so far looked at the case have merely repeated earlier errors in a way they should be ashamed of. Research actually involves doing something original not just copying what others have copied from sources they didn't check thoroughly in the first place..

The Column 'They' Tried To Ban!

As some of you may be aware I write an occasional column on the murkier side of ufology for Fortean Times. A piece I submitted last autumn was -shock!- turned down. I guess they just thought it didn't fit. So you can have it here instead. I can't remember what it was called so we'll call it Elsie.....

'Well, that's the 50th anniversary of UFOs over with, thank god. Fifty years since Ken Arnold's seminal Mt Rainier vision which unknowingly begat the psychic circus called ufology. But where has it left us, this year of reflection and reckoning? Publishers have made a fortune from recycling the usual tripe about UFOs to an X File sensitised public whilst the frenzied rumours as to what would be revealed by the authorities have waxed and waned without substance, as they have done annually since the '50s. Otherwise it seems the best the UFO community can come up with is some tatty second hand crash retrieval stories and a few bits of metal, provenance unknown, but hardly off-planet artefacts. Oh, and thirty nine people went through Heaven's Gate because they thought a spaceship lay in the tail of Hale-Bopp. I hope the people who fed the media with that idea are able to sleep soundly. Do I sound cynical? That's because I am.

Ufology is at crisis point - again. Its promises are as unfulfilled as its fantasies are lurid. A few people, mainly publishers, authors and organisation leaders dry-hump the subject for all it's worth while the numbers of genuine researchers are few - maybe 50 people in the UK maximum. The rest, the shock troops and the rubes just come and go as their belief systems are processed through the ufological mill. For most the subject doesn't come up with the demonstrable proof they obviously crave and so they seek it elsewhere, drifting into ever-woollier belief systems. Others join UFO groups hoping for guidance and revelation. They soon discover that those bastions of truth-seeking and lid-blowing, whilst they exist aplenty, do so not for any research or investigation purposes, but simply to stroke egos and supply endless shoals of fish for the UFO aquarium.

Put simply, if it wasn't for ufologists there would be no UFO subject today, period. It's a self-perpetuating, hermetically sealed system. Others attempt to justify the subject's many failings by insisting the breakthrough will surely come if only scientists would get involved. Wrong! Any professional worth their salt takes one look at the subject and instantly recoils, fearful for their sanity and reputation. True, many scientists hold a sincere interest and would like to get involved, but just cannot see anything on offer either in the way of evidence, proof, methodology or integrity.

The key player in this annus horribilis for ufology has been the British UFO Research Association. Founded in 1956 and one of the oldest UFO study groups in the world it has, until recently, weathered the storm and led the field in a number of ways. Now BUFORA is in

disarray, another victim of the moral bankruptcy which pervading the UFO subject. For instance, BUFORA one had a fairly tight Code of Practice which protected witness confidentiality. In this BUFORA led the world. But then the rot set in. Witness details were passed onto gentlemen of the press without permission or consultation, causing considerable distress to people who had experienced - whatever the stimuli - some pretty bizarre incidents.

Where once BUFORA shied away from the glare of press attention by 1995 they had weakened and allowed themselves to be a publicity vehicle for the universally derided Santilli 'alien autopsy' film. Bad enough, but by 1997 they were allowing the ufological equivalent of snake oil barkers to speak, unchallenged, at their conference. Tabloid ufology had finally penetrated the inner sanctum of reason. It got worse. BUFORA's sensible and unique moratorium on hypnotic regression was blithely broken by those investigators who claimed to practise it as part of their membership of other UFO groups. As though that made it all ok. If any of these acts had been committed in a multi-national then appropriate steps would have been taken to discipline the offenders. But not in BUFORA. All pretence of it being a membership driven organisation went out of the window. Like the mushrooms of adage its members were kept in the dark and fed bullshit (hey, even bullshit was hard to come by as Council members failed to respond to any 'difficult' queries put to them via e or snail mail) and despite repeated requests from within the membership and their own Council of Management no effective action was taken. Eventually in the summer of 1997 BUFORA couldn't paper over its crackpots any longer and called a high level meeting at which charges of breaching witness confidentiality were laid at the feet of their Press Officer, Philip Mantle. Astonishingly, despite these breaches being conclusively proven, Mantle was supported by two thirds of Council, including the Director of Investigations. This means anyone in BUFORA can ride rough shod over witness confidentiality at will. And sell the story for profit if they wish. Sure this boosts sales of books and gets investigators in the newspapers. But what does it do to the poor witness who unburdens themselves of a psychic apocalypse and expects to be taken seriously?

In the end it barely matters that the subject matter we are dealing with is that of UFOs and, by cultural inference, aliens. That's the fantasy. The reality is that as ufologists we deal solely with human beings, people who have perhaps had powerful experiences and who should be offered trust and support. It's the least we can do and is the key to any serious understanding of the forces - inner or outer - they have come into contact with.

This way of dealing with people is an ethical one. Sadly most ufologists believe ethics to be adjacent to Sussex and about as boring. BUFORA - and the majority of other UFO research groups and investigators have celebrated the anniversary of the subject well by behaving like pack animals, scrabbling for press attention at any cost and reducing the witness experience to a currency whose only value is its weight in publicity. The truth? Well it's still out there, but the current crop of Mulder's and Scully's are lost in a hall of mirrors where all they can see is their own reflection.

And they like it that way.

Aftermath

So that was that. Fortean Times wouldn't run it, but it's all true and few people in BUFORA actually disagree with its comments. Especially many who were at the fateful council meeting. BUFORA are rarely able to deal with the truth though and one of their Vice Presidents, Lionel Beer, (he likes steam engines you know) freaked and 'phoned Bob Rickard up to suggest they didn't print it as they might 'lose readers'. Yeah, like any of the less than 500 BUFORA members are going to stop buying FT because of an article that tells the truth!

BUFORA's D of I Gloria 'zeroG' Dixon told various people that she 'wanted my balls in a bag' (hardly worth the bother, my partner assures me) and I had lots of 'lively' email from the likes of Robert Moore and Dave Newton who for some reason thought they had a clue what was going on.

Like I cared.

Obviously I did because I resigned from UFO Times leaving Dave 'Sensible' Newton in full command. Big mistake.

The resulting issue of UFO Times was an execrable mess that a nine year old on tartrazine with a John Bull printing kit could have done.

As regards journal editing pilgrims, it's not just about having articles and putting them altogether, it's about knowing the scene, the people, the trends, and being able to catch just the right mood for the time the zine comes out.

In the meantime a crack BUFOONA cash retrieval team was issued to Mike Wootten's palatial North Wales residence where anything which looked as though BUFORA had remotely paid for was wrenched from his grasping hands as his wife and children looked on in astonishment.

Whoever gets the scanner next will notice tear stains and finger nail marks from the savage doorstep tussle that took place.

Mike loved that scanner you know.

The Highland Clearances had nothing on this!

Of course in their tasteless eagerness to 'get what is theirs' BUFORA omitted to consider, and weigh off, the freebies which Mike had provided for them over the years and which had saved them hundreds if not thousands of pounds.

But then you never expected BUFORA to be grateful did you?

Good, because they weren't and didn't even thank Mike for his years of service (read 'donkey work') on Council.

One funny part of this incident was when the balaclava clad hit men (and let's face it Arnold West and Robin Lindsay look pretty funny in SAS get up) suggested that they might have the review books back.

Mike sent them away with a stinging 'no!'. Any fule no that review books and zines go to the editor of a journal, don't they? Well no actually because BUFORA are so tight that as a result of this they've actually gone so far as to change the company's Articles of Association so that it's THE LAW that all review books become the property of BUFORA.

You're a member of BUFORA aren't you? - is it good to know that the company rules can be changed to suit the suits by them just, well, just changing them. They don't have to actually bother the membership with such details.

It just IS.

You Can't Come In Here Thinking Like That

Speaking of BUFORA membership. My moles in the Star Chamber informed me that my membership was to be 'looked at' when it came up for renewal in February '98. And so it was. At the March Council meeting certain people - and this is another example of BUFORAs patheticness because no-one will say exactly who raised the issue - certain people decided that they couldn't hack the constant criticism I heap on the way BUFORA is run.

Note that.

The way BUFORA is run. I have a lot of time for BUFORA's aims and objectives and do a lot of work for the org. But.

There is a small group of people who effectively control BUFORA and who can't hack criticism because it exposes them for the conservative charlatans they are.

Anyway it was decided that the only thing they could 'get' me on was the fact that I'd told their printer that they couldn't afford to pay him and he shouldn't do anything until he received money. Seemed reasonable to me but not to 'certain people'.

As an aside here it's worth noting that over the years BUFORA members have got away with and are getting away with: using hypnosis against the Code Of Practice, giving witnesses names to the press, selling photographs that belonged to other people, writing abusive notes to other BUFORA members, accusing BUFORA members of illegal activities and so on. Of course this is acceptable behaviour, but criticise the

way the aims and objectives are interpreted, the process by which BUFORA runs and claims to be founded on, prevent someone getting ripped off and actually ask what some Council members do to justify their existence on Council and it's suddenly a hanging matter.

Tish and fipsy.

An argument ensued about this on Council and the action was to be that Steve 'I don't' Gamble was to send a stiffly worded letter to me (eek!) pointing out the error of my ways and inviting a reply. Sensing a trap here, i.e. they thought I would just give them a load of nonsense so they could refuse my renewal instead I argued my point valiantly and bugger me if I didn't get renewed. Still didn't find out who the gutless bastards who opposed me were -at least not officially- but we're working on it and there will be a reckoning.

BUFORA Captain?
Illogical -
Does Not Compute

The current logic in BUFORA seems to run that:

- a) BUFORA is in a mess financially and ethically.
- b) We will therefore hide our heads in the sand in the hope it will go away
- c) If anyone criticises us we will
 - i) Ignore them
 - ii) If that doesn't work we will try to get rid of them
- d) Then it will all go back to normal, same people same tired old organisation

Or, to misquote Henry Ford, "You can have any kind of BUFORA you want. As long as it's crap."

Can Go - Won't Go!

BUFORA has been in this situation on and off for years. Everyone who knows anything about either the structure of UFO orgs generally or BUFORA specifically knows what needs to be done. Simply, the coterie of chums and ET believers who run it need to go and let fresh blood in, people who know what's going on and are active in the field. But they won't and in fact my remote viewing bot tells me that this group of individuals have even considered winding BUFORA (a limited company) up rather than relinquish their positions and let others take over. No doubt now I will face further 'action' because I refuse to let them carry this farce on in secret.

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Mmmmm, NIC(e)

However there is some light at the end of the tunnel. the National Investigations Committee, comprised of active researchers and investigators have come up with some monkey gland to inject into the corpse. At an excellent meeting in March several hours of ufology were discussed and resolutions made.

These include a regular flow of good research and case reports from the NIC, one or two lectures a year organised by the NIC, an NIC email list and one or two other things. Things were happening.

Of course BUFORA council immediately threw up their hands when they heard about this and thought insurrection was afoot and that people were tunnelling beneath them. Following the NIC and as a result of criticism made by John Heptonstall, chairman Steve Gamble resigned. Ooops, in true BUFORA style he unresigned a day or two later. This is a popular BUFORA Officers game which several have played out over the years.

Here's how to play.

You are a BUFORA Council member. You bask in power and reflected glory. Someone criticises you. Oh golly! You resign, hurt. But then all your pals persuade you to unresign in case one of the 'outsiders' gets on Council and upsets things.

I was always under the illusion that - and this certainly applies in my professional sphere - that if you resign then that's it baby, you're history. Of course we all know BUFORA is above history - but certainly not above histrionics.

Where were we.....oh, So you see what I've been getting at - suggest innovation and change and the suits try to stamp it out at source. But we'll get there in the sweet by and by, we've all been camped outside the city for too long to acquiesce to now.

Of course this criticism of BUFORA has led to even the most sensible in their ranks concluding that it's an orchestrated effort on behalf of 'them' to destroy UK ufology. I'm afraid the only person orchestrated is myself following their D of I's request. One leading council member has noted in correspondence to BUFORA's chairman Steve Gamble

"If there is a force at work behind the scenes determined to destroy the only voice of reason and sanity in ufology in this country, then it has succeeded admirably by putting us all at odds with each other."

There y'go again - paranoia. No, you're at odds with each other because few of you know why you are there or what you are doing. And now you are eating yourselves.

Left, Right, Left Right

The saga of Tim Matthews goes on apace. See earlier issues for the facts so far but basically quite a few incy wincy ufologists don't like him 'cos he's a bit in your face and well, perhaps because he does some research and publishes it and well you know, just because.

Yeah, they haven't got a reason. But someone had. Oh yes indeedy.

The Winter '97 issue of Lobster, a conspiracy journal edited by a man who still lives with his mum, alleged many things about Tim. In an uncredited story - but our guess is Armen Victorian/Henry Halfdazed was behind it - a riveting tale unfolded. This is how it went.....if you believe it!

Tim Matthews had once been a 'well-in' member of the British National Party and possibly other far right orgs. He had been very active at all levels and was possibly implicated in the sort of criminal things that far right groups do.

He then changed sides at some point and worked undercover for the anti-facist 'zine Searchlight, before exposing the BNP on a World In Action prog, then went into extreme Green politics before finally washing up on the shores of ufology.

Left, right, left, right. Whose tune was he really marching to? A guy called Larry O'Hara whose obsession in life is rooting about in the dusty corners of extreme politics alleges that Tim Matthews - real name Tim Hepple - is really working for the UK military in an intelligence deep cover situation and that his 'job' is one of agent provocateur, spreading disinformation among ufologists.

Crikey.

Challenged about this Tim vigorously denied the UK military bit but freely admits he was in the BNP and most of the other affiliations. Except a particularly nasty one about his alleged involvement in a far right white supremacist pseudo-religious organisation called The Church of The Creator.

The thin skinny on this stuff can be found in other zines, or in one of the three (count 'em) booklets which people have written about his alleged activities. Type 'Tim Hepple' into an Internet search engine and see what happens.

These allegations, some ufologists claimed, justified what they had said about Tim all along.

These deeds were all quite a few years ago now. Are people not allowed to have a past? And if we are talking political extremists how about Patrick Harrington who used to print BUFORAs magazine -he is involved in some seriously deep and murky far right political shit. Or maybe George Sturgeon, former BUFORA witness support group member who filled their 'newsletter' with racist nonsense?

There's a lot of it about and I suspect if you scratched a few well known ufologists, whom I'd rather not name for legal reasons, you'd

find a strange political smell coming from them.

But what's Tim up to in ufology with a background such as this? Who knows, but it does seem as if he's been involved in more plots than a gravedigger. Ideal for ufology I hear you say, yes and that's why he's comes so far so quick. The inter group politicking he can do whilst eating his Shreddies and his grass roots activist background make research and investigation a cinch. He draws people into his lectures and gives them some of what they want and a lot of what he wants.

Hey, just like real politics!

Let's just have a break now and turn our attentions back (I know, it's tedious but it's got to come out, like drawing a boil) to BUFORA. We'll have another look at Tim in a while. You'll see what happens.

Even Mushrooms Don't Get Treated This Way!

BUFORA carried on its implementation of the darkness/bullshit equation when Chairman Steve 'I don't' Gamble announced he was to be chairman of the new Thousand Year Wretch, ...no, sorry, just for the next three years. Yup, no voting, no consultation, just there y'go. It will all get ratified at the AGM in April. On the nod. Gamble sent out a missive which covered the whole debacle up as usual. Instead of actually telling the little people what had taken place, that they were skint and gooks were on the wire the spin doctors had been at work. No mention of any of the various challenges or upsets, no mention of the hideous financial mess BUFORA is in. No mention of how they are unable to service the members with the six magazines they paid for (the last one was out in autumn '97). And so on.

Which all reminds me of the joke:

Q: How many BUFORA members does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: None - they just form a support group called 'Coping With Darkness.'

View Halloo!

And then, simply because I won't stop criticising the stupid things they do BUFORA started an Andy Roberts backlash. About bloody time too, sport has been thin on the ground recently.

Dave 'Sensible' Newton attended a super secret meeting on the astral, where old men with rolled up trouser legs and rolled down imaginations blew up each others noses to see whose turn it was in the barrel.

Dave was it - 'cos he's The Chosen One - and he was despatched to start wittering about some subs which went awry when the IUN collapsed in 1992.

Merely resting in my account I assure you.

I won't bore you with the details - the full text of thrust and riposte was on the BUFORA members page (loads of picture of BUFORA people's members - it's disgusting). You can't see it now because the site's shut down. But you can imagine just how tedious it was.

Anyway in traditional ufologist fashion Sensible twisted whatever 'evidence' was available to his own ends, misquoting letters from Jenny Randles, being vague about facts, times and dates and generally making himself and his masters look stupid.

This sort of propaghandi just won't do and in the end Jenny found out what he'd been up to. As a result Sensible got a rather stiffly worded letter accusing him of having 'callously misled' all those he was prittle prattling to by email, about something he knew nothing about.

When we squeezed his melons and got the 'facts' out of him it turned out he was able to supply two names and address of people who didn't get what was owed to them.

Which when you consider the end of the IUN came amidst the death of one founder member, a marriage break up of another and the profound disinterest of a third I don't think that's bad at all.

But Sensible did. and he's in charge of UFO Times and he's one baaaaad mo'fer.

Sensible also runs a parish magazine called Strange Daze which is weak version of UFO Brigantia. Brigantia-lite, if you like. Wags are suggesting that he changes the name to Strange Dave and writes all

about his rum old adventures in UFO-land.

But then it would just be a weak copy of The Armchair Ufologist -
oops, deja vu Dave!

Sensible ceased his witterings then and went off to seethe quietly.
Game over.
And after all that I still got my membership renewed.
Which was nice.

I Had Too Much To Dream Last Night

The scene: A flat somewhere in Southport.

The cast: Tim Matthews and Eric Morris.

Tim and Eric stand at the side of a large table marked out into a map
of the north. Small counters with pictures of ufologists dot the map.
Eric surreptitiously slides one with a picture of him on it across
into Wales. Tim notices and slaps his hand sharply.....

'No Eric', I do the pushing about in this game.'
'But you said.....'
'Never mind what I said, I've said lots of things.'
'But.'
'Never mind the buts Morris, you're mine now and you'll do as I say,
or the photographs go public. What haf you put in zis schnapps Morris?
I'm feeling quite ill.....'
Zo, vif LAPIS und NLUFOIG cringing vif terror und vif BUFORA in
disarray it's time to cement our redoubt.'
'What's a redoubt Tim?'
'Zey are things I don't haf Eric. Ze final solution is a conference in
Southport, one like they haf nefer seen before. One vich vil elevate
me - put that counter of Irene Bott down Morris, you'll make it sticky
- still higher.'
'Wow Tim, you're great.'
'I know but remember who's in charge Morris.'
'Can't I be in charge as well Tim.'
'No Morris. Anyway virst ve take Lancashire unt zen ve reich, sorry
reach, for the stars.'
'But you don't think they come from the stars Tim.'
'Shuttit unterufologist, I've told you about the buts.'
'But Tim, Tim, if they don't come from the stars, and Tony says they
do and so do we, where do they come from.'
'Haven't you been listening Morris? Zis year ve zink ze government
makes them.'
'No ET then Tim?'
'No Eric, you're a debunker this year.'
'What's a debunker Tim?'
'Debunker? That's where it all ends Eric.'

and then I woke up, got out of bed.....

Southport Uber Alles

So there we were at Tim Matthews' conference on 24th January.

I've written about the conference in Fortean Times and it was a very,
very, good day.....but as usual at these events conspiracy was
lurking in the minds of some of those present.

Harry Harris was there, having taken time off from big game hunting.
He arrived with the secret intention of reading out a screed which
told of how he simply hated Joe Dormer of LAPIS who had called Harry a
nasty rough boys name at the '96 LAPIS conference. See how the science
of ufology is advanced?

But Tim Matthews found out and they held heated council in one of the
corridors. A psychic game of paper, water, stone was played intensely
for half an hour and Harris lost. In the end all he had to offer from
the stage was some old tosh about an advertising balloon and the girl
wot seen it 'avin 'ad a bit 'o missing time, knowwarramean?

People were openly sniggering at the suggestion that this balloon had
'panels' and was capable of creating missing time in a witness who was
clearly miles away. Hypnotic regression had been used and Harris
sniffed an abduction. We were less than thrilled.

Throughout the talk delivered by Harry and sidekick David ('I'm a nuts

and bolts man') Caton, Kevin McClure was on top form, challenging Harry's every utterance. Hearing that Harry used a 'homeopathic psychologist' McClure quipped, 'Does that mean he uses psychology in very small doses?'. Harris was not amused and retorted, quite inappropriately, 'I'm not a charlatan you know'.

What?

Had we suggested that Harry was a member of the '60s San Franciscan psychedelic band? Or indeed the much later 'baggy' group hailing from Northwich in Cheshire. No - so what are you on about Harry?

We thought a while.....

Ahhhh, surely Harry you didn't mean anyone could possibly think your research methods were crap, your claims highly questionable and your attitude aggressive? Because no-one there said that. We just think you exhibit a startling naivet=E9 in the light of the available evidence. That's all.

Of course Harry has since been telling people he thought the conference was a debunker's outing and he wasn't at all impressed. He'll probably threaten to sue me for telling other people what he said and what I thought of it.

If you want to know more about the conference read my piece in F.T. or in NARO's zine. We're running out of time now and the best bit is yet to come.

It's eight o'clock. We've all been sat there for a long time now and it's the abduction debate. Graceful Glo from BUFORA has just delivered her keynote speech (by now readers she has my balls in a bag to treasure for all time - ask her to show you) and we are just about ready to have a good old chin wag when.....

Here's Laaaarrrry

It was Laaaaaarrrrrrry.

Yes, the fabled Larry O'Hara, scourge of the right, in the flesh. Right there before us in casual schoolteacher threads and gurlly scarf. The guy has got bottle you have to admit. As he started denouncing Tim for his crimes against everyone who wasn't Laaaarrrrry Tim narrowed his eyes, flared his nostrils (very popular fashion in the 70s, flared nostrils), turned a light shade of puce and propelled himself down the aisle toward Laaaary.

You should have seen the looks on people's faces! Thinking they had come to learn the truth behind the X Files, instead they found themselves in the centre of a near drubbing incident.

What did O'Hara and his running hamsters of the far left hope to achieve? Did they think that ufologists would be overawed by his revelations and spew forth onto the streets, march to London and present a petition to Tony Blair demanding something they would have forgotten about by the time they got there?

Hey Larry, these are ufologists we're talking about. Most of them can't understand the letter for today in Sesame Street, never mind the bonkers nonsense of a man who clearly needs a life, a hobby and a good shag.

The whole thing was surreal. Kevin McClure tried to act as intermediary (O'Hara subs. to Abduction Watch so Kevin thought he may have influence). To no avail and this flurry of unexplained paranormal phenomena evoked the base nature of those involved and what can only be described as 'shouting and pointing' took place (I have the photos).

Larry was duly shuffled outside whereupon Eric 'I've been a sailor, me' Morris allegedly kicked him in the research department. Other, less politically aware, souls demonstrated their profound ignorance of the dialectic process and simply told him to fuck off.

Either he would or he wouldn't and this disturbance of the either led to a strange ringing noise that resolved into the formation of a small cop circle which swirled him right outta town.

Prior to that, as O'Hara was 'escorted from the premises' some weird beards in the audience started handing out leaflets about Tim's badness. Another videod the proceedings. Tim's father in law assisted

one beardy bloke away in fine style and peace descended once more.

Great stuff. We should book Tim'n'Laaary for every UFO conference as a floor show. But Tim's equilibrium was visibly shaken. Was this, people whispered, because he'd been exposed as left-talkin-right-walking-ufologically-infiltratin' government asset?

Or simply because he was being hounded by a nutter for enthusiastic discretions in his (hitler) youth?

God knows. And God, as everyone knows, is mit uns.

But consider how the UFO community deals with this problem. Do governments put people in the subject to disrupt and disorganise? Would they be as obvious as Tim? Or maybe his obviousness is a cover in itself. Any permutation is possible on the Rubik Cube of paranoia.

If Tim really is in soft cover, working for the Dark Forces at MFI, B&Q or any other furniture manufacturer then we are pleased to welcome them to a game they won't forget in a hurry.

But Tim does seem to have plans for world domination. His past is perturbing - what if we all gave him our support and he did turn out to be what people accuse him of?

Let's look at the Timrise from two different alignments.

If It's Tuesday It Must Be Poland

Fresh from his triumphs as a state asset in the left and right his paymasters launch him from nowhere into ufology. Why? Well ufologists are interested in military craft and establishments, one good infiltrator could put them on the wrong track totally, and set the subject back thirty years and be gone before the dust settles. First get your power - Quest, no good, too well organised, soon falls out. Pisses off the local Lancashire groups, no future there, attaches himself to BUFORA with high hopes of power and status until BUFORAs legendary apathy and southerncentricism slowed him down too much, formed an alphabet soup of orgs, planned a supergroup involving that other outcast of UK ufology Philip Mantle, takes over the subject feeds it with whatever info he wishes, intimidates those who would oppose him and when his masters call him off he just disappears leaving the whole ball game in a big mess.....

or

We'll Fight Them On The Beaches

In which Tim, a bright lad, rebels in his youth and gets involved with big boys with bad ideas. It could happen to any of us. Has a road to domestos experience and dobs the baddies in to the goodies but errs too far left. Wrong map. You can take the boy out of politics but you can't take politics out of the boy. Discovers ufology relatively late, realises most 'research' is a bag of shite and that there is a good case for secret terrestrial craft being misperceived as UFOs, which the gov are happy to go along with, annoys everyone because he has 'presence' and isn't afraid to tell people when they are being stupid, realises local groups, Quest and BUFORA are a waste of time and that by moving fast and light he can move across the enemies' heartland in his panze...sorry, by not burdening himself with structure he can get things done, gets a book contract on the strength of his new and vigorous ideas and suddenly finds earlier 'enthusiasms' catching up with him, ufologist being paranoids take it all too seriously, forges ahead despite this and acts as a badly needed purgative to an egg bound subject, ufology moves forward in leaps and bounds and people erect golden statues of Tim in their gardens.

See what I mean?

Let's ask Max for a comment, he'll know;

"Tim Matthews? He's Intel."

Yeah, right Max.

Hey, Wait A Minute Mr Postman

As Tim rose so did his enemies. Several 'anonymous' leaflets were sent out being very cruel to him indeed. Run by an anonymous group called SHADO they were straight to the point and upset a lot of people. Which is presumably what they were intended to do.

As usual in ufology everyone accused everyone else but and they were all wrong - at least about the first two. I have my suspicions but in this instance, just for once, I'm not telling you.

As for the third one, which dealt largely with the activities of Eric Morris, Matthew 'Just' Williams, a Truthseeker, used a scrying machine to ferret out the base art of this hoaxer. 'Just' has claimed that the results of his investigations have revealed it to be none other than the aforementioned Eric 'kicker' Morris, who it seems has been sending out anonymous screeds about himself.

Narcissistic or just plain 'ol sad?
You decide.

Eric of course vigorously denies this but the simple facts are that no two photocopier 'signatures' are the same and unless someone had sneaked into Eric's orifice and used his copier then he done it!

Weird one eh?

Eric, Tim's ahem, 'right hand man' has also been heard to say everything is rosy in their garden because 'Andy Roberts is behind (us)''.

Only in the pantomime sense of the expression Eric old chap.

Beyond Our Ken (our kid)

And then there's the mysterious case of Tony 'Ken' Dodd. Dodd, who was a mainstay of what used to be YUFOS before Graham Birdsall got a jumper transplant and UFO magazine went bigtime. Dodd was always the wild card in the pack. Whilst the Brothers Grimm at least pretended they were sceptical and level headed, even if their writings showed otherwise, Tony was free of such petty restrictions. Animal mutes, abductions, MIBs, death threats, crash retrievals were just obstacles to the truth, sorry THE TRUTH, in Tony's day to day life.

Anyway the point is that he has now resigned from UFO magazine to pursue investigations privately. I'm sure that he will be publishing the results of all these and that we will soon know the true nature of the alien menace which besets us.

Dodd Watch

Where was it all going Dodd-watch wanted to know. The answer came soon enough and it was as we had feared. Omar Fowler's newsletter OVNI published a letter from the Doddman which read:

"March 10th 1998

Dear Omar,

Thank you for your letter and the very interesting report attached. I have no doubt whatsoever that some of the flying triangles witnessed over the past few years are of terrestrial origin. I am fairly certain also that some of the huge triangular craft seen in Scotland and in the Arctic Circle both entering and leaving the sea are extra-terrestrial.

My information from highly place sources indicates that there is without doubt liaison going on between a race of ETs and our own people. There is also substantial information that another race of ET with malevolent intent is visiting us. It would appear that we are being given advanced technology by the friendly ET. to enable us to defend against the unfriendly, hence the new generation of triangular aircraft. The weapons in use appear to be highly advanced particle beam weapons which have been used with great success.

This also confirms the reason why so many huge underground facilities have been appearing all over the globe when we are supposed to be living in a peace time environment. Of course the animal and human mutilation situation is all part of this.

With regard to your request for the verses which I received telepathically. As I said this was one of many messages I received. I have put some of these on tape with background music for easy listening and enclose a copy of the tape for your interest. These messages truly came to me and I hope you find them interesting.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Dodd,

'Easy listening'! Like, crazy man. I must get a tape for those relaxed evenings at home. Groove on down to the harmonious sounds of Tony and the Aliens backed by Joe 'Time' Loss and the Paranormal Orchestra. It's trad ufology dad.

Tony's capacity for belief clearly rivals even that of the queen in Alice in Wonderland, who could believe six impossible things before breakfast. Hell, I bet Tony doesn't even eat breakfast. That way there's more time for those impossible things!

Doddwise things got much (oh yes they could) worse in late March with the publication of Abducted by Ann Andrews and Jean Ritchie. Based on the alleged abduction of a child from Essex which Doddy had written about in UFO zine, this book is one heap of unadulterated rubbish. If it were a fish it would be a bottom feeder. No doubt others will pull it limb from limb (look out for Kevin McClure's FT piece for starters), so we won't bother here.

The only 'good' thing in the book is that thankfully no regression hypnosis was used. But despite the wonga which will come the poor kids' way, how will this affect him? He's a child and if we have one responsibility in life it is to children. For the sake of a few pieces of gold Ritchie, Dodd and his parents have changed this poor little sod's life forever. I just hope someone keeps a track of how it all works out for him and that one day he is able to realise he has been hoodwinked by the really evil twin forces of belief and commercialism. Able to realise that, and filled with the desire to speak out against the people - not aliens- who have abused him and his right to a peaceful childhood.

All I can say about the book is don't waste your money. Besides the alleged abduction which is risible, there is some terminal nonsense about Doddy and t'ing but the real meat comes on page 80 near the bottom.

"Quest came into being when Graham Birdsall, who set it up, found himself wondering who to turn to about his own abduction experiences."

So Graham has been abducted eh? Answers a lot of questions. I immediately emailed the Greyster to get to the, er, 'bottom' of this abduction allegation. He replied thusly:

'Appreciate your letting me know that I'm supposed to have been whisked away. Yes, it's news to me as well. I have been so busy I've not had time to fully read the book as yet, just leafed through some of the chapters, so I guess I'd better say something in the next issue of the mag. Trouble is, someone is bound to write-in and suggest I undergo hypnotic regression - just in case....'

If we were predictin' kinds of folks our guess is that it's squirm city at Kastle Kwest. We'd also predict a Tony Tome on the horizon, possibly co-authored by Jean Ritchie and featuring nonsense a-go-go, and hopefully maybe a free tape with some alien messages for that all-important easy listening.

Tough on Ufology - Tough on the Causes of Ufology
Ufology: Delicious Hot - Disgusting Cold

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UK.UFO.NW -IRC- guest James Bond Johnson

From: **United Kingdom UFO Network** <ufo@holodeck.demon.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 00:35:13 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 22:53:05 -0400
Subject: UK.UFO.NW -IRC- guest James Bond Johnson

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Saturday 2nd May 1998

United Kingdom UFO Network special guest:

James Bond Johnson

James will be answering your questions live in a moderated meeting starting at 11pm (UK time) Saturday 2nd May 1998.

-- BIOGRAPHY --

Photographer of the Roswell wreckage.

James Bond Johnson is probably best known as the photographer who on July 8th 1947, working as a photographer and reporter for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram newspaper went to General Ramey's office at the Fort Worth Army Air Base and took the now famous photographs of the wreckage.

It is generally considered by most to be the wreckage of nothing more than a downed weather balloon and this is where the cover story starts. However there are others who believe that the photographs show wreckage of the crashed Roswell UFO.

The two photographs that James is known to have taken are those showing General Ramey (alone) kneeling by the wreckage and another with General Ramey and Colonel DuBose again near the wreckage.

Many WWW sights depict the story of the Roswell incident. Far to many to list here. However two that discuss J.B Johnson's activities are well worth visiting at:

<http://www.holodeck.demon.co.uk/>

Here you will find a report on Mr Johnson written by Kevin Randle. Also you will find links to four Real Audio files that can be downloaded and are interviews of J.B Johnson by Kevin Randle in 1989 & 1990.

<http://www.execpc.com/vjentpr/jroswell.html>

Professional Background
James Bond Johnson, Ph.D.

J. Bond Johnson, Ph.D. has been incurably curious for 70 years. This led to his becoming for five years a reporter-photographer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram then the South's largest newspaper -- and to pursuing university degrees in journalism, education, theology and psychology at Texas Wesleyan, Texas Christian, Southern Methodist and Claremont. He was a post doctorate fellow of the National Institute of Mental Health for three years of clinical psychiatry training in the post-graduate Department of Psychiatry, University of Southern California

School of Medicine. He also received clinical training at the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital in Fort Worth, TCU-VA Veterans Guidance Center in Fort Worth, Metropolitan Hospital in Norwalk, Tri-City Mental Health Authority in Pomona, and Memorial Hospital Medical Center of Long Beach.

He has been an ordained United Methodist minister for 48 years and since 1960 has been a California board certified and licensed clinical psychologist. He was in private practice as a clinical and consulting psychologist in Long Beach for 31 years with specialties in family therapy, sports and industrial psychology. In 1970, he founded the Long Beach Youth Home, a residential treatment facility and school for emotionally troubled youths, and in 1974 he established Cedar House in Long Beach, which has become a national model in the treatment of child and spousal abuse. He recently retired as senior pastor of the First United Methodist Church of San Pedro.

He pioneered in studying the etiology of post-traumatic stress disorder, having interviewed returned prisoners of war, escapees and evadees during three wars. He served as an Army Air Corps pilot cadet in World War II, a Marine Corps captain (public information) during the Korean conflict and an Army psychological operations specialist during the Vietnam War. He has been a consultant to the National Security Council at the White House, he served on the Eisenhower Commission, which revised the Code of Conduct for prisoners of war and was a Pentagon consultant to "Operation Homecoming," the Department of Defense rehabilitation program for returning prisoners of war after the Vietnam War. He is retired from the U. S. Army in the rank of colonel after 33 years of active and reserve service. He is a past multi-term president of both the Long Beach and Los Alamitos chapters of The Retired Officers Association and is a life member of the U. S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association.

An inveterate traveler, he has organized and led group tours to six continents in recent years, specializing in "Sentimental Journeys" of former servicemen and women (and widows) to American battlefields around the world.

He has received the most attention of late for having photographed in 1947 for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram the wreckage of the controversial "UFO crash" at Roswell, New Mexico. He recently was portrayed in this incident in the movie "Roswell" produced by Showtime.

To Contact Mr. Johnson, feel free to send him an email at:

JBONJO@aol.com -or- FAX: (562) 427-3931.

If you are using one of the dedicated IRC programs such as the excellent MIRC available free from: <http://www.mirc.co.uk/> enter one of the below irc server addresses into your program. The nearer the server to your location the faster the connection. If one fails then try another.

MIRC is probably the best IRC program there is and it's free. To download MIRC for Win95 or Win 3.1/3.11 fully configured for connection goto:

<http://www.holodeck.demon.co.uk>

Select the 'Other Files' button.

To connect to the IRC channel using your java compatible web browser goto:

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<http://www.crowman.demon.co.uk>

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SLC.UT.US.ChatNet.Org
k9.chatnet.org

Tupelo.MS.US.Chatnet.Org
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SF.CA.US.ChatNet.Org
ChatWorld.ChatNet.Org
WalnutCreek.CA.US.ChatNet.Org

Times of the meeting will vary depending on your part of the world. We advise you to check for equivalent UK times.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Re: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

From: **RGates8254** <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 21:28:20 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 08:40:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

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> and locals believed it was a natural phenomenon.

This was an interesting post. I am waiting for a new pronouncement from Richard Hoagland about how its connected to Cydonia, Phoenix Arizona and the Mars photo mission.

Why this is some incredibly significant proof of the reality of Mars. How NASA and or JPL or pick your government agency has covered this up all these years on and on.

Cheers,
Robert

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Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 22:36:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 09:37:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

Regarding...

>From: KRandle993 <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 14:11:01 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

Kevin wrote:

>But, when all is said in done, we have every member of Colonel
>Blanchard's staff who was alive to talk to us telling us that what
>was recovered was not a balloon.

Kevin,

How can we equate this with some pivotal testimonies obtained before the case became popularised and hopefully therefore of particular significance.

As you know, Brazel's daughter Bessie recalled, "The debris looked like pieces of a large balloon which had burst..."

And, often overlooked, is that according to Brazel's son Bill Jnr's recollections in 'The Roswell Incident' [Berlitz and Moore, p85], "when Dad first got into Roswell it was the weather bureau he called first about this stuff he had found".

Why would Bessie distinctly remember the debris as resembling balloon wreckage and Mac have first contacted the weather bureau?

Isn't this all academic anyway as critical documents obtained under the FOIA confirm, as arguably does the absence of any heightened military alert at the time, that 'Roswell' had no bearing whatsoever on the perceived enigma of what 'flying saucers' truly were?

It's understood that recently unearthed 'Top Secret' documents, subsequent to 'Roswell', reiterate this.

Is it fair to say that following the exposure of fundamental flaws in previously accepted and crucial witness testimony from such as Gerald Anderson, Jim Ragsdale and Glenn Dennis, that you would now consider Frank Kaufmann as a central 'Roswell' witness?

In respect of Kaufmann's alleged 'crash/retrieval and recovery of alien bodies' report to his superiors, where did Kaufmann obtain, as he has shown on UK TV, what were claimed to be copies of these same documents?

Photocopied in 1947?

James.
E-mail: pulsar@compuserve.com

Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

WWW : <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/pulsar/>

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 22:04:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 09:32:51 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

> Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:03:42 GMT
> From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

> That's the most explainable and probable scenario. It wobbled
> too much to be a real flying machine - especially from another
> world.

As any one who has studied the many reliable reports knows, the reported "wobble" is a standard from the earliest days of the phenomenon.

Why it occurs is unknown, but that it is part of the case literature is undeniable.

Given that we know relatively little about UFOs and their principles of operation, I can see no reason for an a priori assumption that they should not behave in a way that is clearly reported that they do behave.

Paul Hill experimented with flying platforms and found the wobble and the often reported rocking motion could be used as a form of fine altitude control by directing the lifting force away from the vertical in a controllable and periodic fashion. This is but one of several reported behaviors which may indicate that a "throttling" of the UFO lift mechanism is either difficult, undesirable, or slow to respond to minor changes.

There are also a few reports which indicate that wobbling is a prelude to forward movement from a hover. I refer you to

<http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman/ufo/report/571029.htm>

as one example.

The Exeter case also contains references to the "wobbling" of the object during low speed maneuvers.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
<http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman>
- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -
Author of SF novels available at...
http://www.infohaus.com/access/by-seller/The_Temporal_Doorway_Storefront/

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Complex New Zealand Crop Circle Made for TV

From: SKvs <bradford@globalserve.net> [Sue Kovios]
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 23:25:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 10:14:18 -0400
Subject: Complex New Zealand Crop Circle Made for TV

Don't know if you've seen this yet. This is a stunning
circle formation purposely created for a TV show.

<http://www.head-space.com/circlemakers/nztrip.html>

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 23:02:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 11:03:38 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:03:42 GMT
>From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
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>world.

Actually, wobble and rotation have been reported in visual
sighting for years. This is the first pictorial information about
wobble... asuming it is real. And this is more than wobble,. It
is a perfectly steady "precession", so far as I can tell.

Have you seen my article in the MUFON Journal on the Mexico City
video?

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Re: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

From: **Andy Denne** <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
Date: Sun, 27 Apr 1997 15:07:33 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 12:13:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

> From: **RGates8254** <RGates8254@aol.com>
> Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 21:28:20 EDT
> To: updates@globalserve.net [Robert Gates]
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

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> Mars. How NASA and or JPL or pick your government agency has
> covered this up all these years on and on.

> Cheers,
> Robert

Hi Robert,

It seems to me like you are almost WAITING for these people to
make silly announcements. Too bad that there's quiet a lot to say
for the findings Paleo-SETI has come up with yet. I'm not saying
it's a closing hypothesis but take a look at what we DO have.

Why bother to keep bringing Hoagland up? Too much energy left?
Why not use it to take a real close look to archeology.

The real issue here is not wether or not these buildings are made
by martians or whatever, but:

Obviously archeology made a couple of mistakes they're not admitting! I think that is the real issue and that should be where our energy goes instead of bashing other ufologists or people not even worth mentioned...

Andy.

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 23:14:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 11:05:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Current-Encounters: US Airforce's Bad Rap in

>Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 10:07:09 -0500
>From: slk <slk@EVANSVILLE.NET> [Francis Ridge]
>Subject: blame
>To: CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

>It appears that McCoy was probably an associate
>member of NICAP because he attended a meeting at NICAP HQ circa
>1958 and this is all on audio tape.

NICAP did not exist until 1957, s McCoy couldn't have been a member
at the time of his activity with Project Sign.

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CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS: Chernobyl

From: slk <slk@EVANSVILLE.NET> [Francis Ridge]
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 09:45:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 12:04:00 -0400
Subject: CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS: Chernobyl

Yesterday, April 28, marked the anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear accident and explosion. If you look at the graph below you will notice a noticeable increase in UFO reports after a long lull, the quality of which has been unmatched to this day. This indicates that events that effect the planet and a lot of the populace appear to be the concern of others, also.

The nuclear connection may be a real possibility.

Francis Ridge

<http://www.flash.net/~joerit/docs2/chart.gif>

"One Month Earlier:
...a raising number of UFO observations in the area of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station (ChNPS)"

Chernobyl Exploded on 4/26/86 at 1:23 AM.
In reference to the possible UFO cause & effect relationship, in particular, Chernobyl:

On May 1, 1997, Jerry Washington wrote:

In response to Anders Liljegren assertion that "'the UFO phenomenon' was NOT out to check on that...No sightings in the affected area until more than a week after the nuclear crash," referring to the Chernobyl disaster, I offer this excerpt from Dr. Vladimir V. Rubtsov's lectures as published in MUFON's 1994 Symposium Proceedings:

"...about one month before the Chernobyl disaster I had a talk with an air traffic controller of the Kharkov airport. He told me that, according to pilots' reports, there was a raising number of UFO observations in the area of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station (ChNPS). Later it became known that on the night of the fire in the ChNPS, some 3 hours after the explosion, a team of nuclear specialists saw in the sky over the station a fiery ball of the color of brass. The witnesses estimated its diameter as 6-8 meters and its distance from the burning nuclear reactor No. 4 as some 300 meters.

Just before the observation these specialists measured the level of radiation in the place where they were standing. It was measured at 3000 milliroentgens per hour. 'Suddenly two bright rays of crimson color extended from the ball to the reactor... This lasted for some 3 minutes...

The rays abruptly faded and the ball slowly floated away in a north-westerly direction, towards Byelorussia.

Then we again looked at our radiation monitor. It displayed only 800 milliroentgens per hour..."

Just thought you'd like to know.
Jerry Washington

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Fylingdales UFO 'Confirmed Allegedly Bogus'!

From: **Graham William Birdsall** <106151.1150@compuserve.com>

Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 12:26:11 -0400

Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 12:41:17 -0400

Subject: Fylingdales UFO 'Confirmed Allegedly Bogus'!

Dear Colleagues,

During the last 24 hours considerable attention has been focused on the revelation in some of the British press that information concerning the tracking of one and more UFOs by RAF Fylingdales, is to be discussed at a space seminar at RAF Cranwell.

I have spent much of that time attempting to track down those responsible for the release, and am now able to confirm that the story is allegedly bogus.

Much of the credit must go to my colleague, author and UFO researcher Nick Redfern, who was able to speak directly with Alan Patterson, RAF Press Officer at the Ministry of Defence in London.

I was given Alan Patterson's name and number to ring earlier in the day by officials at RAF Cranwell, but eventually Nick managed to get through.

Mr. Patterson said that "the only truthful part" that appeared in the press was that concerning the staging of a space seminar.

The UFO angle, and everything connected with it, was not true, he said.

The story had been concocted by a former MoD employee, whom he named as PHILIP BURDEN.

"He was employed as a civilian within the MoD in London, but he left under a cloud," said Mr. Patterson.

This was in stark contrast to a claim made earlier in the day, by a spokeswoman at RAF Cranwell, that the story originated at RAF Waddington.

A damage limitation exercise?

No one can be quite certain at this moment in time, but in light of the extraordinary comments from Mr. Patterson, the focus of attention has firmly switched to what appears to be the central figure in these developments - just who is Philip Burden?

Best regards,

Graham W. Birdsall [Editor]

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From: **Brian Straight** <brians@mdbs.com>
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 11:35:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 12:54:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

<http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/news/pages/Sunday-Times/frontpage.html?1781903>

Re my earlier posting, this Sunday Times link does not, apparently, take you to the appropriate page. Follow the link, then scroll down to select news about Britain, and then look for the article header re divers finding the world's oldest building.

I'd be interested to know from those with geological knowledge whether the pictured formation could have a natural origin -- it looks very much like part of a step pyramid.

Sorry for any inconvenience

Brian

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Re: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

From: **RGates8254** <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 13:42:44 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 13:58:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

> Date: Sun, 27 Apr 1997 15:07:33 -0700
> From: Andy Denne <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

> > From: RGates8254 <RGates8254@aol.com>
> > Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 21:28:20 EDT
> > To: updates@globalserve.net [Robert Gates]
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

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> Hi Robert,

> It seems to me like you are almost WAITING for these people to
> make silly announcements. Too bad that there's quiet a lot to say
> for the findings Paleo-SETI has come up with yet. I'm not saying
> it's a closing hypothesis but take a look at what we DO have.

Not waiting at all, just making a prediction based upon 20-30
years in UFOs. For years in the UFO field some would have us
believe that every discovery of ancient civilization was either:

- a) An ET coloney on the earth
- b) Somehow connected to Mars either by triangulations,
connections to Sirius or whatever,
- c) All of the above.

I simply made the prediction that once Hoagland found out about
it it would somehow be connected to Mars Cydonia as Richard has
done in the past with connecting Phoenix to Mars.

> Why bother to keep bringing Hoagland up? Too much energy left?
> Why not use it to take a real close look to archeology.

> The real issue here is not wether or not these buildings are made
> by martians or whatever, but:

> Obviously archeology made a couple of mistakes they're not
> admitting! I think that is the real issue and that should be were
> our energy goes instead of bashing other ufologists or people not
> even worth mentioned...

In the UFO world some think our energy (in their minds at least
ALL energy) should be focused on:

- 1) Roswell and nothing else
- 2) Cydonia and nothing else
- 3) Pyramids and the ET connection and nothing else and so forth
- 4) Abductions and nothing else.

I think any of these public claims/announcements/pronouncements
or whatever are open for discussion, and critique. Now obviously
if you are a died in the wool Mars supporter, then any kind of

critique would be considered bashing. Not singling you out because this principle is true of the Pryamids, Abductions and everything else in UFO world.

Cheers,
Robert

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RAF tracks UFOs on Radar

From: David Clarke <dclarke14@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 14:20:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 15:43:06 -0400
Subject: RAF tracks UFOs on Radar

From Dave Clarke, BUFORA Press Officer

The following story appeared in the Daily Express (London),
Monday, April 27, 1998:

RAF SPOTS SPEEDING UFOs WITH NEW RADAR

Britain's X-Files may be opened up amidst claims of stunning
evidence that UFOs fly over Britain.

Tapes to be shown to British and American experts are said to
show objects which change shape in mid-air and a battle-ship
sized aircraft travelling at 33 times the speed of sound.

The details are due to be revealed in early June at a Space
Symposium at the RAF Cranwell staff college.

A senior RAF source claims the mystery craft have been picked up
by the latest Phased Array radar at the Cold War listening post
at Fylingdales in North Yorkshire.

One senior officer said: "What we have seen are not secret
weapons. They are craft of which we have no technical knowledge.
We know their shape, speeds and height but cannot explain what
they are."

The most spectacular discovery is a craft spotted by Fylingdales
and the Dutch Air Force over the North Sea. Described as "the
size of a battleship", it zig-zagged at up to 24,000 mph for 15
minutes "as if it wanted to be spotted."

Another tape shows a group of 12 oval objects seemingly change
shape, to the amazement of observers.

But the RAF is expected to withhold some X-Files. It is feared
they could reveal how sophisticated their new radars are.

A similar report appeared in the London Daily Mail for the same
date, penned by that paper's Science Correspondent, and
containing non-committal quotes from a Fortean Times spokesman.

On the surface the story looks impressive if true and would fit
what we know about Fylingdales involvement in the UFO reporting
system of which the MOD's AS2a appears to be the initial, and
public stage.

However, it appears this particular story is a tissue of
untruths, according to Press sources at the RAF and Ministry of
Defence - but they would say that wouldn't they?

Yes, there is to be a conference at the Air Warfare Centre at RAF
Cranwell in June, but this is to discuss possible future military
strategies in outer space - not UFOs, or so the RAF Press Desk
assures us.

No secret radar tapes showing UFOs are to be shown at this
conference, as these do not exist (although we know from Ralph
Knoys that gun camera film certainly does).

The RAF Press office are steadfastly denying all stories about

craft as big as battleships and shape-changing UFOs and deny there are any radar traces showing objects of this kind.

They say the story originates not from a "secret RAF source" but actually from an ex-employee who left with "a chip on his shoulder" and has since gone to work for a number of Army related magazines producing wildly exaggerated stories about a variety of military subjects.

UFOs are apparently the latest in his list of exclusives - and he will certainly find a willing audience with the British press eager to feed believers, although the same Press last week decided not to run a story about the downfall of the Rendlesham Forest case.

I understand reporters from the Mail and Express rang the AS2 Press desk at the weekend to check the facts supplied by this character [whose name I have and am checking out] and were told none of the story was correct - but decided to run with it anyway.

But hey, we're here to entertain as well as to inform - or so my editor always tells me!

Perhaps the source of this story may go on to write a best selling book about his time at the MOD UFO desk...oops, hasn't that already been done by someone else?

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Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

From: **KRandle993** <KRandle993@aol.com> [Kevin Randle]
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 14:33:21 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 15:48:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

>Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 22:36:34 -0400
>From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>Regarding...

>>From: KRandle993 <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 14:11:01 EDT
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

Hi all -

>Kevin wrote:

>>But, when all is said in done, we have every member of Colonel
>>Blanchard's staff who was alive to talk to us telling us that what
>>was recovered was not a balloon.

>Kevin,

>How can we equate this with some pivotal testimonies obtained
>before the case became popularised and hopefully therefore of
>particular significance.

>As you know, Brazel's daughter Bessie recalled, "The debris
>looked like pieces of a large balloon which had burst..."

Yes, and she said that she and her dad had picked it ALL up.
She said that he dad was not held in Roswell. She said that
she accompanied him to Roswell on Sunday to alert the Army
about the debris.

>And, often overlooked, is that according to Brazel's son Bill
>Jnr's recollections in 'The Roswell Incident' [Berlitz and Moore,
>p85], "when Dad first got into Roswell it was the weather bureau
>he called first about this stuff he had found".

Beyond that there has been no claim that Mac tried to interest
the weather people in it. He certainly didn't say that to me on
the various times I talked to him.

>Why would Bessie distinctly remember the debris as resembling
>balloon wreckage and Mac have first contacted the weather
>bureau?

Good question. Why not ask her?

>Isn't this all academic anyway as critical documents obtained
>under the FOIA confirm, as arguably does the absence of any
>heightened military alert at the time, that 'Roswell' had no
>bearing whatsoever on the perceived enigma of what 'flying
>saucers' truly were?

There were aircraft on alert all during the July 4 weekend all
along the west coast. Ed Ruppelt, in his book, talked of the
Pentagon being in a state of near panic in July 1947. Sounds like
there is some evidence to suggest a heightened state of alert.

But what documents to you mean? What do you expect the documents to say?

>It's understood that recently unearthed 'Top Secret' documents, >subsequent to 'Roswell', reiterate this.

What recent documents? And, does the term sensitive compartmentalized information mean anything here? A top secret clearance does not translate into an ability to see everything classified top secret. Need to know.

> Is it fair to say that following the exposure of fundamental >flaws in previously accepted and crucial witness testimony from >such as Gerald Anderson, Jim Ragsdale and Glenn Dennis, that you >would now consider Frank Kaufmann as a central 'Roswell' >witness?

No .

>In respect of Kaufmann's alleged 'crash/retrieval and recovery of >alien bodies' report to his superiors, where did Kaufmann obtain, >as he has shown on UK TV, what were claimed to be copies of these >same documents?

>Photocopied in 1947?

Where do you think the term PHOTocopied came from. I've seen many photocopied documents in the Project Sign files... And, what about carbon paper?

KRandle

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Latest Mars Photos Analysis

From: "Stefan Duncan" <duncan@tarheel.net>
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 15:05:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 16:03:22 -0400
Subject: Latest Mars Photos Analysis

Has anyone heard any comments or analysis on the latest Mars' photos? I've only heard the Art Bell Show of which statements concerning the photos were: "If that isn't artificial, I don't know what is..."

Stefan Duncan
Director of XPI
Editor of AUFON

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24,000 mph UFO

From: Philip Mantle <el51@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 07:17:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 15:59:33 -0400
Subject: 24,000 mph UFO

From: "Matthews" <matthews@zetnet.co.uk>
To: <bill.rose@virgin.net>
Subject: 24,000 mph UFO bullshit!
Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 03:39:02 +0100

Both the Daily Mail and Daily Express newspapers reported today the existence of 'radar tapes' purporting to show the operation of a UFO out to sea. The object was said to be flying at between 17-24,000 miles per hour.

Despite the Ministry of Defence position that UFOs are 'of no defence significance' the story was said to have been leaked by a 'military source'. This was almost impossible to believe and the story could be seen at best as a cover for the operation and testing of secret military aircraft in the North Sea and over the Atlantic.

Despite their sophistication, it is not true that the latest Phased Array Radar systems would be able to identify the shape of a UFO - even one '900 feet' in length at anything approaching the speeds reported - a science correspondent should have known this simple fact.

The MOD press office commented today that they knew of the 'source' for this story, that he could under no circumstances be taken seriously and that he had put out similar fabrications in the past. He is, apparently, an ex-MOD man with a grudge against his former employer!

Moreover, the Daily Mail KNEW (!) that the story was nonsense before they printed it and it will be noticed that this tabloid has put out a great deal of alien/ET-type material in recent months.

(The only sensible suggestion would have been that a comet with a large tail had entered the UK Air Defence Region/North Atlantic Ground Defence Environment - NADGE and had been tracked by sensitive radar systems. Apparently, this happens twice a month and DI55 have an interest in tracking both comets and space junk as they enter the atmosphere. In this respect, DI55 is undertaking a similar role to that of Project Moondust. Both DI55 and Moondust personnel have been linked with 'UFO' research activities.)

What is really going on out there then?

Just last week a diamond-shaped wing-wing aircraft was spotted by a trained observer off the Western Scottish coast near Campbeltown not far from RAF Macrahanish, previously rumoured to be a base of operations for a number of secret aircraft and still a NATO standby base.

I have spoken to serving RAF personnel who have witnessed the operation of large triangular aircraft from RAF Boscombe in February 1997.

The secret history of advanced aircraft testing between the US and UK goes back to at least 1957 where British pilots were given

unrestricted access to Groom Lake, Nevada (Bissell, 1996) during early U2 flights.

The recent wave of European triangle sightings, possibly an extension of the Hudson Valley operations of 1983-1988, began in Belgium in late 1989/early 1990 where a large triangular aircraft, based at Boscombe Down and perhaps also RNAS Yeovilton, was reported by numerous credible witnesses as hovering at low altitude.

In 1994 a secret US spyplane crash-landed at RAF Boscombe Down and was widely reported in regional, national and specialist media but denied by the MOD.

In 1993/4 an aircraft not unlike the US Advanced Airborne Reconnaissance System 'Tier 3' aircraft was reported to be operating over the UK as part of a series of transatlantic demonstration involving the RAF and elements of the aerospace industry. According to US black projects researcher Dan Zinngrabe, a respected source, the aircraft cost over \$150 million, used active stealth features and was able to hover through the use of an advanced jet propulsion system which might have been ducted 'fan-in-wing' technology....

At this time, Nick Pope, former Secretariat Air Staff 2a UFO 'expert' went public with a story that UFOs were of extraterrestrial origin and this was undoubtedly part of the cover story involving the MOD and the UFO community.....

Nick Cook, military aerospace expert for Jane's Defence Weekly, has stated that the US is actively seeking to develop 'electrogravitics' propulsion systems.

(These are also being researched within British Aerospace as part of a classified defence project).

So whilst we have twaddle being put out in the tabloids, some UFO researchers are getting to grips with the reality of secret military aircraft.

Please ensure that this information is passed on in order to limit the inevitable development of wild rumours within the UFO community based upon today's tabloid fiction.

Yours for the truth,

Tim Matthews - Black Dawn - Military UFO Research.

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Lunar Anomalies

From: Philip Mantle <e151@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 08:06:18 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 16:02:01 -0400
Subject: Lunar Anomalies

Dear colleagues,

A researcher in the Ukraine is interested in communicating with people who are interested in lunar anomalies. Anyone interested should contact:

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Kharkov 310110,
Ukraine.
E-mail: rai@ira.kharkov.ua

Thanks,

Philip.

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Re: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

From: Don Ledger <dledger@istar.ca>
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 16:15:49 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 17:05:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

> From: [RGates8254](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com) <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]
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- > a) An ET coloney on the earth
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> connections to Sirius or whatever,
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Well as you say Robert, I think we can eliminate any of the above. I had a look at the picture and to think this might be a natural formation would be a bit of a stretch. Since we are steadily, it seems, pushing the history's misty curtain back further and further, it looks like another piece of the puzzle has fallen into place. There's no need to read any extraterrestrial involvement into it. Considering Japan's violent geological history it's not much of a leap to imagine that some of their ancestors had built such a structure that was lost to an earth quake somewhere in antiquity.

Let's treat it as such and leave ET out of it.

Don Ledger

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UFO Magazine [US]

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 15:23:14 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 16:47:18 -0400
Subject: UFO Magazine [US]

A few weeks back there was some discussion regarding changes in the ownership of UFO Magazine, and Don Ecker responded that many of the rumours were untrue and details would soon be posted to their web page.

I wanted to note that there has been a change in the publication, and it is partially outlined in an Editor's Note:

http://www.ufomagazine.com/HTML/UFO_Main_Ezine.html

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begin Editor's Note=====

UFO MAGAZINE, RE-ENVISIONED

After almost 12 years of existence, UFO Magazine has reached a level of viability in the marketplace. While the UFO subject can by no means vie with the Super Bowl or Presidential scandals for instant leverage among casual readers, the phenomenon has grown to become just as much an engaging part of popular consciousness, capturing the millennial Zeitgeist in a clever mix of what's vitally important, newsworthy, inspirational, entertaining and bizarre.

Luckily for everyone, enterprising people with the right media focus have recognized this, and have stepped in to enable this magazine to reach its full potential. With this issue, this publication begins a new life, and we gratefully welcome our new investors, whose ability to get on with the show appears to be matched only by their enthusiasm for quality product.

Propelling us to a new level, the resources we now have available allow us to proudly announce these upcoming changes: UFO Magazine is going monthly. Along with that, we're adding many more pages, so that each issue can deliver the timeliest stories in ever more comprehensive detail.

Our focus on accurate, hard-hitting UFO reporting remains, but with a bonus. Now having close ties to the entertainment industry, UFO Magazine will be able to bring exclusive coverage of film, television and books, international media which form a seductive nexus of fact and fiction, a place of reality that so powerfully defines the UFO presence. Along with our steady coverage of important UFO events and personalities, we hope to get exclusive e interviews with some of the Industry's top science-fiction film writers, directors and producers, men and women whose visions contribute to a growing acceptance of our place in the cosmos.

We will stay on top of the important stories, including the ongoing saga of potentially ET-inspired technology. This issue opens up an alternative history for the beloved transistor, its possible link to the Roswell claims and to government disclosure - a story sure to be turning up more than once this year.

On a whole different note, an open-minded hypnotherapist allows us inside the memory of a woman whose close encounter is both chilling and enlightening. It may portend a greater understanding of something well outside our usual frames of reference. In short, what's in store for you is cutting edge information

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Re: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 16:05:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 16:53:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Divers Find World's Oldest Building

Brian Straight wrote:

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> To: "'updates@globalserve.net'" <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: World's Oldest Building
> Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 11:35:08 -0500

> <http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/news/pages/Sunday-Times/frontpage.html?1781903>

> Re my earlier posting, this Sunday Times link does not,
> apparently, take you to the appropriate page. Follow the link,
> then scroll down to select news about Britain, and then look for
> the article header re divers finding the world's oldest
> building.

Thanks for the clarification, Brian. I was having trouble finding the article. If you are interested in this discovery, you should check out:

<http://www.lauralee.com/japan.htm>

She has 16 photos of the "pyramids" on her web site. The debate has been ongoing for some time.

Terry

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UFOs Abductions = Computer Virus?

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Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 19:33:06 -0700

Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 23:21:23 -0400

Subject: UFOs Abductions = Computer Virus?

A remarkable parallel seems to exist between the abduction phenomenon and a computer virus. They both have the ability to spread, the computer virus from system to system, the abduction from mind to conscience.

Virus in Latin means poison; an abduction is a poison in our conscience. Computers that contract a virus are said to be "infected"; we can say that abductee's consciences have been "infected" by this circumstance.

Computer viruses act much like abductions that adulterate a human conscience and then spread elsewhere. Some things the computer virus can do include reformatting a hard drive, wiping out all of its data and erasing programs and files, effectively destroying them.

Abductions can wipe out our notion of reality, through misinterpretations, thus erasing our basic concept of faith and generally damaging our conscience.

The first viruses were the creation of computer hackers, abductions were produced by entities called "grays".

In the late 1960s, computer students began coming up with all kinds of virus related programs. At the same time, ufologists began receiving abduction reports.

By the 1980s, computer viruses finally came onto the scene as a real threat. At the same time, abduction reports arose as a danger to our conscience.

In just a few years, infections of computer systems had become epidemic; currently there are thousands of computer viruses present throughout the world.

In recent years there has been a upsurge of abduction reports, reaching epidemic proportions in the United States.

Antivirus software is designed to help prevent computer virus infections, these programs perform one or more of the following functions: Prevention, Detection, Removal, Vaccination and Damage Control.

We lack something similar in science as we haven't come out with any anti-abduction program. The worst that could happen to our virus-infected computer is that you need to throw it away and buy a new one, but you can't do the same with a conscience.

Abductions are spreading and infecting our consciences.

I saw a well known ufologist becoming an "abduction expert" and self-taught clinical therapist and dissociating from the real UFO phenomenon.

In our group, the Miami UFO Center, we have professionals to take care of any real abduction case but will stick strictly to the hard-core UFO incidents.

Visit:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>

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Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 18:39:42 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 23:09:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

HI All -

Before we start a controversy here, let me clarify this statement:

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> the various times I talked to him.

It should have read:

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KRandle

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Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

From: Don Ledger <dledger@istar.ca>
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 17:06:17 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 21:42:22 -0400
Subject: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
> From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
> Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 22:04:56 -0400
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

> > Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:03:42 GMT
> > From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
> > To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

> > That's the most explainable and probable scenario. It wobbled
> > too much to be a real flying machine - especially from another
> > world.

> As any one who has studied the many reliable reports knows, the
> reported "wobble" is a standard from the earliest days of the
> phenomenon.

> Why it occurs is unknown, but that it is part of the case
> literature is undeniable.

> Given that we know relatively little about UFOs and their
> principles of operation, I can see no reason for an a priori
> assumption that they should not behave in a way that is is
> clearly reported that they do behave.

> Paul Hill experimented with flying platforms and found the wobble
> and the often reported rocking motion could be used as a form of
> fine altitude control by directing the lifting force away from
> the vertical in a controllable and periodic fashion. This is but
> one of several reported behaviors which may indicate that a
> "throttling" of the UFO lift mechanism is either difficult,
> undesirable, or slow to respond to minor changes.

I believe that they now call it thrust vectoring. It is noteworthy that without this new form of stabilising those extremely heavy rockets that NASA was trying to send aloft without fins for guidance and stability (which are useless unless there is a lot of air flowing by them) these rockets would never have gotten off the ground. When one of the old Saturn 5's (or the newer shuttle) was/is lifting off it too was experiencing minute vertical correction oscillations (wobbling) while it attempted to get off the pad. It used thrust vectoring, an outgrowth of Hill's work I wonder?

Don Ledger

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School Project On Unexplained Mysteries

From: <*****@*****> [Marie]
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 18:42:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 12:06:13 -0400
Subject: School Project On Unexplained Mysteries

Hello,

I am 15 and doing a project on unexplained mysteries.

I am doing it on Aliens.

I feel that we aren't the only ones out here, there are other ones out there. Why would God only create us? There are others out in Space probably thinking the same thing we are. Are there others out there, or they know that we are here? But all we know for sure is that we are here. Maybe we will never find out, maybe we will.

So all we can do is wait.

Sincerley,
Marie

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Re: RAF Tracks UFOs On Radar

From: eotl@west.net [Jeff Rense]
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 22:56:59 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 12:11:39 -0400
Subject: Re: RAF Tracks UFOs On Radar

>Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 14:20:36 -0400
>From: David Clarke <dclarke14@compuserve.com>
>Subject: RAF tracks UFOs on Radar
>To: UFO Updates <updates@globalserve.net>

>>From Dave Clarke, BUFORA Press Officer

Stig,

Hi. It's a hoax. Check my Headlines for the banner. Darn!

[<http://www.sightings.com/ufo/RAFreal.htm> --ebk]

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Re: 24,000 mph UFO

From: "Serge Salvaille" <sergesa@connectmmic.net>
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 23:03:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 12:12:42 -0400
Subject: Re: 24,000 mph UFO

At 15:59 98-04-27 -0400, you wrote:
>Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 07:17:00 +0000
>From: Philip Mantle <el51@dial.pipex.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: [Fwd: 24,000 mph UFO bullshit!]

>The recent wave of European triangle sightings, possibly an
>extension of the Hudson Valley operations of 1983-1988, began in
>Belgium in late 1989/early 1990 where a large triangular
>aircraft, based at Boscombe Down and perhaps also RNAS Yeovilton,
>was reported by numerous credible witnesses as hovering at low
>altitude.

Philip,

We had a thread on the Belgium UFO flap on the List a couple of months ago. This is the first time this 'explanation' comes up.

Could you be more specific about this 'large triangular aircraft, based at Boscombe Down and perhaps also RNAS Yeovilton (...) reported by numerous credible witnesses'?

Serge Salvaille

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BAR 199804

From: BufoCalvin <BufoCalvin@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 00:36:33 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 12:06:55 -0400
Subject: BAR 199804

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Also, I am considering starting to list books recommended by other people. If you have a book you'd like to recommend, please let me know (and let me know if I should credit you and list your e-mail).

Finally, I'd like to be able to carry the new bigfoot book by John Bindernagel. Amazon has been pretty good about getting books that I suggest, so that I can offer them to you. However, I don't have the ISBN or contact information, and I'd really appreciate it if somebody out there could let me know.

In this issue: Featured Title, Recent Additions, and Most Intriguing.

FEATURED TITLE

MONSTERS OF THE SEA
(<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0385482337/bufosweirdworldA/>">Monsters of the Sea)
Subtitle: the history, natural history, and mythology of the ocean's most fantastic creatures
By Richard Ellis
This Edition Published: March, 1996
Trade (large-size) Paperback, 429 pages
Photos, Illustrations, Bibliography, Index
List Price: \$12.95, Amazon Price*: \$10.36

Many years ago, I was really introduced to all this weird stuff by a book by Gardner Soule entitled THE MAYBE MONSTERS. While I seem to spend more of my time lately with UFO related matters, cryptozoology has always been my favorite specialty in "anomalistics". I was really looking forward to reading this book, having heard of it being extensive and well-referenced. I certainly did enjoy it. However, I don't know if I quite think it the classic of cryptozoology that some others have labelled it. While it seems to have its science down well, it is another example of someone who seems to feel he is slumming it by approaching this kind of topic. In fact, his first sentence in the preface is "Although I didn't realize it when I began this study, there has been a long progression of writers who have chosen to tackle the subject of sea monsters." While he seems to have read some of those writers subsequently, there is a sort of "wink, wink, nudge, nudge" feel to the book.

That said, I can still recommend it. Despite being a bit disjointed, it does cover a variety of topics (some of which are appropriate to the title). I was fascinated by some of the information on the anatomy of giant squids, for example. Giant squids are by far more prominent in the book than are sea serpents per se. It is also refreshing to have a well-documented book, with many classic and rarer photographs.

Readers who are interested in a book that can be categorized as solid and safe will enjoy it.

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<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ISBN=1565078497/bufosweirdworldA/>">
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Subtitle: Abductions, Sightings & the Attraction to the Paranormal
by Ron Rhodes
Paperback, 270 pages
Publication Date: March, 1998
List Price: \$9.99, Amazon Price*: \$7.99

Animals as Teachers and Healers

(<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0345421175/bufosweirdworldA/>">
>Animals as Teachers and Healers)
Subtitle: True Stories and Reflections
by Susan Chernak McElroy and Michael W. Fox
Paperback, 252 pages
Publication Date: March, 1998
List Price: \$12.00, Amazon Price*: \$9.60

Area 51: The Dreamland Chronicles

(
<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0805047778/bufosweirdworldA/>">
Area 51: The Dreamland Chronicles)
by David Darlington
Hardback, 320 pages
Publication Date: November, 1997
List Price: \$25.00, Amazon Price*: \$17.50

Confirmation

(<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/031218557X/bufosweirdworldA/>">
>Confirmation: The Hard Evidence of Aliens Among Us)
by Whitley Strieber
Hardcover, 256 pages
Publication Date: May, 1998
List Price: \$23.95, Amazon Price: \$16.77
Strieber, author of the best-selling COMMUNION, is one of the top rank figures in the alien abduction field. This book will undoubtedly get some major coverage.

Crop Circles - Returning Rulers from Biblical Planet Olam

(<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1883424550/bufosweirdworldA/>">
>Crop Circles - Returning Rulers from Biblical Planet Olam)
Subtitle: Ancient Astronaut Colonizers Reveal Themselves, 1976-1996
by Steve Canada
Paperback, pagination unknown
Publication Date: March, 1998
List Price: \$12.95, Amazon Price*: \$12.95

Glimpses of Other Realities: High Strangeness, Vol. 2

(<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1879706784/bufosweirdworldA/>">
>Glimpses of Other Realities: High Strangeness, Vol. 2)
by Linda Moulton Howe
Paperback, 512 pages
Publication Date: March, 1998
List Price: \$27.95, Amazon Price*: \$22.36

The Hauntings of Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Jamestown

(
<A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0895872102/bufosweirdworldA/>">
>The Hauntings of Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Jamestown)
by Jackie Eileen Behrend
Paperback, pagination unknown
Publication Date: March, 1998
List Price: \$9.95, Amazon Price*: \$7.96

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 Talking to Heaven : A Medium's Message of Life After Death)
 Subtitle: A Medium's Message of Life After Death
 by James Van Praagh
 List Price: \$20.95, Amazon Price*: \$14.67

2. Auras : See Them in Only 60 Seconds

(
 <A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ISBN=1567186432/bufosweirdworldA/>">
 Auras : See Them in Only 60 Seconds)
 by Mark Smith
 List Price: \$12.95, Amazon Price*: \$10.36

3. (tie) The Alien Files

(
 <A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ISBN=1862041350/bufosweirdworldA/>">
 The Alien Files : The Secret of Extra-Terrestrial Encounters and Abducti)
 Subtitle: The Secret of Extra-Terrestrial Encounters and Abductions
 by Gregory Van Dyk
 List Price: \$24.95, Amazon Price*: \$17.47

3. (tie) Field Guide to Mysterious Places of Eastern North America

(
 <A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ISBN=0805044493/bufosweirdworldA/>">
 Field Guide to Mysterious Places of Eastern North America)
 by Salvatore M. Trento
 List Price: \$18.95, Amazon Price*: \$15.16

5. Children's Past Lives

(
 <A HREF="<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ISBN=055357485X/bufosweirdworldA/>">
 Children's Past Lives: How Past Life Memories Affect Your Child)
 Subtitle: How Past Life Memories Affect Your Child
 by Carol Bowman
 List Price: \$6.50, Amazon Price*: \$5.20

This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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Antelope Valley-Palmdale or Lancaster?

From: "duane foster" <osiris05@sprynet.com>
Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 08:34:23 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 12:15:29 -0400
Subject: Antelope Valley-Palmdale or Lancaster?

Please send me any info you may have on where there are meetings or any groups for this discussion on the subject of UFOs, in the Antelope Valley-Palmdale or Lancaster area.

Thank you very much.

V. Kline

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UFO 'Wobble' [was: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies'...]

From: "Leanne Martin" <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 19:30:26 PDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 12:00:52 -0400
Subject: UFO 'Wobble' [was: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies'...]

>Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 15:04:04 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>>Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 09:56:29 +0200
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Jean van Gemert <jeanvg@dds.nl>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and
holographs

>>>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:03:42 GMT
>>>From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and
holographs

>>>That's the most explainable and probable scenario. It wobbled
>>>too much to be a real flying machine - especially from another
>>>world.

>>And just where is the logic behind this one? I doubt strongly
>>that you're much of a true expert on the mechanics of a real
>>extraterrestrial craft to "know" what can or cannot be. It's all
>>opinion with no basis in fact, no one can tell beforehand if an
>>extraterrestrial "saucer" wobbles too much or far too less, or
>>should not even wobble at all. I'm not saying the Mexico film
>>is real, your "argument" just has no merit.

<snip>

>>Aside from that, "wobbling" behavior has been consistently
>>present in quite a number of UFO reports, you might want to
>>check Paul Hill's "Unconventional Flying Objects" for details,
>>or see NICAP's "UFO Evidence" for reports.

>>I have had several "sightings" (some of them multiple witness)
>>and I have observed this odd 'wobbling' on more_than_one_
>>occasion_. That's eyewitness testimony.

<snip>

>John Velez ;-)

Ladies & Gentlefolk,

On the subject of the 'wobble' in a true UFO:-

1. If high speed right angle turns have no destructive effect on a UFO and/or its occupants then why would a wobble worry it assuming that everything within the crafts shell experiences no inertia;
2. The wobble may indicate that the craft's antigravitic and/or magnetic drive is reacting ever so sensitively to the earth's own magnetic and/or gravitic field fluctuations;
3. The wobble may be a 'ripple effect' distorting the passage of loght reflected off the craft - possible cuased by the drive

field disrupting the immediate atmosphere's refractive properties.

Leanne Martin
Computer Engineer @ WANG GLOBAL Australia

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Re: 24,000 mph UFO

From: John Heptonstall <Heptonstall@mac-tcm.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 11:31:31 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 12:33:24 -0400
Subject: Re: 24,000 mph UFO

>Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 07:17:00 +0000
>From: Philip Mantle <el51@dial.pipex.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: [Fwd: 24,000 mph UFO bullshit!]

Hi Phil

Thanks for the timely update; I thought the 'informant' was probably Mark Birdsall!!- he's been getting a lot of mileage out of his 'mate' at the YEP, Wikinson, this past few weeks what with the 'Leeds UFO' story and having set them up with Ken Field and George Hickinson's video stories.

I must admit at least one YEP article did Birdsall no credit, that was last weekend and written by another journalist who I spoke to; some old guy had contacted them as he'd seen/heard the 'Leeds UFOs' and decided they were microlights due to engine noise and movement, suggested that aliens wuld have had to modify their mode of travel to support Birdsall's claim that 'sightings best example of UFOs over Leeds for about 15 years'!! In fact microlight is not a very good guess unless the pilots wore dark glasses to avoid destruction of night vision from such bright lights+ difficult to avoid detection hovering/moving slowly over Leeds City Centre.

Maybe the UFO Mag. are near the edge and hope to avoid the Alien Encounters etc. Mags' doom by eliciting as much speculation about UFOs as poss. at this time. It's certainly a strong coincidence that Birdsall hasn't been out of the papers, hardly, this past two weeks. Also the content of the latest UFO mag leaves much to be desired. If the UT had anu current mileage we could have outdone them with at least four brilliant case reviews, perhaps five if I include my Leeds one- copy with Gloria at moment and awaiting last couple of sources' input before completion.

There has been much speculation about a massive 'platform' triangle for a few years built by US military. Anyone able to visit Cranwell or obtain preview?

Cheers

--
John Heptonstall

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New Free Report To Updates Subscribers

From: "Matthews" <matthews@zetnet.co.uk> [Tim Matthews]
Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 23:53:33 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 13:16:27 -0400
Subject: New Free Report To Updates Subscribers

Dear All,

for a free copy of my important new report entitled "Flying Saucers - Secret History!" please email me. It deals with both wartime German and postwar American flying saucer technologies and it has been well-received so far. Hopefully the report will stimulate debate and focus the better minds in Ufology on the vital question of man-made UFOs....

Tim Matthews

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Re: UFO Magazine [US]

From: **RGates8254** <RGates8254@aol.com> [Robert Gates]
Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 18:15:51 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 19:26:39 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Magazine [US]

> Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 15:23:14 -0400
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
> Subject: UFO Magazine

> A few weeks back there was some discussion regarding changes in
> the ownership of UFO Magazine, and Don Ecker responded that many
> of the rumours were untrue and details would soon be posted to
> their web page.

> I wanted to note that there has been a change in the publication,
> and it is partially outlined in an Editor's Note:

> http://www.ufomagazine.com/HTML/UFO_Main_Ezine.html

As I recall when I picked up the latest UFO mag, I got the distinct
impression that Don and Vickie are "branching out" so to speak.

From what you posted it seems to be true.

Cheers,
Robert

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Philip Burden Unveiled

From: David Clarke <dclarke14@compuserve.com>

Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 14:15:32 -0400

Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 19:23:25 -0400

Subject: Philip Burden Unveiled

From Dave Clarke, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

Further to Graham Birdsalls question "who is Philip Burden"....

The answer is that he is a former editor of the RAF's in-house magazine, RAF News. He left "under a cloud" in the late 80s or early 90s, I am given to understand, and has since made himself a bit of a nuisance to his former employers the MOD.

According to a very good source in Whitehall, this character is in the habit of picking out articles and letters from current issues of the magazine, embellishing them and selling them to the national Press.

One of the tall tales he is cited as being responsible for concerns a story which surfaced in the nationals concerning an incident during a visit by the famous Red Arrows RAF display team to the Far East. This yarn claimed that the MOD top brass had prevented the team from marking out Princess Diana's signature in the sky with their famous multi-coloured contrails as a tribute to the late Royal.

Apparently this story was bogus, and the MOD are using it as a yardstick with which to measure Monday's claims about radar tapes and giant UFOs.

"A good source?" one official told me, "More like HP sauce." But whoever the mysterious Mr Burden is he has certainly rattled some feathers at the RAF, and who knows, perhaps he does know a few titbits about the inner sanctum.

But obviously he has not gone so far as to be in breach of the Official Secrets Act. Well not as far as we know.

Certainly, the journalists I have spoken to have commented on how unusual it is for the Press Office to cite a particular named ex-employee in the way they have done.

Well that's one side of the story.

The Daily Express reporter who produced Monday's claim's about giant UFOs tracked by RAF Fylingdales tells me Burden is a legitimate source [he is the "RAF source" mentioned in the article] and is being unfairly maligned by his former employers.

He says he stands by the story, and claims that when he initially contacted the MOD they did not deny it outright and reluctantly admitted that Burden was right about the place and time of the RAF Cranwell meeting.

The reporter at the Express says it is only after they and the Mail broke the story that the MOD have decided to deny it all outright.

Perhaps Mr Burden might like to unload his Burden on the net and give us his side of the story...

If I don't track him down first, that is.

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From: ParaScope <ParaScope@AOL.COM>
Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 20:06:32 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 20:24:18 -0400
Subject: DISPATCH # 93 -- the weekly newsletter of ParaScope

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4/28/98

Quote of the Week

"I believe we are on an irreversible trend toward more freedom and democracy - but that could change."

-- Vice President Dan Quayle, May 1989

Rant of the Week: "If the Shirt Fits..."

Every week we pick the wackiest, scariest, nastiest or funniest rant from the hundreds of letters received by us here at ParaScope headquarters, and present it to you as our Rant of the Week. This week, we delve into a bit of a mystery, and ask for our readers' help in solving it. The following list was provided to ParaScope (anonymously, of course) with the subject line of "hypnosis." We encourage you all to ponder its implications. Enjoy.

1. Fort Benning GA
2. Alien abduction
3. The Beatles
4. LSD
5. Abortion
6. Telephone
7. Travel
8. Schizophrenia
9. Radio talk shows
10. Nazis

All rants are printed "as is," with spelling and grammar goofs left uncorrected. Some rants may be edited for brevity or clarity, to the extent such a thing is possible. If you've got a rant you'd like to share, send it to pscp1ady@aol.com with "possible rant" in the subject line of your letter.

Win a Free X-Files CD-ROM

If you haven't yet entered our contest with Fox Interactive to win a Free X-Files Unlimited Access CD-ROM, there's still time. Watch the ParaScope site for the X-Files banners for details, answer a simple trivia question, and you may be the lucky winner who walks away with the most comprehensive and compelling collection of X-Files information ever compiled. Hurry! The truth is out there.

Coming Up This Week!

Catch a number of great stories this week on a daily basis on America Online

or all at once this Friday on the web site, including daily updates to our Conspiracy Newslines and Daily Dose features. Among the articles you'll want to check out:

James Earl Ray is Dead

James Earl Ray, the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has died from liver disease. For thirty years, he was denied a full trial for the alleged crime, even though King's family has expressed their belief that Ray didn't do the shooting. And although Ray was diagnosed with hepatitis C as early as 1994, prison medical authorities did not make this information known until he went into a coma in December 1996. Now, prosecutors in the case are hoping that with Ray in a coffin, they'll be able to nail the lid down on King assassination conspiracy theories once and for all. But with Coretta Scott King calling for a national commission to conduct a new inquiry into the assassination, this story is far from over. Get the latest news and a complete update, online now.

The Martian Anomalies:
Mars Global Surveyor Snaps Photo of the Cydonia "City Pyramid"

On April 23, the Mars Global Surveyor sent back new imaging data of a collection of anomalous objects known as "the City." The target strip was supposed to include an object known as "the Fortress," but this object was missed by several miles. However, the new photo shows a nearby pyramidal structure, one of the "City Pyramids" which some believe may be artificial constructions built by intelligent alien beings millions of years ago. Indeed, the new City Pyramid photo does indicate that the structure is faceted -- but does that necessarily indicate non-natural origins? As the debate over the new Cydonia photos rages, review the latest photographic evidence for yourself.

Shroud of Turin Exposed

On April 19, the Shroud of Turin went on public display for the first time in 20 years, marking the 500th anniversary of the consecration of the Turin Cathedral. The historic exhibition comes hot on the heels of renewed claims of the Shroud's authenticity: recent studies have refuted carbon-dating tests from 1988, which concluded that the cloth was a medieval hoax that dated back to between 1260 and 1390. New evidence suggests that those test results may have been severely distorted by contaminants in the fabric, and a type of pollen found in the fibers seemingly links the Shroud to Jerusalem at the time of Christ. Enigma editor D. Trull wraps up all the latest news surrounding the controversial holy relic.

The Paper Trail: All New Edition

Dossier's review of old secrets and new releases is back. In this month's Paper Trail: the latest tobacco industry documents (and deceptions) go public; the CIA stands accused by State Department historians of foot-dragging on promised declassifications -- making official U.S. history "an official lie"; and much more.

Brazil's "New World Order" UFO Cult

In the heart of Brazil's southern plateau lies a village called Valley of the Dawn. In this unique rural community, medieval Sephardic Judaism is mixed with the worship of extra terrestrials to form a most unexpected new religion. Barry Chamish, the Israeli journalist who blew the lid off the Yitzhak Rabin assassination, recently travelled to the Valley of the Dawn along with Budd Hopkins, Michael Hesemann and Whitley Streiber for a UFO conference, hoping for an enriching discussion of the phenomena. But they soon found themselves exploited by a group called the League of Goodwill, whose buildings in Brasilia and Rio have signs out side reading "The World Ecumenical Parliament." Amidst a mishmash of Christian, Babylonian, Egyptian and Marxist symbology, a platoon of black-suited young toughs with walkie-talkies kept the UFOlogists under constant surveillance. Chamish brings us a special report on this spooky New World Order cult.

Conspiracy Newslines

Daily updates for cognitive dissidents and other dangerous thought criminals.

...All this, and much, much more!

Jane, Stop This Crazy Thing!

Thought you were tough enough to handle the Dispatch and now you realize you're not? Starting to think you've made a wrong turn off the info highway? Well, we're only going to go over this once, so listen up!

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XPI/AUFON Films Triangular Shaped UFO in N.C.

From: "Stefan Duncan" <duncan@tarheel.net>
Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 03:35:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 09:02:32 -0400
Subject: XPI/AUFON Films Triangular Shaped UFO in N.C.

Just a quick posting. At 12:15 a.m. Wednesday morning, I spotted a bright glow about a fist high and 1/2 mile (estimate) to the east of me while traveling on Bringle Ferry Road just at the city limit of Salisbury. I pulled out my video camera and began recording.

This object appeared to be hovering when I first saw it almost over I-85.

The object then moved southward several hundred yards over several houses, then moved toward the road before me. This craft appears to make a turn completely on its side, then levels out in the turn as it continued on its way 30 or so miles an hour (that's a wild estimate).

I have this on video tape.

A more detail report will be in issue AUFON8 that will be out later today. As part of XPI, I had begun observation stakeouts in the vicinity of Bringle Ferry Road and High Rock Lake. Details and observations of the UFO sightings are weekly updated in the XPI FILES column in AUFON. The first sighting report of the triangular shaped crafts in the High Rock Lake/Bringle Ferry Road were reported in December of 1997 and are apparently on going.

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Report your UFO sightings and ET related stories in AUFON. If interested in becoming a XPI member, application and info are on the AUFON web site.

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The UFO Times, Texas Edition

From: Michael Harman <mike_harman@rocketmail.com>
Date: Tue, 28 Apr 1998 21:34:57 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 08:58:18 -0400
Subject: The UFO Times, Texas Edition

Check out our new web site:
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It's packed full of Texas sightings and articles.
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Alfred's Odd Ode #243

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 04:41:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 09:04:07 -0400
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #243

Apology to MW #243 (For April 29, 1998)

How can you get all hardnosed, and act like you're the plan; you that call yourself a scientist, and pretend to understand. You just rest on faithful models, and your tricky paradigms -- and lord help those that won't buy in; you'll just say they've lost their minds. You'll campaign so they can't publish -- shout so loud they can't be heard. You typify despicable. You're a psychopathic cur!

I despise you. I abhor you when you sell us out for bucks -- when you suck the lusts of privilege you betray the human trust. I care not on your fence side! It's not that kind of struggle; just be damned when you're a gainful liar. If I can I'll pop you're bubble.

You live contrived and pleasant lies; you're safe behind your walls; you're owning your own lawyer, so you're knowing all the stalls. If things get hot, they're slick as snot, your dirty tricks brigade. You can count on their discretion -- just as long as they are paid? You can shut away what scares you, 'til your eyes can't see what's there! You can have a little drinkie, and pretend that you're not scared. You can roll in squalid flesh piles if that rings your tiny bell. You can run from all your nightmares; UFO's can be your hell.

If it's not your precious property, or a *fair-won* trophy wife, then it really won't concern you. It can't freshen up your life. It won't fatten your account. It won't land you on your feet -- so what's the bleedin' point, you reason? Why not make your life complete!

"So tell me, precious 'Poet Boy'," he snaps his angered sneer, "What in hell do you give out, you whining, leftist queer!" "What's your gallant sacrifice; what do you give up. what do you contribute"? He drops his Cuban in my cup. "With the big bucks you're no different," and he shoots his silken cuffs. " You believe in UFO's"!!! . . .like that would be enough. "You're a nut case. You're a bonehead. You're a liberal bleeding heart. You whine your stupid spewage that is off accepted charts! You badmouth honored science that has given us the power to tame this world with human will"! He stands there, huge, and glowers!!

I'm a soldier and a teacher, and I give and get respect. I've always shot for excellence and my reach exceeds my grasp. I pay my way; I drive old cars; I'll not abuse advantage of a system, or a program, or a human, or do damage. I've always been of service, and I worked the harder jobs. And I've learned about the women I now give respectful nods. My wife? She drives a school bus. My son is not in jail <g>. My friends? They say they love me, and it's them I shall not fail. My charged *belief* in UFO's is strictly common sense. I've seen them, wealthy cousin, if you can't it's 'cause you're dense. My wage? It's near the bottom when compared the least of you, but I would give up everything -- as long as you do, too <g>.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

I'd give up quite a bit to improve our schools, empty our prisons, or end casual suffering. It's in my best interest.

One the flip side, when I tithe up 15% to the man (which in a **better** world is not a bad thing) it's a big chunk out of my figurative ass!

When William does it (even a scaled 15% much, much larger than my tiny 15%) it's a mere itch on his massive figurative -- hardly deserving of even a distracted scratch. You'd argue scale, when we both know that William can figure ways to pay out much less than 15% . I'd argue that everyone should attempt to self-actualize, and once you self-actualize you should then make contribution to another's self-actualization <g>.

Doing that will empty our prisons, push the DOW to efficacious highs, feed a respected population, and have EBE's landing on the White House lawn with offers for federation membership <g>.

For the last five years, or so, I've been asking who has to pay so I can play. The answer to that question is, at first, unsettling. There is more living without some of the things you thought you couldn't live without -- sure! But less is more. It's true! And there's comfort in it. Moreover, we could save ourselves while living richer, fuller, and more satisfying lives.

There is absolutely no reason why general life should harmfully raise your blood pressure. It begs the question why it does.

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Explore the Alien View?

<http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/arecibo/46/>

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Re: UFO-related Audio Files?

From: **Andy Denne** <aura.aa@wxs.nl>
Date: Tue, 29 Apr 1997 16:31:58 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 12:11:44 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO-related Audio Files?

Hello people,

Is there anyone of you who can help me get UFO-related .WAV or .AUD- files from the net?

I'm espacially interessted in any soundfiles of Art Bell's show or files concerning the Elders or the mexico-"UFO".

I'd really appreciate it...

Kind regards,

Andy Denne
aura.aa@wxs.nl

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Re: eSufo - Cydonia "city" images available

From: Dave Pigott <davep@harlequin.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 15:16:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 12:10:16 -0400
Subject: Re: eSufo - Cydonia "city" images available

>Date: Sun, 19 Apr 1998 11:01:04 +0100
>From: Don Ledger <dledger@istar.ca>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: eSufo - Cydonia "city" images available

>> From: "David Watanabe" <davew@exosci.com>
>> Subject: eSufo - Cydonia "city" images available
>> To: UFO@exosci.com
>> Date: Fri, 17 Apr 1998 02:50:34 -0800

>> exoScience UFO * 4/15/98 * exosci.com/ufo

>> * CYDONIA "CITY" IMAGES FROM MARS GLOBAL SURVEYOR

>> - the MGS has now imaged the "City" portion of Cydonia. The
>> images are available on our website.

><snip>

>Hi Dave and list,

>I've been looking at these images for over a week now and I think this
>is a case of apples and oranges. The new mesa doesn't look to me to be
>the same as the old mesa, let alone an image match. I can go one way or
>the other on this thing but can anyone assure me that the site imaged by
>Surveyor is the same site as the Viking picture?

>Don Ledger

Well, Don, if it isn't then there is an absolutely incredible
coincidence of geography. The sites are obviously so self similar
that one has to conclude they are the same, but that the
conclusion of intelligent interference is just not credible, at
least for Cydonia.

Dave

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Re: UFO 'Wobble'

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 04:24:19 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 12:23:52 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO 'Wobble'

>From: "Leanne Martin" <leanne_martin@hotmail.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs
>Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 19:30:26 PDT

>>Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 15:04:04 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and holographs

>>>Date: Sun, 26 Apr 1998 09:56:29 +0200
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>From: Jean van Gemert <jeanvg@dds.nl>
>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and
>holographs

>>>>Date: Sat, 25 Apr 1998 17:03:42 GMT
>>>>From: "Roger R. Prokic" <rprokic@ibm.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>>>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies' and

> .. It wobbled too much to be a real flying machine
> - especially

> from another world. [

Some fool

> And just where is the logic behind this one?

Well put.

> .. . I'm not saying the Mexico film
> is real, [but] your "argument" just has no merit.

<Please forgive major deletions>

> Ladies & Gentlefolk,

> On the subject of the 'wobble' in a true UFO:-

> 1. If high speed right angle turns have no destructive effect on
> a UFO and/or its occupants then why would a wobble worry it
> assuming that everything within the crafts shell experiences no
> inertia;

> 2. The wobble may indicate that the craft's antigravitic and/or
> magnetic drive is reacting ever so sensitively to the earth's own
> magnetic and/or gravitic field fluctuations;

> 3. The wobble may be a 'ripple effect' distorting the passage of
> loght reflected off the craft - possible caused by the drive
> field disrupting the immediate atmosphere's refractive
> properties.

> Leanne Martin
> Computer Engineer @ WANG GLOBAL Australia

Dear readers:

In addition to L. Martin's interpretation, I would like to add the thoroughly speculative suggestion of a PURPOSEFUL wobble.

Certain types of surveillance satellites have been known to "wobble", in order to gain a wider field of view! While wild, uncontrolled wobbles or tumbles are uniformly avoided in any space program, a controlled 'wobble' might provide more useful information.

The optic effects of such motions may be simply "de-wobbled" by means of software, given sufficiently powerful automata.

On the other hand, the UFO-nauts, far from the stern purview of their overseers, may have simply had a few drinks too many.

Best Wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: UK Conference - 'UFOs - The Global Evidence'

From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 17:18:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 14:42:42 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Conference - 'UFOs - The Global Evidence'

>Date: Fri, 24 Apr 1998 22:57:32 -0400
>From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Stop Press UK Conference
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>

>UK Conference
>Sunday 26th July 1998
>U.F.O.'s - The Global Evidence

>Speakers:-
>- Dr. Steven Greer (U.S.A.) - CE-5's/Disclosure
>- Michael Hesemann (Germany) - UFO Report 2000 - The Best Cases
> of the Nineties (including video footage)
>- Nick Redfern (U.K.) - The British Government Cover-Up

Due to popluar demand, the venue and ticket details are:-

Venue:-

Castle Hall
The wash
Hertford
Hertfordshire
SG14 1PS

26th July 1998
Doors Open 10:30 a.m.
Conference 11.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Tickets =A315.00 on the day (subject to availability)
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Thanks, Tony

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911 UFO Report W/Radar Verification

From: [Stig Agermose@online.pol.dk](mailto:Stig.Agermose@online.pol.dk) (Stig Agermose)
Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 20:14:14 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 14:38:36 -0400
Subject: 911 UFO Report W/Radar Verification

Received via alt.alien.visitors April 29 at 10.02 local time (GMT + 1 hour).

Stig

Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 07:48:25 GMT
From: cybroid@nosпам.worldnet.att.net (Brian)
Subject: 911 UFO Report W/Radar Verification
Message-ID: <6i6lub\$aik@bgtnsc01.worldnet.att.net>

This is a 911 dispatcher recording of a UFO report called in by multiple witnesses. The dispatcher then calls the National Weather Bureau and has it verified on radar.

You will need the Real Player to hear it. You can find it at:

<http://ww2.audionet.com/artbell/archive.html#apr98>

Click on the Monday Night/ Tuesday Morning 4-27-98, Art Bell show. The recording is about 30 minutes. Drag the time bar and start listening at 2 hours, 5 minutes on the Real Player timer.

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Brian
cybroid@nosпам.worldnet.att.net
To reply by email, remove nosпам. from address

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Books -- Some New, Some Not-so-new

From: **RSchatte** <RSchatte@aol.com> [Rebecca]
Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 12:48:50 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 14:35:46 -0400
Subject: Books -- Some New, Some Not-so-new

Hello from Amazon.com Books!

As you requested, we are notifying you of new books matching the following criteria:

keywords include "UFO"

The new books are listed at the end of this message. If you're interested in any of these books, you can order them online at <http://www.amazon.com/>.

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List: \$9.95 -- Our Price: \$7.96 -- You Save: \$1.99 (20%)

Subjects: Unidentified flying objects; Sightings and encounters;
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& Spirit; UFOs

Publisher: Llewellyn Publications
2nd Edition
Binding: Paperback
Expected publication date: May 1998
ISBN: 156718362X
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ISBN=156718362X/e>

"The Psychic Sasquatch : The Ufo Connection"

by
Jack Lapseritis

List: \$18.95 -- Our Price: \$15.16 -- You Save: \$3.79 (20%)

Subjects: New Age; New Age / Parapsychology; Body, Mind & Spirit

Publisher: Blue Water Publishing
Binding: Paperback
Expected publication date: May 1998
ISBN: 0926524178
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ISBN=0926524178/e>

"Ufo Sightings : The Evidence"

by
Robert Sheaffer

List: \$25.95 -- Our Price: \$18.17 -- You Save: \$7.78 (30%)

Subjects: New Age; Science

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Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

From: James Easton <pulsar@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 29 Apr 1998 22:29:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 14:45:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

Regarding...

>From: KRandle993 <KRandle993@aol.com> [Kevin Randle]
>Date: Mon, 27 Apr 1998 14:33:21 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Any More News Regarding Roswell?

Kevin wrote:

>>As you know, Brazel's daughter Bessie recalled, "The debris looked
>>like pieces of a large balloon which had burst..."

>Yes, and she said that she and her dad had picked it ALL up.

Kevin,

Off-hand, I'm not familiar with Bessie making this claim, when did she say this?

I do know that in 'The Roswell Incident', she reportedly stated, "We never found any other pieces of it afterwards - after the military was there.

[...]

The military scraped it all up pretty well".

Which would be a different story.

>She said that he dad was not held in Roswell. She said that she
>accompanied him to Roswell on Sunday to alert the Army about the
>debris.

Basically, her recollections of certain events have to be viewed with some caution?

There's also the point that in the July 1994 USAF report, her affidavit testifies, "The debris looked like pieces of a large balloon which had burst...".

Yet, in 'The Roswell Incident', reportedly in response to the question, "Could the object have been the remains of a weather balloon?", she stated, "No, it was definitely not a balloon".

Her opinions aside, as an important witness to the debris, the descriptions she gave when first interviewed, as published in 'The Roswell Incident' and latterly within that affidavit are relatively consistent.

As you know, she initially noted, 'there was what appeared to be pieces of heavily waxed paper and a sort of aluminium-like foil". Also that, "some of the metal-foil pieces had a sort of tape stuck to them, and when these were held to the light they showed what looked like pastel flowers or designs".

As this was said before any connection with the Mogul balloon project, how do we account for her descriptions of tape with pastel flowers or designs?

>>...often overlooked, is that according to Brazel's son Bill Jnr's
>>recollections in 'The Roswell Incident' [Berlitz and Moore, p85],
>>"when Dad first got into Roswell it was the weather bureau he called
>>first about this stuff he had found".

>Beyond that there has been no claim that Mac tried to interest the
>weather people in it.

That seems to be the case, although the fact that the weather
bureau was apparently uppermost in mind, perhaps evidences his
belief that the debris had a meteorological origin.

However, there's again this conundrum where we have Mac Brazel
subsequently quoted in the Roswell Daily Record, July 9, 1947, as
saying, "I am sure that what I found was not any weather
observation balloon".

So why did he initially contact the weather bureau!?

I guess this is open to conjecture and we'll never know.

>>Isn't this all academic anyway as critical documents obtained under
>>the FOIA confirm, as arguably does the absence of any heightened
>>military alert at the time, that 'Roswell' had no bearing whatsoever
>>on the perceived enigma of what 'flying saucers' truly were?

>There were aircraft on alert all during the July 4 weekend all along
>the west coast.

Is there evidence this was related to events at Roswell?

>Ed Ruppelt, in his book, talked of the Pentagon being in a state of
>near panic in July 1947.

Unfortunately, I don't have a copy of Ruppelt's book. Does he say
why there was a panic at this time?

When was the alert/panic over and what happened to appease the
concerns?

>>It's understood that recently unearthed 'Top Secret' documents,
>>subsequent to 'Roswell', reiterate this.

>What recent documents?

I'll get back to you on this.

>>Is it fair to say that following the exposure of fundamental flaws
>>in previously accepted and crucial witness testimony from such as
>>Gerald Anderson, Jim Ragsdale and Glenn Dennis, that you would now
>>consider Frank Kaufmann as a central 'Roswell' witness?

>No.

Do you currently consider him to be a credible witness?

There were two points about Kaufmann's claimed copy of his
original 'Top Secret' report.

The first was why he had a copy at all, did he routinely make
duplicates of 'secret' documents for his own files?

Secondly, how was he able to make what seems allegedly to be
an exact copy, complete with letter-heading bearing the name and
address of 'Headquarters, Roswell Army Air Field', a typed
reference [S1CP/JAM/sfm] and partly typed, partly hand-written
date [only the typed '1947' is clear].

Although there were no photocopiers available in 1947 (the
electro-photographic process wasn't publicly demonstrated until
22 October 1948), he could indeed have photographed the
document.

What did he do then though, send the film to Kodak for
processing? ;)

I had mentioned Kaufmann's report previously and remained unsure if these questions had ever been asked of him and answered.

Also unclear was whether the 'report' had ever been published. The only time I've seen the document, which seems to consist of only this one page containing sketches of the 'craft' and 'aliens', is in the UK Channel 4 'Incident at Roswell' documentary.

What about the possibility of clarifying these issues with Frank Kaufmann and also querying why, if the copy letter-heading relates to a document he sent (rather than a letter he might have received), the reference doesn't contain FK's initials?

'Roswell' is sufficiently complex without being suckered by arguably obvious dubious claims, which only deflect from the facts.

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Satellites To Get Pelted Next Fall

From: jared@valuserve.com (Jared Anderson)
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Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 16:22:39 -0400
Subject: Satellites To Get Pelted Next Fall

Meteor Storms Threaten Satellites
By Jane E. Allen AP Science Writer
Tuesday, April 28, 1998; 2:51 a.m. EDT

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. (AP) -- They're coming.

Like an intergalactic artillery barrage, tiny cosmic particles are hurtling toward Earth, each packing the punch of a .22-caliber bullet.

No bigger than grains of sand, the particles -- called meteoroids -- will burn up in the atmosphere this fall, sparing the planet's surface and delighting stargazers with the most severe meteor shower in three decades.

Other observers, however, will do more ouching than oohing and aahing as the meteoroids zing perilously through 500 communication, navigation and military satellites.

Commercial and military satellite operators, insurers and scientists began brainstorming Monday about ways to prepare for November's Leonid meteor storm.

``The consequences are still virtually unknown. There has not been a meteor storm since the onset of the modern space age. Nobody planned for it,'' said Peter Brown, a physics and astronomy graduate student at the University of Western Ontario who advises satellite operators.

The particles could poke holes in solar panels, pit lenses, blast reflective coating off mirrors, short out electronics with a burst of electromagnetic energy, even reprogram computers, said Edward Tagliaferri, a consultant to the Aerospace Corp., a nonprofit organization that sponsored the two-day conference.

For example, a meteor struck the European Space Agency's Olympus satellite in 1993 and destroyed its ability to point at the Earth. It was useless.

``What if you get unlucky?'' said Delbert Smith, a Washington lawyer who represents international networks and satellite operators. ``Who's going to explain to the major corporations your satellites aren't there anymore?''

Operators could turn off spacecraft or turn them away from the particle stream. That's what the Hubble Space Telescope will do; it received minor surface damage in the 1993 shower.

Military satellites are better shielded because most are built to withstand nuclear assault. But unlike commercial spacecraft that can be turned off temporarily, military satellites ``can't afford to be off the air,'' Tagliaferri said.

First reported by Chinese astronomers in 902, the annual Leonid meteoroid storms -- found in front of the constellation Leo -- intensify every 33 years. They occur when Earth passes through the dust trail of the comet Tempel-Tuttle.

In 1966, when fewer than 100 satellites circled the Earth, the comet produced peak showers of 144,000 meteors each hour and no

major damage. This year, with more than five times the number of circling spacecraft, some experts think the rate could be 5,000 to 100,000 meteors an hour.

Scientists are unsure whether the most intense showers will be seen this November or in November 1999.

The showers will be visible this year across the Western Pacific and Eastern Asia; the 1999 showers will be visible in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Storms last 90 minutes to two hours.

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Re: UFO 'Wobble'

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>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
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>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: UFO 'Wobble' [was: UPN's 'Danger in our Skies'...]

<snip>

>On the other hand, the UFOnuts, far from the stern purview of
>their overseers, may have simply had a few drinks too many.

.....and some people on this list.....have been known to wobble
as they walk.....

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Carp Ontario 'Exposed' - The 'Truth' Behind The

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Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 15:28:05 -0400
Subject: Carp Ontario 'Exposed' - The 'Truth' Behind The

The following excerpt came into UFO UpDates recently:

>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 08:57:42 -0400
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>,
>From: xzone@webgate.net (Rob McConnell -
> The 'X' Zone Radio Show - 1290 CJBK & VCBN)
>Subject: CARP ONTARIO EXPOSED - THE TRUTH BEHIND THE HOAX

>To all members of the UFO community:

>While doing research for the up coming special on CARP ONTARIO -
>THE TRUTH BEHIND THE HOAX, the following is a direct transcript
>from a book by J B Michaels, entitled, "UFO ENCOUNTERS.... The
>True Story Behind The Brookhaven and Carp Incidents" which is
>copyright 1995. I find it rather interesting that Tom Theophanis
>is the person in Michaels book who shows him a video tape of a
>downed space craft in Brookhaven, Long Island, with 3 ET
>bodies... and Tom Thenfanous is the co-author with Errol
>Bruce-Knapp of a series of articles in the MUFON Ontario
>Newsletter on the Carp Incident and an investigator for MUFON of
>the Carp, Ontario Crash.

>This book will play a part in our CARP ONTARIO EXPOSED story
>which will be broadcast Sunday, August 2, 1998.

<snip>

Mr. Rob McConnell in his anxiety to make a ufological mark has, apparently, swallowed the BJ Michaels nonsense-book hook, line and stinker - in much the same way he bought into the 'Aurora mid-air re-fueling' hoaxed picture that circulated a year or so ago.

The problem with the above quoted paragraphs and Michaels' book, 'UFO ENCOUNTERS.... The True Story Behind The Brookhaven and Carp Incidents' is that there is barely a shred of 'truth' involved. Not even in the mis-spellings of Tom Theofanous' name.

The reason Mr McConnell recently 'discovered' the book 'UFO ENCOUNTERS....' is simple - when it first came out, ufologists everywhere snickered and ignored it. It's unadulterated garbage.

It's a shame that one of us didn't have a video camera at the MUFON Ontario Board meeting when Tom read us excerpts from the book. The roars of laughter would have quite embarrassed 'BJ Michaels' - or perhaps not.

Tom Theofanous and Michaels have never met. Granted, Tom did spend some time talking to Michaels via the phone, trying to set him straight on the Carp story - to no avail. Michaels went ahead and wrote a work of fantasy.

JB Michaels has a most vivid imagination and not much more. No facts, no real-stories and certainly no 'real-truth'. Had Mr.

McConnell telephoned Tom Theofanous before issuing one of his, net-wide, press-releases about his upcoming summertime 'Carp Show', he might have saved himself (and by the way, his Network, VCBN) a degree of embarrassment.

Gawd, is he going to trot out Bob Oeschler too?

Errol Bruce-Knapp,
MUFON Ontario

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Rendlesham Unravalled -NOT

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HOT GOSSIP UK MAGAZINE - NEWS FLASH

RENDLESHAM UNRAVELLED - NOT

Ufologists waited in anticipation when armchair researcher, James Easton announced through the Internet that he was about to disclose new information that would seriously question the Rendlesham Forest UFO witness statements.

When his paper, titled "Rendlesham Unravalled" was posted to all and sundry, it turned out to be "not quite" what some had expected. Whilst Easton has done a good job in bringing his findings to the public forum, it is felt that he has not disclosed the full facts, but instead has drifted into more of a negative approach.

Using one of the original "Rendlesham" researchers as back up, namely, Jenny Randles, to verify his case, certainly helped to promote it, but it hasn't amused Ms Randles. She quotes:

"My principle concern, whilst I applaud equally James Easton's attempts to solve this case, is that I feel he has been misrepresenting me.

This well known incident that allegedly took place during the last week of December 1980, involving RAF (US) bases, Woodbridge and Bentwaters, has baffled the media and ufologists for more than eighteen years. The question is - did US military personnel stationed at the bases - witness UFO landings in Rendlesham forest during the last week of December 1980 -or not? According to a Freedom of Information document "The Halt Memo", released to American researchers in 1984 - something highly unusual definitely occurred.

Ufologists are also in possession of an audio recording of one of the alleged incidents, whereby the (then) Lt Colonel Charles Halt and several patrolmen were apparently out in the forest chasing unexplained lights.

Easton seems to have been instrumental in obtaining what he calls "the unpublished original witness statements" (some unsigned and undated) written by personnel, Burroughs, Penniston, Cabansag and others, which apparently proves that what they were really chasing that night was probably the Orford lighthouse. Considering that the aforementioned witnesses have claimed that they saw much more than the said lighthouse - including what appeared to be an unidentified triangular craft - this was big news.

Sceptic, Ian Ridpath informs via e-mail:

'James Easton has now found contemporary documents that the airmen and Charles Halt knew the flashing light they were chasing was the lighthouse all along....they admit they eventually did manage to identify the light.'

Ridpath is jumping ahead as usual. Has anyone confirmed this with the witnesses ?

Says Jenny Randles. "Right from the beginning, Burroughs and Penniston had always insisted that their statements were not the full story and were watered down. James Easton's paper does pose serious questions that have yet to be answered by the principal witnesses. There's also the facts about the witness statements which I explained to him, but that do not appear in his paper.

So why didn't he mention this in his paper?

When I alerted Colonel (Ret) Charles Halt to the fact that Easton had been provided with these statements, he was most alarmed and replied.

"How did he get them, I'm the only one who has those statements."

So who leaked these statements out? Charles Halt may have the answer to that because Easton apparently has stated that they contain Halt's hand written notes. The originals did indeed contain a hand written note on one of the statements, namely Cabansag's, in which Halt writes: that he doesn't think that he (Cabansag) is telling the full story.

Why has Easton failed to mention this vital piece of information?

Another witness that Easton produces is Chris Arnold who claims he was the one who made the report to the Suffolk Constabulary. That may well be genuine. However, Chris Arnold, in letters to British researchers Crow & Raine, dated July 1997, writes that he was on duty at the time of one of the incidents, and in fact, claims that he was involved in what he calls "a non event". He accuses the witnesses, including Halt, of well and truly "snookering" everyone. Were it not for the sarcastic nonsensical writings which clearly prove his dislike for the witnesses in question, and his complaining about them making headlines and money out of the incident - one might pay some attention to Arnold. But, according to Charles Halt, Arnold is not a credible witness, and apparently he really disliked Penniston. Halt confirmed that Arnold was at the Woodbridge base that night, but insists he was NOT involved in the incident.

Why didn't Easton mention the Arnold letters in his paper?

Strange that such a "non event" would prompt the Deputy Base Commander to file a report to the MOD.

Ridpath brought the radiation readings into it.

'Nick Pope tried to maintain that there was something unusual about the radiation readings at Rendlesham, despite the fact that it has been publicly demonstrated to him that they were quite normalThe business of the radiation is rather technical, and has been misunderstood by many people.

The demonstration that the radiation readings are unremarkable was given by Frank Close on the "Strange But True" programme.....'

No offense to Ridpath, but as a researcher myself, I don't pay too much attention to TV shows on this subject. Give me the facts please!

I asked Nick Pope for a quote about the readings:

"With regard to the radiation readings. I agree that the radiation levels were harmless, and I have never claimed otherwise. However, the levels recorded were ten times what is normal for the area, and peaked at the alleged landing site. Whilst working for Sec (AS) at the Ministry of Defence, I checked this with the Defence Radiological Protection Service, attached to Haslar, the Institute of Naval Medicine. This was an official assessment, and is not in dispute."

It's interesting to note that in the last few months many new witnesses have come forward, and although it's a long way from being solved, we now have a better picture of events during that period. I personally have been quietly researching this case and have been in contact with several ex personnel from the bases, and if their stories are true, then we looking at more than the

(Dec 1980) incidents spanning a period of time. Jenny Randles confirms that she too has received reports of more than the actual famed incidents.

Another interesting factor is that there appears to have been an incident occur at RAF Watton at the same time - on December 27 1980. This has been reported to me by an ex-RAF chap stationed at the base who claims he witnessed the incident.

One thing is certain however, Rendlesham is not yet -unravalled.

Says Jenny Randles:

"Indeed, in my opinion, this case is far from being dead, and still poses a number of very important pieces of evidence that both the sceptics and James Easton have not even addressed. Unless, and until they can come up with reasonable explanations for those various significant pieces of hard evidence - it is premature to conclude, as they seem to be doing, that they have resolved the case!"

Georgina Bruni
April 30 1998

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Question About Observed Triangular Shaped UFO

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Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 15:14:46 -0400
Subject: Question About Observed Triangular Shaped UFO

Tuesday night a videotaped what appeared to be a triangular craft. The craft had a white light at each tip. At the front, it had a bright white light with a diffused red blinking light. This craft was going about 30 miles an hour and was soundless. It suddenly did a slow roll over. The top was now facing the ground and the craft continued onward in that position for several minutes. The rear white lights at the tips looked the same as on either side. It continued that way until it faded from my sight.

If this is a stealth plane, can a pilot fly upside down for minutes onward?

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Re: RAF Tracks 24,000MPH UFO

From: **Graham William Birdsall** <106151.1150@compuserve.com>

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Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 16:26:57 -0400

Subject: Re: RAF Tracks 24,000MPH UFO

Dear Colleagues,

Further to my posting on Monday, 27 April, concerning British press reports that the RAF had tracked a "battleship"-sized UFO.

You will recall that Alan Patterson, RAF Press Officer, rejected all references to what he described as "the UFO angle" reported by the media.

He further claimed that the source of this story was a former MoD civilian employee named Philip Burden - someone who left their employment "under a cloud".

I have since spoken with one of the journalists concerned, who stands by the story.

Speaking off the record (his name and newspaper are known to a clutch of researchers, including Nick Redfern, Nick Pope and Timothy Good), he told me that the original source of this story was a senior serving RAF official, and not Mr. Burden.

However, journalist David Clark (who was an active UFO researcher before joining the Sheffield Star newspaper), has spoken with 'The Express' newspaper journalist John Ingham, who also covered the story. Mr. Ingham has told David Clark that yes, Philip Burden was his primary source.

Interestingly, Nick Pope highlighted an article that appeared in the 'Daily Mail' newspaper on 24 April 1996. This included a statement issued by the MoD, and published in RAF News, denying claims made two weeks previously in a BBC 2 television programme, that a "battleship"-sized UFO had been tracked at 4,000mph over the North Sea.

Nick Pope wondered if there were a possible connection: namely that the source quoted in the programme, featuring well-known UFO researcher and author Jenny Randles, was one and the same.

Two crucial findings have since emerged:

1) Jenny Randles has said that the 'source' in the 1996 programme was Ralph Noyes, himself a former head of the MoDs UFO desk, then known as DS8. He was referring to an entirely separate incident.

2) Philip Burden, it transpires, was the former editor of "RAF NEWS".

The latter revelation is particularly intriguing, not least because I am reliably informed that since leaving RAF News, Philip Burden has provided the media with several stories, originating from his time spent while editor of that publication, and for which he was paid.

One of these referred to an alleged UFO incident over Thailand, and took place during an official State Visit by the Queen.

Allegedly, the RAF aerobatic team (Red Arrows) had to cut short a flying display when the UFO appeared.

We are, as you can well imagine, attempting to clarify several

important matters arising from these developments.

Suffice to say, at least one senior newspaper correspondent is standing by the story as it appeared last Monday.

The only concession he is prepared to make, is that the estimated speed of the UFO in question might now be in doubt, but he failed to expand on his reasoning.

As for the "battleship"-sized UFO, the 12 oval-shaped objects and radar tapes thereof?

He maintains such references were accurately reported, but expressed sympathy towards Alan Patterson's position, who, he stressed, had no option other than to state official MoD policy on the UFO issue.

It's been a hectic week thus far and late in the evening, but hopefully these comments will help to shed light on matters.

Finally, for anyone thinking of attending the Space Symposium at RAF Cranwell (4-5 June), admission doesn't come cheap.

Tickets are priced at =A3220.00 (two hundred & twenty pounds), and I'm not certain whether that's for one or both days.

Last but not least, our journalist friend suspects that the radar tapes, and all reference to them, "will be pulled" from the dozen-or-so sessions schedule to take place.

Best regards,

Graham W. Birdsall (Editor)

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Temporal Doorway UFO Material for May

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Subject: Temporal Doorway UFO Material for May

A comprehensive presentation of the most important events of the Belgian wave of 1989-1990 are now available on the Temporal Doorway's UFO section.

These include documentation of the first police sightings at Eupen, the multiple radar sighting at Wavre (with a performance graph showing the behavior of the object with regard to speed, altitude and heading as recorded by the on-board radar of an intercepting F-16 - includes a 22G acceleration, and a 1000 fps dive to ground level), and the famous Petit-Rochain photo (nods to Jean-Pierre Pharabod, who clarified the circumstances of the photo) - several images, including closeups of the unusual luminous structures, are included.

The radar performance graph is particularly interesting, since the speed changes seem to be consistent with altitude changes, and the object is clearly overpowered, since it slows not at all during a very fast steep climb with a turn. This profile seems to be very hard to reconcile with radar / weather interactions such as the so-called "angels".

These sightings can be reached from the chronological catalog at

<http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman/ufochron.htm>

or directly at

<http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman/ufo/report/1989belg.htm>

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> >their overseers, may have simply had a few drinks too many.

>and some people on this list....have been known to wobble
> as they walk.....

I think Stanton Friedman has a very solemn and distinguished waddle.

['Wobble', Al. 'Wobble' -- ebk]

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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, while burning at the fundamentalist's stake.

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Subject: BUFORA WATCH 2

BUFORA watchers who are familiar with the on-going story of the Max Burns/Miles Johnstone South Yorkshire 'UFO Crash' interpretation may be interested to learn of BUFORA's latest gaff.

It has been rumoured for a while that at the May 2nd BUFORA London meeting 'something' was going to happen regarding this case.

That 'something ' appears to be a video presentation by Miles Johnstone followed by Max Burns speaking about the event and giving his own, peculiar perspective.

This would be fine and is in some ways an admirable move by BUFORA to make the public aware of the case.

But BUFORA have for some time now been aware of the other side of the coin - the in-depth research done into the case by their Press Officer, professional journalist, Dave Clarke.

Clarke's research has been on various places on the Internet and *conclusively* proves that the incident was caused by military jets illegally breaking the sound barrier, amongst other things.

There was no UFO, no crash, no aliens. There was a cover up by the military but this was of their own incompetence and error.

BUFORA, in their infinite wisdom, have chosen to play this aspect of the case down and instead are giving a platform to a non-member who openly states that the case is extraterrestrial in nature. Despite the fact there is *no* evidence to support this claim.

BUFORA have been requested to take a long, hard look at what they are doing in this instance. Their response? Press Officer Dave Clarke was told by Chairman Steve Gamble that they were going to give Max the chance to air these unsubstantiated views in the hope that he will 'go away'.

BUFORA *should* have invited Dave Clarke to give his viewpoint and evidence in open debate with Max Burns, and let the audience decide. Instead they will be treated to an uncritical video made by Miles Johnstone, who freely admits intradimensionals sit on his knee (!) followed by an unsubstantiated rant by Max Burns.

If Saturday's charade goes ahead BUFORA are going to be a laughing stock yet again. There are to be several journalists from national titles in the audience.

They are there because they are interested in Max Burns and his chequered history. When presented with the sight of BUFORA, supposedly the UK's foremost UFO research organisation, espousing uncritical thinking of this nature, we can only wonder at what they will print.

If you are a BUFORA member, or concerned about serious UFO research in the UK we urge you to contact a BUFORA official and voice your concerns about this matter. We suggest the following:

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Filer's Files #17-1998

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Filer's Files #17-1998 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD'S GREATEST HOUR:

On March 25, 1966, House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford R- Michigan proposed that Congress investigate the rash of reported sightings of identified objects in Southern Michigan and other parts of the country. Ford said he believed, "A congressional inquiry would be worth while because the American people are becoming alarmed by the UFO stories."

I had always liked President Ford, because I believe he had the public interest at heart. He was one of the few congressmen, who was concerned about the Unidentified Flying Objects in our skies. I ask is there any congressman with the courage of former President Ford who will again ask for an UFO inquiry? There are very few if any congressmen willing to put his career, prestige, and reputation on the line.

If we do get an opportunity, there are astronauts, military personnel, and scientists standing ready to testify. I feel we have enough data to convince congress in a fair hearing. Leaders in the UFO community have often felt, if they could just have enough influence they could get the right answers. We know that President Ford, Carter and Clinton have all attempted to obtain the answer from government sources regarding UFOs.

I recently asked President Ford about the existence of UFOs. He wrote me a friendly letter telling of his 25 and half years in the House -- never in the Senate. His letter stated in part, "During my public career in Congress, as Vice President and President, I made various requests for any information on UFOs. The official authorities always denied the UFO allegations. As a result I have no information that may be helpful to you."

If Congress, like the president uses its normal sources of intelligence such as CIA, DIA, NSA, NASA they will likely get the same answer as our presidents claim they were given. Essentially, our government intelligence agencies are not aware or responsive to UFO reports and a possible alien threat. We have a choice to assume they are incompetent, unaware or lying. I hope some where in government there is someone correlating the data. One logical reason to ignore the thousands of UFO reports is that they think they know what is flying. The CIA recently claimed that most UFOs were misidentified U-2s. The long wing span of the U-2 makes this a poor candidate to be mistaken for a disc aircraft. However, the disc shaped Silverbug project recently released could easily be identified as a classic UFO. The Air Force asked a number of key scientists for the explanation of UFOs. The scientists always told them it was a case of simple misidentification. These UFOs in our skies either belong to our government or to someone else. They are a safety hazard and a possible threat.

I was part of the group of military witnesses during Dr. Greer's attempts to get Congressional Hearings last year. I spoke immediately after Edgar's Mitchell's introduction to the media and various staff members of Congress. Edgar later indicated, "In our briefing of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Intelligence Group, it became very clear to us that they were naive. They did not really know any more about this effort than we do, if as much."

In my own personal efforts to reach Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Shalikashvili, he and his aid both indicated the same lack of knowledge about UFOs. I wrote and asked that he debate me on national television. He kindly refused before leaving office. Now certainly all these

fine people could be stone walling us, but it seems more likely they are unaware and do not take UFOs seriously, because there are Black budget programs that fit the descriptions of UFOs. This could be a clever way of ignoring our inquiries, but it could be that most of the important people in government now are just not aware of real UFOs.

Somewhere there must be knowledgeable people in government. If they do not exist in government any more, I suggest they hire some of the old retired guys to show them where we hid the secrets. The secret has been denied, obscured and joked about for so long it's become a taboo subject. This means we have a major public relations problem. We need help in convincing leaders of government there is a possible threat and that it should be examined.

The late Representative Steven Schiff asked for an explanation for the Roswell crash. There was a governor of Georgia, named Carter who said, "I saw a UFO, and if you elect me president I'll find out what they are!" Well, we elected him president and he never told us. Governor Reagan saw a UFO and said we might have to fight aliens. In 1966, Representative Gerald Ford made national headlines and later became President by asking about UFOs. Let us hope there is one person in congress with the courage of former President Gerald Ford. Perhaps he might even become president!

NEW JERSEY

I have a report of a woman and her son have observed UFOs in a field near their home in the Mullica Hill area. They have been seeing UFOs in this field on a fairly regular basis. The mother is concerned because she has discovered circular round holes in her body. The scar is size of a dime. The holes are very similar and they have occurred over a period of may years. The first occurred in her arm, then her back and recently in her stomach. She visited her medical doctor to determine the cause of the holes or scoop marks. The Doctor is stumped by what could have caused the unusual wounds. She was asleep in bed each time the holes occurred, but she has no memory of anything unusual. There is nothing in the bed that would cause this kind of marks and there were no holes in her nightgown. All holes are on the left side of her body. The other members of the family do not have similar marks.

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

Ricardo Atristain, the MUFON State director for Virginia, reports: "Hello, I went to Fredericksburg today and spoke to Kate Bailey of the Free Lance Star newspaper. She said, she received numerous calls in response the sighting she published on 4/7/98. Four of the witnesses were Fredericksburg police officers. She threw most of the caller information away but was able to refer me to one person. His name is Robert Tolen and he granted us permission to use his name. I interviewed Mr. Tolen at his home in Spotsylvania, County. He gave the following account: At approximately 6:42 PM on April 3, 1998, he was in downtown Fredericksburg talking on a pay phone when the incident occurred. While on the phone, he noticed a bright green glow in the southern sky. He looked up and observed an egg shaped object with blue, green, and yellow flames shooting out of it's rear. He said it was solid and it's surface color was medium to dark Grey, similar to "Grey primer paint." It's surface did not reflect any light and there was no sound or visible vapor trail associated with the object. He estimated it's altitude to be between 900 to 1000 feet. The object was extremely fast and flew directly over him from south to north within four to five seconds. This object's description is not consistent with a meteor. Mr. Tolen said he also received a call from a local woman who reported seeing a similar object fly over her house about a week prior to his sighting. Also, he spoke with two other people from the Shannon Airport who witnessed a similar object on 4/3. I haven't completed the investigation yet, but I will keep you informed. I still have to interview the police officers, the woman, and the two people at the airport. Note: Ms. Bailey said she did receive a call from a person who observed a similar object while he was in Raleigh, NC on April 3. Unfortunately, she threw his information away. Regards, Rick

GEORGIA

MUFON investigator John Thompson states: "I received a report of a saucer-shaped UFO hovering over a clover field near a stock pond near Stovall in southeastern Troup County. The UFO was seen by a passing motorist 400 yards from Wright Road on Monday, March 30, 1998. The witness stated, 'It was a round thing that had lights going round and round.' The motorist only saw it for a few seconds, before woods screened her view at 8:30 PM. Even though it took less than a minute to turn the car around the UFO was gone. The motorist then circled the area in her care trying to find the craft. It was just after dusk so there was enough light to see there was no farm machinery or other structures in the fields. This is the same exact spot where a daylight Valley type UFO was seen by a man and his son in April of 1996.

On April 1, 1998, at 7:10 PM a UFO described as looking like a huge flying

dinner plate was reported ten miles north of LaGrange. A landowner about an hour later, several members of the family saw a bright white light in the NNE. This large non-blinking light, sat low on the horizon for several minutes. Getting a pair of binoculars the woman watched the bright stationary light, that was the size of Venus, for over a minute. While watching with binoculars it suddenly "zipped" to the east. Also on April 1, at 8:20 PM, John Thompson took a call from a retired dentist in western Troup County, who said that for several minutes he observed a large stationary white light. Suddenly this light moved away rapidly to the NE and "flared up." The Dentist asked John to go outside and observe the light, but John was unable to detect it. A few hours later Wednesday night, a cigar or disc-shaped UFO was reported at 10:30 PM by two women, twelve miles to the northwest. The Stoval witness recounted two UFO LaGrange incidents in 1963. A huge football field size UFO with flashing lights, hovered over the railroad crossing at Greenville Street east of LaGrange. These latest sightings show that UFOs were observed in the LaGrange area by unrelated witnesses on March 30&31 and April 1. Thanks to John Thompson.

GEORGIA

Former Georgia State Director, John Thompson writes that many different witnesses from Korea to Georgia are reporting UFOs operate with repeatable and distinctive flashes. John writes, "In the Korean case that Chief Sheets investigated, American soldiers saw the flash or 'powering-up' of the UFO just before it vanishing. I am convinced that the luminous lens-shaped UFOs are the real McCoy. The distinctive "flash," the high speed departure, and sometimes their incredible size rules anything else out. This is the real baby. Chris Early, a physicist and former MUFON Georgia Director's experiments and those of the late Paul Hill's from NASA has centered on a disc shaped object that ionizes the atmosphere around it. This flash seen just prior to acceleration definitely has something to do with this process. The craft looks "energized," with the resultant plasma that envelopes around it. There are other real extraterrestrial UFOs, but I have not seen them personally. I have to see it to believe it. Chris believes that certain people are picked to see UFOs. I reject this argument completely. We have a mutual friend in New Hampshire whose entire family see UFOs. It's not by coincidence they live in an isolated region. I also believe that hilly areas -- but not too hilly -- along with a sparse population base and scanty radar coverage are where real UFOs are seen. Here's another consideration: Take a look of a satellite photo of Georgia on a USGS site, and you can clearly see a fault or Fall line, just below LaGrange. It is very noticeable when coming in from space. It looks like a long straight scar going from the SW to NE across Georgia. The Fall Line separates the North American tectonic plate from the old African plate. This portion below the Fall Line was torn off from the African plate when the continents, which were once butted up against each other millions of years ago, drifted apart.

Regarding whether all UFOs could just be "earth lights," I reject this. Sunday night starting at 10 PM to about 4 AM on Monday are the best times to see a UFO. Activity is also good through Thursday, but then quickly drops off to almost zero by Saturday night; that's why most skywatchers see nothing! The aliens have the patterns of folks down pat. Secrecy is the main part of their agenda and they don't move much when folks are out late Friday and Saturday nights. If the sightings were random--as earth lights would be -- then we could say possibly no intelligence is involved. But sightings are far from random! Indeed I can think of only one investigation out of more than 100 that I have done, where something truly UFO like was seen on a Saturday night. Early Sunday morning picks up some, then slacks off until after 9 PM. If anybody sees a real UFO during a skywatch on weekend, it will definitely come after 1 AM Sunday, and probably between 3 and 5 in the morning if the aliens cooperate. Will anybody be up that late? Thanks to John Thompson ISUR/MUFON.

NEW MEXICO:

Skywatch Reports at 10:30 AM on April 22, 1998, my brother was traveling east on Route 10 in southern New Mexico west of Las Cruces, near the border of Ulna and Dona Ana counties. He saw several cars parked on the side of the road with the occupants outside looking up in the air. He glanced over where they were looking and saw a stationary white object. He stopped also, got out and began to observe the object with the others. He said that it was a typical "saucer shape" tilted upward at about 10 to 30 degrees from vertical. It was about the thickness of a pencil held at arm's length and at about a 60 degree angle from the horizon. He judged it to be about several miles away and a few thousand feet up, south towards the Mexican border. He and the others observed it motionless in the sky for about 10 minutes. It then began to level out to a horizontal position after which it slowly started to move to the south. In a few minutes it was gone from view. My brother is an "open minded skeptic" and since it was too far away to see any identifiable features and did not perform any erratic or unconventional maneuvers he is not saying for sure that he observed a "flying saucer." However, it was nothing like he had ever seen before and did not look like it "belonged there." Thanks to

Skywatch International Inc.

SIGHTINGS IN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Greetings from Brisbane Australia, I am the Director for MUFON QED and appointed the Continental Director for Australia and New Zealand. I am happy to share information from down-under. I received a call from a retired airforce Captain, who also worked on Radar for many years. The gentleman was walking his dog on April 22, at 6:40 PM accompanied by his grandson when a huge light appeared in the north flying at phenomenal speed. When it passed over head he claimed the light from underneath lit up the surrounding area and would have been about 20 feet across. It crossed the path of an airliner coming into the Maroochydore Airport. As it passed over the Glass House Mountains it then became a ball of light emitting red, green and blue lights. It seems to have left a long white trail behind it. This person reports that it was a clear night with no clouds in the sky. We have three more reports. One from Hervey Bay, where five people witnessed a huge light traveling at amazing speed, which seemed to change direction. Two other reports came in from Bribie Island when the same description was given as the Gentleman from Beerwah. Thanks to Glennys Mackay MUFON Australia and QUFON, Queensland UFO Network, glenmack@thehub.com.au

MJ-12

Bob Collins writes, "A lot of these statements I find about Mj-12 are without grounds from everything I've picked up over the years: One little thing about this group that I heard from Intelligence sources is that they use to hold their meetings airborne for security reasons. Mj-12 was hyper about leaks. It's only because of Reagan and his perception of an "Alien" threat that things started to loosen up. After Reagan left the security lid came right back down. I'll vouch for the Republican's pushing for this except for Eisenhower. Nixon and Reagan were both the big "go getters" so to speak in trying to get this out to the public. But, politics gets in the way. Regards Robert Collins [ttp://209.3.33.6/researchers/rmc_sanctuary_ot_birds.htm](http://209.3.33.6/researchers/rmc_sanctuary_ot_birds.htm)

CALIFORNIA:

Bob Wilson reports in the Antelope Valley Press Staff Writer on April 25, 1998. ROSALIND Authorities say nothing was there, but about a dozen people who called the Valley Press Thursday night claimed something was. That something was described as a large craft lingering above the Albertson's grocery store at about 9:15 p.m. It made no noise, but its lights caused motorists to park and gawk, and some to call the newspaper. On Friday, Kern County deputies at the Rosamond sheriff's station, about a mile from the grocery store, said they had no reports of such sightings. Air Force Plant 42 spokeswoman Lorraine Sadler said she, too, had no information on the event. "And we have some military people that live in Rosamond, too," Sadler said. Edwards Air Force Base public information officer Gary Hatch said base operations reported no flights scheduled in that area at that time of night. The base's command post also had taken no reports of any craft, either known or unknown, in the area, Hatch said. Calls about the object began flowing to the Valley Press shortly after 9:00 p.m., copy chief Jana Treece said. "After the first couple of calls, we all said, 'Yeah, OK, sure' " Treece said. "But between about 9:15 and 11 p.m., we received a dozen calls from people who were either on their way to the Albatross's to do some shopping or who were eating at the nearby Taco Bell. "For the most part, everyone gave the same description," Treece said. That description was of a large object, not quite octagonal in shape, between 100 yards and 200 yards in length, with orange and yellow lights around its bottom surface. "One of the callers said cars were pulling off to the side of the road to check the object out," Treece said. Suggestions that the object was a helicopter blurred by windy, hazy weather conditions were discounted by those calling, she said. "Everyone said it was not a helicopter because there was no noise associated with it," Treece said. Of those who called, "I couldn't get anybody to leave a name," she said. While she and her coworkers occasionally field similar types of calls, "we don't get so many all on the same night and all calling about the same thing," she said. Hatch surmised the object could have been a helicopter with a lighted billboard attached to the bottom, akin to the ones that occasionally buzz the games of the Lancaster JetHawks baseball team. If the object really was 200 yards in length, "It would have been bigger than the Albertson's store," he said. Although the JetHawks were on the field Thursday evening, the field they were playing on was in Visalia

Mitch Barker, public affairs specialist for the Federal Aviation Administration, also reported no information on the object. "We checked with our air-traffic control facilities, and there was nothing logged during that shift, so I don't know what to tell you," Barker said. However, it's possible that something in the sky over Rosamond might have been missed. "A lot of people think we have surveillance of the skies taking place at all times, but that's not true," Barker said. "Our people are looking at where the airplanes are actually flying and concentrating on keeping them apart." Thanks to

Skywatch, Bill Hamilton and Jim Hickman jhickman@itlnet.

THUNDERDART HYPERSONIC SPACECRAFT

Michigan Director Skywatch International Doug Parrish states:

"On very good authority I have been told in the last year from someone who knows, but obviously must remain unidentified, that the United States Air Force currently has in its hangers an aircraft that are capable of Mach 50. That's 50 times the speed of sound. If we regard the speed of sound as somewhere around 770 mph, then Mach 50 becomes 38,500 mph. That's three times around the world in two hours. As far as I know, this is an intra-atmospheric aircraft that takes off from a large base in the Far West. Has anyone ever heard of the name "Thunderdart"? Doug Parrish <dparrish@ismi.net>.

Editors Note: Your story of a Mach 50 aircraft confirms similar stories I have heard. Mach 50 seems almost too fast and represents a major leap in speed. The Carter administration canceled the SSTs, however many believe Reagan started this program as a military space plane. The original plans called for the development of a narrow "v" shaped craft. It is logical to assume the Lockheed Skunkworks developed a follow on aircraft to the SR-71 and its 43 foot long piggy back carried D-21 ramjet Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV). In 1965, using the engine of a Bomarc missile the D-21 could launch from the SR-71 accelerate to Mach 3.3 and penetrate deep into enemy airspace. A similar piggyback idea for the Aurora is called Thunderdart. I would think after thirty-three years we would have a very advanced hypersonic craft darting into space.

Please send your letters and reports to George Filer at Majorstar@aol.com.

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Re: Question About Observed Triangular Shaped UFO

From: "Donnie W. Shevlin" <dshevlin@primary.net>
Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 17:23:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 21:57:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Question About Observed Triangular Shaped UFO

> From: "Stefan Duncan" <duncan@tarheel.net>
> To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
> Subject: Question about observed triangular shaped UFO Tuesday night
> Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 01:53:53 -0400

> Tuesday night a videotaped what appeared to be a triangular
> craft. The craft had a white light at each tip. At the front, it
> had a bright white light with a diffused red blinking light. This
> craft was going about 30 miles an hour and was soundless. It
> suddenly did a slow roll over. The top was now facing the ground
> and the craft continued onward in that position for several
> minutes. The rear white lights at the tips looked the same as on
> either side. It continued that way until it faded from my sight.

> If this is a stealth plane, can a pilot fly upside down for
> minutes onward?

Hello Stefan, EBK and all,

Gee, good question. I know from some experience that even light aircraft need about 80knots to maintain level flight. A jet/fighter type would have to maintain an airspeed higher than that to keep the aircraft's weight in the air. Now, don't quote me on this, but I would see it very unlikely that any powered modern day aircraft could fly that slowly "30 miles an hour" and roll 180 degrees and still maintain flight.

Any takers?

Please direct any questions or comments to updates@globalserve.net.

Donnie Shevlin

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Re: Carp Ontario 'Exposed'.....

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 18:40:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Apr 1998 22:09:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Carp Ontario 'Exposed'.....

At 03:28 PM 4/30/98 -0400, you UpDates wrote:

>The following excerpt came into UFO UpDates recently:

>>Date: Sat, 18 Apr 1998 08:57:42 -0400
>>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>,
>>From: xzone@webgate.net (Rob McConnell -
>> The 'X' Zone Radio Show - 1290 CJBK & VCBN)
>>Subject: CARP ONTARIO EXPOSED - THE TRUTH BEHIND THE HOAX

>>To all members of the UFO community:

>>While doing research for the up coming special on CARP ONTARIO -
>>THE TRUTH BEHIND THE HOAX, the following is a direct transcript
>>from a book by J B Michaels, entitled, "UFO ENCOUNTERS.... The
>>True Story Behind The Brookhaven and Carp Incidents" which is
>>copyright 1995. I find it rather interesting that Tom Theofanous
>>is the person in Michaels book who shows him a video tape of a
>>downed space craft in Brookhaven, Long Island, with 3 ET
>>bodies... and Tom Thenfanous is the co-author with Errol
>>Bruce-Knapp of a series of articles in the MUFON Ontario
>>Newsletter on the Carp Incident and an investigator for MUFON of
>>the Carp, Ontario Crash.

>>This book will play a part in our CARP ONTARIO EXPOSED story
>>which will be broadcast Sunday, August 2, 1998.

><snip>

>Mr. Rob McConnell in his anxiety to make a ufological mark has,
>apparently, swallowed the BJ Michaels nonsense-book hook, line
>and stinker - in much the same way he bought into the 'Aurora
>mid-air re-fueling' hoaxed picture that circulated a year or so
>ago.

>The problem with the above quoted paragraphs and Michaels' book,
>'UFO ENCOUNTERS.... The True Story Behind The Brookhaven and
>Carp Incidents' is that there is barely a shred of 'truth'
>involved. Not even in the mis-spellings of Tom Theofanous' name.

>The reason Mr McConnell recently 'discovered' the book 'UFO
>ENCOUNTERS....' is simple - when it first came out, ufologists
>everywhere snickered and ignored it. It's unadulterated
>garbage.

>It's a shame that one of us didn't have a video camera at the
>MUFON Ontario Board meeting when Tom read us excerpts from
>the book. The roars of laughter would have quite embarrassed
>'BJ Michaels' - or perhaps not.

>Tom Theofanous and Michaels have never met. Granted, Tom
>did spend some time talking to Michaels via the phone, trying
>to set him straight on the Carp story - to no avail. Michaels
>went ahead and wrote a work of fantasy.

>JB Michaels has a most vivid imagination and not much more. No
>facts, no real-stories and certainly no 'real-truth'. Had Mr.
>McConnell telephoned Tom Theofanous before issuing one of his,

>net-wide, press-releases about his upcoming summertime 'Carp
>Show', he might have saved himself (and by the way, his Network,
>VCBN) a degree of embarrassment.

>Gawd, is he going to trot out Bob Oeschler too?

>Errol Bruce-Knapp,
>MUFON Ontario

Ha, ha, ha....boy oh boy, Errol...Isn't it amazing how people are
so eager to believe something they will go to any lengths to
accept it? Ha, ha, ah...

Please forgive me for not deleting the biggest part of the above
message. But, I just couldn't...Not only is the book Not
factual, it is 90+ percent fiction.

How do I know? I'm the main provider of much information which
J.B. Michaels put into that book. Of course, I did not present
him with the information which he credits to Mona Rowe.

J.B. represents or should I say misrepresents me in the book, as
a "Truck Driver" who happened to be on Long Island at the time
Brook Haven Labs purportedly brought down the craft with a
particle beam! I supposedly videotaped the whole thing along
with three young teen witnesses. You will find this on page 11,
which is in chapter two...It is total fabrication! It did not
happen!!!!

I am mentioned on the following pages: 87, 88; 149 - 150, where
in it says I drink a beer. Let me state that I am a teetotaler.
Sorry about that folks, but that's just me. <g>

Pages 167 - 173. This is an accurate portrayal of me, and the
"fictional MAN ON THE STREET INTERVIEW" which I wrote and allowed
J.B. to use. I hope you find it entertaining. <G> Page 234 where
he gives a short bibliography of both Tom Theofanous and
myself...this description of me is accurate.

Finally, on page 242, he listed my BBS, Space_Link and the phone
number. The BBS is still there, but the mail echoes are no longer
functioning. There are about 3000 UFO and Paranormal files
available, however.

So, Errol. Thank you for posting your rebuttal, and also for
giving me an opportunity to help set the record straight.

If anyone has any particular questions, feel free to address them
to me and I will answer them.

Before closing, I wish to quote from the Prologue of the book:

"What you are about to read in UFO Encounters is based on facts.
It includes not only documented accounts of the crash and the
recovery of an alien spacecraft, but of several extraterrestrials
as well. IT IS NOT FICTIONALIZED. (Emphasis Mine - M.C.) IT IS
NOT DRAMATIZED. These are the facts taken from first hand
accounts of individuals present at two events WHERE ANCIENT
SPACECRAFT NOT ONLY LANDED, BUT WERE FILMED ON VIDEOTAPE."

Again, let me state emphatically, that I did not video tape any
such thing. It is purely a product of the author's imagination.

REgards, Mike

The fastest way to respond to this message is through the ICQ Network. A
message sent this way will go directly to my screen.

If you have ICQ you can message me at ICQ#:7508455.

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A New Study (Follow Up to The Brookings Institute)

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A New Study: a Follow Up to the Brookings Institution Study
By Francisco Lopez, UFOR Editor

Sources of our my personal entire confidence I can not name here as it can endanger them, informed us that there is an ongoing multicountry study on the UFO phenomenon situation from a mainly social perspective.

According to the source, who did work helping an investigation by a known and serious UFO researcher (the reason I cannot divulge the names of the source nor the researcher), scientists (natural and social) and other individuals are in engagements paid by the US Government to monitor and get a state of the UFOlogy. The study, according to the source, is allegedly being conducted through the Smithsonian Organization.

The study is across the board and is gathering data from the whole spectrum of adepts, enthusiasts and researchers from practically around the world.

Some of the scientists had been shown things that changed their perspective of life and, in almost all cases, greatly disturbed them emotionally and basically destroyed their personal body of beliefs and changed their axiology (philosophy of values). According to the source, they had been shown, from ships to corpses of aliens.

One of the means used are the collaboration of scientists with noted researchers, then the association of scientists to UFO rogue groups, bands of non believable people, people with psychotic inclinations, conspiracy buffs, cults, fringe movements, philosophical movements, political groups and others.

Some scientists are used as apparent disinformation agents with the object of seeding groups (virtual and real) with bits of information and see the effect on the psychology of these groups.

Others help groups and do undercover intelligence work reported to the agencies participating in the study.

The study has been extended well into third world countries to check the potential for political and social unrest if UFO information is openly and officially released to the community.

The apparition of rogue UFO groups in several third world countries (i.e. and according to the source, the apparition of UFO, NOVA [both groups paramilitary and armed] and a Catholic UFO Cult presided by an alleged priest [later identified as a CIA political assassination operative in Central America, and now working in South America] and the Radar cult in Argentina [their bunker had very sophisticated equipment and warfare, including land to air missiles]) and mixed of right wing extremists, political activist, cultist beliefs, new age and philosophical systems with mind control, militia types and other things with UFOs have all the ingredients of the way this monitoring and controlling is put under the same umbrella.

There are some indications (although speculative at this point) that a focus group was tested during a UFO congress in which an alleged CIA agent meet privately with a small group of UFO researchers told them that the government will be disclosing UFO information, although not via the official channels and without admitting the reality at this time.

Because of the policy creation division among those against and in pro of informing the public in the governments, there is a hybrid intelligence product which result is in a broad study capable of supporting the creation of policy regarding the disclosure of information on the UFO phenomenon and its treatment, and, in the other side, the gathering of intelligence to maintain under control the UFOlogists (and, as far as possible, the mainstream scientists). This is not new, however, the update in intelligence data is giving the UFO information repression apparatus, the tools of doing their job.

In UFO hot spots, where politically sensitive information can be gathered by a good researcher with an extensive network of contacts, the effort of ridicule, down play, discredit, alienate and isolate has been substituted by a theatrical approach in which a division is pretended among the rogue groups to try to capture the serious UFOlogist, get his information and destroy him or her (in some cases by assassination, accidents or sickness and in others by pure moral discredit or fabrication of criminal cases).

This study is broader than the Brookings Institute study in the 60's. It study the effect of a bigger group of institutions.

The study seems to be also an attempt to put under control the factions exogenous to the UFO phenomenon that has been seeded during the past decades inside the UFO research and enthusiast community for control and monitoring purposes. As the UFO matter becomes more closer to be part of the mainstream (and this beyond the folklore), the foreign element can exhibit the same tendency, therefore, mainstreaming politically undesirable situations that has nothing to do with UFOs.

Although this type of social engineering can produce an orderly transition to a new state of knowledge, the by product, information that can feed of intelligence the repression apparatus that currently impedes the disclosure of the truth regarding UFOs, can result in very difficult times for those doing politically sensitive UFO research.

We have to take into account that, as long as no policy results from this study, the status quo will be enforced by those in charge of executing and enforcing policy. We already have a good sense about what the policy is.

Prudence and caution is indicated. We all know that there are things that are real national security matters. We have to be prudent with the information we gather. We, however, should be pro active in influencing the policy making process, by means of the legal and/or the pure political process and the strength of our investigations and the message they convey to the general public.

Please, note that although I'm inclined to believe the sources, I have no first hand direct proof of the assertions in this article. A sense of the veracity of the contents can be seen in our research experiences, the circumstances surrounding them and the information floating around.

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