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Haggard Communes With UFO Enthusiasts

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Haggard Communes With UFO Enthusiasts

For the second year in a row, honky tonk singer Merle Haggard will be entertaining conspiracy theorists and extraterrestrial fans at the UFO Music Fest, set for Saturday (July 3) in Roswell, N.M. Some believe the area was the site of a UFO crash in 1947. Joining the 67-year-old country music legend is longtime friend Willie Nelson, along with openers Michael D. and Lacy J. Dalton.

"I live on the West Coast and unlike people in Nashville, I can't just go out and cherry-pick my dates," Haggard tells Billboard.com. "I have to put them in a little train mode and Roswell sits halfway across the United States. It is interesting about what happened there in 1947. I thought it might be nice to build an annual UFO fest around that, and have a place to play every July on my trip to the east. If that thing came down out there, in Roswell, then it is the biggest thing to happen since Christ. So, it is turning out to be a little bit more successful every year."

Haggard hints that a few surprises of the non-alien kind could fall out of the sky, citing recent interest by the Eagles, but nothing is confirmed. Fans can expect he and Nelson will sing their cover of Woody Guthrie's "Reno Blues," which appears on Haggard's latest album, "Haggard Like Never Before."

Always known for speaking his mind, Haggard stirred up political controversy last year with his lead single "That's the News," which pondered that if the war in Iraq was over, why were more soldiers dying every day?

"I hoped, if nothing else, it would cause the [news] editors to look at the clock and say, 'Should we run Laci Peterson's story or should we run about the boys that got killed today?'" asks Haggard. "It seems to me that when we are fighting for freedom all over the world, we should have a sense of duty to give the news on the troops instead of worrying if somebody is going to get off [in] a murder case."

While the song was on many top 10 lists for 2003, its lack of airplay disturbs Haggard, who plans on recording his next album in August with legendary producer Jimmy Bowen. A January release is planned for the set.

"I'm always working on my new material, but it is hard to do it with any inspiration knowing that you are not going to be played because you don't have a pretty bellybutton," says Haggard. "Clear Channel pretty well has everything locked up. It is disgusting a little bit, and somewhat deflating to realize that no matter what quality of music you may be writing, they are not going to entertain it. Because if it has any subject matter to it, they are certainly not going to play it."

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E-News from the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

June 29, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

FIRST CANADIAN CROP FORMATION OF 2004

The first reported formation for this year is at Erbs Cove, New Brunswick, a small simple ring in wild pasture grass.

Discovered the morning of June 24 by a couple walking their dog in a rural farming area, the ring is approximately 4.5 metres (15 feet) diameter by 1.2 metres (4 feet) wide. Although rough in appearance, the grass is flattened in a generally clockwise direction, and starting to stand back up again. On top of a small hill, in grass about two feet tall. No tracks initially seen. The field is vacant pasture land that is hayed each year. Initial ground photos are posted on the CCCRN web site.

A modest but interesting formation, in a province where reports have been very rare over the years.

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PORTUGAL FIRED A MISSILE AT THE CIGAR-SHAPED UFO

The Portuguese military fired a ground-to-air missile at the luminous UFO that passed over their country during the early morning hours of Monday, June 7, 2004. (For the original report, see UFO Roundup, volume 9, number 23 for June 9, 2004, "Luminous UFO seen by hundreds in Portugal," page 5.)

Portuguese ufologist Gregorio Sao Xavier reported that "the cigar-shaped UFO was tracked on radar. It moved in a south-to-north direction. It was reported in the Portuguese newspapers that 'a target on radar' was found at three separate military bases."

These included "Beja, south of Evora and north of the Algarve region; Montijo, near Lisboa (the capital of Portugal--J.T.); and Oporto, the second largest city in Portugal. The news was released by a colonel in the Portuguese Army."

"That same day, only one report came from a civilian identifying the trajectory of the unknown object as coming from north to south, and a cigar form was described."

"Some days later, it was reported on Spanish and German TV that an official of the Portuguese Army confirmed that a missile had been launched. What most people saw trailing smoke" was the missile launched at the UFO.

"Visual contact with the object was made at the base in Beja," Gregorio added, "A week later, the photo of a cigar-shaped object appeared in a popular (Portuguese) magazine. And a few days later, the military officials charged with the investigation of the incident closed the case, calling it an 'unknown object.'"

One of the most curious aspects of this case was the multiple sightings of a radar-domed AWACS plane, provided by NATO, which was seen flying offshore, just west of Cabo de Sines, 120 kilometers (72 miles) south of Lisboa. (Muito obrigado a Gregorio Sao Xavier por esas informacoes.)

DELTA-SHAPED UFO SEEN IN DAYLIGHT OVER IRELAND

"Two men working high up a radio mast in County Monaghan" in Ireland "believe they have spied a top-secret

inter-planetary craft flying (north) toward Belfast."

"Miles Johnston, of the Irish UFO Research Centre, and Dublin-based rigger Terry Malone claimed the delta-winged craft traversed the sky at ultrasonic speed, taking just a few seconds to reach the horizon."

"I am convinced it was a man-made advanced space craft--we had a good long look at it in the clear blue sky,' Mr. Johnston said."

"Mr. Malone confirmed that the object was 'absolutely enormous.'"

"It was large, high and travelling at some speed,' he said."

"I've seen B-52s going over, and you can hear them buzzing, but there was not a sound from this thing. And it was gone in an instant.'" (See the Belfast Telegraph for June 26, 2004, "'UFO' is spotted in skies." Many thanks to Jim Hickman for this newspaper article. And don't forget to visit Jim's Web site---
www.thehickmanreport.com.)

WAVE OF CROP CIRCLES SWEEPS POLAND

Polish cerealogist "Bogdan Zabielski researched a strange agroformation (crop circle in the USA--J.T.), which appeared two weeks ago in a field near Stawiska, a village 10 kilometers (6 miles) from Korsze. The agroformation was composed of lines 60 centimeters (2 feet) wide, arranged in a strange shape. Zabielski excluded the possibility of the creation being a fraud."

"The Stawiska agrosymbol is reminiscent of two Czech agroformations, which appeared in Novy Malin in 2002 and in Dobruska-Domasin in 2003. It is the first agroformation of its kind in Poland."

On Monday, June 22, 2004, "a local newspaper announced that a classic crop circle had appeared in a wheat field on Ulica Zachodnia Street on the western outskirts of Szezcin. The case was investigated by Mr. Makek Rudnicki, a reporter for the Glos Szezciniski daily newspaper."

The following day--Tuesday, June 23, 2004--Poland's "Center for UFOs and Anomalous Phenomena Research (Polish acronym: CBUFOIZA--J.T.) team investigated a strange-looking agroformation which had appeared in a rye field in the village of Domatkow, 5 kilometers (3 miles) from Kolbuszowa. The agroformation was composed of several pathways 30 to 45 centimeters (1 to 1.5 feet) wide and several little circles 50 centimeters in diameter. It is a possible hoax. This case was investigated by the CBUFOIZA team, plus the local police and an insurance investigator."

In addition, an officer from the nearby Polish Army base at Kolbuszowa "was also at the scene." (See the Polish newspaper Glos Szezciniski for June 23, 2004. Many thanks to Robert K. Lesniakiewicz, Leszek Owsiany and Bogdan Zabielski for these crop circle reports.)

BLACK GOOP FALLS FROM THE SKY IN BOURNE, MASS.

"A strange black spatter is baffling Bourne (Massachusetts) residents."

"The specks rained down on homes, cars and plants near the Bourne Bridge (which spans the Cape Cod Canal--J.T.), and a week later they're still there."

"Town officials say it appears to be an oil-based material that was sprayed from the bridge" on Thursday, June 10, 2004.

"Officials said it doesn't appear to be related to any work done on the bridge."

"In the meantime, the Cape Cod Times reported that neighbors are using everything from paint thinner to glass cleaner to try to get rid of the smudges. One man said he'll have to replace the vinyl siding on his home. He's happy to find the source of the problem so he can recover his costs."

Bourne, Mass. (population 1,200) is on Route 28, on the Cape Cod side of the canal, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) southeast of Boston. (See the WJAR-TV Channel

10 News broadcast of June 18, 2004. Many thanks to Mary Lou Jones-Drown for this news story.)

FAYETTE FACTOR FIRE
TAKES OUT A WAL-MART

"A minor fire yesterday (Monday, June 21, 2004) at a Wal-Mart in Fayetteville, North Carolina (population 121,015) still has people talking today--not because of how much damage was done, but because of how bizarre the whole incident really was."

"It's business as usual today," Tuesday, June 22, 2004, "for Skibo Road Wal-Mart customers and employees, but this wasn't the case yesterday afternoon when 38-year-old Donivan Martin allegedly set fire to some clothes inside the store."

"Marcia Clark was one of the first employees to notice the smoke. 'So I ran around here to see, and I saw clothes on the floor burning, and it was just going up this rack and just burning all the clothes. And it started to spread.'"

(Editor's Comment: Here's a lexilink for Loren Coleman's collection. "Marcia Clark" was the name of one of the prosecutors in the O.J. Simpson trial 10 years ago.)

"After the suspect set the fire, he tried to make his way out of the Wal-Mart, through the front door. But he didn't get very far, according to Sharon Walden, who works at the store. 'I was scared. I was afraid I was going to die. But, everything is fine. Everybody kept their cool. The guy ran out, and we had a customer that tackled him. So everything's fine.'"

"After being caught, Martin denied setting the blaze. 'The way they treated me. And I was a customer inside that store.'"

"Meanwhile, authorities arrested a couple of other customers for shoplifting during the fire. 'They got caught at the door, trying to get out with a few things. They weren't together. I just thought they thought they could get away with some merchandise while everything was going on.'"

"The fire damaged several thousand dollars' worth of clothes, but no one was hurt. Martin is being held in the Cumberland County jail on a \$10,000 bond."

Another weird lexilink surfaced in Fayette County, Tennessee.

"Steven Keith Poe (a descendant of Edgar Allan Poe?--J.T.) was shot and killed in Collierville, Tenn. (population 31,825) around 2 a.m. on (Sunday) June 6 (2004) after breaking into the home of the parents of a woman who had recently filed domestic assault charges against him."

"A report from the Fayette County Sheriff's Office shows the 28-year-old Poe was arrested on March 25 (2004) at 1415 Burrowtown Road, listed as his address, after physically assaulting Karla Borchardt and doing damage to her automobile during an argument. He was charged with domestic assault, resisting arrest, and vandalism, and was apparently released on bond and ordered to refrain from any contact with the woman."

"A warrant was issued for Poe on April 19 (2004) for violating the court order, and records provided by the Fayette County Sheriff's Department shows Poe was arrested April 21 and released from the Fayette County jail on May 4."

"General Sessions Court records lists him as having been found guilty of charges of domestic assault, contempt of a court order, and vandalism on that same day. Two of the sentences carry penalties of 11 months, 29 days, but were reduced to 75 percent of that and sentence was suspended for time already served. Poe was ordered again to have no further contact with Borchardt."

"Collierville police reported Poe was shot to death by the woman's father after breaking into his house, where she was living, armed with a rifle. No charges were filed in the incident."

Within days of Poe's death, another frightening report came from Fayette County, Tennessee.

"Citizens of Manchester (Tennessee, population 8,294) should begin taking steps to avoid mosquitoes. The first fatal case of West Nile virus in Tennessee this year has

been reported in a horse infected in Fayette County."

"State health officials say it is difficult to predict how severely West Nile virus will hit the state this year but would expect to see around the same number of human cases as the past two years, which was about 36 to 60 people."

"Last year (2003) Tennessee had 26 human cases, 103 positive horses and 275 positive birds. West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne virus which can occasionally cause an infection of the brain in humans."

Rounding out the Fayette Factor news this week...

In Louisiana, "the city of Lafayette's first black police chief, Eddie Ware, died at his Roanoke home Sunday night," June 20, 2004. "He was 46. Ware died of a blood clot."

In California, "a centuries-old American Indian burial ground has been discovered at a construction site east of San Francisco, in Lafayette (population 23,908)." (See the WTVD News broadcast from Durham-Raleigh, N.C. for June 22, 2004, "Back to business after fire at Fayetteville Wal-Mart;" the Fayette County Review of Somerville, Tenn. for June 23, 2004, "Fayette County man shot dead in Collierville following domestic dispute;" the Manchester, Tenn. Times for June 23, 2004, "West Nile virus found in Fayette County;" the Florence, Ala. Daily Times for June 22, 2004, "Lafayette police chief dies of blood clot at age 46" and the San Jose, Cal. Mercury-News for June 22, 2004, "Indian burial ground discovered at Bay Area construction site." Many thanks to Loren Coleman for these news stories.)

HAARP UTILIZED IN RECENT U.S. NAVAL EXERCISE

"A rather unusual announcement was released this morning (Wednesday, June 16, 2004) describing to the public for the first time a previous Top Secret testing program in the Atlantic. It is known as Operation Northern Edge."

"This exercise appears to be utilizing HAARP."

"Cmdr. Joe Murphy, USN, of the Alaska Command, reported, 'A new combat system is being tested. The new testing device is used for what is commonly known as 'jamming.' The Improved Capabilities System III (ICAP-3) overloads specific listed communication bandwidths, causing users to temporarily lose service."

"'Training and testing of ICAP-3 is a stepping-stone for the Navy,' said Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic Ron Szpynda of Air Test Evaluation Squadron Nine (VX-9). 'This is the first time we have ever used this system.'"

"VX-9's EA-6B Prowlers are being used to test the system. The aircraft provide protection for strike aircraft, ground troops and ships by jamming enemy radar, electronic data links and communications."

"'The system floods an opposing bandwidth with more frequency than those operating systems release,' said Cmdr. Jim Winship," reportedly the executive officer (XO) of the squadron. 'This causes users to temporarily lose service. Everything from telephones to sophisticated electronics equipment goes static because the jammer can overwhelm the frequencies they use.'" (See Earth Changes TV for June 16, 2004, article by Mitch Battros. Many thanks to "Popeye, Bluto and Olive Oyl" for this news story.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the newspaper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next time.

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 14:24:47 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 08:48:38 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Sparks

>From: Teri Hayes <truthspupl.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 14:35:08 -0700
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 27 Jun 2004 23:11:43 +0000
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 26 Jun 2004 20:42:10 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

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>>Sorry I missed Josh Goldstein's comments (deleted in this post)
>>on this "stargate" fantasy because I am sure, knowing Josh, that
>>they were pertinent and pungent.

>>So, if the Government is telling the truth, it is really lying
>>and covering up, and if it is lying and covering up, it is/is
>>not telling the truth. What mind-bending concepts. You win, they
>>lose every time.

>>As I learned in philosophy class long ago, it would also
>>"explain a lot of things" if you postulate an all-powerful,
>>inviisble green demon sitting in the corner and foiling you at
>>every turn. I vote for the inviisble green demon. - Dick

>>P.S. I 'have been told' all sorts of weird and illogical and
>>off-the-wall things by people over the years. What a wonderful
>>source to document anything you want to believe.

>This post was 'speculative'. I do believe the Burisch tales at
>this time, but the reason I say "at this time" is because I am
>still researching. The reason I believe is based on information
>both in favor and against the issue.

>The bottom line is both veiws are inconclusive at this time but
>the main things spoken against Dan Burisch are not his Theories
>or even what he claims to have done. Most of the debunking
>evidence is nothing more than ignorant requests for a seeming
>nonexistant paper trail that is far too easily done away with.
>These requests for a paper trail don't do a thing for
>discrediting an individual unless it is coupled with inaccurate
>Theories etc.

Ignorant requests? Have you ever read Hynek's The UFO
Experience? This is the foundational textbook of UFology, along
with Vallee's Challenge to Science and Anatomy of a Phenomenon.
If you have not read these textbooks of the UFO field then who
is "ignorant"? If you have read them then you are not following
or are "ignorant" of the principles laid down there for the
study of the UFO phenomenon. The cure for "ignorance" is
education. You would do well to pay close attention to what Dick
Hall tells you, he is a respected leader and pioneer in the UFO
field, a true expert who knows a lot about the subject that you

would do well not to remain "ignorant" of. He has nearly 50 years of experience in the field, trained in scientific methodology and philosophy, and is not some johnny-come-lately to be casually disregarded or frivolously disrespected.

UFO stories have no inherent right to be considered true first, without investigation, like some kind of rule of criminal procedure "innocent until proven guilty." Swindlers and conmen work that way, wanting you to accept their lying stories as true from the start. Science does not work that way! Science does not "believe stories at this time" but checks them out first before "believing" at any time.

Under Hynek's definitions the rule is that you must complete a competent scientific-technical investigation of a UFO case or report first, to eliminate IFO and hoax explanations, before you can declare it "unexplained." Have you done that, or anyone else? You mention there is already "information" both for and against this wild story, further on you even admit "much of it is just plain and simple cow chips!" Since no amount of "for" info can negate the "against" info in a story that is one connected whole, the story is already disproven in that case.

>I don't know about the Stargate issue and I was only using it as
>an example. Who knows? Not me.

>But as far as the Plausible Deniability it is indeed all around
>us. Paranoid? Yes and No. I just want the Truth.

It amazes me that so many so-called "Truth" seekers will wallow in Lies and "cow chips" claiming this is the path to Truth. Most people would think that is foolish and "ignorant."

>All those weirdos telling the off the wall and illogical things
>just keep life interesting, even thou much of it is just plain
>and simple cow chips!

How about "all these weirdos" wasting everyone's time so that they cannot get to the real UFO evidence?

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 15:17:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 08:50:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Colm Kelleher - NIDS <nids.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 09:33:52 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>NIDS obtained permission to publish the entire McNally research
>article on the NIDS web site at:

><http://www.nidsci.org/pdf/spacealiens.pdf>

>Regarding List member's reaction to this paper, some of which I
>have read:

>The journal Psychological Science is one of the more prestigious
>journals in psychology and is also one of the flagship journals
>of the American Psychological Society. It is read by thousands
>of professional and research psychologists worldwide.
>Cumulatively Psychological Science readers hold tens of millions
>of dollars in research grants from NIMH and other grant giving
>bodies.

>My hunch is that the data in this paper will surprise many
>Psychological Science readers in the psychology research
>community, since it greatly undermines their common perception
>that abductees are merely attention seekers, charlatans etc who
>>want nothing more than to get their 15 minutes of fame. The data
>n Dr McNally's paper are saying that the responses of PTSD
>victims and abductees are almost indistinguishable and will
>therefore demolish some commonly-held stereotypes. I believe
>that Dr MacNally's paper may stimulate members of the
>psychological research community to take the next research step:
>to use the tools of fMRI and other brain-imaging techniques to
>take these (to their readers, very surprising) data to the next
>level. That is precisely what is needed in this field.

>As such, I believe Dr McNally's paper is a positive contribution.

The psychological community has rediscovered what Dr. Rima Laibow pointed out nearly twenty years ago: abductees exhibit PTSD. She used that fact to argue that the abductions were real because the PTSD symptoms were real and, she argued, could not be a result of "dreams" or confabulation. People do not get symptoms of PTSD from mental constructs alone, she argued. I think that this has been the general feeling of the psych community, too: sort of where there's smoke there's probable fire or where there is PTSD there has been some sort of physical/pshysiological trauma.

Now the new study says she was right: abductees do exhibit aspects of PTSD. However, they are trying to "get away with" arguing that, at least in the case of alien abductions, "bad dreams" or mental constructs DO create symptoms of PTSD. Bodes ill for those claiming childhood abuse (Can't you see the defense lawyer saying, "it was all made up.... just like alien abductions."

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Re: Big Black Wrap-Around Eyes? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 14:43:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 08:52:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Big Black Wrap-Around Eyes? - Shell

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 19:36:18 -0300
>Subject: Re: Big Black Wrap-Around Eyes?

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 08:10:50 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Big Black Wrap-Around Eyes?

>>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 27 Jun 2004 18:26:58 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Big Black Wrap-Around Eyes?

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>>In the vernacular of one of my favorite aliens, "it is not
>>logical to try and interpret 'alien physiology' through 'human'
>>explication."

>Brilliant. I would imagine that would work right across the
>board, Frank. Technology, physiology and their governance. To my
>mind it explains much and tells us nothing. Great line though.

Maybe in their alien wisdom they've figured out ways to bypass
the basic laws of optics and physics, but I doubt it. And if
they are actual "animals" similar to us, there are most likely a
great number of inferences that can be drawn. As for their
motivations, though, I agree. But then again, I often don't
have a clue to what motivates many of my fellow humans, either.

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Re: Bob Shell's Side Of The Story - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 16:32:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 08:56:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Bob Shell's Side Of The Story - Sandow

>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 19:19:37 +0100
>Subject: Bob Shell's Side Of The Story

>I've met Bob
>Shell on a number of occasions and find it very hard to
>believe that he could commit the crimes of which he has been
>accused. Bob has my full support and as far as I'm concerned
>he is innocent until proven guilty.

I second that, though I've only met Bob once. He struck me as a very good guy, which of course isn't the same thing as saying I know for a fact he's not guilty of the charges against him. But, for whatever it's worth, my gut says that he isn't.

It may turn out that he was simply at the wrong place at the wrong time - his girlfriend died, and prosecutors, in the small town he lives in, found all sorts of reasons to blame him for her death.

We should note, too, that some of the charges against him are wildly lurid.

He's accused, for instance, of having sex with his girlfriend after she was dead. It's not clear there's any real evidence for any of this, though it's clear that Bob, who did a lot of erotic photography (and no, I don't mean porn), may have been a little far out for the place where he lived. He could have been targeted by prosecutors who don't know the difference between nude photographs and really filthy perversity.

Some years ago, Bob was very active on this list. He had no official connection with the AA TV show, but he contributed many savvy professional comments on the photographic aspects of the controversy.

Greg Sandow

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Black Vault Adds 22,000+ Declassified Government

From: John Greenewald, Jr. <tbfuture.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 08:59:25 -0400
Subject: Black Vault Adds 22,000+ Declassified Government

The Black Vault Adds 22,000+ Declassified Government Documents
on Mind Control

NORTHRIDGE (BlackVault) - June 29, 2004 - The Black Vault
recently completed one of the largest updates ever!

The Black Vault received the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
collection of top-secret "MKULTRA" documents on Mind Control
projects. These documents are not available anywhere else.

The Black Vault believes that these documents are not presently
accessible in the public domain, and has completed the upload of
22,061 pages of material to The Black Vault archives, adding 1.25
gigabytes of new data ready for everyone to download!

The challenge was to make 22,000+ pages accessible and navigable
and The Black Vault accomplished just that with 4 separate
indexes to the documents, which are very easy to see.

Enjoy these new documents, and remember, tell your friends about
them! They are extremely valuable and only available here at The
Black Vault!

To view the index, head to:

<http://www.bvalphaserver.com/contentid-21.html>

Sincerely,

John Greenewald, Jr.

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Letters Under Our Door

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 09:04:31 -0400
Subject: Letters Under Our Door

Letters Under Our Door - A review of Robert Nichol's
"StarDreams," a revealing new Crop Circle Documentary.

By Alfred Lehmborg
www.alienview.net

What about the fakes?

Isn't it true that these strange constructions in our cereal
crops are of human construction? Don't they have to be
entirely of human construction for the skeptic's position to
have the required validity? Just ONE 'genuine' circle, consider,
and the game afoot's altogether new!

...And Crop Circles get faked. Sure. But, when those 'fakes'
occur... don't we, generally, know who the fakers _are_? Don't
They tell us who they are? Don't they strut and crow and smirk
and patronize?

Aren't they stealthy people haters named "Doug" and "Dave," even
as these self-aggrandizing psychopaths die off and evolve,
change their names with the years, upgrade their techniques over
time, and justify or attempt to legitimize their crass
sociopathy... as art? Could it be that these offensive fakers
are behind _all_ the circles? Builders of _all_ the
constructions? Composers of all these glyphs?

Yes?

Then how is it, as Robert Nichol intimates in his compellingly
sincere new film documentary "StarDreams", that these alleged
'hoaxers' always finish what they start? Where are the failed
attempts? Where do they 'practice' their completeness of vision,
this exponential magnitude of astonishing endeavor... this
meticulous 'perfection' of flawlessly breathtaking execution and
timing... and... where are the 'blunders' in these huge
constructions, extant, otherwise abundantly found in other human
executions of complicated tasks?

Why are the 'greater' circles never duplicated? Why don't we see
a balanced explanation for complex circle construction making it
into the "National Geographic" or a Postmodern Art periodical.
Spin me a "Catherine's Wheel", again - 'Doug'! Stomp out an
"Adams Grave," for me - 'Dave'.

Speaking of art and artists, where _is_ this extremely
improbable army of gifted performers "without egos"
(astoundingly selfless and undeniably talented men and women),
anyway? Flatly, these uncharacteristically secretive persons are
REQUIRED to execute (...without the smallest flaw, remember!)
the delicate artistic balances of line and curve, light and
shadow... amidst other conventions of accomplished artistry
(...to include knowledge regarding the sacred or eternal
geometrical... or the strict adherence to the enlightened
measure, or an educated unity in utility that is an artistic
"golden mean"...), and this over a HUGE area on an entirely
unique canvas!

These 'artists' ARE the real deal... reader ...And we haven't a

clue who they really are! No. We're too well rewarded by society for not wanting to find out, for not being brave, and for not seeking out those clues. We're punished effectively for obstinately seeking them too... served painful irony in the form of reward for negative back-stepping behavior and punishment for the positive forward-looking pursuit of same.

Verily, WHO hoaxes roughly tens of tens of quality circles a year, world-wide, for the last ten years? Who operates with no professional 'recognition', no lucrative 'pay-off' -- no 'reward' of any kind? Who?

Clearly, few to none. Those who do _are_ known to us, ply their trade for money, and even have their own trendy flash-fronted websites. No... it becomes obvious as one scratches the surface of this thing that these people are NOT the whole show. Something's hidden behind the official cultural tarp that is our corrupted and duplicitous mainstream...

Moreover, artists produce their work to be associated with it, to be defined by it, to be enriched by it... materially AND intellectually. I'm an artist of small note and legitimate award and I feel that's a fair statement. We won't ordinarily BE the artistic Samaritan (rare creature, THAT!) who disappears from the scene of the artistic 'accident' before they can be celebrated and feted by admiring fellow humans. An artist _signs_ his work, boyo! It's been that way since the renaissance from the middle ages, reader, and even before that the interested knew who their artists were.

...And those people of the renaissance were baffled by (officially intimidated by) CropCircles then too, remember. Crop circles have _long_ legs of history.

Let's cut to the chase. Most circles could _be_ FAKE, respected reader. But MANY are _not_ I suspect! Nichols suggests in "StarDreams" that this should, at least, give the reader pause... even if it does NOT fuel an ongoing epiphany of boundless optimism for the reader... like it does for _this_ writer.

This writer wept with joy during the first of what has been (and will continue to be) many viewings of Robert Nichol's documentary. They are cathartic and appreciating tears, astonished and inspired tears... thankful and enlightened tears. They are tears that elevate, reassure, and validate. They are tears that cement conviction, legitimize confidence, and lubricate assurance, too. But assurance for, confidence about, and conviction with regard to... what?

Okay... a few of the high points.

...That reality is more fully featured and abundant than we are otherwise manipulated to believe by our duplicitous culture? That we are not now, have ever been, or will ever _be_ alone in the unending light and darkness that is the expanding and changing universe? That 'existence' is not so much a 'competition to survive' as it is a 'cooperation to understand'? That we (you and I!) are the entire universe trying to comprehend itself? Finally, that it is the individual understanding (...the understanding individual!) that is truly key?

You _matter_, reader, forgetting for a moment that I do, too. _You_, reader, are the person that's reached out to with these crop glyphs. That's the message of "StarDreams". The individual is key.

It's all about people, individual persons, Nichol implies... persons who can open their minds and hearts to an immensity of creative purpose, a plethora of quality potentials, and an infinity of efficacious intellectual productivity...! It's all about people willing to break free, at last, of the attitude we have collectively regarding an aggregate Earth we presently abuse like an unvalued rental property... and return to it the respect the truly intelligent would give _any_ living creature! We would treat the aggregate Earth (you and I and everything else 'on', 'in', 'about' or 'of' this Earth!) as we ourselves would be efficaciously treated. For this, you and I would inherit the stars! What do we lose? Nothing. What do we gain? Everything. That's not the end of conviction, confidence, and

assurance.

Nichol's documentary is filled with individual persons, none of them seeming to scramble for individual recognition regarding the phenomenon, but standing out like individually shining stars for their lack of apparent desire to do so! It is easy to have 'regard' for these people - these individuals. The watcher can bask in the rich warm golden glow of the sincerity and honesty these folks are effused with, and be reassured by their integrity and frankness and openness and truthfulness... These are serious people, intelligent and educated people... scientists, philosophers, researchers, and persons without a lot of formal education. I found myself loving all these persons in the absolute best and most efficacious sense of that word. ...And these persons love, without doubt and beyond question, these 'artists' who compose the strange glyphs on a parchment that we can EAT. Think about that.

Is there analogy there? I think Mr. Nichols thinks so. I think so, too.

Who are these anonymous teams of selfless and talented artists manufacturing those compelling images? Who captivates our collective human intelligence so universally and further compels, at the same time, such intelligent love? Well -- they are artists, likely, NOT beholden to human agency, institution, government, culture or religion. They are, likely, NOT artists who celebrate the soulless corporate while they venerate the cloistered celibate! They are likely NOT artists who pander to duplicitous media while they sell their souls to officious and psychopathic sponsors. They are likely NOT artists who would dupe and disrespect you like they were doing you a favor. They are likely NOT 'artists' we would... know.

...It's ironic that they are likely artists we have always known (just forgotten, I'll bet)...

...Be that as it may, their works are charming letters thoughtfully composed, magically engineered, beautifully rendered, and then "slid under the doors" of our consciousness while we're not looking... by 'someone' or some 'thing' who would attempt a communication of some 'type' perhaps as nourishing to us as the grain that the artists compose in, on levels, quite simply, that we are incapable of appreciating, as yet. I'm gratified they take the time... and further gratified that Robert Nichol has produced something about this ...evolving reality... so enduring, informational, and prescient... that I'm moved joyful tears. Thank you, sir.

Further information on the film can be accessed at:

www.stardreams-cropcircles.com

See this film.

...One more illustrative point before I go. Early this century William Gazecki produced an equally fine documentary about Crop Circles (I was as excited about!) called "Quest for Truth", and I provided, for it, a similar review. On the radio a few weeks ago Robert Nichol was interviewed and pointedly asked a question that compared his film with Gazecki's. I wondered if Nichol would ruffle his feathers, even if only a little bit, that his was the better film. That didn't happen.

Rather, he embraced Gazecki's film as his own, graciously making indication that both films were short chapters in the same massive non-fiction, the same story that needed to be told. He implied that Gazecki's more pragmatic approach complemented the more metaphysical approach he'd employed and that the films, taken together, made for a more inclusive accounting of the entire story... a stepping stone to even MORE inclusive chapters...

No reflexive competition here, good reader. Nichol's reflex, his astonishingly TELLING reflex, was for reflecting cooperation. Is that what the circles do to you? If so, I'll have more of that, thank you. See the sedition?

I've seen both films numerous times, and I can attest that the documentaries complement one another, magnificently. Do not tell yourself that because you have seen one film that you have seen

the other. That would be unfortunate and inaccurate. Seriously, I think it would be synergistic if these gentlemen could get together, somehow, and provide both films in a boxed set or package. The films are extremely powerful individually, but together they are, I think, greater than the sum of their parts. See these films and begin to 'understand'.

That's enough -- read on!

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SUPREME COURT TO CONSIDER IF DEFECTORS MAY SUE CIA

The U.S. Supreme Court this week granted a petition from the Central Intelligence Agency asking for review of a lower court ruling that would allow a couple who defected to the United States to sue the Agency.

The plaintiffs, identified only as John and Jane Doe, are "former Cold War defectors who were coerced by the CIA into being intelligence sources," according to their court filings.

"John Doe was a high-ranking diplomat for a country considered an enemy of the United States during the Cold War. While John Doe and his wife were posted on diplomatic mission in a third country, they approached a person attached to the U.S. embassy and requested assistance in defecting to the United States. The Does had no interest in conducting espionage," according to their account.

"CIA agents intervened, taking the Does to a CIA safe house where they were held for nearly 12 hours, time sufficient to create extreme danger of exposure if they returned to their embassy. The CIA officers employed intimidation and coercion to cause the Does to remain at their diplomatic post and conduct espionage for the United States for a period of time."

The Does seek enforcement of the financial agreement they say they reached with the CIA.

The CIA's position is that any such lawsuit is barred by an 1875 Supreme Court ruling, *Totten v. United States*, under which the heirs of a civil war spy, William A. Lloyd, were precluded from suing the government for compensation.

All of the case files, which address foundational issues in national security and intelligence law, had to be approved for public disclosure by CIA reviewers concerned about the potential for compromise of classified information.

"In this case, any Agency response to the factual assertions made in any of plaintiffs' pleadings, whether to either confirm or deny the allegations contained therein, would be classified information and could not be filed in open court," declared former CIA officer William H. McNair in a 2000 court filing.

A copy of the government's petition to the Supreme Court, the

Does' response, and the government's reply, comprising hundreds of often interesting pages, may be found here ("Tenet v. Doe at the Supreme Court"):

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/index.html>

UAV FLIGHT REGULATIONS

In a new sign of the acceptance and normalization of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), the U.S. Army last month issued flight regulations governing their use.

"This regulation covers unmanned aerial vehicle operations, air vehicle operator / crewmember training and currency requirements, and flight rules."

Army Regulation 95-23 on "Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Flight Regulations" dated 14 May 2004 is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar95-23.pdf>

Meanwhile, the Department of Homeland Security last week announced "the first sustained civilian use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to curb illegal activities along Arizona's southern border."

DOD DICTIONARY OF MILITARY TERMS

The Pentagon has reissued its Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms, featuring over 700 pages of definitions updated through March 2004.

The Dictionary includes a limited amount of intelligence terminology, but no military slang. "Snafu" or "fubar" or similar indispensable words are not to be found.

See Joint Publication 1-02, Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms (1.8 MB PDF file):

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jpl_02.pdf

BILL WOULD PROHIBIT "EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION" BY CIA

One of the lacunae in the continuing debate over the proper boundaries of prisoner detention and interrogation is the role of intelligence agencies. Administration officials have mostly declined to address questions about whether such agencies are subject to the same standards and requirements as regular military interrogators.

In the face of official refusal to engage in debate on the subject, Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA) last week introduced a bill to prohibit the practice of "extraordinary rendition" by U.S. intelligence.

"Under the name 'extraordinary rendition', the CIA reportedly sends terrorism suspects, sometimes on the flimsiest of evidence, to foreign countries that are known to employ torture in prisoner interrogation," Rep. Markey said.

"This practice is against all U.S. and international law and is a moral outrage, and it must be stopped."

See his June 23 statement, with a link to the text of the bill, here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_cr/rendition.html

Human Rights First has prepared a new report citing known or suspected detention facilities around the world operated by the United States. See "Ending Secret Detentions," June 2004:

http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/us_law/PDF/EndingSecretDetentions_web.pdf

COURT BLASTS "FRIVOLOUS" WITHHOLDING OF INFO BY FBI, TSA

In a ruling that exemplifies how the Freedom of Information Act

is supposed to work, a federal judge found that government agencies had made "frivolous claims" that their information was exempt from disclosure.

Judge Charles R. Breyer of the northern district of California ruled two weeks ago that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Transportation Security Administration had improperly withheld information that had been requested under the FOIA regarding "no fly" lists that restrict airline travel by certain persons.

The lawsuit was brought by two such persons and the ACLU of Northern California.

In a finding of potentially broad policy significance, the judge ruled that the agencies had repeatedly and improperly categorized "innocuous" information as "sensitive security information" (SSI) that is statutorily exempt from FOIA.

Some of the information that the agencies tried to withhold "is by no means sensitive security information; rather, it is common sense and widely known. Defendants have offered no justification for withholding such innocuous information."

See Judge Breyer's June 15 ruling here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/gordon.pdf>

Although this case provides tangible evidence that government agencies are carelessly abusing their authority to withhold information as "sensitive security information," Congress is on the verge of expanding that authority to restrict even more information as SSI without providing any new checks or oversight.

Thus, a provision in a pending Senate transportation bill would expand the application of SSI controls to the entire transportation infrastructure and would override any state or local requirements to disclose information. The provision was first noted by the Society of Environmental Journalists (www.sej.org) in their Watchdog TipSheet.

See "Highway bill's secrecy rules spark public-safety debate" by James Bruggers, Louisville Courier-Journal, June 27:

<http://tinyurl.com/2k3wm>

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Discs and Triangles Sighted

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists. MARS - Water Signs Confirmed, Mars - Possible Domes, Shuttle Captures Video of Disc UFO Update, North Atlantic - Boomerang, Massachusetts - White Ovoid, New York - Light, Pennsylvania - Concave Metallic Disc, Ohio - Pulsing Object and Flying Triangle, Michigan - Reddish-Orange Lights, Kentucky - White Cylinder, Tennessee - Tri-Lobed Silver Object, Illinois - Disk, Missouri - Disk, Missouri - Disk, Louisiana - Metallic Sphere, Louisiana - Metallic Sphere, Texas - White-Green Disc, Arizona - Lights, California - UFO Picture, Oregon - Orbs, Washington -- UFO Filmed, Canada - Red Lights and Cylinder, Ireland - 'UFO' Is Spotted, England - Mysterious Airborne Ring, Portugal - Fires Missile At UFO, Australia - Bright Red Sphere, New Zealand - Meteor strike. and Saturn's Mystery Moon Shows Exposed Water Ice.

MARS - Water Signs Confirmed

NASA scientists are convinced that water once existed on the surface of Mars based on new discoveries from both NASA rovers. Spirit has discovered hematite, an iron mineral that is usually formed in water. It is abundant at Opportunity's site, but not seen before on the other side of the planet. Opportunity, meanwhile, has extended its evidence of water further back in time, through possible past cycles of wet and dry climate. The rover's missions have both entered new phases. Opportunity has descended more than five metres into Endurance crater, while Spirit has begun its reconnaissance at the base of Columbia hills. Scientists agree that where there is water there is also life.

Our photo interpretation of various images indicate that plant life now exists on the planet. Other rover images show symbols, letters, architectural remains and what appears to be fossils of animals and intelligent life forms. Almost every rock shows hundreds of holes indicating that small life forms are present that dig into the rocks.

Spirit's discovery of the first hematite seen at Gusev crater came from a peculiar rock dubbed "pot of gold". The fist-sized rock has strange round nodules that stick out on the end of stalks and also has very distinct planar layering. Despite detailed inspection with the microscopic imager, "we have not got this thing figured out yet," Squyres admitted at a press conference at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, in Pasadena, California on Friday. "I don't know how these things formed, and

it's driving me nuts!"

Mars - Possible Strange Domes Norman Bryden has sent MARS MGS
IMAGE OF POSSIBLE ACTIVE BIO-DOMES WITH LIFE *PIC* The white
flashes may indicate domes. Thanks to Norman Bryden Storm --
Sunday, 18 April 2004, 2:35 p.m. Thanks to Norman Bryden

Shuttle Atlantis Captures Video of Disc UFO - Update

On 7 October 2002, Shuttle Atlantis lifted off from Cape Canaveral at 2:46 PM CDT bound for a rendezvous and docking with the International Space Station. This flight saw the onboard ISS Expedition 5 Crew hand over the station to the fresh Expedition 6 Crew. Dr. Oren Swearingen, a skillful and dedicated colleague, recorded the entire flight from his home. For three months, it appeared that all had been normal during this mission. Neither the Doctor, nor Jeff Chandler noticed anything out of the ordinary after perusing all of our videotapes.

Dr. Swearingen was taking a second look, when his tape #12 revealed what seemed to be a disk shaped object retreating slowly behind the cradle of Atlantis' robot arm. The disk does not appear to be part of Atlantis, the ISS, nor anything normally seen. What made the object so easy to miss is the fact that it moves as slowly as the minute hand on a clock. In real time, the event takes a full 95 seconds to unfold. The anomaly disappears so slowly behind the arm cradle, that unless one is paying very careful attention, it would most likely go unnoticed.

This object has what appears to be structure, including a bump on the upperfacing surface resembling a cupola or dome. Shadowing on the object is consistent with shadows on Atlantis, and her robotic arm. Lighting on the anomalous object is in line with the Solar angle. It has none of the appearance of ice particles, or escaped debris. It does not tumble and is extremely stable throughout the entire time it is visible. This object made its debut on flight day 4, at approximately MET (Mission Elapsed Time) 003 days 03 hours 41 minutes, Orbit 51. At this time, the Shuttle/Station complex was sailing high over Nova Scotia at circa 5:00 PM (17:00) CDT. The event took place on 10 October 2002. The STS-112 "Disk Sequence" is the best, and is a most compelling, anomalous event. Hats off to Dr. Oren Swearingen of the great state of Texas, for his diligence, and persistence. Thank you Dr. Swearingen.

The black and white photos are part of the NASA video.

Jeff Challenger writes, "The above described event has been said to be an "Elbow" on the Canadarm II . This arm is the ISS counterpart to the arm aboard the Shuttle. It was said that the arm was returning to its cradle after providing camera views of that day's space walk (EVA). We dispute this claim. The time frame was well after the Astronauts were back safely inside Atlantis. It's possible that Dr. Swearingen was mistaken about the time in CDT. But his record of the MET is not. Let us assume that the time of the event was 7:27 PM CDT. The airlock hatch closed at 6:22 PM CDT. Therefore it seems unlikely that the arm was still in use this long after the Astronauts were safely back inside. I have downloaded a NASA photograph, FROM STS-112, of the robot arm in question. I have also added to this photo the image of the disk shaped object in question. I challenge anyone to match the object to ANY PART of the robot arm. Thanks to Jeff Challenger see video at: <http://projectprove.com/STS-112disk.php> GIF (C) 2003,

North Atlantic - Boomerang

350 NM EAST OF NORTHERN FLORIDA -- I was delivering a sailing yacht to Ft. Lauderdale, FL from Boston, via Bermuda, standing the twelve to four deck watch in October 1990. It was a beautiful night, very warm and clear at 1 AM, when the boomerang object flew directly over us as it's approach had been hidden by the very large mainsail of the Schooner. The object was huge, twice the size of Ursa Major, it glowed with a pale luminescent, gold or yellow, with a pale blue triangle at leading edge or apex of the arch, the sharp tips at the trailing edges, also, were blue. It was climbing and following an easterly course. It was totally silent, and left a wake of gold "glitter" behind. Soon it seemed to almost explode into several small bright

lights then recon dense into a very bright single light and disappear into space.

I saw the exact same thing three years later in 1993, and once again it seemed to be heading east to climb up over the Atlantic from the Southeast U.S. The second craft came from the SW horizon and I could see it's trajectory clearly and also it's very distinct shape and color. Both sightings occurred in the middle of the Bermuda Triangle, 30N 70W. Many mariners have seen these craft, but don't report them for fear of ridicule.

Whatever this vehicle is, whether extraterrestrial or government; it is astonishingly huge, incredibly fast and absolutely silent. The fact that I've seen it twice in a three year period makes me think that this is some kind of routine late night departure to some other planet. I watched the thing punch through the atmosphere twice with my own eyes. Cape Canaveral is located to the west of that position, but I seriously doubt we have anything this wild flying under the stars and stripes. I've always felt that if a UFO wanted to hideout where better but under the sea. Noah's flood has not yet receded: two thirds of the earth is still underwater. The southern edge of the Bermuda Triangle is where the Puerto Rico Trench is, the deepest water in the Atlantic hemisphere, 28,000 ft deep I believe. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research

Massachusetts - White Ovoid

NORWELL - The observer was watching a 747 aircraft at 6:35 PM, on June 20, 2004, when he glanced around he saw a white ovoid flying southeast about 30 degrees above the horizon. It was a round point of white about the size of Venus. Viewed through my 8x30 binoculars the object appeared to be ovoid in shape about twice as wide as it was high. I lost track of the object when I went inside to get a higher power pair of binoculars. I have a B.S. in natural resources, I live near a corridor for airliners flying North to Logan Airport and am familiar with aircraft. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

New York - Light

BUFFALO - The witness watched two objects fly from east to west much faster than the speed of jet aircraft on June 18, 2004. at 11:55 PM. I noticed a second object flying parallel with the first. I thought it odd that 2 satellites would fly in such proximity, when they moved farther apart, then closer together, then farther apart, then made a 45 degree turn to the south. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Pennsylvania - Concave Metallic Disc

PHILADELPHIA - Two friends both 18, were sitting outside on swinging seats facing each other talking on June 18, 2004, at 6:31 PM, when one shouted, "Look !" The friend turned to see a large flat disk that was silver bordered by black with a concave center. The object was silent and emitted no light. The object appeared to move effortlessly almost as if it was gliding on ice. The object wobbled slightly than immediately vanished. The whole incident only took place over the course of 25 seconds. We instantly went on the web to find out information with regard to where we could submit or file an incident report and found this site and here I am now. Several other witnesses reported seeing this disc. <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

RANSHAW -- A brightly lit sphere-shaped was seen traveling across the horizon at a high-rate of speed on June 17, 2004, at 10:30 PM. The object seemed to zigzag a bit, and appeared to be 'bouncing' here and there. The bright light it emitted never wavered and stayed constant twice as bright as a star. Two other craft were in the vicinity, one following it, while another was coming in from a side direction, almost as if to 'flank' the brightly lit UFO. The craft that was directly behind the UFO appeared to be a standard domestic aircraft. This craft continued following the UFO over the horizon. The 'flanking' craft was a bit more odd, only blinking a deep red light every second or so. This craft flew in from the UFO's side, getting somewhat close to it, but then changed course, and proceeded to fly at a slow rate in the opposite direction of the UFO, right over my house. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Ohio - Pulsing Object and Flying Triangle

LANCASTER - At 3 AM, on the morning of June 23, 2004, my girlfriend and I were heading up Route 33, three miles south of Lancaster. She was the first one to notice the object, then myself. It was just a speckle of light in the sky, starting off as a pinkish light then pulsing to red. The object would have appeared like a normal aircraft, except that this one slowed down to almost a stop then sped up again. We watched it for maybe 20-30 Seconds before it abruptly disappeared.

<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

EUCLID -- I am an intermediate astronomer. It was partly cloudy, so I went out to have a look at Jupiter (no telescope). On June 23, 2004. at 11:14 PM, I saw what I will call a circular white light, from arm's length about the size of a pea, appear from behind a cloud about 34 degrees above the horizon. It traveled in a straight line heading north for about 10 seconds then it simply disappeared. <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

WILLOUGHBY HILLS -- On June 18, 2004, a veteran law enforcement officer reports, "I was in the parking lot, and saw a jetliner cruising when I saw an object flying much higher and at incredible speed. After just a second or two, it got bigger and I realized it was getting closer. I saw an oddly shaped object that had no wings or tail flying at probably 10,000 feet. Photo courtesy of George Ritter in Fostoria, Ohio of similar object 50 miles away

Later, my wife and I were talking on the deck outside 20 miles east of Cleveland on Lake Erie and she told me she had seen a triangle shaped object hovering over a wooded area at 5:45 PM. She was driving east on I-90 near SR 91 when she saw the HUGE flying triangle hovering "about 100 feet above that tree." She said that the 'thing' made no sound and didn't even bounce. She had to stop looking because she might wreck her car. She said she saw it over a very thick wooded area and the object was a triangle with no wings, no tail, was dark grey with no lights. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>
Michigan - Reddish-Orange Lights

NAPOLEON - The observer took one minute of videotape of this object on June 22, 2004, at 10:13 PM, that consisted of two reddish-orange lights, one of which was pulsing slowly. Both lights maintained their position (one in front of the other) as they moved east to west. If these were somehow wingtip lights of a conventional craft, then this aircraft was flying sideways! No sound at all. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Kentucky - White Cylinder

OWENSBORO -- On Saturday afternoon, June 19th, 2004 at about 6:40 PM, a pilot for 20 years was walking his dog and looking for air traffic, but there was none. This was a little surprising because there is a VOR navigation beacon at our local airport where high altitude traffic makes a turn as evidenced by the turning of the contrails. The Sun was about 20 degrees above the horizon and to my back. The observer states, "I looked overhead and spotted a white cylindrical object headed southeast at a moderate speed." When first spotted it was about 1/2" long at arms' length and was like an airplane fuselage with no wings. The white object was flying horizontally with a dark band toward the rear and a possible appendage on the rear. It did not reflect the setting sun. There was no evidence of any type of conventional propulsion, nor were there FAA navigation lights or strobes visible. It did not deviate in altitude, speed, or heading as it went out of sight. Total sighting time was about two minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Tennessee - Tri-Lobed Silver Object

BLOUNTVILLE - MUFON's Kim Shaffer reports that a highly reliable and credible witness was traveling north on Interstate 81, on June 18, 2004, at 5:30 PM, when the radio faded out. He noticed a silver object coming parallel to 81 going north. It was traveling at around 75 mph, when it passed him and came across the highway and out of sight before he could stop. The

witness states, "I grabbed my camera and started taking pictures as I was driving and took several pictures. When I got home I down loaded them and found one frame out of 9 that had silver orb shaped objects that were connected." Thanks to State Director of MUFON for Tennessee [shaffer.nul](#)

Illinois - Disk

ELK GROVE - The observer was driving to work and saw a disk floating back and forth on June 18, 2004, at 11:30 AM. It was a saucer shaped object floating back and forth in the sky, that had a silver or gray color. He states, "I almost drove my car into the ditch before pulling over, and grabbed my camera and took a picture of the disk." You can tell the shape from the photo, its twelve hours later and I still have goose bumps." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Missouri - Disk

KANSAS CITY - A public employee was driving home from work early in the morning, when a silver object hovering and turning in a circular motion caught his attention at 7:15 PM, on June 19, 2004. He states, "As I drove closer I could see clearly it was saucer in shape, silver in color. It was about two hundred yards to the northwest and only 200 feet in altitude. I saw it for about two minutes, and than it just completely vanished with no trace!" Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Louisiana - Metallic Sphere

MANY -- Driving down Highway 171, North, a father and son saw an object that was very bright, at 5:20 PM, on June 18, 2004. It had a "tail" of smoke or steam, but not like a jet. It followed it like it was attached. The sphere appeared to be on fire and when the sun hit it, it was VERY bright, like metal. We watched it for several miles and then it disappeared behind the clouds traveling downward. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Texas - White-Green Disc

KINGWOOD - A white-green light hovering above the horizon was observed far away at 3:23 PM, on June 19, 2004. The object had a disc shape and moved slowly and then hovered, and finally in a burst of speed flew north. Two friend observed the disc. The witness stated, "I have never seen any flying object accelerate so perfectly and effortlessly." No sound was heard. "This object was definitely not civilian/military." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Arizona - Lights

PHOENIX -- Since April, my wife and I have seen white lights or orbs in the night sky. Appearing, hovering, moving and disappearing as if lighting up and fizzing out. All of this is on video. They show up right before your eyes coming from all directions. These lights show up at any time. I have video from 9 PM to 5 AM on almost any given night because our new puppy wakes me up each night. I take videos of brightly lit objects traveling across the sky. Another object looking exactly like the other one crossed its path. I started video taping and caught a triangular formation, but as they pass by the stars you can see through where you would expect to see a solid piece of the triangular shaped object. So that tells me they are not connected, but just in formation. A week later, I saw a white shaped object slowly moving east and took some photos. The object hovered and drifted southeast. Four hours later, we spotted two similar objects; one wobbled while the other was stationary. One was a bluish and the other one was reddish. Then a third white object came cruising below the other two heading east. It had several egg-shaped objects tied together and it was tumbling in all directions. Today June 27th, 2004, at 1:40 PM, another UFO flew over my house, so I grabbed the video camera and caught it on film. It was spinning and tumbling in all directions and the video reflects that. It was flying straight east and you can see that the object was moving up and down and side to side or just about any direction. Thanks to Brian Vike <http://www.hbccufo.com/>

BUCKEYE/GILA BEND -- While driving home with my wife on June 14,

2004, at 8:30 PM, we first saw 7 bright and rather large orange/red balls of light south of the Estrealla Mountains in the vicinity of Buckeye or Gila Bend. The objects were rather low in the sky, did not appear to be moving and slowly faded out. At one point it seemed as though there were more than 7 of them in a tight formation. Other people had pulled over to see them too. The lights seemed to be in the approach of Sky Harbor but none of the incoming aircraft seemed affected.

<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

California - UFO Picture

MODESTO -- R. David Anderson reports, "I took this picture on June 23, 2004, about 9:45 PM, using the slowest shutter speed (night setting) on my Nikon 4300 digital camera. I saw an object moving north and took this strange photo that has good resolution showing lots of details. The night before this flashes lit up the entire sky. The UFO is the large object in the photo that looks like two drums connected by some sort of arm. It is a time exposure between 9:30 and 10 PM. It was difficult to find it high in the sky in the camera's viewfinder, so I snapped four shots in the general direction and only one frame captured the UFO. Also, notice that a star is in the left side of the image in order to indicate some perspective of the shot. Thanks to R. David Anderson

Oregon - Orbs

GERBER RESERVOIR -- At 11 PM on June 16, 2004, two friends were sitting around a campfire and saw two pumpkin like orange orbs skimming about 5 mph over the trees. The orbs were parallel to one another. Suddenly one flew in a eastern direction while the other hovered. Moments later the other orb came back and they were sitting side by side. Then they started moving towards us and changed to red and flew directly over our campfire, rotated and became at least four times the size of my van. It changed to a large rectangle shape that had portholes with green, yellow, blue and red lights. And that was just the beginning of the show! Two hours later we were still watching lights through the trees. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Washington -- UFO Taped

MONTESANO - The observer noticed objects flying across the sky and ran inside to grab his camera on June 18, 2004. A video was taken at 5:04 PM, for 26 seconds of a cigar shaped white object with a Fuji 5000 Digital Camera. There may have been two white objects heading south. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

BREMERTON - Also, on June 18, 2004, a worker was on his way home on the boat playing his guitar and another guy interrupted him and pointed out Air Force #1 flying over. He states, "The president had visited Ft. Lewis and over Bremerton; so I saluted". An hour later, I saw a silver disk crossing over Bremerton at about 100 miles per hour. It was clear and visible and it flew over the water out to Port Orchard and kept going. I pointed it out to a guy just to see his reaction and he said, "Oh it's something the Navy Yard is doing for Surveillance," I know he's wrong." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Washington - Flying Triangle

SEATTLE (UNIVERSITY DISTRICT) - The observer saw a peculiar, lighted triangular craft streak over at 11:15 PM, on June 20, 2004. Peter Davenport spoke to the witness who claimed he had a dramatic sighting of a very anomalous looking object. It immediately captured his attention, not only because of its bizarre appearance, but because the object traversed an arc of 90 degrees of the night sky in two seconds. The flying triangle did not have the normal red and green navigation lights, required on conventional aircraft. The "edges" of the triangle appeared to be "dark," and the center portion appeared to be "empty," or more lightly colored than the periphery. The object was three-quarters the size of the Moon.. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Canada - Red Lights and Cylinder

WINDSOR - A pharmacy tech was star-gazing at 12:15 AM, on June 20, 2004, when four translucent balls of red light dashed across the sky from the south, stopped, then made right angled turns to the east. One witness states, "We were starrng in the section of the sky where the Northern Cross lies when all of a sudden four balls of red light dashed across the sky in front of us. I saw four lights, my boyfriend saw three -- the fourth was somewhat behind the others and farther up in the sky. The objects were spread across the sky, dashed in front of us, and then slowed down to a stop before they darted off. I started laughing when they came to a stop because all I could think of was "Oh my God, they are flying in "military V" formation!!"
<http://www.hbccufo.com/>

TORONTO, ONTARIO -- The witness was on the roof top garden of his condo on June 27, 2004, at 11:15 PM, looking for shooting stars when he caught a glimpse of a black/grey object in the night sky. It was difficult to see because it had no lights and there was no sound. It was heading south and looked like two airplane wings together without the body. Thanks to Brian Vike

VANCOUVER, B. C. - The witness was driving towards Vancouver Airport around 7:45 PM, on June 22, 2004, when he noticed a slow moving white cigarette-shaped object in the sky. He was on his cell phone talking to a friend and told him he was looking at a UFO. It floated around for about a minute, before it took off towards the west and then disappeared. He states, "I'm positive that this was NOT an airplane, an airplane made a lot of noise while the UFO was silent. This is the first time I've been 100% sure of what I saw. I get Goosebumps every time I tell people what I saw." <http://www.hbccufo.com/>

BRAMPTON, ONTARIO -- On June 26, 2004, at 10:50 PM, two objects were sighted that appeared to be burning up in the atmosphere that were most likely meteors. Another object was sighted traveling south which was orange/pinkish in color with contrails behind. A second smaller one appeared almost simultaneously as the first object disappeared and third object appeared as the second disappears. All have contrails. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research
<http://www.hbccufo.com/>

Ireland - 'UFO' Is Spotted

BELFAST -- Paul Dykes reports, "Two men working high up a radio mast in County Monaghan believe they have spied a top-secret inter-planetary craft flying over on June 26, 2004. Miles Johnston, of the Irish UFO Research Centre, and Dublin-based rigger Terry Malone claim the delta-winged craft traversed the sky at ultrasonic speed, taking just a few seconds to reach the horizon. "I am convinced it was a man-made advanced space craft - we had a good long look at it in a clear blue sky," Mr Johnston said. Mr Malone confirmed the object was "absolutely enormous". "It was huge, high, and traveling at some speed," he said. "I've seen B52s going over and you can hear them buzzing, but there was not a sound from this thing. And it was gone in an instant." newsdesk.nul

England - Mysterious Airborne Ring

NORTH YORKSHIRE -- On June 1, 2004, a group of office workers while on lunch hour witnessed a strange giant airborne smoke ring above their office 200 miles north of London. The ring exhibited no sound, produced no magnetic effects, and moved very slowly towards the west for about 20 minutes. The ring was black/dark grey in color and deformed. The sky was cloudy with a low cloud ceiling and light drizzle.

Investigator William Puckett reports, "I interviewed two of the witnesses several times via email and this sighting closely parallels other airborne ring shapes that have been sighted." In 1965, a UFO was photographed prior to the appearance of the ring in the Heflin photos. In a Salt Lake City - March, 2001 case, a bright flash was seen prior to the appearance of the smoke ring. The rings have all been of a dark smoky appearance that suggests a combustion process in the air. In the case of the North Yorkshire sighting the witnesses clearly stated that no industry was located in the vicinity of the smoke ring. Where else could it have come from? The witnesses did not see a UFO or any flashes. A few regular aircraft were in the area at

the time. Conventional aircraft don't leave rings of smoke. The fact that the ring maintained its shape for 20 minutes is also mysterious. Normally smoke and dust particles will disperse in the atmosphere rather than drift without mixing with the surrounding air. Thanks to William Puckett - UFOs Northwest).

Portugal - Fires Missile At UFO

The Portuguese military fired a ground-to-air missile at the luminous UFO that passed over their country during the early morning hours of Monday, June 7, 2004. Portuguese ufologist Gregorio Sao Xavier reported that "the cigar-shaped UFO was tracked on radar. It moved in a south-to-north direction. It was reported in the Portuguese newspapers that 'a target on radar' was found at three separate military bases." These included "Beja, south of Evora and north of the Algarve region; Montijo, near Lisboa; and Oporto, the second largest city in Portugal. The news was released by a colonel in the Portuguese Army." "That same day, only one report came from a civilian identifying the trajectory of the unknown object as coming from north to south, and a cigar form was described."

"Some days later, it was reported on Spanish and German TV that an official of the Portuguese Army confirmed that a missile had been launched. What most people saw " was trailing smoke from the missile launched at the UFO. "Visual contact with the object was made at the base in Beja," Gregorio added, "A week later, the photo of a cigar-shaped object appeared in a popular (Portuguese) magazine. And a few days later, the military officials charged with the investigation of the incident closed the case, calling it an 'unknown object.'"

One of the most curious aspects of this case was the multiple sightings of a radar-domed AWACS plane, provided by NATO, which was seen flying offshore, just west of Cabo de Sines, 120 kilometers south of Lisboa. (Muito obrigado a Gregorio Sao Xavier por esas informacoes.) Thanks to UFO Roundup.Vol. 9, #26 June 30, 2004, Editor: Joseph Trainor Website:
<http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

Australia - Bright Red Sphere

GUMERACHA - A few minutes before midnight, while driving in rain down a long hill, the witness noticed an extremely bright red light with an aura or haze which was emphasized by the rain on June 20, 2004. The light was in the southern sky either hovering or coming directly at him. Behind the light were the much dimmer lights of a township which helped to show the brightness of the light. The sphere remained in the same location for the two minute decent down the hill, where the driver performed a u-turn and drove to the top of the hill again. By then there was no trace or sounds from the red sphere. Thanks to Peter Davenport
<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

New Zealand - Meteor strike.

SOUTH ISLAND - A radio station reports numerous reports of a bright light streaking across the sky around 9.30 on Saturday night. [June 26]. Port FM announcer James Valentine says he has taken dozens of calls describing the dramatic end of a meteor strike in the Mackenzie Country. He says it exploded before it hit the ground, and flames and debris were seen in the sky. James Valentine says a consensus is building around the idea the meteor crashed to earth somewhere near Twizel. Copyright 2003 Newstalk ZB News. All copyright in this bulletin remains the property of The Radio Network Limited. Terms and Conditions.

Saturn's Mystery Moon Shows Exposed Water Ice

Cassini imaging data obtained during the spacecraft's close flyby of the Saturnian moon Phoebe on June 11, 2004, indicates there are probably large areas of exposed water ice. Phoebe has puzzled astronomers for more than a century because of its dark surface and retrograde orbit. Despite Phoebe's bumpy, irregular topography, the moon has a fairly round shape. The Cassini spacecraft flew within 1,250 miles of the 133-mile-diameter Phoebe and mission scientists are now concluding that Phoebe is likely a primordial mixture of ice, rock and carbon-containing compounds similar to material seen on Pluto and Neptune's moon Triton. Image Credit: NASA/JPL/Space Science Institute

Water ice is a telltale sign that Phoebe originated somewhere in the solar system beyond the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter; and was formed somewhere in the outer solar system. A deep carbonaceous and rock-rich surface plus carbon dioxide and a simple hydrocarbon have been detected on Phoebe.

Cassini launched in 1997, will go into orbit around Saturn, on June 30 (today) at 10:30 p.m. EDT and spend four years searching for life. What might be some type of space ships have been seen by astronomers in the rings of Saturn.

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 09:26:10 -0400
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>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO Updates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 08:10:26 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>Hopefully the members of the "American Psychological Society,"
>i.e., the readers of the "The Journal Psychological Science"
>will note that any conclusion(s) of Dr. McNally's study is
>flawed, because the components of the experiment are flawed. He
>has separated "PTSD victims" from "abductee victims" without
>merit, and I propose, scientifically speaking, that until he can
>prove that the events described by an "abductee victim" have not
>occurred, then his protocol is flawed, therefore; any
>conclusions based on this study would have to be re-evaluated.

If you read the paper carefully you will see the main concern of McNally et. al. is to investigate the controversy concerning recovered memories of trauma. One of the main problems with this is that some people argue that the fact that people recalling traumatic experiences show strong psychophysiological responses indicates that their stories must be literally true.

McNally notes, though, " ... we found that adults reporting recovered memories of childhood sexual abuse were more likely to exhibit false recognition of nonpresented words than were adults who reported always remembering their abuse. A subsequent study revealed similar false memory effects in people reporting recovered memories of abduction."

In other words, the problem is in attempting to distinguish recall of subjective experiences from recall of real events. McNally et. al. attempt to do this by comparing the details of the abductees' reactions with those of their control group, and also with their records of studies of people with PTSD (although it is not made clear here whether such people who presumably claimed to have had "plausible" experiences actually had them verified).

In a footnote, it says that "For the abductees, the abduction and stressful scripts were physiologically indistinguishable ... In contrast, participants with PTSD usually exhibit greater responses to trauma than to other stressful scripts." Very interesting,

Although this paper by McNally et. al. is short, it is certainly not simple. Those who are keen to pronounce instant judgement on it should realise that it is obviously not intended to be the last word on the subject. Obviously the questions of the reliability of memory, how to distinguish true from false memories, and how false memories are generated, are very important, and no doubt there will be much more published on this topic.

John Harney

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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 09:29:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 10:58:24 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciifo.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 26 Jun 2004 20:28:37 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 26 Jun 2004 05:20:54 -0700
>>>Subject: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

><snip>

>>>http://my.webmd.com/content/article/89/100279.htm?z=1728_00000_1000_nb_04

><snip>

>>>June 25, 2004 -- Recalling a traumatic memory may provoke severe
>>>distress in people, even if the memory may be a product of their
>>>own imagination, according to a new study.

>>>The study showed that people who claim to have been abducted by
>>>aliens show the same signs of distress, such as increased heart
>>>rate, sweating, and muscle tension, shown by people recalling
>>>more plausible traumatic events, such as wartime experiences.

>>More plausible? Sounds like you had your minds made up before
>>the "study".

><snip>

>>>The study also showed that people who said they were abducted by
>>>aliens also scored higher on measures of psychological traits
>>>that make them more likely to experience alterations in
>>>consciousness, to have a rich fantasy life, and to endorse
>>>unconventional beliefs.

>Whoa! Wait a minute! Let's turn this intellectually auto-erotic
>Harvard psychological 'horse-of-a-declaration' around for a
>minute and have a look at its posterior end:

>As an intellectual exercise, let's postulate for a moment that
>abductions really happen to some people. That given, isn't it
>somewhat reasonable to suspect that most persons whisked into a
>strange aerial vehicle (that came out of the sky) by only quasi-
>human-looking bipedal beings and put through some of the things
>rumored to happen to 'abductees' might as a result become
>somewhat more inclined, "...to have a rich fantasy life, and to
>endorse unconventional beliefs...", and maybe, in some cases,
>even occasionally be more inclined to experience "...alterations
>in consciousness..." than the average person?

Ray and Listers,

The fundamental problem here is how are we, or anybody else,

capable or even qualified to determine what a fantasy life is? Would it be fantasy in its literal sense, or real/normal experiences deemed fantasy by those who would prefer to believe, or preach, that it is only the imagination of those who claim to be abductees? Is this not a paradox we should all be concerned about? If a rich fantasy life affects the average abductee with the latter definition, would it not be confused by those who think in terms of the former, and therefore, thrown in the realm of imagination?

As for unconventional beliefs, what would the definition of 'unconventional' be, and would that definition tend to be an acceptable or unacceptable reflection of what the mainstream psychological community promotes as, let's say, normal.

If an abductee is more inclined to experience "...alterations in consciousness..." than the average person, just exactly what would the mainstream psychological community define as such? Would it, as well as, a rich fantasy life and unconventional beliefs then be acceptable or unacceptable when evaluating a persons frame of mind?

K.F.

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From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy.nul>
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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 09:21:54 -0400
>Subject: Re: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

>>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 21:14:55 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 10:15:28 -0500
>>>Subject: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

>>>From "The Bleat," date and author unknown.....

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>>>Happy Screeedy Thursday to you all. It's been a great day, busy,
>>>filled with nifty heartwarming domestic moments and odd non-
>>>polarizing revelations... all of which will have to wait for
>>>tomorrow. I have a craw full today, I do. Let me vent before I
>>>sleep. Happy fun-ball thoughts tomorrow. Now: le bile.

>>>Patrick Stewart jumped the shark. Snagged his foot caught in the
>>>beast's mouth on the way over, too.

>>>Actor Patrick Stewart - better known as Capt. Jean-Luc Picard of
>>>"Star Trek: The Next Generation" - says he thinks humans have no
>>>business traveling in space.

>>><snip>

>>Being of bald pate, and with a corrugated head, not unlike the
>>Klingon captian in, I believe, Star Trek 6 - I can't quote

>>Stewart hasn't the foggiest idea, he may be the one who inspires
>>someone to: "go where no one has gone before." I hope and pray
>>he lives to see 90 something, a 45-year-old bald-headed,
>>commander on Mars, at lift off to return to Earth, say the
>>word: "Engage!"

>I think that Patrick Stewart's stance is reasonable, given the
>fact that he's only an actor performing a role that someone else
>has defined and written. "X-Files" series Creator/Producer
>Chris Carter has expressed a complete lack of belief in the
>paranormal, but that didn't stop him from using the field to
>produce a series that lasted nine years.

>IMO, Mankind should continue its quest for knowledge by
>travelling to the planets, stars and beyond. But I also know
>many people who would rather we solve problems on Earth before
>spending the vast sums needed. It's really a mistake to think
>that the predominate view on this "list" with regard to space
>travel is really shared by all.

Hello Steven,

We will never get close to solving all our problems unless we find out who we are and where we are going. Much of our modern world was created by the exploration of space. Now thank God (and Hienlien) private ah, enterprise is finally starting. If human creativity is an example, we may not have to wait until Patrick Stewart's 90th to see humans on Mars.

Russia is a good example of determination. While they are "behind" in some areas their stuff works. Cheaper. Spacemen at their Trade. I didn't expect -everyone- to agree. It's just that I believe we are at a crossroad. It is up to us to make that decision to leave the front porch. Another thing - we may have an incentive from an unexpected source to: "Light the candle."

GT McCoy

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The News - Durban, South Africa

July 1, 2004

UFO Over Durban Captured On Video
By Ayanda Mhlongo

"The light was so bright, at first I thought it was a police helicopter searching for criminals. But when I could not hear the sound of the rotor blades, I decided to draw the curtains and check what it was."

Roshnie Naidu, of Phoenix, could not believe her eyes when she saw a huge, pulsating, colourful light in the sky. "It looked like a massive ball of light, much brighter than the sun, with blue and purple colours filtering through. My eyes were glued to it for almost 10 minutes, it was unbelievable. I had never seen anything like it before," she said.

Naidu told the Daily News she woke up just before 4am on Sunday.

She was watching TV when she noticed a bright light flashing through her curtains. She did not take any notice of it at first, but the light continued to shine in her face.

According to Naidu, when she drew the curtains she could not believe what she was seeing. "I still cannot explain to people who did not see the object what it was.

"After a couple of seconds, the object would change shape from being circular to oval."

She rushed to her daughter's bedroom to wake her up, but she refused to get up.

"When I tried to wake up my husband he told me that I was seeing things and sent me away.

"But I persisted and pulled him out of bed and opened our bedroom curtains."

Naidu's husband, Shrirama, said he wiped his eyes a couple of times because he could not believe what he was seeing. "I immediately told my wife to call our neighbours and alert them to what was happening."

Shrirama managed to capture video footage of the unidentified object that was in the sky.

According to the Naidus, the object was in the sky for about three hours. It disappeared as the sun came up and it became lighter.

The Naidus said they had no idea what the object was and would like someone to explain it to them. "We are hoping that someone will be able to view the footage that we have captured and explain the fireball to us," they said.

Weather forecaster Ntobeko Nkangana said no objects were picked up in the sky on Sunday morning.

Nkangana said weather balloons are released only at midnight and midday. "The weather balloons remain in the sky for a maximum of two hours."

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Mini-Men And Uncle Sam

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Mini-Men And Uncle Sam

Friends, Forteans, Listmates!

A neighbor of mine in Garden City South, Long Island has a 10- or 12-inch-high wooden lawn ornament of Uncle Sam carrying an American flag that often startles me for a moment as I walk past the house. It looks just like a tiny little man, less than a foot tall, walking across the lawn!

My neighbor's Uncle Sam ornament reminds me of one of the most curious of all Fortean anomalies: reported encounters with bizarrely tiny humanoids, 8 to 18 inches tall. Such "mini-men" were seen in Farmersville, Texas (1913), Canby, Oregon (1950), Ibague, Colombia (1973), and Dunn, North Carolina (1976).

Three farm boys saw a nude, rubbery-looking "little man" in May 1913 near Farmersville, Texas. The incident was only publicized, however, in 1978, when the witness was a grandfather. In 1913, he was twelve years old, chopping cotton with his two brothers on the family farm. Hearing their dogs howling, they found a little man only 18 inches tall. He wore no clothes except a "little round hat" resembling a Mexican hat that seemed "built onto him." His arms hung down just beside him. Everything "looked like a rubber suit including the hat," The boys' dogs jumped on the little man and tore him to pieces, and he seemed to have human internal organs. Next day when the boys visited the spot where the bloody remains had lain, there was no trace of them. (1)

Kenneth Arnold, the pilot who saw the original "flying saucers" near Mount Rainier in June 1947, began investigating UFO's and other Fortean mysteries in his spare time. In April 1950, Arnold interviewed a Canby, Oregon woman about her "little man" sighting, repeating her story years later in a lecture on "How It All Began." University of Oregon graduate Ellen Jonerson, "a very intelligent person," saw a dark-skinned, 9- to 12-inch-tall "little man" wearing "a little romper and a sort of plaid shirt" walk with a "waddling" motion across her breezeway, pass under the running board of a car, and disappear. (2)

Four boys saw four tiny entities 8 inches tall on August 10, 1973 near Ibague, Colombia. The boys were searching for botanical specimens in a muddy riverbed, when they saw four small beings standing under a stone footbridge, apparently looking for something in the mud. They were dressed in white, with tiny gray caps on their heads. As the boys walked towards them, the little beings disappeared "as though by magic." The boys searched the area and found tiny footprints. I can't help but note the odd coincidence of four boys searching for botanical specimens seeing four "mini-men" also seemingly

searching for something! (3)

The best-known modern "mini-man" was probably the "Coke bottle man" seen near Dunn, North Carolina in October 1976 by an 8-year-old boy and a 20-year-old woman. Little Tonnie Barefoot was playing in a cornfield near his home on October 12, when he saw a little man "not much bigger than a Coke bottle," wearing a black "German-type hat," a white tie, a blue top and trousers, and black boots. He reached for something in his pocket, froze, squeaked like a mouse, and ran off through the cornstalks, leaving behind footprints 2 1/4 long by 1 inch wide with bootmarks. Shirley Ann McCrimmon, coming home from a party just before daybreak on October 25, saw a little man with light-brown skin, wearing boots and a thin garment. He shone a tiny bright yellow light in her eyes, and ran away when she screamed. Dogs also barked at him. Footprints were again found, in hard ground, but none in the soft ground where he had stood, and in the cornfield the footprints ended abruptly. Interestingly, the Cherokee of the western Carolinas had legends of a race of little people called the Tsundige'wi "with very queer shaped bodies, hardly tall enough to reach up to a man's knee." However, the 1976 Dunn mini-men were of perfectly normal human appearance other than their diminutive size, in contrast to the "very queer shaped bodies" of the Tsundige'wi. (4)

As to what these mini-men could "really" be, I have no idea! They are, I think, an excellent example of what Fortean researcher Jerome Clark calls "experience anomalies"--experiences that are certainly possible for human beings to have, but of whose causes, mechanism, or dynamics we have at present not the slightest idea.

Best regards,

T. Peter

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 12:56:08 -0400
Subject: UFOparanormal.com Updated - 06-30-04

The latest in a series of new UK web sites is now on-line,
ufoparanormal.com. The first issue is free and can be viewed at:

<http://www.ufoparanormal.com>

It is expected that subsequent issues will require on-line
payment.

Joe

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Tunguska Meteor Impact Anniversary

From: Louise Lowry <SHnsASSY1.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 13:02:00 -0400
Subject: Tunguska Meteor Impact Anniversary

Source: World Of The Strange

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Tunguska Meteor Impact Anniversary - June 30th 1908

A mysterious explosion rocked the Jenissei portion of the Siberian forest. People living in the area observed a huge fireball that rose up high in the sky. Russian scientist Kazantsev researched what he described as the Tunguska blast, going so far as trailblazing through the area in search of an impact crater that was never found. Trees in the area, though, were knocked to the ground from an epicenter which, unlike normal blasts, was more elliptical than spherical, following the original object's trajectory. The witnesses who observed the fireball later succumbed to a deadly sickness very much resembling radiation poisoning.

Many theories have been suggested as to what caused the blast.

Most prevalent among those have been microscopic black hole impact with the Earth, collision with a comet and a nuclear powered extraterrestrial vehicle losing control and crashing.

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Jun. 30, 1908 Podkamennaia Toungouska (USSR). Unexplained explosion in the taiga, equivalent to a thermonuclear blast, sometimes interpreted as the crash of an inter-stellar vehicle. (Anatomy 18; Challenge 99)

Web Link:<http://www.cseti.org/crashes/082.htm> At 7.00am on 30th June 1908 near the lower Tunguska River, Siberia, a large explosion occurred. The explosion was so massive that it caused damage 400 miles away, and was heard even further. Even the heat that came out from the explosion was felt hundreds of miles away.

For several nights all over northern Europe, the sky glowed enough to light the street of London. At first it was assumed that a massive meteorite had collided with the earth.

Given the remoteness of the area it was not until 1927 that an expedition was mounted to investigate the crash area. The expedition could not locate any bits of meteorite which puzzled them due the size that the meteorite would have to have been to create such a large explosion.

Another puzzle for the expedition was the way the trees were felled in an outward motion and that in the centre an area of trees were still standing, although all their bark and branches have been destroyed.

After the Second World War and the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, photos of the cities were compared with aerial photos of the Tunguska blast, and they were stunning similar.

As a result of this various scientists speculated that a nuclear explosion had taken place over the area, hence explaining the tree formation, and because no nation possessed nuclear device the logical conclusion was that it was from an exploding alien nuclear powered craft.

Other theories started to be banded around ranging from pinpoint black holes, and antimatter particles.

Many of the witnesses to the original crash spoke of seeing and oval-shaped mass moving across the sky, as well as seeing the object change course, and of having a very low speed.

Most people today believe that what hit Tunguska was simply a meteorite, but the alien craft theory still has a lot of credibility. As with most of these cases that occurred long ago, we shall probably never know for sure.

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UFO Over Punta Arenas Chile

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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 13:06:25 -0400
Subject: UFO Over Punta Arenas Chile

Source: Planeta UFO
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CHILE: UFO SEEN OVER PUNTA ARENAS

The Office of Aeronautics Claims Having No Indication That The Light Was an Airplane or Helicopter

PUNTA ARENAS, June 29, 2004 -- A strange luminous object was seen in the skies of the capital city of Chile's 12th Region, Punta Arenas. According to eyewitnesses, the Unidentified Flying Object frequented the skies of the city for five days, being seen in varios locations.

Radio Polar, the local radio station, had its telephone switchboard collapse due to the volume of calls received from witnesses to the phenomenon.

The Office of Aeronautics reported that it lacked official records on the strange luminous bolide, making it clear that it was neither an airplane nor a helicopter. They did not, however, confirm that it was a UFO.

Alfredo Vera, correspondent for Radio Polar, managed to take photos of the object from the So=Fladores lookout over the city, where a large number of people had gathered to watch the strange object and its irregular movements, which were foreign to those of any known object.

It should be noted that the Magallanes Region and the city of Punta Arenas have been the site of important UFO-related events, the most significant being the one of June 1968, when two pilots of Aerolineas Argentinas witnessed a "flying saucer" over Punta Arenas. According to the pilots and 18 passengers aboard the plane, the object had the characteristics of a shiny red cylinder that moved swiftly, like nothing seen before. Likewise, incredible film footage was obtained in 2003 showing 3 UFOs separating and joining near a Chilean military base. This video was made known by AION's correspondent in the 12th Region, Carlos Munoz.

This sighting in Chile's southern regions can be added to others reported in the country in recent days, such as the one over the cities of Lanco and Petrohue on June 15, and the incredible Ovalle sighting on the 19th of this month.

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Chile's CEFAA Studies UFO Sightings

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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 13:10:46 -0400
Subject: Chile's CEFAA Studies UFO Sightings

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Source: La Estrella de Iquique (Chile)
Date: June 30, 2004

Chile: CEFAA Records 15 UFO Sightings

The Committee for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena (CEFAA, in Spanish) studies the experiences posed by civilian and military pilots. While they may not say so openly, perhaps so as not to create expectations or cause false alarms among the citizenry, the military authorities are disquieted by the subject. The fact is that the sightings recorded in the nation's skies, and particularly the Corporal Valdes case of 1977, are food for thought. For this reason, The General Office of Civilian Aeronautics created CEFAA, which is a dependency of the Technical Aeronautics School, directed by Hernan Henriquez Cobaise, acting as president, a secretary who is an air traffic controller, a public relations agent, a geophysicist, a computer consultant - all of whom are members of the DGAC and having responsibilities in other departments of the institution, and an external psychiatric advisor. The purpose of this committee is to compile, study, analyze and classify all information pertaining to the subject in order to determine - based on a serious and objective analysis - if the safety of aerial operations in the country has been jeopardized, and to further create a database that enables a characterization of the phenomena studied. It analyzes the elements obtained thus, as well as the tasks performed; it coordinates activities with external and internal advisors and - if no complementary information is available - performs a final evaluation of the report.

Subsequently, film or photo evidence, whenever available, is forwarded to external consulting agencies such as USACH (Universidad Austral de Chile)'s School of Technology for a final computer analysis. "It was necessary to become involved in the subject to have as earnest a study as possible and offer explanations for the sightings," says Henriquez. His agency must study aerial phenomena reported by aircrews or aeronautical personnel in order to ascertain the degree to which these phenomena can affect navigation. "We are not focused on any study that departs from this mission."

Sightings

Since 1997 to date, there have been 15 anomalous phenomena recorded, which could be natural phenomena that produce a light or interference that can affect an aircraft's flight path. The cases recorded by CEFAA correspond to sightings. "Pilots who have seen UFOs making sudden movements, violent position changes and even approaches to the aircraft and lights of different kinds." There are pilots who have seen objects very close to them, but have been unable to define them in detail, only as general shapes. "These are close-up sightings that can even be worrisome, but whose true distance we have been unable to

calculate."

All pilots are able to see clearly a distance of two miles - in other words, to distinguish the type of aircraft and its colors. "We have details that have created great doubt. For example, they say three lights turning on and off, or were constant, but when we ask for details, we never seem to get any."

Formation

CEFAA's president points out that there are currently many phenomena which lack an explanation given our poor understanding of them, and which in the long run [causes people to say] an alien spacecraft was involved. "But this is not the case, because many observations identified as UFOs have been aerostats, sightings of stars or planets, and which have a logical explanation. There are, however, cases that have no explanation and are curious, but that is not going to make say outright that it was an alien spaceship." The air expert adds that this does not mean that life on other planets doesn't exist, but that there still isn't enough proof to ratify it.

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UFOs Reported in Llay-Llay Chile

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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 13:16:17 -0400
Subject: UFOs Reported in Llay-Llay Chile

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Source: La Cuarta (Santiago de Chile)
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2004

Chile: UFOS Reported in Llay-Llay

The Center for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena (CEFAA) of the General Office of Civil Aeronautics (DGAC) shall study the strange aerial phenomenon reported at 7:20 a.m.

Several UFOs flew and executed pirouettes before daybreak yesterday some 60 kilometers northeast of Santiago, in the vicinity of Llay-Lkay and Las Chilcas, where they were photographed by Juan Serey, 37, who was driving a pickup truck toward the capital.

The witness told La Cuarta that he has spent 9 years driving the same route from the north along the highway on a weekly basis, and had never seen anything like this.

"It was incredible. I was driving southward when I suddenly noticed several powerful lights moving swiftly and hanging in the sky. It was spectacular," remarked the mechanical engineer. The phenomenon lasted approximately 10 minutes, which gave him enough time to whip out his Sony Cybershot 3.2 megapixel camera, using it to take several photos which are published in La Cuarta today.

"The lights were suspended some 50 meters over the mountaintop. A large light opened up and seven or ten would gather. They adopted various shape, fell out of order, would rearrange themselves together and then one of them took off skyward at a prodigious speed, zigzagging as it went, vanishing in a matter of seconds," said Juan, who shall be submitting the photos shortly to persons who study the subject.

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More UFOs Over Punta Arenas Chile

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Subject: More UFOs Over Punta Arenas Chile

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SOURCE: Planeta UFO
DATE: June 30, 2004

CHILE: More UFOs Over Punta Arenas

Drivers halted their vehicles to get a better look at the phenomenon

Strange object paralyzed residents of Punta Arenas

The object was seen at first light at Tres Puentes, to the north of the city

A colored sphere crossed the southern skies. Experts say it could be a planet or optical illusion

A luminous sphere sailed slowly across the skies over Punta Arenas as it changed colors, bringing the capital city of the 12th Region to a standstill. Many drivers pulled over their vehicles to observe the strange phenomenon, resulting in traffic jams and causing people to be late to work. Others chose to climb nearby hills to get a better view.

Local radio station "Radio Polar" began getting calls from its listeners at around 6 a.m., reporting the strange unidentified object. Some even said the object had been visible for five days in a row. "A gentleman phoned in from Tres Puentes, in the north, saying that there was a light that shone intensely. This was the first call at around 6:30 a.m.. Then people kept calling," says Claudio Vidal. "People spent a long time watching the phenomenon. Folks working at the fisheries phoned in, and since they usually get home before dawn, they said that the light has been seen over that same area for five days straight," Vidal added.

"It's highly unusual," remarks Alfredo Vera, Radio Polar's announcer. Vera was given the task of following the object and reported his experiences in three morning dispatches. He also managed to photograph the sphere from the So=Fladores Lookout, where a large contingent of earlybirds had gathered to discuss the sighting. "The were startled, because the luminosity was quite intense and the object moved slowly. They said that it couldn't be something like Jupiter, which could be the nearest thing to it," says Vera. The journalist added: "It didn't scare me, but I did get goosebumps, because it was very weird."

In order to worsen his doubts, the initial photos taken did not come out. "Out of 14 I managed to recover 4. It's remarkable that when I focus on the object, I see an image that resembles a chewing gum from a Christmas Tree, but then it fades and is replaced by a point of light. The photo shows a burning ball, something red, green, blue, " he explained.

Despite the sensation caused by this sighting, experts from the General Office of Civilian Aeronautics (DGAC) say it could be "a star or an optical phenomenon created by light refraction."

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Home Video Captures Strange Light in Penalolen

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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 13:23:36 -0400
Subject: Home Video Captures Strange Light in Penalolen

Source: Las Ultimas Noticias
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2004

Chile: Home Video Captures Strange Light In Penalolen

Residents of Pe=Flalol=E9n also heard about strang flying objects yesterday. At first light, ChileVision Noticias presented a home video recorded Monday afternoon, showing an odd light glowing through the fog as it changed shapes. Ufologist Alberto Urquiza was one of the first to analyze the images.

"To my understanding, based on a preliminary analysis, it appears to be the sun reflecting on a piece of glass, a glass roof or a sunscreen."

In any event, the researcher said: "I am heading to the area to speak to witnesses and to make recordings by daylight, without the fog. Then we will be able to establish what was causing the reflection."

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Miller

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Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 13:31:28 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Miller

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 14:24:47 EDT
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Teri Hayes <truthspupl.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 14:35:08 -0700
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 27 Jun 2004 23:11:43 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sat, 26 Jun 2004 20:42:10 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

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>You would do well to pay close attention to what Dick
>Hall tells you, he is a respected leader and pioneer in the UFO
>field, a true expert who knows a lot about the subject that you
>would do well not to remain "ignorant" of. He has nearly 50
>years of experience in the field, trained in scientific
>methodology and philosophy, and is not some johnny-come-lately
>to be casually disregarded or frivolously disrespected.

Brad

You and Dick Hall ought to give it a rest.

Patronising posts like the above, do nothing for the rest of us.
The two of you come over as a couple of grumpy oldsters who
stamp on anybody who either wants to have fun or who doesn't
always follow the profoundly discredited "scientific method". So
much so for doing things your way. It's got us exactly where?

Stuart Miller

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 11:48:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 13:33:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 08:10:26 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

<snip>

>Hopefully the members of the "American Psychological Society,"
>i.e., the readers of the "The Journal Psychological Science"
>will note that any conclusion(s) of Dr. McNally's study is
>flawed, because the components of the experiment are flawed. He
>has separated "PTSD victims" from "abductee victims" without
>merit, and I propose, scientifically speaking, that until he can
>prove that the events described by an "abductee victim" have not
>occurred, then his protocol is flawed, therefore; any
>conclusions based on this study would have to be re-evaluated.

Science is not built on theories developed from proving the
negative, so psychologists (scientifically speaking) would never
have to prove that something didn't occur. Those making claims
that something did occur would have to provide the evidence to
support the claim, and if that evidence is solely anecdotal,
then that's the only foundation it has to go on.

I'm not trying to be harsh, but let's not simply throw out the
scientific process, or try to redefine it to meet our needs. I
have personal friends who are "abductees" and certain have
involvement with numerous researchers involved in that end of
the field, and IMO any Journal article that examines the field
is a good thing. We may not agree with it, but it lends
credibility to the validity of the topic under discussion.

>He, like his colleagues, as you have pointed out are biased,
>which of course is fine, when reading a journal, however;
>allowing bias into a study or an experiment certainly negates
>the "science" from it.

Again, IMO not "Science" as it is popularly defined.

Steve

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Reporting On The Mexican Military

From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 09:05:27 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 13:42:04 -0400
Subject: Reporting On The Mexican Military

Hello all,

I hope you'll find interesting this information.

Best regards,

Capt. Alejandro Franz
director.nul

Reporting On The Mexican Military

By Kate Doyle, Americas Program 10/5/04
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<http://www.ocnus.net/cgi-bin/exec/view.cgi?archive=3D45&num=3D11847>

Trying to report intelligently on the Mexican military is like trying to see in the dark=97it=92s all shadowy outlines and no details. The army is famously secretive, opaque, and hostile to public scrutiny. Just ask the people who write about it.

"The army has never provided information to outsiders on its own initiative," explains Raul Ben=EDtez Manuat, a scholar for the Center for Research on North America at UNAM and visiting professor at the National Defense University in Washington, who has written extensively about the Mexican armed forces. "Its policy is to have no contact with the press or academia."

James Smith, former correspondent in Mexico for the Los Angeles Times, now foreign editor of the Boston Globe, laughs when he recalls that even officials in the Secretariat of Defense (SEDENA) press office refused to give their names when they spoke to him.

Another Mexico correspondent for a major U.S. newspaper has equally frustrating tales to tell: "We have never gotten any useful information out of our contacts with the military."

The correspondent describes spending months faxing and calling SEDENA in an effort to get Secretary of Defense Ricardo Vega Garc=EDa to sit down for a personal interview. After months of silence, General Vega suddenly agreed to meet. When he was introduced to the reporter, Vega told him stonily:

"The only reason I am talking to you is that my President ordered me to do so."

Remarkably, Vicente Fox=92s presidency appears to have had little direct effect on the Mexican armed forces. While other aspects of Mexican society and government became subject to fierce public debate in the wake of the political transition, the military remained apart, silent and unengaged.

"Outdated" military equipment.

The report notes that Mexico lacks modern equipment and parts and would be unable to integrate sophisticated weaponry:

Although Mexico is economically well developed by Third World standards, it retains much outdated and heterogeneous military equipment. Commanders from all services frequently complain of spare-parts shortages, under-qualified maintenance technicians, and lack of quality equipment.

Based on the poor condition of current Mexican weapons and equipment, it can be concluded that competent employment of any newly acquired sophisticated equipment would be highly unlikely the Mexican military does not have a budget of sufficient size or adequate training and logistical support structures required. Although improving, this problem is not expected to be remedied in the near future.

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Source: <http://www.ciponline.org/facts/mx99.htm>

The effectiveness of these equipment transfers has been seriously questioned due to the condition in which items were transferred, the equipment's usefulness to the Mexican government's counternarcotics plans, and the timing of training for those who would operate the equipment.

In March 1999 congressional testimony, Benjamin Nelson of the General Accounting office recounted the story of the transfers.

Last year we noted that while U.S. - provided assistance had enhanced the counternarcotics capabilities of Mexican law enforcement and military organizations, the effectiveness and usefulness of some assistance were limited. For example, two Knox-class frigates purchased by the government of Mexico lacked the equipment needed to ensure the safety of the crew, thus making the ships inoperative. We also reported that the 73 UH-1H helicopters provided to Mexico to improve the interdiction capability of Mexican army units were of little utility above 5,000 feet where significant drug-related activities and cultivation occur.

In addition, we noted that four C-26 aircraft were provided to Mexico without the capability to perform intended surveillance missions and without planning for payment for the operation and maintenance of the aircraft.

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Tourist Destination For Ufologists?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 07:20:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 07:20:13 -0400
Subject: Tourist Destination For Ufologists?

Obviously, this website is at odds with the Grolsch beer survey.

However, this site should be bookmarked by all serious ufologists:

<http://www.beerknurd.com/>

It boasts "eighty-two" different beer taps. The chain has ten different locations across the USA.

And let your mouse linger over the taps.....

[UFO UpDates thanks Chris Rutkowski for the above --ebk]

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Re: Alleged 'J-Rod' Photo? - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jun 2004 08:08:10 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 07:25:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Alleged 'J-Rod' Photo? - Myers

>From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 24 Jun 2004 06:11:47 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alleged 'J-Rod' Photo?

>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jun 2004 22:52:30 -0700
>>Subject: Alleged 'J-Rod' Photo?

>>Only problem with this photo is that I remember someone
>>from the now apparently defunct setlab.org exposed it as a
>>hoax done by an FX team.

>I remember seeing the color photo a few years ago. I don't
>remember if it was "exposed" as a "hoax" or not, but like most
>of these alleged alien photos (particularly those where no
>supporting details are provided) I think it was generally
>assumed to be a fake. Certainly, I was given no reason to
>believe it was real when I saw it. Does Dan Burisch really claim
>that this is a photo of his J-Rod or at least the same species?

>I find it strange that the black and white 'drawing' I've
>previously seen of the J-Rod (was it at Bill Hamilton's
>website?) looks more like a typical gray alien, as described by
>many abductees and illustrated countless times elsewhere,
>whereas this photo looks more like a degenerated future human,
>malformed hybrid, or some such. In any case the physical
>features of its head and face do not look quite like the typical
>gray aliens we are familiar with.

The photo was the work of the now defunct fxmasters.com folks.

You can see a back-up of the old site at archive.org:

http://web.archive.org/web/20000901092655/www.fxmasters.com/student_center/index.html

The person that originally received the photo was interviewed on
Coast To Coast AM with Art Bell from what I recall and the photo
was later found to be an FX job.

--Royce

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 18:56:27 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 08:01:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 30 Jun 2004 21:42:36 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>If you read the paper carefully you will see the main concern of
>McNally et. al. is to investigate the controversy concerning
>recovered memories of trauma. One of the main problems with this
>is that some people argue that the fact that people recalling
>traumatic experiences show strong psychophysiological responses
>indicates that their stories must be literally true.

I was reluctant to get into this discussion, partly because in
my experience discussions on "false memory" never actually lead
anywhere, and partly because I've just got out of a rather ill-
tempered discussion on evol-psych - but, well, there it is.....

>McNally notes, though, " ... we found that adults reporting
>recovered memories of childhood sexual abuse were more likely to
>exhibit false recognition of nonpresented words than were adults
>who reported always remembering their abuse. A subsequent study
>revealed similar false memory effects in people reporting
>recovered memories of abduction."

Ok, let's hold that thought for a moment:

>In other words, the problem is in attempting to distinguish
>recall of subjective experiences from recall of real events.
>McNally et. al. attempt to do this by comparing the _details_ of
>the abductees' reactions with those of their control group, and
>also with their records of studies of people with PTSD (although
>it is not made clear here whether such people who presumably
>claimed to have had "plausible" experiences actually had them
>verified).

Actually, John, McNally et al don't present any data on people
with PTSD at all, they simply cite a paper by Orr and Roth from
2000, which I haven't read. They don't give any details about
this, and nor does their study include any participants who have
actually been dx'd with PTSD.

>In a footnote, it says that "For the abductees, the abduction
>and stressful scripts were physiologically indistinguishable ...
>In contrast, participants with PTSD usually exhibit greater
>responses to trauma than to other stressful scripts." _Very
>interesting, _

Well, not all that interesting, actually. If you look at the
paper carefully, you'll see that eight out of the 10 abductees
had recovered memories through hypnotherapy. That, potentially,
is a massive confound. They don't say whether any of the Orr and
Roth sample had recovered memories, but presumably they hadn't,
because that would have invalidated their whole experimental
hypothesis.

If the abductee group had experienced trauma in response to an
unknown event whose interpretation only emerged later through
hypnosis, then it really wouldn't be all that surprising if that
group were to exhibit a more generic trauma response than

another group who had experienced trauma in response to a much more specific, clearly identifiable stimulus. In fact one would predict this on the basis of what we know about associative learning and conditioning alone.

This could easily account for the wordlist effect you mention above, as well. One would expect that people who had actively tried to recover memories would exhibit stronger pattern-completion effects.

I'm not sure what to make of the various psychometric results. They do seem to have used rather a lot of instruments (seven, in all) which isn't altogether wise considering that they are using t-tests. One would expect scores on one of the instruments (the DES) to be elevated in a PTSD group in any case. I'm not sure about the psychometric properties of some of the other instruments.

>Although this paper by McNally et. al. is short, it is certainly
>not simple. Those who are keen to pronounce instant judgement on
>it should realise that it is obviously not intended to be the
>last word on the subject. Obviously the questions of the
>reliability of memory, how to distinguish true from false
>memories, and how false memories are generated, are very
>important, and no doubt there will be much more published on
>this topic.

You mean, even more than has been published already? Yeesh, will the world survive yet another avalanche of so much paper? ;-)

I think in any case, the whole notion of "false memories" is laden with assumptions, not the least one being that it actually makes sense to talk about specific discrete memories which are either "true" or "false". Memories don't exist as readily delineated objects, but as patterns of information subject to different and changing degrees of processing and abstraction. It probably doesn't make any sense to talk about any memory as either altogether "true" or altogether "false" -- even computer memories involve a process of abstraction, a point which is sometimes overlooked by researchers in this area.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 19:40:15 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 08:04:58 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hall

>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 16:18:13 +0100
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 14:24:47 EDT
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

<snip>

>>You would do well to pay close attention to what Dick
>>Hall tells you, he is a respected leader and pioneer in the UFO
>>field, a true expert who knows a lot about the subject that you
>>would do well not to remain "ignorant" of. He has nearly 50
>>years of experience in the field, trained in scientific
>>methodology and philosophy, and is not some johnny-come-lately
>>to be casually disregarded or frivolously disrespected.

>Brad

>You and Dick Hall ought to give it a rest.

>Patronising posts like the above, do nothing for the rest of us.
>The two of you come over as a couple of grumpy oldsters who
>stamp on anybody who either wants to have fun or who doesn't
>always follow the profoundly discredited "scientific method". So
>much so for doing things your way. It's got us exactly where?

Stuart,

Thanks for the free advice, which is worth every penny of it.

So the scientific method (not sure what the quotes are supposed to imply) has been profoundly discredited, eh? That will indeed be news to the NASA JPL scientists currently investigating Saturn, Dick Haines, Bruce Maccabee, the National Institutes of Health, and many many others. Might as well close down the labs and go home.

Also, for the record I am not a grumpy old man. I'm a grumpy young man, and getting grumpier by the day as I see mystics and New Agers trying to take over the UFO field. As I dodder into the sunset I will continue to fight for scientific rationality.

Cheers, Dick

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CBBC Interview

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 22:50:10 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 08:07:31 -0400
Subject: CBBC Interview

On Friday July 2 I'm doing an interview on Xchange, a CBBC programme looking at the Roswell incident, UFOs more generally, and the question of how to spot fake UFO photos and footage:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/xchange/show/getinvolved/star.shtml>

I've been told that a couple of characters were going around trying to sell 'ufology is dead' stories to the newspapers in the aftermath of Graham Birdsall's death. But I can't recall a time when I've had as many media requests as I have at present.

Ufology is very much alive.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Devil's Hole Amargosa Valley Nevada

From: Teri Hayes <truthspupl.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 16:11:01 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 08:14:53 -0400
Subject: Devil's Hole Amargosa Valley Nevada

Hello List,

I have taken some interesting photographs of Devil's Hole which is located in the Ash Meadows Wildlife Refuge in Amargosa Valley Nevada.

I have created a home page with just a few of these photos along with information regarding them and the Hole. The pictures are exhibiting some sort of signature or anomaly and I would like to hear what any of you think may cause this or what I have captured here? It looks to be some sort of energy coming from within the Hole itself.

Again, this is speculation and I would really like to see if any of you may provide a 'scientific' explanation of what is going on. I have taken many photographs since then with the same camera and it has not exhibited anything further as far as anomalies, etc.

Unfortunately, I could not include all of the photographs because space would not permit. I have an entire roll of 25 photos in hard copy and on a disk should anyone be interested in seeing the rest of them. Not all of them have been affected, but most have been.

To fully understand it would be best to go to my small website and have a look.

<http://home.earthlink.net/~truthspupl/>

I am interested only in bona fide information that may help to explain this interesting phenomenon.

At least some of you may be interested in this information.

Teri Hayes
truthspupl.nul

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 19:58:25 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 08:19:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 27 Jun 2004 21:22:17 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 26 Jun 2004 05:20:54 -0700
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 26 Jun 2004 11:11:09 -0400
>>Subject: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>Source: WebMD

>>http://my.webmd.com/content/article/89/100279.htm?z=1728_0000_1000_nb_04

>>Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues On Memory

>>Study: Distress Doesn't Necessarily Validate Traumatic Memories

>>By Jennifer Warner
>>WebMD Medical News
>>Reviewed By Michael Smith, MD
>>on Friday, June 25, 2004

>>June 25, 2004 -- Recalling a traumatic memory may provoke severe
>>distress in people, even if the memory may be a product of their
>>own imagination, according to a new study.

><snip>

>An upcoming issue of Discover magazine, which will reach the
>general public immediately after the McNally study is released
>to the professional journal readers, will feature yet more
>drivel from McNally.

<snip>

>Somehow, this freelance writer with a hard core secular humanist
>streak knows enough to appear in the right time and place to
>boost the skeptics' arguments. And surely it is just some kind
>of random chance that you'll surely find many members of the
>Council for Secular Humanism referenced in her latest article.

If I may come to the defense, somewhat, of secular humanism, to
which I myself subscribe as a worldview... I believe the writer is
expressing "naturalism" and/or "materialism" more than "secular
humanism," which is merely the acceptance of full responsibility
for the fate of the human animal, in the apparent absence of
supernatural deities or other forces.

The secular humanist says, "There doesn't appear to be a God,
therefore, we should behave as if we alone are responsible for
making this a better world to live in, since praying doesn't
seem to be the most efficacious method with which to improve our
lot."

It is more concerned with ethics than with science, at least as
I practice it, and therefore is not entirely incompatible with
proposed alternative realities, as long as it is agreed that
such realities must some day come to be recognized as

scientifically observable in order to be validated.

There is an objectivist underpinning to secular humanism, but it does not necessarily exclude the possibility that such subjective experiences as abductions might someday be validated as occurring in some corner of objective reality.

The writer of the Discovery article - and the author of the previous post - may both be surprised to learn that Budd Hopkins has described himself as a secular humanist...at least he did so at a convention in Santa Barbara about 10 years ago.

==JJS==

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Michael Bilodeau <micbilodeau.nul-bec.com>
Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 01:48:25 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 08:28:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Colm Kelleher - NIDS <nids.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 09:33:52 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>NIDS obtained permission to publish the entire McNally research
>article on the NIDS web site at:

<snip>

>The journal Psychological Science is one of the more prestigious
>journals in psychology and is also one of the flagship journals
>of the American Psychological Society. It is read by thousands
>of professional and research psychologists worldwide.
>Cumulatively Psychological Science readers hold tens of millions
>of dollars in research grants from NIMH and other grant giving
>bodies.

>My hunch is that the data in this paper will surprise many
>Psychological Science readers in the psychology research
>community, since it greatly undermines their common perception
>that abductees are merely attention seekers, charlatans etc who
>>want nothing more than to get their 15 minutes of fame. The data
>in Dr McNally's paper are saying that the responses of PTSD
>victims and abductees are almost indistinguishable and will
>therefore demolish some commonly-held stereotypes. I believe
>that Dr MacNally's paper may stimulate members of the
>psychological research community to take the next research step:
>to use the tools of fMRI and other brain-imaging techniques to
>take these (to their readers, very surprising) data to the next
>level. That is precisely what is needed in this field.

>As such, I believe Dr McNally's paper is a positive contribution.

<snip>

Beware, the following may not be politically correct, but it is true.

The first lines of the paper set the rules of the game:

"Is recollection of highly improbable traumatic experiences..."

Yeah! A positive contribution. More.....

"Therefore, belief that one has been traumatized may generate emotional responses similar to those provoked by recollection of trauma."

Great!

"Although improbable traumatic memories (e.g., being sexually probed on a spaceship) provoke physiological reactions comparable to those provoked by more conventional and verifiable traumatic memories (e.g., a fire in Vietnam), one should not conclude that PTSD patients are reporting false memories of trauma. Conversely, the physiological markers of emotion that accompany recollection of a memory cannot be taken as evidence

of the memory's authenticity. The script-driven imagery protocol reflects the emotional significance of a memory, not necessarily its veracity."

The psychological authority _uses_ the the abduction experience as _proof_ that, contrary to what was believed so far by science, PTSD symptoms do not necessarily prove the reality of an experience. Worse: it states implicitly that any experience leading to PTSD symptoms should prove the reality of the experience except when we are dealing with _aliens_.

That's it man, we're dead meat.

A "positive" contribution?

Well, as I read on the paper, I felt, me, a simple mortal, that, well, this boat didn't hold the water. What did I do? Did I say to myself:

>The journal Psychological Science is one of the more prestigious
>journals in psychology and is also one of the flagship journals
>of the American Psychological Society. It is read by thousands
>of professional and research psychologists worldwide.
>Cumulatively Psychological Science readers hold tens of millions
>of dollars in research grants from NIMH and other grant giving
>bodies.

No! I smelled the smell of rotten fish and I checked over the Internet, which, in the end, after the porno, and the mp3s and the sex and the mpgs and the porno and the XXX is somewhat a great equalizer.. and found the following, which I urge you to read, because, obviously, it was written by guys and gals with PhDs (I know, life is a bitch):

<http://ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/~kihlstrm/special.htm>

[tada, one must be kidding]

Is Traumatic Memory Special?
Katharine Krause Shobe John F. Kihlstrom
Yale University University of California, Berkeley

Read it, mice stuff:

Background: Hysteria and War Neurosis
Two Types of Traumatic Memory?
Traumatic Memory as Implicit Memory?
Terror and Betrayal
Traumatic Memory as State-Dependent
Clinical Lore and Scientific Evidence
Acknowledgments
Notes
Recommended Reading
References

This paper, I found by using a reference from the gospel you guys have decided to put on NIDS' site:

Lindsay, D. S., & Read, J.D. (1994). Psychotherapy and memories of childhood sexual abuse: A cognitive perspective. Applied Cognitive Psychology, 8, 281-338.

And, by god (am I pissed? sure I'm pissed), one can understand the following:

There seems to be 2 kinds of traumatic memories: the one induced by Betrayal - the incest types, the sexual abuses by people you trusted, and the ones induced by Terror. Terror and Betrayal, two different animals, processed by the mind and soul in quite different ways.

Am I mistaking if I presume that senor McNally and mucho al. use sexually repressed memories to understand the abduction phenomenon?

Do you know what terror is?

If you were one of my students, I guarantee you that, this kind of reasoning, you could have tried in September but wouldn't have come to your mind in June, unless you were looking for an academical suicide.

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Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 01:40:00 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 08:34:37 -0400
Subject: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

Hello All,

I apologize for this Manifesto translation where some syntax could not be as accurate as it should. I did my best and I hope somebody may try to help if some words are lost or improperly arranged.

The main reason of this post is to let you know about what the Mexican scientific community thinks and feels about the erroneous delivery of the Mexican Air Force FLIR's sighting video to the last idoneous person from SEDENA's Secretary General Clemente Ricardo Vega Garcia.

I am investigating the rumor of the Mexican Air Force General Commander's recent removal and how the pilot, the FLIR and radar operators involved in the FLIR's video have been degraded.

Source (in spanish):

<http://astrored.org/mexico/articulos/manifiesto.html>

Translation by Alejandro Franz with babelfish help at:

<http://babelfish.altavista.com/babelfish/tr>

Manifesto against the erroneous interpretation of the UFO phenomenon.

Open Letter to:

Presidency of the Republic

Commission of Science and Technology of the House of Representatives

National advice of Science and Technology

Secretariat of Public Education

Secretariat of the National defense

To mass media

To The General Public

In view of the events published in mass media dating back from 10 of May of 2004, regarding what concerns about the observation of luminous phenomenon by some elements of the Mexican Air Force, the Mexican scientific community represented in this manifesto (astronomers, scientists, publishers, and representatives of planetariums, science museums, scientific research institutions and astronomical associations) declare the following:

The position of science is clear and in favor of the probable existence of extraterrestrial civilizations, because all the probabilities aim towards this sense. Nevertheless, to date

forceful proof of their manifestation or its presence in our world does not exist.

UFO is an abbreviation of Unidentified Flying Object, being this a simple technical definition of any phenomenon or event not yet clarified on our skies. More than half a century science has participated in a multidisciplinary way in this investigation explaining and/or formulating diverse hypothesis on its origin with a diverse degree of success.

Most of the manifestations of the phenomenon receive a satisfactory explanation, being that they postulate its origin in extraterrestrial devices lacking of conclusive evidences.

On the other hand, the Mexican scientific community wishes to express a severe strangeness towards the Secretary of the National Defense by the questionable criteria with which he decided to give material in an exclusive way to a very reduced group of people. This determination set a side countless institutions of investigation in our ethical and serious country that could make a more accurate work of the occurred event.

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Before a debate respecting this hypothesis is generated, it is important to clarify that until today meteorology there was counted with similar observations of the "ray ball", "spherical ray" or "sparkles" in the altitudes in which it was observed by

elements of the SEDENA, on that we do not hope that its origin, properties, duration and conduct are necessarily corresponding to those flashes observed and studied at a smaller altitude.

The information successfully obtained by the Mexican Air Force could give rise to a new stage in the investigation of the atmospheric physics then never had obtained so forceful evidence of this phenomenon to the altitudes in which it was filmed. To confirm the tendency, Mexico will become pioneer in the study and understanding of this facet of the atmospheric physics.

The scientific community and its divulggers want to summon mass media to a nearer and healthier relationship in a way that it is possible to keep the citizenship opportunely informed with the professionalism, seriousness and quality that only can be obtained with the joint collaboration of press and science. For that reason, we who sign this manifesto make it available for the general readers for the explanations and participation that you may consider suitable.

Finally we convoke all the Mexican citizenship to visit all the planetariums, public observatories, science museums and public scientific events to spread that the astronomical institutions to stay informed in the main scientific events. It will always be the best antidote against the sensationalist declarations of pseudo science.

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[End of Manifesto]

Please see the new 3D rendered image of the FLIR still and 4 oil well coordinates and some interesting information at:

Mexican Air Force FLIR images are Oil Well flames!

http://www.alcione.org/FRAUDES/FAM/FLIR_CONCLUSION.html

Best regards to all,

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"How often have I said to you that when you have
eliminated the impossible, whatever remains,
however improbable, must be the truth?
-Sherlock Holmes in The Sign of the Four -

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UFO Sightings Increasing Worldwide

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 04:08:15 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 08:36:35 -0400
Subject: UFO Sightings Increasing Worldwide

Source: The Free Internet Press

<http://freeinternetpress.com/article.pl?sid=3D04/07/02/0718254&mode=3Dthread>

07-01-04

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UFOs have been spotted in Louisiana, South Africa and Chile, making this a worldwide phenomenon.

Michelle Hunter writes in the Times-Picayune that on May 24, UFO researchers Joe and Linda Montaldo of Metairie, Louisiana, videotaped a dark, oblong shape with flashing blue, green, red and yellow lights. They watched the object hover for 11 minutes over Lake Pontchartrain.

Joe Montaldo says, "When people used to tell me about this, I used to think they were nuts, but there's just too much evidence out there from credible people: doctors, lawyers, mayors, firefighters and police officers=85My job is not to convince people that ET is on the planet. My job is to rule out all the other explanations=85When ET comes up and says, 'Hey Joe, how ya doing?' I'll be a 100 percent believer." Read more.

In IOL News from South Africa, Ayanda Mhlongo quotes Roshnie Naidu as saying, "The light was so bright, at first I thought it was a police helicopter searching for criminals. But when I could not hear the sound of the rotor blades, I decided to draw the curtains and check what it was," according to:

UnknownCountry.com

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Re: Tourist Destination For Ufologists? - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 07:35:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 09:08:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Tourist Destination For Ufologists? - Groff

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 07:20:13 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Tourist Destination For Ufologists?

>Obviously, this website is at odds with the Grolsch beer survey.

>However, this site should be bookmarked by all serious ufologists:

><http://www.beerknurd.com/>

>It boasts "eighty-two" different beer taps. The chain has ten different locations across the USA.

>And let your mouse linger over the taps.....

>[UFO UpDates thanks Chris Rutkowski for the above --ebk]

My band used to play at the one in Dallas (now closed) about 6 times a year. Lots of beer but there isn't really anything UFO related except for the name. What you will notice when you go in is that the walls and ceiling are covered in decorative collectors plates and saucers which is where the name actually comes from.

Terry

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UFOs Reported in Llay-Llay Chile - Guenther

From: Daniel Guenther <daniel_g.nul-online.de>
Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 14:40:48 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 09:11:08 -0400
Subject: UFOs Reported in Llay-Llay Chile - Guenther

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 08:36:59 -0400
>Subject: UFOs Reported in Llay-Llay Chile

>INEXPLICATA
>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

>July 1, 2004

>Source: La Cuarta (Santiago de Chile)
>Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2004

>Chile: UFOS Reported in Llay-Llay

with small photos:

<http://www.lacuarta.cl/diario/2004/06/29/extras.html>

(scroll down)

<http://www.lacuarta.cl/diario/2004/06/30/30.04.4a.CRO.OVNIS.html>

Daniel G.

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Just the Cases - UFO sightings database
<http://www.ufodb.net>

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 08:13:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 09:37:10 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Lehmberg

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 19:40:15 +0000
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 16:18:13 +0100
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 14:24:47 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

><snip>

>>>You would do well to pay close attention to what Dick
>>>Hall tells you, he is a respected leader and pioneer in the UFO
>>>field, a true expert who knows a lot about the subject that you
>>>would do well not to remain "ignorant" of. He has nearly 50
>>>years of experience in the field, trained in scientific
>>>methodology and philosophy, and is not some johnny-come-lately
>>>to be casually disregarded or frivolously disrespected.

>>Brad

>>You and Dick Hall ought to give it a rest.

>>Patronising posts like the above, do nothing for the rest of us.
>>The two of you come over as a couple of grumpy oldsters who
>>stamp on anybody who either wants to have fun or who doesn't
>>always follow the profoundly discredited "scientific method". So
>>much so for doing things your way. It's got us exactly where?

>Stuart,

>Thanks for the free advice, which is worth every penny of it.

Ouch! I felt that over here! That was in Ben Franklin's first
"Poor Richard's Almanac," wasn't it? <g>

>So the scientific method (not sure what the quotes are supposed
>to imply) has been profoundly discredited, eh?

I'm not sure what Mr. Miller meant when he said this... but I
don't think he meant it the way you're rather too reflexively
taking it, Sir. I know what I'd mean if I'd been the one to
write it. It's not science that has discredited itself, of
course. Science, after all, is a remarkable and efficacious tool
for predictable application (even the way human beings practice
it) regarding a meaningful understanding of a, likely, key
fraction of the total reality. Let's be generous, even arrogant,
and say 2%. It's, likely, a lot less than that. Science is as
hard to discredit as a knife or a rake. Doing the job it is
expected to do does not provide the discredit. It is the not
'science' that is discredited. It is the 'scientist'!

Even Michio Kaku (has recently said that there are many of his

associates who are peripherally intrigued with the UFO question, but "fear of the giggle/discouragement factor keeps them at bay"... and in _line_.

What manner of weak-willed pussy-boys or non-assertive females are _these_? These are the discredited who need to dial up 1 800 "WhinyCoward." These are the shame that Mr. Miller may be alluding to.

>That will indeed
>be news to the NASA JPL scientists currently investigating
>Saturn, Dick Haines, Bruce Maccabee, the National Institutes of
>Health, and many many others. Might as well close down the labs
>and go home.

Or, like "Liberals" since the advent of Al Franken, become more intellectually militant and decide that it is a facet of your total ufological philosophy that you are no longer going to _accept_ the smirking giggles of your demonstrably ignorant detractors -- no longer STAND for their clueless discouragements! That might _open_ a new Lab or two just to grease a squeaky wheel! Why not? Nothing esle is working!

>Also, for the record I am not a grumpy old man. I'm a grumpy
>young man, and getting grumpier by the day as I see mystics and
>New Agers trying to take over the UFO field.

Trying (as I've written before) to fill the void _created_ by un-brave science (nay, scientists!), duplicitous government, complacent institution, and corrupt agency! This is forgetting, for a moment, that a lot of these "mystics" and "new agers" are interested in the remaining 98% existing outside the 2% 'box' the hard *scientist* insists we all stay in, fronts for, and which he or she uses, jealously, to too conveniently define themselves (in many cases)... not really mindful about respecting what that might mean to the rest of us, and into our aggregate future, about our place in an expanding universe.

>As I dodder into
>the sunset I will continue to fight for scientific rationality.

Rationality is required for science to work in its most minimal sense anyway, Sir... better to fight for scientific 'courage', first, I think. It seems to be working for the Liberals. Dave Furlotte has some thoughts on this, I believe.

[alienview.nul](#)

EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.
\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 07:01:12 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 10:27:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 19:58:25 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 27 Jun 2004 21:22:17 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

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>There is an objectivist underpinning to secular humanism, but it
>does not necessarily exclude the possibility that such
>subjective experiences as abductions might someday be validated
>as occurring in some corner of objective reality.

>The writer of the Discovery article - and the author of the
>previous post - may both be surprised to learn that Budd Hopkins
>has described himself as a secular humanist...at least he did
>so at a convention in Santa Barbara about 10 years ago.

You may be right, I may be using the term incorrectly. Certainly
the positive contribution of secular humanism - the idea that we
should take responsibility for making a better world - is
getting a bad rap due to the Council for Secular Humanism. Their
position and that of the reporter may more accurately be
described in another way. Perhaps when the article is published
you can weigh in on what position she truly had.

For my part all I can say is that it was truly the strangest
interview I'd ever been in.

Basically my personal POV is that the alien presence comes from
another dimension, and I usually explain what I mean by
"dimension" as being the part of the world which has
historically been dubbed by theologians of old as the "spiritual
realm" - but which modern theoretical physicists would surely
describe in other, less theological terms. A realm that has life
which theologians might have improperly dubbed angels and such
but which our modern sensibilities perhaps more accurately view
as other species.

To this, the writer explained to me that there was no spiritual
realm, and that the only dimensions which exist are width,
height, and time.

Similarly when I offered my POV that humankind's meaningful
history is a record of people having developed a new perspective
on life here in this world after having perceived or received
information from these other parts of reality (either through
their own intention as in meditative like practices, or through
more dramatic visitations not by their own intention) she
explained to me that was also not true, that people simply have
a good imagination, and had written fiction books like the Bible
and other spiritual texts, and explained that these texts do not
describe reality, but rather, show off the capacity of the human
imagination.

So this is why I described her as a secular humanist. I may have used the term wrong. But her tendency to disavow all aspects of reality other than the material, while simultaneously crediting all extraordinary experiences as examples of our own capacities to be fanciful, are why I figured she was a secular humanist. Could be she's a secular humanist with a hard core streak of materialism, I dunno.

But I think it's safe to say she won't be writing any pieces for the Shambala Sun. :-)

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Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto -

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 10:25:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 10:41:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto -

>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 01:40:00 -0700
>Subject: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

>I apologize for this Manifesto translation where some syntax
>could not be as accurate as it should. I did my best and I hope
>somebody may try to help if some words are lost or improperly
>arranged.

>The main reason of this post is to let you know about what the
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>video to the last idoneous person from SEDENA's Secretary
>General Clemente Ricardo Vega Garcia.

>I am investigating the rumor of the Mexican Air Force General
>Commander's recent removal and how the pilot, the FLIR and radar
>operators involved in the FLIR's video have been degraded.

Thank you, Capt. Franz, for the alerting us to this document and
for the translation.

I hope they haven't been downgraded but if they have, they won't
be the first to be downgraded for reporting a UFO.

>Source (in spanish):

><http://astrored.org/mexico/articulosp/manifiesto.html>

>Translation by Alejandro Franz with babelfish help at:

><http://babelfish.altavista.com/babelfish/tr>

>Manifesto against the erroneous interpretation of the UFO
>phenomenon.

<snip>

>The position of science is clear and in favor of the probable
>existence of extraterrestrial civilizations, because all the
>probabilities aim towards this sense. Nevertheless, to date
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I note they say "most" implying that *some* sightings are

unexplained and hence *might* be evidence of ET. Hmmmmm... do they really think so or is this just a "sop" to the "masses" of ufologists?

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Perhaps he thought that conventional science institutions would immediately explain the sighting as such and such and not even investigate. Can't imagine where he would get an idea like that!
(HO HO)

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>airplanes, because its nature tries to unload its electrical
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Obviously the "ball lightning" hypothesis is in the forefront of explanations. But I am suprised they haven't all latched onto the oil fire hypothesis/explanation. Perhaps they actually have some faith in the witnesses who claim it wasn't oil fires.

I have requested, for over a month now, an experiment to test the oil fire hypothesis. It is a simple experiment and probably would cost only a few hundred bucks (can be done during a routine patrol mission).

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Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 15:26:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 10:43:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 18:56:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

Just a few comments on my own comments on this one:

>Actually, John, McNally et al don't present any data on people
>with PTSD at all, they simply cite a paper by Orr and Roth from
>2000, which I haven't read. They don't give any details about
>this, and nor does their study include any participants who have
>actually been dx'd with PTSD.

I meant, of course, that none of the control group participants
had been dx'd with PTSD.

>>In a footnote, it says that "For the abductees, the abduction
>>and stressful scripts were physiologically indistinguishable

...
>>In contrast, participants with PTSD usually exhibit greater
>>responses to trauma than to other stressful scripts." _Very
>>interesting,_

>Well, not all that interesting, actually. If you look at the
>paper carefully, you'll see that eight out of the 10 abductees
>had recovered memories through hypnotherapy. That, potentially,
>is a massive confound. They don't say whether any of the Orr and
>Roth sample had recovered memories, but presumably they hadn't,
>because that would have invalidated their whole experimental
>hypothesis.

I should have added that the comparison is in any case pretty
meaningless without the means and variances of the sample(s)
from which Orr and Roth drew their conclusions.

Really one should conduct another study comparing a sample of
abductees to a PTSD control group. Perhaps this is what McNally
et al intend to do next.

<snip>

>I'm not sure what to make of the various psychometric results.
>They do seem to have used rather a lot of instruments (seven, in
>all) which isn't altogether wise considering that they are using
>t-tests. One would expect scores on one of the instruments (the
>DES) to be elevated in a PTSD group in any case. I'm not sure
>about the psychometric properties of some of the other
>instruments.

A word or two more on these.

I checked up on the Absorption Scale, and it's a 36-item
hypnotizability scale. Since eight of the 10 abductees had been
hypnotized in therapy, it looks like the effect here is probably
a selection artifact.

There are a couple of other interesting patterns in the
psychometric data -- the abductee scores are elevated on all
seven of the instruments concerned, although only three of the

effects are significant. Also, with the exception of the Absorption Scale, the abductee standard deviations are higher to an extent very roughly in proportion to the means. I'm not sure what this means, but it looks a bit suspicious. It could be that the abductee group is not actually all that homogeneous, or that some sort of conformity dynamic is at work within the control group but not in the abductee group. It's difficult to know without seeing the original data.

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 10:45:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 10:58:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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On another and much happier note, these posts of Will's once again show what a class act he is. Open, tolerant, understanding, generous, without being any less firm in what he believes. His description of the reporter he argued with was really admirable, I thought. He treated her firmly, but without any crippling anger.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Reporting On The Mexican Military - Velez

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 11:10:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 11:59:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Reporting On The Mexican Military - Velez

>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 01:40:00 -0700
>Subject: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

>Hello all,

>I hope you'll find interesting this information.

<snip>

>Best regards,

>Capt. Alejandro Franz
>director.nul

>Reporting On The Mexican Military

>By Kate Doyle, Americas Program 10/5/04
>May 15, 2004, 09:35
>Last Updated: Jul. 1st, 2004

><http://www.ocnus.net/cgi-bin/exec/view.cgi?archive=3D45&num=3D11847>

>Trying to report intelligently on the Mexican military is like
>trying to see in the dark - all shadowy outlines and no
>details. The army is famously secretive, opaque, and hostile to
>public scrutiny. Just ask the people who write about it.

Hello All,

Considering the now historical fact that the top brass in the Mexican military has been so cooperative and forthcoming in this case, to the point of setting international precedent, it acts as a glaring counter to the point of view that you attempt to glorify in this post. Recent history shows the writer of this article along with others, such as yourself, who publicly 'promote' and support it, to apparently be wrong in their assessment -in regard to this particular instance.

Turning over the FLIR recording to your arch-enemy! How dare they? But you'll show them, won't you?

This whole event must really be sticking in your craw for you to post such a negative slam about your own country. Just when I thought it was impossible for things to get any shallower or lower, you came along and managed to drain just a little more water out of the pool. Wow.

John Velez

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From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 16:12:51 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 12:09:31 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Miller

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 19:40:15 +0000
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 16:18:13 +0100
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 14:24:47 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

Dick

>Thanks for the free advice, which is worth every penny of it.

>So the scientific method (not sure what the quotes are supposed
>to imply) has been profoundly discredited, eh? That will indeed
>be news to the NASA JPL scientists currently investigating
>Saturn, Dick Haines, Bruce Maccabee, the National Institutes of
>Health, and many many others. Might as well close down the labs
>and go home.

You're a devil, aren't you? I'll have to cross my T's and dot my
i's with you sir, that I can see. I was referring to Ufology
although I accept I never said that.

Now we've got that sorted, perhaps you might like to answer the
question honestly this time? In fact I'll repeat the question
within more specific parameters;

How exactly has the scientific approach got us any closer to
full disclosure or for that matter, even a confirmation of
anomaly?

>Also, for the record I am not a grumpy old man. I'm a grumpy
>young man, and getting grumpier by the day as I see mystics and
>New Agers trying to take over the UFO field. As I dodder into
>the sunset I will continue to fight for scientific rationality.

Jolly good and a worthy sentiment to boot. But I want to ask a
favour. Could you let the rest of us have our say, unmolested by
sneering, bullying and sarcasm, if we happen to voice an opinion
that doesn't tie in with yours?

Stuart Miller

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Re: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 08:33:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 14:14:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 10:15:28 -0500
>Subject: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

>>From "The Bleat," date and author unknown.....

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>Great job, Pat! Nice of you to wad up all the goodwill you've
>accumulated and flush it down the toilet. Let's review: you're
>most prominently identified with which character? No, not Ahab.
>Perhaps Professor Xavier? After 2 more movies and 280 TV
>episodes, perhaps. No, you're Jean-Luc Picard. That's how
>millions know you; that's the character that millions enjoyed,
>because you did a good job of portraying a civilized,
>intelligent explorer who projected the values of Western Civ
>into the inky void while confronting the baffling nuances of
>worlds we have yet to imagine. Many of us aging dweebs enjoyed
>ST: TNG because you invested the silly thing with gravity and
>brains, and our wives loved it as well: that shiny skull worked
>for them big time. In a few years NASA will have a crop of
>engineers whose desire to put robots on other planets was first
>sparked by the opening fly-by sequence of TNG. They thought you
>were on their side. Silly people?

Will wonders never cease..... For once I actually agree with the
Bard of Adelpia.

For that matter, I actually understood what he wrote!

==JJS==

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From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 08:45:46 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 14:25:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 15:26:35 +0100
>Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 10:43:16 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

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>Since eight of the 10 abductees had been
>hypnotized in therapy, it looks like the effect here is
>probably a selection artifact.

The languaging of this "8 of 10" may need more careful review. I do not know if I am one of the 2, or if he considered me one of the 8 because I had done some Reiki work. Note that he used the term "quasi-hypnotic sessions" as a catch-all. Granted, Reiki work can indeed produce the same sort of reliving of emotions and memory that some assume is the sole province of hypnotherapy, so it may be valid to lump different modalities together.

However, when one does Reiki one does not know what sort of emotional blockages one may be cleaning out, as opposed to therapy done with a particular focus on aliens (which I think is what the grouping implies, intentionally or not). I don't believe that grouping these modalities together in one catch-all is as accurate as it needs to be.

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Secrecy News -- 07/02/04

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Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 14:28:54 -0400
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The Intelligence and Security Committee of the British Parliament published its annual report to the Prime Minister this week and disclosed, as it routinely does, the total amount of money allocated for intelligence, including past year expenditures, current year estimates and future year projections.

The 2003-2004 aggregate "net resource" allocation for the three major UK intelligence agencies -- the GCHQ, the Security Service (MI5) and the SIS (MI6) -- was reported to be 1,130.9 million pounds, a twenty percent increase over the previous year.

See the UK Intelligence and Security Committee Annual Report for 2003-2004, June 2004 (at page 11):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/uk/isc0304.pdf>

Even this minimal level of public accountability remains beyond reach in the United States.

In fact, the Central Intelligence Agency, which in some respects is a remarkably primitive and backward organization, is litigating this summer to prevent public disclosure of historical intelligence budget figures from 1947 through 1970. (Aftergood v. CIA, DC District Court, Case No. 01-2524).

DOD UPDATES SPECIAL ACCESS PROGRAM SECURITY

The apparatus of government secrecy takes on its most concentrated form in classified programs known as "special access programs" (SAPs). Security policy for SAPs has recently been updated by the Pentagon.

There are three types of SAPs within the military: acquisition programs, intelligence programs, and operations and support programs.

Furthermore, according to DoD policy, these SAPs fall into two categories, Acknowledged and Unacknowledged. "An Acknowledged SAP is a program which may be openly recognized or known; however, specifics are classified within that SAP. The existence of an Unacknowledged SAP or an unacknowledged portion of an Acknowledged program, will not be made known to any person not authorized for this information."

As suggested in the previous sentence, there can be SAPs within

SAPs, creating concentric circles of ever-increasing secrecy.

By their nature, SAPs are a challenge to external oversight.

From time to time the authority to create and conduct a SAP is abused, as in the 1987-1991 unacknowledged SAP named Timber Wind that was later exposed and found by officials to be over-classified.

The new DoD policy on SAPs was circulated in a March 30 letter from Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Counterintelligence and Security) Carol A. Haave.

"Current circumstances indicate an urgent need to circulate this guidance throughout DoD as soon as possible," she wrote. See her letter of transmittal here:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/library/nispom_dod_overprint_rev1_cov.pdf

The new guidance itself is contained in the "Department of Defense Overprint to the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM) Supplement," Revision 1, April 2004. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News and is posted here (3.2 MB PDF file, 219 pages):

http://www.fas.org/sqp/library/nispom_dod_overprint_rev1.pdf

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>From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 16:12:51 +0100
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>How exactly has the scientific approach got us any closer to
>full disclosure or for that matter, even a confirmation of anomaly?

We might want to distinguish between two very different things. First, there's the scientific method, as it's practiced by good scientists doing good science. It's entirely applicable to ufology. In fact, it should be followed in any serious endeavor, where it's important to learn the true facts about anything.

And then there's the idiocy of many mainstream scientists when they confront UFOs.

These are very different things. We shouldn't let the UFO idiocy of some scientists blind us to the good work scientists do in other areas. Or to the need for scientific thinking about UFOs.

Greg Sandow

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>position and that of the reporter may more accurately be
>described in another way. Perhaps when the article is published
>you can weigh in on what position she truly had.

>For my part all I can say is that tt was truly the strangest
>interview I'd ever been in.

>Basically my personal POV is that the alien presence comes from
>another dimension, and I usually explain what I mean by
>"dimension" as being the part of the world which has
>historically been dubbed by theologians of old as the "spiritual
>realm" - but which modern theoretical physicists would surely
>describe in other, less theological terms. A realm that has life
>which theologians might have improperly dubbed angels and such
>but which our modern sensibilities perhaps more accurately view
>as other species.

>To this, the writer explained to me that there was no spiritual
>realm, and that the only dimensions which exist are width,
>height, and time.

And to this, let me add a third, more "truly" skeptical view. We
don't know what we don't know. We won't know until we know how
we know what we know, and that, I'm afraid, we'll never know.
Basic epistemology. So we're left with guesses. Your POV is
interesting, and not necessarily invalid, but though it may be
true for you, it is for me, just a guess, and will remain so,
until I see proof for it. And since I subscribe to the

"profoundly discredited" scientific method (the worst method for gaining knowledge...except for all the others!), when I see proof, so will the rest of the scientific community, and we'll then perhaps have a clearer picture of the cosmos...or at least, an update to our "working hypothesis" of the way things are.

Your interviewer, on the other hand, is also guessing. We are all just guessing. I believe there is an objective reality, but I also believe that our minds will never be able to wholly encompass it, and so we work within our epistemological limits. To me, that means taking that portion of reality that has "worked" for us thus far, and building onto it more things that "work," i.e., guesses that withstand all our attempts to disprove them and generate useable results. It's clumsy, it's whistling in the dark, but all you have to do is look at how far it's gotten us so far. However...all knowledge is tentative, and there is no rule or "commandment" in secular humanism that says that your POV cannot turn out to be correct in the future, especially if it can be integrated into what has worked so far. That is where your interviewer has gone astray, in my opinion. (I could be wrong, after all, I'm just guessing!)

>Similarly when I offered my POV that humankind's meaningful history is a record of people having developed a new perspective >on life here in this world after having perceived or received >information from these other parts of reality (either through >their own intention as in meditative like practices, or through >more dramatic visitations not by their own intention) she >explained to me that was also not true, that people simply have >a good imagination, and had written fiction books like the Bible >and other spiritual texts, and explained that these texts do not >describe reality, but rather, show off the capacity of the human >imagination.

She is expressing the more likely scenario, but should not make flat statements such as "That is not true." I say it is more likely because, having read the Bible through several times, I have yet to see anything that would be beyond the intuitive capacity of exceptionally bright humans of that time, who after all had nothing better to do than to contemplate the nature of reality for years at a time, and like all of us, were afflicted with "the urge to explain."

>So this is why I described her as a secular humanist. I may have >used the term wrong. But her tendency to disavow all aspects of >reality other than the material, while simultaneously crediting >all extraordinary experiences as examples of our own capacities >to be fanciful, are why I figured she was a secular humanist. >Could be she's a secular humanist with a hard core streak of >materialism, I dunno.

There are many overlaps among the various non-theistic worldviews. I like to clarify them as much as possible, because I do not necessarily share all the views of all secular humanists. For example, many of my fellow humanists are aghast that I am "into" UFOs. I, on the other hand, see no conflicts between secular humanism and the belief that the UFO field has been given short shrift by science. Sadly, many humanists do not heed the words of Paul Kurtz, who said, "We reject any form of dogma...including our own!" More sadly, I'm afraid Paul Kurtz himself does not heed his own words.

>But I think it's safe to say she won't be writing any pieces for >the Shambala Sun. :-)

Perhaps she should consider "Saucer Smear"....

==JJS==

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While secular humanism is "generally associated" with liberal politics, the two do not go hand-in-hand. Secular humanism in and of itself does not in any way dictate one's political views. It merely _rsubtracts_ God_ from the equation we use to reach those views. It happens that doing so almost invariably causes one to arrive at a generally more liberal opinion on many issues. For example, subtract God from your musings on gay rights, and what are you left with besides homophobia as support for an anti-gay-rights stance? But even on this issue, reasonable secular humanists can disagree as to the extent to which rights should be extended. I, for example, stop short of endorsing gay marriage. (Let's not get into the why's here - maybe off-list, if you're interested). So "secular humanists" are not to be considered a voting bloc.

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>hostile to paranormal phenomena or to anything spiritual, but
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As would I. But to trumpet my views as being the only reasonable ones would be unseemly at best. Skepticism is supposed to be self-referencing!

>But on the other hand, secular humanism has been strongly
>promoted by the man who also started CSICOP. Isn't the Council
>on Secular Humanism his creation? So in that sense secular
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Yes, of course, skepticism is a pillar of secular humanism...but note that he (Paul Kurtz) started _two_ organizations, not one. This recognizes the fact that while there is overlap between the skepticism of CSICOP and the do-good-in-the-name-of-humanity of CSH, there are individuals who will subscribe to one and not the other. I personally know the head of one skeptics group (a CSICOP satellite) who is a devout Lutheran. Don't ask me how he reconciles that in his mind, but my point is that while secular humanism overlaps with other skeptical worldviews, the emphasis is elsewhere.

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Would that we all could employ such gentility in our
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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

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>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>NIDS obtained permission to publish the entire McNally research
>>article on the NIDS web site at:

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>>The journal Psychological Science is one of the more prestigious
>>journals in psychology and is also one of the flagship journals
>>of the American Psychological Society. It is read by thousands
>>of professional and research psychologists worldwide.
>>Cumulatively Psychological Science readers hold tens of millions
>>of dollars in research grants from NIMH and other grant giving
>>bodies.

>>My hunch is that the data in this paper will surprise many
>>Psychological Science readers in the psychology research
>>community, since it greatly undermines their common perception
>>that abductees are merely attention seekers, charlatans etc who
>>>want nothing more than to get their 15 minutes of fame. The data
>>in Dr McNally's paper are saying that the responses of PTSD
>>victims and abductees are almost indistinguishable and will
>>therefore demolish some commonly-held stereotypes. I believe
>>that Dr MacNally's paper may stimulate members of the
>>psychological research community to take the next research step:
>>to use the tools of fMRI and other brain-imaging techniques to
>>take these (to their readers, very surprising) data to the next
>>level. That is precisely what is needed in this field.

>>As such, I believe Dr McNally's paper is a positive contribution.

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>There seems to be 2 kinds of traumatic memories: the one induced
>by Betrayal - the incest types, the sexual abuses by people you
>trusted, and the ones induced by Terror. Terror and Betrayal,
>two different animals, processed by the mind and soul in quite
>different ways.

>Am I mistaking if I presume that senor McNally and mucho al. use
>sexually repressed memories to understand the abduction
>phenomenon?

>Do you know what terror is?

>If you were one of my students, I garantee you that, this kind
>of reasoning, you could have tried in September but wouldn't
>have come to your mind in June, unless you were looking for an
>academical suicide.

It is understandable that experiencers express outrage at the

apparent failure of the "mainstream" scientific community to take them seriously, but the undeniable fact is research funding has, with few exceptions, been continuously and pitifully absent from the abduction subject. My contention is that the data (independent of the interpretation) in Dr McNally's paper increases the probability of further research on abduction, perhaps even using imaging techniques that are gradually becoming more capable of distinguishing "real" from "false" memories (for a couple of examples, see below). The following is a context for my original remarks. In the early 1990s, a nationwide Roper poll, paid for by Robert Bigelow (president of NIDS), was conducted by surveying approx 6000 demographically weighted people in the United States. The survey asked people on the street a series of questions targeted on "unusual personal experiences". The purpose was to gain a first order approximation into the frequency of abduction, and other paranormal phenomena, from the perspective of the (demographically weighted) average American. The results were tabulated, interpreted and written up in an attractive (but not necessarily objective) booklet with contributions by Budd Hopkins, John Mack, David Jacobs and others. Some of those Roper results are on the NIDS website:

<http://www.nidsci.org>

and they are compared to a second Roper nationwide poll conducted in 1998.

Yes, there have been some criticisms of the methodology used in that Roper survey. In hindsight, there may have been some survey questions in need of more refinement. Regardless, the booklet containing the results and interpretations of the survey was mailed from this office here in Las Vegas to about 100,000 professional practitioners in psychology and psychiatry around the United States. The aim was to begin to stimulate a nationwide dialog with psychologists and psychiatrists on this very controversial topic.

At the same time, presentations were orchestrated in several major cities in the United States, including a "travelling roadshow" comprising presentations of the Roper data on "unusual personal experiences" at multiple venues, mostly large cities.

Again, the intent was to stimulate a national debate on abductions. To cut a long story short, the end result of a sustained effort, involving considerable expense, in reaching out to about 100,000 psychologists and psychiatrists (including academic, clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, and neurologists) was a deafening silence. Very few replied to the outreach attempts. Only a tiny minority were interested.

Thus, statements in my previous email were made from the context of this previous failure to reach the research community. In 2004, I have no reason to think things have changed.

Anecdotally, I have heard abductees/experiencers referred to rather dismissively by academic psychologists, academic psychiatrists and by neurologists. I certainly cannot claim to speak for all the readers of "Psychological Science", but my impression from interacting with people in this research arena is there is a very large degree of skepticism/cynicism. My impression is that a stereotype is held by many in clinical and academic research (as partially evidenced by the Roper disappointment).

In my opinion, the good news about Dr McNally's article is that the data speak for themselves. They are easily understood. The data are broadly independent of any (including Dr McNally's) interpretation. In fact, the data may go further. They could in the future force some appraisal, involving experimental research, of how "recalled experiences" can impact physiology. My hunch is these data will catch the attention of the clinical/academic psychology research community. They have tens of millions of dollars of research funding at their disposal. They are in a position to effect change. And there is no better platform than a peer reviewed article in that particular journal to capture their attention.

Bruce Maccabee's point that Dr McNally's article is merely re-discovering Rima Laibow's data from 20 years ago is well taken, but how influential was Dr Laibow on the segment of the research community that dominates the research funding? And those who

dominate research funding also dominate policy. My answer would be: Dr Laibow was and is not very influential. A glance at Dr McNally's credentials shows that a paper from him will be noticed. It may even be followed up on.

Various pronouncements on this email list are unlikely to catch the attention of the well funded psychology community and/or effect change. But the data in Dr McNally's article may.

As I said in my previous email, the data in Dr McNally's paper may stimulate a future research project that compares abductees with PTSD victims using fMRI and other brain imaging techniques. That would be a first. There are some interesting data emerging from research teams at Harvard and at Johns Hopkins on the use of fMRI to tease apart the neural correlates that distinguish "real" from "false" memories. Examples:

(1) Cogn Affect Behav Neurosci. 2003 Dec;3(4):323-34
Neural processing associated with true and false memory retrieval.

Okado Y, Stark C.

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland 21218, USA.

We investigated the neural bases for false memory with fMRI by examining neural activity during retrieval processes that yielded true or false memories. We used a reality monitoring paradigm in which participants saw or imagined pictures of concrete objects. (A subsequent misinformation task was also used to increase false memory rates.) At test, fMRI data were collected as the participants determined whether they had seen or had only imagined the object at study. True memories were of seen pictures accurately endorsed as seen, and for false memories were of imagined pictures falsely endorsed as seen. Three distinct patterns of activity were observed: Left frontal and parietal activity was not different for true and for false memories, whereas activity was greater for true than for false memories in occipital visual regions and posterior portions of the parahippocampal gyrus, and activity was greater for false than for true memories in right anterior cingulate gyrus. Possible interpretations are discussed.

(2) Nat Neurosci. 2004 Jun;7(6):664-72. Epub 2004 May 23
A sensory signature that distinguishes true from false memories.

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Human behavioral studies show that there is greater sensory/perceptual detail associated with true memories than false memories. We therefore hypothesized that true recognition of abstract shapes would elicit greater visual cortical activation than would false recognition. During functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), participants studied exemplar shapes and later made recognition memory decisions ("old" or "new") concerning studied exemplars (old shapes), nonstudied lures (related shapes) and new shapes. Within visual processing regions, direct contrasts between true recognition ("old" response to an old shape; old-hit) and false recognition ("old" response to a related shape; related-false alarm) revealed preferential true recognition-related activity in early visual processing regions (Brodmann area (BA)17, BA18). By comparison, both true and false recognition were associated with activity in early and late (BA19, BA37) visual processing regions, the late regions potentially supporting "old" responses, independent of accuracy. Further analyses suggested that the differential early visual processing activity reflected repetition priming, a type of implicit memory. Thus, the sensory signature that distinguishes true from false recognition may not be accessible to conscious awareness.

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

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>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
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>>Date: Wed, 30 Jun 2004 21:42:36 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>If you read the paper carefully you will see the main concern of
>>McNally et. al. is to investigate the controversy concerning
>>recovered memories of trauma. One of the main problems with this
>>is that some people argue that the fact that people recalling
>>traumatic experiences show strong psychophysiological responses
>>indicates that their stories must be literally true.

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>I think in any case, the whole notion of "false memories" is
>laden with assumptions, not the least one being that it actually
>makes sense to talk about specific discrete memories which are
>either "true" or "false". Memories don't exist as readily
>delineated objects, but as patterns of information subject to
>different and changing degrees of processing and abstraction. It
>probably doesn't make any sense to talk about any memory as
>either altogether "true" or altogether "false" -- even computer
>memories involve a process of abstraction, a point which is
>sometimes overlooked by researchers in this area.

Thank you Cathy,

The study of the mind is the key to the secrets of reality.

Memories are our duplications of our environment via our senses.

Those memories or recordings then become modified with our own
conclusions, postulates, evaluations. Upon recall all that mish
mosh comes to the fore so that any memories aren't pristine but
filtered and processed from our points of view. So all memories
are only as valuable to others as they are accurate and able to
corroborate and apply.

The old "The fish that got away" scenario is example of this.

A person is sitting there minding their own business and
something unusual or unexpected happens and the senses go on
alert and those recordings become sometimes bigger than life.
After one calms down one might then relate more accurate
observations.

What's real to a person is just that: real to that person.
Others might or might not corroborate and agree. Yet if one has
evaluated and accepted something then it will register as real.

Example being a fellow catches a fish unexpectedly, it thrashes
about and startles him, he almost falls into the water. To him
he might interpret his saving as 'a guardian angel' as it's his
culture to evaluate such an action as such. Put him on a lie

detector or regretably under hypnosis and he'll say it was his 'guardian angel' and guess what? It'll register as real because he has decided it is real. A real conclusion.

As for abductees, of course they're going to register as real because of two and a combination of two. Something happened to them and they accepted it as real per their ability and education of interpreting that event. Of course the mind and it's imagination will often fill in the gaps but good ol' fashioned beat-cop examination will be able to sift through the chaff and the wheat to get to the raw data. The applicable data that can be used to construct a more readable scenario.

False memories? Unless someone has undergone some brutal implantation of data that overwhelms their own analytical consciousness.

Science has yet to resolve the power of our minds. Theoretical physics might hold the key.

Abductees are then at the advantage from my viewpoint. No less valid than the billions of people who've claimed to have seen religious figures or interacted with religious figures on a daily basis. Ask anyone who's driven the 101 freeway in Los Angeles and 9 out of 10 will probably tell you if it hadn't been for Jesus, God or their guardian angel they wouldn't have made it to their destinations.

It's real to them and that's all that matters. It's how they've interpreted their experiences and those memories restimulated will put out that same data via their conclusions.

Abductees were abducted. Plain and simple. Whom or what abducted them is only gleaned from comparative data under proper control situations. It may seem fantastic and unreal but what's often unreal and fantastic soon becomes run-of-the-mill.

Having psychologists delve into the fray shows that the issue is becoming of some significant interest. No invalidation but raises more questions. Of course nowadays the psychological and psychiatric communities had better be cautious in labelling these people 'insane' or 'mentally ill'. An abductee's story is based in far sounder science than the billions upon billions of stories of mythological and religious based interpretations of life.

We know we suppress traumatic memories. That's been well established. What happens to those memories depends on our culture, well being, beliefs, education.

The only danger I see here is when mental health is used for vindictive or political purposes. The sheer volume of abuse over the past 100 years is overwhelmingly evident. If you don't go with the flow you end up in a hospital or drugged.

Abductees, no matter how wild their stories are should not be systematically treated like 19th Century mental ward victims.

Bottom line is, if it's real to them, it's real to them. If the data can be corroborated, then the data can be corroborated.

Best,

Greg

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hall

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>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
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>>>Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 16:18:13 +0100
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>>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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>>>>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 14:24:47 EDT
>>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>Dick

>>Thanks for the free advice, which is worth every penny of it.

>>So the scientific method (not sure what the quotes are supposed
>>to imply) has been profoundly discredited, eh? That will indeed
>>be news to the NASA JPL scientists currently investigating
>>Saturn, Dick Haines, Bruce Maccabee, the National Institutes of
>>Health, and many many others. Might as well close down the labs
>>and go home.

>You're a devil, aren't you? I'll have to cross my T's and dot my
>i's with you sir, that I can see. I was referring to Ufology
>although I accept I never said that.

>Now we've got that sorted, perhaps you might like to answer the
>question honestly this time? In fact I'll repeat the question
>within more specific parameters;

>How exactly has the scientific approach got us any closer to
>full disclosure or for that matter, even a confirmation of
>anomaly?

>>Also, for the record I am not a grumpy old man. I'm a grumpy
>>young man, and getting grumpier by the day as I see mystics and
>>New Agers trying to take over the UFO field. As I dodder into
>>the sunset I will continue to fight for scientific rationality.

>Jolly good and a worthy sentiment to boot. But I want to ask a
>favour. Could you let the rest of us have our say, unmolested by
>sneering, bullying and sarcasm, if we happen to voice an opinion
>that doesn't tie in with yours?

Stuart,

You must be looking in a mirror. It was you that essentially
told me (and Brad Sparks) to shut-up and mind our own business
and let you say whatever you want to say unmolested. In fact,
you repeat that sentiment here. It is my distinct impression

that this List exists for the exchange of ideas and for each of us to comment on and critique what others say to our heart's content. That's exactly what I intend to do, and if you feel "molested," "sneered at," or "bullied" thereby, that clearly is your problem.

You ask where the scientific approach has gotten us. Let me ask a very serious counter-question: What other approach is there? The very fact that you asked this question suggests to me that you have some very strange concept of what science is or is supposed to be. In case you haven't noticed, I have been highly critical of wimpy, cowardly scientists who (a) fail to investigate, and/or (b) fail to speak out. However, that is no comment whatsoever on the validity of scientific method.

You seem to suggest that science is okay outside of Ufology, but there it is not working. Huh?

And what is your alternative? Are you one of those Greerites who think ranting and raving, tossing aside the most rudimentary character checking, and dragging in all sorts of political hot potatoes is going to get us somewhere? Or are you really suggesting that there is some valid alternative truth-seeking methodology that is superior to that of science?

- Dick

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Forteanism And Experience Anomalies

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Subject: Forteanism And Experience Anomalies

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Forteanism And Experience Anomalies

Dear fellow Forteans,

Forteans investigate puzzling phenomena that seem inexplicable or even impossible by generally expected scientific theories - ghosts, poltergeists, UFOs, "alien abductions," "Bigfoot" and other "Hairy Hominids," Lake Monsters, crop circles, the West Virginia "Mothman," etc. Whenever possible, they try to find an explanation for such occurrences - whether conventional or extraordinary. More fundamentally, however, they also ask what such phenomena indicate about the nature of the world we find ourselves living in.

Do generally accepted scientific knowledge and theories give a full and accurate picture of our world?, Forteans ask. Or is the accepted "mainstream" scientific world-picture seriously flawed and incomplete? Do Fortean and paranormal anomalies indicate the gaps and errors in our world-picture?

Forteans have given different answers to these questions. Most agree, anomalous phenomena suggest that our prevailing "official" scientific world-picture may not be quite complete. Some Forteans feel that we only need to make a few small adjustments on the fringes of our scientific world-picture. Maybe, they suggest, the intelligent, scientifically advanced extraterrestrials postulated by SETI enthusiasts and "mainstream" astronomers like the late Carl Sagan are in fact already here with us, studying our planet, species, and civilization in their UFOs, perhaps even abducting some of us on occasion. Maybe, they speculate, pre-sapiens hominids (Australopithecines, Homo erectus, Neandertals, etc.), dinosaurs, plesiosaurs, or zeuglodon (serpentine prehistoric whales) did not die out completely, but are still with us today in odd corners of our planet, giving rise to Bigfoot, "Hairy Hominid," Sea Serpent, Lake Monster, or mokele-mbembe reports. Other Forteans, however, believe that the anomalous evidence requires "far-out" theories and quite radical revisions of our scientific world-picture. UFOs, "aliens," "Hairy Hominids," Lake Monsters, "Mothman" type winged weirdos, and mokele-mbembe "African Dinosaurs" alike, they suggest, might be semi-material psychic projections or thought-forms from the Collective Unconscious, or "ultraterrestrials" from another dimension, or "Inner Earth" denizens of a vast subterranean cavern realm (or even "hollow Earth") unknown to orthodox geologists, or even the angels, demons, djinn, or devas of traditional religious belief and mythology.

Still other Forteans challenge accepted scientific theories of human origins and prehistory by espousing "Ancient Astronaut" theories like those of Erich von Daniken and Zechariah Sitchin, or religious fundamentalist "Scientific Creationism." Hollow- and flat-earth theories find their advocates in some segments

of the Fortean and paranormalist community - as do all sorts of conspiracy theories. The Fortean conspiracy theorists, too, run a wide gamut. Some are relatively moderate believers in government UFO cover-up and Kennedy assassination conspiracies. A few even link the two, arguing that Fred Lee Crisman of 1947 Maury Island hoax ill-fame was a CIA agent who later turned up as one of the three "tramps" (i.e., gunmen) arrested at Dealey Plaza in Dallas in 1963. Others, however, espouse right-wing theories of Jewish, Catholic, Masonic, "New World Order," or "Illuminati" world-domination plots - against the protests of Forteans like Jerome Clark who warn that "scratch a conspiracy theorist, and a bigot bleeds." Some, indeed, accept the elaborate super-conspiracy theories of David Icke and the late Milton William Cooper, linking together the Elders of Zion, the Illuminati, reptilian space aliens in human disguise, underground UFO bases at Dulce or Area 51, and secret treaties between the government and the "Grays." All of these Forteans and conspiracists pride themselves on "thinking outside the box." However, the susceptibility of some Forteans to conspiracy theories involving ugly ethnic, racial, or religious prejudices is troubling to more thoughtful, rational, or liberal-minded Forteans.

Forteans - cryptozoologists investigating mysterious creature reports, ufologists studying puzzling aerial phenomena and the humanoids or other anomalous entities sometimes observed in connection with those aerial phenomena, parapsychologists studying unusual mental phenomena, etc. - are popularly seen as "believing in" UFO's, "aliens," ghosts, Bigfoot, Lake Monsters, telepathy, etc. Some Forteans do indeed zealously "believe in" UFOs as extraterrestrial spacecraft, "Hairy Hominids" as surviving Australopithecines or Neandertals, Lake Monsters as surviving plesiosaurs, ghosts as the spirits of the dead, etc., collecting and publishing their data to support their pet theories. Most cryptozoologists, ufologists, and other Forteans, however, argue that true Forteanism is NOT "belief" in any pet hypothesis, nor commitment to any one particular explanation of anomalous phenomena. They see true Forteanism, rather, as involving an open-minded skepticism about reported phenomena hard to explain in terms of generally accepted scientific theories, and a willingness to consider a wide range of possible explanations for such reports, from the thoroughly mundane through the slightly speculative to the seemingly bizarre. True Forteans, they feel, see the generally accepted current scientific world-picture neither as perfectly complete, accurate, and infallible nor as completely worthless and misguided.

As one leading contemporary Fortean, the cryptozoologist Loren Coleman, has stressed, "pursuers of the unknown, Forteans all, believe in nonbelief" (Loren Coleman, *Mysterious America: The Revised Edition* [New York: Paraview Press, 2001], "Some Concluding Thoughts After Some Years on the Trail," p. 289). An "open-minded attitude to the many unexplained situations," he feels, is "the stock and trade of the Fortean" (Coleman, *Mysterious America*, p. 289). Coleman and his fellow cryptozoologists can "accept concrete answers, actual flesh and blood critters as the foundation to monster accounts." However, he adds, "a psychological answer may be at work with some of these accounts, and the rational conventional undiscovered animal answer may not be viable for all reports." He sees "room enough to consider many possibilities." However, he emphasizes that as a cryptozoologist he does not "believe" in monsters. Cryptozoology, he reiterates, is "not about 'belief.'" Believing is "the realm of religion," but "cryptozoology, like all sciences," is "about gathering the data and evidence to develop trends, patterns, and evidence which lead to hard facts and discoveries" (Coleman, *Mysterious America*, p. 289).

Thus, Coleman suggests on the one hand that quite probably "some monsters in America are chimpanzee-like dryopithecines," "some mystery cats and maned lions are relict populations" of *Panthera atrox*, and "some lake monsters are unknown long-necked seals." However, he feels that there is also "room" in his "cosmic jokebox" for "teleporting alligators, Dover Demons," and "phantom clowns that imitate UFO's in all aspects but flight." (Coleman, *Mysterious America*, p. 289). Again, Coleman suggests that some "spook lights," those "ghostly globes of illumination that seem glued to specific locations," may be "related to discharges of electric energy produced by geological fault stresses. Some, however, may be related to "various kinds of

parapsychological disturbances akin to ghosts," and "others to a form of geophysical phenomenon as yet not understood." He professes himself "not afraid to say 'I don't know.'" (Coleman, *Mysterious America* , p. 289).

Another Fortean researcher, Jerome Clark, has noted an ambiguous duality in many anomalous phenomena, and suggested that they may be best regarded as "experience anomalies," phenomena which it is possible for people to experience, but whose actual nature or explanation is still unknown. What is commonly thought of as a single anomalous phenomenon (UFOs, Bigfoot, Lake Monsters, ball lightning), Clark finds, may be two phenomena, one admittedly bizarre but potentially explainable by current or near-future science (extraterrestrial spaceships, surviving prehistoric animals, etc.), the other seemingly just incredible, absurd, magical, or supernatural, totally violating any rational scientific world-view. Many such phenomena, he feels, are best described as "experience anomalies," something in-between ordinary hallucinations and encounters with physically real objects or creatures. They are something more than simple dreams, hallucinations, or visions, but not perhaps physically or objectively real, either. They do not, Clark feels, prove that strange entities or creatures really exist. They merely show that it is possible for people to sometimes see such things. We simply do not have the vocabulary needed to explain such things.

In his Introduction to *Unexplained!* (1999), Clark described evidence for "high-strangeness anomalies" as resting on "credible persons reporting incredible things," with "nothing but sincerity to show for it." This was not "the stuff of a scientific revolution," but also no reason to "rush into the vacuum with a naively reductionist account" rendering the anomalous claim "harmless" by "covering it with a 'natural' cause pulled out of a hat." It was "just as unwise" with "scientifically meaningless or overtly supernatural 'theories' based on a host of unverifiable assumptions about the nature of reality" proposed by occultists, advocates of "metaphysical" explanations, and theorists about other dimensions and "astral" or "etheric" realms (Jerome Clark, *Unexplained! Strange Sightings, Incredible Occurrences & Puzzling Physical Phenomena*, 2nd edition [Canton, MI: Visible Ink Press, 1999], Introduction, pp. xviii-xix]

However, it was "clear" that the "literature on anomalous phenomena," whether "written by proponents or debunkers," showed that "we do not know why honest individuals, in all times and places, claim to see things that all evidence and logic tell us do not and can not exist." Human nature, Clark felt, "abhors an explanatory vacuum." Thus, in the "rhetoric of the debate" raging over reported anomalies through the centuries, a "strange entity" was transformed "either into a conventional object or animal to which it bears no resemblance or into an intruder from some magical dimension." If "neither explanation" was "especially helpful," it was because "the question has been framed wrongly." The question should not be, though it all too often was, "Do bizarre beasts and entities exist?" No "sensible, all-encompassing answer" was "possible." Rather, the question "really" was, "Is it possible to have the experience of encountering bizarre beasts and entities?" The "answer" here was "yes." This was "only to acknowledge modestly the obvious," which was, as folklorist Bill Ellis put it, that "weird stuff happens" (Jerome Clark, *Unexplained!* , Introduction, p. xix).

However, this was "in no way conceding anything about what all this weird stuff means." We can "grant," Clark felt, that "people 'see' fairies or merfolk without for a moment believing that fairies or merfolk are 'real'" in the sense of being physical creatures composed of matter, occupying space, and capable of being photographed or videotaped. Clark simply recognized that "such sightings are an experience it is possible to have, even though the actual dynamics of the experience remain unknown to us." Thus, "science as currently constructed has little to offer in the way of elucidation, and occultism has only obfuscation." The "nature of these experiences," however, did not need to "remain forever inexplicable." With the "ever-accelerating accumulation of knowledge in all areas," it would presumably be "possible sooner or later to place these experiences in a rational perspective," either as "heretofore-unsuspected perceptual anomalies" or as "glimpses of an otherwise-undetected larger reality." Whether the "solution"

came "from the micro (subjective) or macro (objective) side of the existential ledger," it was "sure to teach us something real." Until then, these "events" should be "regarded simply as curiosities that represent some of human experience's more peculiar and unclassifiable aspects and about which it is difficult to say more." They should "not be seen as the foundation of a new science or a new religion," and they "ought not to threaten anyone who does not need to believe late-twentieth-century science has accounted for all the interesting phenomena of mind and nature" (Jerome Clark, *Unexplained!*, Introduction, p. xix).

Cryptozoologists, Clark noted, "deal with questions that seem straightforward enough, but become complicated by unwelcome intrusions of high-strangeness manifestations." Thus, "most investigators of Loch Ness monsters, for example," concentrated on "reports - and there are many - of creatures that could be real animals, even if ones usually thought extinct such as plesiosaurs and dinosaurs." They paid "as little attention as possible," however, to "reported sightings (usually on land) of things that look like aquatic camels, enormous crocodiles, mutated hippopotamuses, great salamanders, or - in one instance - a giant frog." Likewise, while most Bigfoot/Sasquatch reports involved hairy ape-like creatures that plausibly might well be relict survivors of our supposedly extinct evolutionary ancestors or cousins, "some aspects of their appearance verge on the apparitional, and a few instances hint at an association with UFO's." (Jerome Clark, *Unexplained!*, Introduction, p. xxiii).

"Not uncommonly," Clark thus found, "what is thought of as a single anomalous phenomenon" may be "two phenomena, one merely fantastic, the other utterly incredible." One "seems potentially explainable, more or less, by current (or near-future) science," while the other is "absurd or inexplicable, or both." This "peculiar duality" was "apparent even in such relatively sedate manifestations of nature as ball lightning" (Jerome Clark, *Unexplained!*, Introduction, p. xxiii). The "temptations to reductionism (the witness was dreaming it) or occultism (it was a paranormal being from the etheric realm)" were "hard to resist" in discussing high-strangeness anomalies. Again, "human nature abhors an explanatory vacuum." However, "real understanding" demanded "intellectual modesty and patience, not to mention a huge tolerance for ambiguity" (Jerome Clark, *Unexplained!*, Introduction, p. xxiv).

"Anomalies of the highest strangeness" dwelt in a "twilight zone of ambiguity." To say that you have "seen" one was "not necessarily to say that the anomaly lives on in the world when it is not briefly occupying your vision and scaring the daylights out of you." We may "experience unbelievable things," but "our experiences of them may tell us nothing about them except that they can be experienced." One can "see" a mermaid or a werewolf," but "however impressive the experience may be," the "rest of us cannot infer from that that mermaids and werewolves are 'real.'" In fact, Clark felt, "we can be certain that they are not." And "that is all we can be certain of," because "all we have done here is to remove one explanation (that mermaids and werewolves live in the world) from consideration while failing to put another in its place" (Jerome Clark, *Unexplained!*, Introduction, p. xxv).

Clark returned to this theme of "experience anomalies" in his 2000 *Anomalist* article "From Mermaids to Little Gray Men" on "The Prehistory of the UFO Abduction Phenomenon." He compared encounters with mermaids, fairies, and "aliens" as experiences which were quite real and baffling but did not necessarily indicate the real existence as physical space-time objects of the entities or creatures reported. UFO "alien" encounters seemed to be a contemporary counterpart of the mermaid and fairy encounters of earlier times. Clark cited a number of detailed ancient, medieval, and 18th and 19th century descriptions by reliable witnesses under excellent viewing conditions of entities closely resembling traditional folkloric "mermaids" and "mermen," but conceded that a half-fish half-human creature was a "zoological absurdity." Thus, those reliable witnesses with their excellent viewing conditions could not possibly have seen real biological "merfolk." (Jerome Clark, "From Mermaids to Little Gray Men: The Prehistory of the UFO Abduction Phenomenon," *The Anomalist*, No. 8, Spring 2000, p. 13)

Still, Clark noted, those "merfolk" witnesses were not simply in the grip of popular superstitions which affected their sense of reality by distorting sightings of mundane objects or creatures like manatees, choppy ocean waves, or clumps of seaweed, as what witnesses report about merfolk and what legends and folklore report about merfolk do not match. Legendary merfolk were intelligent beings with supernatural powers who speak like normal human beings and even shed their fishy bottoms to live on land and romance or wed humans. The merfolk of sightings, however, neither speak nor communicate anything but animal-like sounds, and give no particular indication of possessing more than an animal's level of intelligence. Witnesses often called the merbeing an animal, and used the pronoun it rather than him or her. (Clark, "From Mermaids to Little Gray Men," pp. 13-14).

Mermaids, fairy encounters, and UFO alien abductions all involved the "problem of extraordinary testimony by persons who are to all appearances reliable and rational." It was {hard to discuss these things" because "we don't even have a vocabulary for them." It was "hard to imagine," unless "we are discussing outright hallucinations, which I don't think we are," how "an experience and an event could be different categories of experience." Still, he was forced to concede, "as long as there have been human beings, they have been." (Clark, "From Mermaids to Little Gray Men," p. 29).

To an "unsettling extent," Clark felt, "so-called supernatural beliefs have been based not just on nebulous lore and rumor but on people's perceived experiences." People "believed in gods, monsters, fairies, and mermen" because "they, or people whom they knew to be credible, experienced them." Such "experience anomalies," as Clark called them, were "shaped by images and motifs familiar to those who lived within the culture in which those experiences were perceived." That seemed to be "generally true." Could it be, Clark wondered, that "our generation's experience anomalies take the shape of abducting aliens?" He added that he was "not discussing simple delusions or visions," but "experiences that in themselves are fantastic and inexplicable by current knowledge," experiences that "are at the same time different from and the same as those our ancestors knew from thousands of years of human interaction with the unknown" (Clark, "From Mermaids to Little Gray Men," p. 29).

The "abduction phenomenon, or at least a good part of it," Clark suggested, might bear "only a superficial link with the UFO phenomenon of daylight discs, radar/visuals, landing traces, electromagnetic effects, and other hard evidence." That might be "why, after 40 years of concentrated investigation into it," the "evidence for abductions" had "yet to rise above the merely intriguing." Where was "the abduction equivalent," he asked, of well-established physical UFO evidence like "the RB-47 case, the McMinnville photos, the Trans-en-Provence or Delphos landing traces?" It was "thinkable" that "abductions, or at least many of them," were "experiences, not events," and that "in trying to bring them into the world and turning them into events, we're confusing moonbeams with the moon" (Clark, "From Mermaids to Little Gray Men," pp. 29-30)

Clark proposed "provisionally and undogmatically" that the abduction phenomenon, or much of it anyway, "was a modern version of the sort of experience anomalies those who once encountered merfolk, fairies, and other supernatural beings underwent." He was "not talking about hallucinations as ordinarily and fairly well understood," but about "something much stranger, something that defies our ordinary understanding of how we perceive the world." This "experiential reality" took "much of its imagery from ideas and images in the culture around it," but also had "its own curious, idiosyncratic dynamics" distinguishing actual encounters from traditional, legendary, or popular beliefs and imagery. He thus cited the "divergence between merfolk as experienced and merfolk as conceived in folklore and legend," and the "large difference between fairies as 'seen' and experienced, versus the fairylore of popular culture." To these, Clark added "an abduction phenomenon whose imagery can only be imperfectly traced to science fiction, UFO literature, and mass speculation and theory about extraterrestrial visitors" (Clark, "From Mermaids to Little Gray Men," p. 30)

"If these experiences are not hallucinations," Clark felt, "they

do not seem to be events, either." They were "intensely real to those to whom they happen," and they might "even be accompanied by ambiguous 'physical evidence,' not enough by a long shot to prove an extraordinary event, but sufficient to hint that something unusual took place." We were definitely "dealing with something that current knowledge cannot satisfyingly explain." We might "also be dealing with something that forever dwells inside a twilight zone of ambiguity." To "say that you have seen a bizarre or unearthly entity" was "not necessarily to say that the anomalous being or beast lives on in the world when it is not occupying your vision and scaring the daylights out of you." We "may experience unbelievable things," but "our experiences of them may tell us nothing about them except that they can be experienced" (Clark, "From Mermaids to Little Gray Men," pp. 30-31)

What might be "defeating our understanding," Clark reiterated, was a "lack of vocabulary as much as anything." Experience anomalies, he noted, "refuse pigeon-holing, and they promise without ever quite delivering." Maybe we needed, he suggested, "to look at the so far intractable problem of the abduction phenomenon from a new perspective," one that "respects witness testimony in a way that such testimony deserves to be respected, yet also does not duck the question of why we are as far as ever from being able to prove that UFO abductions are events that happen in the world." We needed a "perspective that puts abduction experiences into a larger historical context, and one that acknowledges how much we don't know about the world outside us, the world inside us, and maybe even that shadowy world that may, in some fashion supremely difficult to grasp, be in both places at once" (Clark, "From Mermaids to Little Gray Men," p. 31)

- "Only a zit on the wart on the heinie of progress."
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Re: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 13:38:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 07:17:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 08:33:06 -0700
>Subject: Re: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 10:15:28 -0500
>>Subject: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

>>>From "The Bleat," date and author unknown.....

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>>Great job, Pat! Nice of you to wad up all the goodwill you've
>>accumulated and flush it down the toilet. Let's review: you're
>>most prominently identified with which character? No, not Ahab.
>>Perhaps Professor Xavier? After 2 more movies and 280 TV
>>episodes, perhaps. No, you're Jean-Luc Picard. That's how
>>millions know you; that's the character that millions enjoyed,
>>because you did a good job of portraying a civilized,
>>intelligent explorer who projected the values of Western Civ
>>into the inky void while confronting the baffling nuances of
>>worlds we have yet to imagine. Many of us aging dweebs enjoyed
>>ST: TNG because you invested the silly thing with gravity and
>>brains, and our wives loved it as well: that shiny skull worked
>>for them big time. In a few years NASA will have a crop of
>>engineers whose desire to put robots on other planets was first
>>sparked by the opening fly-by sequence of TNG. They thought you
>>were on their side. Silly people?

>Will wonders never cease..... For once I actually agree with the
>Bard of Adelpia.

>For that matter, I actually understood what he wrote!

Let's go all the way back to incomprehensibility then, Sir. You
can't really "agree"... then "understand"; you'd have to
"understand" and then "agree", or put your cart before your
horse, build your roof at ground level, or start your sentence
with a period. Moreover, more's the pity. I didn't write what
you've quoted. Looks like I'm still batting a thousand with
you. Tsk.

alienview.nul

EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.
\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.

Re: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 15:41:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 07:41:18 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - White

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 19:40:15 +0000
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Eleanor White

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There is not one shred of proof that all phenomena in this huge, complex, multi-dimensional universe are equally performable by every experimenter. There is a psychic dimension to this universe, and today's version of the scientific method has been stopped dead because of the faulty assumption that there isn't one.

Eleanor White

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 13:59:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 08:14:41 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hatch

>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 12:28:08 -0400
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 16:12:51 +0100
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>How exactly has the scientific approach got us any closer to full disclosure or for that matter, even a confirmation of anomaly?

Scientific method was never intended or thought to be a way to force 'full disclosure'. That would be a political matter mostly. There seems to be some lack of understanding what 'scientific method' is.

Neither should S.M. guarantee confirmation of one theory or another. Some of the greatest advances in science came from experiments that failed... using S.M. all the while.

- Larry Hatch

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Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 01:33:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 08:18:05 -0400
Subject: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

Lake County, Ohio, Law Officer reports 'hovering boomerang' near Willoughby Hills, Ohio - Perry Nuclear Power Station - on June 16, 2004.

For details, see:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/willoughby04.html>

Thanks to Peter Davenport of N.U.F.O.R.C.
and
Painesville, Ohio researcher Daniel Wilson

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Sharon Larkin Response From Chris Parr

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 07:43:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 08:23:06 -0400
Subject: Sharon Larkin Response From Chris Parr

I received this from Chris Parr after forwarding Mike Wray's post onto the ufologyinuk list. I have no wish to act as "Piggy in the middle", so if there is any further dialogue between Chris and Mike, I suggest they continue it directly with each other, or directly via the Lists concerned.

Regards,

Joe

From: Chris Parr <ChrissyParr.nul>
To: Joe McGonagle <joe.nul>
Sent: Friday, July 02, 2004 2:07 PM
Subject: Sharon Larkin - A response from Chris Parr

I have been accused by Mike Wray in relation to disparaging comments aimed at the UFO research and evidence presented by Sharon Larkin of Cumbria. Mike also highlights that Sharon did not put herself forward to win the dubious accolade of Ufo magazine Investigator of the Year. The facts are that ufologists were prompted in an edition of UFO magazine to forward a cash sum to nominate themselves and this facility was also made available on-line by UFO Magazine.

For the sake of the reputation of UK Ufological Studies, I felt duty bound to raise concerns about the UFO investigation and the contents of a three page article by Sharon Larkin entitled "A Toy Story". The latter was supposed to be a field investigation into the dark secrets inside RAF Machrihanish. Ufologists throughout the UK were amazed that such a dire ufological contribution could be recognised as ufologically worthy and award winning material by UFO Magazine.

It was not only ufologists who were dumbfounded by the Toy Story Article. Experienced Stealth researchers at UK Stealth Study Group (now Black Dawn) found the claims of Sharon Larkin to be grossly inaccurate and their web site encouraged people to treat the Toy Story article with humour. This group also tried to contact Sharon Larkin and UFO Magazine on the matter, yet got no response.

I have also brought to the attention to UK ufology that Sharon Larkin incorporates X-Files plots into her very own ufological claims of evidence. This matter is can be directly attributed to the final contents of "A Toy Story" which elapses in a typical X-Files plot and I forward my brief summary on the final twist of this award winning investigation as follows.....

Sharon and her field investigation team are disguised as tourists and make their way to the Chinook Disaster Memorial Stone. On their journey, a complete stranger approaches them and engages a conversation. As it transpires, the mysterious "Deep Throat Character" is a former employee at RAF Machrihanish and continues to reveal the true causes of the 1994 Chinook Disaster and gives locations and background to the tragedy which reveal a collision with an experimental UAV and the involvement of the US

Navy Seals.

Maybe Mike Wray or anybody from the Ufologyinuk list would be kind enough to provide a word by word transcript of the Toy Story article and also provide support to its content.

As a Cumbrian Ufologist, I will supply Ufology with an update of ufo events, sightings and articles from this area. If I feel suspicious about the content of such UFO related material then I will highlight such concerns. If the same source of such material appears to be coming from the same person then I am not choosing to single out any one person. This is clearly the pattern of spurious local ufo articles and the sources from which they originate.

Chris Parr

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UFO Fest In Roswell

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 04:38:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 08:27:14 -0400
Subject: UFO Fest In Roswell

Source: The El Paso Times

<http://www.borderlandnews.com/stories/borderland/20040703-138390.shtml>

07-03-004

UFO fest in Roswell

Actresses Barbara March, right, and Gwynyth Walsh signed photographs for fans Friday at the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell.

March and Walsh played Klingon warrior sisters Lursa and B'etor in the "Star Trek: The Next Generation" television series and the movie "Star Trek: Generations." The two are in Roswell for the city's annual UFO Festival this weekend.

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Eleanor,

Agreed. This once again speaks to the human failings of biased
and/or ignorant scientists, not to the validity of scientific
method itself.

- Dick

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Eleanor,

Well, now you are off on another tangent. If a phenomenon can
only be replicated by certain people, then that is legitimate
grounds for being skeptical about it...not necessarily about
rejecting it altogether. Scientific method is not (or should not
be) as rigid as you seem to portray it.

Legitimate science can be applied to transient phenomena, and
wherever it may be inadequate to find answers what do you do
then? Toss out science? Substitute what? Crystal balls? Tea-
leaf reading? I have argued strenuously that the [un]scientific
objections to UFOs are fallacious, and that creative scientists
can find ways to investigate difficult questions.

When you say "there is a psychic dimension to the universe" and
scientific method is faulty for assuming that there isn't, what
do you base that on? Sounds like religious belief (faith) to
me. I'd just as soon go back to my invisible green demon in the
corner who can explain everything.

- Dick

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 10:06:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 10:51:13 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Kaeser

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>one.

Do those who promote the scientific method (in it's traditional
sense) believe that we have the ability to measure and
understand all of that which makes up our reality. I believe the
answer to that is a clear, NO.

The problem arises if one feels the need to convince others of
their beliefs based on the evidence they have. If an agreement
on what constitutes evidence and how it can be used does not
exist, then a rational discussion really can't take place.

IMO, declaring the scientific method as flawed (and we're really
only talking about a process here) merely limits the number of
people that are willing to take part in the discussion. I'd also
postulate that most of those on this list are 90% convinced of
their position regarding UFOs/Abductions/etc and few (if any)
are likely to be swayed by rhetoric posted here.

I guess this is a variation of the "shoot the messenger" problem
we also tend to have in this genre.

Steve

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Re: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 07:09:27 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 10:53:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

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My bad. I should have known better.

==JJS==

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Re: Sharon Larkin Response From Chris Parr - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 15:13:16 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 10:56:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Sharon Larkin Response From Chris Parr - Pope

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 07:43:26 +0100
>Subject: Sharon Larkin Response From Chris Parr

>From: Chris Parr <ChrissyParr.nul>
>To: Joe McGonagle <joe.nul>
>Sent: Friday, July 02, 2004 2:07 PM
>Subject: Sharon Larkin - A response from Chris Parr

>I have been accused by Mike Wray in relation to disparaging
>comments aimed at the UFO research and evidence presented by
>Sharon Larkin of Cumbria. Mike also highlights that Sharon did
>not put herself forward to win the dubious accolade of Ufo
>magazine Investigator of the Year. The facts are that ufologists
>were prompted in an edition of UFO magazine to forward a cash
>sum to nominate themselves and this facility was also made
>available on-line by UFO Magazine.

Joe, Chris, Mike,

I was peripherally involved in this, in that I presented Sharon Larkin with her "UFO Investigator of the Year" award, having been asked to do so by Graham Birdsall.

Sharon is an enthusiastic young ufologist who has been doing a lot of hard work investigating cases in her local area. I think the award reflected the view that the most important people in ufology are the ones working hard at a local level, doing investigations, organising meetings and trying to promote ufology more generally. Her brief and somewhat nervous acceptance speech showed refreshing modesty. I certainly don't agree with some of her views (e.g. those in the article Chris Parr cites) but she got her award for hard ufological graft at grass roots level, not for her views on potential cover-ups and conspiracies.

On the issue of finance, I believe that entries into the various award categories were made by means of both self-nomination and nomination by UFO Magazine. If you look at the back covers of the July, August and September issues of the magazine you'll see the following statement:

"In order to enter your video, book, documentary or movie into one or more of the above categories, you must apply for an official 2002 UFO Magazine Awards application form. This will contain terms & conditions of entry."

There's no mention of self-nominating for the "UFO Investigator of the Year" award, and indeed Gary Heseltine says on his PRUFOS website that "I was very surprised but extremely honoured to find that I had been nominated ...".

For the record, the other nominees aside from Sharon Larkin and Gary Heseltine were Chris Rolfe, Dave Clarke and Andy Roberts. I don't know if anyone in this category self-nominated, or if they did, how much they paid. I suggest that you ask them.

I don't know if nominations were then put to the public vote

(This is beginning to sound like a commentary on Big Brother) or whether Graham Birdsall and the UFO Magazine team chose the winner.

I suspect that the easiest way to clear all this up is a quick call or email to Russel Callaghan.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 11:17:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 14:06:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

>From: Kenny Young <ufo.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 01:33:17 -0400
>Subject: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

>Lake County, Ohio, Law Officer reports 'hovering boomerang' near
>Willoughby Hills, Ohio - Perry Nuclear Power Station - on June
>16, 2004.

>For details, see:

><http://home.fuse.net/ufo/willoughby04.html>

>Thanks to Peter Davenport of N.U.F.O.R.C.
>and
>Painesville, Ohio researcher Daniel Wilson

Hi Kenny,

I appreciate that interesting heads-up. I went to the webpage on your site describing both the officer's and his wife's sighting, but something puzzles me: Above (in your posting to UFO UpDates) you mention the law officer's observation as that of a "hovering boomerang", but, on the linked webpage, it is the officer's wife's report which describes the object as hovering, not that of the law officer.

I am puzzled because you describe the object that the law officer saw as a "boomerang", but on your webpage both the officer's observation and that of his wife describe only a "triangle". Please explain why the reference to a "boomerang", since, also, in the NUFORC report, only a triangular shape is described.

Whatever the shape actually might have been, considering the proximity to a nuclear plant, I hope that what the two witnesses saw were surveillance craft from the U.S. and that it indicates a careful watch is being kept on such facilities in order to prevent terrorist acts.

Ray Stanford

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 16:27:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 14:12:18 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Dickenson

>From: Eleanor White <eleonor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 16:04:36 -0400
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Hello Eleanor & List,

Your last statement is exactly correct, and 'science' has known
this for about sixty (60) years but keeps it a bit quiet. In
sheep/goats experiments the skeptics (goats) have a significant
negative effect on phenomena/observables.

See "magic2.html" (Google) and

http://hopelive.hope.ac.uk/psychology/levelH/para/Lecture_4.ppt

Bringing psi into the lab

<http://www.spiritofmaat.com/archive/aug1/psychic.html>

Separating the Sheep from the Goats

and, even further back, here's Einstein writing to Heisenberg -
"It is the theory that decides what we can observe"

Cheers

Ray

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 10:44:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 14:20:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Patrick Stewart Jumped The Shark, And Snagged

>From: Jim Speiser <jimspeiser.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 07:09:27 -0700
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>>you. Tsk.

>My bad. I should have known better.

Something you could also know a little better, Sir, is that
you're entirely too casual about being insulting. Is that a
surprise?

I might also suggest that your alleged inability to understand
me is not my problem. I point out too that, by my recollection,
you have never - no, not one time - in public or private,
indicated a desire to understand. This signifies that you have
already made up your mind about the content and are not really
interested in an understanding.

Again, persons such as yourself, who operate on easy insult,
smirky comment, and affected condescension fail to comprehend
that, in the pointing of one finger... point three back at
themselves. I trust this was ... understandable.

alienview.nul

EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.
<http://www.alienview.net>

...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.
\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: Sixto Paz Wells - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 16:48:09 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 14:22:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Sixto Paz Wells - Pope

On Tuesday I attended a talk given by the Peruvian contactee Sixto Paz Wells, who was on a rare visit to the UK. With the current focus on alien abductions, it's interesting from a ufological perspective to come across someone whose story is reminiscent of the claims made by people like Adamski, Bethurum, Fry and Menger.

Have any List members met Sixto or come across his Rahma Group, and was any objective investigation carried out into the mass sightings he claimed occurred in 1974?

For those interested in the story, here's a link to an interview with Sixto Paz Wells:

<http://66.102.9.104/search?q=cache:5LsSK0xMM1wJ:www.mysterious-america.net/sixtopazwellsint.html+sixto+paz+wells&hl=en>

If the link doesn't work, type Sixto Paz Wells into Google, without using quotation marks. The interview should be at the top, on the Mysterious America website. But it's only available on the cached site.

Additionally, one of his books, The Invitation, is available in English:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/1887472290/103-5184505-1419853?v=glance>

http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/1887472290/gid=1088868985/sr=1-4/ref=sr_1_8_4/202-0737210-0267868

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 17:23:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 14:25:23 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Miller

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 18:16:40 +0000
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 19:40:15 +0000
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>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 16:18:13 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 14:24:47 EDT
>>>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>Dick

>>>Thanks for the free advice, which is worth every penny of it.

>>>>So the scientific method (not sure what the quotes are supposed
>>>>to imply) has been profoundly discredited, eh? That will indeed
>>>>be news to the NASA JPL scientists currently investigating
>>>>Saturn, Dick Haines, Bruce Maccabee, the National Institutes of
>>>>Health, and many many others. Might as well close down the labs
>>>>and go home.

>>>>>You're a devil, aren't you? I'll have to cross my T's and dot my
>>>>>i's with you sir, that I can see. I was referring to Ufology
>>>>>although I accept I never said that.

>>>>>Now we've got that sorted, perhaps you might like to answer the
>>>>>question honestly this time? In fact I'll repeat the question
>>>>>within more specific parameters;

>>>>>How exactly has the scientific approach got us any closer to
>>>>>full disclosure or for that matter, even a confirmation of
>>>>>anomaly?

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>>>>>>>Jolly good and a worthy sentiment to boot. But I want to ask a
>>>>>>>favour. Could you let the rest of us have our say, unmolested by
>>>>>>>sneering, bullying and sarcasm, if we happen to voice an opinion
>>>>>>>that doesn't tie in with yours?

Dick,

>You must be looking in a mirror. It was you that essentially
>told me (and Brad Sparks) to shut-up and mind our own business
>and let you say whatever you want to say unmolested. In fact,
>you repeat that sentiment here. It is my distinct impression
>that this List exists for the exchange of ideas and for each of
>us to comment on and critique what others say to our heart's
>content. That's exactly what I intend to do, and if you feel
>"molested," "sneered at," or "bullied" thereby, that clearly is
>your problem.

If you don't have the insight or ability to appreciate what a
negative statement your above comments make about you, then I
can't be bothered to spell it out for you.

>You ask where the scientific approach has gotten us. Let me ask
>a very serious counter-question: What other approach is there?
>The very fact that you asked this question suggests to me that
>you have some very strange concept of what science is or is
>supposed to be. In case you haven't noticed, I have been highly
>critical of wimpy, cowardly scientists who (a) fail to
>investigate, and/or (b) fail to speak out. However, that is no
>comment whatsoever on the validity of scientific method.

>You seem to suggest that science is okay outside of Ufology, but
>there it is not working. Huh?

>And what is your alternative? Are you one of those Greerites who
>think ranting and raving, tossing aside the most rudimentary
>character checking, and dragging in all sorts of political hot
>potatoes is going to get us somewhere? Or are you really
>suggesting that there is some valid alternative truth-seeking
>methodology that is superior to that of science?

In relation to this subject, yes there is. It's called "proof",
something science has yet to successfully furnish, or indeed get
anywhere close to. Of course, no other method has succeeded
either but what is distressing to observe is your sole reliance
on a discredited system. The term "tunnel vision" seems to have
been invented for you. You are blinkered and irritatingly
impatient with any suggestion or reference to any other source
of investigation, so much so, that one is tempted to think that
you believe in science.

Which leads neatly on to another point. How about chucking this
intellectual snobbishness when someone says that they "believe"
in ET and UFOs of an extraterrestrial nature? How about it huh?
If the truth be told, the only reason people like yourself
disdain that word in relation to this subject is so as to
separate yourselves from the "working classes" of ufology.
Tabloid reading, non-college educated blue collars who have sex
with aliens "believe". Clever clogs like you "accept" or
whatever other synonym you care to choose. And you "accept" or
"believe" in what? A principle that is so esoteric, indifinable
and vague as to be the subject of ridicule to the majority or
the world population, despite what polls may say. Hmmmmmm, sounds
like a religion to me, that does.

I am not ashamed to say I believe and I will will not be
intimidated by politically correct snobs who will do anything to
distance themselves from "silliness" in a subject that the world
regards as silly.

And for that matter, how do you know that the New Agers aren't
right? How do you know that "Stargate" isn't the answer? You
don't. You just don't like them, but that has absolutely nothing
to do with The Truth. You sound just like a scientist.

Stuart Miller

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 11:37:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 14:28:51 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - King

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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I am confused. Are you stating that the scientific method
requires duplication of observation? The requirement is
duplication of the experiment, and corroborating results, not
observations.

Or are you saying that the scientific method requires that all
phenomena must be "performable" by every experimenter?

If you are able to glean the value of a playing card simply by
looking at the back of the card, that is an observable
phenomenon. If any other experimenter were to duplicate the
experiment, and you were unable to duplicate the results, i.e.,
glean the value of the card, then your conclusion that it is a
psychic phenomenon is suspect. Nothing is disproved, simply not
scientifically proven. Of course, the common outcry is that the
experiment was flawed because the experimenter was biased or the
psychic "vibrations" were negative or some such. Science cannot
address this, since science is based entirely on observation and
results... or the lack of results.

Your statement that, "There is a psychic dimension to this
universe, and today's version of the scientific method has been
stopped dead because of the faulty assumption that there isn't
one", belies the true bias. You believe that psychic phenomena
exist. You provide no proof or experimental results to support
the belief. Yet you believe. Science cannot address "belief".
Science can only address observations of experimental results,
and attempt to duplicate them. To change the scientific method
such that ALL experiments are considered valid, whether they are
reproducible or not, makes science into something faith-based.
We have a "science" for that. It's called religion.

Religion has always fought science, since it does not rely on
faith. Science has not however fought religion. Since by
definition, faith cannot be quantified, science leaves questions
of faith appropriately with a faith-based entity, the church.

The flaw lies in your interpretation of the scientific method, and in stating as fact something that cannot be proven, only believed.

If you believe that the universe has a psychic component, that's cool. Science doesn't hold it against you. It does, however, expect that any experiments you perform be duplicatable by others, else it is simply your bias and faith that allow you to believe that psychic phenomena exist.

My beliefs do not have to be proven scientifically, because they are beliefs. I do not deride science because it refuses to recognize my beliefs as truth. The fact that science cannot prove my beliefs does not make me think less of it. I certainly wouldn't want science to embrace psychic phenomena because of my potentially faulty assumption that it exists. I would prefer science to hold to a much lower margin for error.

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 14:57:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 09:21:22 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Kaeser

>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 17:23:03 +0100
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

<snip>

>>And what is your alternative? Are you one of those Greerites who
>>think ranting and raving, tossing aside the most rudimentary
>>character checking, and dragging in all sorts of political hot
>>potatoes is going to get us somewhere? Or are you really
>>suggesting that there is some valid alternative truth-seeking
>>methodology that is superior to that of science?

>In relation to this subject, yes there is. It's called "proof",
>something science has yet to successfully furnish, or indeed get
>anywhere close to. Of course, no other method has succeeded
>either but what is distressing to observe is your sole reliance
>on a discredited system. The term "tunnel vision" seems to have
>been invented for you. You are blinkered and irritatingly
>impatient with any suggestion or reference to any other source
>of investigation, so much so, that one is tempted to think that
>you believe in science.

>Which leads neatly on to another point. How about chucking this
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>in ET and UFOs of an extraterrestrial nature? How about it huh?
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>with aliens "believe". Clever clogs like you "accept" or
>whatever other synonym you care to choose. And you "accept" or
>"believe" in what? A principle that is so esoteric, indefinable
>and vague as to be the subject of ridicule to the majority or
>the world population, despite what polls may say. HMMMMMMMM, sounds
>like a religion to me, that does.

>I am not ashamed to say I believe and I will will not be
>intimidated by politically correct snobs who will do anything to
>distance themselves from "silliness" in a subject that the world
>regards as silly.

>And for that matter, how do you know that the New Agers aren't
>right? How do you know that "Stargate" isn't the answer? You
>don't. You just don't like them, but that has absolutely nothing
>to do with The Truth. You sound just like a scientist.

Stuart,

No one is saying that people shouldn't research, study, and believe in this subject in any way they chose. That's not an issue, and never has been. IMO, it's a question of how that information is presented, and all too often it's presented as "fact", when it's in reality idle speculation. I didn't hear Richard say that Stargate wasn't the answer, but certainly evidence to that effect hasn't been presented and we're seeing a lot of discussion that would indicate that some believe that

it's fact.

If you're going to discuss this topic based on beliefs and faith, then this has become another religion. That's not a problem, but some of us will likely be the atheists and agnostics out in the street trying to do actual research.

Steve

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 19:33:58 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 09:27:38 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hall

>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 17:23:03 +0100
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 18:16:40 +0000
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

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>Dick,

>>You must be looking in a mirror. It was you that essentially
>>told me (and Brad Sparks) to shut-up and mind our own business
>>and let you say whatever you want to say unmolested. In fact,
>>you repeat that sentiment here. It is my distinct impression
>>that this List exists for the exchange of ideas and for each of
>>us to comment on and critique what others say to our heart's
>>content. That's exactly what I intend to do, and if you feel
>>"molested," "sneered at," or "bullied" thereby, that clearly is
>>your problem.

>If you don't have the insight or ability to appreciate what a
>negative statement your above comments make about you, then I
>can't be bothered to spell it out for you.

Please don't bother. I haven't got the foggiest idea what you
are talking about. But I won't be bullied by your sneering and
condescending insinuations. (Sauce for the gander.)

>>You ask where the scientific approach has gotten us. Let me ask
>>a very serious counter-question: What other approach is there?
>>The very fact that you asked this question suggests to me that
>>you have some very strange concept of what science is or is
>>supposed to be. In case you haven't noticed, I have been highly
>>critical of wimpy, cowardly scientists who (a) fail to
>>investigate, and/or (b) fail to speak out. However, that is no
>>comment whatsoever on the validity of scientific method.

>>You seem to suggest that science is okay outside of Ufology, but
>>there it is not working. Huh?

>>And what is your alternative? Are you one of those Greerites who
>>think ranting and raving, tossing aside the most rudimentary
>>character checking, and dragging in all sorts of political hot
>>potatoes is going to get us somewhere? Or are you really
>>suggesting that there is some valid alternative truth-seeking
>>methodology that is superior to that of science?

>In relation to this subject, yes there is. It's called "proof",
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>on a discredited system. The term "tunnel vision" seems to have
>been invented for you. You are blinkered and irritatingly
>impatient with any suggestion or reference to any other source
>of investigation, so much so, that one is tempted to think that

>you believe in science.

"Proof" is a substitute for science? And how is science discredited? Alice in Wonderland lives! And you establish that proof by...? Of course, if you have proof of something there is no need for science to seek an answer, is there?

>Which leads neatly on to another point. How about chucking this >intellectual snobbishness when someone says that they "believe" >in ET and UFOs of an extraterrestrial nature? How about it huh? >If the truth be told, the only reason people like yourself >disdain that word in relation to this subject is so as to >separate yourselves from the "working classes" of ufology. >Tabloid reading, non-college educated blue collars who have sex >with aliens "believe". Clever clogs like you "accept" or >whatever other synonym you care to choose. And you "accept" or >"believe" in what? A principle that is so esoteric, indifinable >and vague as to be the subject of ridicule to the majority or >the world population, despite what polls may say. HmMMMMM, sounds >like a religion to me, that does.

If you are arguing the old saw that science is only a belief system, I could refute that, but instead will just suggest that you read some Russell and Whitehead, Principia Mathematica, and study the foundations of science and scientific method. Science, aside from the body of "findings," is a process or system for investigation. Why are you so knee-jerk averse to the word "science?" Could it be that you believe in New Age "truth?"

>I am not ashamed to say I believe and I will will not be >intimidated by politically correct snobs who will do anything to >distance themselves from "silliness" in a subject that the world >regards as silly.

There's nothing wrong with believing something, as others have pointed out. Just don't confuse your beliefs with scientific findings. You are entitled to your faith; just recognize it for what it is.

>And for that matter, how do you know that the New Agers aren't >right? How do you know that "Stargate" isn't the answer? You >don't. You just don't like them, but that has absolutely nothing >to do with The Truth. You sound just like a scientist.

First, thank you for the compliment. Second, I don't know who is right and have never claimed to have the one truth; that typically is the posture of faithists, not scientists. Third, I have no faith in the sloppy, careless, often ignorant reasoning methods used by New Agers and therefore have no confidence in (do not believe) them.

- Dick

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 16:02:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 09:31:31 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - White

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 13:06:59 +0000
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

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>>There is a major flaw in the scientific method. The assumption
>>that if an observation cannot be duplicated under "identical"
>>conditions by "other experimenters", then that observation is
>>not valid. This is at the root of scientific prejudice against
>>phenomena which can be demonstrated by some people but not
>>others.

>>There is not one shred of proof that all phenomena in this huge,
>>complex, multi-dimensional universe are equally performable by
>>every experimenter. There is a psychic dimension to this
>>universe, and today's version of the scientific method has been
>>stopped dead because of the faulty assumption that there isn't
>>one.

>Well, now you are off on another tangent. If a phenomenon can
>only be replicated by certain people, then that is legitimate
>grounds for being skeptical about it...not necessarily about
>rejecting it altogether. Scientific method is not (or should not
>be) as rigid as you seem to portray it.

>Legitimate science can be applied to transient phenomena, and
>wherever it may be inadequate to find answers what do you do
>then? Toss out science? Substitute what? Crystal ballls? Tea-
>leaf reading? I have argued strenuously that the [un]scientific
>objections to UFOs are fallacious, and that creative scientists
>can find ways to investigate difficult questions.

<snip>

Actually, very little would need to be "substituted." All that
would be needed to remedy this flaw is for all scientists to
change their criteria for deciding what deserves serious study.
That would lead to participation by people with "special
abilities" in their experiments.

(The scientific instruments wouldn't have to change very much at
all to start with, though removing this stumbling block will
lead to far better instrumentation, no doubt.)

One good example are the experiments which monitor the plant
equivalent of animals' EEG (neuro-electrical) activity and
observe how plant "EEG" relates to events in the human world,
say. Not every experimenter can get a rapport going with a plant
- that has been demonstrated quite well. (See "Secret Life of
Plants" by Tompkins and Bird.)

Some people with "special abilities" would turn out to be fakes.
But so what? There's no fundamental principle that says science
has to be easy or convenient. If someone turns out to be a fake,
then keep looking for others who can re-create the phenomenon to
be studied.

The funding problem is an issue, so a corollary to the change in scientific criteria for rejecting phenomena for serious study would be the same attitude change on the part of government and corporations who employ scientists. I maintain that an attitude change by scientists themselves would be felt "up the line". The big money guys do listen to what scientists have to say.

But the payback will be enormous. To get from where we are now on Earth (at least outside the classified labs) to the performance and abilities of UFOs and their occupants would have value far beyond our slick plasma TV screens and jet aircraft. We are not going to get there without this fundamental change in what I call conversationally, "the scientific method."

Eleanor White

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 16:19:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 09:33:36 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - White

>From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 16:27:35 +0100
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

<snip>

>Your last statement is exactly correct, and 'science' has known
>this for about sixty (60) years but keeps it a bit quiet.

And what a tragedy that is! This has allowed classified science to zoom ahead, while conventional scientists are restricted to tiny incremental improvements in instrumentation and a bit of theory development.

And I and my colleagues are reaping the "benefit" of keeping this advanced science "a bit quiet", as we are tortured around the clock with technology which performs at the "UFO level". I won't go into detail on this List but if anyone wants more, please go to:

<http://www.raven1.net>

Eleanor White

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 16:33:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 09:45:48 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - White

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 11:37:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

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>Your statement that, "There is a psychic dimension to this
>universe, and today's version of the scientific method has been
>stopped dead because of the faulty assumption that there isn't
>one", belies the true bias. You believe that psychic phenomena
>exist. You provide no proof or experimental results to support
>the belief.

Well, there are lots of experiments on record, and I don't have time to put together a master list. In my 63 years, I've heard people tell me psychic phenomena "haven't been proven". When asked about literature describing the experiments, they say it's a hoax, or some part of the experiment didn't match what Big Science deems necessary, or something along those lines.

I can't fight that. Everyone can interpret the experiments to date as either believable, or hoaxes. I made my point, and that's as far as I can go with it.

Take Cleve Backster's experiments with plant 'EEG', which showed that once the experimenter has developed a rapport with his plants, what happens to the experimenter hundreds or thousands of miles away registers with unique EEG signatures. You can tell me that doesn't prove a psychic connection between an experimenter and a plant. That is your opinion, and is no more a fact than my opinion.

I'm not going to get into a debate over the philosophy of the scientific method - just don't have time or strength.

Eleanor White

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Re: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 17:07:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 09:48:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 11:17:28 -0400
>Subject: Re: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

>I am puzzled because you describe the object that the law
>officer saw as a "boomerang", but on your webpage both the
>officer's observation and that of his wife describe only a
>"triangle". Please explain why the reference to a "boomerang",
>since, also, in the NUFORC report, only a triangular shape is
>described.

Ray;

In regards to the second part of your question, I wouldn't know why a surveillance craft from the U.S. would keep watch over a nuclear facility in this fashion. Assuming that the witnesses are correct, the aircraft in question seems to be a secretive, covert-style situation (hovering) and it doesn't seem logical that it would be conducting this overt manner of surveillance. This report reminds me of the one from near Maysville, Kentucky back in '02 of an object seen by security guards along the Ohio River near power plants, causing there to be some speculation as to it 'patrolling' the area. See:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/maysville.html>

As for the first part of your question, the descriptive term 'boomerang' vs. 'triangle' might often be a common descriptive reference for the same object. I went back through my notes and found the 'boomerang' reference underlined from my telephone discussion with the officer, finding that particular term very curious. I believe this descriptive reference was more specific to the wife's report. The officer seemed to think they had possibly observed the same object. Other mentions in the report state the 'triangle' description, so I would guesstimate there is some dual-use terminology being employed here. I did not speak with the wife, who had the more vivid sighting, only talking with the officer who reported on behalf of the wife.

- KY

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Re: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 20:17:46 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 09:53:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 11:17:28 -0400
>Subject: Re: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

>>From: Kenny Young <ufo.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 01:33:17 -0400
>>Subject: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

>>Lake County, Ohio, Law Officer reports 'hovering boomerang' near
>>Willoughby Hills, Ohio - Perry Nuclear Power Station - on June
>>16, 2004.

>>For details, see:

>><http://home.fuse.net/ufo/willoughby04.html>

>>Thanks to Peter Davenport of N.U.F.O.R.C.
>>and
>>Painesville, Ohio researcher Daniel Wilson

>Hi Kenny,

<snip>

>Whatever the shape actually might have been, considering the
>proximity to a nuclear plant, I hope that what the two witnesses
>saw were surveillance craft from the U.S. and that it indicates
>a careful watch is being kept on such facilities in order to
>prevent terrorist acts.

Hello Kenny & Ray,

This is very off the cuff, so don't take me too seriously.

I somehow suspect a bit of bias here. Every trio of night lights
becomes a triangle, which may or may not become a boomerang.

If it appears over the dog-pound or the Stop-and-Rob, its
probably night lights, or Venus, Jupiter etc.

If is appears over a coal/gas fired power plant, it could be
Mars, Mercury, the Moon.....

If it appears over a Nuclear facility, well! That's gotta be a
UFO. Just check the statistics.

Best wishes

- Larry

PS: If the BVM appeared in Saudi Arabia, what would they call
her? Something polite I hope.

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Brock

From: Rod Brock <humble98225.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 01:43:00 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 09:57:57 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Brock

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 15:41:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>Rationality - yes. Declaring areas of study as not worthy of
>"serious scientific study" because they "just seem too
>incredible to be true" or the greybeards can't explain
>them - no.

There are well-established criteria for determining whether an "area" or "subject" is suitable for "serious scientific study", as every individual who has studied the philosophy of science knows. Such determinations are generally not made on the basis of "conviction", or even when they are, you probably won't get a University grant based on your personal convictions about the inherent "worthiness" of a particular area of study.

Regarding "the graybeards" (I presume you mean the "nefarious ivory tower types"; whether this jaded perspective is to be construed as representative of some or all academicians is anyone's guess...) and their "inability to explain", I guess it depends on why they were unable to offer explanations. One distinct possibility is because the ideas under consideration were patently irrational. When it comes to the myriad topics of "ufological import" making the rounds on the internet and elsewhere today, there is enough craziness to populate the fantasies of paranoids and half-wits from here to eternity; no point denying it. I am quite certain it was these "extreme fringe" ideas that Mr. Hall was referring to.

Furthermore, it should be noted that the phrases "worthy of serious scientific study", "worthy of serious study", and "worthy of study", are by no means equivalent, and it is a good idea to know which of the above statements applies to one's own area of study, as well as to others' areas.

I realize, of course, that there has been a growing tendency in "ufology" in the past couple decades to be "politically correct" to the degree that you don't even dare call a foolish idea foolish. Which I have never have ascribed to. The maxim goes: "The ideas of others must be respected." But I don't think that's the case at all. I think it is the right of others to hold any ideas they please (save for dangerously psychotic ones, hopefully) that should be respected. As for the ideas themselves - well, "a spade's a spade".

It is, of course, well to avoid waxing "contemptuous" when critiquing the ideas of others, but whether or not an individual in this "biz" does that depends on

1.) how much he/she has been kicked around, labeled a debunker, etc., for offering polite dissenting opinion, to the point that he/she ceases to care about the polite amenities.

2.) How heavily the one offering the critique has been barraged by the narratives of self-styled contactee types with persecution complexes, and whose accounts, besides being fraught with internal inconsistencies and scientific impossibilities and

scores of meaningless New-Age "buzzwords", are also mutually exclusive when evaluated in contrast to OTHER such accounts from other self-styled contactee types with persecution complexes.

3.) How many times the one offering the critique has had his ideas passed over by the media, in favor of interviews with "Space Brothers, Come On Down!!!!" types.

Rod Brock

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Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <ahebert.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 06:10:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 10:01:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto - Hebert

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 10:25:15 -0400
>Subject: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 01:40:00 -0700
>>Subject: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

<snip>

>>The main reason of this post is to let you know about what the
>>Mexican scientific community thinks and feels about the
>>erroneous delivery of the Mexican Air Force FLIR's sighting
>>video to the last idoneous person from SEDENA's Secretary
>>General Clemente Ricardo Vega Garcia.

<snip>

>Thank you, Capt. Franz, for the alerting us to this document and
>for the translation.

>I hope they haven't been downgraded but if they have, they won't
>be the first to be downgraded for reporting a UFO.

Hi, Dr. Maccabee:

I'm trying to ascertain exactly which individuals outside of the Mexican Air Force and/or Department of Defense have been allowed to review the original, unedited FLIR video footage and currently have copies of said video in their possession.

As far as I know, only two people have been given copies of the original FLIR footage - Dr. Maccabee and Jaime Maussan. Does anyone know if anyone, other than Dr. Bruce Maccabee and Mr. Jaime Maussan, received copies of the unedited, original FLIR video footage?

According to UNAM:

"We asked that the materials, videos, technical information and recordings of the event are to be made available for the Mexican scientific institutions for their study. It is sad that this material has been provided to public personalities or other people's rather than Mexican science, whereas to the members of the Institute of Astronomy and Nuclear Sciences of the UNAM has refused them saying the "it was classified material"."

Dr. Maccabee,

1. Have you been told or informed of any stipulations (from the Mexican Air Force, Department of Defense or Mr. Maussan) regarding the release or distribution of the footage to the general public at any time since the footage was released and you received your copy of the original FLIR footage?

2. Were any copyrights indicated by anyone in reference to the original footage?

3. Has the Mexican Air Force, Mexican Department of Defense or any authority representing these entities or the Mexican government told you, or Mr. Maussan, at any time not to share your copy of the original FLIR footage with others?

As a researcher, I would like very much to review an unedited copy of the original FLIR video footage taken on March 5, 2004. I want to know what needs to be done to get the original, unedited FLIR footage released to the general public. The Mexican Air Force, DoD or Mexican government may now refuse to release any further copies but there are at least two copies existing in the UFO community.

If it would not cause infringements of any copyright laws, distribution is not prohibited by any Mexican authorities and the footage is considered public domain (both in Mexico and in the USA), I will gladly offer to make DVD's or VHS copies to share with others for reimbursement of the cost of materials (DVD or VHS tape) and S&H only. I have a DVD recorder and several DVD players that I use to make my own slide shows and DVD's of home movies that I share with my family. It is almost as fast as making a VHS copy. I am offering my time and my equipment, for free, to help make these materials available to anyone interested.

I appreciate all the work you have done in reference to analyzing the data in this case, Bruce. Thank you, so much, for donating your time and energies to this study.

Sincerely,

A. Hebert

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 14:12:51 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 13:24:06 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hall

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 16:02:56 -0400
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 13:06:59 +0000
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>There is a major flaw in the scientific method. The assumption
>>>that if an observation cannot be duplicated under "identical"
>>>conditions by "other experimenters", then that observation is
>>>not valid. This is at the root of scientific prejudice against
>>>phenomena which can be demonstrated by some people but not
>>>others.

>>>There is not one shred of proof that all phenomena in this huge,
>>>complex, multi-dimensional universe are equally performable by
>>>every experimenter. There is a psychic dimension to this
>>>universe, and today's version of the scientific method has been
>>>stopped dead because of the faulty assumption that there isn't
>>>one.

>>Well, now you are off on another tangent. If a phenomenon can
>>only be replicated by certain people, then that is legitimate
>>grounds for being skeptical about it...not necessarily about
>>rejecting it altogether. Scientific method is not (or should not
>>be) as rigid as you seem to portray it.

>>Legitimate science can be applied to transient phenomena, and
>>wherever it may be inadequate to find answers what do you do
>>then? Toss out science? Substitute what? Crystal balls? Tea-
>>leaf reading? I have argued strenuously that the [un]scientific
>>objections to UFOs are fallacious, and that creative scientists
>>can find ways to investigate difficult questions.

>Actually, very little would need to be "substituted." All that
>would be needed to remedy this flaw is for all scientists to
>change their criteria for deciding what deserves serious study.
>That would lead to participation by people with "special
>abilities" in their experiments.

>(The scientific instruments wouldn't have to change very much at
>all to start with, though removing this stumbling block will
>lead to far better instrumentation, no doubt.)

>One good example are the experiments which monitor the plant
>equivalent of animals' EEG (neuro-electrical) activity and
>observe how plant "EEG" relates to events in the human world,
>say. Not every experimenter can get a rapport going with a plant
>- that has been demonstrated quite well. (See "Secret Life of
>Plants" by Tompkins and Bird.)

>Some people with "special abilities" would turn out to be fakes.
>But so what? There's no fundamental principle that says science
>has to be easy or convenient. If someone turns out to be a fake,
>then keep looking for others who can re-create the phenomenon to
>be studied.

>The funding problem is an issue, so a corollary to the change in
>scientific criteria for rejecting phenomena for serious study
>would be the same attitude change on the part of government and
>corporations who employ scientists. I maintain that an attitude
>change by scientists themselves would be felt "up the line". The
>big money guys do listen to what scientists have to say.

>But the payback will be enormous. To get from where we are now
>on Earth (at least outside the classified labs) to the
>performance and abilities of UFOs and their occupants would have
>value far beyond our slick plasma TV screens and jet aircraft.
>We are not going to get there without this fundamental change in
>what I call conversationally, "the scientific method."

Eleanor,

I don't have much disagreement with what you say here in regard
to science (though not everyone would accept "Secret Life of
Plants" as evidence of anything significant). But the
fundamental change you recommend as necessary would be in human
attitudes and prejudices, not in scientific method. That's the
basic point I have been trying to make throughout this so-called
"J-Rod" thread.

- Dick

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Devil's Hole Nevada

From: Teri Hayes <truthspupl.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 07:54:22 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 13:26:06 -0400
Subject: Devil's Hole Nevada

Hello List,

If anyone is interested I have created a web site at Tripod with the remainder of the photos that were taken at Devil's Hole in the Ash Meadows Wildlife Refuge.

I find them of interest.

You may visit:

<http://peterrabbitt152.tripod.com>

if you'd like to view the photos and perhaps offer a suggestion as to the cause of the anomalies presented.

Have a great 4th of July All!

Teri Hayes

truthspupl.nul

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Re: Sixto Paz Wells - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd <gevaerd.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 11:37:07 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 13:37:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Sixto Paz Wells - Gevaerd

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 16:48:09 +0100
>Subject: Sixto Paz Wells

>On Tuesday I attended a talk given by the Peruvian contactee
>Sixto Paz Wells, who was on a rare visit to the UK. With the
>current focus on alien abductions, it's interesting from a
>ufological perspective to come across someone whose story is
>reminiscent of the claims made by people like Adamski, Bethurum,
>Fry and Menger.

>Have any List members met Sixto or come across his
>Rahma Group, and was any objective investigation carried
>out into the mass sightings he claimed occurred in 1974?

>For those interested in the story, here's a link to an
>interview with Sixto Paz Wells:

><http://66.102.9.104/search?q=3Dcache:5LsSK0xMM1wJ:www.mysterious-america.net/sixtopazwellsint.html+sixto+paz+wells&hl=3Den>

>If the link doesn't work, type Sixto Paz Wells into Google,
>without using quotation marks. The interview should be at the
>top, on the Mysterious America website. But it's only available
>on the cached site.

>Additionally, one of his books, The Invitation, is available
>in English:

><http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/1887472290/103-5184505-141985=3?v=3Dglance>

>http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/1887472290/qid=3D1088868985/sr=3D1=-4/ref=3Dsr_1_8_4/202-0737210-0267868

Hi, Nick.

I met Sixto many times and interviewed him both in Brazil and in Peru. He attended to some lectures around here.

While in Peru, I visited the Chilca beach, about 100 km SW from Lima, where he and his brother, Carlos Paz Wells, claim to have had a close encounter with aliens. They say that the contact was witnessed by several local people journalists from several countries, including the Spanish (now) best-seller Juan Jose Benitez, very popular in Latin America and writer of Operation Trojan Horse (several volumes).

I interviewed Benitez in 1996 and he completely denied have been a witness to that claimed contact. I interviewed several people from Chilca and none ever remembered the alleged UFO sighting...

While Sixto has kept his trajectory and history very original since the beginning, despite the many discrepancies, his brother Carlos Paz did not. He split Rama (without H) Group in two in Lima and brought part of it to Brazil, in the 80s, where it was named Amar Project (Love Project). For years, he spread several lies all over the Brazilian UFO community in conferences and

symposia. He even spread fake pictures of alleged UFOs, taken by some other people. While in Brazil, until some 5-6 years ago, he was largely known as a sect leader. When I publicly confronted him about his many lies, he filed a law suit against me and lost. Then he tried again in a higher judiciary level, and lost again.

A few months later, when I was about to engage a law suit against him, he decided he was full of being what he was and assumed his "female side", becoming Veronica Lane and changing his life entirely. It is claimed that he took a sex-change surgery and now he is living in Canada and is away from Ufology, despite having a book recently published in Brazil. After the sex change, his group almost disappeared and the most inside members have declared how frustrated they were for believing and dedicating their lives to someone who lied even about his own sexuality.

Check it out at: <http://www.veronicalane.com.br/>

Nowadays, the boys' sister Rose Mary has new claims about the contacts and most of their content is simply opposed and contradictory to everything the brothers ever said.

Who can we trust? Certainly, the only person to be trusted is their father, a pioneer of Peruvian Ufology and serious UFO researcher, Jose Carlos Paz Garc=EDa Corrochano

Hope this info is useful.

A. J.

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Re: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 11:42:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 13:39:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 20:17:46 -0700
>Subject: Re: Hovering Boomerang Near Nuclear Power Station

<snip>

>Hello Kenny & Ray,

>This is very off the cuff, so don't take me too seriously.

>I somehow suspect a bit of bias here. Every trio of night lights
>becomes a triangle, which may or may not become a boomerang.

>If it appears over the dog-pound or the Stop-and-Rob, its
>probably night lights, or Venus, Jupiter etc.

>If is appears over a coal/gas fired power plant, it could be
>Mars, Mercury, the Moon.....

>If it appears over a Nuclear facility, well! That's gotta be a
>UFO. Just check the statistics.

:)

Ray Stanford

"You know my method. It is founded upon the observance of trifles." -- Sherlock Holmes in The Boscombe Valley Mystery

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 18:34:19 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Jul 2004 13:51:25 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Miller

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 19:33:58 +0000
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 17:23:03 +0100
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 18:16:40 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

><snip>

>>Dick,

>>>You must be looking in a mirror. It was you that essentially
>>>told me (and Brad Sparks) to shut-up and mind our own business
>>>and let you say whatever you want to say unmolested. In fact,
>>>you repeat that sentiment here. It is my distinct impression
>>>that this List exists for the exchange of ideas and for each of
>>>us to comment on and critique what others say to our heart's
>>>content. That's exactly what I intend to do, and if you feel
>>>"molested," "sneered at," or "bullied" thereby, that clearly is
>>>your problem.

>>If you don't have the insight or ability to appreciate what a
>>negative statement your above comments make about you, then I
>>can't be bothered to spell it out for you.

>Please don't bother. I haven't got the foggiest idea what you
>are talking about. But I won't be bullied by your sneering and
>condescending insinuations. (Sauce for the gander.)

I prefer my fowl plain and unadorned thank you.

<snip>

>>In relation to this subject, yes there is. It's called "proof",
>>something science has yet to successfully furnish, or indeed get
>>anywhere close to. Of course, no other method has succeeded
>>either but what is distressing to observe is your sole reliance
>>on a discredited system. The term "tunnel vision" seems to have
>>been invented for you. You are blinkered and irritatingly
>>impatient with any suggestion or reference to any other source
>>of investigation, so much so, that one is tempted to think that
>>you believe in science.

>"Proof" is a substitute for science? And how is science
>discredited?

By failing to come up with any, or at least anything of a
positive nature. What irritates is this banner carrying belief
in this Holy Grail of Pactice that you are convinced is going to
lead us to Paradise. After everything that has and hasn't
happened in this subject, your blinding religious zeal and

passion for scientific methodology is touchingly naive.

I love science. I think it's cuddly. Don't you just want to hug it sometimes? But to quote an old friend of yours, in relation to Ufology, it's in default. Big time.

<snip>

>If you are arguing the old saw that science is only a belief system, I could refute that, but instead will just suggest that you read some Russell and Whitehead, Principia Mathematica, and study the foundations of science and scientific method. Science, aside from the body of "findings," is a process or system for investigation. Why are you so knee-jerk averse to the word "science?" Could it be that you believe in New Age "truth?"

And why do you wail to the heavens when New Agism is mentioned? Is it because there are lots of women in it? J'accuse! You are a mysogonist masquarding as a ufologist.

Nah, I don't have much time for New Agist theories either. But neither do I go swinging my cave man club about when it gets mentioned. Here's the trick Dick. I listen. Who knows? I might actually learn something. And, with the admitted exception of one English sceptic, I don't growl at people in my best Walter Mathau fashion if they offer ideas contrary to mine.

>>I am not ashamed to say I believe and I will will not be >>intimidated by politically correct snobs who will do anything to >>distance themselves from "silliness" in a subject that the world >>regards as silly.

>There's nothing wrong with believing something, as others have >pointed out. Just don't confuse your beliefs with scientific >findings. You are entitled to your faith; just recogbnize it for >what it is.

Chambers Concise; faith, n. trust or confidence. Okay, I'll buy that. I have absolute confidence in the ETH. And try following the drift of this discussion. Where have I even hinted at suggesting that "my beliefs" are scientific findings? In case you can't keep up here, I am eschewing science in relation to Uology.

>>And for that matter, how do you know that the New Agers aren't >>right? How do you know that "Stargate" isn't the answer? You >>don't. You just don't like them, but that has absolutely nothing >>to do with The Truth. You sound just like a scientist.

>First, thank you for the compliment. Second, I don't know who is >right and have never cliamed to have the one truth; that >typically is the posture of faithists, not scientists.

But you do claim to have "The One Method". That is the posture of scientists. There is actually an alternative. Have you considered channelling? That way, you might get lucky and you can talk to an alien directly.

>Third, I have no faith in the sloppy, careless, often ignorant reasoning >methods used by New Agers and therefore have no confidence in >(do not believe) them.

Oh lighten up.....

Stuart Miller

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Re: Devil's Hole Nevada - Rosati

From: **Dante Rosati** <dante.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 14:35:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 07:24:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Devil's Hole Nevada - Rosati

>From: Teri Hayes <truthspupl.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 07:54:22 -0700
>Subject: Devil's Hole Nevada

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>as to the cause of the anomalies presented.

Hi

On this page:

<http://peterrabbitt152.tripod.com/id2.html>

the fact that the "flare" is the same shape in all pictures, and when you turn the camera from "portrait" to "landscape" orientation, the "flare" turns with it, suggests that the origin is in the camera.

Dante

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Wendy Connors Comes Out Of The Cave

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 13:50:41 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 07:53:43 -0400
Subject: Wendy Connors Comes Out Of The Cave

Greetings to the Listarians and Lurkers:

On Saturday, July 10, 2004, I will once again be prattling along (i.e., making a fool of myself) with our esteemed UFO UpDates List Master Extraordinaire, Errol Bruce-Knapp on his Strange Days... Indeed radio program.

We will be playing lots of audio clips from my newest compilation of Ufology's audio history entitled, "CE IV: An Audio History of Alien Abduction and Animal Mutilation" containing over 25.5 hours of audio. Lots of fun that night and you will hear some really interesting clips, including some from the Barney and Betty Hill hypnosis sessions, APRO's James Lorenzen, Mrs. Burl Lewis on "Snippy" the horse mutilation and John Fuller's encounter with a UFO.

Strange Days... Indeed is heard on Newstalk 1010 CFRB in Toronto and CJAD 800 in Montreal beginning at 9:00 PM EDT. For internet listeners, tune in at:

www.virtuallystrange.com/ufo/sdi/program/

Also, if it pleases the List, I have been invited for an interview on Ted Philips and Linda Eastburn's radio show, Anomalies, July 11, 2004. You can listen in by logging on to:

www.newstalk560.com

The show previous to Anomalies is not live, so you'll need to wait until 11:00 PM CDT before logging on to the site.

Also, Stuart Miller of UFO Review recently did an interview with me, which will appear in the next issue (what a great read with tons of information!) for those interested in the Audio History Of Ufology project. His website is:

www.uforeview.net/

A big thank you to all who have been supporting the audio preservation project and also for the many wonderful emails you have sent. They, alone, keep me going. In August/September the 5th volume in the series will be available. It's entitled, ETH: Dr. James E. McDonald - An Audio Retrospective.

Please forgive all of the crass self-promoting. How embarrassing! Now I'm going to go back to my cave. <G>

Thank you,

Wendy Connors
www.fadeddiscs.com

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Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto -

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 16:59:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 07:57:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto -

>From: Amy Hebert <ahebert.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 06:10:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 10:25:15 -0400
>>Subject: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

>I'm trying to ascertain exactly which individuals outside of the
>Mexican Air Force and/or Department of Defense have been allowed
>to review the original, unedited FLIR video footage and
>currently have copies of said video in their possession.

>As far as I know, only two people have been given copies of the
>original FLIR footage - Dr. Maccabee and Jaime Maussan. Does
>anyone know if anyone, other than Dr. Bruce Maccabee and Mr.
>Jaime Maussan, received copies of the unedited, original FLIR
>video footage?

>According to UNAM:

>"We asked that the materials, videos, technical information and
>recordings of the event are to be made available for the Mexican
>scientific institutions for their study. It is sad that this
>material has been provided to public personalities or other
>people's rather than Mexican science, whereas to the members of
>the Institute of Astronomy and Nuclear Sciences of the UNAM has
>refused them saying the "it was classified material"."

You would have to ask Jaime Maussan how many people have
received the video. I know of several throughout the world
Furthermore I have been told it is now at:

<http://www.pixcells.dk/mexico/mexicoDODstream.wmv>

>1. Have you been told or informed of any stipulations (from
>the Mexican Air Force, Department of Defense or Mr. Maussan)
>regarding the release or distribution of the footage to the
>general public at any time since the footage was released
>and you received your copy of the original FLIR footage?

No.

>2. Were any copyrights indicated by anyone in reference to
>the original footage?

No.

>3. Has the Mexican Air Force, Mexican Department of Defense or
>any authority representing these entities or the Mexican
>government told you, or Mr. Maussan, at any time not to share
>your copy of the original FLIR footage with others?

No.

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Re: Sixto Paz Wells - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <ufomiami.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 14:23:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 08:00:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Sixto Paz Wells - Sanchez-Ocejo

>From: A. J. Gevaerd <gevaerd.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 11:37:07 -0300
>Subject: Re: Sixto Paz Wells

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 16:48:09 +0100
>>Subject: Sixto Paz Wells

<snip>

I also knew the Pa'z family, since 1976, and agree with Gevaerd's information.

Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 22:50:43 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 08:13:08 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Miller

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 14:57:29 -0400
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 17:23:03 +0100
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

Steve,

>No one is saying that people shouldn't research, study, and
>believe in this subject in any way they chose. That's not an
>issue, and never has been. IMO, it's a question of how that
>information is presented, and all to often it's presented as
>"fact", when it's in reality idle speculation. I didn't hear
>Richard say that Stargate wasn't the answer, but certainly
>evidence to that effect hasn't been presented and we're seeing a
>lot of discussion that would indicate that some believe that
>it's fact.

I disagree. Terri (I think) said they had been told by someone
that Stargate was the real deal. I chirped in and said it was a
neat idea c/w Graham Hancock's work. With respect, that hardly
amounts to anyone stating they believe Stargate is the answer to
everything.

>If you're going to discuss this topic based on beliefs and
>faith, then this has become another religion. That's not a
>problem, but some of us will likely be the atheists and
>agnostics out in the street trying to do actual research.

Belief equals religion. belief doesn't. This is quite a
ridiculous equation that you and many others make. On that
basis, the world is totally overrun with religion. I believe in
the ability of my dog to chase a cat. I've never seen him do it
but I believe he can. Surely you're not going to claim that I
worship at the altar of Benji the mutt?

There is a strong suspicion that this automatic reference to
religion when one talks about belief in ufology is nothing more
or less than the usual spin of academic elitist snobbery.
Religion is for the masses, the unwashed, the stupid. Educated
people know better. It is a device for self justification at the
expense of others, puffing up ones own ego to confirm one's
separatness from the plebs.

I don't condemn that per se. People are people. But it is
disappointing and does rather tend to confirm that a higher level
of intelligence doesn't necessarily imply a greater level of
personal understanding.

Stuart Miller

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Changes At The WHY? Files

From: **Geoffrey Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 23:48:20 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 08:18:00 -0400
Subject: Changes At The WHY? Files

Due to circumstances beyond my control "The WHY Files" have a new address - www.thewhyfiles.net I would be grateful if any links to The WHY? Files could be amended to the new address.

There have been a number of updates and additional files added to "The WHY? Files" - see:
The Mexican C26A UFO footage and updates

Animal Mutilations - the South American UFO Flap continues!
Black Triangles

V-Shaped Craft

Geoff Richardson
The (authentic) WHY? Files
(established September 1999)
<http://www.thewhyfiles.net>

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On Tonight: UFO Files - UFO Hot Spots

From: Louise Lowry <SHnsASSY1.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 06:50:43 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 08:21:35 -0400
Subject: On Tonight: UFO Files - UFO Hot Spots

This will be running on the US History Channel tonight. Please check your local listings for time. The time, below, is Eastern.

Love & Light

Louise

8-9pm -- UFO Files - UFO Hot Spots

For those who study the UFO phenomenon, "UFO Hot Spots" are places around the globe known for a long history of UFO sightings and reports. From Brazil to Mexico, from Washington State to Florida, multiple witnesses, including air traffic controllers and even military personnel, confirm that something unexplained is repeatedly happening in the night sky. Tales of alien abductions, bizarre and chilling photographs of UFOs, and hours of videotape all abound as we search for UFO Hot Spots.

World Of The Strange <http://www.worldofthestrange.com/>
Para-Discussion List: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Para-Discuss/>

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Latest From The Pro From Dover

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 06:52:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 08:28:02 -0400
Subject: Latest From The Pro From Dover

...Had a surprise dinner with my professional FLIR guy the night before last - he'd scoff at this himself, but think a young Chuck Yeager for cutting-edge helicopters - and he spoke with some enthusiasm about the Mexican FLIR footage. He said that he'd taken the disc I'd provided him, to work and that another expert professional was interested in looking at it critically and was in possession of it at this time. Additionally, when I told him about the very detailed and complicated internet explication regarding "waste gas fires from oilrigs", he actually chuckled. He allowed that he'd actually seen those gas fires proposed, and he was quite clear that what was photographed on the Mexican DVD did not resemble his actual experience with same. An added treat... another fellow at the table - this one a project boss for computer aviation simulations procurement - relayed a series of sightings he's had out in the field at night on darkened military reservations, with night vision devices, regarding unidentified lights - sometimes in formation - performing impossible aerodynamic maneuvers. I wasn't being mocked, reader. I felt well served and validated last night... and it's a validation that transfers, folks. <g>
I'll keep ya'll posted on subsequent reports as they occur.

alienview.nul

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<http://www.alienview.net>
...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.
\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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UFO "Only Venus"

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 06:09:11 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 09:22:58 -0400
Subject: UFO "Only Venus"

Source: The Daily News - South Africa

<http://www.dailynews.co.za/index.php?fSectionId=500&fArticleId=2138596>

07-05-04

UFO was only Venus, says prof

By Bhavna Sookha

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When questioned about whether the university had received any other calls about unusual sightings last Sunday, Hughes said that he had received no other calls.

"I have also not heard of other reports of unusual sightings during that period. It was the planet Venus. Venus is visible in the early parts of the morning," he said.

But the woman who saw the object, Roshnie Naidu, says that she knows what she saw and it was definitely not Venus.

"Initially, I was very sceptical about UFOs and alien sightings but after what I saw on Sunday morning, I am more open-minded," she said.

Naidu, however, says that if the light she had seen had been Venus, it would not have moved around so much and changed shape so often.

"Initially it was not so high up in the sky and it changed shape quite often. It became elongated and gave off light and the area was very well lit up by this light," she said.

Naidu's husband, Shrirama, who also saw the huge light, said they had expected people to be sceptical.

"We expected this reaction. But both of us could not have been mistaken," he said. "We are going to get a second opinion."

The Naidus said they had received numerous calls from family, friends and strangers congratulating them on seeing the UFO.

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 11:21:29 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 12:08:55 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Ledger

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<snip>

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>the early parts of the morning," he said.

That's some reason. I wonder if this man of science did the
calculations. The much touted Venus is trotted out whenever a UFO
is sighted and in most cases is not the culprit despite what is
proffered.

It's strange, don't you think, that one can go dozens of years,
looking at the night sky, seeing Venus, then suddenly one night
it becomes a UFO. I hope this scientist isn't as sloppy with the
rest of his work.

Anywhere we can actually view the video?

Don Ledger

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Conscious Abductees Question

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 19:58:21 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 12:55:32 -0400
Subject: Conscious Abductees Question

I'm looking for any abductee data where the abductee or abductees were conscious during their experience and did not have to undergo hypnosis to glean data.

Also, any statistics from any of you researchers on the percentages of reported abductions wherein the victim was conscious during their abduction (s) please.

Thanks.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 07:58:46 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 03:17:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 30 Jun 2004 21:42:36 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 08:10:26 -0700
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John,

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 15:06:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 03:27:44 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Dickenson

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 16:04:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>There is a major flaw in the scientific method. The assumption
>that if an observation cannot be duplicated under "identical"
>conditions by "other experimenters", then that observation is
>not valid. This is at the root of scientific prejudice against
>phenomena which can be demonstrated by some people but not
>others.

As we've seen (earlier post), mainstream science covers-up the
"Sheep-and-Goat Effect"

<http://www.psy.gu.se/EJP/EJPMillar79.pdf>

Quote "the difference between sheep and goats was unquestionably
significant, with a probability of 3×10^{-5} " I.e. belief
positively influences physical phenomena, skepticism negatively.

Or, in allegorical terms "residual magic survives, even when
surrounded by skeptics".

That's despite generations of biased 'rational-skeptic' (r-s)
education, a biased r-s science elite (badsci.txt in Google) and
biased r-s politicians (badsci2.txt - Google).

Now, it could be thought that a believer surrounded by more
believers would produce increasingly strong effects.

How much stronger? Well, much organic growth is dictated by
'Fibonacci Numbers'

<http://ulcar.uml.edu/~iag/CS/Fibonacci.html>

which could give a fairly fast (and increasing) rate of increase
of possible potency of belief.

Or, as we're talking of "ideas", the period-doubling of
'dynamically increased rates of increases' - Feigenbaum's
constant - could apply.

<http://www.fags.org/fags/fractal-fag/section-10.html>

What would either of those mean in practice? That 'belief's
positive effects on physical phenomena' could expand / swell
exponentially if triggered by just a little education and
training.

Or, in allegorical terms - 'Magic could return as a Force'

(It's statistically feasible - think about it)

cheers

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 03:29:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 11:48:44 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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Steven,

>Science is not built on theories developed from proving the
>negative, so psychologists (scientifically speaking) would never
>have to prove that something didn't occur. Those making claims
>that something did occur would have to provide the evidence to
>support the claim, and if that evidence is solely anecdotal,
>then that's the only foundation it has to go on.

Scientific theorem is based on observation of a phenomena and
the recording of the facts. Until the "traumatic memories of
anyone involved in a study or experiment" can be verified, then
to predispose them into a category of "false or true" is
unscientific. Yes, conventional science says it is more
plausible for someone to have been in a fire-fight in Vietnam,
then to have been abducted by aliens, however; that doesn't mean
it didn't happen, and to say it didn't without any supportive
data is only speculation at best.

>I'm not trying to be harsh, but let's not simply throw out the
>scientific process, or try to redefine it to meet our needs. I
>have personal friends who are "abductees" and certain have
>involvement with numerous researchers involved in that end of
>the field, and IMO any Journal article that examines the field
>is a good thing. We may not agree with it, but it lends
>credibility to the validity of the topic under discussion.

In my view, it is the "scientific process" that wasn't adhered
to in McNalley's study. Moreover, I wouldn't personally agree
with the idea of "any" Journal article being a good thing for
the abduction phenomenon, but would obviously support an
"unbiased" examination of the subject.

>>He, like his colleagues, as you have pointed out are biased,
>>which of course is fine, when reading a journal, however;
>>allowing bias into a study or an experiment certainly negates
>>the "science" from it.

>Again, IMO not "Science" as it is popularly defined.

>Steve

Rather than studying the psychophysiological responses of memories either true or false, it would be nice to have these caliber of individuals studying the alleged events themselves. Prove or disprove these actions before condemning them to the result of "hypnopompic hallucinations" and put that in peer reviewed Journals.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 11:55:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 03:33:10 -0400
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>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>>
>Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 06:09:11 -0700>
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>he had received no other calls.

>"I have also not heard of other reports of unusual sightings
>during that period. It was the planet Venus. Venus is visible in
>the early parts of the morning," he said.

>But the woman who saw the object, Roshnie Naidu, says that she
>knows what she saw and it was definitely not Venus.

>"Initially, I was very sceptical about UFOs and alien sightings
>but after what I saw on Sunday morning, I am more open-minded,"
>she said.

>Naidu, however, says that if the light she had seen had been
>Venus, it would not have moved around so much and changed shape
>so often.

>"Initially it was not so high up in the sky and it changed shape
>quite often. It became elongated and gave off light and the area
>was very well lit up by this light," she said.

>Naidu's husband, Shrirama, who also saw the huge light, said they
>had expected people to be sceptical.

OK. Here's a typical example of the problem with relying on
reported information. What was important to the reporter and to
the witness was that it "moved around so much and changed shape
so often."

The unanswered question is thie: is this comment about motion and shape changed based on the naked eye view or on replaying the video>?

If the naked eye view showed large angular motion and large shape change... then it was weird.

If the video image, during replay,moves a lot and changes shape this is proof of... nothing! Hand shake on the camera (was it on a tripod?) and (useless) large magnification of a bright light (e.g. star, Venus) seen through a hundred miles of atmosphere can explain image motion and shape change.

Long duration sightings when Venus is in the sky are always suspect unless the witness can prove that, for example, the sightign direction was not in the direction of Venus.

Venus at its brightest can create visible shadows at night. It is amazingly bright. So it is easy to understand that one who is not prepared for it might think "UFO".

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 12:45:21 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 03:35:55 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Boone

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 11:21:29 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

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><snip>

>>"I have also not heard of other reports of unusual sightings
>>during that period. It was the planet Venus. Venus is visible in
>>the early parts of the morning," he said.

>That's some reason. I wonder if this man of science did the
>calculations. The much touted Venus is trotted out whenever a UFO
>is sighted and in most cases is not the culprit despite what is
>proffered.

>It's strange, don't you think, that one can go dozens of years,
>looking at the night sky, seeing Venus, then suddenly one night
>it becomes a UFO. I hope this scientist isn't as sloppy with the
>rest of his work.

>Anywhere we can actually view the video?

Thank you Don Ledger!

It's at times like this the opportunity to fight back arises.
One of the esteemed List members who is an astronomer need step
forward with the data at hand and not only validate or
invalidate the 'Venus' hypothesis immediately but also badger
the news source that reported it to present that finding as well
before folks wander off convinced this lady and her husband and
video are unworthy of attention.

Even invite her to a show as many radio hosts are on board here.

If we show support with good nature perhaps word would spread that UFO reports from the public aren't tossed aside as nonsense and the reporters warrant an acknowledgement for their vigilance.

Best,

Greg

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 13:51:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 03:46:40 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - King

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 06:09:11 -0700
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>long.

This statement is self-contradictory.

>It also could not have been a satellite as they pass over
>quite quickly.

Nonsense. Geo-synchronous satellites don't "pass over"
at all.

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>he said.

Bunk. Satellites travel at different speeds, depending on how
far up they are, and whether they are to stay put or orbit the
earth.

>"It was the planet Venus.

A statement of fact with no supporting
evidence.

>"Venus is visible in
>the early parts of the morning," he said.

Finally, a statement that is almost true. Obviously Venus is not
always visible in the morning (fog, obstruction, etc)nor is it
ever the ONLY visible thing.

KwaZulu-Natal. Is this where you have to go to get hard science
like this?

Kyle

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Mexican Air Force's Chief Removed

From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 14:23:29 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 03:51:05 -0400
Subject: Mexican Air Force's Chief Removed

Hello all,

Excuse me please for my translation and syntax.

The following announcement is not official and will be confirmed as soon as I can get in touch with a friend co-pilot who I fly with him very often and is the son of General Manuel V. Estrada Ricardez apparently the new Mexican Air Force Chief since last may.

I am looking for official information about the pilot and the Flir and Radar operators of the C26A flight on march 05 that supposedly were degraded (demoted) in rank.

Regards,

Capt. Alejandro Franz
director.nul

Relief in the Mexican Air Force.

by Mario Overall
Posted on Tuesday, May 25, 2004 - 06:09 am:

Major General Pilot Manuel Victor Estrada Ricardez is the new commander of the Mexican Air Force. He releases in the position to General Ernesto Oropeza Arcos, only one of high level rank that had been ratified in the change of Government.

The exit of Oropeza Arcos coincides with the unusual revelation of the military commands around the presence of Unidentified Flying Objects in Sonda de Campeche. The Fairchild C-26 airplanes that participated in the sighting of past 5th of March, comprise of the most important strategy that pushed General Arcos Oropeza from his position: The electronic aerial monitoring.

Shortly the squad will be reinforced by three modern Embraer 145 jets, also acquired under his administration. Oropeza Arcos were also one of the six Major generals that had the Mexican Air Force in active duty.

They are left only five, telling his successor, who a year ago still did not fly so high. In May of 2003, General Estrada Ricardez was commander of Military Aerial Base number One, the one at Santa Lucia, most important of the Air Force. There they are for example jets F-5, the new helicopters Bell 412, the Hercules C-130, Boeing 727. Before it had been in charge of 8th Military Air Base in M=E9rida, Yucatan.

The 20 of November of 2003, Estrada Ricardez received the promotion to Division. In the present administration only three elements have received that rank: now the new commander and Generals Enrique Ramos Padilla and Sergio Parra Estrada, present commanders of the Air district of the Northwest Military Air Base number 5, respectively. Being commander of Air base, General Estrada Ricardez will take care of the Military Air

district of the Center, one of the four in which the Country is divided according to the strategy of the MAF.

That was its last command post before taking care of the highest position within its area. The new commander of the Mexican Air Force will be in charge of about 11 thousand troops between pilots, mechanics and flight personnel, communication and administration and 414 fixed-wing between airplanes and helicopters, according to the last number made public by the Sedena in August of 2003.

Sources in Spanish:

<http://www.laahs.com/board/messages/1723/1732.html?1085500148>

<http://www.aire.org/portal/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D635>

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Re: Devil's Hole Nevada - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 15:01:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 03:57:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Devil's Hole Nevada - King

>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 14:35:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: Devil's Hole Nevada

>>From: Teri Hayes <truthspupl.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 07:54:22 -0700
>>Subject: Devil's Hole Nevada

>>If anyone is interested I have created a web site at Tripod with
>>the remainder of the photos that were taken at Devil's Hole in
>>the Ash Meadows Wildlife Refuge.

>>I find them of interest.

>>You may visit:

>><http://peterrabbitt152.tripod.com>

>>if you'd like to view the photos and perhaps offer a suggestion
>>as to the cause of the anomalies presented.

>On this page:

><http://peterrabbitt152.tripod.com/id2.html>

>the fact that the "flare" is the same shape in all pictures, and when you
>turn the camera from "portrait" to "landscape" orientation, the "flare"
>turns with it, suggests that the origin is in the camera.

Yes, indeed... and the flare remains the same size regardless of
the distance to the subject, indicating that it is in fact,
artifact.

Kyle

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Morehead "Screaming Woman" Video Online

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 13:51:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 04:00:59 -0400
Subject: Morehead "Screaming Woman" Video Online

A 5-minute video report of the Nov., 2003 Morehead, KY (Screaming Woman) Incident is freely available online in a .wmv format (will open with Windows Media Player version 9).

Special thanks to Sean Feeney for uploading and hosting the video.

This report was featured on the June, 2004 television program "UFO Update: LIVE" produced by Bob Leibold, Natural Light Productions. The Morehead report was produced by Kenny Young, narrated by Jeff Shire and features investigator Donnie Blessing plus others who were acting out parts for dramatic re-enactments.

For low bandwidth/dial-up computers, click on:

http://www.ufounderground.net/submitted/kenny/ufouupdate/UFO_UPDATE_morehead_ky_03_56k.wmv

For high bandwidth/Cable/DSL users, click on:

http://www.ufounderground.net/submitted/kenny/ufouupdate/UFO_UPDATE_morehead_ky_03_DSL.wmv

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Re: Conscious Abductees Question - Benson

From: Tom Benson <sparkle.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 17:17:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 04:09:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Conscious Abductees Question - Benson

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 19:58:21 EDT
>Subject: Conscious Abductees Question

>I'm looking for any abductee data where the abductee or
>abductees were conscious during their experience and did not
>have to undergo hypnosis to glean data.

>Also, any statistics from any of you researchers on the
>percentages of reported abductions wherein the victim was
>conscious during their abduction (s) please.

Dear Greg

I believe there cannot be a fully physical UFO abduction (for lack of a better term).

Initially, the experiencer may physically see any entity or an object, but only can experience the onboard interaction to and within and back from the object, via their soul/spiritual - parapsychical state.

The entity and object are parapsychical and spiritual, and not physical, although they and the object which are extensions of each other, appear physical in our memories of the event.

However, they also may have physiological effects on the physical body such as the "stigmata" phenomenon.

I hope this information is of assistance to you,

Sincerely,

Tom Benson
Experiencer

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Re: Conscious Abductees Question - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <denzlerb.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 19:57:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 04:15:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Conscious Abductees Question - Denzler

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 19:58:21 EDT
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Greg:

Here is info from my little "Abduction Millennium Project":

Most of my abduction memories are in the form of:

Dreams 13.5%

More than dreams, but not fully conscious events 25.2%

Physical sensations that precede the event, but not the
abduction itself 8.1%

Fully conscious memories of bits and pieces of the event 23.0%

Fully conscious memories of significant segments of the event
13.1%

Hypnotically-retrieved memories 5.0%

"Other" 12.2%

N = 222

This info is good only through about 1997, as I have not had
occasion to enter the data from subsequent surveys that have
been turned in since then.

Brenda Denzler
<http://www.abductionproject.com>

"To announce that there must be no criticism of the
president, or that we are to stand by the president right
or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is
morally treasonable to the American public." - Theodore Roosevelt

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Re: Changes At The WHY? Files - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 21:32:30 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 04:17:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Changes At The WHY? Files - Tonnies

>From: Geoffrey Richardson <geoff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 23:48:20 +0100
>Subject: Changes At The WHY? Files

>Due to circumstances beyond my control "The WHY Files" have a
>new address - www.thewhyfiles.net I would be grateful if any
>links to The WHY? Files could be amended to the new
>address.

I can't find Colin Bennett's Combat Diaries; what's the new URL?

Thanks in advance,

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Mac Tonnies (macbot.nul)

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com>
("Hot Memes Daily")

New book: "After the Martian Apocalypse"

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/074348293X>

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 03:14:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 04:21:03 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - King

>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 22:50:43 +0100
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 14:57:29 -0400
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>No one is saying that people shouldn't research, study, and
>>believe in this subject in any way they chose. That's not an
>>issue, and never has been. IMO, it's a question of how that
>>information is presented, and all to often it's presented as
>>"fact", when it's in reality idle speculation. I didn't hear
>>Richard say that Stargate wasn't the answer, but certainly
>>evidence to that effect hasn't been presented and we're seeing a
>>lot of discussion that would indicate that some believe that
>>it's fact.

>I disagree. Terri (I think) said they had been told by someone
>that Stargate was the real deal. I chirped in and said it was a
>neat idea c/w Graham Hancock's work. With respect, that hardly
>amounts to anyone stating they believe Stargate is the answer to
>everything.

>>If you're going to discuss this topic based on beliefs and
>>faith, then this has become another religion. That's not a
>>problem, but some of us will likely be the atheists and
>>agnostics out in the street trying to do actual research.

>Belief equals religion. belief doesn't. This is quite a
>ridiculous equation that you and many others make. On that
>basis, the world is totally overrun with religion. I believe in
>the ability of my dog to chase a cat. I've never seen him do it
>but I believe he can. Surely you're not going to claim that I
>worship at the altar of Benji the mutt?

>There is a strong suspicion that this automatic reference to
>religion when one talks about belief in ufology is nothing more
>or less than the usual spin of academic elitist snobbery.
>Religion is for the masses, the unwashed, the stupid. Educated
>people know better. It is a device for self justification at the
>expense of others, puffing up ones own ego to confirm one's
>separatness from the plebs.

>I don't condem that per se. People are people. But it is
>disappointing and does rather tend to confirm that a higher level
>of intelligence doesn't necessarily imply a greater level of
>personal understanding.

Believing in your dog's ability to chase your cat isn't
religion, since it... correct me if I'm wrong... doesn't involve
the origin of man. When one believes that something is true that
cannot be proven... that's much closer to the definition of
religion. The suggestion is that since science cannot prove
psychic ability, for example, science MUST be at fault.

I am a scientist. That is, I see the world as a collection of

phenomena and I attempt to classify, quantify, understand them. I require evidence in order to form hypotheses, thus I perform experiments which either support or fail to support that hypothesis. If a hypothesis exists for which experimentation is not possible, i.e., the technology needed to adequately perform the experiment doesn't yet exist, I don't blame science, and I don't think less of those that require no experimentation. I simply cannot discuss the hypothesis scientifically.

I am also a religious person. That is, I believe in a higher power, a force of creative design in the universe. I believe it, and I do not require any experimentation to support my belief. I tend not to discuss my religious beliefs with scientists, since there is no value in a scientific discussion of religious belief. They are two different distinct concepts.

Because I'm a scientist, I'm supposed to be some kind of elitist snob? Because I'm religious, I'm unclean?

It must be nice to live in a black and white world where everyone has a label. In my world, I try not to label, and tend to try to advance the discussion, rather than assist it in degrading to name-calling and hyperbolic rhetoric.

There is no quarrel between science and religion. There is no quarrel between the scientific method and metaphysical enlightenment. They're just two kids on the playground of life, both convinced that his dad can kick the other's ass.

I always refused to take sides on those discussions, too.

The world, to those that open their eyes, contains much more commonality than diversity. This discussion is an analog. We are all convinced that the UFO phenomena is worthy of discussion, but we're hog-tied trying to decide just HOW to discuss it.

Kyle

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: **Brenda Denzler** <denzlerb.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 06:10:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 08:36:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 07:58:46 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 30 Jun 2004 21:42:36 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 08:10:26 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>Hopefully the members of the "American Psychological Society," i.e.,
>>>the readers of the "The Journal Psychological Science" will note that
>>>any conclusion(s) of Dr. McNally's study is flawed, because the
>>>components of the experiment are flawed. He has separated "PTSD
>>>victims" from "abductee victims" without merit, and I propose,
>>>scientifically speaking, that until he can prove that the events
>>>described by an "abductee victim" have not occurred, then his protocol
>>>is flawed, therefore; any conclusions based on this study would have
>>>to be re-evaluated.

[Source: WebMD

http://my.webmd.com/content/article/89/100279.htm?z=1728_00000_1000_nb_04]

<snip>

Does everyone realize that an article on this article appears in
the current issue of Discover magazine?

Brenda Denzler

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150-200 People See UFO in Ticul Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 06:45:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 08:42:37 -0400
Subject: 150-200 People See UFO in Ticul Mexico

SOURCE: Grupo CAFE (Yucatan, Mexico)
DATE: July 5, 2004

On Saturday and Sunday, members of the CAFE and SIRIO-MAYAB research groups visited Ticul. During their stay in this community, they were among the 150 to 200 witnesses to the phenomenon that occurred over this location.

Although Saturday (07/03) was somewhat overcast, hindering the visibility of any event, this was not the case on Sunday, which allowed for a lighth to be seen around 7:00 p.m. coming from the direction of a nearby radio mast. It first moved in a straight line and then descended somewhat before ascending again, all of this in a zig-zag motion, which dismissed any possibility that it was a satellite. A few seconds later, maybe 20, the object disappeared again but this time upward, as though leaving our atmosphere.

A video was taken of this event using a Sony Hi 8 Camera. The person who shot the event was Prof. Silvestre Leal Campos, director of the SIRIO-MAYAB group.

The parties to this research were: Arq. Jorge Castro
Alejos.Prof. Silvestre Leal Campos Br. Ricardo Leal uillermo
Contreras Cruz (Corresponsal de C.A.F.E. en Ticul)

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Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto - Franz

From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 05:55:19 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 08:50:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto - Franz

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 10:25:15 -0400
>Subject: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 01:40:00 -0700
>>Subject: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

<snip>

>>I am investigating the rumor of the Mexican Air Force General
>>Commander's recent removal and how the pilot, the FLIR and radar
>>operators involved in the FLIR's video have been degraded.

>Thank you, Capt. Franz, for the alerting us to this document and
>for the translation.

You are welcome, this was a Mexican Scientific Community
manifesto of which you are making some comments that I will try
to quote trying to be as neutral as I can.

If Donald H. Rumsfeld delivers a USAF FLIR's video with a UFO
sighting to Dr. Steven Greer or to Art Bell. You as a scientist
in such a case would you make a similar manifesto? I have some
friends scientists in the states who already know about it, and
told me they agree on a protest like the one we talk about.

>I hope they haven't been downgraded but if they have, they won't
>be the first to be downgraded for reporting a UFO.

To sad to say that, it is now confirmed officially they were not
downgraded, they were reassigned to lower hierarchy controls, a
unusual fact in the Armed Forces of the Country. I think it was
not because a UFO report, it was because the video case was
deliberately disclosed without Mexico's President approval.

That is the main question we have before our findings. This case
has to do with something worked out in a top political level.
You don't know how politics are in Mexico. I am working out on a
theory that I hope to finish by the end of this week.

<snip>

>>Most of the manifestations of the phenomenon receive a
>>satisfactory explanation, being that they postulate its origin
>>in extraterrestrial devices lacking of conclusive evidences.

>I note they say "most" implying that *some* sightings are
>unexplained and hence *might* be evidence of ET. Hmmmmm... do
>they really think so or is this just a "sop" to the "masses" of
>ufologists?

I think that was not a *sop*, if they are protesting in a
worldwide manifesto we must accept it was a clear signal that
they started to believe in ET existence, that it is now a *most*
and not an *all* as used to be *some* years ago.

<snip>

>>The fact that the National Defense ignored what institutions and
>>what scientific disciplines to count for this situation causes
>>restlessness to us on the methodologies that could be taken in
>>another type of events.

>Perhaps he thought that conventional science institutions would
>immediately explain the sighting as such and such and not even
>investigate. Can't imagine where he would get an idea like that!
>(HO HO)

I can't imagine that to, but explaining something doesn't mean
it can't be investigated with the material in their hands and
more important, coming from the Defense Secretary. What would
you do if that video were delivered straight to you? One thing
is to be a scientist and other is to be blind or negligent or
close minded.(not you):)

<snip>

>>people's rather than Mexican science, whereas to the members of
>>the Institute of Astronomy and Nuclear Sciences of the UNAM has
>>refused them saying the "it was classified material".

>>Perhaps the SEDENA ignored the use that would be given by Mr.
>>Jaime Maussan to this video? And if this classified material
>>is disclosed, haven't they incurred in a serious crime?

>Perhaps they requested classified material? Some of the info I
>have obtained (not from the DOD) is considered "proprietary" and
>some "classified." But to get the answers we don't need
>classified materials.

That was the big mistake and I am taking that to sustain my new
theory I wrote lines up. Classified material is the key of all
this matter. We have been submerged in a controversy since may
12 and the big questioning was deliberately deviated from our
attention. What did the Defense Secretary General Vega Garcia
forget to do? He 'forget' to call to a press conference and let
the interested ones to know about the video sighting. What was
the impact in that 'forgetting'? Simple as this, he 'forget' the
medullar Defense Secretary government loyalty! President Vicente
Fox was exposed as a weak person and worst, with an
irresponsible Armed Forces Secretary in his staff.

Nothing more vulnerable, nothing more absurd and illogical than
ignore his Superior, the President! That is one point. Another
point is related about the internal relations between the Air
Force and the Military. Other one, Martha Fox, the President's
wife, a women 'candidate' with high percentage of possibilities
to win the presidential race which started precisely on month
before the FLIR's sighting. Do you know the military internal
code about women?.... Stay tuned.

Please wait to my post on that, you won't believe it.

>>Isn't it possible that the scientific community commits itself
>>to present/display a guessed right explanation of the video
>>while all the material for this investigation is not provided.
>>The only opinion that can be disclosed to the public and mass
>>media is a hypothesis that would include an approval to be put
>>at the moment at which unlimited access to the material and the
>>interviews to the witnesses of the event.

>Neither the science community nor the "UFO community"
>should be claiming proof of explanation without all the data.

Yes I agree, proof of explanation or vice versa. Syllogism.

>>The Mexican scientific community wishes to outward that any
>>probable explanation expressed to date in mass media must be
>>taken only in the land of speculation and the scientific
>>hypothesis. The scientific method does not jeopardize the
>>investigators to emit a definitive judgment in a reduced margin
>>of time.

>Here they claim that, as far as the scientific community is
>concerned, the sighting explanations are hypotheses only. But in
>the press the hypotheses are presented as explanations.

Most of the press is controlled by Televisa, they control not what people needs to know but what they want people to know.

<snip>

>>characteristics described by the military personnel: moves
>>horizontally, is visible in diverse wavelengths -invisible and
>>visible-, like it leaves its intermittent track in the radar.
>>The "ray ball" tends to come near to the fuselage of the
>>airplanes, because its nature tries to unload its electrical
>>charge, it does not imply an "intelligent movement" as some
>>people have expressed.

>Obviously the "ball lightning" hypothesis is in the forefront of
>explanations. But I am suprised they haven't all latched onto
>the oil fire hypothesis/explanation. Perhaps they actually have
>some faith in the witnesses who claim it wasn't oil fires.

Then why Jaime Maussan knowing about the oil fires in the
Cantarell oil field at least didn't do his own investigation?
But that is a waste of time, he insists they were UFO's with
intelligent movement. I can't do more than express my ideas with
big limitation. Anyway I am happy to participate and to have
your opinion and valuable contribution in this case.

>I have requested, for over a month now, an experiment to test
>the oil fire hypothesis. It is a simple experiment and probably
>would cost only a few hundred bucks (can be done during a
>routine patrol mission).

I tried to hire an airplane in Ciudad del Carmen airport last
week, there are only helicopters which are not eligible to
the experiment. They charge between 6 to 8 thousand pesos
(5 to 6 hundred dollars an hour) and they can't fly up to
11,500ft at 195 mph. The tower Controller was reprimanded
for giving information to the media. I can't tell his name.

Capt. Alejandro Franz

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Mexican Air Force Chief Removal Official

From: **Capt. Alejandro Franz** <alfafox.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 06:31:46 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 08:58:46 -0400
Subject: Mexican Air Force Chief Removal Official

Hello all,

I just confirmed the information that has been silenced since May 20 by the implicated in the Mexican Air Force's FLIR's video disclosure.

Mexican Air Force's Chief removed is official.

The Commander and the Head of the General Staff of the Mexican Air Force have been lowered in hierarchy control.

Regards,

Capt. Alejandro Franz
director.nul

General Ernesto Arcos Oropeza was removed as Mexican Air Force's Chief to Mexico's Northwest Region. Now is the Base Commander at Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

The UFO factor:

Criteria differences with the SEDENA's Secretary General Gerardo Clemente Vega Garcia as an example the filtration of a video of supposedly UFO's influenced for the post command changes.

General Ernesto Arcos Oropeza was relieved as Mexican Air Force's Chief. He was reassigned to a lower hierarchy control, not rank.

General Rafael Enrique Ramos Padilla was reassigned to lower hierarchy control, not rank. Now is commander in Zapopan Jalisco number 5 aerial base and school.

Source:
http://www.sedena.gob.mx/fam/comandancia/reg_aer.html

Newspaper:

Mexican Air Force cuts wings to Chiefs.

By Luis Alegre Mural

(03 June 2004). - MURAL/Mexico MEXICO. -

Source:
<http://busquedas.gruporeforma.com/utilerias/imdservicios3W.DLL?JSearchformatS&file=GDL/MURAL01/00245/00245190.htm&palabra=Estrada%20Ricardez&sitemural>

In a lapse of a month and a half, the Commander and the Head of the General Staff of the Mexican Air Force (FAM) -the two positions of greater relevance in the institution- were changed of their positions and reassigned to lower hierarchy controls, a less usual fact in the Armed Forces of the Country.

>From having in his hands the maximum responsibilities of the MAF, Major Generals Ernesto Arcos Oropeza and Rafael Enrique Ramos Padilla they take care now only of specific territorial commands, according to information contained in the web page of SEDENA (Secretariat of National Defense) Their changes of position do not seem to obey to a same cause - 45 days between one and another one nor to a policy of rotation, because it is not common that a military man of high rank lowers his level of control.

According to military commands consulted unofficially, the criteria differences between General Arcos Oropeza and the Secretary of the National defense, General Clemente Ricardo Gerardo Vega Garcia, would have taken to the removal of first one. Between those differences would be included for example the filtration to the media of the video of supposed UFO's in Campeche filmed by an electronic patrol airplane of the MAF.

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UFOs Over Yucatan Peninsula

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 07:08:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 09:01:57 -0400
Subject: UFOs Over Yucatan Peninsula

Source: El Diario de Yucatan
Date: July 5, 2004

CURIOSITY OVER LIGHTS IN THE SKY

TICUL =97 The alleged lights that cross the skies over the Benito Juarez sector have been the subject of meetings and conversations among neighbors.

Some residents of Ticul believe they are Unidentified Flying Object and increasing numbers of locals are visiting the hills.

The apparitions at midnight keep people awake to see "the lights that move and then remain still before continuing their journey." In the month of May, several residents claimed having seen UFOs over by Dzan, and some 3 or 4 years ago people ascended Santa Elena Hill for a better look.

[http://edicion.yucatan.com/noticias/noticia.asp?cx=3D14\\$4109080000\\$287060=2](http://edicion.yucatan.com/noticias/noticia.asp?cx=3D14$4109080000$287060=2)

SOURCE: Diario de Yucatan
DATE: July 5, 2004

UFO's: A Compulsory Subject of Conversation
** More people visit a neighborhood to see "the lights"

TICUL - The subject of the alleged apparition of lights in the sky have been a compulsory subject of conversation among local relatives. Skeptics and believers alike are visiting this locale and some even think they could be UFOs.

The remarks made in the county seat have not delayed long, especially among people who visit the site and residents of the Benito Juarez sector itself, located on the hill and one of the most isolated ones in the community.

Witnesses report that shortly after midnight the lights begin to appear. At times, they can see a very large light that crosses the skies several times. At times they remain motionless before taking off at high speed, they say.

The widespread belief is that [the lights] are UFOs.

Residents of the Benito Juarez neighborhood claim that the lights began to appear the very same night the earthquake occurred. Others believe that the phenomenon occurs on given years and are not limited to a certain part of the state.

According to the information provided, these lights were also seen some 2 or 3 years ago along the road leading to the municipality of Santa Elena. Furthermore, some five or six years ago, the same strange phenomenon was seen along the road to Sacalum.

The fact is that the unidentified lights are the topic of the day -- one that is gaining popularity among every stratum of this community. Night after night, between 150 to 200 people

have been reporting to the Benito Juarez sector and claim that they have indeed seen these lights.

[http://edicion.yucatan.com.mx/noticias/noticia.asp?cx=3D14\\$4109080000\\$287021=3](http://edicion.yucatan.com.mx/noticias/noticia.asp?cx=3D14$4109080000$287021=3)

SOURCE:=AIPOR ESTO!
DATE: July 5, 2004

UFOs: A SUMMARY

Unidentified Flying Objects are the talk of the town in Ticul

28 years ago, the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States (CIA) recorded the manifestation of UFOs some 28 years ago in the skies over Merida, according to a recently declassified report by said agency.

In 1976, Robert S. Ashford, the U.S. consul in Merida, reported to the Department of State, and in turn, State apprised the CIA, of the apparition of UFOs in the sky.

Hundreds of persons visit the San Benito neighborhood on a daily basis for some 15 days, claiming to have seen UFOs. Visitors to the site are local residents who spend long hours gazing skyward and some claim having seen "a large saucer-shaped object with multicolored lights that moves across the sky at night."

The tenant farmers of the district leave their homes early in the morning to see the strange object. Given the curious nature of the event, increasing numbers of people have come to see this phenomenon, but very few have seen the flying object. Mrs. Maria Cardenas Ek and Lourdes Bojorquez claim having been witnesses to the event.

Mrs. Cardenas said that on Thursday, June 17, she was home when she noticed a shining object spinning around a tower belonging to the Federal Electric Commission. After a while it stood still in the air, and that was when the dogs began to bark.

The second time she saw it was around 1 a.m., when she saw the flying object in the skies again. Since that date, seeing this object at night has become a regular activity. The correspondent for the POR ESTO newspaper was on site for many hours to see if the object would manifest, but was unsuccessful. However, locals say that the UFO doesn't have a fixed schedule for its manifestations.

The fact of the matter is that expectations are on the increase among local residents on account of the strange lights in the sky, and the number of curiosity seekers is growing.

<http://www.porestto.net/index.php?ID=3D10367S>

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 08:35:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 09:05:20 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Kaeser

>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 16:12:51 +0100
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 19:40:15 +0000
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

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Stuart-

>>Thanks for the free advice, which is worth every penny of it.

>>So the scientific method (not sure what the quotes are supposed
>>to imply) has been profoundly discredited, eh? That will indeed
>>be news to the NASA JPL scientists currently investigating
>>Saturn, Dick Haines, Bruce Maccabee, the National Institutes of
>>Health, and many many others. Might as well close down the labs
>>and go home.

>You're a devil, aren't you? I'll have to cross my T's and dot my
>i's with you sir, that I can see. I was referring to Ufology
>although I accept I never said that.

>Now we've got that sorted, perhaps you might like to answer the
>question honestly this time? In fact I'll repeat the question
>within more specific parameters;

>How exactly has the scientific approach got us any closer to
>full disclosure or for that matter, even a confirmation of
>anomaly?

Is the "scientific method" a valid tool to get at "full disclosure"? I'm certainly in support of "full disclosure", but I wouldn't expect scientific analysis to force anyone's hand, per se. What generally acceptable method would you want to employ to identify and quantify an anomaly? Further, I would suggest that an anomaly that has become quantified and measured through scientific analysis would become a phenomenon, but we're playing with words here.

>>Also, for the record I am not a grumpy old man. I'm a grumpy
>>young man, and getting grumpier by the day as I see mystics and
>>New Agers trying to take over the UFO field. As I dodder into
>>the sunset I will continue to fight for scientific rationality.

>Jolly good and a worthy sentiment to boot. But I want to ask a
>favour. Could you let the rest of us have our say, unmolested by
>sneering, bullying and sarcasm, if we happen to voice an opinion
>that doesn't tie in with yours?

Those of us who have a vain hope of forcing this investigation toward a scientific inquiry have a difficult time with some of the nonsense we see on the "lists", but that doesn't mean we have any desire to stop the discussion or force our beliefs on others. Many of those who have been involved in this genre for

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Steve

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 08:32:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 15:42:18 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Lehmborg

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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First you had unrestricted capitalism then you had communism.
First you had the unrepentant chauvinist Then you had the
feminazi. First you had organic sexual bigotry then you had the
militant gay. First you had a duplicitous government and an
unbrave science then you had the "mystics and new agers" to
which you refer.

You can't fault sincere people for trying to fill, in any way
they can, the intellectual voids created by their secular and
spiritual leadership. You blame the former for the sins of the
latter. You, therefore, only entrench the former (with your
insult) and embolden the latter (with your complacency). Turn
your rage around, Sir, you're 180 degrees out of phase.

alienview.nul

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<http://www.alienview.net>

...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.
\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: Aliens Bombard Bush With Invisible Beams -

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 06:53:19 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 15:45:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Aliens Bombard Bush With Invisible Beams -

Source: WWW.Swans.com

<http://www.swans.com/library/art10/procks30.html>

... What will it take to shake us from our complacency and denial about the dire nature of the situation? Perhaps, something on the order of: It is revealed that President Bush has ordered the walls of the White House be covered with tinfoil wallpaper... or, maybe, for him to begin raving that aliens are bombarding him with invisible beams - and it was such beams, emanating from extraterrestrial mind-control weapons - that caused him to fall off that Satanic Segway scooter, and then from his bicycle, and then to drop his poor dog... or for him to claim he is falling in the polls because red-blooded American patriots are being replaced by enemy combatant-loving, French-looking pod people in key battleground states.....

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 13:48:08 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 15:48:02 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hall

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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...and then they can build all the sand castles they want to and
not have to be bothered with such nonsensical concepts as logic
and critical thinking being thrown in their faces by playground
bullies.

- Dick

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 15:50:18 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Clark

>From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 18:34:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: **Richard Hall** <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 03 Jul 2004 19:33:58 +0000
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

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>And why do you wail to the heavens when New Agism is mentioned?
>Is it because there are lots of women in it? J'accuse! You are a
>misogynist masquerading as a ufologist.

I'm assuming this is not meant seriously.

>Nah, I don't have much time for New Agist theories either. But
>neither do I go swinging my cave man club about when it gets
>mentioned. Here's the trick Dick. I listen. Who knows? I might
>actually learn something. And, with the admitted exception of
>one English sceptic, I don't growl at people in my best Walter
>Mathau fashion if they offer ideas contrary to mine.

I intervene in this discussion simply to make one observation,
which is this:

Alone - I suspect - of all on this List, I am co-author of a big
overview of the New Age movement, which I (co)wrote as the
movement was cresting at the end of the 1980s. My co-authors
were two prominent religious-studies authorities, one of them
the esteemed J. Gordon Melton, University of California at Santa
Barbara. The book was intended to be informational and
analytical, neither a defense of nor an attack on the movement.
The book was widely praised and won several scholarly awards.

That said, I will state personally that it is entirely proper to
characterize something as "New Age," if that is what it is, and
not to mean that as a compliment. My own research and writing
persuaded me that the phrases "New Age" and "airhead" are too
often synonymous. It is, or was, a movement with little to
recommend it.

Jerry Clark

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 13:17:17 -0300
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Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Ledger

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 11:55:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

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>>long. It also could not have been a satellite as they pass over
>>quite quickly. Satellites travel around the earth in 90 minutes,"
>>he said.

>>When questioned about whether the university had received any
>>other calls about unusual sightings last Sunday, Hughes said that
>>he had received no other calls.

>>"I have also not heard of other reports of unusual sightings
>>during that period. It was the planet Venus. Venus is visible in
>>the early parts of the morning," he said.

>>But the woman who saw the object, Roshnie Naidu, says that she
>>knows what she saw and it was definitely not Venus.

>>"Initially, I was very sceptical about UFOs and alien
>>sightings but after what I saw on Sunday morning, I am more
>>open-minded," she said.

>>Naidu, however, says that if the light she had seen had been
>>Venus, it would not have moved around so much and changed
>>shape so often.

>>"Initially it was not so high up in the sky and it changed shape
>>quite often. It became elongated and gave off light and the area
>>was very well lit up by this light," she said.

>>Naidu's husband, Shrirama, who also saw the huge light, said they
>>had expected people to be sceptical.

>OK. Here's a typical example of the problem with relying on
>reported information. What was important to the reporter and to
>the witness was that it "moved around so much and changed shape
>so often."

>The unanswered question is thie: is this comment about motion
>and shape changed based on the naked eye view or on replaying
>the video?

>If the naked eye view showed large angular motion and large
>change... then it was weird.

>If the video image, during replay,moves a lot and changes shape
>this is proof of... nothing! Hand shake on the camera (was it on
>a tripod?) and (useless) large magnification of a bright light
>(e.g. star, Venus) seen through a hundred miles of atmosphere
>can explain image motion and shape change.

Agreed. I've seen many UFO videos where the camera was hand
held. Why people can't stabilize the camera on a patio rail or
use a tripod is beyond me. I've seen some Mexican video shot
using a tripod and it makes a heck of a difference.

But getting back to the kneejerk response of Arthur Hughes, the
professor of physics and new expert in the field. He's the
expert [lord knows why] and he's suddenly the pro from Dover as
far as the press is concerned. That's why I distrust his claim.
Let me turn the witness tendency to see more in the video due to
shakey hand motion around by noting the natural tendency of the
lay scientists to look for the first obvious thing in the sky
and claim case solved-in this case Venus. Their own belief
system [much stronger than mine, one way or the other] is in
place, so they work from there. No background. I'm ready to give
it up if it's indeed Venus. Why not them when it's not?

Why was Venus suddenly a UFO? There's other data in there Bruce.
She stated, "Initially it was not so high up in the sky and it
changed shape quite often. It became elongated and gave off
light and the area was very well lit up by this light,"

Lighting up an area is something that Venus is not capable of.
As well her remarks suggest that that Venus was rising. Is that
true for that area for that time?

But your point is well taken. Let's see the video.

Don Ledger

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

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>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 08:58:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 11:48:44 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 08:10:26 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

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>Rather than studying the psychophysiological responses of
>memories either true or false, it would be nice to have these
>caliber of individuals studying the alleged events themselves.
>Prove or disprove these actions before condemning them to the
>result of "hypnopompic hallucinations" and put that in peer
>reviewed Journals.

Again, Thanks Frank Warren!

I recall an interview with famed abductee specialist Budd Hopkins that we conducted with him during the 50th Anniversary of the Roswell Incident in Roswell at the military school. Budd discussed at length his experiences etc. with abductees which is on video as well for us at Parascope Magazine.

What startled me was his mentioning of a good portion of abductees who were fully conscious during their abduction. Did this psychology study include these abductees as well?

That's the keystone far as I'm concerned. Digging around in a person's unconscious mind is one thing but just up and asking them from their analytical mind is another. There's an easy way to find out if it's imagination, modification or just good ol' plain straight from the shoulder truth.

Best,

Greg

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Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 16:03:01 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Stanford

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>This statement is self-contradictory.

>>It also could not have been a satellite as they pass over
>>quite quickly.

>>Nonsense. Geo-synchronous satellites don't "pass over"
>>at all.

Clearly he was not speaking of geo-synchronous satellites, which
are not normally visible to the unaided eye from earth, being at
about 22,241 statute miles above the earth's surface. So, why
should he speak of such?

>>Satellites travel around the earth in 90 minutes,"
>>he said.

>>Bunk. Satellites travel at different speeds, depending on how
>>far up they are, and whether they are to stay put or orbit the
>>earth.

In the first place, the professor was making a generalization as
to orbital period, concerning satellites close enough to earth
to be readily noticed and mistaken for a 'UFO'. Surely the
professor knows the attention span of media people, who have no
patience with in-detail explanations.

But as to your statement, "...whether they [satellites] are to
stay put or orbit the earth"! Don't you know that all satellites

orbit the earth? It is just that a satellite in geo-synchronous orbit circles the earth once each day in the equatorial plane at approximately 35,786 kilometers (that being 19,323 nautical miles, or 22,241 statute miles) above the earth's surface, thus staying over the same spot on the earth's surface because its orbit is directly above the equator at the aforementioned altitude. But, contrary to the literal reading of your statement, it is ORBITING, as I said, and exactly once per day.

You may declare that you really meant that it just does not appear to be orbiting, as seen from earth's surface (but that's plainly not what you said, even if you allege that's what you meant), but because you accuse the professor of being careless with words, I point out that you are guilty of doing so.

Furthermore, I would advise due caution in accusing a professor of over-statements, over-simplifications, or contradictory words that might, in fact, be due to sloppy media coverage.

>>"It was the planet Venus.

>A statement of fact with no supporting
>evidence.

Talk about a self-contradictory statement! Have you checked the position of Venus in the sky for the place and time of the sighting? If not, then it is you who have no basis for your statement. I suspect the astronomer did have knowledge of the visibility of Venus in the right sky location to cause a misperception.

>>"Venus is visible in the early parts of the morning," he said.

Obviously he means when the sky is clear of obscuring clouds, and you know it. Talk about an unfounded attack on someone and nit-picking!

>Finally, a statement that is almost true. Obviously Venus is not
>always visible in the morning (fog, obstruction, etc)nor is it
>ever the ONLY visible thing.

>KwaZulu-Natal. Is this where you have to go to get hard science
>like this?

LMAO! It is you Kyle King, who seemingly need a lesson in hard science, as evidenced in your saying, "...whether they stay put or orbit the earth"!

It also seems you ignore the problem of "autokinesis" of the eye when one watches a bright light like Venus against a dark sky, the already widely opened pupil permits enough light that the tiny part of the eye registering that bright light becomes saturated and autokinesis (automatic shifting of the eye slightly) occurs. Many persons misinterpret that happening as motion by the bright object.

Now, I am not stating that for sure it was Venus which was described as a 'UFO', but that if Venus was visible at that time (and I suspect the astronomer knew it), that is possibly what was reported.

You may assert that Venus cannot appear so large. Well, think again. Let me share with you something that happened to a group of us living on the coast of Texas some years ago. My phone rang at well before sunrise. It was a friend, phoning from across town, declaring, "Get the heck out of that bed and look out in the eastern sky! There is something large and incredibly brilliant out there! I've never seen anything like it in my life!"

The three of us in that house rushed outside onto the front porch. My friend was absolutely right! There was an incredibly brilliant white blob of light in the eastern sky, so big that I ran back inside for a moment and grabbed some coins to define the angular size. A U.S. penny was a bit too large, but a dime (ten cent piece) exactly covered the thing, and it seemed far brighter than any full moon I had ever seen!

We stood there watching the incredibly bright thing for well over half an hour, during which time it slowly moved upward (as the thing in the report we are discussing) from the eastern sky

toward the west. Before thirty minutes had passed, I had determined that the angular rate of sky passage was roughly seven to eight degrees in thirty minutes.

Having determined that, I called my friend back with glee, declaring, "Well, thanks for the call, and the thing is quite spectacular, just as you said, so I'm glad to have had the education of seeing it, in order to learn just how spectacular Venus can be."

"That can't be Venus, unless it has left its orbit around the sun and heading in our general direction!", my friend declared, seemingly half in jest.

"Well", I retorted, "the sun is starting to come up now and the invisible, high altitude ice crystal cloud(s) scattering the light of Venus out to make it appear so big, will gradually be melting or moving away from between us and Venus, and it will slowly return to its more normal angular size."

Guess what. That is exactly what happened as we continued to watch, while Venus slowly 'retreated' from its optical 'attack' on earth and continued on its westward course into its normal appearance. :)

Oh yes, just as reported in the case under discussion, the bright thing we were watching seemed to move around all over a small portion of the sky, but it was due to autokinesis, which fooled none of us watching from the front porch that morning, because we were familiar with autokinesis and the part it often plays in IFO (identified flying 'object') reports.

So I suggest far more examination and care before attacking the scientific credibility of an astronomer or in alleging that people do not describe Venus as "huge" and as zipping around in the eastern or western sky, because I know from investigating many such cases that some people easily make such mistakes. There are even those who are consciously and/or unconsciously predisposed to such mistakes, although they seldom like to realize that fact.

Vision is the property of the eye, but perception (a brain function) comes with it, and whether one likes it or not, misperception is the cause of a large percentage of UFO reports. Such is the human condition. But we have some ability to reduce misperception, by education and by striving for an objective, unemotional interpretation of things seen in the sky.

Of course, it is true that a UFO skeptic might perceive an anomalous sky object in the opposite emotional direction, causing him or her to dismiss something truly anomalous as prosaic. The knife of perception can cut either way. So, those on both sides of UFO issue, and even those who think themselves neutral on it, should remember to be highly circumspect in analyzing things seen in the sky or in evaluating 'UFO' reports.

As to bright little 'objects' dancing or even zipping around on videos made by hand-held (or even poorly tripod-supported) cameras, frankly, I'm sick of people touting such a thing as evidence of a sophisticated technology maneuvering in the sky. Unless there is a stable 'reference object' in a film or video, such declarations of object motion are totally unsubstantiated by the recorded evidence. Furthermore, people can often guild their reporting lilly after seeing their hand-held (or otherwise poorly supported) video, just to make their account match the video. Yes, that has happened in some cases, and in fully conscious knowledge of account distortion by the 'witness'. It is not always just an unconscious warping of memory to match a video.

Want to educate the public as to how to get a more evidential video? Well, just tell them that, at all costs, get some stabile reference object into that video. If at night, a street light or a light visible in a building window might do the job. If not, well, heck, if it's Christmas night, 'bulldog' (a rodeo term) that reindeer Rudolph and hold that glowing nose steady in one corner of the video frame. Heck, who cares if it makes Jolly St. Nicholas late on his rounds, if it gets a steady reference object in the video frame with the 'UFO'. :)

Tell potential witnesses (the public) that Rudolph story, and I

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suspect they will never forget to try and get some reference
object in-frame during a 'UFO' filming.

Ray Stanford

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Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 16:07:16 -0400
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>>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 14:35:49 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Devil's Hole Nevada

>>>From: Teri Hayes <truthspupl.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 07:54:22 -0700
>>>Subject: Devil's Hole Nevada

>>>If anyone is interested I have created a web site at Tripod with
>>>the remainder of the photos that were taken at Devil's Hole in
>>>the Ash Meadows Wildlife Refuge.

>>>I find them of interest.

>>>You may visit:

>>><http://peterrabbitt152.tripod.com>

>>>if you'd like to view the photos and perhaps offer a suggestion
>>>as to the cause of the anomalies presented.

>>On this page:

>><http://peterrabbitt152.tripod.com/id2.html>

>>the fact that the "flare" is the same shape in all pictures, and when you
>>turn the camera from "portrait" to "landscape" orientation, the "flare"
>>turns with it, suggests that the origin is in the camera.

>Yes, indeed... and the flare remains the same size regardless of
>the distance to the subject, indicating that it is in fact,
>artifact.

Good point.

Also, the reddish edge shading to the 'anomalies' is absolutely characteristic of light leakage from the edge of a film, either due to a cartridge flaw of some sort or, more likely, due to an improperly closed camera back - maybe with some little something that caught in the edge in that closure, allowing light to enter onto the film to various degrees, depending on how the camera was held in the hand(s), i.e., tightness variations, horizontal or vertical, etc.

After all, if one is photographing the 'devils hole', 'the devil' is just bound to get into one's camera.:

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Subject: UFO Review Issue 3

Issue 3 of UFO Review is now available and is delivered in a PDF file. This will now be much quicker to download. As usual, it is free. It can be found at our website at:

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top left hand button. There you will also find a fledgling web site from where we can begin to expand and develop further.

Issue 3 contains interviews with Mac Tonnie about Mars, the Face, artifacts and the landers and with Wendy Connors about her website, Faded Discs, and her quest to preserve old ufological recordings and to make them available for researchers.

Also, articles by Kithra about NASA and SOHO and by Sheryl Gottschall about the differences between the way men and women approach ufology. And not forgetting of course Andrew Pike with another fascinating article, this time on Casinni.

Plus, a special offer for UK and European readers concerning Fate magazine.

Stuart Miller

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 16:15:59 -0400
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>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 07:58:46 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 30 Jun 2004 21:42:36 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 08:10:26 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>Hopefully the members of the "American Psychological Society,"
>>>i.e., the readers of the "The Journal Psychological Science"
>>>will note that any conclusion(s) of Dr. McNally's study is
>>>flawed, because the components of the experiment are flawed.

>>>He has separated "PTSD victims" from "abductee victims" without
>>>merit, and I propose, scientifically speaking, that until he can
>>>prove that the events described by an "abductee victim" have not
>>>occurred, then his protocol is flawed, therefore; any
>>>conclusions based on this study would have to be re-evaluated.

>John,

>>If you read the paper carefully you will see the main concern of
>>McNally et. al. is to investigate the controversy concerning
>>recovered memories of trauma. One of the main problems with this
>>is that some people argue that the fact that people recalling
>>traumatic experiences show strong psychophysiological responses
>>indicates that their stories must be literally true.

>The question McNally poses is, "Is recollection of "highly
>improbable traumatic ex-periences" [emphasis added] accompanied
>by psychophysiological responses indicative of intense emotion?"

Yes, but I didn't say it wasn't.

>>McNally notes, though, " ... we found that adults reporting
>>recovered memories of childhood sexual abuse were more likely to
>>exhibit false recognition of nonpresented words than were adults
>>who reported always remembering their abuse. A subsequent study
>>revealed similar false memory effects in people reporting
>>recovered memories of abduction."

>He describes an abductees experience as this, "All abductees
>reported at least one episode of apparent sleep pa-ralysis
>accompanied by "hypnopompic hallucinations," [emphasis added]
>usually figures hovering near their beds, flashing lights,
>buzzing sounds, and tingling sensations.

Yes. This makes me wonder if he rejected any people because
their abduction stories didn't fit the pattern that was familiar
to him. One of the problems of any serious study of abductee
reports, is in attempting to define what counts as an "abduction
experience", as distinct from other types of strange experience.

>>In other words, the problem is in attempting to distinguish
>>recall of subjective experiences from recall of real events.
>>McNally et. al. attempt to do this by comparing the _details_ of
>>the abductees' reactions with those of their control group, and
>>also with their records of studies of people with PTSD (although
>>it is not made clear here whether such people who presumably
>>claimed to have had "plausible" experiences actually had them
>>verified).

>This of course is the point; he's taking measurements from two
>groups, one which he "believes" are having "false traumatic
>memories" and one that isn't, without providing data to support
>or oppose either group.

He makes the distinction between plausible and implausible
accounts but, as I pointed out, he doesn't tell us whether or
not any particular accounts which he considers plausible have
actually been verified.

>>In a footnote, it says that "For the abductees, the abduction
>>and stressful scripts were physiologically indistinguishable

>>In contrast, participants with PTSD usually exhibit greater
>>responses to trauma than to other stressful scripts." _Very
>>interesting, _

>He also says, "Although improbable traumatic memories (e.g.,
>being sexually probed on a spaceship) provoke physiological
>reactions comparable to those provoked by more conventional and
>verifiable traumatic memories (e.g., a firefight in Vietnam),
>one should not conclude that PTSD patients are reporting false
>memories of trauma."

His example of "a firefight in Vietnam" is unfortunate in view
of the fact that some dramatic reports of traumatic experiences
endured by US soldiers there have been shown to be false.

>>Although this paper by McNally et. al. is short, it is certainly
>>not simple. Those who are keen to pronounce instant judgement on
>>it should realise that it is obviously not intended to be the
>>last word on the subject. Obviously the questions of the
>>reliability of memory, how to distinguish true from false
>>memories, and how false memories are generated, are very
>>important, and no doubt there will be much more published on
>>this topic.

>There is no argument about the importance of studying false
>memory phenomenon; my point, as previously mentioned, is that if
>one is to "apply science" to a study, or an experiment, then the
>components have to be verifiable, and not "assumed," or in my
>view the entire activity is flawed, as is any conclusions etc.

Perhaps it would be useful if one of the psychologists on this
List could compile a list of apparent faults in the McNally et
al. paper, together with points on which clarification is
needed, and send it to him?

John Harney

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>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 03:14:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 22:50:43 +0100
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 14:57:29 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

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>I am a scientist. That is, I see the world as a collection of
>phenomena and I attempt to classify, quantify, understand them.
>I require evidence in order to form hypotheses, thus I perform
>experiments which either support or fail to support that
>hypothesis. If a hypothesis exists for which experimentation is
>not possible, i.e., the technology needed to adequately perform
>the experiment doesn't yet exist, I don't blame science, and I
>don't think less of those that require no experimentation. I
>simply cannot discuss the hypothesis scientifically.

Your working definition of "science" is still a little bit too narrow and restricted. It's this kind of issue about having to lab test something for it to be "science" that drives people up the wall when that (lab testing) obviously does not work for a lot of perfectly valid scientific subjects that cannot be taken into a lab (earth's core, sun's interior, Saturn's rings, neutron stars). And of course the lab test requirement does not work for UFOs which cannot be controlled and brought into a lab to test to prove they exist before scientists will study them. It is unfair to require that UFO's be brought into a lab for testing before it can even be considered proper for a scientific study - I am not saying you are saying that I am only pointing out that your definition leads to that.

But I am not aware of when it was ever declared an official rule of scientific methodology that a subject must be capable of lab experimentation. This tends to be what laboratory scientists say - because that is what they do. Non-laboratory scientists of course don't have such a narrow view of the scientific method.

Science has gotten us just about where one would expect in the UFO field after only approximately 6 months of full-fledged scientific effort being devoted to the subject in the past 50 years - and by "full-fledged" I mean what typically you have for recognized disciplines such as solar astrophysics or cetology (whales) where you have on the order of say 100 James McDonalds devoting full-time to the study. UFOlogy has never had 100 McDonalds focusing full-time on its study. It doesn't have to be exactly 100 to be "on the order of" but it has to be a substantial number and all full-time. Part-time doesn't cut it.

Just like any other subject you have to have a hundred

scientists who live, breathe, and dream UFO's full-time, 24 hours a day, before you're going to get anywhere.

After about 6 months in any field the pioneers have defined basic terms and established foundational principles but are still struggling to organize data, establish theoretical frameworks for hypothesis testing, and trying to get everyone on board. That is where we are in scientific UFO research. Those who complain that we haven't gotten very far, well, that's all we've got after 6 months equivalent of full-time full-scale scientific effort (100 McDonalds devoted to UFO's). We don't have 50 years of full-time full-scale scientific work on the subject, just approximately 6 months of it when added all together and prorated.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Crop Circle Article - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 20:37:22 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 16:19:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circle Article - Pope

List,

The Independent (a UK national daily newspaper) ran an interesting story in their review section today, focusing on the commercial crop circle-making activities of Rod Dickinson and John Lundberg. Here's the link to the online version:

http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/this_britain/story.jsp?story=538392

Interest in the phenomenon more generally is still high, here in the UK. I was in Wiltshire on Sunday, recording an interview with an Italian TV crew. We filmed in The Barge Inn, Alton Barnes, which was packed out with an interesting mix of locals, 'croppies' and overseas tourists.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Toutatis

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 20:49:59 +0100
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Subject: Toutatis

List,

I've recently been asked by several people whether I've heard about a potential 'doomsday asteroid' due to collide with the Earth on September 29, 2004.

There's quite a lot of material on this circulating on the internet, including for example:

<http://www.rense.com/general54/whyIfear.htm>

The facts are somewhat different. On the date in question, the asteroid Toutatis makes its closest approach to Earth for some time. But this 'close approach' is a distance of nearly one million miles, which means it will be approximately four times further away from us than the moon. Here's the page on Toutatis from NASA's website:

http://echo.jpl.nasa.gov/asteroids/4179_Toutatis/toutatis.html

My purpose in this post is to forewarn people, in case scare stories escalate and cultists jump on the bandwagon. I'm mindful of the situation that arose in 1997 with Comet Hale-Bopp and the Heaven's Gate tragedy.

The threat from Near Earth Objects such as comets and meteors is very real and something that should be taken seriously. I'm an Associate Member of Spaceguard UK and can recommend the organisation to anybody with a serious interest in the NEO issue:

<http://www.spaceguarduk.com/>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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CASSINI ENTERS ORBIT
AROUND SATURN

The robot spacecraft Cassini entered orbit around Saturn, the second largest planet in the solar system, early Thursday morning, July 1, 2004.

"Photos resembling modern art of the dark and sunlight sides of the rings are visual highlights of Cassini's seamless entry into orbit around the sixth planet from the sun. They were taken as the craft flew between and past the rings Wednesday night and Thursday morning."

"'Citizens of Earth, I bring you the majestic rings of Saturn,' NASA associate administrator Ed Wiler said at a briefing at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, which manages mission operations."

"Launched in 1997, Cassini is a \$3.27 billion partnership between NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency that will explore Saturn's rings, moons, atmosphere and magnetic field."

"Early Thursday morning," July 1, 2004, "Cassini completed its most dramatic gravity-assist maneuver, firing its main rocket engine for 95 minutes. This slowed the craft so that Saturn's gravity could force it into an orbit."

"Elated mission controllers watched Cassini race through Saturn's rings at a speed of 68,700 miles per hour. It came closer to the planet than it ever will again before passing back out through the rings and beginning its four-year orbit outside them."

"'This was an unprecedented opportunity--closer to the rings than we've ever been before,' said imaging team scientist Carolyn Porco of the Space Science Institute in Boulder, Colorado. 'Mind-blowing' pictures are already posing puzzles for scientists, she says."

"For example, clumps of ice-dust particles in one of the rings 'that look like straw' defy explanation, she says."

"The cameras also picked up two small moons, Pan and Atlas, that haven't been spotted by astronomers for years. Both act as 'shepherds,' clearing gaps between the rings and shaping them through gravitational attraction."

"Cassini's cameras were aimed at the rings rather than the planet because the rocket engine had to be aligned in a fixed direction during its braking burn,

fixing the cameras' view as a result."

"The ring images from the passage are at least five times better than those from the 1980-81 Voyager missions that flew by Saturn. Scientists also collected 75 minutes of radio-wave data from the far side of the rings, hoping to learn their composition through analysis of distorting effects."

"After its engines put the craft into Saturn's orbit, Cassini took 61 pictures of the rings, some from the 'dark' side, away from the sun, showing them backlit, others from the sunlit side showing them illuminated directly."

"If all works as planned, Cassini will orbit Saturn 76 times over the next four years, further exploring the rings, the stormy, windswept gas giant itself, and some of its 31 known moons, a few of them fascinating worlds in their own right."

"Cassini is equipped with a number of instruments, including radio antennae that recorded sounds from around Saturn."

"At Thursday's news conference, scientists played the moaning sound generated by the solar wind hitting Saturn's magnetic field. This 'wind' is made up of streams of particles that shoot out from the sun and travel more than one million miles per hour, creating a sonic boom when they encounter the magnetic field around Saturn."

"The boom, recorded Saturday," June 26, 2004, "occurred much earlier and farther away than anyone expected, suggesting that the planet's magnetic field has moved since the last spacecraft flew by a quarter century ago." (See USA Today for July 2, 2004, "Lord of the rings: Cassini dazzles with Saturn photos," page 2A; and the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for July 2, 2004, "NASA's Cassini begins sending photos of Saturn's rings," page 5A.)

HEAVY UFO ACTIVITY REPORTED IN CHILE

Chile is in the middle of a sizable UFO flap.

Luminous UFOs were seen over the cities of Lanco and Petrohue the night of Tuesday, June 15, 2004.

On Saturday, June 19, 2004, "hundreds of people took to the streets of Ovalle," a city of the 4th Region located 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Santiago de Chile, the national capital, "to witness--in shock and expectation--a strange circle of lights positioned in the skies over the city."

"The characteristics suggest the circle was at least 100 meters (330 feet) in diameter; it blinked and rotated uninterruptedly in the night sky."

"Also, certain locations in the city's outskirts attracted large numbers of people who reported seeing the same thing. Radio station telephone switchboards did not stop receiving calls, creating a sense of alarm, even among those who had not left their homes."

"'We received so many calls we had to interrupt our regular programming and present a special on the subject in order to offer an explanation about the phenomenon and provide answers to our listeners,' said Carlos Ossandan, director of the Comunicativa FM radio station."

"Comunicativa obtained the highest number of listeners in recent months that evening. However, there are witnesses who claim having seen strange lights on preceding days, which could suggest a small UFO wave in the skies over Ovalle."

On Tuesday, June 29, 2004, "a strange luminous object was seen in the skies of Punta Arenas," capital of Region 12, the Chilean Antarctic. "According to eyewitnesses, the unidentified flying object frequented the skies of the city for five days, being seen in various locations."

"Radio Polar, the local radio station, had its telephone switchboard collapse due to the volume of calls received from witnesses of the phenomenon."

"The (Chilean) Office of Aeronautics reported that it lacked official records on the strange luminous bolide, making it clear that it was neither an airplane nor a helicopter. They did not, however, confirm that it was a UFO."

"Alfredo Vera, correspondent for Radio Polar, managed

to take photos of the object from the Sonadores overlook, where a large number of people had gathered to watch the strange object and its irregular movements, which were foreign to those of any known object."

"The phenomenon lasted approximately 10 minutes, which gave him enough time to whip out his SONY Cybershot 3.2-megapixel camera, using it to take several photos," which were published in the Chilean newspaper La Cuarta on Wednesday, June 30, 2004.

"'It's highly unusual,' remarked Alfredo Vera, Radio Polar's announcer, "They were startled because the luminosity was quite strong, and the object moved slowly. They said it couldn't be something like Jupiter, which could be the closest thing to it. It didn't scare me, but I did get goosebumps because it was very weird.'"

"Vera took 14 photos but only four came out. 'It's remarkable that when I focus on the object, I can see an object that resembles an ornament on a Christmas tree, but then it fades and is replaced by a point of light. The photos show a fiery ball, something red, green, blue,' he explained."

"Despite the sensation caused by the sighting, experts from the General Office of Civil Aeronautics say it could be 'a star or an optical phenomenon created by light refraction.'"

On Tuesday, June 29, 2004, "at 7:20 a.m., several UFOs flew and executed pirouettes before daybreak some 60 kilometers (36 miles) northeast of Santiago de Chile, in the vicinity of Llay-Llay and Las Chilcas, where they were photographed by Juan Serey, 37, who was driving his pickup truck (south) toward the capital."

"The witness told La Cuarta that he has spent nine years driving the same route from the north along the highway on a weekly basis and had never seen anything like this before."

"'It was incredible. I was driving southward when I suddenly noticed several powerful lights moving swiftly and leaping in the sky. It was spectacular,' remarked the mechanical engineer."

"'The lights were suspended 50 meters over the mountaintop. A large light opened up, and seven to ten would gather. They adopted various shapes, fell out of order, would rearrange themselves together, and then one of them took off skyward at prodigious speed, zigzagging as it went, vanishing in a matter of seconds,' Juan said."

On Wednesday, June 30, 2004, "A gentleman phoned in from Tres Puentes," near Punta Arenas, "saying that there was a light that shone intensely," said Claudio Vidal, "People spent a long time watching the phenomenon. Folks working at the fisheries phoned in, and, since they usually get home before dawn, they said the lights have been seen over the same area for five days straight.'" (See the Chilean newspaper La Cuarta for June 30, 2004, "UFOs reported in Llay-Llay." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, Cristian Quintero y Liliana Nunez para eso articulo de diario.)

LUMINOUS UFO SEEN OVER DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

"'The light was so bright, at first I thought it was a police helicopter searching for criminals. But when I could not hear the sound of the rotor blades, I decided to draw the curtains and check what it was.'"

"Roshnie Naidu, of Phoenix," a Durban suburb, "could not believe her eyes when she saw the large, pulsating, colourful light in the sky."

"'It looked like a massive ball of light, much brighter than the sun, with blue and purple colours filtering through. My eyes were glued to it for about ten minutes. It was unbelievable. I had never seen anything like it before,' she said."

"Naidu told the Daily News she woke up just before 4 a.m. on Sunday," June 27, 2004.

"She was watching TV when she noticed a bright light flooding through her curtains. She did not take any notice of it at first, but the light continued to shine in her face."

"According to Naidu, when she drew the curtains, she could not believe what she was seeing. 'I still cannot

explain to people who did not see the object what it was. After a couple of seconds, the object would change shape from circular to oval."

"She rushed to her daughter's bedroom to wake her up, but she refused to get up."

"When I tried to wake up my husband, he told me I was seeing things and sent me away. But I persisted and pulled him out of bed and opened our bedroom curtains."

"Naidu's husband, Shirama, said he wiped his eyes a couple of times because he could not believe what he was seeing. 'I immediately told my wife to call our neighbours and alert them to what was happening.'"

"Shirama managed to capture video footage of the unidentified object that was in the sky."

"According to the Naidus, the object was in the sky for at least three hours. It disappeared as the sun came up and it (the sky) became brighter."

"The Naidus said they had no idea of what the object was and would like someone to explain it to them. 'We are hoping that someone will be able to view the footage that we have captured and explain the fireball to us,' they said."

"Weather forecaster Ntobeko Nkangana said no object was picked up in the sky (on radar--J.T.) on Sunday morning."

"Nkangana said weather balloons are released only at midnight and at midday. The weather balloons remain in the sky for a minimum of two hours."

Durban is on South Africa's Indian Ocean shoreline, about 300 kilometers (180 miles) southeast of Pretoria, the national capital. (See The Daily News of Durban, South Africa for July 1, 2004, "UFO over Durban captured on video." Many thanks to Robert Fischer for forwarding this newspaper article.)

GLOWING OBJECT EXPLODES OVER NEW ZEALAND

"A South Island radio station is being swamped with reports of a meteor strike in the Mackenzie Country" in New Zealand.

"People from Christchurch to Timaru say they saw a bright light streaking across the sky around 9:30 p.m. on Saturday night," June 26, 2004.

"Port FM (radio) announcer James Valentine says he has taken dozens of calls describing the dramatic end of the meteor's journey."

"He says it exploded before it hit the ground, and flames and debris were seen in the sky."

"James Valentine says a consensus is building around the idea that the meteor crashed to Earth somewhere around Twizel" on the South Island. (See the New Zealand Herald for June 27, 2004, "Residents report meteor." Many thanks to Kirsty MacLaren for this news story.)

CROP CIRCLE APPEARS IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

Canada's first crop circle of 2004 has appeared at Erbs Cove in the eastern province of New Brunswick.

According to Paul Anderson of the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network, the formation consisted of "a small single ring in wild pasture grass. It was discovered the morning of (Thursday) June 24 (2004) by a couple walking their dog in this rural farming area."

"The ring is approximately 4.5 meters (15 feet) in diameter by 1.2 meters (4 feet) wide. Although rough in appearance, the grass is flattened in a generally clockwise direction and starting to stand back up again. It's located on top of a small hill, in grass 0.6 meters (2 feet) tall. No tracks were initially seen. The field is vacant pasture land that is hayed each year." (Many thanks to Paul Anderson of CCCRN for this report.)

CROP CIRCLES DISCOVERED IN SPANISH FORK, UTAH

"Just one day after Gene Bradford watched a

documentary on crop circles, he noticed a strange symbol made in a wheat field between Salem (population 4,372) and Spanish Fork (population 20,246)" in Utah.

"The mysterious code, which is surrounded by three smaller symbols of the same pattern, surfaced Sunday morning," June 27, 2004 "and has startled passersby traveling on (Highway) U-89 in the southern part of Spanish Fork, just before Salem."

Spanish Fork is located in central Utah, approximately 55 miles (88 kilometers) south of Salt Lake City, the state capital.

"'You come down a hill and see it,' Bradford said, 'It's kind of one of those phenomena everyone knows about. It's just one of those cultural things that people are fascinated by.'"

"Thanks to the 2002 blockbuster (film) Signs, in the movie, crop circles were said to be a mapping system used by aliens prior to an invasion. Many have grown interested in the designs, which have appeared in fields across the world for years."

"Bradford saw the Mel Gibson movie. Then he watched a documentary on the crop circle phenomenon. Intrigued, Bradford took his brother and children for a closer look at the strange designs."

"What he found was either the work of professional pranksters or a paranormal occurrence, though Bradford doubts the latter."

"'It looks like it is well done,' Bradford said, 'It's not one of the most elaborate crop circles that we've seen. It's fairly simple.'"

"Nate Gunderson, whose father owns the neighboring Spanish Fork Motors, also doubts that extraterrestrial visitors created the crop circle, though he was impressed by the appearance."

"'It's all completely laid flat,' Gunderson said, after investigating the matted wheat, 'And it's completely even across the whole thing.'"

"Gunderson noted that several walking paths are evident around the circle, though an influx of public visitors could have created them."

"Spanish-speaking employees at Spanish Fork Motors, however, experienced skepticism that humans could have created the perfect circles."

"One even mentioned that a dog cried for hours near the field on Sunday."

"In Utah, nine other crop circles have surfaced over the years. The largest showed up in College Ward on July 21, 1998, the same day that similar circles appeared in Oregon, Idaho and Belgium." (See the Deseret News of Salt Lake City for June 29, 2004, "Mysterious circle crops up." Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for forwarding this newspaper article.)

HAARP TO ADD 132 NEW
TRANSMITTERS TO ARRAY

"The Office of Naval Research has awarded BAE Systems a \$34.5 million contract to manufacture 132 high-frequency transmitters for installation in the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program's (HAARP) phased array antennae system."

"The contract was finalized April 19 (2004) with BAE Systems Defensive and Electronic Warfare Systems in Washington D.C."

"In 1992, AT was awarded a contract to design and build the Ionosphere Research Instrument (IRI), the HAARP program's primary tool used to study ionospheric physics. The IRI," located in Alaska, "is currently composed of 48 antenna elements and has a power capacity of 960,000 watts."

"When installed, the additional transmitters will give HAARP a 3.6 megawatt capacity. The HAARP build-out is jointly funded by the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Navy and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)."

"BAE Systems is an international company engaged in the development, delivery and support of advanced defensive and aerospace systems on land, at sea and in space. BAE Systems Information and Electronic Warfare Systems is a major producer of aircraft self-protection systems and tactical surveillance and intelligence systems

for all branches of the (USA's) armed forces." (See Business Wire for June 10, 2004. Many thanks to "Sourdough Jim and Cheechako" for this news story.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home-UFO Roundup." See you then.

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>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
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>>>Date: Thu, 01 Jul 2004 19:40:15 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

Steve,

><snip>

>Those of us who have a vain hope of forcing this investigation
>toward a scientific inquiry have a difficult time with some of
>the nonsense we see on the "lists", but that doesn't mean we
>have any desire to stop the discussion or force our beliefs on
>others. Many of those who have been involved in this genre for
>decades have simply backed out of all discussion on the
>Internet, and more will likely do so out of frustration with the
>trends that have evolved in the field. That exodus is likely to
>continue, and it won't be long before the "mystics and new
>agers" have this entire playground to themselves.

At last some honesty.

I will admit to having been a bit dense when this thread started
in as much as it took me a couple of days to realise that there
was another motive working behind some of the responses I was
getting.

I acknowledge the worry that this List is arguably the last
remaining haven of serious discussion on the Net and that if
fringe subjects are allowed to get a hold, then there will be
nothing to distinguish us from some of the more extreme sites.

But we do have someone who watches over that point for us. If a
message is inappropriate, it isn't posted.

But there is a certain hypocrisy here. What seems to have
triggered the avalanche was the mention of "Stargate". I saw no
such reactions to the recent thread on TNG or indeed previous
threads on the same subject that have occurred on this List
regularly. Why's that? It's rhetorical, don't answer.

Stuart Miller

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Re: Mexican Air Force's Chief Removed - Velez

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Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 18:02:33 -0400
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>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
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>Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 14:23:29 -0700
>Subject: Mexican Air Force's Chief Removed

>Hello all,

>Excuse me please for my translation and syntax.

>The following announcement is not official and will be confirmed
>as soon as I can get in touch with a friend co-pilot who I fly
>with him very often and is the son of General Manuel V. Estrada
>Ricardez apparently the new Mexican Air Force Chief since last
>may.

>I am looking for official information about the pilot and the
>Flir and Radar operators of the C26A flight on march 05 that
>supposedly were degraded (demoted) in rank.

>Regards,

>Capt. Alejandro Franz
>director.nul

>_____

>Relief in the Mexican Air Force.

>by Mario Overall
>Posted on Tuesday, May 25, 2004 - 06:09 am:

>Major General Pilot Manuel Victor Estrada Ricardez is the new
>commander of the Mexican Air Force. He releases in the position
>to General Ernesto Oropeza Arcos, only one of high level rank
>that had been ratified in the change of Government.

>The exit of Oropeza Arcos coincides with the unusual revelation
>of the military commands around the presence of Unidentified
>Flying Objects in Sonda de Campeche. The Fairchild C-26
>airplanes that participated in the sighting of past 5th of
>March, comprise of the most important strategy that pushed
>General Arcos Oropeza from his position: The electronic aerial
>monitoring.

>Shortly the squad will be reinforced by three modern Embraer 145
>jets, also acquired under his administration. Oropeza Arcos were
>also one of the six Major generals that had the Mexican Air
>Force in active duty.

Hello All,

I see Capt. Franz is a a Three Card Monty expert! He attempts to
distract your attention with 'slight of hand'.

Reality Check: The personnel change that Franz is talking about
has nothing to do with March 5th or the FLIR recording! Don't
allow Franz to play you for a fool.

An observation if I may:

There is a pattern emerging... along with a display of a significant amount of desperation that is in evidence among the rank and file UFO debunkers. No need to name names, they are the 'usual suspects', we all know who they are.

The 'pattern' I speak of is one where spurious attacks are focused on peripheral issues that do not relate in any way, shape or form, to the hard data that is contained in the FLIR recording. I hope everyone is taking note that the usual suspect debunkers are now hell-bent on trying to discredit the source (in this case the military branch of the Mexican government) in hopes of thereby discrediting and tainting the evidence - by association.

I have not seen or heard any argument from any of these parasitic debunkers that is based on issues relating to the evidence itself. Other than the oil well theory - which I believe will eventually be dismissed completely the second the Mexican military sends a plane out to shoot/record the oil well fires as they fly away from them - using the FLIR camera.

All of this squirming and thrashing about by the debunkers, it begs the question; why are they doing this? The answer is simple, they now attack the Mexican military, anyone involved in the investigation, and eventually when released, the analysis itself, because they have not been able to discredit or dismiss the evidence itself.

Capt. Franz is going as far as to publicly, and almost gleefully, trash the reputation of the entire Mexican Military establishment in a desperate attempt to trash the UFO evidence contained in the FLIR recording. I imagine by proxy.

Here are some facts:

Franz blathers on about General Ernesto Oropeza Arcos and his successor, Major General Pilot Manuel Victor Estrada Ricardez as if it had something to do with the March 5th case. Gen. Oropeza Arcos was removed because of "internal affairs" in the military. It had absolutely nothing to do with March 5th or the FLIR recording.

The fact of the matter is; the video was released directly to Jaime Maussan by the Secretary of Defense, General Ricardo Clemente Vega Garc=EDa. Nobody else is responsible!

Franz would pull the wool over your eyes and have you believe otherwise. Facts are facts. Neither of the individuals he cites as 'victims' of the transfer of the FLIR evidence, have anything to do with it - at all.

Franz would also have you believe that some of the crew aboard the airplane were demoted, in direct relation to the March 5th mission. Again, the real facts are; the crew was authorized by Secretary of Defense General Garcia Vega to testify. They haven't been degraded or shipped out or anything else. But Capt. Franz would put an entirely different spin on these personnel changes just to discredit the FLIR evidence.

An act of pure desperation on his part. The same goes for one or two others who squirm and thrash as they try to trash the case by trashing those associated with it. All of it the act of desperate people.

The analysis will be completed in due time. I suggest that everybody just kick back and wait until it is made public. In the meantime, I hope everyone can see through these futile, mickey-mouse attempts to discredit or destroy the very real value of the FLIR evidence.

I've said it once and I'll say it again; the people of Mexico should erect a statue of Secretary of Defense, General Ricardo Clemente Vega Garc=EDa for his brave act, one that is of genuine public service to all the people of the world. I salute and respect that man.

Every one please take note of the fact that he is still the Secretary of National Defense in Mexico. He hasn't gone anywhere - despite Capt. Franz's allusions/delusions.

My best to All,

John Velez

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 16:18:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 18:06:40 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - King

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 13:03:38 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 13:51:05 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 06:09:11 -0700
>>>Subject: UFO "Only Venus"

>>>Source: The Daily News - South Africa

>>><http://www.dailynews.co.za/index.php?fSectionId=500&fArticleId=2138596>

>>>07-05-04

>>>UFO was only Venus, says prof

>>>By Bhavna Sookha

>>>A professor from the University of KwaZulu-Natal has quashed
>>>reports that there were sightings of an unidentified flying
>>>object in Phoenix last week.

>>>Arthur Hughes, professor of physics at the University of
>>>KwaZulu-Natal, who viewed the video footage, said the object on
>>>film was not an unidentified flying object.

>>>"It couldn't have been a fireball as they don't usually last that
>>>long.

>>>This statement is self-contradictory.

>>>It also could not have been a satellite as they pass over
>>>quite quickly.

>>>Nonsense. Geo-synchronous satellites don't "pass over"
>>>at all.

>>>Clearly he was not speaking of geo-synchronous satellites, which
>>>are not normally visible to the unaided eye from earth, being at
>>>about 22,241 statute miles above the earth's surface. So, why
>>>should he speak of such?

>>>Satellites travel around the earth in 90 minutes,"
>>>he said.

>>>Bunk. Satellites travel at different speeds, depending on how
>>>far up they are, and whether they are to stay put or orbit the
>>>earth.

>>>In the first place, the professor was making a generalization as
>>>to orbital period, concerning satellites close enough to earth
>>>to be readily noticed and mistaken for a 'UFO'. Surely the

>professor knows the attention span of media people, who have no
>patience with in-detail explanations.

>But as to your statement, "...whether they [satellites] are to
>stay put or orbit the earth"! Don't you know that all satellites
>orbit the earth? It is just that a satellite in geo-synchronous
>orbit circles the earth once each day in the equatorial plane at
>approximately 35,786 kilometers (that being 19,323 nautical
>miles, or 22,241 statute miles) above the earth's surface, thus
>staying over the same spot on the earth's surface because its
>orbit is directly above the equator at the aforementioned
>altitude. But, contrary to the literal reading of your
>statement, it is ORBITING, as I said, and exactly once per day.

>You may declare that you really meant that it just does not
>appear to be orbiting, as seen from earth's surface (but that's
>plainly not what you said, even if you allege that's what you
>meant), but because you accuse the professor of being careless
>with words, I point out that you are guilty of doing so.

>Furthermore, I would advise due caution in accusing a professor
>of over-statements, over-simplifications, or contradictory words
>that might, in fact, be due to sloppy media coverage.

>>>"It was the planet Venus.

>>A statement of fact with no supporting
>>evidence.

>Talk about a self-contradictory statement! Have you checked the
>position of Venus in the sky for the place and time of the
>sighting? If not, then it is you who have no basis for your
>statement. I suspect the astronomer did have knowledge of the
>visibility of Venus in the right sky location to cause a
>misperception.

>>>"Venus is visible in the early parts of the morning," he said.

>Obviously he means when the sky is clear of obscuring clouds,
>and you know it. Talk about an unfounded attack on someone and
>nit-picking!

>>Finally, a statement that is almost true. Obviously Venus is not
>>always visible in the morning (fog, obstruction, etc)nor is it
>>ever the ONLY visible thing.

>>KwaZulu-Natal. Is this where you have to go to get hard science
>>like this?

>LMAO! It is you Kyle King, who seemingly need a lesson in hard
>science, as evidenced in your saying, "...whether they stay put
>or orbit the earth"!

<snip>

(contradicting my "last post in this thread" note) I find your
rebuttals inadequate... I think it probably was Venus, for
<gasp> many of the reasons you cited... I simply found the
reporting to be equally inadequate.

A satellite in geosynchronous orbit is fixed in relation the
earth. To anyone who has ever aimed a satellite dish, it is not
orbiting. To someone claiming that satellites "pass over
quickly", the lowly dish installer would simply shake his head
slowly and lock down the dish. I guess we all orbit the earth
right along with the DBS birds.

As for needing a lesson in hard science... Guilty! I need
constant reinforcement on that one. Spending so much time
sifting through these posts absolutely requires constant re-
affirmation of the best aspects of science... it's healthy
skepticism, it's spirit of exploration, it's strict protocols.
Thanks for reminding me of that. One can never be reminded often
enough of the need to keep to the science. Avoid generalization,
embrace fact, seek truth, mind Occam's Razor, and have fun!

Oh, and if I offended anyone from KwaZulu-Natal, I apologize in
the strongest terms. That was just mean. I get so wound up
sometimes.....

Thanks you for responding, Mr. Stanford. You pose some

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compelling arguments.

Kyle

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Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 17:37:18 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 18:10:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto - Sparks

>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 05:55:19 -0700
>Subject: Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 2 Jul 2004 10:25:15 -0400
>>Subject: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

>>>From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <alfafox.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 02 Jul 2004 01:40:00 -0700
>>>Subject: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

<snip>

>>>Most of the manifestations of the phenomenon receive a
>>>satisfactory explanation, being that they postulate its origin
>>>in extraterrestrial devices lacking of conclusive evidences.

>>I note they say "most" implying that *some* sightings are
>>unexplained and hence *might* be evidence of ET. Hmmmmm... do
>>they really think so or is this just a "sop" to the "masses" of
>>ufologists?

>I think that was not a *sop*, if they are protesting in a
>worldwide manifesto we must accept it was a clear signal that
>they started to believe in ET existence, that it is now a *most*
>and not an *all* as used to be *some* years ago.

<snip>

It is absolutely false that "most" UFO sightings are explained because witnesses make preposterous and unwarranted claims of ET origin without "conclusive" or convincing evidence. Most sightings are described quite properly and rationally by witnesses merely as "objects" or "lights" and almost never as "spaceships" or "aliens" or "ETs." Just check NUFORC's indexes of sightings - by my count about 95% of all cases avoid any reference to "flying saucers" or ET's or "aliens" or "spacecraft." Same thing with USAF files going back to the 1940's where it is even higher (more like 99% never call it an ET or alien ship, etc., and most do not even use the loaded term "flying saucer"; most of the time such labels as "UFO" and "flying saucer" have been applied by the reporting agencies including news media, not by the witnesses themselves).

Most manifestations of the UFO phenomenon are not satisfactorily explained and most are not postulated by witnesses to be ET devices. It is a debunker myth fabricated by Project Blue Book in the 1950's (with predecessors hinting at it in Projects Sign and Grudge) that claims that most sightings are explained and that only a residual "few percent" are unexplained. In fact, very few sightings are explained.

Blue Book's pathetic record was to explain about 11% as IFOs and hoaxes then it padded the statistics with statistical fraud of made-up categories of "Possible" and "Probable" which are

scientific hogwash when you examine the cases, and "Insufficient Data" which in many cases turn out to be very Sufficient Data but very Unexplained, so it was a deceitful way to get rid of UFO Unknowns. Some Unknowns are actually insufficient data and should not have been classed that way either. But overall, most UFO cases are neither IFO or Unexplained UFO but are Indeterminate in status due to inadequate investigation and not due to insufficient data - the next major category after Indeterminate is of course Insufficient Data.

McDonald in 1968 estimated the Blue Book to actually contain roughly 30% to 40% Unknowns and not the paltry 5% figures then being peddled. My examination of a large number of AF files substantiates McDonald's estimate.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 21:41:15 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 18:12:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 12:34:39 EDT
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 05 Jul 2004 08:58:09 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 1 Jul 2004 11:48:44 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Tue, 29 Jun 2004 08:10:26 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>Rather than studying the psychophysiological responses of
>>memories either true or false, it would be nice to have these
>>caliber of individuals studying the alleged events themselves.
>>Prove or disprove these actions before condemning them to the
>>result of "hypnopompic hallucinations" and put that in peer
>>reviewed Journals.

>Again, Thanks Frank Warren!

>I recall an interview with famed abductee specialist Budd
>Hopkins that we conducted with him during the 50th Anniversary
>of the Roswell Incident in Roswell at the military school. Budd
>discussed at length his experiences etc. with abductees which is
>on video as well for us at Parascope Magazine.

>What startled me was his mentioning of a good portion of
>abductees who were fully conscious during their abduction. Did
>this psychology study include these abductees as well?

>That's the keystone far as I'm concerned. Digging around in a
>person's unconscious mind is one thing but just up and asking
>them from their analytical mind is another. There's an easy way
>to find out if it's imagination, modification or just good ol'
>plain straight from the shoulder truth.

I have been waiting for an appropriate opportunity to provide my
2-cents in this discussion, and Greg has just provided it.

There is a lot of data out there on this question, but most
people are unaware of it. My own involvement in study of
abduction cases was done without any use of hypnosis whatsoever,
and I found exactly the same kind of details reported by
Hopkins, Jacobs, et al. I can't give a precise number or
percentage, but can say with confidence that there are lots of
conscious recall cases. They are not always total recall at
first, as others have said, but memories tend to flood back
after a while.

See "Testing Reality: A Research Guide for the UFO Abduction

Experience" by Richard Hall, Fund for UFO Research, 1993;
"Proceedings of the National Capital Area Abduction Conference"
edited by Richard Hall (Fund for UFO Research, 1994).

More importantly, see "The Sympathetic Ear: Investigators as
Variables in UFO Abduction Reports" by Thomas E. Bullard (Fund
for UFO Research, 1995), which is the result of a survey of
abduction investigators (including me). It includes a section on
"The Role of Hypnosis" (pp. 16-20) which is a very objective
analysis of this issue reported by the highly regarded Eddie
Bullard.

- Dick

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 21:57:08 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 18:16:38 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Hall

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 15:08:57 EDT
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 03:14:08 -0500
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>From: Stuart Miller <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 22:50:43 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sat, 3 Jul 2004 14:57:29 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>I am a scientist. That is, I see the world as a collection of
>>phenomena and I attempt to classify, quantify, understand them.
>>I require evidence in order to form hypotheses, thus I perform
>>experiments which either support or fail to support that
>>hypothesis. If a hypothesis exists for which experimentation is
>>not possible, i.e., the technology needed to adequately perform
>>the experiment doesn't yet exist, I don't blame science, and I
>>don't think less of those that require no experimentation. I
>>simply cannot discuss the hypothesis scientifically.

>Your working definition of "science" is still a little bit too
>narrow and restricted. It's this kind of issue about having to
>lab test something for it to be "science" that drives people up
>the wall when that (lab testing) obviously does not work for a
>lot of perfectly valid scientific subjects that cannot be taken
>into a lab (earth's core, sun's interior, Saturn's rings,
>neutron stars). And of course the lab test requirement does not
>work for UFOs which cannot be controlled and brought into a lab
>to test to prove they exist before scientists will study them.
>It is unfair to require that UFO's be brought into a lab for
>testing before it can even be considered proper for a scientific
>study - I am not saying you are saying that I am only pointing
>out that your definition leads to that.

>But I am not aware of when it was ever declared an official rule
>of scientific methodology that a subject must be capable of lab
>experimentation. This tends to be what laboratory scientists say
>- because that is what they do. Non-laboratory scientists of
>course don't have such a narrow view of the scientific method.

>Science has gotten us just about where one would expect in the
>UFO field after only approximately 6 months of full-fledged
>scientific effort being devoted to the subject in the past 50
>years - and by "full-fledged" I mean what typically you have for
>recognized disciplines such as solar astrophysics or cetology
>(whales) where you have on the order of say 100 James McDonalds
>devoting full-time to the study. UFOlogy has never had 100
>McDonalds focusing full-time on its study. It doesn't have to be
>exactly 100 to be "on the order of" but it has to be a

>substantial number and all full-time. Part-time doesn't cut it.

>Just like any other subject you have to have a hundred
>scientists who live, breathe, and dream UFO's full-time, 24
>hours a day, before you're going to get anywhere.

>After about 6 months in any field the pioneers have defined
>basic terms and established foundational principles but are
>still struggling to organize data, establish theoretical
>frameworks for hypothesis testing, and trying to get everyone on
>board. That is where we are in scientific UFO research. Those
>who complain that we haven't gotten very far, well, that's all
>we've got after 6 months equivalent of full-time full-scale
>scientific effort (100 McDonalds devoted to UFO's). We don't
>have 50 years of full-time full-scale scientific work on the
>subject, just approximately 6 months of it when added all
>together and prorated.

>Brad Sparks

Brad & List,

I consider myself a fairly savvy proponent of scientific method
(having studied it formally and having practiced it in the UFO
field along with the likes of Jim McDonald, Dick Haines, Allen
Hynek, and Bruce Maccabee for almost 50 years). My hat is off to
you for expressing the core issue so clearly and succinctly
here.

And I have also worked editorially in the field of psychology,
so know something about peoples' desire for "instant
gratification". No instant answers, no relief from doubt and
concern, chuck it out and seize on anything more comforting...
no matter how dubious or based simply on a will to believe.

- Dick

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Re: Toutatis - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 18:26:55 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 07:07:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Toutatis - Boone

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 20:49:59 +0100
>Subject: Toutatis

>List,

>I've recently been asked by several people whether I've heard
>about a potential 'doomsday asteroid' due to collide with the
>Earth on September 29, 2004.

>There's quite a lot of material on this circulating on the
>internet, including for example:

><http://www.rense.com/general54/whyIfear.htm>

>The facts are somewhat different. On the date in question, the
>asteroid Toutatis makes its closest approach to Earth for some
>time. But this 'close approach' is a distance of nearly one
>million miles, which means it will be approximately four times
>further away from us than the moon. Here's the page on Toutatis
>from NASA's website:

>http://echo.jpl.nasa.gov/asteroids/4179_Toutatis/toutatis.html

>My purpose in this post is to forewarn people, in case scare
>stories escalate and cultists jump on the bandwagon. I'm mindful
>of the situation that arose in 1997 with Comet Hale-Bopp and the
>Heaven's Gate tragedy.

>The threat from Near Earth Objects such as comets and meteors is
>very real and something that should be taken seriously. I'm an
>Associate Member of Spaceguard UK and can recommend the
>organisation to anybody with a serious interest in the NEO
>issue:

><http://www.spaceguarduk.com/>

Yes Nick, I believe these new 'doomsday' stories got a beat down
months ago. Glad you're vigilant enough to make sure the public
isn't caught in a sticky wicket over this.

As for asteroids and meteors hitting Earth, what really scares
me the most is:

What happens when a monster sized asteroid hits the Moon? I mean
a whopper of an asteroid? We're all set to protect mother Earth
but 'baby' Moon is out there all alone. If a planet killer hit
it, the shrapnel could turn the surface of the Earth into
something that looks like a teenager with a chronic case of
acne.

Best,

Greg

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From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 23:46:44 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 07:09:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Colm Kelleher - NIDS <nids.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 09:33:52 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>NIDS obtained permission to publish the entire McNally research
>article on the NIDS web site at:

><http://www.nidsci.org/pdf/spacealiens.pdf>

>Regarding List member's reaction to this paper, some of which I
>have read:

>The journal Psychological Science is one of the more prestigious
>journals in psychology and is also one of the flagship journals
>of the American Psychological Society. It is read by thousands
>of professional and research psychologists worldwide.
>Cumulatively Psychological Science readers hold tens of millions
>of dollars in research grants from NIMH and other grant giving
>bodies.

>My hunch is that the data in this paper will surprise many
>Psychological Science readers in the psychology research
>community, since it greatly undermines their common perception
>that abductees are merely attention seekers, charlatans etc who
>>want nothing more than to get their 15 minutes of fame. The data
>in Dr McNally's paper are saying that the responses of PTSD
>victims and abductees are almost indistinguishable and will
>therefore demolish some commonly-held stereotypes. I believe
>that Dr MacNally's paper may stimulate members of the
>psychological research community to take the next research step:
>to use the tools of fMRI and other brain-imaging techniques to
>take these (to their readers, very surprising) data to the next
>level. That is precisely what is needed in this field.

>As such, I believe Dr McNally's paper is a positive contribution.

I strongly agree with Colm's comments on this and think McNally
et al. have been unfairly criticised over their paper. Their
methodology has presumably passed muster in order to have been
published in Psychological Science, and they seem to have simply
gone where their data took them.

I think there's a wider point to be made about this. I've worked
with a lot of abductees, both when I ran the British
Government's UFO project, and after that tour of duty, in a
private capacity. Abductees and ufologists often told me that
they resented the way the abduction phenomenon was ignored by
the Establishment. My point is that if scientists are
collectively criticised for failing to look properly at
abductions, it's unfortunate that those few who do are shot down
in flames when their honestly reported data don't correlate the
preconceived ideas of those whose minds are already made up.

I was about to send this email when I saw John Harney's post.
Among other points, he suggested that a psychologist on the List
compile a list of apparent faults in the paper and raise the
issues with McNally. I've sent the paper to Chris French and
Julia Santomauro at Goldsmiths College, University of London. I

suspect they'll find it difficult to comment while their own abduction study is ongoing, but if they do have any views they're happy to make public, I'll pass them on.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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>>experiments which either support or fail to support that
>>hypothesis. If a hypothesis exists for which experimentation is
>>not possible, i.e., the technology needed to adequately perform
>>the experiment doesn't yet exist, I don't blame science, and I
>>don't think less of those that require no experimentation. I
>>simply cannot discuss the hypothesis scientifically.

>Your working definition of "science" is still a little bit too
>narrow and restricted. It's this kind of issue about having to
>lab test something for it to be "science" that drives people up
>the wall when that (lab testing) obviously does not work for a
>lot of perfectly valid scientific subjects that cannot be taken
>into a lab (earth's core, sun's interior, Saturn's rings,
>neutron stars). And of course the lab test requirement does not
>work for UFOs which cannot be controlled and brought into a lab
>to test to prove they exist before scientists will study them.
>It is unfair to require that UFO's be brought into a lab for
>testing before it can even be considered proper for a scientific
>study - I am not saying you are saying that I am only pointing
>out that your definition leads to that.

>But I am not aware of when it was ever declared an official rule
>of scientific methodology that a subject must be capable of lab
>experimentation. This tends to be what laboratory scientists say
>- because that is what they do. Non-laboratory scientists of
>course don't have such a narrow view of the scientific method.

>Science has gotten us just about where one would expect in the
>UFO field after only approximately 6 months of full-fledged
>scientific effort being devoted to the subject in the past 50
>years - and by "full-fledged" I mean what typically you have for
>recognized disciplines such as solar astrophysics or cetology
>(whales) where you have on the order of say 100 James McDonalds
>devoting full-time to the study. UFOlogy has never had 100

>McDonalds focusing full-time on its study. It doesn't have to be
>exactly 100 to be "on the order of" but it has to be a
>substantial number and all full-time. Part-time doesn't cut it.

>Just like any other subject you have to have a hundred
>scientists who live, breathe, and dream UFO's full-time, 24
>hours a day, before you're going to get anywhere.

>After about 6 months in any field the pioneers have defined
>basic terms and established foundational principles but are
>still struggling to organize data, establish theoretical
>frameworks for hypothesis testing, and trying to get everyone on
>board. That is where we are in scientific UFO research. Those
>who complain that we haven't gotten very far, well, that's all
>we've got after 6 months equivalent of full-time full-scale
>scientific effort (100 McDonalds devoted to UFO's). We don't
>have 50 years of full-time full-scale scientific work on the
>subject, just approximately 6 months of it when added all
>together and prorated.

Thanks, Brad. I see again that terminology is a hindrance. You
mis-interpreted the meaning of experimentation. Scientific
experiments are carried on all over the world without the need
or benefit of a lab setting. In fact, when it comes to aerial
phenomena, the best science is often carried out... out!
Observation, classification, etc, all require leaving the "lab".

It is however impossible for today's science to prove one way or
another that UFOs come from another dimension for example,
because we don't have a methodology, or a protocol, or a machine
that allows us to answer those questions... yet. We have no way
to test a hypothesis which requires a technology we don't
possess. I truly believe that the ultimate Science of Everything
will encompass both Euclidian_and_Merlinian aspects.
Scientists tend to leave off when spirituality enters the
picture. I think this is as it should be..._but_, the yin and
yang, the duality of science and supernatural will naturally re-
converge. This List is evidence that the process is
underway.....

Odd though, that for many centuries the best science was done by
the church. The priests were the keepers of the truth... it
didn't really work out.

Thanks again for your response. You reinforce the need for
clarity, and the point is taken.

Kyle

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Re: Changes At The WHY? Files - Richardson

From: **Geoffrey Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 02:02:14 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 07:15:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Changes At The WHY? Files - Richardson

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 21:32:30 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Changes At The WHY? Files

>>From: Geoffrey Richardson <geoff.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 23:48:20 +0100
>>Subject: Changes At The WHY? Files

Mac wrote:

>I can't find Colin Bennett's Combat Diaries; what's the new URL?

It is with regret that I must point out that I had no choice but to sever all connections with Colin's site but this should not reflect badly on Colin.

Ultimately, I hope to publish a full account of the reasons for the changes at "The WHY? Files" but, in the meantime, if anyone has valid reason to enquire about this situation, would they contact me at:

admin.nul

Geoff Richardson

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: **Brenda Denzler** <denzlerb.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 22:06:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 07:21:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 21:41:15 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 12:34:39 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

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>>What startled me was his mentioning of a good portion of
>>abductees who were fully conscious during their abduction. Did
>>this psychology study include these abductees as well?

>>That's the keystone far as I'm concerned. Digging around in a
>>person's unconscious mind is one thing but just up and asking
>>them from their analytical mind is another. There's an easy way
>>to find out if it's imagination, modification or just good ol'
>>plain straight from the shoulder truth.

>I have been waiting for an appropriate opportunity to provide my
>2-cents in this discussion, and Greg has just provided it.

>There is a lot of data out there on this question, but most
>people are unaware of it. My own involvement in study of
>abduction cases was done without any use of hypnosis whatsoever,
>and I found exactly the same kind of details reported by
>Hopkins, Jacobs, et al. I can't give a precise number or
>percentage, but can say with confidence that there are lots of
>conscious recall cases. They are not always total recall at
>first, as others have said, but memories tend to flood back
>after a while.

>See "Testing Reality: A Research Guide for the UFO Abduction
>Experience" by Richard Hall, Fund for UFO Research, 1993;
>"Proceedings of the National Capital Area Abduction Conference"
>edited by Richard Hall (Fund for UFO Research, 1994).

>More importantly, see "The Sympathetic Ear: Investigators as
>Variables in UFO Abduction Reports" by Thomas E. Bullard (Fund
>for UFO Research, 1995), which is the result of a survey of
>abduction investigators (including me). It includes a section on
>"The Role of Hypnosis" (pp. 16-20) which is a very objective
>analysis of this issue reported by the highly regarded Eddie
>Bullard.

Again, from my surveys of people who self-identify as abductees:

"I have been hypnotized to try to retrieve:"

All abduction memories that I currently have: 5.8%

Abduction memories in addition to those I already had: 15.2%

Not at all: 78.9%

N = 223

Brenda Denzler

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Re: Aliens Bombard Bush With Invisible Beams -

From: Colin Stevenson <colswweb.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 10:59:56 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 07:24:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Aliens Bombard Bush With Invisible Beams -

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 06:53:19 -0700
>Subject: Aliens Bombard Bush With Invisible Beams

>Source: WWW.Swans.com

><http://www.swans.com/library/art10/procks30.html>

>... What will it take to shake us from our complacency and
>denial about the dire nature of the situation? Perhaps,
>something on the order of: It is revealed that President Bush
>has ordered the walls of the White House be covered with tinfoil
>wallpaper... or, maybe, for him to begin raving that aliens are
>bombarding him with invisible beams - and it was such beams,
>emanating from extraterrestrial mind-control weapons - that
>caused him to fall off that Satanic Segway scooter, and then
>from his bicycle, and then to drop his poor dog... or for him to
>claim he is falling in the polls because red-blooded American
>patriots are being replaced by enemy combatant-loving, French-
>looking pod people in key battleground states.....

Would it not be better and cheaper if he wore an aluminum
full head covering wired to Earth? Is this not the usual
protection from Alien intervention and mind control?

There is a similar problem at number 10 Downing Street. I know,
I've been there and experienced it. Aliens used to hide in a
suite of Armour there and strut their X-factor stuff unbeknown.
Since said Armour was removed the Aliens can be seen and MP's
know when control is exhibited requiring high tension electric
wand defense and high tension electrodes fitted to MP's temples.

One of the problems with this type of defense is that the
electricity applied tends to melt the puppet strings attached to
their heads and other worthless limbs.

: -)

Col

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 08:56:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 09:11:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 23:46:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

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>I think there's a wider point to be made about this. I've worked
>with a lot of abductees, both when I ran the British
>Government's UFO project, and after that tour of duty, in a
>private capacity.

Hi Nick,

In saying the above, do you mean that in an official capacity with the British government, you worked (officially), "...with a lot of abductees...", or do you only mean that while you were working with the government you worked with a lot of abductees in a private capacity, as well as afterward?

If you worked with abductees officially, can you tell us how that work was conducted, its methodology, and the results or official conclusions, if any?

If the work with abductees was official, then it suggests a bit more openness to such things by the British government, in contrast with, e.g., that of the government of the U.S.A.

Thanks,

Ray Stanford

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 06:40:21 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 11:24:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 23:46:44 +0100
>Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 07:09:07 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

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>Government's UFO project, and after that tour of duty, in a
>private capacity. Abductees and ufologists often told me that
>hey resented the way the abduction phenomenon was ignored by
>the Establishment. My point is that if scientists are
>collectively criticised for failing to look properly at
>abductions, it's unfortunate that those few who do are shot down
>in flames when their honestly reported data don't correlate the
>preconceived ideas of those whose minds are already made up.

With all due respect Nick (and I do respect you) you should be aware that the criticism of McNally's study is not over his data. His data is amazing.

What McNally is criticised for is not for "going where his data took him" but for steadfastly declining to go where his data took him, in favor of taking a very safe interpretation of his data while ignoring the less safe interpretation.

McNally explained his position to the Harvard Crimson in 2003. "The core findings of this study underscore the power of emotional belief. If you genuinely believe to have been traumatized=97even by an alien abduction, which we think is clearly fanciful=97you show the psycho-physiological profile of those who have been."

When McNally's data revealed that that experiencers' physiological responses were as vivid as the responses from people whose experiences were known to be true (or "more plausible" as the paper says), he decided to promote one particular "take" on that data. He announced that he had discovered "the power of emotional belief". That was a leap to the safe, establishment-endorsed conclusion - but it was not the only conclusion, and a responsible scientist would have been open to saying that the data lent itself to at least two interpretations.

And indeed, McNally's one-way spin on his remarkable data is said to have been criticized by colleagues at Harvard's 2003 Mind/Brain/Behavior Junior Symposium "Schizophrenia, Dreams, and Alien Encounters", who noted that his data just as easily supported the theory that the encounters were real.

I'd have actual quotes for you of his colleagues criticising him for not going where his data took him, but recording devices (and reporters for that matter) were barred from that symposium in order to facilitate a more open discussion. I know three people who attended.

That said, I agree with you that such researchers should not be shot down. For even if they are entering this field in a cowardly fashion, walking backwards into the field as it were, as long as they keep producing interesting data that moves the discussion forward when others engage their data, we should be grateful for that new research - even as we are dissatisfied by their personal failings to live up to their own data when they write their interpretations.

A question on my mind is how and when do we respond in a way that does not discourage research, while also makes the general public aware that the opinions or interpretations are not responsible?

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>suspect they'll find it difficult to comment while their own
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>they're happy to make public, I'll pass them on.

Yeah, I don't think they'd be wise to comment yet. They should stay out of the fray till they are done. But thanks for bringing us word when they are and do.

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Re: Toutatis - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 08:47:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 11:25:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Toutatis - Groff

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 18:26:55 EDT
>Subject: Re: Toutatis

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 20:49:59 +0100
>>Subject: Toutatis

>>The threat from Near Earth Objects such as comets and meteors
is
>>very real and something that should be taken seriously. I'm an
>>Associate Member of Spaceguard UK and can recommend the
>>organisation to anybody with a serious interest in the NEO
>>issue:

>><http://www.spaceguarduk.com/>

>Yes Nick, I believe these new 'doomsday' stories got a beat down
>months ago. Glad you're vigilant enough to make sure the public
>isn't caught in a sticky wicket over this.

>As for asteroids and meteors hitting Earth, what really scares
>me the most is:

>What happens when a monster sized asteroid hits the Moon? I mean
>a whopper of an asteroid? We're all set to protect mother Earth
>but 'baby' Moon is out there all alone. If a planet killer hit
>it, the shrapnel could turn the surface of the Earth into
>something that looks like a teenager with a chronic case of
>acne.

Not to mention the effect such an event may have on global
weather. If the moon was destroyed, or its orbit altered, even a
little, the effect on tidal patterns could have unpredictable
long-term effects on our environment.

Terry

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 14:57:32 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 11:28:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 23:46:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

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This is about the worst criterion imaginable for assessing the methodology of a scientific paper. No competent researcher is going to give a damn what journal this is published in - what matters is whether the methodology stands up to independent scrutiny, and whether the conclusions follow from the results.

If we're going to suspend our own judgement in favor of unseen comments by unknown reviewers, then we may as well chuck the scientific method out the window and put our faith in religious fundamentalism. That is absolutely not what peer review is for.

<snip>

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If anyone really wants to follow this up, the the first thing to do - before contacting McNally or Chris French or anyone else - is to get the background work done.

The first thing to do is to find the Orr and Roth (2000) article cited by McNally, and from that, find the means and variances which correspond to the data in Fig 1 of McNally's paper. And also find out what sort of traumatization the Orr and Roth sample were subjected to - one would need to check John Harney's point about verification of the trauma stimulus. For a number of reasons I doubt if this will be at issue but it does need checking.

Secondly, get the up-to-date norms (means and standard deviations) for each of the psychometric instruments mentioned in McNally's Table 1.

After that, you might want to email McNally asking for the following:

1) The exact means and variances of the physiological data presented in Table 1. (The table itself isn't accurate enough.) Once you have that, you can check McNally's hypotheses that the abductee group's physiological response pattern differs from the Orr and Roth sample's response pattern, by using Analysis of Variance. There should be a strong main effect of script type, a

strong group effect and a significant interaction between script type and group.

2) The z-scores for each participant, for each psychometric instrument used in the study, together with the appropriate norming information (that is, which normative population each participant belongs to). He may need the participants' permission to release this information, but you could certainly ask him why the z-scores don't appear in the original paper.

I won't be doing any of this myself, I've had enough of trying to get straight answers out of psychologists - it's a lot of work for very little result. But if anyone wants any advice on data analysis or methodology I'll be happy to help out.

By the way, a note to Will Bueche or any other participant in McNally's study who may be here - were you given your own z-scores?

Cathy

[Catherine Reason]

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Re: Tom, Dick & Kerry

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 11:33:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Tom, Dick & Kerry

Source: The Times-Picayenne - New Orleans

<http://www.nola.com/living/t-p/index.ssf?/base/living-3/1089186906286220.xml>

07-07-04

Tom, Dick & Kerry

Random thoughts from a columnist about to start his vacation
Angus Lind

Speaking of political splits, there's one thing that always brings this country out of the doldrums, interrupts the political bickering and unites it. No, I'm not talking about war or tragedy or terrorism. I'm talking about... UFO sightings!

One good UFO sighting goes a long way. A plethora of them provides an abundance of therapeutic and refreshing news that is harmless and entertaining.

And in the middle of a heated political campaign, you can bet that the supermarket tabloids will claim that either George W. Bush or John Kerry - or both - had been targeted for abduction by aliens. It would be perfect. Think about the main side effect of alien abduction - memory lapses - and isn't that just ideal for politicians?

Think about the candidates taking their campaigns to Roswell, N.M., site of an alleged flying saucer incident in early July 1947. An incident that sparked the famous headline in the Roswell Daily Record about a flying saucer being captured, the anniversary date of which is Thursday.

By the time the tabloids got finished covering the candidates' appearances, both of them would be accused of being aliens themselves. And both sides would say, "I told you so."

The Democrats would say Kerry favors amnesty for illegal aliens. So does Bush, the GOP would counter. But what would you do with all those spaceships?

As I said, I need a vacation.

In the worst way.

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Aliens Again

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 07:02:54 -0700
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Subject: Aliens Again

Source: The Star Ledger - New Jersey

<http://www.nj.com/entertainment/ledger/index.ssf?/base/columns-0/1089185775227510.xml>

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Aliens. Again

Let the probing commence. It's time for another generic TV drama about alien abduction.

Oh, "The 4400," which debuts Sunday night at 9 on USA, doesn't come right out and say that its title characters - 4400 people who disappeared over the last century and returned simultaneously - were snatched by bug-eyed creatures from Proxima Centauri, but the facts seem plain.

First, there are the early scenes of a handful of the 4400 disappearing, all shot to look exactly like every other UFO movie you've ever seen. Then there's the large ball of light that drops them all off beside a Seattle-area lake. And there's even the presence of Joel Gretsck, one of the stars of last year's big flying saucer hit, "Taken," in one of the leading roles.

Obviously, there's money in those little green men and the people they kidnap, but "The 4400" doesn't even try to be more than a cash-in project. The creators are Ira Behr and Rene Echevarria, two of the better writers from the "Star Trek" spin-offs, seemingly on auto-pilot here. The characters are thin, the dialogue flat, and the mystery of what happened to these people not particularly engrossing.

Gretsck plays Tom Racker, a Homeland Security agent whose nephew Kyle is one of the returnees - and whose son went into a coma at the same moment Kyle vanished. He's placed in a Mulder/Scully-ish partnership with the medically-trained Diana Skouris (the name even sounds like Dana Scully), played by Jacqueline McKenzie. Their mission? To keep an eye on the returnees who are readjusting to society and displaying newfound psychic abilities.

There are a few nice touches in the two-hour premiere, including a parallel between Homeland Security's attempt to keep the returnees locked up and the real-life prisoners on Guantanamo Bay. (An ACLU lawsuit sets the returnees free.) There just aren't enough to make "The 4400" compelling viewing for anyone but the most die-hard UFO movie fans.

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Unsolved Mysteries - Vol 1: UFOs

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 07:05:50 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 12:21:53 -0400
Subject: Unsolved Mysteries - Vol 1: UFOs

Source: TV Shows on DVDs

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>>I recall an interview with famed abductee specialist Budd
>>Hopkins that we conducted with him during the 50th Anniversary
>>of the Roswell Incident in Roswell at the military school. Budd
>>discussed at length his experiences etc. with abductees which is
>>on video as well for us at Parascope Magazine.

>>What startled me was his mentioning of a good portion of
>>abductees who were fully conscious during their abduction. Did
>>this psychology study include these abductees as well?

>>That's the keystone far as I'm concerned. Digging around in a
>>person's unconscious mind is one thing but just up and asking
>>them from their analytical mind is another. There's an easy way
>>to find out if it's imagination, modification or just good ol'
>>plain straight from the shoulder truth.

>I have been waiting for an appropriate opportunity to provide my
>2-cents in this discussion, and Greg has just provided it.

>There is a lot of data out there on this question, but most
>people are unaware of it. My own involvement in study of
>abduction cases was done without any use of hypnosis whatsoever,
>and I found exactly the same kind of details reported by
>Hopkins, Jacobs, et al. I can't give a precise number or
>percentage, but can say with confidence that there are lots of
>conscious recall cases. They are not always total recall at
>first, as others have said, but memories tend to flood back
>after a while.

>See "Testing Reality: A Research Guide for the UFO Abduction
>Experience" by Richard Hall, Fund for UFO Research, 1993;
>"Proceedings of the National Capital Area Abduction Conference"
>edited by Richard Hall (Fund for UFO Research, 1994).

>More importantly, see "The Sympathetic Ear: Investigators as
>Variables in UFO Abduction Reports" by Thomas E. Bullard (Fund
>for UFO Research, 1995), which is the result of a survey of
>abduction investigators (including me). It includes a section on
>"The Role of Hypnosis" (pp. 16-20) which is a very objective
>analysis of this issue reported by the highly regarded Eddie
>Bullard.

Thank you ever so much Dick Hall!

Your post is the most world shattering I've read to date.

This data from conscious abductees is the linchpin to this entire phenomena.

If the data collected from these people covers the demographics, if it's coming from people from all ages, sexes, educational, ethnic and religious diversity then for all intents and purposes it's real. In any court of law it's real. Since we know it's longitudinal then it's real. No ifs ands or buts.

This data alone cements it as a phenomena, depending on numbers, worthy of immediate address by the authorities.

I've only seen guesstimates at how many abductees there are. If anyone has a solid guesstimate or estimate please point me to the data.

I would have to assume after 50 years of this subject rising to the fore that the numbers in the U.S. must be somewhere near one million. If so, and depending on the assessment of the collected testimonies, it's no longer an issue to be shoved under the rug nor nullification by the authorities.

The abductee issue, for my money, should be given the funding and support by the law enforcement community as a whole. If the data collected suggests an imminent danger, then more so.

If the data collected suggests it's part of the mechanics of what we really are then the public need be hatted on it so they can handle it when it does occur.

I've not read many stories of death and mayhem from an abduction yet if there are those percentages need be processed and addressed as well.

Basically, we need the statistics. We need the analysis of those who glean this data so far and the analysis of those experts who can separate the chaff from the wheat.

When Budd Hopkins told us in Roswell that some abductees were conscious during their abductions I was bowled over. That said to me right then and there that if true, it's easy to tell if it's imagination, fabrication or true. True to the subject and then analysis and processing to filter out their opinions and postulates during the event so we can get the raw actions data.

What I'm saying is this, that data has actions. A person's daily activities were arrested by other persons. Those persons are or are not human. Those persons use advanced technologies to stop, examine, modify other persons or animals. Those abductors return or do not return, healthy and whole or worse their abductees.

Where these abductors come from, what their agendas are, what their political beliefs are are speculation of the abductee's opinions from either assumption or direct communication. Since those communications aren't recorded for further analysis and confirmation we're interested only in their actions. Deeds not words.

If the majority of these abductions suggest a curiosity so be it. That's the facts jack. If the majority of these abductions cause detrimental physical harm, it's a matter of alarm.

It's simple anatomy of actions. Abductions should be classified in orders of magnitude in relation to the harm caused the abductee and the potential to harm others.

More data and conclusions need be processed. I'm not interested in what the 'Space Brothers' have to say about the environment or peace on Earth. Far as I'm concerned if they were that interested they should make the announcement themselves or I'm tossing it out with the washwater. It's what they_do that is of importance.

Again Dick, if your research corroborates the data from unconscious abductees then that says alot. Big time.

The psychology study that spawned this thread needs to know that some abductees are conscious and was that data included in their study. If not their study is as valuable as the paper it's written on.

Again, it's up to UFOlogists, the ones that do the beat cop research to challenge these studies, contact the reference materials like dictionaries and encyclopedias to make sure their data on these subjects is complete. The debunkers do. Badger these resources of research and back it up with the facts necessary. They can't run away from the facts or their competitors will get them.

I saw a reference to the Roswell Incident in the World Book Encyclopedia. It was good til it left off with ' it was a weather balloon'. You guys with the Roswell facts should take them to task.

Best,

Greg

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>>I strongly agree with Colm's comments on this and think McNally et
>>al. have been unfairly criticised over their paper. Their
>>methodology has presumably passed muster in order to have been
>>published in Psychological Science, and they seem to have simply
>>gone where their data took them.

>This is about the worst criterion imaginable for assessing the
>methodology of a scientific paper. No competent researcher is going
>to give a damn what journal this is published in - what matters is
>whether the methodology stands up to independent scrutiny, and
>whether the conclusions follow from the results.

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>If we're going to suspend our own judgement in favor of unseen
>comments by unknown reviewers, then we may as well chuck the
>scientific method out the window and put our faith in religious
>fundamentalism. That is absolutely not what peer review is for.

Hi Cathy et al,

My two cents.

Peer review, by whom? How does one peer review something that is at best a cut above reading the entrails of animals. Psychology/psychiatry is such an inexact science I can't see any paper being reviewed as such in any helpful manner by those no more "in the loop" than the rank amateur or anyone who deals daily with the human condition. Their track record is disastrous. They very seldom cure anything, nor do they have a grasp on much of what passes through their field of vision.

I'd once and for all like to see some hard facts to back up anything that the psychiatric community or the psychologists have accomplished. Usually if they recognize anything it is after they have been smacked in the face by it so many times by the lay public that they have to finally recognize that it's even there. People have been detained for years as thought to have been "crazy" when in fact they were not. Psychologists have been releasing serial killers as cured for years whom in turn kill again shortly after they have been released. I one case I aware of the killer was being "treated" by a psychiatrist who refused to review the man's background as part of his history of violence, stating that he thought this would taint his treatment. Can you imagine a doctor in any of the other medical persuasions taking this approach-denying the patient's medical history?

How many wars did it take before PSD was "discovered" by the psychiatric field. How many Vietnam War vets did it take, being treated by other doctors, before the field of psychiatry

"stumbled" onto the syndrome. How many battered and abuse kids did it take before that community noted a link between that and radical social disorders. Who profiled serial killers first, the psychiatric community or the FBI.

Often the leaders in that field get there not so much by their cure rate [who determines that one is cured BTW] as by their years of tenure and the number of unproven papers they have written. Wouldn't it be fairer to assume that they don't know what the hell is going on re the abduction field and are hanging their results on now familiar grounds like PSD when in reality they have no more of a handle on it than we do?

Not many of them try to think outside the box. Those that do are usually the agents of breakthrough.

I wonder if John Mack was one of those who peer reviewed McNally's paper?

Don Ledger

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Filers Files #29 - 2004

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Filers Files #29 =96 2004, Skywatch Investigations
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Strange Objects Reported

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists. Patriotism, Traitors and Terrorism, Spacewalk Coverage Inexplicably Pre-Empted, New Hampshire - Yellow Orange Red Sphere, New York =96 Saucer, Pennsylvania =96 Metal Hula Hoop, West Virginia =96 UFO's Play Tag, Ohio =96 Triangle and Silver UFO, Michigan - Five Oblongs, Wisconsin =96 Maneuvering Bright Objects, Iowa - Craft Changes Colors, Texas -Two Star-Like Objects, Arizona - Video Clips of Lights, California - Formation of Lights, Canada - Circular Craft, Chile: UFO Flap, Israel - Strong Light, Australia =96 Fast Lights, and Saturn's Rings.

Mars =96 Dome Closeup

Norman Bryden writes, "This JPL image shows one of the most remarkable structures I have seen on Mars and there is what looks like an enormous dome structure over a metropolis of many modern looking structures." There are buildings of all kinds, flat sides, sharp corners and other structures that have a styled look to them. Most of the buildings are in good shape and look they could be recent as well as ancient. The dome has transparent qualities, and the sides of the dome can be seen at the bottom of the image and around the geometric perimeter of the enclosure. The center has many building shaped structures and roads leading away to the outer edge sections. The road, path or corridors that lead away from the center enclosure near the top seem to go beneath the dome edge where there are other building structures, subterranean looking entrances and walls.

On the left there is what seems to be a huge bridge or overpass structure. Some of the walls and edges have a modern curve to them. All of this seems to say something about the Martians spiritually. They wanted to be seen and they have an appreciation for aesthetics. The Martian species are a subterranean species as well as an open, visually modern society that seems to be able to coexist with success. This gives us hope of one day possibly having open peaceful contact. Thanks to Norman Bryden. Storm

Sunspots =96 Highest in a 1,000 years

A new analysis shows that the Sun is more active now than it has been at anytime in the previous 1,000 years. Scientists based at the Institute for Astronomy in Zurich used ice cores from Greenland to construct a picture of our star's activity in the

past. They say that over the last century the number of sunspots rose at the same time that the Earth's climate became steadily warmer.

Spacewalk Coverage Inexplicably Pre-Empted

Jeff Challender =96 Director Project P.R.O.V.E writes, "On the 30th of June 2004, ISS crewmen Gennady Padalka and Mike Fincke exited ISS (International Space Station) from the Russian built PIRS airlock module wearing Russian made Orlan space suits with a combination of American and Russian equipment. The mission to replace a failed circuit breaker powering the control moment gyroscope was successful. There had been an unsuccessful attempt to perform this space walk on 24 June, but this one had been cancelled after only 14 minutes, due to an incorrect valve setting on Astronaut Fincke=92s space suit oxygen system. This event WAS covered live.

In the days and weeks leading up to the space walk, during NASA=92s daily TV coverage of ISS activities, it was announced again and again that a 6 hour EVA (Extra-Vehicular Activity) would be broadcast live in its entirety. Even as late as 11 AM CDT, on 30 June, this was the case. The coverage was to begin at 3:30 PM CDT, and the EVA to start at 4:40 PM CDT, with the opening of the airlock hatch to the vacuum of space. When 3:30 arrived, NASA was running its =93Education Hour=94, a program designed for grade school students. Not a particularly high priority show. At 4 PM there was a press conference with Cassini scientists. Later, there were a series of live interviews with scientists associated with the Cassini probe. These were strange affairs in which the scientists were obviously being asked questions verbally, which the viewer could not hear. Then the scientist would give an answer to the unheard questions. It was like being in a room listening to someone carry on a telephone conversation. Because one could not make sense out of half the conversation, it was valueless to the viewer. Certainly not a reason to pre-empt the space walk.

On the NASA Select TV web page, the reason given for this sudden change, made sometime within a 4.5-hour window, was to cover the orbital insertion of the Cassini probe around the planet Saturn. However, this event was not to take place until much later that night, around Midnight CDT. It was stated that the EVA was available on an alternate satellite frequency, available ONLY to those with non-subscription satellite dishes and the proper sort of receiving equipment. There was no logical excuse for this change, UNLESS one takes into account the anomalies observed during the last space walk from ISS, broadcast live on 25 February 2004. There was PLENTY of time for NASA to broadcast BOTH events. I personally see this as fear on the part of NASA officials. They are afraid of what the public might see. So they resorted to very suddenly canceling live coverage of the space walk. Instead we were treated to some 7 hours or so of uninspiring =93filler=94.

What was eventually seen of the space walk were highly edited clips, taken apparently at random, over the next few days. Naturally, if there were any anomalies seen, such as in the 25 February EVA, they were certainly edited out of the version released to the public. We the people PAY for NASA=92s budget!! We have a RIGHT to see what they are doing with it. These erstwhile =93public servants=94 are treating you and me like children. I, for one, don=92t like it at all! =A9 2004 Jeff Challender =96 Director Project P.R.O.V.E.

New Hampshire - Yellow Orange Red Sphere.

BOW - It started as a yellow orange and red blinking light moving up and down and side to side at 9:30 PM, on June 21, 2004. The lights were not making much movement until all of the sudden it started to move up very quickly. It then started moving east still blinking until it was almost right over us. The shape could be made out as a sphere with blinking rotating lights on the sides. The rate at which it moved across the sky was incredibly fast. It soon became out of sight as it had moved right. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director
<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

New York - Saucer and Flash

RICHMOND HILL =96 The witness was on the phone and saw a bright red light at 9:30 PM, on June 21, 2004, and thought the light was coming from outside. He states, "The object looked round like a disk and was so bright that its light was beaming below the craft making the object look kind of like a jellyfish with its body hanging below it." The bright light lasted for about three seconds. About two minutes later I saw a clearer craft. It was the same shape and the lights were even brighter red. Both objects seemed far away, but very visible. The second craft kind of floated around wobbling like it didn't know where to go and then it just disappeared very fast. It was like one minute it was there so clearly and the next it was gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

NIAGARA FALLS - Pattie Eagan writes, "We visited Niagara Falls last night [June 26] and while we were driving back to Buffalo, approaching the Grand Island bridge about 10:50 PM, I observed a streak of light with a tail three inches long." It had a head like a comet, kind of square the size of a pea, white bright. In front of this main light with the tail, was another faint light with a very faint tail. There was the main comet-looking light with the tail with what appeared to be two escort lights. These lights were brighter than anything I had ever seen in the night before. I watched it for about 45 seconds to 1 minute go across the sky. My husband was in the Marine Corps for 24 years and has never seen anything like it. He said there is an airbase but these were not aircraft, and they were moving too slow for a shooting star, and way too fast and close for a comet. They were fairly close like the height of an aircraft in our atmosphere. We knew it was some sort of craft because it was moving like one. It was really an awesome sight, extremely bright. Thanks to Pattie Eagan

Pennsylvania =96 Metal Hula Hoop

POLAND =96 Marilyn Ruben writes, "Dad's cousin and I had a possible UFO sighting on Wednesday, June 30 around 8:30 p.m. driving on state route 224 near the Ohio border." We were returning after a long awaited trek to the old family homestead, so mentally, we were quite alert. I was driving and Eileen was in the passenger seat. The weather was in the 70's, and sunny. Evening was approaching, as I noticed about a dozen low flying puffs of what at first appeared to be bonfire smoke blowing above the street from south to north at a height of about 3x that of the farmhouses. Then I realized the smoke was too white to be smoke, and decided it must be very low wisps of clouds. That was when I noticed a solid metal rounded gray ring floating along with the wispy clouds. I asked Eileen if she could see the metal ring, and she indicated she could. We were both amazed and wondered how a metal ring could float over the road without falling down out of the sky? Ironically, Eileen who is a serious skeptic, was the first to ask if this could be a UFO?

The ring had the appearance of a very thick metal "hula hoop" and was the size of two or three fingertips at arm's length. I quickly asked my teenage daughter sitting in the back seat to snap a picture of this, but she said she could not see anything. Meanwhile, Eileen and I watched this light gray circular object which had a distinct dark edge to it, but which was totally transparent inside the circular area because the real clouds higher up in the sky shone through it. The object seemed to be periodically bending in on the side away from us, but that could have been caused by gravity distorting the light waves giving it the appearance of bending. When it went out of my visual range over to Eileen's side of the car, she said it vanished into thin air. Thanks to Marilyn Ruben

West Virginia =96 UFO's Play Tag

WHEELING - It looked like a small star, but it was moving at speeds that were impossible at 10:43 PM, on June 19, 2004. It was all over the sky like it was playing tag with the stars and would fade out and then comeback it did that for about a whole minute. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Michigan - Five Oblongs

HOLLY =96 The witness was driving his mother-in-law home when I spied a reflection in the very upper 1/4 of his windshield that followed them me on June 19, 2004, just after 1 AM. I kept

trying to see if it was a reflection from a street light but even when I was not near any lights it was still there. She looked up and forward and he states, "I saw quick flashes of light dance ahead of me, there were five that appeared to be lighted oblong shaped clouds moving overhead just above the Holly donut shop." Gradually their number dwindled down to four and then three. And they would go strictly in a plain circular motion for awhile and then they would start to dip and dive. It looked as if they were chasing each other. It looked like they may have been playing but their movements were smooth, graceful and beautiful to watch. The air was thick and hazy and there was not a cloud or star in the sky. My mother-in-law saw the same as I saw. There was a pay phone right next to my jeep so I called my husband. When I first picked the receiver up before even placing any quarters into the slot I heard this terrible static that was very loud. When I placed the quarters into the slot I still heard the static. I tried 3 times and on the third try I was able to get thru. My husband was able to make it in time to see what his mother and I were witnessing. I had him bring my camera but the pictures came out black with nothing in them. We watched them some more and then they hovered together and disappeared...poof! Into thin air. If they were not UFOs I do not know what else they could be? Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Ohio =96 Triangle and Silver UFO

COLUMBUS - Three lights in a triangle shape that eventually lined up and moved farther away until we couldn't see them any more at 1:02 AM, on June 19, 2004. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

NEWARK - Driving home from work, on Route 16 going west at 4:12 PM, on June 21, 2004, the witness noticed a strong flash behind and above an airplane in a clear blue sky. It looked as if someone flashed a mirror. The observer states, "When I focused on the object it looked silver (like the sun reflecting off highly polished chrome) of no discernable shape about the size of 1/2 a tic-tac mint held at arm's length." I also observed an airplane, which was about the size of an aspirin held at arm's length-below the object and to the left. The object was well past the tail of the airplane, 1 1/2" thumb to forefinger held at arm's length from object to airplane. The total observation time was 3 to 5 seconds. ((NUFORC Note: Heavens-above website does not indicate that the flash from an Iridium satellite would have been visible at the time indicated by the witness. PD)) Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

FOSTORIA - George Ritter took this video of a UFO that appears to land behind the farm last week.

Wisconsin =96 Maneuvering Bright Objects

ONALASKA =96 On June 22, 2004, a professional couple with excellent reputations were sitting on their patio facing east when they noticed a large bright object proceeding north at a rapid, steady pace. The object faded, then disappeared when it reached about the center point of the skyline. Moments later, three smaller objects were observed moving in irregular patterns in small regions of the sky surrounding the spot where the first object disappeared. The objects were solid and light reflective and about the altitude commercial jets fly. These were no ordinary craft as they changed both altitude and range in jerky and sometimes shaky motions. They exhibited zigzag patterns, back and forth motions, rounded or circular fire-fly like flight patterns. They changed directions at will and at an incredible speed. They were capable of hovering, then traveling at several thousand miles per hour and making a 180 degree turns. They flew in just one area with a haze around them and no sound could be heard. I brought my wife and 18 year old daughter outside and they too sat in chairs and agreed that they saw the objects and that there was irregular, freakish, awesome movement. We then began noticing that several bigger, brighter objects were traveling across the sky. Two flew north together while others flew south. Later, many smaller objects, all with jerky, rocking, up-down, fire-fly, flew at incredibly fast speeds. My wife found it important to rationalize these away as military aircraft defending us from terrorists. Duration: 75 minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Iowa - Craft Changes Colors

AMES =96 The witness writes, "My aunt and I were looking at Venus, at 9:58 PM, on June 21, 2004, when my aunt saw a red, blue, and white flashing object appear that seemed to have come from Venus." It was conjoined with a second object just like it and flew south in a zigzag pattern, then north again. As I was watching my aunt saw a second object come from Venus again that moved the same as the first. Since the trees were again blocking our view, we moved east. The first object descended somewhere to the north of us while the second one headed west and descended also and might have landed. There was no vapor or jet stream from either object. The objects made no sound. We think both objects landed either in town or the outskirts of town. One of my aunt's friends also saw a disk shaped craft on June 16, in Ames. <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

ALBIA =96 Two friends were camping in a tent in my backyard around 10 PM, on June 20, 2004, looking at the stars through the air vent at the top of the tent. They saw a red light they thought was a plane, but it faded to white, and then bright blue. It was not one big light, but several little lights in the shape of a triangle. We watched it dart across the sky and then hover for a few minutes. It looked like it was rotating, and then it appeared round. Its lights would change from red to white as it spun. After a few minutes of hovering it shot up even higher into the sky. It hovered there for awhile, and we went inside to go tell my mom. When we returned the lights were gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Texas -Two Star-Like Objects

ROUND ROCK - An amateur astronomer who spends a fair amount of time watching the sky was sitting in his driveway about 4:30 AM, on June 20, 2004, when he noticed a bluish colored star like object moving rapidly north. He assumed it was a satellite, until it began to make a swing towards the northeast. By the time he returned with 8 x 50 binoculars, it was gone. Roughly one minute later, a second, similar object appeared on the same trajectory. Through binoculars, it looked like a satellite or star. The second object also turned slowly toward the northeast, dimming slightly. Initial brightness of both objects was zero to first magnitude. The impression was of very fast moving objects at great altitude. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

SAN ANTONIO =96 Two co-workers were leaving the hospital medical center at 3:45 PM, on June 22, 2004, when they saw something fairly high in the sky that looked like a Mylar balloon. One witness was retired military and had flown different types of aircraft. The object hovered and rotated in the blue sky with some fluffy white clouds. Occasionally, it would catch the sun's reflection and blend in with the blue sky. We were facing south and the wind was coming from a westerly direction. Twice this object made sharp rapid movements to the west and stopped and continued to hover. We both stood and watched for about ten minutes and agreed that this was no plane, helicopter, or blimp. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Arizona - Video Clips of Lights

AVONDALE =96 Brian Vike HBCC UFO Research reports, "The observer got some video of strange moving lights taken with his Canon Elf in the wind who states, "My girlfriend and I were witness to string of 17-20 lights. On June 16th I got my video camera out and got some night video. Two lights then five, then back to two moved slowly behind the Estrella Mountains. One burned out then reappeared above where it started. We live in Avondale which is to the west of Phoenix, 2.8 miles to the west is Goodyear airport, 18 miles north is Luke Air Force Base. Now the base already made a statement of not dropping any flares on that day. You will hear on that news clip that the military have been trying to fly planes near them, but the lights go out. A plane with a flashing FAA light goes through the video between me and the activity about 34 seconds through the tape. The video clips shown are =A92004M from Di Silvestro. You can see the Video Clips, but please respect the gentleman's copyright as he is kind enough to share the clips with us all. <http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1483> Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research

California - Formation of Lights

BREA, ORANGE COUNTY =96 The witness was driving west on Imperial Highway at 10:15 PM, on June 20, 2004, when he was startled to see a formation of lights gently angling from the southeast to the northwest, and then northeast. There were about seven lights making up the south-lying line, and one or two making up the north-lying line. There seemed to be one light at the tip, that was like seeing a marquee and tip of a triangle pointing and moving in the same direction as my car. The color of the lights was uniform - a pinkish gold, similar to street or parking lot lights. The size of each light was not impressive - about the size of a light from an airplane or jet. It was the formation of these lights that was startling. The lights moved completely uniformly, causing me to think that they formed the perimeter of a dark triangular or arrow-shaped object in the sky. I phoned my brother who suggested I retrace my steps. I retraced my path, but the light formation in the sky was gone, nor could I see how any reflections or glare could explain them. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

SANTA MARIA =96 The witness saw two stars to the right of the crescent moon about as bright as Venus that he knew didn't belong there. At 8:30 PM, on June 22, 2004, he got out his 4-1/2 reflector telescope, but could not find them so he ran to get his binoculars. He reports, "The objects did not twinkle like stars; they were just solid steady lights that had moved apart just a little." He tried to find them with his telescope, but they were gone by 8:40 PM, he noticed Jupiter was visible, but the objects had disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Canada - Circular Craft

TORONTO =96 Two roommates were sitting on their patio having a smoke, enjoying the night sky at 12:50 AM, on June 23, 2004, when above they noticed a large circular craft, glowing whitish, traveling at a great speed, and making some incredible turns. The witness states, "I live downtown and noticed a base-ball sized dimly glowing circular object in the sky directly above my house. The dim white light passed directly over us, moving in west along DuPont Avenue making a number of amazing turning maneuvers and moving at a seemingly incredible rate. After about twelve seconds it was on the western horizon no longer visible. This was something I had never seen before. Thanks to Brian Vike <http://www.hbccufo.com/>

Chile: UFO Flap

Llay-Llay - Several UFOs flew and executed pirouettes before daybreak June 30 2004, some 60 kilometers northeast of Santiago, where they were photographed by Juan Serey, 37, who was driving a pickup truck toward the capital. The witness told La Cuarta, "It was incredible. I was driving southward when I suddenly noticed several powerful lights moving swiftly and hanging in the sky. It was spectacular and lasted ten minutes," remarked the mechanical engineer so he had enough time to whip out his Sony Cybershot 3.2 megapixel camera, and take several photos. "The lights were suspended some 50 meters over the mountaintop. A large light opened up and seven or ten would gather, adopted various shapes, would rearrange themselves and then take off at a prodigious speed, zigzagging and vanishing in a matter of seconds," said Juan.

PUNTA ARENAS,.- A strange luminous object was seen in the skies of the capital city of Chile's 12th Region on June 29, 2004, and for five days. Radio Polar, the local radio station, had its telephone switchboard collapse due to the volume of calls received from the UFO witnesses. The Office of Aeronautics reported that it lacked official records on the strange luminous bolide, making it clear that it was neither an airplane nor a helicopter. They did not, however, confirm that it was a UFO. Alfredo Vera, correspondent for Radio Polar, managed to take photos of the object that was witnessed by a large number of people who had gathered to watch.

In June 1968, two pilots of Aerolineas Argentinas and 18 passengers witnessed a shiny red cylinder "flying saucer" over Punta Arenas. Incredible film footage was obtained in 2003, showing 3 UFOs separating and joining near a Chilean military base. UFO's were sighted over the cities of Lanco and Petrohue on June 15, and over Ovalle on the 19th. Thanks to: Scott

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SOURCE: Planeta UFO

Israel - Strong Light

HAIFA - The witness was sitting in his window at his house in Kiryat Bialik, when he saw a flying light above Carmel Mountain at a quarter after midnight on June 20, 2004. It was something like 80 meters above the mountain, and flew for ten seconds before it disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Australia =96 Fast Lights

DEVON MEADOWS, VICTORIA =96 The witness was out walking when a weird shaped object hovered above his head at 1:02 AM, on June 19, 2004. He states, "It was a bright light that took off as soon as I looked up. It was going so fast that I could only watch it fly through the sky for about three seconds." It was very bright and changed color as it went through the sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

SATURN-RINGS and Strange Anomalous Object Center Right

N00006491.jpg was taken on July 01, 2004 and received on Earth July 01, 2004. The camera was pointing toward SATURN-RINGS at approximately 127,127 kilometers away, and the image was taken using the CL1 and CL2 filters. This image has not been validated or calibrated. A validated/calibrated image will be archived with the NASA Planetary Data System in 2005. In successive images the object appears to move. Thanks to R. David Anderson

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New Varginha Case Revelations

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Subject: New Varginha Case Revelations

VARGINHA CASE:

New revelations about the capture and medical treatment of alien creatures in Brazil, January 1996

After eight years from the principal episodes of the Varginha Case, predictions that the volume of information would substantially increase with time are confirmed. However, as with all similar episodes, the volume of information turns difficult the establishment of certainties. We know that facts are proved with witnesses, but the complications arising from human reports turns any investigation into a real challenge in the quest for the truth. Among the many aspects involved in this process we should mention the emotional one, which may produce a series of statements uncommitted with the objectivity required to lead us to the truth.

Considering that an uncommon occurrence make people offer their own interpretation influenced by personal beliefs and trends from their own social environment, only the research carried out directly in the places and situations in question allows us to have some confirmation. Among the reliable statements - even though depending on analysis grounded on a wider set of data or rare evidence - we should point those from individuals from the environment where the facts supposedly occurred.

Military Witnesses

In the beginning of 2003 Varginha was visited by Roger Leir, US ufologist and acknowledged physician, whose experience of more than 50 years as a UFO researcher lead him to different kinds of occurrences, such as the cases of implants supposedly made by alien surgical intervention. This visit was an opportunity to verify the effective existence of some secret witnesses of the Varginha Case, which since 1996 was always affirmed by researchers. This was already shown in 1997 when representatives of local and national press were selected to watch - upon ethical commitment of absolute secrecy - two video-recorded interviews with military witnesses who took part in the event.

At the same time we may not consider as evidence statements given in secrecy - therefore of restricted or none value -, it is crucial to prove to the population and scholars in general that these statements really exist. With this objective Roger Leir was taken to the office of a colleague - an acknowledged doctor in Varginha with more than 30 years of work who belongs to one of the most traditional families of that region. Called by the US ufologist as "Doctor", he agreed to receive Roger Leir, after a natural hesitation, to confirm what he had seen in January, 1996 inside an appropriate room at the Regional Hospital, south of Minas Gerais. During more than three hours of talk, Roger Leir heard from his Brazilian colleague the confirmation that a second creature of uncommon physical appearance was captured. The "Doctor" revealed a new detail unknown to researchers till that time.

Injured Creature

According to the "Doctor" - who refuses to reveal his real name

- the body presented injuries of different kinds and grades. He said he was urgently called by the military staff responsible for keeping the creature and described his astonishment in front of something never seen or reported before. His statement regarding the appearance of the creature is not different from many other descriptions of other witnesses, but he said the creature was surely alive when he saw it.

This declaration is part of an ever increasing pile of witnesses including military, police officers, doctors, hospital officers, civil witnesses etc. We should not forget, however, the necessity to select the gathered information, which sometimes may receive the direct influence of the investigator. Here is one example especially chosen to emphasize the neutrality of arguments, so important for the discussion of UFO or similar occurrences. One of the procedures preferred by ufologists of the so-called objective line - not mystical - is to focus their attention to statements free of personal impressions, especially those where witnesses talk about their own emotional alteration at the moment of their experience.

The "Doctor" - initially insisting that it was a colleague who was called by the military to the referred hospital - eventually admitted that he was the doctor in question and decided to trust his US colleague telling everything. The "Doctor" was touched and giving us a new detail about the case with a serious expression on his face he said that when he was trying to examine the injuries of the being he felt suddenly "as if my hands were automatically driven" and "it was as if the lights suddenly became yellowish", and "my perception was somewhat enhanced". These are transcriptions of what he said.

The "Doctor" also said that he could not understand the physiological constitution of the body we was examining even though it was an anthropomorphic being, with head, trunk and members. The "Doctor" did not hear any sound made by the creature neither mentioned the famous "thin, bifurcated tongue", reported by other medic and military witnesses. He said he had seen its slow movements, proving it was still alive, but refused to say if it was breathing.

Here is the example of the difficulties found in statements like this. We don't know to which extent the psychological impact and emotional alterations of a professional before the unknown would influence him to the point of causing uncommon sensations. For obvious reasons such alterations may occur much more in persons with technical knowledge and refined culture. The contact with a situation not explicable by academic assumptions means increased sensitivity to such shocks. Therefore, the reported impressions could be a simple result of this. It would be absurd to take the detail of a supposedly psychic interaction between the creature and the doctor as an effective signal of intelligence of the being or - even more absurd - that the "Doctor" was in contact with something with telepathic or similar powers. These kinds of assertions, however, are not uncommon.

Complications in the Research

With time, hopes of new information and other confirmations about the Varginha Case are partially satisfied. But there is the risk that they come each time more characterized by complications. For now, the most significant of these complications is the denial of the institutions involved from the beginning, such as the Army, hospitals and others. Even if we had access to a detailed report composed by examinations, analyses and full data about the material resulting from the episode, the effective existence of the said creatures of Varginha could only be confirmed if officially admitted. While this does not happen, ufologists, researchers, skeptics, and curious and interested people can only keep on the further discussion about the case.

More revelations to come very soon.

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>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Toutatis

>>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
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>>>The threat from Near Earth Objects such as comets and meteors is
>>>very real and something that should be taken seriously. I'm an
>>>Associate Member of Spaceguard UK and can recommend the
>>>organisation to anybody with a serious interest in the NEO
>>>issue:

>>><http://www.spaceguarduk.com/>

>>Yes Nick, I believe these new 'doomsday' stories got a beat down
>>months ago. Glad you're vigilant enough to make sure the public
>>isn't caught in a sticky wicket over this.

>>As for asteroids and meteors hitting Earth, what really scares
>>me the most is:

>>What happens when a monster sized asteroid hits the Moon? I mean
>>a whopper of an asteroid? We're all set to protect mother Earth
>>but 'baby' Moon is out there all alone. If a planet killer hit
>>it, the shrapnel could turn the surface of the Earth into
>>something that looks like a teenager with a chronic case of
>>acne.

>Not to mention the effect such an event may have on global
>weather. If the moon was destroyed, or its orbit altered, even a
>little, the effect on tidal patterns could have unpredictable
>long-term effects on our environment.

I think the short-term effects might render the long-term
effects irrelevant, from the human perspective. If only we'd
followed the Brits' lead, and completed Moonbase Alpha back in
'99.

Seriously though, I question the accuracy of the
statement, "We're all set to protect Mother Earth...".

Since the moon is such a small target compared to our big blue
marble, it would make sense to build "escape vehicles" there.
Hundreds or thousands of them. In case of an imminent impact on
earth, we'd all be shuttled to the moon, and our waiting escape
pods. Launch from the moon would be far less problematic, less
stressful on the passengers, and would require much less fuel.
More realistically, I imagine the phrase "We'd all be
shuttled..." might be a bit over-optimistic.

Kyle

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Secrecy News -- 07-07-04

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ARMY STUDY OF IRAQ WAR SUPPRESSED, RELEASED ON WEB

Despite extraordinary steps by the Army to limit online public access to a new report on the Iraq war, the study has nevertheless been published without the Army's cooperation.

The Army recently completed a book-length study of Operation Iraqi Freedom entitled "On Point." It is a revealing and fairly critical account of lessons learned from the war.

Last month, the Center for Army Lessons Learned posted the study here:

<http://onpoint.leavenworth.army.mil/>

Incredibly, however, the web version of the Army document is coded in such a way that it cannot be downloaded, or copied, or printed out. It must be read online at the Army site, or not at all.

This may be unprecedented for a government web site. The very notion of a document that cannot be downloaded is antithetical to the web and seems like an artifact from an alternate universe. If the Axis powers had won World War II, the whole internet might look like this.

But in a marvelous feat of textual engineering, the intrepid Francois Boo of GlobalSecurity.org managed to overcome the Army's restrictive coding of the document and to make it publicly available.

It can now be found -- and downloaded or printed -- here:

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/report/2004/onpoint/>

Among the highlights of the report is the disclosure that the toppling of the statue of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad was not a spontaneous act of an Iraqi crowd, but was instigated by a U.S. Marine colonel backed by a psychological operations unit (reported in the LA Times July 3).

LAWSUIT OF FBI WHISTLEBLOWER SIBEL EDMONDS DISMISSED

The judicial process was trumped by the "state secrets

privilege" as a whistleblower lawsuit brought by former FBI linguist Sibel Edmonds alleging misconduct at the FBI was dismissed yesterday by a federal court on the unusual grounds that it could not be litigated without compromising sensitive classified information.

"Because the Court finds that the plaintiff is unable to establish her First Amendment, Fifth Amendment and Privacy Act claims without the disclosure of privileged information, nor would the defendants be able to defend against these claims without the same disclosures, the plaintiff's case must be dismissed, albeit with great consternation, in the interests of national security," wrote Judge Reggie B. Walton.

The Court acknowledged that "dismissal of a suit, and the consequent denial of a forum without giving the plaintiff her day in court ... is indeed draconian."

"Denial of the forum provided under the Constitution for the resolution of disputes...is a drastic remedy that has rarely been invoked," the Judge wrote, quoting from prior case law.

Still, "Mindful of the need for virtual unfettered access to the judicial process in a governmental system integrally linked to the rule of law, the Court nonetheless concludes that the government has properly invoked the state secrets privilege" in this case and that the case must be dismissed.

Among other interesting features, the Court's ruling includes a summary history of the origins of the "state secrets privilege," dating back to the treason trial of Aaron Burr in 1807.

Explaining why he dismissed the case rather than staying it temporarily, Judge Walton opined that "the imminent threat of terrorism will not be eliminated anytime in the foreseeable future, but is an endeavor that will consume our nation's attention indefinitely."

A copy of the July 6 ruling dismissing the case Sibel Edmonds v. U.S. Department of Justice is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/edmonds070604.pdf>

Ms. Edmonds's attorney, Mark S. Zaid, said the decision would be appealed.

NEW FOIA EXEMPTION FOR UNCLASSIFIED SATELLITE IMAGERY

A provision in the Senate version of the 2005 defense authorization act would create a new exemption from the Freedom of Information Act for unclassified satellite imagery that is acquired by the government from commercial vendors on an exclusive basis.

"The United States often enters into exclusive licensing agreements with commercial satellite operators that prohibit these companies from selling certain unclassified data and imagery, except to the United States and to approved customers," according to Senate report language on the measure.

"Compelled release of such data and imagery by the United States under FOIA defeats the purpose of these licensing agreements, removes any profit motive, and may damage the national security by mandating disclosure to the general public upon request. While the data and imagery could be protected from disclosure under FOIA by classifying them, the United States prefers to keep them unclassified."

For several months during the war in Afghanistan, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency acquired exclusive rights to high-resolution commercial satellite imagery of the country, effectively censoring it.

The new provision in the Senate bill, which awaits a House-Senate conference, would institutionalize this practice.

See the text of the provision and the accompanying report language here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2004/s2400-imagery.html>

RECENT FOIA RULINGS

The Justice Department's Office of Information and Privacy has published an updated, annotated list of judicial rulings in Freedom of Information Act cases. Not all of them are unfavorable to the requester.

See "New FOIA Decisions, April-June 2004":

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2004foiapost19.htm>

REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE 2003

A decade ago, industrial espionage was often cited as one of the paramount threats to national security. Today it is barely noted, if at all. But the underlying problem is still a concern, says a recent annual report from the National Counterintelligence Executive (NCIX).

"Foreign businessmen, scientists, academics, and government officials from more than 90 countries continued targeting sensitive US technologies and corporate trade secrets in both 2002 and 2003, according to a variety of reporting available to the US Counterintelligence (CI) Community," according to the report.

See "Annual Report to Congress on Foreign Economic Collection and Industrial Espionage--2003," NCIX, February 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/docs/2003.pdf>

THE GAME OF GO AND THE CHINESE WAY OF WAR

A close study of the Chinese board game "go" can provide insights into the distinctive Chinese conception of warfighting, according to a new study published by the Army War College.

Go is the oldest board game in the world. With its emphasis on fluidity and long-term strategy, author David Lai says, it differs from chess (absolute conquest), poker (bluffing and risk-taking), boxing (force on force) and football.

Go players compete, using black and white stones on multiple fronts, to encircle territory on the board, penetrating the other's territory in a dynamic contest that embodies principles articulated by Sun Tzu in his "Art of War."

"A little knowledge and experience of the game of go will be a valuable addition to the American political and military wisdom; and it will take U.S. political and military leaders a long way in understanding the Chinese way of war and diplomacy."

See "Learning From the Stones: A Go Approach to Mastering China's Strategic Concept, Shi," by David Lai, U.S. Army War College, May 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/eprint/lai.pdf>

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Chilean Peasant Attacked By Unknown Animals

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Chile: Peasant Attack Was Caused By Unknown Animals

SML delivered a report; citizen of Parral claims he was assaulted by two beasts looking like winged dogs

PARRAL (Esteban Leal).- Fear and incredulity will increase even more in Parral when this news becomes known. Specialists of the Legal Medical Service (SML) concluded yesterday that what attacked peasant Juan Roberto Acuna Pereira on Sunday morning was an animal, but belonging to an unknown species. The resident claimshaving been attacked that fateful night by two beings resembling dogs, but winged and with demonic strength. This was the incredible result reached by the analyses performed by forensic doctors of Cauquenes upon the wounds suffered by the Parral resident on his arms, chest and legs, and which were the subject of local and national media headlines yesterday, including EL CENTRO newspaper.

The oral report was received last night by the district attorney in charge of the case, Ricardo Encina. The official reported that "the injuries inflicted upon the Parral resident are compatible with those caused by an animal, without specifying what type. We are trying to determine if there is involvement by some person, but if animals are involved we cannot continue our research, since that would fall to other specialists," admitting that he is faced with a very complex case.

Encina looked into the case after Acuna reached the Reina Luisa Carabineros (state police) station in a state of terror on Sunday, reporting that two "winged dogs" -- one large, one small -- had attacked him on his way home. Such was their strength that the shocked peasant had to jump into a nearby canal (Canal Fiscal) to escape from his attackers.

The description of the unknown animals coincides with the one delivered Friday by a resident of the town of Buenos Aires, who claims having seen two flying creatures taking off when he went out to investigate why his dog was howling disconsolately, coming across dozens of chickens torn to shreds.

Encina acknowledged that the tests did not include the risk of possible infections, for which reason the victim's biological processes will have to be monitored, adding that only a doctor will be able to ascertain the peasant's condition.

DIARIO EL CENTRO visited the man's home last night in an effort to find out his reaction to the doctor's report, but Acuna refused, saying he was tired of so many visits by the media and interviews. He added that some journalists urged him to fly to

Santiago de Chile for tests, and he refused. In spite of this, he said that the experts suggested to him the possibility that the attack had been perpetrated by a mountain lion, which he flatly rejected, insisting in the "winged dog" story.

The sense of mystery and fear has increased among Parral's citizenry and puts to rest the series of jokes that circulated on Sunday and yesterday, when the fantastic events became widely known.

A cab passenger says that he reached the local train station at 9 o'clock at night. He hailed a cab to go home and remarked to his driver that the streets were desolate. The cabbie replied that people were scared of having "The Chupacabras" appear before them, alluding to the mythical creature usually blamed for animal deaths and exsanguinations.

There were those who associated this attack with the nervousness seen in recent nights among dogs, hens and geese in Parral.

A homeowner said that she felt a commotion in her henhouse and found it odd, since at that time of night the hens were asleep. Scared, she took a flashlight to see what was going on. She thought to talk to a neighbor, but thought twice about it because she was afraid of being laughed out. The Parral resident claims having heard "the chupacabras" flying off.

Another resident added that yesterday morning the geese were also restless. The fact occurred near Canal Fiscal, where Acuna was attacked on Saturday night. He pointed out that he heard two shots fired, which he attributed to someone trying to scare off the alleged animal. The subject couldn't even be obviated in the courts. Court Attorney Roman Lazagy joked with D.A. Ricardo Encina, saying: "If you're in charge of this investigation, I don't give you more than 7 days to apprehend the Chupacabras", causing peals of laughter in the courtroom.

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UFO Sightings '03 Video Report

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 15:16:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:07:37 -0400
Subject: UFO Sightings '03 Video Report

A 5-minute video summary of UFO sightings and other interesting activity from the midwestern U.S. last year is freely available online in a .wmv format (will open with Windows Media Player version 9).

The video was shown on the October, 2003 edition of "UFO Update: LIVE!" produced by Bob Leibold of Natural Light Productions (this 10/03 program has received 4 Blue Chip Cable Access Awards last month) and this 5-minute segment is produced by Kenny Young, narrated by John Stephenson and features investigator Donnie Blessing and other actors for dramatic re-enactments.

Special thanks to Sean Feeney for uploading and hosting the video.

For low bandwidth/dial-up computers, click on:

http://www.ufounderground.net/submitted/kenny/ufoupdate/UFO_UPDATE_encounters03_56k.wmv

For high bandwidth/Cable/DSL users, click on:

http://www.ufounderground.net/submitted/kenny/ufoupdate/UFO_UPDATE_encounters03_DSL.wmv

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Re: Toutatis - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 15:19:47 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:11:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Toutatis - Balaskas

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 20:49:59 +0100
>Subject: Toutatis

<snip>

>I've recently been asked by several people whether I've heard
>about a potential 'doomsday asteroid' due to collide with the
>Earth on September 29, 2004.

>There's quite a lot of material on this circulating on the
>internet, including for example:

><http://www.rense.com/general54/whyIfear.htm>

>The facts are somewhat different. On the date in question, the
>asteroid Toutatis makes its closest approach to Earth for some
>time. But this 'close approach' is a distance of nearly one
>million miles, which means it will be approximately four times
>further away from us than the moon. Here's the page on Toutatis
>from NASA's website:

> http://echo.jpl.nasa.gov/asteroids/4179_Toutatis/toutatis.html

<snip>

Hi Nick!

Commenting only on subjects I have much knowledge or formal training in, including astronomy, I have found that the webmaster for Jeff Rense's site is too quick to post everything he thinks is important or urgent without first verifying the information. To me, this is very irresponsible, especially for an excellent alternative news/commentary web site which many people, including myself, frequently check and trust.

Toutatis is a large Earth-orbit crossing asteroid which makes a close approach to Earth once every four years as it revolves around the Sun. Its closest approach to Earth on September 29 should not be a reason for concern since all new astrometric observations of Toutatis and independent calculations by others confirms that Toutatis will not impact the Earth and should not even be labelled as a "near miss".

That said, to the surprise of astronomers, recently published close-up images of Comet Wild 2 taken by the Stardust spacecraft have revealed a nucleus that more closely resembles the shape and structure of a typical large asteroid like Toutatis, craters and all, than their so-called "dirty snowball" model for comets.

If the crater-like depressions on comets and asteroids were created by eruptions of the same volatile materials present in both, then another such eruption on Toutatis as it moves in closer to the Sun may deflect the asteroid enough from its present trajectory to make it a real threat to Earth.

Since most people, including myself, do not blindly trust those in authority and cannot independently check all things for

themselves, one simple way to determine if Toutatis is, or has become, a threat to Earth is to closely monitor the travel plans of the top 50 or so world leaders and experts on asteroids (including Nick Pope?) and their families. If they are all gathered on the mountains in the same hemisphere on September 29, this would be, I think, a much better indicator of the threat posed by Toutatis than someone's opinions on rense.com.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 23:36:18 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:12:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 08:56:44 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 23:46:44 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>I think there's a wider point to be made about this. I've worked
>>with a lot of abductees, both when I ran the British
>>Government's UFO project, and after that tour of duty, in a
>>private capacity.

>In saying the above, do you mean that in an official capacity
>with the British government, you worked (officially), "...with a
>lot of abductees...", or do you only mean that while you were
>working with the government you worked with a lot of abductees
>in a private capacity, as well as afterward?

>If you worked with abductees officially, can you tell us how
>that work was conducted, its methodology, and the results or
>official conclusions, if any?

>If the work with abductees was official, then it suggests a bit
>more openness to such things by the British government, in
>contrast with, e.g., that of the government of the U.S.A.

Ray,

There was no formal remit for the MOD to look into claims of alien abduction. However, because it was known that we investigated UFO sightings, we inevitably received reports of other strange phenomena, including abductions. Although my job description made no mention of abductions, any approaches on the subject that I received and dealt with at work can only be regarded as part of my official duties, as opposed to work undertaken in a private capacity.

Notwithstanding the above, I should make it clear that most of the abductees with whom I've worked contacted me after my tour of duty on the British Government's UFO project. From memory, no more than half a dozen abductees contacted me while I was on the 'UFO Desk'.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 19:53:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:15:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 11:31:22 EDT
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 21:41:15 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>I recall an interview with famed abductee specialist Budd
>>>Hopkins that we conducted with him during the 50th Anniversary
>>>of the Roswell Incident in Roswell at the military school. Budd
>>>discussed at length his experiences etc. with abductees which is
>>>on video as well for us at Parascope Magazine.

>>>What startled me was his mentioning of a good portion of
>>>abductees who were fully conscious during their abduction. Did
>>>this psychology study include these abductees as well?

>>There is a lot of data out there on this question, but most
>>people are unaware of it. My own involvement in study of
>>abduction cases was done without any use of hypnosis whatsoever,
>>and I found exactly the same kind of details reported by
>>Hopkins, Jacobs, et al. I can't give a precise number or
>>percentage, but can say with confidence that there are lots of
>>conscious recall cases. They are not always total recall at
>>first, as others have said, but memories tend to flood back
>>after a while.

>Thank you ever so much Dick Hall!

>Your post is the most world shattering I've read to date.

>This data from conscious abductees is the linchpin to this
>entire phenomena.

I seem to recall that, as long as 20 years ago, Budd was saying
that roughly 1/4 of abductees recall all or most of the
experience consciously. At any rate, the rather large percentage
of "conscious recallers" has been known for a long time.... and
ignored by the skeptics for an equally long time.

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Michael Bilodeau <micbilodeau.nul-pec.com>
Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 23:33:50 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:21:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 23:46:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Colm Kelleher - NIDS <nids.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 09:33:52 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

<snip>

>>My hunch is that the data in this paper will surprise many
>>Psychological Science readers in the psychology research
>>community, since it greatly undermines their common perception
>>that abductees are merely attention seekers, charlatans etc who
>>want nothing more than to get their 15 minutes of fame. The data
>>in Dr McNally's paper are saying that the responses of PTSD
>>victims and abductees are almost indistinguishable and will
>>therefore demolish some commonly-held stereotypes. I believe
>>that Dr MacNally's paper may stimulate members of the
>>psychological research community to take the next research step:
>>to use the tools of fMRI and other brain-imaging techniques to
>>take these (to their readers, very surprising) data to the next
>>level. That is precisely what is needed in this field.

>>As such, I believe Dr McNally's paper is a positive contribution.

>I strongly agree with Colm's comments on this and think McNally
>et al. have been unfairly criticised over their paper. Their
>methodology has presumably passed muster in order to have been
>published in Psychological Science, and they seem to have simply
>gone where their data took them.

>I think there's a wider point to be made about this. I've worked
>with a lot of abductees, both when I ran the British
>Government's UFO project, and after that tour of duty, in a
>private capacity. Abductees and ufologists often told me that
>they resented the way the abduction phenomenon was ignored by
>the Establishment.

<snip>

I urge you to point at anything I write here that is contrary to
the content of the McNally paper.

Take note that the abduction phenomenon is used as a spring
board to put forth the idea that PTSD symptoms do not
necessarily imply the reality of the experience: as far as
McNally & al. are concerned, the abduction experience, because
it is not real, is the proof that PTSD symptoms can be the
result of fantasy.

This is odd: they are not trying to understand the abduction
experience. They have simply decided that it cannot be true.

The funniest part is that everything that is written in this
paper is backed by scientific references... except their
postulate which is, ironically, the foundation of their work.

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 06:31:58 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:23:47 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Sparks

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 18:11:31 -0500
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 15:08:57 EDT
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 03:14:08 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

<snip>

>>>I am a scientist. That is, I see the world as a collection of
>>>phenomena and I attempt to classify, quantify, understand them.
>>>I require evidence in order to form hypotheses, thus I perform
>>>experiments which either support or fail to support that
>>>hypothesis. If a hypothesis exists for which experimentation is
>>>not possible, i.e., the technology needed to adequately perform
>>>the experiment doesn't yet exist, I don't blame science, and I
>>>don't think less of those that require no experimentation. I
>>>simply cannot discuss the hypothesis scientifically.

>>Your working definition of "science" is still a little bit too
>>narrow and restricted. It's this kind of issue about having to
>>lab test something for it to be "science" that drives people up
>>the wall when that (lab testing) obviously does not work for a
>>lot of perfectly valid scientific subjects that cannot be taken
>>into a lab (earth's core, sun's interior, Saturn's rings,
>>neutron stars). And of course the lab test requirement does not
>>work for UFOs which cannot be controlled and brought into a lab
>>to test to prove they exist before scientists will study them.
>>It is unfair to require that UFO's be brought into a lab for
>>testing before it can even be considered proper for a scientific
>>study - I am not saying you are saying that I am only pointing
>>out that your definition leads to that.

>>But I am not aware of when it was ever declared an official rule
>>of scientific methodology that a subject must be capable of lab
>>experimentation. This tends to be what laboratory scientists say
>>- because that is what they do. Non-laboratory scientists of
>>course don't have such a narrow view of the scientific method.

<snip>

>Thanks, Brad. I see again that terminology is a hindrance. You
>mis-interpreted the meaning of experimentation. Scientific
>experiments are carried on all over the world without the need
>or benefit of a lab setting. In fact, when it comes to aerial
>phenomena, the best science is often carried out... out!
>Observation, classification, etc, all require leaving the "lab".

I almost missed this posting and was going to agree with you.
But I thought it was better that I respond because of important
issues you raise. Thanks for giving me an opportunity to try to

clarify a bit more.

While it's true that experiments are carried out in the field, not just the lab, the point I was trying to make was that experimentation is important but not the essence of the scientific method -- which is reality checking, whether it is by controlled lab or field experiment, probes of distant phenomena (seismic studies of earth's interior or actual space probes to the planets, for example), prediction of events based on physical phenomena, retrodictions of what will be found in examining the past, theory building, logic checks, or hypothesis testing. The scientific method is not limited to material physical phenomena, as much as the materialists would like everyone to believe.

>It is however impossible for today's science to prove one way or
>another that UFOs come from another dimension for example,
>because we don't have a methodology, or a protocol, or a machine
>that allows us to answer those questions... yet. We have no way
>to test a hypothesis which requires a technology we don't
>possess. I truly believe that the ultimate Science of Everything
>will encompass both Euclidian_and_Merlinian aspects.
>Scientists tend to leave off when spirituality enters the
>picture. I think this is as it should be..._but_, the yin and
>yang, the duality of science and supernatural will naturally re-
>converge. This List is evidence that the process is underway.....

Well again I was about to agree with you but, cannot. One of the main stumbling blocks to progress in developing theories on UFO's is that every time someone tries to fully develop a theory that does not assert a magic-like "Merlinian" science by "aliens" they get shouted down. This is a fundamental violation of Occam's Razor which requires that the simpler, less sophisticated theories must be eliminated first before resorting to theories approaching the magical. The same kind of rule applies in screening and investigating UFO cases and claims, according to the principles Hynek laid down, the IFO's, hoaxes and other conventional explanations must be eliminated first before declaring a case an unexplained UFO (or UFO conspiracy, etc.). This rule is constantly violated on this list and in UFOlogy generally.

Hopefully this will be helpful clarification on an important issue, and again I appreciate your thought-provoking remarks which helped to stimulate these thoughts.

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John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO Connection

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:56:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:56:53 -0400
Subject: John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO Connection

Source: Rense.Com

<http://www.rense.com/general54/kerryfo.htm>

07-06-04

John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO Connection
by
Robert Barrow

Having spent several decades writing - futile - letters urging U.S. Presidents and Presidential Candidates to support a reputable UFO research project, here's a likely worthless bit of information for those who wish to follow in my footsteps to the edge of nowhere. Who knows, your letter might be the one that influences political minds that care about real science.

If you plan to write Senator John Kerry at his Washington office about UFOs, do be sure to mention that the building in which his third floor office is located.

The Russell Senate Office Building, is named after the late Senator Richard Russell, whose UFO experience is legendary.

Russell (D-GA), as noted famously in reputable books and web sites about UFOs, was the powerful chairman of the U.S. Armed Services Committee who saw two UFOs during a visit to Russia in 1955.

See a detailed report here:

http://www.rense.com/general42/tm_oct.htm

in This Month In UFO History, October 14, 1955 - US Senators See Flying Saucers In Soviet Russia.

Apparently, Russell was subsequently advised by U.S. government officials not to discuss his sighting and he reluctantly admitted as much.

The Fund for UFO Research and Dr. Bruce Maccabee are credited, fortunately, with gaining release of important documents relating to this incident under the Freedom of Information Act, but it was former Los Angeles aviation writer and newspaper columnist Tom Towers who dramatically exposed the incident publicly in the fifties simply by quoting Russell's statements, in a letter to Towers, stating that he had been advised not to discuss the matter.

Towers, Rense readers may recall, played the role of Albert Chop in the 1956 United Artists documentary motion picture, "U.F.O."

For those intent upon pleading with John Kerry for The Truth About UFOs in the event that he wins the election, there's the ice-breaker for your letters to

304 Russell Building,

Washington, D.C.
20510
USA

and pointing out the relationship between UFOs and the respected
Senator after whom the building is named couldn't be a better
place to start.

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Mathieu

From: **Mathieu - Paris** <mfilms1.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 13:39:46 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 09:17:42 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Mathieu

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>http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=139&art_id=vn20040701110118306C214932

>07-01-04

>UFO Over Durban Captured On Video

>By Ayanda Mhlongo

Dear UFO UpDates Listers,

Did anyone take a few minutes to check with any software if Venus could be in the sky of Phoenix - Durban, South Africa, at 4 AM (local time) the 27th of June?

When I tried to see by myself, I was surprised. Venus was not above the horizon. Thinking I could be wrong, because I am not an astronomer nor university professor, I sent a mail to the South African Astronomical Observatory, yesterday:

Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 16:53:52 +0200 (CEST)
From: MCo
To: enquiries at saao.ac.za
Subject: About Phoenix "Venus" video

Hello from France,

I have read an article about a woman in Phoenix near Durban who have filmed a light during the night, June the 27th at 4 AM. In a second article a university professor said it could have been Venus.

Looking at the only picture of the video, I was thinking that it looks like Venus or another "big light". But when I have tried to check in my skymap software I did not find Venus in the sky for this time and date.

I must have made a mistake, but it would be really kind if you could help me by telling me if I have to add 2 hours to UTC or not. Because I live in France, I am not totaly sure of your local time ; but when I search for that information this is what I get : UTC+2

Best regards,

Mathieu - Paris

PS: Sorry about my bad English!

An answer came quickly!

Date:Thu, 8 Jul 2004 10:33:29 +0200 (SAST)

De: "Dave Laney"
Objet: Re: About Phoenix "Venus" video

Greetings from the bottom of Africa

South African Standard Time is UTC+2, and Venus would not have been above the horizon in Durban at 4 a.m. local time on June 27.

Dave Laney
SAAO

I would like to know for how much time this woman watched TV before noticing the light outside. Perhaps it was far later than 4 o'clock? I would also be very happy to be able to watch the video!

<http://www.calle.com/world/SF/4/Phoenix.html>

Latitude -26.0667 Longitude 29.2000 Altitude (feet) 5072
Lat (DMS) 26deg 4' 0S Long (DMS) 29deg 11' 60E Altitude (meters) 1545
Time zone (est) UTC+2

At 04 AM local time, Venus:
Dec : +18deg 13' 39"
Ha : -11deg 23' 52"
Az : 255deg 06' 55"
Mag : -4.33

A.D. : 04h 34mn

Thanks for reading,

Bonne journee,

Mathieu

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Creatures With No Business Here!

From: **Geoffrey Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 14:17:15 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 09:20:45 -0400
Subject: Creatures With No Business Here!

Ed Gerhman is convinced of the authenticity of the "Alien Autopsy" film. So much so that, despite the mass of opposition to his views, he conducted a thorough investigation into the validity of the Cameraman's Statement.

Regardless of your opinions of the Santilli Alien Autopsy Film, you will find Ed Gerhman's article a fascinating account of his research and investigations into this controversial subject.

Read "Creatures With No Business Here" at:

"The (authentic) WHY? Files"

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net>

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:23:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 09:30:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Kaeser

>From: Geoffrey Richardson <geoff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 14:17:15 +0100
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Geoffrey,

After about 45 seconds of looking, I didn't see a quick link to
the article you mention. You might want to highlight that for
those of us who don't have time to search.

While I am one of those who was active in the AA investigation
early on, my concern with Ed's conclusions is that he bases his
later theories and conclusions on statements and drawings that
are of little actual value (unless you want to believe in them).

Of course, that's a problem for the entire field.

Steve

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Cerro Chilean Astrophotographer Topples Myths

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:27:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 08:18:19 -0400
Subject: Cerro Chilean Astrophotographer Topples Myths

Source: Las Ultimas Noticias
Date: 07/08/09

Arturo Gomez: "UFOs And Aliens Are Chicanery With A Considerable Commercial Interest"

Fabian Llanca
Wednesday 7 July 2004

"There is much ignorance about natural phenomena. But there are people who do know and say nothing because it goes against their group," Gomez argues.

Specialist states that the Parque Forestal alien was a strategy to promote a UFO conference. Expert confirms Martians do not exist.

"Ufologists don't consult me anymore because they know that all phenomena have an explanation. They got bored with me," remarks Arturo Gomez, an astrophotographer with the Cerro Tololo observatory, regarding his relationship to UFO research groups.

His scientific soul - with 35 years' experience under his belt - keeps him from believing in alien life and accuses alien fans of financial conniving. "In the case involving the photo of the Parke Forestal critter, for example, they were promoting a trip to Caj=F3n del Maipo to see UFOs," he discloses.

Gomez assumes that Erick Martinez of the CIFA "put forth the half-camouflaged idea that it was an ET, an alien, a strange head, macrocephalous and a host of words he employs."

Are UFO and alien sightings pure chicanery?

Of course, chicanery with very strong commercial interests. There are many things taking place in Chile that aren't objective. Of course, there are all kinds of people.

Are you in contact with ufologists?

More than now. The person who spearheaded the Parque Forestal critter incident was in my home to show me a film of some tourists traveling to the north. I told him: "I'm going to put this video on in front of us on the TV screen and I assure you that in two seconds I'll know what it is and I'll explain it to you." I put the video on, saw it, then turned off the TV set.

But what was it?

The small contrail of a jet heading northward. The airliner's fuselage can't be seen because it's far away. A short contrail is visible. It's reddish because it occurred at sunset, just like the clouds acquire that tone during sunset. He was unconvinced.

How did he react?

He said no, of course. He even showed me some drawings of a

flying saucer entering the atmosphere in a special way and producing a series of angular views. He has an active imagination. It's just that we see this everyday with commercial flights from the observatory, during sunset.

So, was the Punta Arenas sighting a fraud?

All of these things have a simple answer. What people undoubtedly saw was Venus' slow upward movement over five days, which is the product of Earth's rotation. Just like we see the sun emerging from the Cordillera.

Deception or ignorance?

Many people are ignorant about natural phenomena, but there are those who do know, and say nothing because it goes against their group. It's a deception. They know what it is, but they make believe they don't and [put forth the story] just like that.

In any event, ufologists have been officially acknowledged.

The mayor of La Serena, by a decree from our government, determined that her city should be the capital of Chilean Ufology. This would be like having NASA owning a store selling Omar Garate's eleven magical powers bracelet in the United States. I insist that this is a problem of education and knowledge.

Is there no room for doubt?

In my 35 years working at Tololo, all phenomena-even the wildest you can imagine-have had an explanation. When we have objective proof of something new and vital we will be the first to make it known and make the corresponding follow-up.

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Richardson

From: **Geoffrey Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 14:50:34 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 08:21:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Richardson

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:23:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Geoffrey Richardson <geoff.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 14:17:15 +0100
>>Subject: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>Read "Creatures With No Business Here" at:

>>"The (authentic) WHY? Files"

>><http://www.thewhyfiles.net>

>After about 45 seconds of looking, I didn't see a quick link to
>the article you mention.You might want to highlight that for
>those of us who don't have time to search.

Sorry about this but if you run down the file list the "topic"
will highlight itself.

Geoff

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Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:12:08 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 08:22:41 -0400
Subject: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday

Source: KTRE Channel 9.nul

<http://www.ktre.com/Global/story.asp?S11752&nav=2FH5OZC9>

07/07/04 - East Texas

Reports of Object "Falling from the Sky" Wednesday Night

The East Texas News received numerous phone calls Wednesday night from viewers who reported seeing something "falling from the sky." Local law enforcement agencies also received calls from citizens claiming to have seen something out of the ordinary in the night sky.

KTRE Chief Meteorologist Lee Ringer says these sights were not the result of a weather event but were more than likely a meteor passing through the earth's atmosphere. Officials with the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) report to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that a heightened period of meteor showers was expected to begin Wednesday night and continue through the month.

The National Weather Service says similar reports of objects "falling from the sky" were received from Witchita Falls, Texas to Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:13:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 08:25:58 -0400
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - King

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 06:31:58 EDT
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

><snip>

>I almost missed this post and was going to agree with you.
>But I thought it was better that I respond because of important
>issues you raise. Thanks for giving me an opportunity to try to
>clarify a bit more.

>While it's true that experiments are carried out in the field,
>not just the lab, the point I was trying to make was that
>experimentation is important but not the essence of the
>scientific method -- which is reality checking, whether it is by
>controlled lab or field experiment, probes of distant phenomena
>(seismic studies of earth's interior or actual space probes to
>the planets, for example), prediction of events based on
>physical phenomena, retrodictions of what will be found in
>examining the past, theory building, logic checks, or hypothesis
>testing. The scientific method is not limited to material
>physical phenomena, as much as the materialists would like
>everyone to believe.

>>It is however impossible for today's science to prove one way or
>>another that UFOs come from another dimension for example,
>>because we don't have a methodology, or a protocol, or a machine
>>that allows us to answer those questions... yet. We have no way
>>to test a hypothesis which requires a technology we don't
>>possess. I truly believe that the ultimate Science of Everything
>>will encompass both Euclidian and Merlinian aspects.
>>Scientists tend to leave off when spirituality enters the
>>picture. I think this is as it should be... but, the yin and
>>yang, the duality of science and supernatural will naturally re-
>>converge. This List is evidence that the process is underway... ..

>Well again I was about to agree with you but, cannot. One of the
>main stumbling blocks to progress in developing theories on
>UFO's is that every time someone tries to fully develop a theory
>that does not assert a magic-like "Merlinian" science by
>"aliens" they get shouted down. This is a fundamental violation
>of Occam's Razor which requires that the simpler, less
>sophisticated theories must be eliminated first before resorting
>to theories approaching the magical. The same kind of rule
>applies in screening and investigating UFO cases and claims,
>according to the principles Hynek laid down, the IFO's, hoaxes
>and other conventional explanations must be eliminated first
>before declaring a case an unexplained UFO (or UFO conspiracy,
>etc.). This rule is constantly violated on this list and in
>Ufology generally.

>Hopefully this will be helpful clarification on an important
>issue, and again I appreciate your thought-provoking remarks
>which helped to stimulate these thoughts.

Brad, I think we agree more than we disagree.

My intellectual side tells me that there is a rational, 3D,

logical, common-sense answer to every UFO sighting ever experienced.

My realistic side tells me that there are mysteries yet unraveled. I remind myself that the best and brightest minds in the world once believed... nay, knew... that the earth was flat, that man could not fly, that the heavens revolved around the earth, etc.

Yesterday's magic is often today's mundanity.

But in the UFO investigation field, one is regularly shown video... a Mylar balloon for example... buffeted by winds and gleaming intermittently in the sunlight... accompanied by breathless text indicating how the "obvious shape-changing exhibited by the object" clearly rules out a terrestrial object, or something similar. I tend to see the Mylar balloon, applying the principle of Occam's Razor. Of course, I can easily release a helium-filled Mylar balloon and shoot a video of the flight, and compare it to the alleged UFO video. If they are eerily similar I have proven nothing, since many will claim that those clever aliens have simply found a perfect "cover" for their clandestine visits. And as much as I want to adhere to the Occam's Razor test, I find it very difficult to dismiss the less simple explanation out of hand. Were I an alien, I might very well use common aerial phenomena to disguise my presence if my presence was something I wanted to hide.

In a nutshell, this is the reason I sought out... and post to... this List. I am struggling intellectually with my own desire to believe in something outside our paradigm. My own Mulder-esque inner demon rarely leaves me satisfied with the simplest explanation... and yet many of the more "complex" explanations fail to satisfy my intellectual demands. I feel as if this struggle reflects the dynamic of this list. I see it demonstrated daily.

You are right about stimulating thoughts and clarification. This thread has gone a long way to enhancing my opinion of the list, and has definitely stimulated my thoughts on the subject.

BTW, my earlier post noting that "I am a scientist" was a metaphor, as was the statement that "I'm a religious person". Neither are true in the practical sense, but neither could be more true in terms of my bicameral, conflicted world view. In the end I seek truth, science... and mysticism be damned. My strongest belief is that the truth lies teasingly betwixt the two.

My fear is that I might miss that truth, either because I adhere too strictly to the "rationality" of science, or because I don't.

Thanks again.

Kyle

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 11:12:56 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 08:28:43 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Boone

>From: Mathieu - Paris <mfilms1.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 13:39:46 +0200
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Mathieu

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=139&art_id=vn20040701110118306C214932

>>07-01-04

>>UFO Over Durban Captured On Video

>>By Ayanda Mhlongo

>Dear UFO UpDates Listers,

>Did anyone take a few minutes to check with any software if
>Venus could be in the sky of Phoenix - Durban, South Africa, at
>4 AM (local time) the 27th of June?

>When I tried to see by myself, I was surprised. Venus was not
>above the horizon. Thinking I could be wrong, because I am not
>an astronomer nor university professor, I sent a mail
>to the South African Astronomical Observatory, yesterday:

<snip>

Merci Mathieu!

It appears you've done the detective work that many have not.

So simple yet so powerful.

We should all of us contact the newspapers that carried the
'Venus' explanation and chastise them for not doing the work a
responsible press should have done as Mathieu has done.

Let's all us Yanks go to S. Africa and beat up the guys who ran
that Venus story :)

Best,

Greg

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Does NASA Publish Inverted Data?

From: Colin Stevenson <colswweb.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 16:34:00 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 08:30:45 -0400
Subject: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data?

Extracted enlargement;

<http://www.colswweb.com/marsmelt2.gif>

from

http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/2004/07/07/index.html

showing Mars Carbon Dioxide Ice Pole melt.

Has NASA got the number upside down!?

Maybe as the ice melts to a greater depth two more 6's will be revealed? Letter height is approx 70 feet (23 metres).

col

<http://www.colswweb.com/texjoe.htm>

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Gehrman

From: **Ed Gehrman** <egehrman.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:30:45 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 08:33:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Gehrman

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:23:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Geoffrey Richardson <geoff.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 14:17:15 +0100
>>Subject: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>Regardless of your opinions of the Santilli Alien Autopsy Film,
>>you will find Ed Gehrman's article a fascinating account of his
>>research and investigations into this controversial subject.

>
>>Read "Creatures With No Business Here" at:
>>"The (authentic) WHY? Files"
>><http://www.thewhyfiles.net>

>While I am one of those who was active in the AA investigation
>early on, my concern with Ed's conclusions is that he bases his
>later theories and conclusions on statements and drawings that
>are of little actual value (unless you want to believe in them).

>Of course, that's a problem for the entire field.

Steven,

I really don't understand your objections to my research.
You'll need to be more specific. You know from your own
experience that the cameraman gave a set of directions to the
site. You followed them yourself; and that's what I did. You
must have "believed" that you might find something.

Folks don't go wandering around this stretch of desert on a
lark. What would you have done if you had found the site we
discovered, covered with burned vegetation and blue, glass-like
material, just as the cameraman described?

My brother and I are very familiar with the New Mexico terrain.
We also used topographic maps of the general area before we
started our search so we'd be familiar with the drainage
patterns. This gave us a basic idea of where the dry lake was
located.

I did think that Ray and the Cameraman were telling the truth;
there's no way to hoax a dry lake bed covered with blue, glass-
like material. Ray has never visited New Mexico so if he were
inventing the crash site from whole cloth, then he's one hell of
a liar. The same goes for the drawings.

We didn't use the drawings during our initial exploration. I
took them to the site on our second visit and they matched,
almost exactly, the background terrain.

But the main factor that makes this location a prime candidate
as a crash site is the identification of the blue, glass-like
material (also seen in the drawings) as cristobalite. There is
absolutely no geologic explanation for this fact. Cristobalite
is a trace mineral and not found in this quantity anywhere on

this earth.

After all the pompous parading of the scientific method that we've seen lately on the list, I'd think you'd appreciate someone who actually did try to follow its principles.

Ed

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Re: Toutatis - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 17:34:31 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 11:16:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Toutatis - Dickenson

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 15:19:47 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Toutatis

>If the crater-like depressions on comets and asteroids were
>created by eruptions of the same volatile materials present in
>both, then another such eruption on Toutatis as it moves in
>closer to the Sun may deflect the asteroid enough from its
>present trajectory to make it a real threat to Earth.

Hello Nick & List,

You're entirely right about unaccounted for dangers of comets or similar but inter-stellar motile travelers - but our "leaders" are more intent on self gratification (of one sort or another) than public protection.

Go back to media reports of 20 years ago and find impact-predictions being laughed at by politicians, tame `scientists' and press; then go back ten years and see a little different attitude; then go back one year and see just a small realization by ignorant (but dominating) politicians, media hacks & tame `scientists'.

(try "thump3.txt" in Google + links).

The truth is, the more info we get, the larger the threat we see; the longer we go without a collision the greater the likelihood of a bigger, more fatal one.

Cheers

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 12:42:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 11:19:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 23:36:18 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

<snip>

>Ray,

>There was no formal remit for the MOD to look into claims of
>alien abduction. However, because it was known that we
>investigated UFO sightings, we inevitably received reports of
>other strange phenomena, including abductions. Although my job
>description made no mention of abductions, any approaches on the
>subject that I received and dealt with at work can only be
>regarded as part of my official duties, as opposed to work
>undertaken in a private capacity.

>Notwithstanding the above, I should make it clear that most of
>the abductees with whom I've worked contacted me after my tour
>of duty on the British Government's UFO project. From memory, no
>more than half a dozen abductees contacted me while I was on the
>'UFO Desk'.

Thanks, Nick, that clarification is appreciated. I'm not surprised that few persons would contact a government if feeling they were abducted by ET aliens.

After all, should someone think himself or herself to have a truly convincing case, who would want to risk the possibility of being quarantined in biological isolation for an appreciable period of time as were the returned lunar astronauts. :)

Ray Stanford

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Re: John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 15:58:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 11:28:41 -0400
Subject: Re: John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Mime-Version: 1.0
>Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>Date: 7/8/2004 11:42:32 AM Pacific Daylight Time
>>Subj: UFO UpDate: John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO Connection

>Source: Rense.Com

<http://www.rense.com/general54/kerryfo.htm>

>07-06-04

>John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO Connection
>by Robert Barrow

<snip>

>The Russell Senate Office Building, is named after the late
>Senator Richard Russell, whose UFO experience is legendary.

>Russell (D-GA), as noted famously in reputable books and web
>sites about UFOs, was the powerful chairman of the U.S. Armed
>Services Committee who saw two UFOs during a visit to Russia in
>1955.

>See a detailed report here:

http://www.rense.com/general42/tm_oct.htm

>in This Month In UFO History, October 14, 1955 - US
>Senators See Flying Saucers In Soviet Russia.

>Apparently, Russell was subsequently advised by U.S.
>government officials not to discuss his sighting and he
>reluctantly admitted as much.

If you actually read the CIA documents on the incident it is apparent that CIA Director Allen Dulles and his staff asked Sen. Russell not to publicly disclose his sightings of two disc-shaped objects taking off almost vertically one minute apart near Baku on Oct. 4, 1955. As it turns out there was an Army intelligence officer with Russell and a secret CIA Directorate of Plans (Clandestine Service) Foreign Intelligence (FI) Staff officer Reuben Efron posing as a "translator" all of whom were eyewitnesses with Russell (who probably did not know who Efron really was).

At this time period the CIA was so fearful of post-Stalinist USSR that it did not yet have a "Moscow Station" within the US Embassy, so CIA clandestine officers could only travel through the country posing as nondescript visitors. All the more reason why Allen Dulles did not want Russell drawing more attention to the incident aside from the bizarre nature of the sightings themselves and how it might relate to the Cold War (was it all staged by the Russians? how could they technologically stage something like that out in the middle of desert nowhere and actually expect Russell to catch it? etc. etc.)

>The Fund for UFO Research and Dr. Bruce Maccabee are
>credited, fortunately, with gaining release of important documents
>relating to this incident under the Freedom of Information Act,
>but it was former Los Angeles aviation writer and newspaper
>columnist Tom Towers who dramatically exposed the incident
>publicly in the fifties simply by quoting Russell's statements,
>in a letter to Towers, stating that he had been advised not to
>discuss the matter.
<snip>

>For those intent upon pleading with John Kerry for The Truth
>About UFOs.....

<snip>

In the interest of "Truth About UFOs" the Fund and Maccabee had nothing to do with the release of the CIA documents on the Russell incident and other matters in Dec 1978, in fact the Fund did not yet exist.

Joel Carpenter had an outstanding analysis and detailed description of this incident and all of its ramifications, but his web site is gone. Try a Google search for the cached copies. Among other things, sharp-eyed Joel noticed that Francis Gary Powers' 1960 U-2 flight seemed to be targeted to fly right over the Russell-CIA sighting location near Baku.

Brad Sparks

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From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 10:29:10 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 11:33:34 -0400
Subject: Re: John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2004 4:56 AM
>Subject: John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO Connection

<snip>

>If you plan to write Senator John Kerry at his Washington office
>about UFOs, do be sure to mention that the building in which his
>third floor office is located.

>The Russell Senate Office Building, is named after the late
>Senator Richard Russell, whose UFO experience is legendary.

<snip>

EBK,

Richard Russell also employed Col. Corso as his Chief
Investigator when he delved into the Kennedy assassination.

I'll bet they had some interesting UFO discussions.

Ed

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Secrecy News -- 07/08/04

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 15:58:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 11:54:35 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/08/04

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** PHYSICISTS SPEAK UP FOR MORDECHAI VANUNU
** WHITE HOUSE WARNS AGAINST NEW LIMITS TO PATRIOT ACT
** ADDENDUM REGARDING THE ARMY'S "ON POINT" STUDY
** COURT BLOCKS PUBLICATION OF CIA MEMOIR

PHYSICISTS SPEAK UP FOR MORDECHAI VANUNU

Two eminent nuclear physicists have filed sworn declarations in support of a petition by Israeli nuclear whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu asking Israel's High Court of Justice to overturn travel and other restrictions that were imposed on Vanunu by the Israeli government following his release this year from an 18 year jail sentence.

The nominal intent of the restrictions is to prevent Vanunu from disclosing any additional secrets about the unacknowledged Israeli nuclear weapons program that he described to the press two decades ago in violation of Israeli law. But many observers see the restrictions as a new punitive measure directed at Vanunu.

British physicist Frank Barnaby, who first questioned Vanunu on behalf of the London Sunday Times in 1986 about his disclosures, said that Vanunu had a limited grasp of nuclear weapons technology in the first place and that his information about Israel's nuclear program was now likely to be obsolete in any case.

"His knowledge of the nuclear physics and engineering was limited to an elementary grasp of the subjects," Barnaby wrote. "He had precisely the sort of knowledge that you would expect a technician to have and no more."

"The knowledge that Vanunu had about Israel's nuclear weapons, about the operations at Dimona [an Israeli nuclear facility], and about security at Dimona could not be of any value to anyone today. He left Dimona in October 1985 and the design of today's Israeli nuclear weapons will have been considerably changed since then," Barnaby argued.

See Dr. Barnaby's June 14 statement here:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/israel/barnaby.pdf>

Nobel laureate and Manhattan Project veteran Joseph Rotblat urged the Israeli Court not to be swayed by exaggerated secrecy claims.

"I would suggest that you would hardly find one physicist outside Israel who believes that Mordechai Vanunu, whether or not in 1986 he neglected to mention this or that detail, constitutes any further significant threat to anyone's security," Rotblat wrote.

See Prof. Rotblat's June 14 statement here:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/israel/rotblat.pdf>

Mordechai Vanunu is represented in this matter by Dan Yakir of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (www.acri.org.il).

In response to Vanunu's pending petition, Israeli government officials this week told the Court that Vanunu still possesses secret knowledge that has not previously been disclosed, as well as the motivation to release it.

The High Court of Israel will hold a hearing on the matter on Sunday, July 11.

Mordechai Vanunu was interviewed after his release from prison by Israeli journalist and author Yael Lotan in a remarkable BBC documentary that was produced by Olenka Frenkiel and broadcast May 30.

WHITE HOUSE WARNS AGAINST NEW LIMITS TO PATRIOT ACT

The White House yesterday warned the House of Representatives against enacting any legislation that would limit the applicability of the USA Patriot Act.

"If legislation were presented to the President that includes any provision that forces the courts to allow notice to criminal suspects before a search warrant is executed, the President's senior advisors would recommend that the President veto the bill," the White House said in a statement on the pending Commerce, Justice and State Appropriations Act.

"If any other amendment that would weaken the USA PATRIOT Act were adopted and presented to the President for his signature, the President's senior advisors would recommend a veto."

See the July 7 White House statement here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2004/07/whsap070704.pdf>

Rep. Bernie Sanders (Ind.-VT) was set to introduce an amendment today "to reinstate legal standards for investigations which were in place for library and bookstore records before the passage of the USA Patriot Act."

ADDENDUM REGARDING THE ARMY'S "ON POINT" STUDY

In the Secrecy News story yesterday about the online version of the Army's "On Point" study of the Iraq war that cannot be normally printed, copied or saved, we were remiss not to have included an Army viewpoint or explanation regarding the unusual formatting of the document. Here it is.

The Army concern was that the document contained non-governmental materials including graphics and photos which might be copyrighted, said Dan French, a spokesman for the Center for Army Lessons Learned said.

"We have had some unscrupulous individuals who are taking our products and selling them on CD, even on Amazon.com," he noted.

If that were to happen with the "On Point" report, the spokesman said, this might entail a violation of the original copyright. Once the appropriate permissions are obtained, he said, the document would be made available without the current restrictions, perhaps by the end of the month.

Thanks to several Secrecy News readers, more adept than I, who proposed a variety of ways that the existing Army format restrictions could be overcome without much difficulty.

COURT BLOCKS PUBLICATION OF CIA MEMOIR

A federal court yesterday accepted the Central Intelligence Agency's argument that a former CIA employee cannot publish her memoir because the Agency says it contains classified information.

The former employee, who sued the CIA under the pseudonym Wendy Lee, argued that the CIA had unlawfully imposed a prior restraint upon her speech by improperly classifying her memoir. The CIA insisted that the classification decisions were justified.

The Court yielded entirely to the CIA.

"The information in Lee's memoir was properly classified, and even if it were not, it is controlled by the secrecy agreement to which Lee is a party," wrote Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson. "Lee therefore has no First Amendment right to either publish the information or make it available to her counsel."

The last point is particularly noteworthy. Ms. Lee was not entitled to the full benefit of counsel because her attorney was not granted access to the contested material by CIA.

It is "another example of the Executive Branch getting whatever it wants in national security cases," said Mark S. Zaid, who represents Lee. "Why, one must ask, can 'Anonymous' write a critical book about the CIA while still working there, but a former employee cannot?"

("Anonymous," whose actual name was reported by Jason Vest in the Boston Phoenix last week, is author of the widely publicized book "Imperial Hubris.")

See the July 7 decision in Wendy Lee v. Central Intelligence Agency here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/wendylee070704.pdf>

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Re: Secrecy News -- 07-07-04 - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 17:23:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 12:03:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 07-07-04 - King

>From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
>To: <secrecy_news.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 13:54:10 -0400
>Subject: Secrecy News -- 07-07-04

>SECREC Y NEWS
>from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
>Volume 2004, Issue No. 62
>July 7, 2004

>** ARMY STUDY OF IRAQ WAR SUPPRESSED, RELEASED ON WEB
>** LAWSUIT OF FBI WHISTLEBLOWER SIBEL EDMONDS DISMISSED
>** NEW FOIA EXEMPTION FOR UNCLASSIFIED SATELLITE IMAGERY
>** RECENT FOIA RULINGS
>** REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE 2003
>** THE GAME OF GO AND THE CHINESE WAY OF WAR

>ARMY STUDY OF IRAQ WAR SUPPRESSED, RELEASED ON WEB

>Despite extraordinary steps by the Army to limit online public
>access to a new report on the Iraq war, the study has
>nevertheless been published without the Army's cooperation.

>The Army recently completed a book-length study of Operation
>Iraqi Freedom entitled "On Point." It is a revealing and fairly
>critical account of lessons learned from the war.

>Last month, the Center for Army Lessons Learned posted the study
>here:

><http://onpoint.leavenworth.army.mil/>

>Incredibly, however, the web version of the Army document is
>coded in such a way that it cannot be downloaded, or copied, or
>printed out. It must be read online at the Army site, or not at
>all.

>This may be unprecedented for a government web site. The very
>notion of a document that cannot be downloaded is antithetical
>to the web and seems like an artifact from an alternate
>universe. If the Axis powers had won World War II, the whole
>internet might look like this.

I'm not sure what you are talking about on this post. I visited
the referenced site and had no difficulty copying the text from
the pages and pasting them into a separate document.

In fact, even sites which try to keep folks from copying or
downloading are typically unsuccessful.

An "Edit/Select all" command and then a "Edit/Copy" worked just
fine for me. And just for good measure, this particular site was
even able to be saved using the simple IE "File/Save as..."
dialogue. But you have to save the pages individually.

There's a lot more ways than one to copy web content.

And a quirkily-coded page does not a conspiracy make. I'm sure
that even our bumbling military is aware that there is no such

thing as "secure" web pages. The fact that they are on the "web" denies any real security. The notice at the top of the document noting "security measures" is distressing if it reflects the true opinion of the folks that posted the document. I mean, if they think THAT site is "secure", we're all in more trouble than we thought.

Interesting stuff besides.....

Kyle

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 20:09:52 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 12:14:31 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Sparks

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 12:23:44 -0300
>Subject: New Varginha Case Revelations

>VARGINHA CASE:

>New revelations about the capture and medical treatment of alien
>creatures in Brazil, January 1996

<snip>

Where are the details of any "medical treatment"? I had to delete all the breathless rhetoric. Just present this supposed "revelation" and spare us the claptrap and wide-eyed commentary.

>In the beginning of 2003 Varginha was visited by Roger Leir,
>US ufologist and acknowledged physician, whose experience
>of more than 50 years as a UFO researcher

<snip>

Where is there any evidence that Leir has "more than 50 years" of experience as a UFO researcher? I never heard of him till the 90's. I see no publications by him in the 50's and 60's and 70's and 80's UFO publications. What does this mean, that he was hobbyist or enthusiast who collected magazines for most of 50 years and that qualifies him as a "UFO researcher"?

>During more than three hours of
>talk, Roger Leir heard from his Brazilian colleague the
>confirmation that a second creature of uncommon physical
>appearance was captured. The "Doctor" revealed a new detail
>unknown to researchers till that time.

Where are the medical details from this "more than 3 hours" of interviewing by one medical doctor of another purported medical doctor.

>Injured Creature

>According to the "Doctor" - who refuses to reveal his real
>name - the body presented injuries of different kinds and grades.

After 3+ hours you can't present the medical details of these purported "injuries of different kinds and grades"???

>The "Doctor" ... decided to trust
>his US colleague telling everything.

Where is this "everything"? There was not one single medical detail presented!

>The "Doctor" was touched
>and giving us a new detail about the case with a serious
>expression on his face

<snip>

Oh please! I snipped out the rest of the telepathic stuff.....

When a supposed anonymous _medical_ doctor cannot give us even the first thing, _medically_, about the supposed "alien creature" he was allegedly examining and 'treating' then he has not even proven that he really is a Doctor, and hides behind convenient anonymity.

Establish your medical facts first about the supposed "alien" before plying us with nonsense about telepathy, etc.

>The "Doctor" also said that he could not understand the
>physiological constitution of the body we was examining even
>though it was an anthropomorphic being, with head, trunk and
>members.

Then how could he even "treat" the creature? Either say to us that he could not give the creature treatment and could not tell if it was injured or not because the physiology was too strange to understand, or do not say such nonsense. If he "treated" it and could tell it was "injured" then he did understand enough about its physiology to do that.

>The "Doctor" did not hear any sound made by the
>creature neither mentioned the famous "thin, bifurcated tongue",
>reported by other medic and military witnesses. He said he had
>seen its slow movements, proving it was still alive, but refused
>to say if it was breathing.

>More revelations to come very soon.

This is as laughable as Stringfield's bogus "alien autopsy" which sounded like a Meat Packer or Butcher Shop Assistant had made up the description not a scientist, medical physician or pathologist. Where are the details of the creature's height, weight, color, tabulation of body parts and distinguishable organs, condition of body part by part organ by organ, breathing (he _refused_ to say! WTF is that?), pulse and pulse rate if any, nature and description of injuries injury by injury, manner of treatment for each injury, drugs administered if any, body fluids and waste products emitted if any, blood and circulatory system if any, bone structure if any, musculature if any, skin condition if any, description of lesions-contusions-lacerations if any (it was injured so there had to be some right?), foreign objects if any (shrapnel maybe?), clothing and attire if any, radiography-sonography-MRI if any, lab tests of blood-tissue-fluids, etc. etc.

How did the creature's condition change with time, minute to minute, hour by hour? Any real doctor wants to establish some kind of idea of a prognosis - is the condition worsening, improving, staying the same? With an alleged unknown entity with supposedly strange physiology any real physician in his right mind will be keenly attentive to such signs to see if his treatment regimen is working, so he can stop something that isn't working and/or apply emergency aid, or follow on a promising avenue of treatment if something does seem to work.

If this was the most sensational event of this so-called "Doctor's" life then he should have been going over every one of these _medical_ details in his mind day after day for the past 8 years, trying to make _medical_ sense of it all. And there is not one sign of any such _medical_ thought processes. But if this is just another dumbass hoax by a non-MD layperson then one would expect no realistic sounding clinical descriptions, no medical terminology, no sign of a real physician's diagnostic mindset. In fact a lay hoaxer most likely would not even know what "diagnosis" means.

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Fleet Of Daytime UFOs Video Taped

From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 12:00:45 +1000
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 12:20:39 -0400
Subject: Fleet Of Daytime UFOs Video Taped

Hi List Members,

Grafton N.S.W. (Australia) Thursday 8th July 2004.

Event duration: 1.18 to 2 25pm.

Grafton Based UFO Researcher Barry Taylor Caught 5 Different
UFOs On Video

At 1.18pm I was outside waiting to be picked up for a business meeting when I looked up into the clear blue sky and noticed an unusual object at around 2,000 feet slowly heading north. I raced inside and grabbed my video camera and proceeded to shoot the object for the next 5 minutes.

This object was a 'cluster' type UFO. It consisted of around 5 individual orbs attached together. There were white/pink orbs with black to dark kaki coloured 'spheres' attached and clearly protruding off the whitish orbs. The whole 'cluster' rolled and tumbled about during the observation.

I then had to leave for town and the pre-arranged meeting. I returned home after an hour and the UFOs were still coming overhead. They must have been constant UFO flyovers during this time - over an hour.

I again began to video this activity. There was a maroon red object approaching at lower altitude heading directly overhead. It seemed to pulse, slowly.

Another object looked like a disc with a flat base, or 'D' shaped. This object also had one black sphere attached to the outside. The object rolled back-and-forth during its flight.

The last object seen was a white sphere. Through the video camera, I could see an unusual energy halo surrounding the object. This energy halo washad similar colours to diesel fuel spilt on water with the Sun reflecting on it - a brownish orange rainbow array of colours.

I am currently in the process of analysing and enhancing the 10 minutes of footage. I will stabilize and super zoom the best clips and apply enhancing features to see what can be learnt from this event. It looks impressive so far.

I will have images and a short video clip of these objects available on my web site early next week. So will inform you when available.

If you have not yet read my article on "How to see UFOs", then I suggest you do so and put it into action. It is only because of my keen eye that I was able to witness this event.

<http://theozfactor.cjb.net/seeufos.htm>

Regards,

Barry Taylor

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UFO "Accident" Claim By Fireman - Video Report

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 23:02:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 12:23:09 -0400
Subject: UFO "Accident" Claim By Fireman - Video Report

A 5-minute video summary of a bizarre UFO/automobile accident described by a Pierce Township (Ohio) Fire officer is freely available online in a .wmv format (will open with Windows Media Player version 9). This strange case occurred in Clermont County, Ohio in the early 90s.

The video was shown as a 'roll-in' on a 2002 edition of "UFO Update: LIVE!" produced by Bob Leibold of Natural Light Productions. This 5-minute segment is produced by Kenny Young and features investigator Donnie Blessing (with an excellent investigation and reporting of the claim) and direct on-camera testimony by Pierce Twp. fire officer Louis Spears.

Special thanks to Sean Feeney for uploading and hosting the video.

For low bandwidth/dial-up computers, click on:

http://www.ufounderground.net/submitted/kenny/ufoupdate/UFO_UPDATE_pierce_fireman_91_56k.wmv

For high bandwidth/Cable/DSL users, click on:

http://www.ufounderground.net/submitted/kenny/ufoupdate/UFO_UPDATE_pierce_fireman_91_DSL.wmv

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Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <ahebert.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 23:58:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 12:25:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto - Hebert

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 16:59:29 -0400
>Subject: Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

>>From: Amy Hebert <ahebert.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 06:10:25 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Mexican Scientific Community Manifesto

>>I'm trying to ascertain exactly which individuals outside of the
>>Mexican Air Force and/or Department of Defense have been allowed
>>to review the original, unedited FLIR video footage and
>>currently have copies of said video in their possession.

<snip>

>You would have to ask Jaime Maussan how many people have
>received the video. I know of several throughout the world
>Furthermore I have been told it is now at:

><http://www.pixcells.dk/mexico/mexicoDODstream.wmv>

Thank you, Bruce.

That was very nice of whomever made this footage available on line. Unfortunately, because it is a .wmv, it's not much good for research purposes. If it is not against any copyright laws, etc., my offer still stands to make DVD or VHS copies for anyone wishing to study copies of the original FLIR footage (if someone wants to send me a copy so I can make copies).

Maybe you or someone with a copy could send a copy to those UNAM guys so they won't feel so left out? Seems to me the more scientists/researchers working on this the better. ;>

Sincerely,

AHebert

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Stunning Images From Saturn Probe

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 08:43:55 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 12:31:24 -0400
Subject: Stunning Images From Saturn Probe

Source: BBC Online

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3878815.stm>

07-08-04

Stunning Images From Saturn Probe
By Richard Black
BBC science correspondent

The images show interior rings of red "dirt"

The Cassini-Huygens spacecraft which reached Saturn last week has sent back images and data which may reveal the origin of the planet's famous rings.

Pictures showed bumps and curves in some of the rings, while instruments have been able to analyse what the rings are made of.

Cassini has also provided close-up pictures on two of Saturn's moons.

Cassini's path took it between two of Saturn's rings, and the pictures it has produced are simply stunning.

The rings ripple and shimmy - in one image, the thin outer F-ring snakes across the Saturn sky like a newly-cracked whip.

Cassini's instruments, meanwhile, are showing scientists why the rings have these features.

"We knew there was a pair of moons, one on each side, that were somehow interacting with the ring," says Professor Carl Murray from Queen Mary University of London.

"So I was sitting looking at the images, and I noticed that there appeared to be like a stream of material coming from the F-ring to the inner of the two moons, Prometheus," he says.

"That was confirmation of a theory that had been produced over four years ago; that's very satisfying."

Ice and dirt

Cassini's instruments show that the rings are mainly made of ice. But there is something else too - a dark material, which mission scientists call simply "dirt".

Outer rings, shown in turquoise, contain more ice

And it seems to be the same material which dominates the surface of the outer moon, Phoebe, adding weight to the theory that the rings formed from the demolition of a previous moon.

The biggest moon of all, Titan, is believed to be the only body in the solar system other than Earth with liquid on the surface.

Cassini has already been able to peer through its dense clouds,

photographing craters, deposits of ice, and lines and circles of unknown origin.

The images of Titan and Phoebe are strangely reminiscent of photos of the Earth and our own Moon, taken decades ago by the earliest space missions.

They are so clear that you struggle to remember that they are coming from a distance of one-and-a-half-billion kilometres.

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Re: Tom, Dick & Kerry - Grass

From: Robert Grass <RDGRASS.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 03:36:45 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:41:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Tom, Dick & Kerry - Grass

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 07:00:29 -0700
>Subject: Tom, Dick & Kerry

<snip>

>The Democrats would say Kerry favors amnesty for illegal aliens.
>So does Bush, the GOP would counter. But what would you do with
>all those spaceships?

Hello Frank and Listers,

The only problem with that scenario is that Kerry would wait for decades of UN resolutions and then make sure the Russian, French, German and Canadian governments were behind him before doing anything.

We would have one hell of a traffic jam of spaceships by then!

Robert

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 09:22:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:45:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Kaeser

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:30:45 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

<snip>

>Steven,

>I really don't understand your objections to my research.
>You'll need to be more specific. You know from your own
>experience that the cameraman gave a set of directions to the
>site. You followed them yourself; and that's what I did. You
>must have "believed" that you might find something.

>Folks don't go wandering around this stretch of desert on a
>lark. What would you have done if you had found the site we
>discovered, covered with burned vegetation and blue, glass-like
>material, just as the cameraman described?

Ed,

We've been through this before, but I'll briefly make a comment.

You've gone to a site described in a document that I have no reason to believe is anything more than Ray Santilli's imagination. In other words, you've taken a description and used that to find a location that appears to fit the description and looked for anomalies to support your contention. This is not scientific and of limited value to the field, IMO.

Yes, I went to Socorro to look for a site using the alleged cameraman's description and found that no roads (then or now) fit the description as had been laid down initially. You've found a site that you believe to be the crash site mentioned, and Bob Shell (who doesn't even care to get further involved in the AA "film" any further) also has a site that he believes is the one mentioned, but it's no where near yours. Michael Hesemann (sp?) has another site identified, and so on and so on.

I know from my reading and discussions with the principal investigators that the cameraman provided a description of the site to Ray Santillin on the phone, which was then drawn by an artist from Ray's description. The artist never spoke with the cameraman, and the cameraman never looked at or approved the actual drawing. So what is the actual basis of your site..... Ray's description? You believe in what Ray has provided, but most of those in the field do not. While I find the AA "film" to be an interesting subject worthy of further study when information becomes available, I have no illusions that Ray has told everything he knows and he has been found to be dishonest in some respects.

As I said, my concerns with regard to your claim is that the foundation upon which it is based is highly suspect and thus any conclusions are also suspect.

Steve

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Re: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 08:32:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:47:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:12:08 -0700
>Subject: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday Night

>Source: KTRE Channel 9.nul

><http://www.ktre.com/Global/story.asp?S11752&nav=2FH5OZC9>

>07/07/04 - East Texas

>Reports of Object "Falling from the Sky" Wednesday Night

>The East Texas News received numerous phone calls Wednesday
>night from viewers who reported seeing something "falling from
>the sky." Local law enforcement agencies also received calls from
>citizens claiming to have seen something out of the ordinary in
>the night sky.

>KTRE Chief Meteorologist Lee Ringer says these sights were not
>the result of a weather event but were more than likely a meteor
>passing through the earth's atmosphere. Officials with the North
>American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) report to the Federal
>Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that a heightened period of
>meteor showers was expected to begin Wednesday night and
>continue through the month.

>The National Weather Service says similar reports of objects
>"falling from the sky" were received from Witchita Falls, Texas
>to Little Rock, Arkansas.

A cop in one of Dallas' suburbs (Rockwall I think?) caught the
bolide on his cruiser camera during a traffic stop. I was very
bright and seemed to "flame out" then re-ignite. Very strange
but it was indeed a meteor. No doubt there are rock hounds out
trying to find fragments as we speak.

Terry

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 09:21:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:49:58 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Groff

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 11:12:56 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>>From: Mathieu - Paris <mfilms1.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 13:39:46 +0200
>>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Mathieu

>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>>http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=3D1&click_id=3D139&art_id=3Dvn20040=701110118306C214932

>>>07-01-04

>>>UFO Over Durban Captured On Video

>>>By Ayanda Mhlongo

>>Dear UFO UpDates Listers,

>>Did anyone take a few minutes to check with any software if
>>Venus could be in the sky of Phoenix - Durban, South Africa, at
>>4 AM (local time) the 27th of June?

>>When I tried to see by myself, I was surprised. Venus was not
>>above the horizon. Thinking I could be wrong, because I am not
>>an astronomer nor university professor, I sent a mail
>>to the South African Astronomical Observatory, yesterday:

>><snip>

>>Merci Mathieu!

>>It appears you've done the detective work that many have not.

>>So simple yet so powerful.

>>We should all of us contact the newspapers that carried the
>>'Venus' explanation and chastise them for not doing the work a
>>responsible press should have done as Mathieu has done.

>>Let's all us Yanks go to S. Africa and beat up the guys who ran
>>that Venus story :)

According to my software, Venus was well below the horizon at
4:00 am in Durban, S. Africa (Lat. S 29:53:00 Long. E 30:53:00)
and didn't rise until just before 5.00 am

Az: 59:41:10; Alt: 13:10:16
RA: 4:34:52; Dec: 18:12:55
Ecliptic Lon: 69:47:15; Lat: -3:44:33
Galactic Lon: 179:20:44; Lat: -19:26:09
Rising: Jun 27, 2004; 4:49:57 A.M.
Transit: Jun 27, 2004; 10:08:12 A.M.
Setting: Jun 27, 2004; 3:26:35 P.M.
Phase: 10.7%, Phase angle: 141.74=F8

Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Groff

Apparent Diameter: 49.12"
Distance from Observer: 0.340 AU

Terry Groff

Field Investigator/Webmaster
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"The flash of light you saw in the sky was not a UFO.
Swamp gas from a weather balloon was trapped in a thermal pocket
and refracted the light from Venus"
- Agent 'K'

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Re: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data? - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 09:42:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:52:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data? - Groff

>From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 16:34:00 +0100
>Subject: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data?

>Extracted enlargement;

><http://www.colsweb.com/marsmelt2.gif>

>from

>http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/2004/07/07/index.html

>showing Mars Carbon Dioxide Ice Pole melt.

>Has NASA got the number upside down!?

>Maybe as the ice melts to a greater depth two more 6's will be
>revealed? Letter hight is approx 70 feet (23 metres).

>col

Two _more_ "6's"? I don't see the first "6" yet. I bet if I
search the spackle on my ceiling long enough I could find
several "6's".

Terry

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 13:04:54 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 09:12:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Ledger

>From: Geoffrey Richardson <geoff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 14:50:34 +0100
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:23:57 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>>From: Geoffrey Richardson <geoff.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 14:17:15 +0100
>>>Subject: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>>Read "Creatures With No Business Here" at:

>>>"The (authentic) WHY? Files"

>>><http://www.thewhyfiles.net>

>>After about 45 seconds of looking, I didn't see a quick link
>>to the article you mention.You might want to highlight that for
>>those of us who don't have time to search.

>Sorry about this but if you run down the file list the "topic"
>will highlight itself.

Hi Geoff,

Like Steve, I went there. Couldn't find it. Found the Shuttle
stuff and while trying to download that my Mac locked up. Had to
do an illegal shutdown [now the Mac police will be after me] and
reboot. That never happened before on your site.

Anyway, why not just post the actual URL? Is it some agreement
you have with the advertizers?

Don Ledger

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 11:39:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 09:21:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 19:53:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 11:31:22 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 21:41:15 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

<snip>

>>Thank you ever so much Dick Hall!

>>Your post is the most world shattering I've read to date.

>>This data from conscious abductees is the linchpin to this
>>entire phenomena.

>I seem to recall that, as long as 20 years ago, Budd was saying
>that roughly 1/4 of abductees recall all or most of the
>experience consciously. At any rate, the rather large percentage
>of "conscious recallers" has been known for a long time.... and
>ignored by the skeptics for an equally long time.

Oh my God!

Thank you so much Dr. Maccabee!

It's taken me a day just to get my self together after reading
your post.

If that's what Mr. Hopkins says then that's enough to warrant
major public address by the authorities.

They, psychologists and psychiatrists, can spin all they want,
but a subject who has conscious recall can submit to the
simplest battery of tests to determine whether their accounts
are true.

Since physical evidence is extremely rare I see why these
abductees are shuffled off to mental health professionals but
that doesn't call for the decades old stigma afforded them.

We as a culture are in danger as we trust our well being to a
science like psychiatry that's about still relatively new in
comparison with the other sciences, and in constant spotlight
for abuse and controversy.

I grew up amongst the largest psychiatric centers in the world
and around the world's top folks in the fields of psychiatry and
psychology. I was even going to go to college for psychology as
I felt it would help me to contribute to making life better for
folks. Glad I didn't! After reading and interviewing victims of

psychiatric abuse I was bowled over.

I shoulda listened to Jeff Rense a long time ago.

Then, looking into Ufology and seeing the horrid treatment toward researchers, abductees, witnesses, whistleblowers, even skeptics and debunkers, I've come to the conclusion that there's no alien threat but a 'headshrinker' threat.

I've seen people use mental health for vindictive purposes. It's constantly in the news now. I recall once on the old Parascope Grassy Knoll forum on America Online during one of my live online UFO chats I asked the crowd there what they all felt about psychiatry.

Normally that rambunctious crowd had diverging viewpoints on every subject and quite often a good donnybrook would break out. Yet this was the only time in the 6 years I'd worked there that there was a 100% agreement that everyone, believers, skeptics, debunkers, all hated no end psychiatry.

I was shocked! They all started telling horror stories of what had happened to them while under psychiatric care. It was abominable what many of these people went through. I had to send them to several watchdog group and attorney websites to report their incidents. Even a former victim of the MK Ultra experiments came forward and stunned all of us with verified documentation of his ongoing battle for justice.

It's not only the folks in Ufology who undergo this nonsense and to my surprise many a skeptic and debunker had their fair share of abuse and ridicule from that area of the medical community.

I guess believers, skeptics, debunkers do indeed have a common enemy. The skeptics and debunkers weren't being attacked by believers, they were being attacked for their research into business affairs of industrial groups. Soon as they peered into it as many a researcher and reporter does they told me they'd get called 'nuts', 'crazy' etc.

We as a culture have sublimated ourselves to a shadowy science that is no where near complete, yet is used in every area of our lives to control us and manipulate us into chattel.

We've allowed psychiatrists to hold such a high ground determining for us what we should accept as real or not. We're not supposed to allow that! Faith is a big part of the lives of billions of people on this planet. At least 5 billion believe some sort of spiritual beingness. It could be because they truly believe it to be or they've been conditioned to believe. What matters is that they do without physical proof. They have archaeological artifacts and texts and songs but that's it.

Yet you just try telling the billions of us there's no God or Angels etc. and you run a good chance of getting your lights punched out. Put em' under a lie detector and you'd sure as heck would get a reaction that what they believe and encountered as true.

Yet you won't see any psychiatrists dashing into the nearest church or synagogue or mosque trying to toss a net over the congregation.

So why the broad net over abductee stories, researchers, whistleblowers, skeptics and debunkers?

Because all of us, whether pro or con are a threat to the thieves of this world. That's why. We might ask those questions, raise those levels of awareness and worst of all, find something out.

I just saw Steven Spielberg's film "Schindler's List". It took me a long time to get up the courage to watch it. Yet it showed me how even when things are darkest for us all, one person with compassion could make a difference. That's all. One person with the guts to do something right in direct face of death.

Conscious abductees and their data as well as those few artifacts that have been recovered should be brought to the fore.

Doc, I find that data from Hopkin's research the most important data yet gleaned and for one would petition he be given the international air time to show it all and tell it all. Same for Dr. Jacobs and the rest of the researchers. If their subjects were conscious, that's solid enough for me.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Toutatis - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <Stuart.Miller4.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 16:55:38 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 09:23:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Toutatis - Miller

>From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 17:34:31 +0100
>Subject: Re: Toutatis

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 15:19:47 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: Toutatis

Hello Ray,

<snip>

>Go back to media reports of 20 years ago and find impact-
>predictions being laughed at by politicians, tame `scientists'
>and press; then go back ten years and see a little different
>attitude; then go back one year and see just a small realization
>by ignorant (but dominating) politicos, media hacks & tame
>`scientists'.

It should be acknowledged that what progress we may have made in the UK about "planet protection" is down entirely to the efforts of Lord Sainsbury. Without him, we wouldn't even have what little we do have.

Stuart Miller

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 12:07:41 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 09:41:19 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Balaskas

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 11:12:56 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>>From: Mathieu - Paris <mfilms1.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 13:39:46 +0200
>>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Mathieu

>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>>http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=139&art_id=vn20040701110118306C214932

<snip>

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>>above the horizon. Thinking I could be wrong, because I am not
>>an astronomer nor university professor, I sent a mail
>>to the South African Astronomical Observatory, yesterday:

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>'Venus' explanation and chastise them for not doing the work a
>responsible press should have done as Mathieu has done.

>Let's all us Yanks go to S. Africa and beat up the guys who ran
>that Venus story :)

Hold on Greg!

Let us not invade another country before we are sure of our
facts this time!

Mathieu's conclusion that it could not be Venus is wrong because
it is based on a false assumption (Venus was not below the
horizon for the duration of this UFO sighting) and does not take
into account all the other facts - a scientific sin that
distinguishes bebunkers from critical thinking investigators of
UFO sightings.

Below are excerpts of the UFO article taken from the news story
in the web site above followed by my comments in [brackets].

"The light was so bright, at first I thought it was a police
helicopter searching for criminals. But when I could not hear
the sound of the rotor blades, I decided to draw the curtains
and check what it was."

[In late June Venus was almost as bright as the very brilliant
light in the morning sky we now see - the third brightest
celestial object in the sky after the Sun and Moon. Of course,
Venus does not make any sounds either.]

Roshnie Naidu, of Phoenix, could not believe her eyes when she saw a huge, pulsating, colourful light in the sky. "It looked like a massive ball of light, much brighter than the sun, with blue and purple colours filtering through. My eyes were glued to it for almost 10 minutes, it was unbelievable. I had never seen anything like it before," she said.

[When Venus is very low in the sky, it will appear as a "huge, pulsating, colourful light". Not too many people would be awake several hours before sunrise around this time of the year when Venus is at its maximum brightness as a morning star to appreciate this beautiful sight.]

Naidu told the Daily News she woke up just before 4am on Sunday.

[Venus rose over three hours before the Sun and would have really impressed the witness when seen in the dark night sky.]

She was watching TV when she noticed a bright light flashing through her curtains. She did not take any notice of it at first, but the light continued to shine in her face.

[Venus, and all other planets and stars in the sky, seem to be stationary objects that hardly move.]

According to Naidu, when she drew the curtains she could not believe what she was seeing. "I still cannot explain to people who did not see the object what it was.

[This is why Venus continues to thrill generations of skywatchers and is frequently mentioned in poems and mythology almost as often as the Sun and Moon. Since Venus is at its most brilliance only once or twice a year, it is often mistaken for UFO.]

"After a couple of seconds, the object would change shape from being circular to oval."

[Bright lights that have a small angular size like Venus and distant helicopter searchlights can give the illusion of such small changes in shape. Others who have mistaken Venus for a UFO claim to have seen windows or landing gear!]

She rushed to her daughter's bedroom to wake her up, but she refused to get up. "When I tried to wake up my husband he told me that I was seeing things and sent me away. "But I persisted and pulled him out of bed and opened our bedroom curtains." Naidu's husband, Shrirama, said he wiped his eyes a couple of times because he could not believe what he was seeing. "I immediately told my wife to call our neighbours and alert them to what was happening."

[I had the same reactions with my family many years ago when I noticed out of my window in that the entire night sky was on fire! No one bothered to come out with me and lie back on the grass and be awed by this spectacular show of the Northern Lights except for my mother who came out briefly to tell me to come inside so the neighbours do not think I was crazy!]

Shrirama managed to capture video footage of the unidentified object that was in the sky.

[Venus and other stationary bright objects such as street lights can also appear very impressive when captured on video, especially when the zoom feature is used and the video camera is held by someone with excited hands!]

According to the Naidus, the object was in the sky for about three hours. It disappeared as the sun came up and it became lighter.

[Like I said earlier, Venus was already visible in the night sky for over three hours before sunrise. Just like the Moon, Venus could still be seen in daylight sky if you know exactly where to look!]

The Naidus said they had no idea what the object was and would like someone to explain it to them. "We are hoping that someone will be able to view the footage that we have captured and explain the fireball to us," they said.

[Although the position of Venus in the sky is not exactly the same as the day of the UFO sighting, Naidus can wake up very early and see if there is a brilliant light in the night sky where she saw her UFO. She will then be able to convince herself that what she saw was indeed the planet Venus. If Naidus did observe this UFO for at least 3 hours, it is very surprising to me that she made no mention of this other brilliant object in the morning sky which cannot be easily overlooked!]

Weather forecaster Ntobeko Nkangana said no objects were picked up in the sky on Sunday morning. Nkangana said weather balloons are released only at midnight and midday. "The weather balloons remain in the sky for a maximum of two hours."

[Since there were no other reports of a bright UFO that remained in the sky over Durban for many hours, I think we can only concluded that the other witnesses correctly interpreted it for what it was - a very bright star or planet.]

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Fleet Of Daytime UFOs Video Taped - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 13:47:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 09:48:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Fleet Of Daytime UFOs Video Taped - King

>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 12:00:45 +1000
>Subject: Fleet Of Daytime UFOs Video Taped

>Grafton N.S.W. (Australia) Thursday 8th July 2004.

>Event duration: 1.18 to 2 25pm.

>Grafton Based UFO Researcher Barry Taylor Caught 5 Different
>UFOs On Video

>At 1.18pm I was outside waiting to be picked up for a business
>meeting when I looked up into the clear blue sky and noticed an
>unusual object at around 2,000 feet slowly heading north. I
>raced inside and grabbed my video camera and proceeded to shoot
>the object for the next 5 minutes.

>This object was a 'cluster' type UFO. It consisted of around
>5 individual orbs attached together. There were white/pink orbs
>with black to dark kaki coloured 'spheres' attached and clearly
>protruding off the whitish orbs. The whole 'cluster' rolled and
>tumbled about during the observation.
<snip>

Hi Barry,

I noticed that July 8 marked the first day of the 2004 Racing
Carnival in Grafton. Is it possible that what you saw were
released helium-filled Mylar promotional or event-related
balloons?

I was especially mindful of this possibility when noting your
comments on the "brownish-orange rainbow array". Holiday
balloons of the Mylar variety often carry a "diffraction-
grating" finish, which absolutely manifests as a "rainbow
array" when seen at a distance. Also, a "pulsing red orb" is a
pretty good description of the same type of balloon... colored
red on one side and plain aluminized surface on the
reverse...spinning as it is buffeted by winds aloft.

As the Carnival is underway until July 17, it would be a simple
matter to visit the site and inquire as to the available
balloons for sale. If they are available and fit the colors
observed, a valuable experiment would be to tie several of them
together, and release them... video-taping the entire operation.

You would learn several valuable observational details which
could help preclude future mis-identification, and would make
you a veritable "expert" in Mylar UFO analysis. If the video
looked nothing like your sighting, you'd have ample ammo for the
debunkers.

Based on my prior observations of very "energetic" Mylar
balloons aloft at our local Six Flags amusement park, your
descriptions point to this testable hypothesis (balloons) before
any other. It would be very interesting to see the resulting
video from your original vantage point, no?

At any rate, I know firsthand the excitement at seeing these things aloft. Some seem to hover, while others dart about in straight lines, and still others pulsate, change shape, etc...all in the same field of view... owing to differences in wind direction and speed at various altitudes, along with the configuration(s) of the balloons (tied together or separate). The fact that I quickly recognized the objects did little to assuage my initial startled reaction.

I imagine a dozen colored Mylar balloons, a few sticks of balsa, and some helium might produce a very believable UFO, especially if the individual balloons were able to spin freely to produce the truly convincing pulsating colors.

Regards,

Kyle King

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From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 11:47:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 09:52:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - King

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:30:45 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:23:57 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

<snip>

>>While I am one of those who was active in the AA investigation
>>early on, my concern with Ed's conclusions is that he bases his
>>later theories and conclusions on statements and drawings that
>>are of little actual value (unless you want to believe in them).

>I really don't understand your objections to my research.
>You'll need to be more specific. You know from your own
>experience that the cameraman gave a set of directions to the
>site. You followed them yourself; and that's what I did. You
>must have "believed" that you might find something.

<snip>

>After all the pompous parading of the scientific method that
>we've seen lately on the list, I'd think you'd appreciate
>someone who actually did try to follow its principles.

Forgive my intrusion into the fray, but could you be more
specific on your description of the "blue, glass-like material"?

Cristobalite, a silicon oxide from the quartz family, is very
abundant. I don't know what you mean by a "trace element". It is
not an element at all, but a compound of Silicon and Oxygen. It
is a crystalline mineral formed through volcanic (or other high
heat and pressure)action. It is not blue, but rather white to
very light gray. It does however often form within a matrix of
of another mineral, obsidian, for example...another mineral of
volcanic or "high heat and pressure" action. Here's a
photographic example:

<http://www.gc.maricopa.edu/earthsci/imagearchive/cristobalite.htm>

It might also interest you to know that Cristobalite is also
used as an ingredient in the manufacture of high-temperature
seals by the aerospace industry... the missile people.

Knowing the composition of the matrix surrounding your
"Cristobalite" would help clarify its possible origin, or at
least limit the range of possibilities. My guess is that there
are many sites in New Mexico which exhibit similar mineral
aggregations, based on the number of missile test sites located
there combined with the abundance of Silicates. The presence of
Cristobalite indicates only that there was an episode of extreme
heat and pressure at some time. Since Cristobalite forms in rock
molten to 1470 degrees Celsius, correlating this with the
temperatures found in missile detonations or impacts may shed

light on a possible terrestrial source for the "blue glass" you found.

As for "pompous parading of the scientific method", is this reflective of a thinly-veiled contempt, or just an unfortunate choice of words? If those that hold to a rigorous protocol for "scientific investigation" are "pompously parading", what do you make of those that draw extreme conclusions from common minerals and uncorroborated hearsay?

In sum, your blue glass could be indicative of extra-terrestrial visitation. A more likely scenario is that it was created as a by-product of one of the thousands of missile detonations in the area.

Color me a pompous parader... with Occam's "twin-blade" in his toilet kit.

Kyle King

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 13:57:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 12:35:03 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - King

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 20:09:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 12:23:44 -0300
>>Subject: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>VARGINHA CASE:

>>New revelations about the capture and medical treatment of alien
>>creatures in Brazil, January 1996

<snip>

>This is as laughable as Stringfield's bogus "alien autopsy"
>which sounded like a Meat Packer or Butcher Shop Assistant had
>made up the description not a scientist, medical physician or
>pathologist. Where are the details of the creature's height,
>weight, color, tabulation of body parts and distinguishable
>organs, condition of body part by part organ by organ, breathing
>(he refused to say! WTF is that?), pulse and pulse rate if
>any, nature and description of injuries injury by injury, manner
>of treatment for each injury, drugs administered if any, body
>fluids and waste products emitted if any, blood and circulatory
>system if any, bone structure if any, musculature if any, skin
>condition if any, description of lesions-contusions-lacerations
>if any (it was injured so there had to be some right?), foreign
>objects if any (shrapnel maybe?), clothing and attire if any,
>radiography-sonography-MRI if any, lab tests of blood-tissue-
>fluids, etc. etc.

>How did the creature's condition change with time, minute to
>minute, hour by hour? Any real doctor wants to establish some
>kind of idea of a prognosis - is the condition worsening,
>improving, staying the same? With an alleged unknown entity with
>supposedly strange physiology any real physician in his right
>mind will be keenly attentive to such signs to see if his
>treatment regimen is working, so he can stop something that
>isn't working and/or apply emergency aid, or follow on a
>promising avenue of treatment if something does seem to work.

>If this was the most sensational event of this so-called
>"Doctor's" life then he should have been going over every one of
>these medical details in his mind day after day for the past 8
>years, trying to make medical sense of it all. And there is
>not one sign of any such medical thought processes. But if
>this is just another dumbass hoax by a non-MD layperson then one
>would expect no realistic sounding clinical descriptions, no
>medical terminology, no sign of a real physician's diagnostic
>mindset. In fact a lay hoaxter most likely would not even know
>what "diagnosis" means.

Bravo, Brad...

This "report" is akin to that by the "astronomer" from Kwazu-Natal
who stated Venus was mistaken for a UFO, when in fact Venus was

below the horizon at the time of the sighting... among other
unscientific ruminations.

So many experts, so little expertise.

Kyle King

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 21:03:40 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 13:14:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 23:36:18 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>Notwithstanding the above, I should make it clear that most of
>the abductees with whom I've worked contacted me after my tour
>of duty on the British Government's UFO project. From memory, no
>more than half a dozen abductees contacted me while I was on the
>'UFO Desk'.

What exactly do you mean by "the British Government's UFO
Project"? You seem to be implying that this was a special
operation that was set up purely to investigate and report on
UFOs, quite separate from the routine MoD job that a number of
other people have done before and after your spell at the desk.
Perhaps you could tell us a little more about this 'Project'?

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John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 17:12:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 13:16:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 12:42:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

<snip>

>After all, should someone think himself or herself to have a
>truly convincing case, who would want to risk the possibility of
>being quarantined in biological isolation for an appreciable
>period of time as were the returned lunar astronauts. :)

Kind of interesting, isn't it, that with all the abductions and
contacts reported, including MIBs which appear to be thinly
disguised ETs, and close contact with ETs recovered from
crashes, we _haven't_ had major, decimating epidemics from the
contacts.

The only case I heard where alien contact caused serious (in
this case fatal) illness was where someone (sorry, I forget the
specifics) carried a dead alien for a distance and died of
"septicemia" (generalized infection).

Eleanor White

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 14:29:37 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 13:18:48 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Hatch

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 11:12:56 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>>From: Mathieu - Paris <mfilms1.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 13:39:46 +0200
>>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Mathieu

>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>>http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=139&art_id=vn20040701110118306C214932

>>>07-01-04 UFO Over Durban Captured On Video

>>>By Ayanda Mhlongo

>>Dear UFO UpDates Listers,

>>When I tried to see by myself, I was surprised. Venus was not
>>above the horizon. Thinking I could be wrong, because I am not
>>an astronomer nor university professor, I sent a mail to the
>>South African Astronomical Observatory, yesterday:

>><snip>

>>Merci Mathieu!

>>It appears you've done the detective work that many have not.

Hello Greg, Mathieu:

Has anyone checked for Jupiter or other planets etc? Venus is
most often tossed out as a first lazy guess. The most
spectacular 'planet' I ever saw was a satellite re-entry.

Best

- Larry

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Disclosure Australia Announcement 15

From: Diane Harrison <aufor.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 08:11:05 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 13:20:02 -0400
Subject: Disclosure Australia Announcement 15

Disclosure Australia Newsletter 14 has just been posted to the web site at:

<http://disclosure.freewebsite.org>

Among the items there are:

- * The Project presents at the June 2004 national UFO conference
- * The Project visits RAAF base Edinburgh to start examining UFO files
- * Mysterious lights in 1915!
- * We review our Strategic Plan
- * A summary and catalogue of RAAF UFO file 580/1/1 part 11 recently available.

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U.S. TV Alert - Fiction Series

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 19:24:01 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 13:21:52 -0400
Subject: U.S. TV Alert - Fiction Series

Read a favorable review of 'The 4400' in USA Today.

See: < http://www.usatoday.com/life/television/news/2004-07-08-4400-movie_x.htm

"You think it's tough being taken? Try being returned. That, anyway, is the sci-fi problem posed by The 4400, a promising, unprepossessing five-week series about the flip side of alien abduction."

Terry

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"Only a zit on the wart on the heinie of progress." Copyright
1992, Frank Rice

Terry W. Colvin, Sierra Vista, Arizona (USA)
<fortean1.nul>

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Re: John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 00:33:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 13:24:56 -0400
Subject: Re: John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 15:58:38 EDT
>Subject: Re: John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO Connection

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>Date: 7/8/2004 11:42:32 AM Pacific Daylight Time
>>Subj: UFO UpDate: John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO Connection

>>Source: Rense.Com

><http://www.rense.com/general54/kerryfo.htm>

>>07-06-04

>>John Kerry's Office Building & The UFO Connection
>>by Robert Barrow

><snip>

>>The Russell Senate Office Building, is named after the late
>>Senator Richard Russell, whose UFO experience is legendary.

>>Russell (D-GA), as noted famously in reputable books and web
>>sites about UFOs, was the powerful chairman of the U.S. Armed
>>Services Committee who saw two UFOs during a visit to Russia in
>>1955.

>>See a detailed report here:

>http://www.rense.com/general42/tm_oct.htm

>>in This Month In UFO History, October 14, 1955 - US
>>Senators See Flying Saucers In Soviet Russia.

>>Apparently, Russell was subsequently advised by U.S.
>>government officials not to discuss his sighting and he
>>reluctantly admitted as much.

>If you actually read the CIA documents on the incident it is
>apparent that CIA Director Allen Dulles and his staff asked Sen.
>Russell not to publicly disclose his sightings of two disc-
>shaped objects taking off almost vertically one minute apart
>near Baku on Oct. 4, 1955. As it turns out there was an Army
>intelligence officer with Russell and a secret CIA Directorate
>of Plans (Clandestine Service) Foreign Intelligence (FI) Staff
>officer Reuben Efron posing as a "translator" all of whom were
>eyewitnesses with Russell (who probably did not know who Efron
>really was).

>At this time period the CIA was so fearful of post-Stalinist
>USSR that it did not yet have a "Moscow Station" within the US
>Embassy, so CIA clandestine officers could only travel through
>the country posing as nondescript visitors. All the more reason
>why Allen Dulles did not want Russell drawing more attention to
>the incident aside from the bizarre nature of the sightings
>themselves and how it might relate to the Cold War (was it all
>staged by the Russians? how could they technologically stage

>>something like that out in the middle of desert nowhere and
>>actually expect Russell to catch it? etc. etc.)

>>The Fund for UFO Research and Dr. Bruce Maccabee are
>>credited, fortunately, with gaining release of important documents
>>relating to this incident under the Freedom of Information Act,
>>but it was former Los Angeles aviation writer and newspaper
>>columnist Tom Towers who dramatically exposed the incident
>>publicly in the fifties simply by quoting Russell's statements,
>>in a letter to Towers, stating that he had been advised not to
>>discuss the matter.

><snip>

>>For those intent upon pleading with John Kerry for The Truth
>>About UFOs.....

><snip>

>In the interest of "Truth About UFOs" the Fund and Maccabee had
>nothing to do with the release of the CIA documents on the
>Russell incident and other matters in Dec 1978, in fact the Fund
>did not yet exist.

>Joel Carpenter had an outstanding analysis and detailed
>description of this incident and all of its ramifications, but
>his web site is gone. Try a Google search for the cached copies.
>Among other things, sharp-eyed Joel noticed that Francis Gary
>Powers' 1960 U-2 flight seemed to be targeted to fly right over
>the Russell-CIA sighting location near Baku.

Hi Brad,

Fascinating, indeed. Thanks for that additional insight into an
important case.

Ray Stanford

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Re: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 01:44:48 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 13:26:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:12:08 -0700
>Subject: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday Night

>Source: KTRE Channel 9.nul

><http://www.ktre.com/Global/story.asp?S11752&nav=2FH5OZC9>

>07/07/04 - East Texas

>Reports of Object "Falling from the Sky" Wednesday Night

>The East Texas News received numerous phone calls Wednesday
>night from viewers who reported seeing something "falling from
>the sky." Local law enforcement agencies also received calls from
>citizens claiming to have seen something out of the ordinary in
>the night sky.

>KTRE Chief Meteorologist Lee Ringer says these sights were not
>the result of a weather event but were more than likely a meteor
>passing through the earth's atmosphere. Officials with the North
>American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) report to the Federal
>Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that a heightened period of
>meteor showers was expected to begin Wednesday night and
>continue through the month.

>The National Weather Service says similar reports of objects
>"falling from the sky" were received from Witchita Falls, Texas
>to Little Rock, Arkansas.

Obviously the answer is probably a meteor. That being said,
just for fun, lets look at this the way the skeptibunkers would
look at a UFO sighting.

Had these witnesses claimed to have seen a craft under
intelligent control (pick your UFO size, shape and config at
this point) the skeptibunkers would have been out of their minds
tossing out such stories as Venus, Swamp Gas, Oil Well fires,
Hoax, weather balloon, misidentification of... and so on. We
would have also heard how eye witness testimony is not reliable,
and why any eye witness testimony to something out of the
ordinary should be disregarded for many various reasons.

Yet, an apparent meteor goes in over Texas and these same
blathering, dithering, skeptibunkers are strangely silent. They
accept the testimony of the witnesses without question, or
without all of the usual blathering, without the usual tossing
out of various explanations and so forth.

Gee, isn't their something wrong with the skeptibunker picture?
:)

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Daytime UFOs Video Taped - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 17:59:01 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 13:28:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Daytime UFOs Video Taped - Taylor

Hi List,

Just to inform you that still images and video clip of the July 8th. daytime sighting are now available to download. This video clip will only be available for a short time then removed.

The clip will show you how the 'cluster' UFOs move around while in flight. The red object is very interesting. Frame grabs from the video show the attached dark spheres and enhancements show the energy surrounding the objects.

Clip size - 5Mb (43 seconds) in Windows Media Video format.

<http://theozfactor.cjb.net/july2004.htm>

Your responses welcomed.

Regards,

Barry Taylor

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Australian UFO Conference Summary

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 20:21:29 +1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 13:30:11 -0400
Subject: Australian UFO Conference Summary

For a summary and review of the recent Australian National UFO Conference, please go to:

<http://www.acufos.asn.au/about/conference.html>

Sheryl Gottschall

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 04:49:52 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 13:33:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Hatch

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:30:45 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:23:57 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>>From: Geoffrey Richardson <geoff.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 14:17:15 +0100
>>>Subject: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>>Regardless of your opinions of the Santilli Alien Autopsy Film,
>>>you will find Ed Gerhman's article a fascinating account of his
>>>research and investigations into this controversial subject.

>>>Read "Creatures With No Business Here" at: "The (authentic) WHY? Files"

>>><http://www.thewhyfiles.net>

>>While I am one of those who was active in the AA investigation
>>early on, my concern with Ed's conclusions is that he bases his
>>later theories and conclusions on statements and drawings that
>>are of little actual value (unless you want to believe in them).

>>Of course, that's a problem for the entire field.

>Steven,

>I really don't understand your objections to my research.
>You'll need to be more specific. You know from your own
>experience that the cameraman gave a set of directions to the
>site. You followed them yourself; and that's what I did. You
>must have "believed" that you might find something.

>Folks don't go wandering around this stretch of desert on a
>lark. What would you have done if you had found the site we
>discovered, covered with burned vegetation and blue, glass-like
>material, just as the cameraman described?

<snip>

I must be missing something here. Is anyone suggesting that
'burnt vegetation' would be in evidence some 57 years after the
original events (crash retrieval etc.) dating from 1947?

I would think that any traces of burnt vegetation would have
blown away, been scoured away in a sandstorm, washed away in the
rare torrential rains etc. long long since.

Blue glassy minerals might be another matter.

Just curious

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 12:57:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 13:36:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 18:57:42 +0100
>Subject: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>Perhaps it would be useful if one of the psychologists on this
>List could compile a list of apparent faults in the McNally et
>al. paper, together with points on which clarification is
>needed, and send it to him?

I originally said I wouldn't do this, but I have just emailed Richard McNally. The text of the email is included below, and if he agrees, I'll forward any response to the List.

Cathy

Dear Dr McNally,

You may be interested that a vigorous, but on the whole good-natured, discussion on your abduction trauma paper is taking place at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/>

The discussion is, in general, supportive of your research. A member of that List did however suggest writing to you with a list of points that could perhaps do with some clarification.

My health doesn't permit me to go rummaging through medical libraries at the moment, but I found the following page on the Tellegen Absorption Scale, on John Kihlstrom's website:

<http://ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/~kihlstrm.TAS.htm>

Towards the bottom of this page I found the following:

"No interpretive norms are available for the scale, but experience with many large college-student samples indicates that the average subject scores about 20 on the dichotomous version, with a standard deviation of about 6 (Glisky et al., 1991)."

In your Psychological Science paper, you report scores on the TAS, with a mean 21.6, standard deviation 6.0 for the abductee sample, and a mean of 9.6, SD 6.1 for the community control sample.

Of course, it's slightly ambiguous what Kihlstrom means by "average subject scores" above, and college students are not necessarily representative of the general population, but on the face of it, it would appear from your data that it is the abductee sample which is normative on this instrument and the control sample which is non-normative. This is presumably the opposite of what your apparent interpretation of the data would appear to predict.

Do you know of anything which might account for this? Could you perhaps expand on how you recruited your community sample?

I'm also a little puzzled by your use of parametric tests on data that are not, apparently, known to be normally distributed. Could you perhaps explain your rationale for this?

I'm copying this email to the UFOupdates mailing list, and with your permission, would like to forward any response from you to that list as well.

Many thanks,

Catherine Reason

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Hundreds Witness Large UFO Over Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:51:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 14:39:02 -0400
Subject: Hundreds Witness Large UFO Over Argentina

Source: Diario "El Tribuno" de Salta - Argentina
Date: July 10, 2004

Cachi, at 19:30 hrs on Thursday

Hundreds Witness Large UFO

"It was perfectly plate-shaped", said the director of FM San Jose

Hundreds of people in Cachi's main square, among them artists participating in an art fair and were creating sculptures and paintings on site, saw a large unidentified flying object (UFO) that crossed the skies over Cachi on Thursday night.

"It was truly impressive. I'd heard people say that this phenomenon was recurrent in the region, but I never thought I'd have the privilege to see such a sharp, clear and disturbing sighting, since I'm unable to find a logical explanation for the phenomenon I've just seen with my own eyes," said Javier Rodriguez, the recently appointed director of FM San Jose.

Holding a degree in communication arts and national broadcasting, Rodriguez, 29, stated that "the time was approximately 19:30 hours and we were chatting in the town square with the host of one of the station's programs--Antonio Zuleta--who has become internationally famous due to his UFO films in the area."

"And we just happened to be discussing the subejct when an artisan standing under the shelter of the local museum, some meters away from us, told us he'd seen something, raising his index finger skyward," he says.

"It ws a fantastic vision: a perfect disk of bright luminous intensity, moving as it issued forth red flashes from North to Southeast at a prodigious speed, changing directions in a startling manner, gyrating at impossible angles for any vehicle known to us," explained the expert.

"From our position," Rodriguez added, "we can say that it had the size of a dessert plate. In other words, some 50 cm across, which makes me dismiss the possibility that it was a satellite, which are as small as a star and follow a fixed trajectory and constant speed. I cannot say, obviously, that it was a spacecraft from another world or from our own, but I can tell you that it was a phenomenon as inexplicable as it was interesting."

On the other hand, Antonio Zuleta, consulted by El Tribuno, said: "there were so many witnesses to the event that the debate about alien civilizations was a subject of lengthy discussions at coffeehouses, restaurants and other establishments in town, which is now filled with tourists, many hoping to have their own sighting."

Fortunately, it occurred at peak hours on an afternoon with a clear sky, as is customary [in Cachi]," he emphasized.

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Re: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 06:37:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 14:51:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data? - Hatch

>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 09:42:41 -0500
>Subject: Re: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data?

>>From: Colin Stevenson <colswweb.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 16:34:00 +0100
>>Subject: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data?

>>Extracted enlargement;

>><http://www.colswweb.com/marsmelt2.gif>

>>from

>>http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/2004/07/07/index.html

>>showing Mars Carbon Dioxide Ice Pole melt.

>>Has NASA got the number upside down!?

>>Maybe as the ice melts to a greater depth two more 6's will be
>>revealed? Letter height is approx 70 feet (23 metres).

>>col

>Two more "6's"? I don't see the first "6" yet. I bet if I
>search the spackle on my ceiling long enough I could find
>several "6's".

Hi Terry:

Maybe somebody just flipped over the 'negative'. That happens
all the time in the darkroom. Some pretty lady passes by and the
negative will flip over all by itself.

"What am I doing depicting a fat guy and his dumb kids with a
bunch of trout on a string by mosquito lake Wisconsin?" it must
ask itself.

I'm no photographer, but suspect that anyone who processes his
own film will agree. Negatives flip like pancakes and only the
positives give a clue which side landed up on top. Oh sure,
there are special orientation marks, but who can read those in a
darkroom?

Best wishes

- Larry [burp!]

PS: My favorite hamburger joint delivers the goods with the
patties upside down. Why? Ask the devil's grandmother.

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STAR GATE Declassified Government Documents

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:08:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 08:35:51 -0400
Subject: STAR GATE Declassified Government Documents

I've recently acquired what is most likely the largest collection of declassified CIA documents regarding the STAR GATE Remote Viewing program.

This collection totals 14 CD Roms of documentation in both OCR'd text format as well as .tif format, for a total of over 10,000 pages of documents spanning 20+ years of the remote viewing program. Each CD includes an index to the files included on them in .dat format.

In due time I will make these indexes available for review at michiganufos.com but I've yet to decide how to make the files themselves available to the public.

It will be interesting to see how this documentation stacks up to what has been disclosed by those who have chosen to go public with their involvement in this program.

Todd Lemire

<http://www.michiganufos.com>

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Re: Conscious Abductees Question - Lemire

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:32:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 08:53:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Conscious Abductees Question - Lemire

>From: Brenda Denzler <denzlerb.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 5 Jul 2004 19:57:56 -0400
>Subject: Re: Conscious Abductees Question

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 4 Jul 2004 19:58:21 EDT
>>Subject: Conscious Abductees Question

>>I'm looking for any abductee data where the abductee or
>>abductees were conscious during their experience and did not
>>have to undergo hypnosis to glean data.

>>Also, any statistics from any of you researchers on the
>>percentages of reported abductions wherein the victim was
>>conscious during their abduction (s) please.

>Here is info from my little "Abduction Millennium Project":

>Most of my abduction memories are in the form of:

>Dreams 13.5%

>More than dreams, but not fully conscious events 25.2%

>Physical sensations that precede the event, but not the
>abduction itself 8.1%

>Fully conscious memories of bits and pieces of the event 23.0%

>Fully conscious memories of significant segments of the event
>13.1%

>Hypnotically-retrieved memories 5.0%

>"Other" 12.2%

>N = 222

>This info is good only through about 1997, as I have not had
>occasion to enter the data from subsequent surveys that have
>been turned in since then.

Brenda,

Although I'm at work and can't access your website I find your stats very interesting as well as shining a light so to speak on where we, as researchers and investigators, should focus a large portion of our attention in regards to the abduction phenomena.

In your post, above, you mention that 13.5% occur in the dream state, and 25.2% occur while not fully conscious. This is slightly over 38% of abductions occurring in a state other than full consciousness as compared to 36% entailing fully conscious memories.

Has there been any serious research done on the relationship

between abductions and the subconscious?

With such a high percentage occurring in a subconscious state of mind I would tend to believe there would be a stronger focus by the abduction community towards this area of study.

Todd Lemire

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Re: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 06:51:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 08:56:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday

>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 08:32:48 -0500
>Subject: Re: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday Night

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:12:08 -0700
>>Subject: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday Night

>>Source: KTRE Channel 9.nul
>><http://www.ktre.com/Global/story.asp?S11752&nav=2FH5OZC9>

>>07/07/04 - East Texas

>>Reports of Object "Falling from the Sky" Wednesday Night

>>The East Texas News received numerous phone calls Wednesday
>>night from viewers who reported seeing something "falling from
>>the sky." Local law enforcement agencies also received calls from
>>citizens claiming to have seen something out of the ordinary in
>>the night sky.

>>KTRE Chief Meteorologist Lee Ringer says these sights were not
>>the result of a weather event but were more than likely a meteor
>>passing through the earth's atmosphere. Officials with the North
>>American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) report to the Federal
>>Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that a heightened period of
>>meteor showers was expected to begin Wednesday night and
>>continue through the month.

>A cop in one of Dallas' suburbs (Rockwall I think?) caught the
>bolide on his cruiser camera during a traffic stop. I was very
>bright and seemed to "flame out" then re-ignite. Very strange
>but it was indeed a meteor. No doubt there are rock hounds out
>trying to find fragments as we speak.

Hi Terry: I must agree.

At last something I know something about, plasmas.

The 'fourth state of matter' is seen by everyone but understood
by few. A candle flame is a plasma, so is the rarified and
energized gas inside a neon tube (like the ones at Joe's bar). A
plasma is simply an ordinary gas, energized until it can conduct
electricity and/or glow in the dark.

In the old days of the semiconductor industry, it was a big
challenge to create plasmas that did not flicker! They needed
steady plasmas to sputter metals onto their new devices, or
strip off unwanted thin films in predictable ways.

So here comes a bolide that winks out and re-ignites?

Well shazam and goddam*

Best wishes

- Larry

* Esperanto for ring-a-ding-ding.

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 10:03:55 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 09:34:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Michael Bilodeau <micbilodeau.nul-pec.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 23:33:50 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 23:46:44 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>From: Colm Kelleher - NIDS <nids.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 09:33:52 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

><snip>

>>>My hunch is that the data in this paper will surprise many
>>>Psychological Science readers in the psychology research
>>>community, since it greatly undermines their common perception
>>>that abductees are merely attention seekers, charlatans etc who
>>>>want nothing more than to get their 15 minutes of fame. The data
>>>in Dr. McNally's paper are saying that the responses of PTSD
>>>victims and abductees are almost indistinguishable and will
>>>therefore demolish some commonly-held stereotypes. I believe
>>>that Dr. McNally's paper may stimulate members of the
>>>psychological research community to take the next research step:
>>>to use the tools of fMRI and other brain-imaging techniques to
>>>take these (to their readers, very surprising) data to the next
>>>level. That is precisely what is needed in this field.

>>>As such, I believe Dr. McNally's paper is a positive contribution.

>>I strongly agree with Colm's comments on this and think McNally
>>et al. have been unfairly criticised over their paper. Their
>>methodology has presumably passed muster in order to have been
>>published in Psychological Science, and they seem to have simply
>>gone where their data took them.

<snip>

>This is odd: they are not trying to understand the abduction
>experience. They have simply decided that it cannot be true.

<snip>

>The ones who should be shot down are the ones with bias,
>preconceived ideas and whose minds are already made up?

Michael and List,

I think it would be appropriate to point out that McNally has a relatively new book out, Remembering Trauma, that IMO, renders the PTSD study invalid as an objective approach towards understanding the alien abduction 'syndrome'. I haven't read the book - yet - but I intend to and perhaps those of us interested in this thread should read it also. The reviews for McNally's book can be seen at:

http://www.hup.harvard.edu/reviews/MCNREM_R.html

The PTSD study, rather than spur the psychology/psychiatry professions into researching further into the alien abduction problem, would instead have the opposite effect for those who have read McNally's book, ridiculing those who claim to have been 'kidnapped by space aliens' and pointing out the conclusions made in McNally's book.

I am not optimistic about what the final outcome will be. It would be interesting to find out if anyone on Harvard's staff of scientists/professors, or even McNally's team, have done a study on the psychological profile of witnesses who have had UFO sightings - John Mack excluded.

As a final note, I don't know about anybody else, but I consider the terms "kidnapped by space aliens" or just "space aliens" demeaning in nature and we should encourage a more objective description, such as 'unknown entities'.

Kelly Freeman

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:21:31 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 09:43:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Hatch

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 13:04:54 -0300
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Geoffrey Richardson <geoff.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 14:50:34 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:23:57 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>>>From: Geoffrey Richardson <geoff.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 14:17:15 +0100
>>>>Subject: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>>>Read "Creatures With No Business Here" at:
>>>><http://www.thewhyfiles.net> [you guess the page -LH]

>>>After about 45 seconds of looking, I didn't see a quick link
>>>to the article you mention.You might want to highlight that for
>>>those of us who don't have time to search.

>>Sorry about this but if you run down the file list the "topic"
>>will highlight itself.

>Like Steve, I went there. Couldn't find it. Found the Shuttle
>stuff and while trying to download that my Mac locked up. Had to
>do an illegal shutdown [now the Mac police will be after me] and
>reboot. That never happened before on your site.

>Anyway, why not just post the actual URL? Is it some agreement
>you have with the advertizers?

Hello Don,

Good to hear you say it first.

I don't know the exact name, its not exactly "bait-and-switch",
its more like 'Advertise 1/4 priced Scotch Whisky and hide it
so the yahoos have to dig thru the rest of the merchandise
first.'

In short, someone is spamming this List, and I find that highly
offensive. This isn't the first time.

"Sorry about this but if you run down the file list the 'topic'
will highlight itself."

Yeah yeah yeah. And here are the 10-cent flashlight batteries,
as advertised, but underneath the overpriced halloween costumes.

The "sorry for..." gimmick took up something like 100 typed
characters. The direct URL to the page in question is some small

fraction of that most likely.

I don't enjoy seeing our intelligence insulted in this rather obvious and juvenile manner, and suspect that I'm not alone in this.

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Tom, Dick & Kerry - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 11:18:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 09:46:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Tom, Dick & Kerry - Kaeser

>From: Robert Grass <RDGRASS.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 03:36:45 EDT
>Subject: Re: Tom, Dick & Kerry

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 07:00:29 -0700
>>Subject: Tom, Dick & Kerry

><snip>

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>>So does Bush, the GOP would counter. But what would you do with
>>all those spaceships?

>The only problem with that scenario is that Kerry would wait for
>decades of UN resolutions and then make sure the Russian,
>French, German and Canadian governments were behind him before
>doing anything.

>We would have one hell of a traffic jam of spaceships by then!

Actually, I believe that those seeking amnesty are granted
access to the U.S. as long as they reach U.S. soil (which the
primary reason that boats with refugees are stopped before the
reach land if possible).

Our amnesty regulations are not subject to approval by any other
Nations or the U.N., but if we decided to take them to task for
their treatment of U.S. citizens, I believe a Kerry
Administration would seek approval from other Nations that might
be impacted before taking any unilateral action, while the Bush
Administration would probably... well, nevermind.

This becomes too political and the discussion really belongs
elsewhere.

Steve

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Re: Tom, Dick & Kerry - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 10:19:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 09:51:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Tom, Dick & Kerry - Clark

>From: Robert Grass <RDGRASS.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 03:36:45 EDT
>Subject: Re: Tom, Dick & Kerry

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After the horrendous calamity Bush brought us into - on what
just about everybody except Dick Cheney now acknowledges to be
phony claims and charges - that traffic jam of spaceships sounds
pretty damn good to me. Let's hope it starts on November 2.

Jerry Clark

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 12:08:37 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 09:53:29 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Boone

>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 09:21:40 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>According to my software, Venus was well below the horizon at
>4:00 am in Durban, S. Africa (Lat. S 29:53:00 Long. E 30:53:00)
>and didn't rise until just before 5.00 am

>Az: 59:41:10; Alt: 13:10:16
>RA: 4:34:52; Dec: 18:12:55
>Ecliptic Lon: 69:47:15; Lat: -3:44:33
>Galactic Lon: 179:20:44; Lat: -19:26:09
>Rising: Jun 27, 2004; 4:49:57 A.M.
>Transit: Jun 27, 2004; 10:08:12 A.M.
>Setting: Jun 27, 2004; 3:26:35 P.M.
>Phase: 10.7%, Phase angle: 141.74=F8
>Apparent Diameter: 49.12"
>Distance from Observer: 0.340 AU

Wow! Thanks to Terry Groff too!

That's the second set of numbers that can be analyzed.

Numbers and statistics are what it's all about! This puppy is almost ready to put to bed, so let's dig up some more numbers and check them with the lady's testimony and then fork those numbers over to that newspaper that ran the 'Venus' story.

We'll see how they respond and report. Since the egghead they spotlighted in their story didn't provide stats, let's see him do so.

It's either Venus or it ain't. If it ain't, the adventure continues.

Best,

Greg

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Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 09:13:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 09:56:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Gehrman

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 09:22:30 -0400
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 09:30:45 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>I really don't understand your objections to my research.
>>You'll need to be more specific. You know from your own
>>experience that the cameraman gave a set of directions to the
>>site. You followed them yourself; and that's what I did. You
>>must have "believed" that you might find something.

>>Folks don't go wandering around this stretch of desert on a
>>lark. What would you have done if you had found the site we
>>discovered, covered with burned vegetation and blue, glass-like
>>material, just as the cameraman described?

>We've been through this before, but I'll briefly make a comment.

>You've gone to a site described in a document that I have no
>reason to believe is anything more than Ray Santilli's
>imagination. In other words, you've taken a description and
>used that to find a location that appears to fit the description
>and looked for anomalies to support your contention. This is not
>scientific and of limited value to the field, IMO.

Steve,

That is not the way I approached this. I studied maps before I ventured out. I had a good idea of where I was going because I did my homework. But I had no idea if I could get to where I wanted to go. You know from your own experience that this is a desolate area. Ray has never been to New Mexico. These directions could never have come from his imagination. They are far too specific.

When a person gives specific directions to a remote area that is also specifically described, in detail, and those directions prove to be accurate in every detail, then I think we can assume that the person supplying the directions has been to the location in question.

>Yes, I went to Socorro to look for a site using the alleged
>cameraman's description and found that no roads (then or now)
>fit the description as had been laid down initially. You've
>found a site that you believe to be the crash site mentioned,
>and Bob Shell (who doesn't even care to get further involved in
>the AA "film" any further) also has a site that he believes is
>the one mentioned, but it's no where near yours. Michael
>Hesemann (sp?) has another site identified, and so on and so on.

First of all, both of them are not in the least familiar with the desert or the terrain and wouldn't have the slightest idea of what they were seeing, even if the site jumped up and bit them on the butt. I visited both of their sites and neither fits

the parameters established by the cameraman but most importantly, neither site has the blue material.

>I know from my reading and discussions with the principal
>investigators that the cameraman provided a description of the
>site to Ray Santillin on the phone, which was then drawn by an
>artist from Ray's description.

This is not my understanding and I doubt your information. Ray has not told how the drawing originated. And your logic is a little fuzzy.

If the cameraman is a figment of Ray's imagination, then Ray must have created the drawings (or was he talking to himself on the phone?). If so, then he has some very strange and awesome powers that allow him to create drawings that match in every detail the site and the terrain of a patch of desert he's never visited.

>The artist never spoke with the
>cameraman, and the cameraman never looked at or approved the
>actual drawing. So what is the actual basis of your site.....
>Ray's description?

No, the cameraman's description. Ray and the cameraman are not one and the same person. The cameraman has been there. The proof he's been there depends on the directions and description and drawings he provided. Ray has never been to New Mexico. How could this happen?

>You believe in what Ray has provided, but
>most of those in the field do not.

That's the sad part. Most have not even looked at the AA or its history. They've relied on the "authorities" to tell them what to believe. I've tried to change that, but it's a struggle. What I've learned from this exercise in futility is that many of you are dumb as stumps and couldn't follow a scientific discussion if your lives depended on it.

>While I find the AA "film"
>to be an interesting subject worthy of further study when
>information becomes available, I have no illusions that Ray has
>told everything he knows and he has been found to be dishonest
>in some respects.

He has not been dishonest with me.

>As I said, my concerns with regard to your claim is that the
>foundation upon which it is based is highly suspect and thus any
>conclusions are also suspect.

I don't agree. Verifying the AA crash site will turn out to be an important ufological event.

Ed

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List Off-Line As Of 18:00 Eastern Tonight

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:21:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:21:37 -0400
Subject: List Off-Line As Of 18:00 Eastern Tonight

Gentle Subscribers & Readers,

The time has come for the Annual UFO UpDates hiatus, which, as in years past, will last for a week - from tonight at 18:00 Eastern in North America, until next Sunday, at around the same time.

Again this year, I ask that you hold responses to List-posts from this one on, until next Sunday. There is a staggering amount of Spam coming in here on a daily basis, and it will make the job of flushing it, on my return, easier.

There's a highly interesting story brewing, that may break this week. Should it do so, it will posted, to both the List and the Archive, by a trusted friend who will post as:

Assistant Moderator <assistmod.nul>

Its not earth-shattering news, but will need to be circulated immediately.

In all likelihood you'll receive the details before I.

I trust this week will not put a crimp in your ufological reading,

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 12:14:12 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:26:26 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Boone

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 12:07:41 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>Hold on Greg!

>Let us not invade another country before we are sure of our
>facts this time!

>Mathieu's conclusion that it could not be Venus is wrong because
>it is based on a false assumption (Venus was not below the
>horizon for the duration of this UFO sighting) and does not take
>into account all the other facts - a scientific sin that
>distinguishes bebunkers from critical thinking investigators of
>UFO sightings.

<snip>

Noted Nick,

Yet to bolster your observations you'll need to match the numbers provided by Mattieu and Mr. Groff of this List. They've both provided statistics that can be examined without speculation or assumption.

This is a neat opportunity for us all if you would contact any of the astronomical data available to see if your data corresponds with theirs or conflicts.

The point here is 'where' was Venus at the time of the sighting.

Best,

Greg

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From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 11:21:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:28:47 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Groff

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 12:07:41 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 11:12:56 EDT
>>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>>>From: Mathieu - Paris <mfilms1.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 13:39:46 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Mathieu

>>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>>http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=139&art_id=vn20040701110118306C214932

><snip>

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>>>above the horizon. Thinking I could be wrong, because I am not
>>>an astronomer nor university professor, I sent a mail
>>>to the South African Astronomical Observatory, yesterday:

><snip>

>>It appears you've done the detective work that many have not.

>>So simple yet so powerful.

>>We should all of us contact the newspapers that carried the
>>'Venus' explanation and chastise them for not doing the work a
>>responsible press should have done as Mathieu has done.

>>Let's all us Yanks go to S. Africa and beat up the guys who ran
>>that Venus story :)

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>UFO sightings.

I distilled this data from that morning.

Elevations of Venus as viewed from Durnam, S. Africa
(Lat. S 29:53:00 Long. E 30:53:00) taken in 15 minutes increments
beginning at 3:45 am local time and ending at 6:00 am local time

Local Time: Altitude (degrees):
3:45 am Alt: -14:04:40

4:00 am	Alt: -10:54:48
4:15 am	Alt: -07:46:25
4:30 am	Alt: -04:39:45
4:45 am	Alt: -01:35:00
5:00 am	Alt: 01:27:35
5:15 am	Alt: 04:27:43
5:30 am	Alt: 07:25:07
5:45 am	Alt: 10:19:26
6:00 am	Alt: 13:10:16

Venus rose at about 4:50 am

If her sighting took place before 4:50 am it could not possibly have been Venus.

If after 4:50 am then it could have possibly been Venus.

What time did her sighting actually take place? All I know is she woke "just before 4:00 am" and was watching TV when she noticed the light.

Terry

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 13:14:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:31:43 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Groff

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 14:29:37 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 11:12:56 EDT
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>>>>http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=139&art_id=vn20040701110118306C214932

>>>>07-01-04 UFO Over Durban Captured On Video

>>>>By Ayanda Mhlongo

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>><snip>

>>Merci Mathieu!

>>It appears you've done the detective work that many have not.

>Hello Greg, Mathieu:

>>Has anyone checked for Jupiter or other planets etc? Venus is
>>most often tossed out as a first lazy guess. The most
>>spectacular 'planet' I ever saw was a satellite re-entry.

Hi Larry

According to my software
Venus rose at 4:50 A.M.
Jupiter rose at 10:50 A.M.
Saturn rose at 7:32 A.M.
Mars rose at 8:40 A.M.

Sunrise was at 6:53 A.M.
Moonrise was at 12:22 P.M.

Terry

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Re: U.S. TV Alert Fiction Series

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 11:34:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:33:49 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. TV Alert Fiction Series

Just a reminder. That new USA Network series starts tomorrow night (Sunday, July 11) at 8pm Central. However, it comes on several times this week, so just check your listings. :-)

Read a favorable review of 'The 4400' in USA Today.

See: http://www.usatoday.com/life/television/news/2004-07-08-4400-movie_x.htm

"You think it's tough being taken? Try being returned. That, anyway, is the sci-fi problem posed by The 4400, a promising, unprepossessing five-week series about the flip side of alien abduction."

Terry

-- "Only a zit on the wart on the heinie of progress." Copyright 1992, Frank Rice

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Gehrman

From: **Ed Gehrman** <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 11:49:48 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:37:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Gehrman

>From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 04:49:52 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

<snip>

>I must be missing something here. Is anyone suggesting that
>'burnt vegetation' would be in evidence some 57 years after the
>original events (crash retrieval etc.) dating from 1947?

Larry,

Yes, the desert vegetation changes very slowly. The Walnut trees and the cottonwood tree are at least 100 years old. The burn and scorch marks are apparent and noticeable but seem somewhat weathered, as you'd expect. These trees are still alive but the heat damage clearly seen.

>I would think that any traces of burnt vegetation would have
>blown away, been scoured away in a sandstorm, washed away in the
>rare torrential rains etc. long long since.

The immediate area only gets a few inches of rain a year and sometimes, nothing at all. The wind is a factor but hasn't erased the evidence. I would say that this area hasn't changed much in the last 57 years. The biggest land modifications are caused by the cattle that wander around the site. The cristobalite is impervious to alteration.

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Re: Venus Footage - Lemire

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 15:26:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:39:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Venus Footage - Lemire

Regarding the recent discussions concerning Venus I've got some short video clips concerning the Cadillac, MI Venus IFO that was mentioned on this List in May.

It's amazing what a digital zoom can do to a planet!

These video clips are in .wmv format to save space so you'll have to save them to your hard drive first and then play them using Windows Media Player.

<http://www.michiganufos.com/cadillac.html>

See the May post concerning the Cadillac report on UFO UpDates here:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/may/m07-013.shtml>

Todd Lemire
<http://www.michiganufos.com>

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Video Report: Y2K Encounters

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 15:42:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:40:54 -0400
Subject: Video Report: Y2K Encounters

A 5-minute video summary of Y2K UFO sightings from Ohio is freely available online in a .wmv format (will open with Windows Media Player version 9). This video report was first used as a 'roll-in' on a June, 2000 edition of "UFO Update: LIVE!" produced by Bob Leibold of Natural Light Productions. This 5-minute segment is produced by Kenny Young and narrated by John Stephenson, featuring Ohio State MUFON Director Bill Jones and an excellent cast of actors for dramatic re-enactments.

Special thanks to Sean Feeney for uploading and hosting the video.

For low bandwidth/dial-up computers, click on:

http://www.ufounderground.net/submitted/kenny/ufoupdate/UFO_UPDATE_Y2K_Encounters_56k.wmv

For high bandwidth/Cable/DSL users, click on:

http://www.ufounderground.net/submitted/kenny/ufoupdate/UFO_UPDATE_Y2K_Encounters_DSL.wmv

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 20:12:38 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:38:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 21:03:40 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 23:36:18 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>Notwithstanding the above, I should make it clear that most of
>>the abductees with whom I've worked contacted me after my tour
>>of duty on the British Government's UFO project. From memory, no
>>more than half a dozen abductees contacted me while I was on the
>>'UFO Desk'.

>What exactly do you mean by "the British Government's UFO
>Project"? You seem to be implying that this was a special
>operation that was set up purely to investigate and report on
>UFOs, quite separate from the routine MoD job that a number of
>other people have done before and after your spell at the desk.
>Perhaps you could tell us a little more about this 'Project'?

John,

What I mean by "The British Government's UFO Project" is the work done officially to research and investigate UFOs. The lead for this work has always been with the Ministry of Defence and the Department has been looking into UFO sightings since 1950. As you say, various other people have been involved in this work both before and after my tour of duty. I certainly didn't mean to imply that there are two parallel projects. There aren't. Part of the problem is that various people have described the MOD's work here in different ways. References have been made to "the UFO desk", while others use the name of the different sections that have led on this work over the years: S4, S6, DS8, Sec(AS), DAS, etc.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Daytime UFOs Video Taped - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 15:28:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:52:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Daytime UFOs Video Taped - King

>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 17:59:01 +1000
>Subject: Re: Daytime UFOs Video Taped

>Just to inform you that still images and video clip of the July
>8th. daytime sighting are now available to download. This video
>clip will only be available for a short time then removed.

>The clip will show you how the 'cluster' UFOs move around while
>in flight. The red object is very interesting. Frame grabs from
>the video show the attached dark spheres and enhancements show
>the energy surrounding the objects.

>Clip size - 5Mb (43 seconds) in Windows Media Video format.

><http://theozfactor.cjb.net/july2004.htm>

>Your responses welcomed.

Very compelling video, Barry! My first impression was balloons,
but the video makes it appear that the objects are stationary
and spinning about a regular axis. If I may ask a few additional
questions...

Is the downloadable video we see the full frame of the video
camera, or was the download altered to "stabilize" the object in
the frame?

Does the video camera used include "image stabilization"
features, and were they in use.

What is the significance of the "time stamp" visible in a few
frames around 42 seconds into the clip?

If the raw footage is available in digital form, is it possible
to provide it?

The actual context from which the object(s) were viewed would
make further analysis much more fruitful.

Congratulations on some very intriguing video!

Kyle King

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Re: Toutatis - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 21:42:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:54:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Toutatis - Pope

>From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 17:34:31 +0100
>Subject: Re: Toutatis

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 15:19:47 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: Toutatis

>>If the crater-like depressions on comets and asteroids were
>>created by eruptions of the same volatile materials present in
>>both, then another such eruption on Toutatis as it moves in
>>closer to the Sun may deflect the asteroid enough from its
>>present trajectory to make it a real threat to Earth.

>Hello Nick & List,

>You're entirely right about unaccounted for dangers of comets or
>similar but inter-stellar motile travelers - but our "leaders"
>are more intent on self gratification (of one sort or another)
>than public protection.

>Go back to media reports of 20 years ago and find impact-
>predictions being laughed at by politicians, tame `scientists'
>and press; then go back ten years and see a little different
>attitude; then go back one year and see just a small realization
>by ignorant (but dominating) politicians, media hacks & tame
>`scientists'.

>(try "thump3.txt" in Google + links).

>The truth is, the more info we get, the larger the threat we
>see; the longer we go without a collision the greater the
>likelihood of a bigger, more fatal one.

Ray,

Your point is well made. People seem to have been slower waking up to the NEO threat than one would have hoped or expected. I'm not an expert on the history of this work, but John & Mary Gribbin's 1996 book "Fire on Earth" cites NASA's 1992 workshop which led to the proposals for the so-called Spaceguard Survey as being a key milestone in NEO work. They also cite a paper by Clark Chapman and David Morrison (Nature, January 6 1994, volume 367, p33) as being the first proper risk analysis, and the basis for subsequent NEO work.

I got involved in 1992, when in the margins of my UFO work I started to receive questions about how the government would deal with the threat from Comet Swift-Tuttle, which some media reports suggested would hit the Earth in 2126. I first sought advice from astronomers on the likelihood of collision. I can't recall how I staffed this, but I suspect my first approach was to the Royal Observatory Greenwich. I was assured that Swift-Tuttle would not hit the Earth in 2126 and answered the other part of the question by saying that it was not possible to say what technologies might be available in 2126 to meet such a threat, even if it did materialise.

I asked that material on this issue be passed to me and was subsequently sent an article from the September 11 1993 issue of "The Economist". The magazine made it the cover story, using the headline "The Threat from Space". Since leaving the UFO Project (aka the UFO Desk) I've kept up my interest in this subject and am now an Associate Member of Spaceguard UK, a group dedicated to raising awareness of the threat posed to the Earth by NEOs.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 16:28:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:56:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 01:44:48 EDT
>Subject: Re: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday Night

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 07:12:08 -0700
>>Subject: Reports Of Object "Falling From Sky" Wednesday Night

>>Source: KTRE Channel 9.nul

>><http://www.ktre.com/Global/story.asp?S11752&nav=2FH5OZC9>

>>07/07/04 - East Texas

>>Reports of Object "Falling from the Sky" Wednesday Night

>>The East Texas News received numerous phone calls Wednesday
>>night from viewers who reported seeing something "falling from
>>the sky." Local law enforcement agencies also received calls from
>>citizens claiming to have seen something out of the ordinary in
>>the night sky.

>>KTRE Chief Meteorologist Lee Ringer says these sights were not
>>the result of a weather event but were more than likely a meteor
>>passing through the earth's atmosphere. Officials with the North
>>American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) report to the Federal
>>Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that a heightened period of
>>meteor showers was expected to begin Wednesday night and
>>continue through the month.

>>The National Weather Service says similar reports of objects
>>"falling from the sky" were received from Witchita Falls, Texas
>>to Little Rock, Arkansas.

>Obviously the answer is probably a meteor. That being said,
>just for fun, lets look at this the way the skeptibunkers would
>look at a UFO sighting.

>Had these witnesses claimed to have seen a craft under
>intelligent control (pick your UFO size, shape and config at
>this point) the skeptibunkers would have been out of their minds
>tossing out such stories as Venus, Swamp Gas, Oil Well fires,
>Hoax, weather balloon, misidentification of... and so on. We
>>would have also heard how eye witness testimony is not reliable,
>and why any eye witness testimony to something out of the
>ordinary should be disregarded for many various reasons.

>Yet, an apparent meteor goes in over Texas and these same
>blathering, dithering, skeptibunkers are strangely silent. They
>accept the testimony of the witnesses without question, or
>without all of the usual blathering, without the usual tossing
>out of various explanations and so forth.

>Gee, isn't their something wrong with the skeptibunker picture?
>:)

I don't know what a skeptibunker is. Excuse my ignorance and

indulge me this scenario.

A woman sees a fireball in the sky. Ok. Fireballs happen, and sometimes they are spectacular. A policeman's dashboard camera catches the fireball on video, and it appears as normal as any other fireball yet filmed. Spectacular, yet not outside the norm in any way. Weathermen, astronomers, regular people all see a fireball, or a meteor, or space junk streaking across the sky. No one jumps to a radical conclusion, no one...at least not yet...claims that it is anything other than a fireball.

What comment is the person with an interest in the investigation of UFOs supposed to make? Are we supposed to go and ask the woman if she saw portholes? Are we supposed to call into question the credentials of the weathermen or the astronomers? Are we supposed to call into question the validity of the policeman's video? Are we to assume that all the reports have been "sanitized" as a part of some dark conspiratorial agenda?

The story is consistent throughout the reporting, and reveals little of any interest to those studying UFOs. It is what is known as a non-story. An intriguing reaffirmation of the wonders of the cosmos, nothing more.

How this could possibly compare to some of the UFO claims made...in this and other forums...which demand some additional investigation or corroboration is beyond me.

Perhaps a more constructive question is why so many who wish not to be labelled seem so prone to doing it themselves.

Kyle King

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 16:47:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:00:18 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - King

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 12:07:41 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 11:12:56 EDT
>>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

<snip>

>>It appears you've done the detective work that many have not.

>>So simple yet so powerful.

>>We should all of us contact the newspapers that carried the
>>'Venus' explanation and chastise them for not doing the work a
>>responsible press should have done as Mathieu has done.

>>Let's all us Yanks go to S. Africa and beat up the guys who ran
>>that Venus story :)

>Hold on Greg!

>Let us not invade another country before we are sure of our
>facts this time!

>Mathieu's conclusion that it could not be Venus is wrong because
>it is based on a false assumption (Venus was not below the
>horizon for the duration of this UFO sighting) and does not take
>into account all the other facts - a scientific sin that
>distinguishes bebunkers from critical thinking investigators of
>UFO sightings.

>Below are excerpts of the UFO article taken from the news story
>in the web site above followed by my comments in [brackets].

<snip>

The most compelling argument I have yet read. Well thought out,
logical, refreshing.

Kudos, Nick.

Kyle King

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Strange 'Omega' Washington D.C. Sky!

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 17:53:59 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:01:49 -0400
Subject: Strange 'Omega' Washington D.C. Sky!

In case it interests anyone or anyone reading this also saw it: Yesterday morning at 9:50 Eastern Daylight Savings Time, my wife and I saw something that was quite bizarre at fairly low altitude in the north-northwestern sky from our front yard in the College Park zip code area of Maryland, and pretty close inside the north edge of the Washington, D.C., Beltway. We live in an area of highly controlled airspace, due to our proximity to the nation's capital.

I wouldn't really call what we saw a UFO, because it looked more as a phenomenon, than as an object, per se. It involved a 'something' shaped exactly like a vertically oriented Greek letter omega, complete with the small 'wing' out to each side at the bottom. The 'thing' seemed composed of a very solid-looking tube (with pointed ends) of bright-white, opaque-looking, highly coherent 'vapor' (or something else). No vortical motion was noticed, and I looked for such.

The 'omega' phenomenon vertically subtended about four full moons or two degrees in height (somewhat less in width), as measured objectively by my wife using fingers at arm's length, and by me, independently. The omega-like thing hovered at about 42 degrees elevation (using elevation finder instrument) in our north-northwestern sky while a brand-new-looking (very clean, bright paint) blue and white helicopter circled several times between us and it at only a couple of hundred feet (maybe 300-400 maximum) just to the east and southeast of the 'thing', until the thing suddenly began to disintegrate or dissolve as a white vapor that was quickly carried away to the east on low-level winds that were the same as at ground level. Then, the helicopter flew off.

Duration of the 'thing's stable state (pre-disintegration) and hover, from the beginning of our observation, was about five minutes, as measured on my watch (not a guess).

The sky was clear, with only a few small, fluffy clouds drifting on the brisk wind.

It was the extraordinarily noise of the low-level, circling (in a N-S oval) helicopter (that had just flown into the area) that caused me to look up in its direction and, as a result, see the bizarre omega-shaped thing hovering what seemed, subjectively, no more than a thousand feet (conceivably more) to the northwest of the elliptical path of the helicopter. The helicopter departed from its tight elliptical path once the 'omega' began to disintegrate, after having completed several traverses of its elliptical north-south path in the phenomenon's east and southeast.

Investigating, I learned the identity of the helicopter and the name of its pilot, a nice lady to whom I spoke this morning. Yesterday, the Prince George's county police helicopter was in Baltimore in connection with a funeral for a policeman who had been shot a few days ago, so the U.S. Park Service helicopter had been called in by the police to check on some activity that had been spotted on the N-S railroad tracks that parallel Rhode Island avenue and U.S. Route 1, and which railroad runs, north-south at about a block and a half west of our home. If you look

for the railroad on a local map, it runs parallel to (and just east of) Rhode Island Avenue in that area just north of Greenbelt Road.

The pilot said she really wished she had noticed the thing, but did not. Of course, although from our observation position the 'omega phenomenon' looked to be almost just beyond the helicopter, to our north-northwest, upon analysis, I realize that it was at a somewhat higher altitude than the helicopter, which was flying low over the railroad tracks and, thus it remained unnoticed during the pilot's care-requiring, close-to-ground maneuvering.

The pilot confirmed that my description of where she was maneuvering was highly accurate, but piloting the helicopter very low (almost at tree-top level, where the trees are highest) and having to make the repeated 180-degree turns at the north and south ends of the area being covered in their investigation, she had to watch everything nearby and probably didn't have the chance to look far enough upward and out to the northwest and west (depending on her position on the repeating flight ellipse over the railroad) toward the seeming location of the phenomenon (very approximately) above the intersection of Interstate Highway 95 and the Interstate Highway 495 Beltway (or possibly a bit farther than that away from us, but likely not much farther).

There was another police person (a photographer, I think) aboard, but I was told that person was preoccupied trying to see what might be happening on the railroad tracks, which was their purpose in being there.

So there you have it. We didn't get a witness from the helicopter, but the pilot said she wished she had seen it and would have taken photos of it, had she seen it.

All airport and police authorities to whom I spoke in reaching the pilot were extremely polite and cooperative. I also contacted a couple of D.C. TV channels in initially trying to identify the helicopter, but it did not belong to them, and they acknowledged no reports of the aerial 'omega', but, come to think of it, it's embarrassing enough to report a UFO these days, much the more-so a hovering 'omega', I suspect. I really wouldn't expect anyone to report such a thing, and I wouldn't have called the TV people, had I not been trying to identify the helicopter and talk to its pilot, seeking to learn whether video or photos might have been obtained

We live just inside the northern edge of the Washington, D.C. Beltway (I 495), and a short drive west of the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland. I ran inside to get the camera but could not locate it, so I ran back out while my wife (who had watched in the interim of my absence) went in and found the camera where she finally recalled she had left it, and came back outside with it.

By that time, the object had suddenly disintegrated, with the residue drifting off in the lower-level wind direction. I took several photos of the vapor drifting rapidly along with small, low-level clouds and trees for reference, in order to show that the residue was drifting on the lower-level wind and not with the atmosphere higher up at jet cruise altitude. Had the 'omega' been at jet cruise altitude, the winds that carried away the vaporous residue would have had to have been moving at nearly the speed of sound (maybe higher) to move it at the angular speed at which it moved in the lower-level wind, as evidenced in the cloud and vapor motion as photo-documented from our position.

I telephoned my neighbor across the street, soon afterward, and he had heard the very low helicopter and wondered about it, but had not been curious enough to venture outside, where (had he gone out the front door) he would have seen my wife and me and, thus, the thing which we watched is amazement.

The observation was not frightening, but it seemed quite bizarre. Admittedly, it was startling.

Within six minutes after the observation, I checked the ELF magnetic environment with one of by project's instruments, but found nothing magnetically anomalous.

Again, I would judge, subjectively, that the vertically oriented (at least from our view, and seemingly relative to the ground) 'omega' was located approximately over the intersection of the northern side of the D.C. Beltway (I 495) with I 95, going north and south toward and from Baltimore. It was so windy yesterday morning that I am confident the 'omega' was not 'skywriting', and, furthermore, being just north of D.C. within its beltway, we are in a highly FLIGHT CONTROLLED zone. A skywriting aircraft would be unauthorized, and, thus, would have been quickly investigated by the Air Force. Furthermore, with the substantial wind involved, sky writing would not have been undertaken. Also this did not look like any skywriting I've ever seen, and skywriting could not have hovered in the sky, as did this phenomenon before its sudden 'disintegration'.

I hope no one tries to read anything into the fact that the phenomenon was omega-shaped, even though I could think of some political commentary, appropriate to this pre-election period. :)

So there you have it. One more mysterious phenomenon that intrigues, annoys because we didn't get the camera in time, and which I am reasonably confident is beyond anyone's ability objectively interpret as to source or cause.

If anyone out there saw the thing and photographed or video-taped it, please contact me.

Only one thing is certain to me: It surely looked like it did not belong in the sky or anywhere else, except maybe at the end of the Greek alphabet. :)

Even with standard lens, it would have provided a very interesting, large-sized image, at two degrees high (somewhat less wide).

From now on, the camera stays by our front door. I suggest others do likewise.

Frustrated we didn't get a photo,

Ray Stanford

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UFO Video Could Be Key In Enthusiast's Career

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:08:15 -0400
Subject: UFO Video Could Be Key In Enthusiast's Career

Source: The Dallas Morning News

<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/world/mexico/stories/071104=dnintufos.39baf.html>

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UFO video could be key in enthusiast's career

Military sighting lends credibility to man who's revered and jeered

By LAURENCE ILIFF / The Dallas Morning News

MEXICO CITY - Jaime Maussan has spent the past decade collecting possible evidence of alien visits to Earth and maintains he has had personal contact with other "entities."

He presents UFO photos, videos and testimony on two Internet sites, at conferences in Mexico and the United States, on the radio and on his new prime-time television show.

Entertainer, journalist and believer, Mr. Maussan is the guru of a subculture of UFO and space-travel devotees in Mexico, where there are a surprising number of reported sightings.

Like their astronomer ancestors, Mexicans embrace the notion of life in outer space and are generally less cynical about the UFO phenomenon than Americans.

"In no other place in the world is there such a commitment to producing evidence" of UFOs as in Mexico, he said.

And now Mr. Maussan says he has secured the most definitive proof yet of extraterrestrial visitors, and from an unlikely source: Mexico's super-secretive military.

The air force tape shows 11 luminous flying objects that military experts can't explain. So they sought out Mr. Maussan and cooperated with his investigation.

With the video has come a new dose of respect, Mr. Maussan said.

That could counter attacks on Mr. Maussan's credibility by Mexican scientists and even UFO buffs in other countries. While he is a darling among some in the UFO field, he is also considered one of the worst hucksters by scientists and skeptics, believers and nonbelievers, many of whom have their own Web sites.

UFO Watchdog, which is much more interested in debunking UFO theories than searching for proof of extraterrestrial life, is one. A Chile-based Web site, "La Nave de los Locos" or "Ship of the Crazy," likewise is dedicated to debunking UFO stories and the people who make money off them.

Both sites suggest that Mr. Maussan accepts any and all UFO

stories and repeats them with little or no skepticism to make money. The Web site UFO Watchdog has placed Mr. Maussan in its "UFO Hall of Shame," alleging that the longtime journalist is a "promoter and supporter of various UFO hoaxes."

Before and after

Mr. Maussan, 51, acknowledges that there are bogus UFO stories, but he said his new military-filmed video is bulletproof.

"This is a watershed," he said of the video, which was broadcast worldwide in May and was the top story on Mexico's nightly news. In the history of UFOs, "there is a before, and there is an after," Mr. Maussan said in the dramatic tone that has made him a mainstream entertainer and global UFO "expert."

The video also may be a watershed in Mr. Maussan's career.

He used it on the June 13 debut episode of his two-hour weekly TV show, Great Mysteries of the Third Millennium, which is broadcast live from his own studio.

On the show, air force pilots described their surprise at coming across luminous objects while looking for drug traffickers in the lower Gulf of Mexico on March 5.

Some of the objects showed up on radar, the pilots said, meaning they had mass. Others showed up on an infrared camera, meaning they emitted heat. During the incident, the pilots expressed surprise and even concern that they were being surrounded.

At one point, one soldier says with nervous laughter, "We are not alone."

National Defense Minister Ricardo Clemente Vega Garc=EDa said the video was given to Mr. Maussan largely because the defense ministry was unaware of anyone else who actively studied the subject in Mexico.

"There are more copies for those scientists who want to see it, only we don't know them," Mr. Vega said. He added that the military had no opinion on what the shiny objects might be and had never used words like "UFO" or "flying saucer" to describe them.

Since President Vicente Fox became the first politician from an opposition party to hold that office in seven decades, the notoriously closed military has been somewhat more open.

Mr. Maussan, who dresses casually and exudes sincerity, said he is a skeptical journalist who simply presents the evidence.

He cites his credentials as the former host of the investigative news show 60 Minutos, which is unrelated to the popular U.S. TV news magazine 60 Minutes, and a long list of awards and achievements.

'A matter of time'

Mr. Maussan is also a believer who said he has had contact with "entities." The experience, he said, was shared by half a dozen people and came in the early years of his UFO investigations.

"For me, it was something very important. It convinced me that this phenomenon is real and that it's just a matter of time. The most natural logic indicates that this universe must be full of intelligent life forms, and it's very likely that they are more intelligent than us and can reach our planet," he said.

Mr. Maussan said he did not want to go into the details of his personal experiences because that would make him, rather than his journalistic work, the focus of attention.

"We are talking about the most important story in history," he said. "When you accept that intelligent entities of unknown origin exist in our world, it changes everything."

While Mr. Maussan said he is not rich, his unique home in a wooded area of Mexico City features underground bedrooms,

connecting tunnels and ongoing construction.

An above-ground nook is carved from a single tree and resembles a pointy spaceship. But there are few other UFO knickknacks, and his two young children don't seem particularly interested in the topic. Mr. Maussan said his wife used to be a skeptic, too.

To be sure, scientists from Mexico and elsewhere are loudly skeptical of this latest video. The usual explanations - weather phenomena, offshore oil rigs, highway lights - have been suggested.

UFO believers are unmoved and remain elated about the rare military openness.

'This was an offense'

An admitted workaholic, Mr. Maussan holds twice-a-week conferences around Mexico at \$20 per attendee, and he had his first in-person sessions in the U.S. on June 25 and 26, in Los Angeles.

He is a regular guest on U.S. Spanish-language programs such as the talk show Cristina. His own TV show can be seen by U.S. viewers via streamed Internet.

"Many people ask me why the video was given to me," Mr. Maussan said from his downtown Mexico City office, which is sprinkled with a few UFO knickknacks. "Because of 13 years of presenting this type of evidence. For the scientists, this was an offense. But for the people, this was absolutely natural.

"The scientists," he added, "would have explained it away and guarded it in a drawer so that no one could see it."

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"The flash of light you saw in the sky was not a UFO.
Swamp gas from a weather balloon was trapped in a thermal pocket
and refracted the light from Venus"
- Agent 'K'

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Re: UFO "Accident" Claim By Fireman - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 21:47:08 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:09:29 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Accident" Claim By Fireman - Boone

>From: Kenny Young <ufo.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 08 Jul 2004 23:02:57 -0400
>Subject: UFO "Accident" Claim By Fireman - Video Report

>A 5-minute video summary of a bizarre UFO/automobile accident
>described by a Pierce Township (Ohio) Fire officer is freely
>available online in a .wmv format (will open with Windows Media
>Player version 9). This strange case occurred in Clermont
>County, Ohio in the early 90s.

<snip>

Thanks Kenny Young!

That was some awesome video report!

Of major note was how the gentleman relayed how some 'men' showed
up to debrief and warn/threaten them yet no government credentials?

As the old cartoon character 'Deputy Dawg' used to say:

"Hold on thar!"

I've heard this over and over again how UFO witnesses or
researchers or reporters get visits by people who warn them.
Some have credentials and some don't.

Under no circumstances whatsoever is someone supposed to warn or
threaten a citizen of the U.S. without the proper credentials
and threats are a major no-no. Who would let some stranger waltz
up to them and tell them what they could and shouldn't do?

We need to alert the public about what to do after a UFO
sighting and how the government is supposed to act. I've had my
fair share of witnesses who could have blown the lid off the UFO
phenom but chicken out or suddenly come up missing because some
'guys' showed up and they got worried. Mind you these same
people would whip the hide off a grizzly bear if it knocked over
their tv set during the middle of a soap opera or sports game
yet for some unknown reason some guys in 'suits' can rattle
their cages?

If they didn't show credentials then they're impersonating
government officials either local, state or federal and their
butts need to be reported to the proper authorities immediately
and a satisfactory answer from our officials need be presented.

Had that happened in my neighborhood you would have found some
guys in suits wearing their asses for hats.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 19:21:03 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:11:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 23:46:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Colm Kelleher - NIDS <nids.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 09:33:52 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>NIDS obtained permission to publish the entire McNally research
>>article on the NIDS web site at:

>><http://www.nidsci.org/pdf/spacealiens.pdf>

>>Regarding List member's reaction to this paper, some of which I
>>have read:

>>The journal Psychological Science is one of the more prestigious
>>journals in psychology and is also one of the flagship journals
>>of the American Psychological Society. It is read by thousands
>>of professional and research psychologists worldwide.
>>Cumulatively Psychological Science readers hold tens of millions
>>of dollars in research grants from NIMH and other grant giving
>>bodies.

>>My hunch is that the data in this paper will surprise many
>>Psychological Science readers in the psychology research
>>community, since it greatly undermines their common perception
>>that abductees are merely attention seekers, charlatans etc who
>>>want nothing more than to get their 15 minutes of fame. The data
>>in Dr McNally's paper are saying that the responses of PTSD
>>victims and abductees are almost indistinguishable and will
>>therefore demolish some commonly-held stereotypes. I believe
>>that Dr MacNally's paper may stimulate members of the
>>psychological research community to take the next research step:
>>to use the tools of fMRI and other brain-imaging techniques to
>>take these (to their readers, very surprising) data to the next
>>level. That is precisely what is needed in this field.

>>As such, I believe Dr McNally's paper is a positive contribution.

Nick, Et Al,

>I strongly agree with Colm's comments on this and think McNally
>et al. have been unfairly criticised over their paper. Their
>methodology has presumably passed muster in order to have been
>published in Psychological Science, and they seem to have simply
>gone where their data took them.

Being one of those who have criticized the paper, (more
accurately the procedure) allow me to make comment; respectfully
Nick, arguing that "conventional wisdom" has accepted the study,
and because it appears in the prestigious journal,
"Psychological Science," is "weak!"

Case in point is the recent Mexican UFO event; many so-called
"qualified scientists" in various fields have been quick to tell
us that the UFOs were simply, ball lightning, atmospheric gases,

meteors, space debris, weather balloons, stealth aircraft, flares and oil well fires. Moreover, "conventional wisdom" has been doing that for 60 years, and "passing muster" with this clique, doesn't merit accolades in my view.

I do agree that they went "where the data took them," however; I believe the procedure was "flawed" therefore the destination is erroneous.

>I think there's a wider point to be made about this. I've worked
>with a lot of abductees, both when I ran the British
>Government's UFO project, and after that tour of duty, in a
>private capacity. Abductees and ufologists often told me that
>they resented the way the abduction phenomenon was ignored by
>the Establishment. My point is that if scientists are
>collectively criticised for failing to look properly at
>abductions, it's unfortunate that those few who do are shot down
>in flames when their honestly reported data don't correlate the
>preconceived ideas of those whose minds are already made up.

Ironically, my problem with the study, is McNally's
"preconceived notion" that his test subjects suffered from
"hypnopompic hallucinations" without any data to support that
idea. To be clear - his test subjects may have well been
"psychotic," but if that is the case, then I believe that should
have been included in the study. Moreover, I don't think McNally
is being dishonest in any way - he is only a product of "in the
box thinking" and in my view that shows in this study.

>I was about to send this email when I saw John Harney's post.
>Among other points, he suggested that a psychologist on the List
>compile a list of apparent faults in the paper and raise the
>issues with McNally. I've sent the paper to Chris French and
>Julia Santomauro at Goldsmiths College, University of London. I
>suspect they'll find it difficult to comment while their own
>abduction study is ongoing, but if they do have any views
>they're happy to make public, I'll pass them on.

I might also make this point; aside from the title, I believe
"the focus" on the McNally's study was the investigation whether
recollection of "highly improbable traumatic events" [emphasis
added] provokes psychophysiological reactions indicative of
intense emotion. In other words his study wasn't about
"abductees," the group only provided fodder for the "false
memory group." (Without any supportive data indicating the
memories were false - other than his own apparent
predisposition).

Finally, some who have said that "any" nod about the "abductee
phenomenon" to appear in "Psychological Science Journal" is a
positive thing, which was in my "gray basket" (as Stan would
say), after giving it further thought and partaking in this
thread, I don't agree; as Colm Kelleher says, their common
perception that abductees are merely attention seekers,
charlatans etc. who want nothing more than to get their 15
minutes of fame." [Speaking of members of the American
Psychological Society] McNally, using terms like, "hypnopompic
hallucinations, highly improbable traumatic events, in regards
to abductees, I would imagine, will only reconfirm what
Kellerher says is their preconceived common perception and this
of course is not a positive thing.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Chace

From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 03:37:46 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:15:08 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Chace

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 20:09:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 12:23:44 -0300
>>Subject: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>In the beginning of 2003 Varginha was visited by Roger
>>Leir, US ufologist and acknowledged physician, whose
>>experience of more than 50 years as a UFO researcher

>Where is there any evidence that Leir has "more than 50 years"
>of experience as a UFO researcher? I never heard
>of him till the 90's. I see no publications by him in the 50's
>and 60's and 70's and 80's UFO publications. What does this
>mean, that he was hobbyist or enthusiast who collected
>magazines for most of 50 years and that qualifies him as a
>"UFO researcher"?

That's a good point Brad. I have a great deal of respect for Dr.
Leir, but the fact is that he was a closet ufologist up until
his work in the mid-nineties with Derrel Sims on the removal of
alleged implants.

In the first videos in which he was interviewed his face was
hidden in shadow, presumably so that his professional career as
a podiatrist would not suffer.

I have no reason to doubt Leir's competence in interviewing the
people in Brazil who were witness to the Varginha events of
January 1996, but we should be careful about the use of terms
like "UFO researcher" in describing someone's biographical
information.

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Origin Of The Term 'Grays'?

From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 04:13:55 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:17:41 -0400
Subject: Origin Of The Term 'Grays'?

As someone who has followed the UFO abduction phenomenon since the mid-eighties I am curious about the origin of the term "Grays" or "Greys" (I understand the "a" is more commonly used in American spellings and the "e" in British spellings) to refer to the small gray beings so frequently described by abductees.

Is anyone aware of any book published before 1990 that refers to them by this name? In the eighties, from my recollection, they were generally referred to simply as aliens, extraterrestrials, UFO occupants or humanoids, or sometimes as EBES (I think that term, meaning Extraterrestrial Biological Entities, came out of the MJ-12 documents or related documents on alleged crash retrievals).

The first place I remember hearing them called "Grays", I think, was the Dulce papers or some of the rumors related to the Paul Bennewitz affair and the Christa Tilton abduction case. Most of that material was not published until the early nineties, as I understand.

What I do know is that by 1995, if someone were to mention the Grays in the context of discussing UFO abductions, pretty much everyone familiar with the abduction phenomenon would have an immediate mental image of a small-bodied, bigheaded, black-eyed, gray-skinned humanoid.

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Mystery Of Chilean 'Winged Dogs' Increases

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 08:57:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:20:35 -0400
Subject: Mystery Of Chilean 'Winged Dogs' Increases

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
July 11, 2004

Source: Diario El Centro
Date: July 7, 2004

Mystery Of The "Winged Dogs" Increases
Esteban Leal

Affected parties acknowledge having paid no further mind to the event, but with all that has been published, they are now afraid and have decided to talk.

Parral, July 7.- Fourteen sheep died inexplicably last week, but this wasn't enough to force two families of shepherds from Parral to make a formal report of the event, despite the fact that the animals' bodies were found torn and bloodied but without any traces of a predator that would have feasted on them. Everything changed in the last few hours, when word spread of the attack on peasant Juan Acuna Periera by creatures unknown to doctors, and that he described as "winged dogs."

The deaths occurred at the Las Cabras farm and at a smallhold located near the commune's hospital. The affected parties say they gave no special importance to the event, but in view of all that has been published, they became afraid and decided to come forward.

In the first case, 8 sheep were found exsanguinated in the rear of the Inapar corporation. The family running the premises - facing the hospital - recorded the dead animals on their camcorder to leave a document for the owner of the property and the animals, in the hopes of avoiding any misunderstandings later. Diario EL CENTRO managed to obtain exclusive access to this visual record, showing the conditions in which the sheep were found.

Ever since the Acu=Fla case became known, members of this family have chosen to leave their clothes hanging outside after nightfall instead of going out and risking a similar attack. That is the level of their fear. "They can't be dogs," she said, requesting anonymity, since "dogs will eat the sheep, not bleed it...this is the work of a strange animal."

The affected parties said they decided not to report the incident to Carabineros (state police) because over 40 dead hens were found under similar conditions last year, and they remember that the police told them not to go out at night, since a strange dangerous species could be on the loose.

The second case corresponds to the death of 6 sheep in the Paso Hondo rural area on the way to Cauquenes, in the "Las Cabras" farm.

This newspaper visited the site, notified by a source. After asking if it was indeed true that they had found dead animals on

the property, a person came to the door to confirm the report: "Yes, 6 dead sheep were found on the pasture, but it was never known what killed them. I can't explain it. All I know is that they had very little blood, because they were brought in for the dogs and their hides were removed."

Claudio Bravo, mayor of Parral, said: "I have no greater opinion that what has appeared in the media. I think calm should reign, first and foremost. These cases are isolated and infrequent. The fact is that we don't know--until the investigation is well underway -- if we are facing a new species or a normal, everyday species. I would ask the community to remain calm.

But he also joked: "If the Chupacabras has done anything positive by its presence, it's that we have fewer people on the streets at night., which I think is good. I hope the Chupacabras won't attack decent folks, only the delinquents who are up to no good in Parral."

The Parralinos interpretations of the event range from skepticism to the Bible. Nora Retamal, a secretary to Senator Jaime Naranjo, has a view of the phenomenon that he relates to the Apocalypse: "This book tells us that different things will come to pass. We know that the forces of evil present themselves in different guises. God wants us to be ready to witness some very odd things."

Fidel Sanchez, who keeps his hand on the local society's pulse, things that most Parralinos believe that the attack on the farmer was the work of the Chupacabras, while adding that others believe it's just a dog. "All of these things give me goose pimples. The fact that there could be a mysterious creature wandering the night that could attack me...all I can do is go to bed early."

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Re: STARGATE Declassified Government Documents -

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 06:12:03 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:22:14 -0400
Subject: Re: STARGATE Declassified Government Documents -

>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:08:57 -0400
>Subject: STARGATE Declassified Government Documents

>I've recently acquired what is most likely the largest
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>themselves available to the public.

>It will be interesting to see how this documentation stacks up
>to what has been disclosed by those who have chosen to go public
>with their involvement in this program.

Todd,

Do you know if any of the documents pertain to the Stanford
Research Institute program at all?

Thanks .

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
UFOWATCHDOG.COM

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Re: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data? - Stevenson

From: Colin Stevenson <colswweb.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:24:08 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:25:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data? - Stevenson

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 06:37:04 -0700
>Subject: Re: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data?

>>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 09:42:41 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data?

>>>From: Colin Stevenson <colswweb.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 16:34:00 +0100
>>>Subject: Does NASA Publish Inverted Data?

>>>Extracted enlargement;

>>><http://www.colswweb.com/marsmelt2.gif>

>>>from

>>>http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/2004/07/07/index.html

>>>showing Mars Carbon Dioxide Ice Pole melt.

>>>Has NASA got the number upside down!?

>>>Maybe as the ice melts to a greater depth two more 6's will be
>>>revealed? Letter height is approx 70 feet (23 metres).

>>>col

>>Two _more_ "6's"? I don't see the first "6" yet. I bet if I
>>search the spackle on my ceiling long enough I could find
>>several "6's".

Yes. But would they be 70 feet high Terry?

>Maybe somebody just flipped over the 'negative'. That happens
>all the time in the darkroom. Some pretty lady passes by and the
>negative will flip over all by itself.

How doe's one detect if the Lady is 'pretty in the darkroom'
and... is flipping over necessary?

>"What am I doing depicting a fat guy and his dumb kids with a
>bunch of trout on a string by mosquito lake Wisconsin?" it must
>ask itself.

Is this a deliberate attempt, Larry, to introduce the subject of
bait for Pelicans? :-)

If so then can Pelicans fly upside down to avail themselves of
the free food and are these Pelicans also employed at NASA and
are there any Trout available now?

What, also, is the type of information technology you refer to
which 'must ask itself' and is it the right way up?

>I'm no photographer, but suspect that anyone who processes his
>own film will agree. Negatives flip like pancakes and only the
>positives give a clue which side landed up on top. Oh sure,
>there are special orientation marks, but who can read those in a
>darkroom?

I presume you cook your pancakes on an electric ring with a
positive wire to the top of the food to decrease cooking time,
to indicate which is the topside after flipping, and then paint
small area's of relish of similar color to the pancake to the
flip side as NASA do in their very dark black Cray P.C. towers?

>Best wishes

>PS: My favorite hamburger joint delivers the goods with the
>patties upside down. Why? Ask the devil's grandmother.

I tried to ask her but she was out to lunch eating upside
down cakes with a Tinny in Australia.

Therefore can we presume the answer to the original posted
question was Yes or No thus leaving our options open?

kind wishes,

col
<http://www.colsweb.com/texjoe.htm>
Save Energy and the Planet

PS: Does internet and NASA (Radio Telescope) data from
Australia have to be inverted for us to view it the correct way
up and 'someone' forgot?

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Re: STARGATE Declassified Government Documents -

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 10:37:10 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:26:43 -0400
Subject: Re: STARGATE Declassified Government Documents -

>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:08:57 -0400
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>Todd Lemire

><http://www.michiganufos.com>

Wow! Todd Lemire, that's what I call impressive to say the least!

Guess I just got taught how to do things the right way!

The suspense! The suspense!

Best,

Greg

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 12:52:10 -0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:29:37 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Gevaerd

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 13:57:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 20:09:52 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 12:23:44 -0300
>>>Subject: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>VARGINHA CASE:

>>>New revelations about the capture and medical treatment of alien
>>>creatures in Brazil, January 1996

><snip>

>>This is as laughable as Stringfield's bogus "alien autopsy"
>>which sounded like a Meat Packer or Butcher Shop Assistant had
>>made up the description not a scientist, medical physician or
>>pathologist. Where are the details of the creature's height,
>>weight, color, tabulation of body parts and distinguishable
>>organs, condition of body part by part organ by organ, breathing
>>(he refused to say! WTF is that?), pulse and pulse rate if
>>any, nature and description of injuries injury by injury, manner
>>of treatment for each injury, drugs administered if any, body
>>fluids and waste products emitted if any, blood and circulatory
>>system if any, bone structure if any, musculature if any, skin
>>condition if any, description of lesions-contusions-lacerations
>>if any (it was injured so there had to be some right?), foreign
>>objects if any (shrapnel maybe?), clothing and attire if any,
>>radiography-sonography-MRI if any, lab tests of blood-tissue-
>>fluids, etc. etc.

>>How did the creature's condition change with time, minute to
>>minute, hour by hour? Any real doctor wants to establish some
>>kind of idea of a prognosis - is the condition worsening,
>>improving, staying the same? With an alleged unknown entity with
>>supposedly strange physiology any real physician in his right
>>mind will be keenly attentive to such signs to see if his
>>treatment regimen is working, so he can stop something that
>>isn't working and/or apply emergency aid, or follow on a
>>promising avenue of treatment if something does seem to work.

>>If this was the most sensational event of this so-called
>>"Doctor's" life then he should have been going over every one of
>>these medical details in his mind day after day for the past 8
>>years, trying to make medical sense of it all. And there is
>>not one sign of any such medical thought processes. But if
>>this is just another dumbass hoax by a non-MD layperson then one
>>would expect no realistic sounding clinical descriptions, no
>>medical terminology, no sign of a real physician's diagnostic
>>mindset. In fact a lay hoaxter most likely would not even know
>>what "diagnosis" means.

>Bravo, Brad...

>This "report" is akin to that by the "astronomer" from Kwazu-Natal
>who stated Venus was mistaken for a UFO, when in fact Venus was
>below the horizon at the time of the sighting... among other
>unscientific ruminations.

>So many experts, so little expertise.

Dear Brad and Kyle:

You are certainly right and I cannot forgive myself for not realising that sooner. Yes, we cannot pay any attention to this thing and take it seriously. We should just drop at once these "new revelations" made by that Doctor in the garbage can and forget it at all.

Maybe, indeed, we should just come to this poor man and say at once: "I am sorry Doctor, but I will have to dump your info in the garbage can, UNLESS you provide an extension to your report to the length and to the number of details that my American colleagues find appropriate".

Or maybe I should also say to him: "Please, Doctor, don't bother us with these minor and worthless details of an alien creature captured by military in the most comprehensive search ever performed by military police in Minas Gerais state, Brazil, and taken to your hospital in the middle of the night, where the whole branch of Maternity and part of the branch of Child Care where isolated for a few hours by men using uniforms and heavily armed, in such a situation that you were supposed to perform your duties as a Doctor to try to understand what the hell was that in that hospital bed, UNLESS you provide to my American colleagues the whole report about it".

And: "Doctor, we don't care if you took hundreds of sleepless nights to decide whether to reveal that or not, and don't even care about the many threats you received for not doing so, and any concerns you may have about your and your family' lives, UNLESS you satisfy our query with more details".

What about that?

We wouldn't be missing a thing...

A. J.

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Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 10:17:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:32:25 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus" - Groff

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 12:08:37 EDT
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 09:21:40 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO "Only Venus"

>>According to my software, Venus was well below the horizon at
>>4:00 am in Durban, S. Africa (Lat. S 29:53:00 Long. E 30:53:00)
>>and didn't rise until just before 5.00 am

>>Az: 59:41:10; Alt: 13:10:16
>>RA: 4:34:52; Dec: 18:12:55
>>Ecliptic Lon: 69:47:15; Lat: -3:44:33
>>Galactic Lon: 179:20:44; Lat: -19:26:09
>>Rising: Jun 27, 2004; 4:49:57 A.M.
>>Transit: Jun 27, 2004; 10:08:12 A.M.
>>Setting: Jun 27, 2004; 3:26:35 P.M.
>>Phase: 10.7%, Phase angle: 141.74=F8
>>Apparent Diameter: 49.12"
>>Distance from Observer: 0.340 AU

>Wow! Thanks to Terry Groff too!

<snip>

I need to correct the data above which is actually for 6:00 AM
Durban local time

Here's Venus' location at 4:00 am

Az: 75:08:02; Alt: -10:54:48 (~11 degrees below horizon)
RA: 4:34:55; Dec: 18:13:31
Ecliptic Lon: 69:47:51; Lat: -3:44:02
Galactic Lon: 179:20:34; Lat: -19:25:22

Just for measure here's Venus' location at 5:00 am

Az: 67:57:08; Alt: 1:27:35 (~1.5 degrees above the horizon)
RA: 4:34:54; Dec: 18:13:13
Ecliptic Lon: 69:47:34; Lat: -3:44:18
Galactic Lon: 179:20:39; Lat: -19:25:45

Terry

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 11:17:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:36:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Kaeser

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 09:13:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 09:22:30 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

<snip>

>I don't agree. Verifying the AA crash site will turn out to be
>an important ufological event.

Ed-

We'll have to agree to disagree, and if proof of your claim ever develops I'll be the first to admit that I was wrong. I have good descriptions from other who spoke with Santilli on these issues, at the time of the appearance of the "map", so I'm not sure why you have problems believing my description.

But it really doesn't matter. You've visited a site, found what you believe to be the site described by the "Cameraman" (whom I can't even state exists at all, save for Santilli's story), and posted your conclusions.

I think any search for a site is a bogus endeavor until some foundation for the search can be verified. That hasn't happened, IMO.

As far as the unusual material you've found and believe is evidence of a crash), this has been previously vetted through discussion on this List. See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/may/m06-016.shtml>

Ray Sanford later followed that up with another post on his findings:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/may/m09-023.shtml>

There were a number of other posts on this subject during that exchange, but it makes no sense to go back and replay the argument.

FYI, I'm going to end my part in this discussion here, unless some new evidence comes up to spark further interest. I've completely ignored the AA film as an interesting anomaly for the past several years because there's been nothing new to really discuss. Nearly all of the original investigators into the "film" have taken that stance, and I actually hope you can prove us wrong.

Steve

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Re: reatures With No Business Here!

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 09:51:04 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:43:26 -0400
Subject: Re: reatures With No Business Here!

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 09:13:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 09:22:30 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

OK, if I'm hearing you correctly Ed, you want somebody other than yourself to actually go and look at the area you say is the correct crash site. You asked me before if I would go and I declined due to health issues.

I will go with you to the site you say is the crash site and look for myself. I am not a field investigator and have never claimed to be, but I'm not some run-of-the-mill dummy, either. I live in New Mexico and have done so for almost 30 years, so I know the terrain and what should stand out as something that should be looked at closely by trace specialists (Ted Philips, etc.) or if an area stands out as radically different from surrounding areas.

Again, I'm not an expert in geology (but I have had a geology course from the University of Iowa), etc. But I would hope I have enough of a reputation in the field that my comments would not be either dismissed or ridiculed, but taken in the context I present it.

But be forewarned... if I don't agree with you that the area is important enough to be considered, I'll say so. Secondly, you know I don't hold any credence to the validity of the AA scenario, but I do have questions of my own. I am an absolute skeptic, but always keep an open mind. If I think you're a blathering fool, I'll say so openly on this List. If I think that a team of researchers should get together and take a close look, I'll say that, but no matter which, my opinion isn't going to mean much in the whole scheme of things other than I actually will speak from the experience of being at site and what I observed.

Here are the ground rules. I go totally on your dime (you pay all expenses) and you supply the equipment I will need, both personally and for the site observation. Some of what I'll need are:

1. A filter mask of professional quality. I am a brittle asthmatic and dust isn't kind to me anymore. A good first aid kit.
2. 2 dozen quart glass specimen jars with labels.
3. A minimum of 10 rolls of 400 speed Kodak digital film for a 35 SLR camera.
4. Shovel (both digging and scooping), pick, hand maul, hand trowel, assortment of soft bristle brushes, 100 foot measuring tape and 2 tarps.

5. A beach umbrella and a portable table and chair. My Lupus doesn't do well with direct sun and I cannot stand for long periods of time.
6. A bundle of stakes (approx. 50) and heavy duty twine. Also, adhering tabs that can be written on and attached to the line. A white marker board with marking pens.
7. Current topographical maps of the area and aeronautical chart of the area. A heavy duty field compass.
8. Food and lots of Gator Aid.
9. At least two people to do the grunt work I'll need done.
10. I will go only in late September or early October.

There may be other items not listed that I will need. But also, when you come, be prepared to give me a formal presentation of your research and materials. We don't step into the field unless I have a good grasp of what you've accomplished, materials you've used and the reasons for your position. No kidding, Pal, I'm not doing this unless you are willing to show me you're serious.

Lastly, you do deserve at the least, one person willing to listen, look and make their own determination if you MAY have a reasonable position that shouldn't be just thrown out. If you believe I am reputable enough, I'll go with you. Let me know by private email and produce no more postings on the subject until I have seen the site for myself and give this List my thoughts on what I observed.

Fair?

Wendy Connors
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Wendy Conners On SDI Last Night

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 12:06:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:45:16 -0400
Subject: Wendy Conners On SDI Last Night

Hi All,

I can't begin to express how impressed I am with the latest offering/compilation, from Wendy Conners' Faded Discs audio archive. It contains some twenty-five hours worth of UFO abduction case history spanning forty + plus years of time beginning with the Villas-Boas abduction case in 1957.

There is nothing like hearing live, first hand witness testimony. Listening with my ears glued to the radio while EBK played a clip from Betty Hill's hypnosis session; where she describes a procedure that was performed on her by one of their captors involving the insertion of a long needle into her abdomen, (they were allegedly performing a "pregnancy test,") and how her testimony of this very specific procedure predated (by almost fifteen years,) the invention and broad use of amniocentesis, a procedure that can be used to diagnose a large number of genetic and chromosomal abnormalities in a fetus. For those who may be unfamiliar with it, amniocentesis involves inserting a long needle into the abdomen of a pregnant woman in order to remove a sample of the fluid which surrounds the fetus for testing. It hadn't even been 'thought of' by medical researchers at the time of Betty's abduction experience.

That bit of testimony alone would make the CD worthy of a purchase. But it is only a tiny snippet of the twenty-five hours worth of recordings of, Betty and Barney Hill, Charlie Hickson, Travis Walton and countless others that can only be heard here on this CD.

Wendy has performed an invaluable service by doing the work of collecting, editing and compiling all of this material for us and for posterity. We can all support her worthwhile efforts by ordering one or all four of the discs she has made available by going to:

<http://www.fadeddiscs.com/>

*BTW, Wendy... nice logo! I never knew that you actually used it! I was pleasantly surprised to see that you did. ;)

Support the good people in ufology who are quietly, competently and without any compensation, glory or fanfare, slaving away in the background doing all of the hard 'nuts and bolts' work. If not for Wendy Conners and a few others like her, ufology wouldn't be worth a damn. We need to actively support these people with our Dollars, Euro's and Yen.

I am deeply honored that Wendy thought of me while she put this compilation together. It means a great deal to me.

To one who understands... my best wishes,

John Velez

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 11:29:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:49:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - King

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:21:31 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 09 Jul 2004 13:04:54 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

<snip>

>>Like Steve, I went there. Couldn't find it. Found the Shuttle
>>stuff and while trying to download that my Mac locked up. Had to
>>do an illegal shutdown [now the Mac police will be after me] and
>>reboot. That never happened before on your site.

>>Anyway, why not just post the actual URL? Is it some agreement
>>you have with the advertizers?

>Good to hear you say it first.

<snip>

>The "sorry for..." gimmick took up something like 100 typed
>characters. The direct URL to the page in question is some small
>fraction of that most likely.

>I don't enjoy seeing our intelligence insulted in this rather
>obvious and juvenile manner, and suspect that I'm not alone in
>this.

The URL, as requested:

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/gehrman.htm>

...sans offensive loss leader merchandise. <g>

The "article" speaks volumes, and says very little. And if one
judges one by the company one keeps, go back and read a few of
the other "articles" on that site.

Kyle King

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 11:44:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 14:52:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 10:03:55 EDT
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Michael Bilodeau <micbilodeau.nul-bec.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 07 Jul 2004 23:33:50 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 23:46:44 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>>From: Colm Kelleher - NIDS <nids.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2004 09:33:52 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>><snip>

>>>>My hunch is that the data in this paper will surprise many
>>>>Psychological Science readers in the psychology research
>>>>community, since it greatly undermines their common perception
>>>>that abductees are merely attention seekers, charlatans etc who
>>>>want nothing more than to get their 15 minutes of fame. The data
>>>>in Dr. McNally's paper are saying that the responses of PTSD
>>>>victims and abductees are almost indistinguishable and will
>>>>therefore demolish some commonly-held stereotypes. I believe
>>>>that Dr. McNally's paper may stimulate members of the
>>>>psychological research community to take the next research step:
>>>>to use the tools of fMRI and other brain-imaging techniques to
>>>>take these (to their readers, very surprising) data to the next
>>>>level. That is precisely what is needed in this field.

>>>>As such, I believe Dr. McNally's paper is a positive contribution.

>>>>I strongly agree with Colm's comments on this and think McNally
>>>>et al. have been unfairly criticised over their paper. Their
>>>>methodology has presumably passed muster in order to have been
>>>>published in Psychological Science, and they seem to have simply
>>>>gone where their data took them.

>><snip>

>>This is odd: they are not trying to understand the abduction
>>experience. They have simply decided that it cannot be true.

>><snip>

>>The ones who should be shot down are the ones with bias,
>>preconceived ideas and whose minds are already made up?

>Michael and List,

>I think it would be appropriate to point out that McNally has a
>relatively new book out, Remembering Trauma, that IMO, renders
>the PTSD study invalid as an objective approach towards

>understanding the alien abduction 'syndrome'. I haven't read the
>book - yet - but I intend to and perhaps those of us interested
>in this thread should read it also. The reviews for McNally's

>http://www.hup.harvard.edu/reviews/MCNREM_R.html

>The PTSD study, rather than spur the psychology/psychiatry
>professions into researching further into the alien abduction
>problem, would instead have the opposite effect for those who
>have read McNally's book, ridiculing those who claim to have
>been 'kidnapped by space aliens' and pointing out the
>conclusions made in McNally's book.

>I am not optimistic about what the final outcome will be. It
>would be interesting to find out if anyone on Harvard's staff of
>scientists/professors, or even McNally's team, have done a study
>on the psychological profile of witnesses who have had UFO
>sightings - John Mack excluded.

>As a final note, I don't know about anybody else, but I consider
>the terms "kidnapped by space aliens" or just "space aliens"
>demeaning in nature and we should encourage a more objective
>description, such as 'unknown entities'.

<snip>

"Space aliens" demeaning...? Demeaning to whom? The same people
who think "thousands of civilians killed in war" should read
"acceptable losses" or "collateral damage"?

If someone believes they were abducted by "unknown entities", it
follows that the abductors COULD be men in black ski masks...or
gnomes.

Nope, these people believe they were abducted by space aliens.
They're aliens who come from space.

That the term is a subject of ridicule is in part due to the
fact that so many abductees begin their story with, "You're
going to think I'm crazy but...". Even they themselves realize
how "crazy" it sounds. But changing the typical reaction will
not be accomplished by giving it a less "demeaning" name, I
trust.

The ridicule does nothing to diminish the truth. Galileo was
ridiculed.

For the record, I have always preferred the term
"extraterrestrials". It's accurate and it sounds more
scientific.

Kyle King

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Who Was Laurance Rockefeller?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2004 20:33:45 -0400
Subject: Who Was Laurance Rockefeller?

Source: The Washington Post

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A42994-2004Jul11.html>

Philanthropist Laurance Rockefeller Dies

The Associated Press
Sunday, July 11, 2004; 7:25 PM

NEW YORK - Laurance Rockefeller, a conservationist, philanthropist and leading figure in the field of venture capital, died in his sleep Sunday morning. He was 94.

The cause of death was pulmonary fibrosis, his spokesman Fraser Seitel said in a statement.

Rockefeller was No. 377 on this year's Forbes magazine list of 587 billionaires, with \$1.5 billion. But he was perhaps best known for his environmental work: He served under five presidents in several capacities related to conservation and the outdoors.

He founded the American Conservation Association in 1958 and was head of Jackson Hole Preserve Inc., a conservation organization that played a major role in protecting parts of the Grand Tetons in Wyoming and redwood trees in California.

Rockefeller helped develop national parks in Wyoming, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Vermont, and chaired the White House Conference on Natural Beauty.

Rockefeller also was a pivotal developer of the economics field that became known as venture capital.

In 1938 he helped finance World War I pilot Eddie Rickenbacker's Eastern Airlines, and he later invested in McDonnell Aircraft Corp., Intel Corp. and Apple Computer Inc. He sought to fund ventures that would strengthen national security, welfare or the economy.

"As his younger brother, I always admired Laurance for his extraordinary business skills and often followed his lead by joining him in the field of venture capital, where he was a true pioneer," said David Rockefeller, the last remaining child of John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Laurance Spelman Rockefeller was born May 26, 1910, in New York, and was the fourth of six children of Rockefeller Jr. and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller. He graduated from Princeton University in 1932 and studied law at Harvard for two years. In 1934, he married Mary French.

He served in the Navy during World War II and became a lieutenant commander.

unusual craft or airborne objects. The rest are of the "second kind" (CE2) in which the object or encounter left clear physical evidence behind.

According to this report, the "best evidence" includes:

- "Foo fighters" sighted by WWII fliers during 1944-45, notably on August 10, 1944 over the Indian Ocean, and December 22, 1944 over Hagenau, Germany;
- Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting of nine aerial objects over the Cascade Mountains in Washington State on June 24, 1947;
- bold incursions of unidentified craft over several Strategic Air Command bases during late October and November, 1975, including Loring AFB in Maine, Wurtsmith AFB in Michigan, Malmstrom AFB in Montana; Minot AFB in North Dakota and Falconbridge in Ontario, Canada;
- a "dogfight" between a UFO and two F-4 jets over Tehran, Iran in 1976;
- the strange sightings in the Rendlesham Forest between Bentwaters and Woodbridge RAF bases in England in late December, 1980; and
- visual and radar sighting of an aerial object "two times bigger than an aircraft carrier" by the flight crew of a Japan Airlines 747 freighter over Alaska on November 17, 1986.

Another of the "best cases" involved photos of a Saturn-shaped UFO over Trindade Island in the South Atlantic, taken from the deck of a Brazilian Navy ship on February 21, 1958. Brazilian president Kubitschek later gave the photos to the press. Reportedly, extensive testing showed no signs of hoax and the numerous eyewitnesses included credible military personnel. However, the U.S. military labeled the case a fake.

On July 28, 1989, a UFO was clearly observed for a period of two hours over a Russian army missile base at Kapustin Yar, Astrakhan region. The KGB file on this case detailed the testimony of seven military witnesses, with drawings. According to the report, "Observed characteristics are: disc is 4-5 meters (13-17) feet in diameter, with half-sphere on top which is brightly lit. It moved sometimes abruptly, but noiselessly, at times coming down and hovering over the ground at an altitude of 20-60 meters... while over a rocket weapons depot, a bright beam appeared from the bottom of the disc, lighting the corner of one of the buildings, lasting for several seconds."

Also highlighted in the briefing document is the extensive series of sightings and aerial encounters over Belgium in 1989 and 1990. Numerous drawings and photos by witnesses show a huge triangular shaped craft with bright lights at each corner. In several instances, the UFOs showed on multiple military radars simultaneously, including both airborne and ground-based installations. F-16 jets were sent aloft to engage the UFOs but found that the strange objects could perform maneuvers that would probably kill a human pilot. Belgian military spokesman, Major General (then Colonel) Wilfred De Brouwer, stated on television that the observed behavior of the objects was "outside the performance envelope" of any known aircraft and could not be explained.

One of the most unusual reported encounters of the "second kind" took place at mid-day on May 20, 1967, near Falcon Lake, Manitoba, Canada. Amateur prospector Steven Michalak reported seeing two glowing red objects hovering in the air. One flew away while the other landed nearby. Michalak said it appeared oval and disk-shaped and was about 35 feet in diameter and twelve feet high.

While he was observing the craft, a door opened and he heard voices coming from inside. He tried communicating in several languages, but got no reply and saw no one. He approached the craft and saw intensely brilliant light coming from within. Moments later, the door suddenly closed. Then a blast of hot air hit Michalak in the chest, emitting from an "exhaust vent." His shirt caught fire. As he ripped off his burning clothes and stumbled back, the craft took off. Within moments, Michalak had a pounding headache and nausea. He staggered back to his nearby

Galbraith and Virginia-based aviation writer Don Berliner, who is affiliated with the Fund for UFO Research. [UFO researcher Antonio Huneus is also listed as a co-author. - ed.]

In an interview in her office, [Mrs.] Galbraith discussed Nikola Tesla and Albert Einstein, Westinghouse and General Electric, secret weather balloons and photographs of alien autopsies on the Internet. "We have to challenge basic assumptions," she said.

She is distributing her report to "leaders of the world."

"We're only giving it to really top people," said Mr. Berliner. "Not ordinary people like you and me. I guess the only reason I have a copy is I wrote the thing."

In the acknowledgments page, Laurance Rockefeller is listed first, "for his vision and support, financial and otherwise."

Fraser Seitel, Mr. Rockefeller's spokesman, confirmed that Mr. Rockefeller funded the report at a cost of around \$30,000. But he said that Mr. Rockefeller did not endorse the findings. "He is interested in Government disclosure of reported activities in this area," said Mr. Seitel. "Laurance's feeling is that he is not convinced one way or the other. But he is interested in learning what the Government has on file... He's really quite an eclectic person."

Mr. Seitel said Mr. Rockefeller would not comment on the report.

In recent years, Mr. Rockefeller has become known as a supporter of eclectic ventures. He funded embattled Harvard psychiatrist John E. Mack, whose work with alleged alien abductees was loudly criticized last May by his colleagues at Harvard. In fact, from 1993 to 1995, Dr. Mack's Cambridge-based, nonprofit research institute, the Center for Psychology and Social Change, received about \$250,000 a year from Mr. Rockefeller.

According to Michael Luckman, director of the New York Center for UFO Research, Mr. Rockefeller has financed at least two recent meetings of a group called the Starlight Coalition, which Mr. Luckman said is "composed of former intelligence officers and military officials from the Pentagon who are prepared to talk about extraterrestrial contact."

Mr. Luckman said Mr. Rockefeller has also held a UFO conference on his JY Ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

"He's primarily interested in conservation and the environment, and venture capital," said Mr. Seitel. "He's also interested in the whole area of spirituality." Mr. Rockefeller majored in philosophy at Princeton, Mr. Seitel pointed out.

As the sons of John D. Rockefeller Jr., the brothers -- Laurance, John D. III, Nelson, Winthrop and David -- strode the earth as business and political titans. Nelson served as Republican governor of New York; David ran the Chase Manhattan Bank. Now, only two brothers remain; David, who is in the process of buying back Rockefeller Center from Mitsubishi, and Laurance.

Born in 1910, Laurance was a pioneer of venture capital in the 1940's. In the 1950's and 1960's, he was a champion of environmental causes, serving as the director of the Outdoor Recreation Resources and Review Commission under President Kennedy. In 1965, Mr. Rockefeller traveled the country with Lady Bird Johnson on her "beautification bus" as part of the Task Force on Natural Beauty. But he began to draw criticism from environmentalists in the late 1960's for developing resorts in the Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Vermont and Yellowstone National Park, under the cloak of conservation.

Mrs. Galbraith said she approached Mr. Rockefeller last year to provide the backing for her report. As an early supporter of the Office of Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health, Mrs. Galbraith saw her role in the UFO debate as a promoter of "frontier science," which she described as "science that is on the cutting edge, like cold-fusion study, unified field theory, anything that has to do with people working on integrative devices." She paused. "It is a science which is heavily challenged, so it has to prove itself more

Laurance may have been less visible than his brothers, but he was equally steeped in the sordid world of covert intelligence and disinformation. In the 1950s, he served on a panel that released a report penned by Henry Kissinger, International Security - The Military Aspect, calling for successive escalations in defense spending of \$3 billion per year to 1965. In 1973 he was named a director of Reader's Digest, a fount of CIA cold war black propaganda. (To indulge in a bit of necessary guilt by association, Melvin Laird, a Digest officer, is also a director of SAIC, the "remote viewing" sponsor.) Rockefeller is a trustee of MIT, a director of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Olin Mathieson, etc., etc7

Renato Vesco traced immediate postwar development of the Nazi saucers to the UK. Vesco, the Italian Werner von Braun, plodded through a detailed investigation of the technology transfer in Intercept, but Don't Shoot, published in 1967. British defense officials, he discovered, hoped to barter advancements in saucer propulsion and design to the United States in exchange for classified nuclear research data. A priority was placed on making the saucers faster, leading to experimentation with a number of rocket propulsion systems. Wind tunnel tests demonstrated the disks could easily slip through the sound barrier when the friction layer was drawn through a multitude of pinholes punched in the hull. Normally, the layer of air that builds along an aircraft's surface slows it down. The air pulling on the craft, otherwise known as the buoyant layer, was eliminated in the saucer design with suction along the entire surface of the vehicle, in place of the conventional jet design. The pinholes sucked away the buoyant layer and pumped the air through a thruster, like an ordinary jet.

When the war ended Laurance was off to Europe, according to Alvin Moscow's sanitized Rockefeller biography, "to examine the latest British experiments with jet propulsion for military aircraft. He looked into the technology of the German Rockets used in the blitz of London." The author doesn't mention a visit to the British Air Force saucer section, but if developments were shared with anyone, it was Laurance Rockefeller, the most influential military aerospace scion in the country.

Laurance and his namesake progeny have been lavish godfathers to UFOlogy organizations that attribute saucer overflights and abductions to the "alien" invasion.

A panoply of aircraft defense firms swelled with an infusion of funds from Laurance Rockefeller. The most imposing is McDonnell-Douglas, founded in 1930 by a prodigy of aircraft design, James S. McDonnell of St. Louis. McDonnell shares with Laurance Rockefeller the taint of war profiteering. Periodic postwar investigations of his aircraft company by the General Accounting Office have exposed a deep, chronically overfunded well of fraud. In 1967 the company merged with Douglas Aircraft, the primary subcontractor of Western Electric, a subsidiary of AT&T.

Howver cerebral, James McDonnell had one foot firmly planted in the occult. He was a principal donor to the famed J.B. Rhine psychic research center at Duke University, a forerunner of Psi-Tech, and supported psychic experimentation at Washington University in St. Louis.

Professor Rhine and his wife Louisa joined the faculty of Duke University in 1927 to explore the paranormal with Dr. William McDougall, chairman of the psychology department. In a few years, according to Parapsychological Institute literature, "Dr. Rhine was conducting the groundbreaking research that demonstrated under rigorous, scientific conditions that certain persons could acquire information without the use of the known senses. He introduced the term extrasensory perception (ESP) to describe this ability and adopted the word parapsychology to distinguish his experimental approach from other methods of psychical research."

Among the key early supporters of the Rhine ESP center was Medtronics, a medical technology firm in Minneapolis. The connection is chilling in the context of forced human experimentation. Bear in mind the horrors of the surgical table described by abductees, circled by "alien" doctors, when paging through the Medtronics catalog: "The company's neurological business produces implantable systems for spinal cord

stimulation and drug delivery... The Itrel II spinal cord stimulation system is the most advanced and flexible implantable neurostimulation device on the market today."

Another financial supporter of the Rhine center was insurance magnate W. Clement Stone, whose name was the very first on Richard Nixon's list of presidential campaign contributors.

[...]

Excerpt from "Virtual Government"
by Alex Constantine
1996

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* Origin: Absence of Evidence is not Evidence of Absence BBS (1:261/1201)

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 12:06:47 -0400
>Subject: Re: Wendy Connors On SDI Last Night

<snip>

Thank you, John for the lovely kudos. As I stated to you and EBK last night, it always hurts knowing that researchers cannot really solve or help as much as we would like when dealing with the abductions taking place. We can only gather the data and keep it ready for a time when we might be able to accomplish the answers to this problem that ruins so many lives.

The compilation was made for you and all other abductees. It is your audio history. When you decided to "retire" from participation in the field, we all lost a great deal. I know you and others feel that nobody is listening, but we really do... it's just that we are as powerless as the abductees. But never think we are not paying attention, even when you don't get a response. You constantly keep us aware and make us probe as we continue research.

Yes, I did use the logo and for those on the List, John designed it and EBK hosts and maintains my website. I am truly grateful to both of you because even though I've tried to do websites of my own in the past, I'm just a complete Ditz when it comes to websites. Best I stick with earphones on my head and preserving the audio history. It means a great deal to me that you both (and the many unsung researchers who send me recordings to share) support my lonely efforts to bring Ufology's audio history to everyone.

With All Best Wishes,

Wendy Connors
www.fadeddiscs.com

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

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Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:00:30 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2004 20:56:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 10:03:55 EDT
>Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 09:34:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

<snip>

>As a final note, I don't know about anybody else, but I consider
>the terms "kidnapped by space aliens" or just "space aliens"
>demeaning in nature and we should encourage a more objective
>description, such as 'unknown entities'.

I agree, the term is entirely inappropriate, and McNally's claim that it is to distinguish the aliens from "Mexicans" is weak.

The modifier of "space" is intended to play to the readers' preconceived notions of what they assume the subjects describe, rather than to accurately reflect the opinions of the subjects in McNally's study itself (or present day theories about aliens for that matter!).

In truth, the subjects would probably attest to their having been very much on earth when their alien contact occurred (obviously), and to lacking any definitive knowledge about where the aliens are from - other than general impressions that they don't seem to be from around here, and that they sometimes try to give the impression that are from another world.

"Space" is just a nod to the cliché. This is why skeptics organizations use it as a modifier - it helps keep the discussion rooted in the 1950s theories. Avoids the entirely interdimensional discussion that started in the 1980s (when experiencers' accounts were at last seen to be more complex than assumed) and continues today.

"Space aliens" is just a damn silly term that one wouldn't expect a professional to use in a formal report. But the "probing" pun used in headlines ("Harvard research probes memories of alien contact") is probably worse, for such headlines are akin to writing a headline that says "Incest Victims Cock-Sure about their Father's Abuse."

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:23:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2004 20:58:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Hatch

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 11:49:48 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 04:49:52 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

><snip>

>>I must be missing something here. Is anyone suggesting that
>>'burnt vegetation' would be in evidence some 57 years after the
>>original events (crash retrieval etc.) dating from 1947?

>Larry,

>Yes, the desert vegetation changes very slowly. The Walnut
trees and the cottonwood tree are at least 100 years old. The
burn and scorch marks are apparent and noticeable but seem
somewhat weathered, as you'd expect. These trees are still alive
but the heat damage clearly seen.

>>I would think that any traces of burnt vegetation would have
>>blown away, been scoured away in a sandstorm, washed away in the
>>rare torrential rains etc. long long since.

>The immediate area only gets a few inches of rain a year and
sometimes, nothing at all. The wind is a factor but hasn't
erased the evidence. I would say that this area hasn't changed
much in the last 57 years. The biggest land modifications are
caused by the cattle that wander around the site. The
crystalite is impervious to alteration.

Ah! Scorch marks still apparent. If there is any black
carbon residue (hard ash) then samples could be carefully
scraped off and collected. Great care must be taken not
to remove any living or recently dead tissues.

Then, being almost all carbon, maybe it could be carbon dated!
Somebody else's expertise needed here, way out of my bailiwick!

I don't know what the margins of error are in such testing, or
whether half a century is long enough for good results.
Hopefully, they could date the scorching back to 57 years plus
or minus a few, rather than say half or double that span.

Frankly, scorched trees in the desert, in close association with
glassified minerals as described, sound like nothing so much as
a massive bolt of lightning, or ten, or any number of them over
years, decades.....

Nothing uncommon about that in New Mexico. There was supposedly
a thunderstorm going on at the time per Mac Brazel if memory
serves.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: STARGATE Declassified Government Documents -

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 19:42:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2004 21:01:00 -0400
Subject: Re: STARGATE Declassified Government Documents -

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 06:12:03 -0700
>Subject: Re: STARGATE Declassified Government Documents

>>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 07:08:57 -0400
>>Subject: STARGATE Declassified Government Documents

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>>themselves available to the public.

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>>to what has been disclosed by those who have chosen to go public
>>with their involvement in this program.

>Todd,

>Do you know if any of the documents pertain to the Stanford
Research Institute program at all?

Royce,

Those documents that I've looked at so far almost all pertain to
SRI.

Todd

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Re: Daytime UFOs Video Taped - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2004 10:36:18 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2004 21:03:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Daytime UFOs Video Taped - Taylor

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 15:28:49 -0500
>Subject: Re: Daytime UFOs Video Taped

>>From: Barry Taylor <stingray.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 17:59:01 +1000
>>Subject: Re: Daytime UFOs Video Taped

>>Just to inform you that still images and video clip of the July
>>8th. daytime sighting are now available to download. This
>video clip will only be available for a short time then removed.

>>The clip will show you how the 'cluster' UFOs move around
>while in flight. The red object is very interesting. Frame grabs
>from the video show the attached dark spheres and enhancements
>show the energy surrounding the objects.

>>Clip size - 5Mb (43 seconds) in Windows Media Video >format.

>><http://theozfactor.cjb.net/july2004.htm>

>>Your responses welcomed.

>Very compelling video, Barry! My first impression was
>balloons, but the video makes it appear that the objects are
>stationary and spinning about a regular axis. If I may ask a few
>additional questions...

>Is the downloadable video we see the full frame of the video
>camera, or was the download altered to "stabilize" the object in
>the frame?

The clips were stabilized then zoomed to the size seen in the
clip. Stabilization allows better zooms therefore closer look at
the object. Motion blur if associated during the hand held
filming can distort the object showing elongation. Luckerly
there was no motion blur with these objects.

>Does the video camera used include "image stabilization"
>features, and were they in use.

No, the analogue camera used on this object has no steady shot
feature. The Hi-8 camera I used on the object with the brown halo
did have steady shot and was mounted on a tri-pod. I am currently
analyzing this footage. It is not as impressive as the red object
though.

>What is the significance of the "time stamp" visible in a few
>frames around 42 seconds into the clip?

Hand held camera and me peeping around the camera to get a
visual of the object overhead while filming, results in the
object jumping around in the frame. The stabilization results in
that part of the frame coming into view. The object is centred
and the frame moves to fit.

>If the raw footage is available in digital form, is it possible

>to provide it?

The problem is that the USA uses NTSC video format and we use PAL. I would have to convert to progressive scan so as to burn on CD or DVD. Then you could play on your computer.

I will be producing a second UFO video over the next few months that will include the original footage plus the full enhancements with explanations. If you can wait until then, you will have it all. I will make copies suitable to be played on computer for the US on DVD - no NTSC video format.

Barry Taylor

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Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2004 21:05:58 -0400
Subject: Re: STARGATE Declassified Government Documents -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 10:37:10 EDT
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>to what has been disclosed by those who have chosen to go public
>>with their involvement in this program.

>Wow! Todd Lemire, that's what I call impressive to say the
>least!

>Guess I just got taught how to do things the right way!

>The suspense! The suspense!

Hi Greg,

I'm adding the index files to my site as I write this. I was
wrong with the previous numbers in my earlier message. The Star
Gate collection comprises 11,985 documents totaling 89,901
pages.

Todd

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Secrecy News -- 07/12/04

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2004 21:07:21 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/12/04

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** SECRECY AND THE FAILURE OF INTELLIGENCE
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SECRECY AND THE FAILURE OF INTELLIGENCE

The errors, inadequacies and deceptions of U.S. intelligence regarding Iraqi weapons of mass destruction were aggravated by excessive secrecy, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence found in its new report.

The abuse of secrecy is a leitmotif in the latest critique on intelligence, as in its many of its predecessors.

So, for example, the Senate Committee observes in its Conclusion 6:

"Another significant problem found by the Committee is the fact that the CIA continues to excessively compartment sensitive HUMINT [human intelligence] reporting and fails to share important information about HUMINT reporting and sources with Intelligence Community analysts who have a need to know."

"In the years before Operation Iraqi Freedom, the CIA protected its Iraq weapons of mass destruction sources so well that some of the information they provided was kept from the majority of analysts with a legitimate need to know."

Excessive secrecy not only impeded information sharing but also made it more difficult to detect analytical errors or policymaker exaggerations once they had occurred. Furthermore, secrecy obstructed external oversight, with costs that are well known.

Because it is a systemic failure, information policy within the intelligence bureaucracy would be a promising point of departure for intelligence reform.

More than any other structural or organizational change, pursuit of a revised information policy could optimize the existing strengths of intelligence and combat its debilitating weaknesses.

"As vital as secrecy is to intelligence," said Acting Director of Central Intelligence John E. McLaughlin in a June 23 speech, "it must never become a wall that prevents an open, honest dialogue with the American public."

But then he added defensively and inaccurately: "And it has not."

The National Security Archive (www.nsarchive.org) reported last week that the CIA has continued to withhold almost all of the 2002 National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs, as if "an open, honest dialogue with the American public" could now be conducted without reference to this key document.

A copy of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence "Report on the U.S. Intelligence Community's Prewar Intelligence Assessments on Iraq" is available here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_rpt/index.html

SEEKING THE PROPER BOUNDARIES OF NUCLEAR SECRECY

A new research paper asks what sorts of nuclear weapons information should be secret, what should be public, and exactly where the line between the two should be drawn.

"Future progress in nuclear arms control and disarmament will be strongly dependent on an increase of transparency of nuclear-weapons-related information," writes author Annette Schaper of the Peace Research Institute in Frankfurt, Germany.

"This report aims to identify technical information that is relevant for nuclear verification, to discover whether it is publicly available or secret, and then to identify where the ideal demarcation line between secrecy and transparency might lie."

See "Looking for a Demarcation between Nuclear Transparency and Nuclear Secrecy" by Dr. Annette Schaper, PRIF Reports No. 68, Frankfurt am Main, 2004:

<http://www.hsfk.de/downloads/PRIF-68.pdf>

RELEASE OF IG REPORTS ON FBI TRANSLATION PROGRAM SOUGHT

Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Charles Grassley (R-IA) asked the Department of Justice to prepare declassified versions of two newly completed Inspector General reports on the FBI translation program, including a review of allegations by former FBI Sibel Edmonds.

"Two years after the allegations made by Ms. Edmonds triggered two investigations, we are no closer to determining the scope of the problem, the pervasiveness and seriousness of FBI problems in this area, or what the FBI intends to do to rectify personnel shortages, security issues, translation inaccuracies and other problems that have plagued the translator program for years," the Senators wrote.

"While the needs of national security must be weighed seriously, we fear that the designation of information as classified in some cases serves to protect the executive branch against embarrassing revelations and full accountability. We hope that is not the case here. Releasing declassified versions of these reports, or at least portions or summaries, would serve the public's interest, increase transparency, promote effectiveness and efficiency at the FBI, and facilitate Congressional oversight."

See their July 9 letter here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_cr/leahy070904.html

SOME NEW CRS PRODUCTS

Under the current regime, Americans are not permitted to have direct online access to Congressional Research Service reports through the CRS website. Members of the public may request a copy of any CRS report they like, but no list of CRS titles is made available by Congress from which they could select reports of interest to request.

An election is coming.

In the meantime, here are several new or updated CRS reports on

national security policy topics.

"Terrorism and National Security: Issues and Trends," CRS Issue Brief, updated July 6, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/IB10119.pdf>

"The USA Patriot Act: A Sketch," updated June 10, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS21203.pdf>

"USA Patriot Act Sunset: Provisions That Expire on December 31, 2005," updated June 10, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32186.pdf>

"Homeland Security: Coast Guard Operations -- Background and Issues for Congress," updated July 1, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/RS21125.pdf>

"Homeland Security: Department Organization and Management -- Implementation Phase," updated May 27, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/RL31751.pdf>

"Privacy Protection: Mandating New Arrangements to Implement and Assess Federal Privacy Policy and Practice," updated May 27, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/RS21851.pdf>

"Air Force FB-22 Bomber Concept," May 26, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RS21848.pdf>

VOICE TO SKULL: MORE ARMY WEB SHENANIGANS

The Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL) at Fort Leavenworth has encoded more of its public website in such a way as to discourage printing, saving or copying of its contents.

Besides the "On Point" report on the Iraq war that was previously described in Secrecy News (07/07/04), CALL has also taken the trouble to restrict reproduction of its Thesaurus of military terms.

Normal print, save and copy functions are defeated by Java scripting that is embedded in the pages of the Thesaurus. Nevertheless, the text still can be captured with some effort.

See, for example, this FAS copy of a Javascript-disabled CALL Thesaurus page which addresses the peculiar subject of "voice to skull devices" that employ microwave devices to "transmit sound into the skull of person or animals":

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/dod/vts.html>

The underlying Javascript can be inspected by viewing the source of the above page (thanks to DG for technical assistance).

The original Army Javascript-enabled version of this page can be viewed (though not in Mozilla) here:

http://call.army.mil/products/thesaur_e/00016275.htm

What is the Army up to here? A request for an explanation was not immediately answered. But the CALL Thesaurus title page includes this notice:

"The CALL Thesaurus is government-owned intellectual property. Use of this information for the purpose of enhancing any commercial product is not authorized without written agreement from this organization."

On the other hand, the CALL web site's security notice states that "Information presented on this site is considered public information and may be distributed or copied."

It *may* be distributed or copied. But the Army is doing its

best to make that difficult.

"The porn industry does the exact same thing to keep non-tech users from saving images to their hard drives," explained one well-informed correspondent.

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From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2004 23:30:47 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2004 21:13:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 20:12:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 21:03:40 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 23:36:18 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>Notwithstanding the above, I should make it clear that most of
>>>the abductees with whom I've worked contacted me after my tour
>>>of duty on the British Government's UFO project. From memory, no
>>>more than half a dozen abductees contacted me while I was on the
>>>'UFO Desk'.

>>What exactly do you mean by "the British Government's UFO
>>Project"? You seem to be implying that this was a special
>>operation that was set up purely to investigate and report on
>>UFOs, quite separate from the routine MoD job that a number of
>>other people have done before and after your spell at the desk.
>>Perhaps you could tell us a little more about this 'Project'?

>John,

>What I mean by "The British Government's UFO Project" is the
>work done officially to research and investigate UFOs. The lead
>for this work has always been with the Ministry of Defence and
>the Department has been looking into UFO sightings since 1950.
>As you say, various other people have been involved in this work
>both before and after my tour of duty. I certainly didn't mean
>to imply that there are two parallel projects. There aren't.
>Part of the problem is that various people have described the
>MOD's work here in different ways. References have been made to
>"the UFO desk", while others use the name of the different
>sections that have led on this work over the years: S4, S6, DS8,
>Sec(AS), DAS, etc.

I have recently come across an article in a UFO magazine from
1971, published by a south-east London based UFO group called
'SIRIUS'. The magazine is of the same name. It is a verbatim
transcription of an interview with a Mr Leslie Ackhurst, who
appears to have been a former occupant of Nick Pope's desk at
the Ministry of Defence (MoD):

"The MoD investigates reports of unidentified flying objects
because of possible air defence implications. We treat each
report we receive on its face value, but our experience is, in
fact, that the majority of reports turn out to be
misidentifications of mundane occurrences <snip>

"We don't release details to the public. This is not peculiar to
UFO reports; this is under the normal rule that official
information is not generally available to the public. We treat

reports in the same way as we'd treat any correspondence from the public. In other words, we treat it as private correspondence between the person reporting and the department.

"If people ask us, we give them figures of reports received and this kind of thing <snip> the reason we look into them is in case there is any possible air-defence implication. We've found none, as a matter of fact, but this is the sole reason we look into them. We don't look into them for any other reason and therefore couldn't possibly justify sorting them out and either obtaining the person's permission for publishing the reports, or publishing them in such a way that we don't mention individuals' names. <snip>

<snip>

"We only persue enquiries to the extent that we consider it justifiable in the context of our interest in air defence <snip>]"

Mark Stenhoof, who conducted the interview, describes Mr Akhurst's department as dealing with "aircraft noise and suchlike, besides UFO reports".

Now this low-key bureacraic role seems rather at odds with the idea of "The British Government's UFO Project", which suggests a targeted investigation of the UFO phenomenon, perhaps along the line of the Condon Committee, rather than a by-product of the department which handles complaints about low-flying RAF aircraft and the like.

However, "The British Government's UFO Project" does sound much more impressive if one is trying to establish oneself as the "Government's UFO Expert", "Britain's Fox Mulder", "The Man Behind the UK's X-Files", and other similar descriptions which have attached themselves, one way or another, to Mr Pope.

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John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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<http://www.science-frontiers.com>

ASTRONOMY

Biological Hot Spots on Mars?

M.J. Mumma, at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, is expert at detecting trace gases in the atmospheres of other planets via the spectroscope. Recently, he has combined the results from two earth-based infrared telescopes to sort out the gaseous components of the Martian atmosphere. While Mars' gaseous envelope is predominantly CO[2], it also contains traces of methane (CH[4]). Traces, yes, but still in quantities that strongly suggest biological sources. Furthermore, the Martian methane is concentrated over one of the two regions near the equator that are extraordinarily rich in water concealed just below the surface.

Van Flandern, T.; "Yet Another Life Indicator on Mars," *Meta Research Bulletin*, 13:15, March 15, 2004. Also:

<http://www.greggo.nul>

[Science Frontiers is a bimonthly collection of digests of scientific anomalies in the current literature. Published by the Sourcebook Project, P.O. Box 107, Glen Arm, MD 21057. Annual subscription: \$8.00.]

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"Only a zit on the wart on the heinie of progress." Copyright 1992, Frank Rice

Terry W. Colvin

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ASTRONOMY

Could We *Really* Be At The Center of The Universe?

Newly published data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS), led by Max Tegmark of the University of Pennsylvania, shows that our galaxy is centered on a great concentric distribution of galaxies.

The foregoing quotation is based upon an ambitious astronomical survey effort involving more than 200 astronomers at 13 institutions. So far, over 200,000 galaxies have been mapped. The accompanying figure is a two-dimensional, wedge-shaped slice of this cosmic map. It pinpoints approximately 33,500 galaxies. ...Note the rough concentricity about the earth.

Source: http://www.sdss.org/news/releases/galaxy_zoom.jpg

The roughly concentric distribution of galaxies about the point of the wedge, which is earth, is inescapable. Also readily apparent is a decrease in galaxy density with increasing distance from the earth.

The implications of the SDSS work so far is highly unsettling for two reasons:

- 1 - The Cosmological Principle, which demands that the universe be homogeneous with no favored center, is violated.
- 2 - The earth *does* seem to be at center of the observable universe contrary to the adamant philosophical declaration of science that the earth and its cargo are insignificant in the Grand Scheme of Things---whatever *that* is!

(Hartnett, John; "New Evidence: We Really Are at the Centre of the Universe," *TJ*, 18:9, no. 1, 2004. TJ = Technical Journal.)

Comments. The accompanying SDSS map is consistent with the long-claimed quantization of redshifts. (SF#105)

It is possible that astronomers misinterpret redshifts as yardsticks thereby invalidating the SDSS maps.

No one yet knows whether the earth might also be at the center of the distributions of dark matter and dark energy - assuming they exist and are not uniformly dispersed.

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UFOs Reported in Gobernador Ugarte Argentina

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UFOs SEEN OVER 25 DE MAYO
More sightings this weekend in Gobernador Ugarte*

The UFO phenomenon in the region of Gobernador Ugarte, parish of 25 de Mayo, is ongoing. Strange lights and maneuvers were reported this past weekend. One worker told the strange story of how the lights on his truck turned on and off by themselves as he stopped at a local ranch. Some residents say this is quite normal in the area while others express their fears.

LA MANANA spoke yesterday to Hector Labaronne, who has been filming UFOs for some three years now with his family. The "La Esperanza" ranch is where the greatest number of sightings and ground prints have been reported in recent times. This family possesses over five hours of video recordings of the lights and objects that appear in the night skies. The significance of these events has led to the screening on August 16th at 20:00 hrs. in the Sala Pablo Picasso of Capital Federal (Buenos Aires) of a 90 minute video of the Ugarte sightings.

- How long have you been recording UFOs?

More than three years now. The video to be shown in Buenos Aires is part of the five hours we've recorded. Almost all of the images are similar, except that some are on different days and nights.

- How long since the last sighting?

We saw lights last night (Sunday), also on Saturday, and there are some things that occur that are beyond the norm. For example, last Friday, one of the rangers who lives in a shed had a strange experience. At around 1 a.m., he saw a light, went outside, and realized that his truck's lights were on. He went to turn them off, but noticed that the pickup truck's lights weren't on. The light went out in the meantime. He thought it could be a loose wire and went to bed again. About an hour later he woke up to find his lights were on. This happened four times successively. He didn't go out after that because he was scared. The next day he remarked about this event and some people told him that there are "flying saucers" in the skies over this area, or that strange lights are seen. He says that when he went to bed, he could feel as though someone was running at the edge of the shack. We still don't know what it is, but we're sure there's something to it. This happened at the "La Esperanza" ranch.

- Are you accustomed to these strange happenings?

I see so many lights that we sometimes don't record them, because they look like the ones we already have. What I always want is to see what they are up close, which hasn't happened yet. The closest [they came] was 300 meters. The best days are when the sky is clear.

- Do people come to see this phenomenon?

There are many people who come to see this phenomenon and keep doing it. We sometimes don't have any contact with them because they seek the other locations. We always go to the same ranch. The lights fly right over Ugarte--many people of that town are seeing them. Since it is a normal occurrence, no one pays them much attention. A low-flying red light 100 meters over Ugarte is a normal thing.

- What time of year does this occur the most?

The colder it gets, the lower they fly. They can move some 30-40 centimeters over the ground. They don't leave traces. What we see are lights and sometimes a solid object behind them, like a suspended deep bowl. We've had them close, but when we get closer they move away--that happens always. They don't come over to where we are. They always avoid us.

- Are all the sightings in this area similar?

Yes. Many people are afraid. Not me, because if they'd wanted to do something to us, they would've done it already.

- What do you think about the presentation to be held in Buenos Aires?

It's great that this video should be presented in Capital Federal, since it has some very good images. This phenomenon is taking place everywhere. What happens here is that it occurs more often. I don't know why they like this place. People from Buenos Aires, La Plata, Cordoba- everywhere, have come to Ugarte.

The words of Hector Labaronne reflect what this family has experienced in recent years along with other residents of Ugarte. As this newspaper reported a few days ago, major UFO researchers have visited Ugarte.

The Fundaci=F3n Argentina de Ovnilogia (FAO) has performed studies in he area since July 4, 2002, when senior official Aragon=E9s indicated that he had seen UFOs in the area. At this time the national media drew attention to the cattle mutilations taking place in different parts of the country, cases which also occurred in Ugarte.

Research and eyewitness accounts have revealed sightings in previous decades. In the 1950's, personnel from Estancia San Jose del Socorro reported the surprising appearance of several circular marks near a eucalyptus forest. In the summer of 1971, a 12 year old boy witnessed the low-altitude flight of a strange aerial artifact. In the mid 1990's a local resident claimed having been taken aboard a spacecraft, providing details of his experience and showing marks on his arms.

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FIREBALLS SIGHTED BY
THOUSANDS IN DIXIE

Luminous objects described as "fireballs" were seen by thousands of people in the southern USA last week.

The flap began Monday, July 5, 2004, in Clearwater, Florida (population 108,787) at 1 a.m. Eyewitness Tarey Wolf reported, "The UFOs approached from the north. About 1 a.m. I was floating in my pool and saw three semi-transparent objects in formation. I almost thought they were ghostly-looking birds, then I realized they were craft."

The objects "were semi-transparent, ghostly, cylindrical with small wing-like protrusions. They went in and out of clouds, and it seemed like they were trying to match the nighttime cloud cover but were unsuccessful. Very fast from one horizon to the other."

On Thursday, July 8, 2004, Tarey's roommate "at about 3 a.m. let the dog out and noticed a very bright star, like seven planets in conjunction. It was stationary, though, not moving. It was big and round and bright."

On Tuesday, July 6, 2004, "two witnesses reported seeing what is described as a large green fireball over the town of Elk City, Oklahoma (population 10,510) at about 9 p.m. The object was described as being about the size of a tennis ball at arm's length. Its movement was from northwest to southeast."

"A meteor shower Wednesday night," July 7, 2004, "lit up the sky from Texas to western Tennessee, prompting a flood of reports to law enforcement officials throughout a five-state region."

"The lights flashed across the sky shortly after 9 p.m. in portions of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Tennessee."

"A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said the sighting was a meteorite, probably several."

"The first part was a fiery red, and it had a greenish glow behind it and a long red tail," Barbara Hayes, who lives in Bossier Parish, Louisiana (population 98,310) told Shreveport, La. television station KSLA-TV."

"A spokesman for the National Weather Service in Fort Worth (Texas) said the sightings were not tied to any weather event."

"Whatever the object was, it had to be pretty high

up in the sky and pretty big for such a large number of people to have seen it,' forecaster Mike Berry of Shreveport said."

"Astronomers said Thursday, July 8, 2004, "that a flying bright object that had plenty of people in several states perplexed Wednesday was likely a large meteor. The meteor burned up at 40 miles above Earth's surface around 9 p.m. on Wednesday," July 7, 2004.

"Experts said the object was traveling at a speed of about 30,000 miles per hour (48,000 kilometers per hour)."

"A video taken by a Texas law enforcement officer captured the object many were referring to as a 'fireball' Wednesday night."

"Reports of meteor sightings poured into newsrooms and weather centers in portions of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Tennessee."

"Stargazer Bob Moody is a member of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Astronomical Society. He was testing a new telescope at the Coleman Observatory in the hills of Van Buren, Arkansas (population 18,986) when the meteor passed overhead."

(Editor's Note: This is the first "Coleman" lexilink this week, but it won't be the last.)

"We saw something in the sky that lit up the ground like a searchlight,' Moody said, 'I noticed my shadow first because my back was to it and, as I turned around, it was just ending its burn...whatever it was. It was an extremely bright yellowish bright light.'"

According to Moody, meteors hit Earth's atmosphere almost every week. He said that because Wednesday's meteor burned up at such a high altitude, it is unlikely that any fragments of the object made it to the ground."

"Moody said the largest 'fireball' to pass over the Arkansas area was recorded in 1920." (See the Tyler, Tex. Morning Telegraph for July 8, 2004. Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr., Mary Lou Jones-Drown and Jim Hickman, executive director of Skywatch International, for these news stories.)

CHILEAN MAN ATTACKED BY DOG-LIKE HUMANOIDS

"Juan Acuna looks scared. He first runs away from the press and then argues that he's tired of telling his story to the press out of a fear that no one will believe him, anyway."

"The fact of the matter is that around 2 a.m. on Sunday, July 4, 2004, "he went to drop off his brother-in-law and, on his return home, he lived through an indescribable situation that he still cannot understand."

"I was on my way to the smallhold where I live, and two animals crossed my path--a large one and a small one. One bit my leg while the other went for my face. I shielded myself with my arm to defend myself. Later I jumped into the Fiscal Canal" on the outskirts of Parral, near Temuco in southern Chile, "and managed to come up in front of my brother-in-law's house, with my clothing all ripped. They called the ambulance, and I was taken to the hospital, getting there at 5:30 a.m.'"

"The resident says that the creatures were tremendously strong and that he was in fear of his life all the time, since he still couldn't figure out what they were."

"I think they may come back. I felt their claws...look at my body! They were always going for my face. I jumped into the canal because they couldn't go into the water. They followed me along the (canal's) edge and then flew away. They were dog-faced and had wings. This is not a normal situation, I told myself. They were much stronger than me. They got on top of me,' he noted."

"Meanwhile, the district attorney of Parral, Ricardo Encina, noted that the man's injuries had been evidenced but couldn't tell what had caused them."

"He has, in fact, defensive injuries on his arms, shoulders and back. He's very affected by what happened. We've initiated actions such as a search of the site. We've spoken to the victim, and he has an appointment to see the physician. Then we'll know what we're up against.'"

"The district attorney dismissed the possibility that

the wounds were caused by a human."

"All I can think of is that it's not an attack by a person, since these aren't the cutting wounds we're used to seeing when a knife is involved. Nor does he show bruises, as though someone had given him a beating. Nor does he have the scratches characteristic of someone who falls down by being drunk. That's not what it is, but I couldn't tell you the exact nature of his injuries,' he stated."

"Ricardo Encina confirmed that a few days ago there were reports of hen slayings near Parral, but it wasn't possible to determine what kind of animal was involved." (See the Chilean newspaper Diario de la Discusion for July 5, 2004, "Alleged winged creatures cause panic among peasants." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales para esto articulo de diario.) (Editor's Comment: From Acuna's description, these entities resemble the winged, dog-like humanoids that haunt the cemeteries of Cambridge, Massachusetts, which H.P. Lovecraft wrote about in his 1926 short story "Pickman's Model.")

DEPUTY AND WIFE SPOT A TRIANGULAR UFO IN OHIO

"On Wednesday, June 16, 2004, a veteran deputy sheriff in Lake County, Ohio and his wife observed an unusual triangular-shaped aircraft from two separate vantage points at nearly the same time."

"The wife spotted 'the unusual object while driving east along State Route 91 near the intersection' of Ohio Routes 91 and 306 "near Willoughby Hills, Ohio (population 8,595).

"Deputy Sheriff Kevin Coleman reported both sightings to the National UFO Reporting Center" in Seattle, Wash. (Editor's Comment: There's that name again. And it's not the last "Coleman" encountered this week, either.)

"Deputy Sheriff Coleman reports that the high-flying object he saw was traveling from west to east last Wednesday," June 16, 2004, "was nothing that he was familiar with. The object was apparently higher than a jet airliner that was also flying through that area."

"I was concerned to find out if that object was just reflecting sunlight. But after studying this for the length of time that I could, it did not seem to change in intensity or seem to be reflecting light in any way,' he said, 'It had an angular shape to it, giving me the impression that it was self-luminous. In my opinion, it was self-luminous.'"

"It was definitely traveling in an easterly direction of the Perry Nuclear Plant when I first saw it,' Coleman said, 'The thing seemed to slow down and get bigger. The object was just 'gone,' not accelerating or flew off somewhere; it simply disappeared. I had a good visual on it. There was no question about it moving off.'"

"The near simultaneous sighting by Coleman's wife of a boomerang-shaped aircraft hovering only 100 feet (30 meters) from the ground was far more dramatic, according to Coleman, and the duration of the sighting was over one minute and documented due to traffic circumstances."

"First viewed to her right and in a northerly direction, Coleman's wife thought the object was some type of military aircraft that was probably in a holding pattern. 'My wife thought the plane was somehow related to the events of September 11th (2001) or even in some kind of investigation related to 9/11, Coleman said." (Many thanks to Ohio ufologist Kenny Young for this report.)

DAYLIGHT DISCS SPOTTED BY CALIFORNIA MAN

On Monday, July 5, 2004, at 7 p.m., Joe M. "was in Castro Valley, California, on my patio, watching a commercial airliner about six miles (9,600 meters) up in the air, using a pair of Tasco binoculars. The skies were clear and blue with no clouds."

"I zeroed in on the tail fin of a jetliner. I was

trying to see the commercial airline's logo that was on the tail fin, when I suddenly noticed above the tail fin, about a mile above the plane (at 11,200 meters), two white circular discs motionless in the air."

"I stopped following the plane and looked at the two discs with my binoculars. The discs were at an 8 o'clock and a 1 o'clock position on an imaginary clock. The white disc that was at an 8 o'clock position had a long white rod spinning around the disc. The other disc did not have any rod (moving) around it."

"I focused in as close as I could on these two white discs but, at seven miles high, it was hard to see if they had any port windows (portholes--J.T.) on them. There was definitely no strobe (navigational) lights on this craft like jet airliners have."

"At seven miles up, I could hear no sound at all."

"The discs were in the sky motionless for about five minutes. Then the spinning rod disappeared from the craft. It did not go in the craft. It just disappeared."

"Then, about five seconds after the rod disappeared, both craft just shot off at an astonishing speed towards the west and were gone from view in just a few seconds."

"Thinking back now, I think that the rod on the disc was recharging the one craft. Whether it was being recharged by the sun's rays or whatever was below the craft at seven miles down, I have no idea. It was truly an amazing sight to witness."

"I would estimate that, by looking at the commercial plane that was below these craft, the size of the two discs was an astounding quarter of a mile in diameter (about 1,400 feet or 420 meters--J.T.) Whatever these two craft were, I honestly believe the pilots flying them were not of this Earth. I have never seen any aircraft shaped like that or moving at such an astounding speed." (Email Form Report)

LUMINOUS UFO SEEN BY 200 IN MEXICO'S YUCATAN

On Sunday, July 4, 2004, two hundred members of Grupo CAFE and Grupo Sirio-Mayab, two ufological groups in Mexico's Yucatan state, attended a skywatch in the city of Tikul.

Clear skies that Sunday night "allowed a light to be seen around 7 p.m. coming from the direction of a nearby radio mast. It first moved in a straight line and then descended somewhat before ascending again, all of this in a zigzag motion, which dismissed any possibility that it was a satellite."

"Seconds later, like maybe 20 (seconds), the object disappeared again, but this time upwards as if leaving the atmosphere. A video of the event was taken using a SONY Hi-8 camera. The person who shot the event was Prof. Silvestre Leal Campos, director of the Sirio-Mayab group."

Also witnessing the UFO's overflight were Jorge Castro Aledos and Guillermo Contreras Cruz, Grupo CAFE's correspondent in Tikul. (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y David Triay Lucatero del Grupo CAFE para estas noticias.)

LUMINOUS UFO APPEARS NEAR MONTREAL, CANADA

On Monday, July 5, 2004, the male eyewitness reported, "I had just arrived home" at his apartment in Rosemont, a suburb of Montreal, in Quebec province, Canada "between 8:30 and 8:50 p.m. and took my guitar and then it all happened. The weather was cloudy and overcast. My balcony is on the third story and directly facing west. Looking to the horizon as I was strumming my guitar, I noticed an object way too low and bright to be an airplane. The brilliant red light was much too low to be classified as an airplane or a helicopter."

"The entire sighting lasted between 40 to 60 seconds, and (the object) then took an awkward plunge and rushed into itself. I could not determine the shape of the object because it was very bright, and the brightness increased and became intense."

"My wife also noticed her neighbourhood friend

talking about the strange object and was concluding that it looked like something alien." (Many thanks to Canadian ufologist Brian Vike for this report.)

BRIGHT UFOs APPEAR OVER PARTS OF BUENOS AIRES

On Monday, July 5, 2004, at 7 p.m., "several self-luminous UFOs, of a potent magnitude with blue and white tints, flew from the east, the Rio de la Plata, to the northeast, over the Avenida Nueve de Julio, and to the barrio Santa Fe," in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina.

According to Argentinian ufologist Ricardo E. D'Angelo, "numerous objects" were seen in the northern part of the city, "from the dome of El Congreso (the Capitol building--J.T.) all the way north to the Rio Parana. I received reports from other ufologists in the northern part of the city, notably Carlos Turus and Daniel Valverdi, and they reported the bright objects over both the Rio de la Plata waterfront and the residential neighborhoods of Santa Fe. They described the event as 'a truly strange phenomenon.'" (Muchas gracias a Ricardo E. D'Angelo para estas noticias.)

ELECTRONIC PHENOMENON IN WALDORF, MARYLAND

"It sounds like something out of The X-Files."

"A mysterious force is rendering keyless car remote controls impotent in Waldorf," Maryland (population 22,312).

"Some frustrated drivers are looking skyward for the answer. But the experts say the fault isn't with UFOs or secret NASA satellites. It's radio interference."

"Keyless entry technology uses radio frequencies that aren't regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)."

"Bruce Romano, who works in the Office of Engineering and Technology at the FCC says if there's interference, that's too bad. The primary user of that slice of the radio spectrum is the government."

"Officials say they'll decide if whatever car interference is from military or government transmissions."

Waldorf, Md. is on Route 5 about 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of Washington, D.C. (See the Baltimore Sun for July 6, 2004, "Mysterious force knocks out keyless entry systems." Many thanks to Jim Hickman, executive director of Skywatch International, for this report. Don't forget to visit Jim's Web site at www.thehickmanreport.com)

(Editor's Comment: I sure hope this isn't some goofy unexpected side-effect of the HAARP array.)

ANOTHER CROP CIRCLE REPORTED IN POLAND

A new crop circle "was found near the village of Wylatowo" in Poland "the morning of Monday," July 5, 2004. "It is composed of four elements. There are two circles" measuring "6.0 meters (9.8 feet) and 9.5 meters (31.5 feet) in their diameter. Next, the third element was found--it is composed of 12 rings. Every ring is 12 meters (40 feet) in diameter and one meter (3.3 feet) wide. The fourth element of the agroformation measured 18.5 meters (61 feet) in diameter, and it has the ring with the circle inside."

Video of the Wylatowo crop circle was aired in the news broadcast of the show Panorama on Polish National Television Channel 2 on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at 6:45 p.m. (Many thanks to Polish ufologists Robert K. Lesniakiewicz and Adam Piekut for this news story.)

TITAN STILL AN ENIGMA AFTER CASSINI'S FLYBY

"As the Cassini-Huygens spacecraft zooms away from Saturn on its first, sweeping orbital loop, it has left a wake of questions that has scientists buzzing about the craft's first pass by the moon Titan."

"Scientists expected to see oceans or lakes reflecting like mirrors from Titan's surface. Instead, Cassini sent back murky pictures obscured by moon clouds."

"'All of this is very mystifying,' Cassini's imaging team leader Carolyn Porco said Monday," July 5, 2004. 'We are trying to piece together a picture with really scant evidence.'"

"The (robot) ship snapped pictures and took instrument readings as it passed within 211,000 miles (353,000 kilometers) of Titan, about as close as Earth is to its own moon. The craft is soaring away from Saturn on the first orbit."

"Titan is the focus of the \$3.27 billion mission, which will spend at least four years exploring Saturn's rings, moons, atmosphere and magnetic field. The multinational team of NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency launched the mission in 1997 with a focus on planet-like Titan because it is believed to be similar or primordial Earth."

"Cassini will be back near Saturn in about 50 days, and in October will pass within 750 miles (1,200 kilometers) of Titan. Once in a tight orbit, Cassini's regular passes within 600 miles (1,000 kilometers) will produce a steady stream of data."

"Until then, scientists can only debate what they've seen so far."

"The team wonders which of its assumptions were wrong. Are there no lakes or oceans, or is the haze in the atmosphere just much thicker than expected?"

"'It's not obvious to us what we are seeing,' Porco says, 'The paradigms we have are inadequate.'"

"Comparing Titan today to the Earth 4 billion years ago could be like opening a scientific time capsule, providing insight into the conditions in which life arose here."

"Or it could raise new questions."

"'It's going to take all of the instruments and all of us working together to work out the story of Titan's surface,' Porco says."

"Though clouds obscured the view, they also provided scientists with clues. A methane cloud near Titan's South Pole is made up of unusually large particles, suggesting something is brewing below."

"And scientists were able to look for the first time at the surface, using an infrared mapping spectrometer that cut through the haze, to map minerals and chemicals."

"'We have indeed seen Titan's surface with unprecedented clarity,' said Dennis Matson, one of the project scientists. When the ship gets closer to Titan in coming months, the scientists will use radar to map the surface in greater detail."

In addition, Cassini's plunge past Saturn last week revealed a startlingly beautiful look at the planet's rings of ice and dust, scientists said Wednesday," July 7, 2004.

"Cassini's Ultraviolet Imaging Spectrograph Team, led by Larry Esposito of the University of Colorado-Boulder, reports that the images show more ice lingers in the outer-edge subrings of the A, B and C main rings. The inner parts of the rings appear dirtier and could contain smaller ice particles, says Josh Cowell, a member of the team."

"'The pictures look almost psychedelic,' he says."

"Through more refined looks at the data, the team hopes to determine whether the dirtier ringlets formed in place around Saturn or as a result of micrometeorites contaminating the rings." (See USA Today for July 6, 2004, "Pictures from Titan have scientists puzzled," page 5D; and for July 8, 2004, "Images of Saturn's rings hint at their origin," page 4D.)

READER FEEDBACK:

THERE WAS NO PORTUGUESE
MISSILE LAUNCH ON JUNE 1

Portuguese ufologist Joaquim Fernandes writes, "I just learned from a former Portuguese Air Force Chief of Staff that the alleged missile launch against the UFO that crossed Portugal and the south of Spain (on June 1, 2004--J.T.) never occurred."

"In fact, if the Air Force bases were put on alert, the incident would have stopped there--at that level. So there was no fired launch against the intruder. Maybe an inexact reading of the newspapers determined that rumour."

"It is important that these matters should be examined by the scientific authorities and not within the framework of popular beliefs that transform information into an ongoing urban legend."

YES, THERE WAS--IT WAS A
SECRET LAUNCH

Another Portuguese ufologist, Gregorio Sao Xavier, took the opposite tack. Asked to comment, he wrote, "What I stated in the last email was true. If it (the missile) was truly launched, I do not know. But I don't expect the military to tell all of its secrets to Sr. Fernandes. It would alarm people on the eve of EURO 2004."

"If they launched and didn't tell, they did good. More I personally don't know."

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth--and occasionally Saturn--brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next time.

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Roswell Dig Finds Nothing

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Roswell Dig Finds Nothing, Investigator Still Hopeful

HUBERTUS, Wisconsin (Wireless Flash) -- In an ending similar to that of Geraldo Riviera's Al Capone vault special, a team of investigators who dug up a field near Roswell, New Mexico, found no evidence to prove the 1947 UFO crash.

The team of amateur archaeologists and UFO investigators, who were backed by the SciFi Channel and the University of New Mexico, document their search in the new book, "The Roswell Dig Diaries" (Pocket Books).

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0743486129/mothman-20>

UFO investigator and co-author of the book, Donald R. Schmidt, says that some of the items recovered are still being tested at the University of New Mexico.

But the important thing was to prove that a UFO had made a gouge in the area they were excavating, and, unfortunately, they didn't turn up any material which suggested that was the case.

While Schmidt is planning to go back to the site, he knows that the odds are against him finding anything more due to 30 mph winds, sudden rainstorms, and animals stealing fragments.

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SENATOR LOTT CALLS FOR NEW DECLASSIFICATION PROCESS

Sen. Trent Lott (R-MS) criticized the Central Intelligence Agency for demanding unnecessary redactions in the recent Senate report on pre-war Iraq intelligence, and he said that a new procedure for declassifying such documents is now needed.

"When the Intelligence Committee first prepared this report, the CIA recommended that about half of it be redacted," Sen. Lott noted on the Senate floor yesterday.

"I understand the need to protect the names of sources and intelligence methods. But I can tell you that most of those redactions were not of that nature; they were everyday, unclassified words."

"It is my belief that in matters such as these, the CIA is too close to the intelligence process to provide an objective view of what really needs to be classified," he said.

"Consequently, I am working with Senator Wyden to propose legislation that will establish a small independent group under the President that will review documents such as this report to ensure that classification decisions are independent and objective."

See his July 13 floor statement here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_cr/s071304.html

In 1997, the Moynihan Commission on Government Secrecy proposed the establishment of a National Declassification Center to coordinate declassification policy and to promote timely and cost-effective release of records. But like most of that Commission's recommendations, it was never acted upon.

See Chapter 3 of the Moynihan Commission Report entitled "Common Sense Declassification and Public Access" here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/library/moynihan/chap3.html>

ASHCROFT HAILS THE USA PATRIOT ACT

"The Patriot Act is al Qaeda's worst nightmare when it comes to

disrupting and disabling their operations here in America," said Attorney General John Ashcroft yesterday, announcing release of a new Justice Department report that credits the USA Patriot for dozens of successful law enforcement investigations and operations.

See the Attorney General's remarks here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/07/ag071304.html>

A copy of the new report, entitled "Report from the Field: The USA PATRIOT Act at Work," is available here (2 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/patriot0704.pdf>

A recent Congressional Research Service report on the Patriot Act was mistakenly identified in the previous edition of Secrecy News. The newly updated report is not "The USA Patriot Act: A Sketch," but rather "The USA Patriot Act Sunset: A Sketch," updated June 10, 2004 and available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS21704.pdf>

UK REPORT ON WMD INTELLIGENCE

A new British government report on intelligence regarding weapons of mass destruction generally echoes the criticisms presented by others but also stops short of assigning personal culpability for intelligence and policy failures.

See a copy of the report entitled "Review of Intelligence on Weapons of Mass Destruction" (the Butler Committee report), July 14, 2004 here (216 pages, 1 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/uk/butler071404.pdf>

MORE ON THE TAGUBA REPORT

The voluminous annexes to the classified Army investigative report by Maj. General Antonio M. Taguba regarding the abuse of Iraqi prisoners in U.S. custody were obtained by U.S. News and World Report, which has made several of them available on its web site here:

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/issue/040719/usnews/19prison.b.htm>

U.S. News offered additional reporting on the matter this week in an article entitled "Hell on Earth" by Edward T. Pound and Kit R. Roane:

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/issue/040719/usnews/19prison.htm>

NEW DOCUMENTS ON SIOP HISTORY

Military planning for the conduct of a nuclear war, known as the Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP), is perhaps the most intensely guarded government secret of all.

Newly declassified historical documents on the development of the SIOP in the early 1960s have been compiled with an interpretive introduction by William Burr of the National Security Archive.

See "The Creation of SIOP-62: More Evidence on the Origins of Overkill," edited by William Burr, July 13, 2004, here:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB130/index.htm>

SOUTH KOREA TO CIA: IT'S ROH NOT NO

A South Korean legislator complained this week that the Central Intelligence Agency has repeatedly misspelled the name of South Korean President Roh.

"Although the official spelling of the President is 'Roh Moo-Hyun,' it is written as 'No Moo-Hyun' on the web site of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, which was updated in May,"

said Sohn Bong-suk of the Millenium Democratic Party.

"It was misspelled in last year's world fact book, which the CIA publishes every year, and still is not corrected."

The proper transliteration of foreign names is a serious challenge for U.S. intelligence, particularly since there is often no single, unique English spelling of non-Western names.

The problem was anticipated 35 years ago by Mel Brooks (the next DCI?) in an episode of the TV show Get Smart that featured a Chinese villain known as "The Claw" because of his prosthetic arm with a hook at the end.

Since The Claw stereotypically pronounced the letter "l" like the letter "r," secret agent Maxwell Smart thought his name was The Crawl.

The bad guy helplessly attempted to correct him: "Not The Crawl - - The CRAW!"

See "President Roh Becomes President No," published in Chosun Ilbo, South Korea's largest daily newspaper, July 12:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/07/chosun071204.html>

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Mystery Of The Maize

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Mystery of the maize: New Milford woman's corn crop flattened overnight
Mid-garden damage defies explanation, son says

By Kamilla Gary
The News-Times

NEW MILFORD =97 Martha Bailey got up Tuesday morning, just like she always does, to have her cigarette and coffee out on the porch of her Sunny Valley Road home.

What she saw was reminiscent of the movies. Think Mel Gibson in "Signs."

"Maybe aliens touched down," her 7-year-old granddaughter, Shannon, said.

"They're heeeeere," her son, Eric, joked to his wife, Pat.

Bailey's small garden, marked with the homey sign "Grandma's Garden," is fenced off with 7-foot-tall chicken wire and wood. She has planted yellow and white corn among the squash and tomato plants.

In the middle of the corn patch, a perfect square of corn stalks lay perfectly flat, uniformly bent in one direction. The healthy, green corn stalks were otherwise undamaged and the corn surrounding the approximately 20-foot by-40-foot square was standing perfectly. Not one tomato or squash was harmed.

Whatever, or whoever, flattened the crop is a mystery.

"It's weird," Bailey said, looking out at the garden.

Bailey is convinced that something must have touched down in the garden. She doesn't think it was vandalism; she explained few children live on the quiet street and she has nice neighbors. Even though rain soaked the area Monday evening into Tuesday, no footprints were found in the garden.

"Everything was secure, the gates were locked, it had to be something that touched down and flattened it," Bailey said. "It made me sick this morning."

Some of the cornstalks that had remained standing were beginning to droop Tuesday, but they weren't falling at all the way the others had.

In addition to the 7-foot fence, firewood is stacked against the back and left sides of the fence.

Bailey, 69, said she has been gardening since she was 9 and has never seen anything like it. Her daughter-in-law contacted Dr. Mel Goldstein, a meteorologist with WTNH Channel 8, who told her there was no wind Monday night.

Even if there had been wind, Bailey pointed out that her 3.4-acre property is surrounded by trees, which she believes would have taken the brunt of any wind gusts.

Eric Bailey said that he had seen the 2002 Mel Gibson movie "Signs," by M. Night Shyamalan. The movie focuses on a man who lives on a Pennsylvania farm with his brother and two children. One day the children discover a crop circle in the middle of their corn field, which the family soon learns is a sign that aliens are coming to take over the earth.

"That was the first movie that ever gave me goosebumps," Eric Bailey said. When he first saw the square design in his mother's garden, he said his mind immediately went to otherworldly beings. The square defies other logical explanation, he said.

He knows a little of the history of crop circles, which gained notoriety when stories began popping up in the 1980s in British media. It was revealed that a group of people using wooden boards and wire were creating intricate circles during the night in some instances.

"Who in their right mind would do that and not take credit for it?" Eric Bailey said.

The family moved to the property in 1999. The home was originally part of the neighboring Sunny Valley Preserve. They remodeled the home, clearing the trees that surrounded the small and dilapidated house and turning it into the picturesque home it is today.

The other day, Pat and Eric Bailey went to the Elephant's Trunk and returned with a green and white sign

that reads "Valley Farm, Est. 1864."

"I think that sign was a jinx," Martha Bailey said to her son, who dismissed the thought. "I wonder what happened on the Valley Farm in 1864."

The family planned to get out into the garden to try to pick up the stalks, perhaps propping them up with more soil.

But for now, Eric and Pat Bailey's bedroom window looks out on the mysterious square.

"I don't know the answer," Eric Bailey said.

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Video Of Gobernador Ugarte Argentina UFO

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Some video footage of the Gobernador Ugarte UFO can be seen at the following link

http://americanoticias.uolsinectis.com.ar/galeria_videos/

Left hand column, third item down.

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NARCAP: Aviation Safety in US: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena and Under-Reporting Bias

"Upon return to my domicile, JFK, I reported our sighting to the proper authorities. I was shortly visited by two federal investigators who evidently thought I was hallucinating for one of them stated he had seen spaceships while fishing in Great South Bay and was quite obviously trying to prove that I was a loony." -- Captain, Pan Am (ret.)

"It must have been Huge! We were all due back at JFK about the same time two days later so I waited in the crew ready room to talk to them. None of them wanted to talk! They were afraid management would take them off of flying status and have them tested for booze and drugs. The story never came out!"
--Flight Engineer, TWA (ret.)

NARCAP Technical Report No. 8 - 10 July 2004

<http://www.narcap.org/reports/TR8Bias1.htm>

Aviation Safety in America: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena and Under-Reporting Bias

The issue of valid U.S. pilot reports of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, UAP and the seeming lack of attention given to these reports by the aviation system is a complicated one. There is a longstanding bias in place that severely inhibits the reporting and investigation of UAP incidents. This bias stifles open discussion of UAP amongst aircrews, management, safety administrators, and the researchers who try to acquire information on this important topic. [excerpt taken from report]

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** SENATORS INTRODUCE BILL TO REVAMP CLASSIFICATION POLICY
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SENATORS INTRODUCE BILL TO REVAMP CLASSIFICATION POLICY

Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR), Trent Lott (R-MS), Bob Graham (D-FL) and Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) yesterday introduced bipartisan legislation to establish an Independent National Security Classification Board that would review current classification policies, make recommendations for reform, and serve as a neutral forum for reexamining disputed classification decisions.

"We need clear standards and procedures to ensure a reasonable balance between the need for citizens to have access to information and the need to protect national security," said Sen. Wyden in a news release.

"This unbiased, independent Board will apply some common sense to the national security classification system," he said.

The legislation (S. 2672) would authorize \$2 million for the first year of the Board's operations. The three-member Board would be named by the President, the Senate and the House. Each would require Senate confirmation.

But in a decisive limitation, the Board would not have independent statutory authority to compel declassification by a recalcitrant agency.

See Senator Wyden's July 15 thoughtful statement introducing the bill here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2004/s2672.html>

One measure of the difficulty of achieving classification reform through this kind of process is that a very similar approach has already been tried without success.

In the Fiscal Year 2001 Intelligence Authorization Act, Congress previously enacted and the President signed into law a provision that established something called the Public Interest Declassification Board (PIDB).

Its functions and authorities, which closely resemble those of the Board now proposed in the Senate, are set forth here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2000_rpt/hr5630e.html#pida

But incredibly, the members of the Public Interest Declassification Board were never named by the President and Congress, so it has never convened.

Perhaps the Wyden-Lott proposal will fare better. Before it was even introduced, it had already garnered editorial support from The Washington Post (July 13) and The New Republic (July 26).

MORE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE PRODUCTS

Recently acquired reports of the Congressional Research Service include the following:

"The Middle East Peace Talks," updated July 6, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/IB91137.pdf>

"Major Tax Issues in the 108th Congress," updated July 12, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/IB10110.pdf>

"Nuclear Nonproliferation Issues," updated June 21, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/crs/IB10091.pdf>

"Terrorist 'Dirty Bombs': A Brief Primer," updated April 1, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/crs/RS21528.pdf>

CORRECTIONS RE: "THE CLAW" AND PRESIDENT NO

Secrecy News (07/14/04) should have noted that the TV program Get Smart was co-created by Buck Henry. The two episodes featuring The Claw, entitled The Diplomat's Daughter and The Amazing Harry Hoo, are credited to writers Gerald Gardner and Dee Caruso, not Mel Brooks. Gardner and Caruso no longer speak to one another, Secrecy News is informed, and Caruso will not discuss the show. Thanks to several alert readers, M and subject matter expert Carl Birkmeyer.

The Central Intelligence Agency's refusal to alter the spelling of the South Korean President's name from "No Mu-hyon" to "Roh Moo-hyun," as requested by South Korea (SN, 07/14/04), is not due to ignorance or malice.

Rather, the CIA is adhering to what is called the McCune-Reischauer system of Romanization of the Korean language. First published in 1939, the McCune-Reischauer system is acknowledged to be an imperfect compromise, but it remains the reigning standard among Western students of Korea.

Periodic efforts by the Korean government to dislodge McCune-Reischauer in favor of what it says is a more accurate system of pronunciation and transliteration have not met with much success so far.

The Korean Overseas Information Service told the Korea Herald this week it would make another attempt to persuade the CIA to change its spelling of the President's name.

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My July 15 UFO Anniversary

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Friends, Forteans, Listmates!

Today, July 15th, is the 37th anniversary of one of my own few first-hand personal paranormal experiences: the night a friend of mine and I both saw a rather unusual three-pronged bright purplish UFO - or an odd celestial appearance of some sort - over Charlottesville, Virginia.

37 years ago, on Saturday, July 15, 1967, I was a graduate student in History at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, working on my doctoral dissertation. One of my close friends at U.Va. was a graduate English major named Alex Theroux, now a highly regarded novelist, author of the critically acclaimed novels, *Darconville's Cat* and *An Adultery*. That night, Alex and I went to a local student watering hole, the "Gaslight," along with a young Swedish parapsychologist, Nils Jacobson, whom we'd just met earlier that day. Nils Jacobson, then a medical student specializing in psychiatry, was doing his psychiatry internship at the U.Va. Hospital that summer, under that hospital's noted reincarnation researcher, Ian Stevenson of the hospital's Neurology and Psychiatry Department.

Alex Theroux, Nils Jacobson, and I had a few beers and some dinner that night at the Gaslight. Jacobson had to leave, but we soon ran into some of Alex's friends who invited us over to their own apartment. Shortly before midnight, Alex and I left the Gaslight to drive over to his friend's apartment. As we were walking across the Gaslight parking lot to Alex's car, I happened to glance at the sky over downtown Charlottesville, to the Southeast.

To my astonishment, I saw a huge bright three-pronged purplish-pink glow in the night sky, covering about 20 or 30 degrees of arc. It was shaped like a Mercedes-Benz logo without the circular rim, or like a peace symbol with the middle leg missing. A jet fighter was flying in its direction. I pointed it out to Alex, who exclaimed, "My God, a UFO!" We didn't see any more, however, as we then got into Alex's car to drive to his friends' place. Later, however, we both drew identical drawings of it. For the next week or so, I scanned the Charlottesville, Richmond, and Norfolk papers every day for mentions of the UFO and the plane "buzzing" it, but found nothing - making me wonder if there might have been an Air Force cover-up of the incident!

For whatever the coincidence is worth, I saw my 1967 Charlottesville UFO at a time when I was starting to fall madly, hopelessly in love with a very bright and likable but badly disturbed schizophrenic girl, Barbara K____. Barbara was an ardent "peacenik," and also very self-consciously Jewish. These passionate identifications, I've often thought, would be quite aptly symbolized together by a paranormal appearance recalling both a peace symbol and the logo of her people's arch-enemy

Adolf Hitler's car, the Mercedes-Benz! And, on top of that, Alex and I had gone to the Gaslight that night with the Swedish parapsychologist Nils Jacobson, whom we had both met earlier that day!

Somehow, I've always thought, my feelings for Barbara K_____, Barbara's own preoccupations, and the presence with us that day of a parapsychologist all contributed that night to generating a psychic "Gestalt" manifesting the appearance of that three-pronged celestial glow recalling both a peace sign and a Mercedes-Benz logo! Maybe there was no nuts-and-bolts starship from Zeta Reticuli over Charlottesville on the night of July 15, 1967 - but there was a psychodynamic relationship involving myself, Barbara K_____, Alex Theroux, and Nils Jacobson!

Peace,

T. Peter

Terry W. Colvin

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Fighting Fear And Conspiracy Theories On Moonlit Night

By Jan Glidewell
Times Columnist

I sat, a few nights ago, trying very hard not to think a whole lot about where I was.

It was beautiful in the San Luis Valley in Colorado, with the Sangre De Cristo mountains rising on one side and the kinder, gentler San Juan range on the other.

I watched a full moon, occasionally blocked by scudding black clouds, rise over mountains whose blood-red color resulted in their being named for the blood of Christ, and convinced myself that I was only moderately afraid.

The San Luis Valley is a site well-known to UFO buffs, fans of the supernatural and conspiracy theorists. It is one of the primary UFO sighting locations in the United States, and, when cattle mutilations were the "in" thing with alien invasion buffs, the valley was also the site of more of those than any other area.

And it's not hard to find a few locals or longtime transplants who will tell you about energy vortexes, strange aircraft flying in and out of mountain caves and even, as one guy in a bar in nearby Salida explained to me one night, "gridding."

Gridding is very popular with conspiracy buffs who think gridlike patterns that look to the rest of us like jet contrails are actually signs of mind-control chemicals being dropped on us by the government.

Of course, a government that has been able to sell us some of the things we seem to have swallowed en masse lately doesn't seem to need much in the way of mind control chemicals.

But, back to the things of which I was more immediately afraid.

The fact that I was at a fairly isolated campsite made me wonder, for the first time in years, what would happen if I had a heart attack. Then I convinced myself to calm down and stop borrowing trouble.

It's easy when you haven't done much camping or spent a lot of time in the outdoors in decades to become anxious. What if the hatchet glances off a piece of wood and slices an artery? What if the bears you have heard about roaming the nearby mountain ranges sometimes drop down into the valley looking for Florida

license plates so they can stop in for a little Southern food? There must be some reason the campground advertises that it has game meat freezers on the premises.

What if the frequent winds blow the tent away? What if the waterproofing stuff on the tent seams doesn't work and it storms?

I did what I usually do in such circumstances, and shouted, (internally, I didn't want to cry wolf in case I really did need help from campsites within shouting distance) "Hey! Grab the reins. Relax." I reminded myself that I had stopped off for a few days in New Orleans en route from Dade City to Colorado, and walked the French Quarter's streets unmolested, except when a woman popped up from behind Marie Laveau's tomb in broad daylight and asked for a handout. She looked so much like the fabled voodoo priestess buried in the cemetery I was touring that I handed her a whole pocketful of change.

I reminded myself that I had driven 2,000 miles on interstate highways full of massive pieces of truck tire recaps, people who don't understand that merging traffic yields to oncoming traffic, and highways designed by people with no respect for the aging male bladder. I had even faced down gas gougers who will look you in the eye and try to make you believe that you just pumped 23 gallons of gas into a 22-gallon tank when your (working) gas gauge read half-full when you started.

I wondered for a moment if I was just whistling past the graveyard in convincing myself how fearless I was.

Then I congratulated myself that that couldn't be, because there was no graveyard . . . until I remembered the tiny, stark Villa Grove graveyard that I had driven past on the way to my camping spot.

But a bottle of good merlot, a blazing fire and damaged hearing that made me able to believe that every sound I heard was an owl served my jittery nerves well.

It wasn't, I decided, so scary after all and, properly padded with a bag full of dirty laundry, a hatchet actually does make a pretty good pillow.

The only trick for the next several weeks, for me, will be to ignore strange lights in the sky, and to try to get to sleep every night without the word "probe" going through my mind.

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Revelations Of Alien Capture At Brazillian Congress

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UFO Congress to be held in Varginha has new revelations about the capture of aliens in Brazil

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Jeeves Dumbed Down Bigtime

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2004 08:54:20 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 08:58:47 -0400
Subject: Jeeves Dumbed Down Bigtime

Hello,

In America at least, one thinks of an English butler as a touchstone of taste, propriety, correctness and everything else we love to hate, or vice-versa.

From time to time, I check the search engines to see if my little website is doing any good. After Google and Yahoo, I check "Ask Jeeves".

Try it yourself. Query Jeeves with the one word "UFO":

I'll save you some keystrokes, just click this:

<http://web.ask.com/web?q=UFO>

Now. What's wrong with that page, aside from my site not immediately showing up that is?

Look at the right-hand box headed "Related Searches".

Count down past 'rods' and similar garbage to the ninth item:

"UFO Sitings".

'SITINGS'... not 'Sightings'!?

Maybe this seems a small matter to a few of you using 'Winders-98', but it just galls the crap out of me.

Site = location, place... as in 'We decided to build a dam on this SITE because of this convenient river.'

'Sight' implies vision, seeing, (sigh!)

As it turns out, Ask Jeeves gives my web-'site' fairly decent ratings. I can't complain, maybe that explains the droolers with AOL addresses that write in now and again.

We are lucky to have some good gatekeepers on this list, Jan, John and others. Please contrast this with "Jeeves" the butler who cannot spell, nor parse, nor discriminate.

If you have a single doubt about this, just click on Jeeves recommendations for "UFO SITINGS".

You will find something like the following:

<http://web.ask.com/web?qsrc=6&q=UFO+Sitings>

I'm glad my site (not sight) is not on that page.

So, what of the 'Jeeves' concept? Is this some pretention to class and gentility? I prefer beer. I'm somehow reminded of prisoners who find profound and life changing religious convictions, just before the parole board convenes.

End of rant.....

Thanks for your patience,

Larry Hatch

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UK UFO Conferemce October 9/10 2004

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Report on Restoration of Parque Forestal Image

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Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 09:06:06 -0400
Subject: Report on Restoration of Parque Forestal Image

INEXPLICATA

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

July 18, 2004

Source: CIFAE - CHILE

Date: 06.17.04

Restoration of the Parque Forestal Image

In regard to the analysis of the Parque Forestal photograph, CIFAE delivers this interesting report by our scientific director to the international UFO research community.

In this work we shall present a brief introduction to the restoration of images by means of deconvolution, which is the only correct technique for eliminating certain defects from images. We also attempt to restore the Parque Forestal image, although in this case it isn't possible to obtain very good results. We are not trying to debate what the subject of the photo is or is not, nor if it is of interest to ufology. The main subject under discussion here (restoration) should be of interest to any researcher who works with images.

An image distorted by being out of focus, astigmatism, "motion blur", atmospheric disturbances, etc. is mathematically represented as the convolution between the non-defective image and a PSF (point spread function). PSF is a function that can be interpreted as the distorted image of a white spot on a black background, and each image can have a different PSF depending on the camera and the conditions under which the image was acquired.

In order to restore the image and to eliminate these defects, one must perform the reverse operation, in other words, deconvolute the distorted image against the corresponding PSF. Deconvolution isn't hard to achieve, but the deconvolution algorithms tend to be sensible to the image's "noise" (fluctuations) and iterative methods can easily diverge. The worst problem arises when the PSF isn't known a priori, and in this case it is necessary to develop some method that can extract the PSF from the defective image, what is known as blind deconvolution. This problem can be hard to deal with, and may be considered as one of the great challenges of the field of image analysis.

For example, Figure 1 shows a restoration made by Michael Cannon in the 1970s, and who determined PSF based on a cepstral analysis and later deconvoluted the image using Wiener's Filter

Figure 1: An example of blind deconvolution.

It is also interesting to note the recent work of Alfred Carasso, who has achieved very impressive results, although the applicability of his methods is limited.

It is hard to find commercial software capable of performing blind deconvolutions. Some programs like AutoDeblur have been specifically developed for microscopy. The Unshake program is a general purpose one, but is based on a very simple method that doesn't always work well. Other software packages like Iris are only useful in astrophotography. The majority of the available programs require a priori knowledge of PSF, such as Unblur, which is general purpose. FocusFixer is only useful in dealing with out-of-focus image and Focus Magic corrects simple out of focus and motion blur.

For the time being we do not have access to a better commercial software package, therefore the Parque Forestal image was restored searching for PSF by simpler means. Knowing the basics of deconvolution, it is possible to know something about PSF by simple inspection of the photo. One can see that it appears in motion blur at angle of some 150 degrees. Using the Fix Motion Blur filter in Focus Magic at this angle, the distance could be established through trial and error, and turned out to be 11 pixels. In other words, the PSF that accounts for the motion blur would be a straight line with a length of 11 pixels at an angle of 150 degrees. Upon eliminating the motion blur, it can be seen that the image is folded in the same direction (150 degrees) and at a distance of 17 pixels. In other words, the PSF that acknowledges this unfolding is two points at a distance of 17 pixels and at an angle of 150 degrees. The PSF was built using this information and the image was deconvoluted using Unblur. Focus Magic could not correct the unfolding. The result is shown in Figure 2, where it is noted that the image is partly restored, but with an increase in the amount of "noise". Contrast was not augmented artificially. The original photo has a lower contrast because the colors and shapes are mixed when an image is hazy, and upon restoring it, the colors and details of the real scene are also recovered.

According to expert James Caron, this image has several difficulties that do not allow for its full restoration:

Due to poor lighting, a weak signal was obtained with excessive motion blur due to the long exposure time (0.1 seg).

The object of interest is moving and has a different, more severe motion blur than the static objects in the scene.

The image is compressed, which truncates the information necessary for its restoration.

In other words, the photo is compressed in the JPG format, which eliminates part of the information contained in the original image in order to reduce the storage size. The lack of lighting brings as a consequence an excessive amount of noise, especially in the restored image. This implies that there isn't a single PSF for the whole photo, which makes restoration difficult. On the other hand, any evidence of motion may be useful in interpreting the image. In our restoration, at least, some details and colors can be distinguished, and from the photo analysis point of view, it is the best that could be done in this case.

Figure 2: Restoration of the Parque Forestal photo.

Regarding the possibility of fraud in this photo, it would be easy to do. The figure could have been pasted on the photo and the resulting borders could have been erased through motion blur. On the other hand, the photo's EXIF could have been edited in order to simulate an original photo. But the fact that it is easy to forge does not constitute evidence of a hoax, although it could provide good grounds for ignoring this case or not taking it seriously. We have hitherto not received any valid arguments supporting the hoax hypothesis. Some have said that some lines or squares of well-defined borders can be noted, but this is only a defect of the JPG format.

In closing, something should be said about other image processing techniques. Some effects that highlight the image's details are very common, such as contrast and saturation, sharpening, unsharp mask, border detection, emboss, solarizing, etc. But it is obvious that none of these filters would be capable of restoring an image such as the one in Figure 1. Many of these filters are deceptive because they alter the image,

giving the false impression of having improved it, but they are at times only useful for aesthetic purposes. It is advisable not to employ a filter if the basics of its operation are unknown.

As an example of a poor job, we mention the one created with a fantasy filter at the request of the IIEE in Figure 3 A, which could be interpreted as a dog. The idea is not to argue if the subject is a dog or not; all that is shown here is that this particular work is poorly executed. The diagonal lines that betray the presence of motion blur are highly visible, and one of the legs is unfolded in the same way as in the original photo. Overall, this image has the same geometry as the original, but different coloring. In other words, there is no evidence of restoration in this retouching. The way in which the colors have been altered is also noticeable.

Figure 3: A-Retouching performed for IIEE. B and C - Sculpture 3D

Investigation conducted by physicist Andres Duarte.

Scientific Director of CIFA E Chile

A Report from KODAK Chile

The Kodak report, while not certifying the process of "acknowledgement of objects or external elements within a digital photo" by company policy, has been an important source document in this research.

Some parts of this report contain the following information:

The information confirms that the photo was indeed taken using a Kodak DX 6490 camera.

Dimension 1656x1242 pixels
Color depth 24 bpp
Density 96x96 dpi
Subsampling 2:1:1
Color space YCbCr
Mode Baseline
Compression JPEG
Exposure time 0.1 sec
F-Number 3.6
Exposure prog Normal program
EXIF ver 2.2
Time original 2004:05:10 17:40:18
Time digitized 2004:05:10 17:40:18
Component conf YCbCr
Shutter speed 197121 s
Aperture 3.6
Exposure bias 3.6
Max aperture 3.6
Metering mode Pattern
Light source Unknown Flash
Focal length 52.6 mm
Maker note KDK0101IDX6490
FlashPix ver 1.0
Colorspace sRGB
XY Dimension 1656x1242 pixels
Exposure index 140
Sensing method One- chip color area sensor
File source DSC
Scene source Directly photographed image

Sincerely,

Kodak Chile

The CIFA E Report

Among some of the conclusions that can be drawn from the CIFA E report, we can say that the procedures applied up to now in analyzing the image of Parque Forestal, and in which some have thought to see a dog, are mistaken. At least in the positions know.

In other words, if this image in fact corresponds to a canine, the superficial analyses performed until now have NOT proved it.

CIFAE will continue to analyse the image and we shall continue to keep our readers abreast of further developments.

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

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>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
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>Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2004 23:30:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 20:12:38 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

<snip>

Nick Pope worked for a Department of the British government which was tasked with fielding and investigating UFO reports, along with any number of other odd occurrences. The criteria for determining a particular event as worthy of its attention was its relevance to air defense. To the extent that he performed these tasks, several statements are reasonable.

1)To any reporter wanting information as to the quantity or quality of UFO reporting while he was on duty, he was certainly (along with others) the "British Government's UFO expert".

2)To any viewer of American TV, his position and duties would certainly lend themselves to his being regarded as "The man behind the UK's X-Files". 3)His work and his title would indeed provide a clear rationale for calling him "Britain's Fox Mulder".

If Mr. Pope was preceded or succeeded by others, then others could reasonably lay claim to these title(s), as well.

My guess (and only a guess) is that Mr. Pope is less than proud of the labels, but resigned to the comparisons, apt as they are.

The article cited does little to discount these labels, but does add context to the question of the British governments interest in...and official response to...UFOs and other aerial phenomena. Certainly it supports Mr. Pope's statement that he was tasked with such investigations. Whatever else you make of it is opinion.

Kyle King

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Two New 3-Color UFO Maps

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
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Subject: Two New 3-Color UFO Maps

Hello all:

I'm not sure if I mentioned these two new maps on this List yet. I'm making regional maps now that concentrate on parts of the USA and elsewhere. Instead of the usual white dots representing UFO sightings for all years, I have layered the new maps so that:

Blue dots = Antiquity through December, 1959 Violet dots = 20 years, 1960 - 1979 _and_ Green dots = 1980 to the present.

This one is for the Pacific Northwest:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/NWSTATES.html>

It shows very definite differences in sightings distribution for these 3 arbitrary eras, as pointed out by the text.

The next one is the Southwest States of the USA:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/SWSTATES.html>

... with state abbreviations in shocking yellow. Maybe I should tone that down a bit.

I am working on others in this series now, and will provide URLs shortly. Map freaks like myself may be interested.

Thanks

- Larry

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UK Big Brother Reality Show Discusses Sightings

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Subject: UK Big Brother Reality Show Discusses Sightings

Source: The Daily Record - Glasgow

http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/tm_objectid=14439355%26method=full%26siteid=89488%26headline=big-brother--splice-of-chicken-name_page.html

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Big Brother: Splice Of Chicken

Michelle and Stu most likely to tie the knot for TV wedding ceremony

By Steven Ventura

MICHELLE could walk up the aisle with her Chicken Stu - in the Big Brother house.

But despite the lovestruck Geordie girl's adoration for the floppy-haired student, the ceremony will only be for fun.

The housemates have been ordered to organise a BB wedding for this week's task.

And the house lovebirds seem the obvious pair to play the bride and groom.

The other housemates will be members of the wedding party and the preparations include speech writing, outfit making and stag and hen nights before the ceremony on Wednesday.

Big Brother will tell them the details of the task today.

Meanwhile, Victor and Michelle bonded over tales of close encounters with aliens.

The self-styled Milkman, who claims he 'always delivers', has been talking to Jason about the possibility of bedding Michelle - because Stuart is reluctant to have sex with her in the house. The pair chatted about the TV series The X-Files before Michelle said: 'Have you ever thought you've seen a UFO, Vic?'

He replied: 'Yep. I was about 13 and I was coming back from playing football with a couple of my friends and in the distance it just flew, then stopped a bit and then just pelted off.'

Michelle pleaded: 'Answer honestly - before it stopped and before it nicked off really quickly, did it go really bright?'

With a bemused Nadia and Dan listening, Victor replied: 'Yeah.' Michelle shrieked: 'Did it?' He replied: 'Yeah, really bright.'

Michelle then said she too had seen a UFO.

She said: 'I used to sleep with my blinds open and my curtains up. I pointed to a particular star - I knew there was something odd about it.'

'Ten minutes later it got so, so bright and it started moving across the sky.'

Victor said: 'It was so weird. I actually forgot I'd seen this until like last year.'

'It was so weird, just this thing appeared out of nowhere and it was weirdly shaped and it stopped and it was shining.'

Earlier, a different kind of sighting spooked some of the housemates.

Glasgow University graduate Shell went into hysterics after discovering a spider in the bedroom.

Victor stepped in and collected the creature before releasing it safely in the garden.

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Aliens Ontology And Metaphor

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 09:21:57 -0400
Subject: Aliens Ontology And Metaphor

List,

Here's a quick brainstorm from my blog, Posthuman Blues:

I keep returning to John Mack's notion of "reified metaphor."
The "aliens" may not be what they seem. Of course, to most, they don't seem like anything . . . except perhaps a useful portal into aberrant psychology or pop-culture run riot.

The "conventional wisdom": Gray aliens are harvesting us for our genes. It's possible. But Mack's reasoning (which is admittedly elliptical) suggests there's something else going on - something that transcends mere genetics. We latch onto the "genetic harvesting" scenario because it makes sense to us; we live in an age of exponentiating biotech, so it seems sensible to assume that extraterrestrial visitors will be obsessed with similar concerns.

But a careful look at world folklore reveals that "aliens" have always been with us in one form or another. There are two immediate explanations:

1.) Extraterrestrials have been here for a long time and humans have tended to address them in terms of their own techno-mythological vocabulary. Thus the "little people" of Celtic myth were perfectly real but not "supernatural." (Arthur C. Clarke: "Any sufficiently advanced technology would appear indistinguishable from magic.")

2.) Humans have simply been projecting their fears and hopes onto the collective unconscious; yesterday's faeries and kobolds are today's aliens. We simply use what we know to define the notion of the Other; it's inevitable that a technological society like our own would latch onto a scientifically informed vision of alien geneticists - even if the model rings hollow upon close inspection.

This was how Carl Sagan left matters in "The Demon-Haunted World," grossly misrepresenting Jacques Vallee's "multiverse" thesis, which posits that we are somehow involved with an unseen intelligence that camouflages itself to fit the reigning zeitgeist. According to Vallee, both "aliens" and "faeries" are equally misleading labels for something that can't be properly addressed using a single-universe model.

Are our perceptions so fragile that our brains are forced to manufacture new and better diguises for our visitors? Is the "visiting" intelligence (given that it exists) responsible for its apparent cultural camouflage, or do we effectively hide its true nature from ourselves, as reflexively as we might swat at a bothersome fly?

Mack's concept of "reified metaphor" might help to excavate something real from the desert of illusion. Perhaps human consciousness exists on several levels at once. "Reality" - the world we think we inhabit - might represent a relatively low level of awareness, a crude virtual reality designed to keep us from over-taxing our seemingly meat-based brains.

The computer I'm writing this on may only be a shade more "real" than the "My Computer" icon on my screen's desktop. In the same way, genes might be mere symbols - elements in a "Matrix"-style consensual hallucination.

So what are the "aliens" trying to tell us? We're told they extract ova and semen; that they're keen on "punch biopsies" and nasal implants. Is there an intelligible symbolism at work behind the forever-rippling veil of sensationalism?

If so, can we even hope to decode it?

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Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

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>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 10:03:55 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory
<snip>

>>As a final note, I don't know about anybody else, but I consider
>>the terms "kidnapped by space aliens" or just "space aliens"
>>demeaning in nature and we should encourage a more objective
>>description, such as 'unknown entities'.

><snip>

>"Space aliens" demeaning...? Demeaning to whom? The same people
>who think "thousands of civilians killed in war" should read
>"acceptable losses" or "collateral damage"?

>If someone believes they were abducted by "unknown entities", it
>follows that the abductors COULD be men in black ski masks...or
>gnomes.

>Nope, these people believe they were abducted by space aliens.
>They're aliens who come from space.

>That the term is a subject of ridicule is in part due to the
>fact that so many abductees begin their story with, "You're
>going to think I'm crazy but...". Even they themselves realize
>how "crazy" it sounds. But changing the typical reaction will
>not be accomplished by giving it a less "demeaning" name, I
>trust.

>The ridicule does nothing to diminish the truth. Galileo was
>ridiculed.

Hi Kyle, All,

If I may jump in for a quick comment.

You write:

>For the record, I have always preferred the term
>"extraterrestrials". It's accurate and it sounds more
>scientific.

Kyle, I'm an "abductee" and I don't have a clue as to what
these things are or where they are from. Because they 'can'
travel in space doesn't mean that they are from space. The
term "ET" when used to refer to the 'abductors' a misnomer. More
accurate and descriptive is Budd Hopkins' term, 'UFO occupants.'
The neutral term 'UFO occupants' doesn't suggest or speculate as
to the origin of these 'beings'.

I cast my vote for 'UFO occupants'

Best ,

John Velez

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Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The

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Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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>led by Max Tegmark of the University of Pennsylvania, shows that
>our galaxy is centered on a great concentric distribution of
>galaxies.

>The foregoing quotation is based upon an ambitious astronomical
>survey effort involving more than 200 astronomers at 13
>institutions. So far, over 200,000 galaxies have been mapped.
>The accompanying figure is a two-dimensional, wedge-shaped slice
>of this cosmic map. It pinpoints approximately 33,500
>galaxies. ...Note the rough concentricity about the earth.

>Source: http://www.sdss.org/news/releases/galaxy_zoom.jpg

>The roughly concentric distribution of galaxies about the point
>of the wedge, which is earth, is inescapable. Also readily
>apparent is a decrease in galaxy density with increasing
>distance from the earth.

>The implications of the SDSS work so far is highly unsettling
>for two reasons:

>1 - The Cosmological Principle, which demands that the universe
>be homogeneous with no favored center, is violated.

>2 - The earth *does* seem to be at center of the observable
>universe contrary to the adamant philosophical declaration of
>science that the earth and its cargo are insignificant in the
>Grand Scheme of Things---whatever *that* is!

>(Hartnett, John; "New Evidence: We Really Are at the Centre of
>the Universe," *TJ*, 18:9, no. 1, 2004. TJ = Technical Journal.)

>Comments. The accompanying SDSS map is consistent with the long-
>claimed quantization of redshifts. (SF#105)

>It is possible that astronomers misinterpret redshifts as
>yardsticks thereby invalidating the SDSS maps.

>No one yet knows whether the earth might also be at the center
>of the distributions of dark matter and dark energy - assuming
>they exist and are not uniformly dispersed.

I find these little scientific (sic) rationalizations of homo-

centricity very obvious and convenient and so very insulting to me personally on a multitude of levels. It is an offence to humility, rationality, fairness, intelligence, justice, acceptability, objectivity, constructiveness, comprehensiveness, and even thoughtfulness. It is as bereft of creativity as it is of responsibility, and it is five steps backward for every step taken grudgingly forward to elevation, enlightenment, and advancement.

I think these 'scientists' are fixed on their centrality for the same reason that everything thing around 'us' apparently red-shifts. The distances around our galaxy increase relative to the next galactic body... so it only looks like everything extends 'away' from us. We're at a 'faux' center for the same reason that each individual human can easily imagine 'themselves' at the universal center... it only 'feels' that way (forgetting that perception is the reality and this may be a universe with many trillions of conscious centers). In the case of some so inflicted by their own crippling hubris they can intellectualize (imagine) themselves at the center of their convulsed, inconsistent, and restricted little well-boxed universe, still.

Besides, the center of the universe, located where it has been declared to be in 1994, is in my office and has been coordinated with a foil star less than a quarter inch in width and affixed to a hefty blob of raw interstellar iron (iron is key because its creation puts the fire out at the centers of huge stars precipitating an explosion that creates every other element in creation), and when it's moved here... huge and momentous disruptions occur at the spherical edges of time and space... which is no less juvenile and presumptuous than intimating that humanity is at the sun source of creation, and so, favored by God... a likely jewel in that God's crown?

"Chef's Salty Balls", even if it were true, we'd do ourselves a better turn to conduct our affairs like it wasn't true! Humility is required to keep us from the most corrosive of elitist tyranny well reflected in the real history of our last 2000 years... and account additionally riddled with references to ET UFOs, too.

We ain't alone 'in', or at the center 'of' this universe. Get real, Holmes.

We're lucky to be conscious and self-aware. We're lucky to be able to aspire to a center! We should be relieved that we are one among many, and not have to assume the responsibility some so airily assume without responsibility (to salve their wounded little egos)! Or authorization! Or right! Moreover, we know we're not at the center of our own galaxy. We're either the center of 'stuff'... or we're not. How far off center is too far?

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Radio Show & Splash Page: <http://www.alienview.net/alienviews.htm>
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<http://www.alienview.net/N2Ltune.html> -- The music in me...

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Re: Jeeves Dumbed Down Bigtime - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 08:42:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 10:07:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Jeeves Dumbed Down Bigtime - Groff

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Jul 2004 08:54:20 -0700
>Subject: Jeeves Dumbed Down Bigtime

>>From time to time, I check the search engines to see if my
>little website is doing any good. After Google and Yahoo, I
>check "Ask Jeeves".

>Try it yourself. Query Jeeves with the one word "UFO":

>I'll save you some keystrokes, just click this:

><http://web.ask.com/web?q=UFO>

>Now. What's wrong with that page, aside from my site not
>immediately showing up that is?

>Look at the right-hand box headed "Related Searches".

>Count down past 'rods' and similar garbage to the ninth item:

>"UFO Sitings".

>'SITINGS'... not 'Sightings'!?

>Maybe this seems a small matter to a few of you using 'Winders-
>98', but it just galls the crap out of me.

>Site = location, place... as in 'We decided to build a dam on
>this SITE because of this convenient river.'

>Sight' implies vision, seeing, (sigh!)

>As it turns out, Ask Jeeves gives my web-'site' fairly decent
>ratings. I can't complain, maybe that explains the droolers with
>AOL addresses that write in now and again.

>We are lucky to have some good gatekeepers on this list, Jan,
>John and others. Please contrast this with "Jeeves" the butler
>who cannot spell, nor parse, nor discriminate.

>If you have a single doubt about this, just click on Jeeves
>recommendations for "UFO SITINGS".

>You will find something like the following:

><http://web.ask.com/web?qsrc=6&q=UFO+Sitings>

>I'm glad my site (not sight) is not on that page.

>So, what of the 'Jeeves' concept? Is this some pretention to
>class and gentility? I prefer beer. I'm somehow reminded of
>prisoners who find profound and life changing religious
>convictions, just before the parole board convenes.

Well Larry,

Re: Jeeves Dumbed Down Bigtime - Groff

At least your site made it to page 2. My poor little UFO Tools site didn't even make it at all.

Maybe I should do a search for UFO "Tules" :-)

Terry

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Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 10:21:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 23:00:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
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>galaxies.
<snip>

Wow. Let's start with this... The "Cosmological Principle" -
"Viewed on sufficiently large distance scales, there are no
preferred directions or preferred places in the Universe." (per
the Univ. of Tennessee at Knoxville Physics web site)

This principle as stated does not say that the universe has no
center, and your claim that the earth is at the center does not
diminish the "Principle" at all. The "Principle" simply states
that from any scale that reflects the vastness of the universe,
the distribution of visible or measurable matter is pretty
consistent. In other plain words, every patch of universe looks
pretty much like every other patch of universe, as long as you
are looking at a big enough patch. 33,000 galaxies...as seen
from earth...is obviously not a suitably large "patch". 33,000
galaxies in the vastness of the universe is a pretty tiny
sample. I mean we only have 6 billion or so people on this rock,
and 33,000 of them certainly don't represent the whole,
especially when the ones looking are in a single place seeing
only what is in their vicinity.

Your question about astronomers misinterpreting red shifts seems
a bit off the mark. A much more likely possibility is that you
have misinterpreted your data, applying your desire to "prove"
something you apparently already believe.

To paraphrase the words of Inigo Montoya, "I do not think it
means what you think it means."

Kyle King

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Re: Fighting Fear & Conspiracy Theories On Moonlit

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 12:56:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 23:04:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Fighting Fear & Conspiracy Theories On Moonlit

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 08:42:35 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Fighting Fear And Conspiracy Theories On Moonlit Night

>Source: St. Petersburg Times - Florida

>http://www.sptimes.com/2004/07/18/Columns/Fighting_fear_and_con.shtml

>07-18-04

>Fighting Fear And Conspiracy Theories On Moonlit Night

>By Jan Glidewell
>Times Columnist

>I sat, a few nights ago, trying very hard not to think a whole
>lot about where I was.

<snip>

Howdy All,

Mr. Glidewell writes:

>The only trick for the next several weeks, for me, will be to
>ignore strange lights in the sky, and to try to get to sleep
>every night without the word "probe" going through my mind.

Don't worry... it's not your 'mind' the probe will be going
through!

Best,

John Velez
"Bar-keep! A dollop of K-Y jelly for everyone in the house,
please!"

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CCCRN News: Formation Report #3 - Essex County ON

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 10:03:03 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 23:06:22 -0400
Subject: CCCRN News: Formation Report #3 - Essex County ON

CCCRN NEWS
E-News from the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

July 19, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

FORMATION REPORT #3 - ESSEX COUNTY, ONTARIO

The third reported formation for this year, a circle in soybeans, found June 24. Approximately 6.6 metres (22 feet) diameter. Two small truncated triangular "lobes" are attached to the circle, one on either side (180 degrees apart). The leaves were initially missing on all plants within the circle, as if they had been "burned away", and the remaining leafless stalks were dark brown in colour, still standing and not flattened (the field crop itself was about 3 inches tall). Over the next week or so, the remaining stalks disintegrated, leaving only bare dirt within the circle. There were only about half a dozen plants within the circle which remained unscathed. The farmers also mentioned that a similar formation was found in another of their fields two years ago, in wheat, but not reported at the time, and that "flashing coloured lights" were seen descending into that field the night before. Another neighbouring farmer had reported a single "classic" type circle in wheat last year as well, but also not reported at the time. Investigation in progress by CCCRN Ontario, MUFON Ontario and researcher Nicholas Reiter from the USA. Initial ground photos and preliminary field report are on the CCCRN web site. The farmer has requested that the specific location not be publicized.

(Note: perhaps the "missing" barley plants in the Taber, Alberta formation could be explained by a similar process? The farmers in that case have not been willing for a ground investigation to be done yet, not even ground photographs, but efforts are being made. They will allow aerial photographs if someone can be found to fly over and do this. Our current pilots in the prairies are not close to this location unfortunately).

There are also two other as-yet unconfirmed formations, at Thunder Bay, Ontario (July 15) consisting of "ovals and lines" in barley, covering about a block in size (possibly a randomly downed area), as well as a possible pictogram-style formation of circles, rings and lines in pasture grass near Prince George, British Columbia (early July).

CCCRN News is the e-news service of the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network, providing e-mail updates with the latest news and reports on the crop circle phenomenon in Canada, as well as other information on CCCRN-related projects and events, sent free to your e-mail

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The Canadian Crop Circle Research Network is a non-profit research organization which has been seriously investigating and documenting the crop circle phenomenon and other possibly related phenomena in Canada since 1995, creating a liason between researchers, farmers, the public, media and scientists

c. CCCRN, 2004

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Secrecy News -- 07/19/04

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 13:57:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 23:08:13 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/19/04

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2004, Issue No. 67
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** A LESSON IN KOREAN LINGUISTICS
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PRESS COALITION DEFENDS ACCESS TO "CRITICAL OVERSIGHT INFO"

In response to expanding government controls on a poorly defined category of unclassified information called "sensitive security information" (SSI), a new coalition of journalism advocacy organizations is calling upon government agencies to preserve public access to what it terms "critical oversight information" (COI).

"What is COI? It is, most simply, any information a citizen might use to judge whether his or her public servants are serving well," the Coalition of Journalists for Open Government wrote.

"It is information that speaks to the quality and integrity of their performance as policy makers, managers or employees of our seaports, airports and transit systems. It is budget information and details on revenue and spending. It is information about personnel and their qualifications, training and performance. It is information about the construction and maintenance of new public assets, including the myriad change orders that seem an inevitable feature of the government contract process. It is information about deals with carriers and suppliers and vendors and tenants. It is also information about public convenience and use of the public areas -- and about personal safety."

"Without restraint exercised by those given the authority to mark information as SSI, much that is COI could be withheld or withdrawn from public inspection."

The comments were submitted to the Transportation Security Agency and the Department of Transportation, which recently adopted new regulations that would expand the application of the "sensitive security information" marking.

"We are deeply concerned that unrestricted use of the Sensitive Security Information (SSI) designation -- a process with no review for efficacy or propriety -- will have a seriously adverse impact on traditional citizen and media oversight of the governance of our seaports, airports and transit systems," the Coalition stated.

The new Coalition includes member organizations such as the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the Newspaper Association of America, the Society of Professional Journalists, and several other major media advocacy groups.

The text of the July 16 Coalition comments, written by Pete Weitzel, may be found here:

<http://www.rcfp.org/news/documents/20040716-ssicomment.pdf>

MILITARY TRIBUNALS: HISTORICAL PATTERNS AND LESSONS (CRS)

The history and operation of military tribunals in U.S. military law from the Revolutionary War to the present is elucidated in a major new report from the Congressional Research Service

See "Military Tribunals: Historical Patters and Lessons" by Louis Fisher, Congressional Research Service, July 9, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32458.pdf>

SOME CRS REPORTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Some other recent Congressional Research Service reports on Middle East-related topics include:

"Palestinians and Middle East Peace: Issues for the United States," updated July 8, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/IB92052.pdf>

"Israeli-United States Relations," updated July 9, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/IB82008.pdf>

"Israel: U.S. Foreign Assistance," updated July 12, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/IB85066.pdf>

"Islam: Sunnis and Shiites," February 23, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS21745.pdf>

"The Islamic Traditions of Wahhabism and Salafiyya," December 22, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS21695.pdf>

And unrelated to the Middle East but just for good measure, "The Federal Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Program: Funding Issues and Activities," updated July 1, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/IB10130.pdf>

Online public access to Congressional Research Service reports like these is not authorized by the present congressional leadership.

A LESSON IN KOREAN LINGUISTICS

Secrecy News missed some nuances and included some errors in the discussion last week of the simmering controversy over whether the name of the South Korean President should be written "Roh Moo-hyun," as the South Korean government prefers, or "No Mu-hyun," as the CIA World Fact Book would have it. (SN, 07/16/04).

Tom Emerson, a computational linguist specializing in Chinese, Korean, and Arabic natural language processing, helped set us straight.

"The pronunciation of the President's name sounds like 'Roh', so a transcription of his name would use this, as it reflects the sounds heard," Mr. Emerson explained.

"However, if you transliterate the actual Korean letters used to write his surname, you will literally get 'No' in all extant transliteration systems, including the McCune-Reischauer [not 'Reischauer'] system" and half a dozen others.

"The CIA is using a transliteration of the native hankul spelling of the President's name, which is perfectly valid," Mr.

Emerson said.

"The objections coming from the Koreans stem, I expect, from the fact that 'No' carries semantic baggage that is detrimental to the public image of their President."

"Interestingly enough," he added, "Roh's name is spelled differently in North Korea than it is in South Korea. If you take North Korea's spelling and transliterate into Latin you would have 'Lo'."

"You can imagine the complexities of dealing with names when searching for people on watch-lists and the like."

WINE JUG, FOLDING CHAIR AND THE PROBLEM OF RETRANSLATION

Another linguistic challenge for intelligence agencies arises from the distortions that are introduced by translation and then exacerbated further by retranslation into a third language or even back into the original source language.

Thus, a recent story from the Beijing daily newspaper Keji Ribao, translated into English by the CIA's Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS), reports that "the latest generation of US military surveillance satellites" includes systems named "Wine Jug" and "Folding Chair."

But there are no such systems.

What happened here is that, as in a child's game of "telephone," the original content was altered in each translation and transmission until it became practically unrecognizable.

Allen Thomson, a former CIA analyst and specialist in national security space, was able to pierce the linguistic veil.

"Folding Chair," he explained, must be a reference to the satellite program "Jumpseat," as it is known in the open literature. Likewise, "Wine Jug" is a retranslation of the codename "Magnum."

It is clear from the context, though not to the FBIS translator, that allusions in the same article to the French surveillance spacecraft "Cherry" and "Zenong" actually refer to the CERISE and Xenon systems.

See the article "Reconnaissance Satellites Can Peek Into Your Privacy" by Hou Jing, originally published in Keji Ribao, May 26, 2004, and published in translation by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service last week:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/07/bkr052604.html>

Of further interest, the article states that China has "successfully launched 17 individual surveillance satellites."

Secrecy News is written by Steven Aftergood and published by the Federation of American Scientists.

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Paranormal Encounters Group UK

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Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 23:10:40 -0400
Subject: Paranormal Encounters Group UK

Paranormal Encounters Group

Have you had an alarming paranormal experience?

Have you encountered UFOs or unearthly beings?

Have you had nightmares that you cannot explain?

If you answered yes to any of these questions and the event still troubles you, then why not let 'PEG' try to help. 'PEG' is a self-help group dedicated to assisting and supporting anyone who has experienced strange or troubling events that they cannot explain. 'PEG' offers a sympathetic, safe and secure meeting place where you can discuss and share your encounters with others who have had similar experiences. We also have access to the services of trained counsellors and psychic mediums who may be able to assist with any issues that you might have.

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 11:41:36 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 23:13:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Gehrman

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:23:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 11:49:48 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

<snip>

>>>Yes, the desert vegetation changes very slowly. The Walnut
>>>trees and the cottonwood tree are at least 100 years old. The
>>>burn and scorch marks are apparent and noticeable but seem
>>>somewhat weathered, as you'd expect. These trees are still alive
>>>but the heat damage clearly seen.

>>>>I would think that any traces of burnt vegetation would have
>>>>blown away, been scoured away in a sandstorm, washed away in the
>>>>rare torrential rains etc. long long since.

>>>>The immediate area only gets a few inches of rain a year and
>>>>sometimes, nothing at all. The wind is a factor but hasn't
>>>>erased the evidence. I would say that this area hasn't changed
>>>>much in the last 57 years. The biggest land modifications are
>>>>caused by the cattle that wander around the site. The
>>>>crystalite is impervious to alteration.

>>>>Ah! Scorch marks still apparent. If there is any black
>>>>carbon residue (hard ash) then samples could be carefully
>>>>scraped off and collected. Great care must be taken not
>>>>to remove any living or recently dead tissues.

>>>>Then, being almost all carbon, maybe it could be carbon dated!
>>>>Somebody else's expertise needed here, way out of my bailiwick!
>>>>I don't know what the margins of error are in such testing, or
>>>>whether half a century is long enough for good results.
>>>>Hopefully, they could date the scorching back to 57 years plus
>>>>or minus a few, rather than say half or double that span.
Larry,

I have thought about that possibility but my understanding is
that radio carbon dating wouldn't be accurate for such a short
time-span. I think the error range is one hundred years. The
best test would be dendrochronology and I've inquired into that.
I could probably get a definitive test for about two thousand
dollars. I have a person who'd be willing to do the test. I
don't have two grand to spend this way, but someone may want to
help out or know of funds that might be available for this
purpose.

>>>>Frankly, scorched trees in the desert, in close association with
>>>>glassified minerals as described, sound like nothing so much as
>>>>a massive bolt of lightning, or ten, or any number of them over
>>>>years, decades.....

I thought of lightning; the cottonwood tree is certainly a
candidate but the three hundred yards of walnut trees (maybe 35-

45 individual trees) are another matter.

The cristobalite is not formed from the base rock which is rhyolite. The cristobalite is a melt on top of the bedrock and is also plastered to two hundred thousand square yards of sand, and small, individual rocks and bacterial mats.

>Nothing uncommon about that in New Mexico. There was supposedly
>a thunderstorm going on at the time per Mac Brazel if memory
>serves.

Yes, these storms are very common. I was caught in a violent thunder and lightning event during my second visit to the site, which was soon followed by a flash flood that nearly cost my brother his car. I'm quite sure that the site has been struck by lightning on many occasions; so have most other desert locations but none are covered with cristobalite.

Ed

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 19:57:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 23:16:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2004 23:30:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 20:12:38 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 21:03:40 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 7 Jul 2004 23:36:18 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>>Notwithstanding the above, I should make it clear that most of
>>>>the abductees with whom I've worked contacted me after my tour
>>>>of duty on the British Government's UFO project. From memory, no
>>>>more than half a dozen abductees contacted me while I was on the
>>>>'UFO Desk'.

>>>>What exactly do you mean by "the British Government's UFO
>>>>Project"? You seem to be implying that this was a special
>>>>operation that was set up purely to investigate and report on
>>>>UFOs, quite separate from the routine MoD job that a number of
>>>>other people have done before and after your spell at the desk.
>>>>Perhaps you could tell us a little more about this 'Project'?

>>John,

>>What I mean by "The British Government's UFO Project" is the
>>work done officially to research and investigate UFOs. The lead
>>for this work has always been with the Ministry of Defence and
>>the Department has been looking into UFO sightings since 1950.
>>As you say, various other people have been involved in this work
>>both before and after my tour of duty. I certainly didn't mean
>>to imply that there are two parallel projects. There aren't.
>>Part of the problem is that various people have described the
>>MoD's work here in different ways. References have been made to
>>"the UFO desk", while others use the name of the different
>>sections that have led on this work over the years: S4, S6, DS8,
>>Sec(AS), DAS, etc.

>>I have recently come across an article in a UFO magazine from
>>1971, published by a south-east London based UFO group called
>>'SIRIUS' The magazine is of the same name. It is a verbatim
>>transcription of an interview with a Mr Leslie Ackhurst, who
>>appears to have been a former occupant of Nick Pope's desk at
>>the Ministry of Defence (MoD):

>>"The MoD investigates reports of unidentified flying objects
>>because of possible air defence implications. We treat each
>>report we receive on its face value, but our experience is, in
>>fact, that the majority of reports turn out to be

>misidentifications of mundane occurrences <snip>

Exactly. The MOD's policy and conclusions on the subject are entirely consistent with those of Project Blue Book.

>"We don't release details to the public. This is not peculiar to >UFO reports; this is under the normal rule that official >information is not generally available to the public. We treat >reports in the same way as we'd treat any correspondence from >the public. In other words, we treat it as private >correspondence between the person reporting and the department.

>"If people ask us, we give them figures of reports received and >this kind of thing <snip> the reason we look into them is in case >there is any possible air-defence implication. We've found none, >as a matter of fact, but this is the sole reason we look into >them. We don't look into them for any other reason and therefore >couldn't possibly justify sorting them out and either obtaining >the person's permission for publishing the reports, or >publishing them in such a way that we don't mention individuals' >names. <snip>

The policy here has changed since 1971, with the introduction of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information. More information is releasable. That said, the MOD has always respected witness confidentiality. The Data Protection Act also has a bearing here.

><snip>

>"We only pursue enquiries to the extent that we consider it >justifiable in the context of our interest in air defence <snip>]"

>Mark Stenhoof, who conducted the interview, describes Mr >Akhurst's department as dealing with "aircraft noise and >suchlike, besides UFO reports".

Right division, wrong section. During my tour of duty, flying complaints were dealt with by Sec(AS)2b. We were Sec(AS)2a.

>Now this low-key bureaucratic role seems rather at odds with the >idea of "The British Government's UFO Project", which suggests a >targeted investigation of the UFO phenomenon, perhaps along the >line of the Condon Committee, rather than a by-product of the >department which handles complaints about low-flying RAF >aircraft and the like.

The MOD has been looking into the UFO phenomenon since 1950, investigating specific sightings as they were reported and undertaking some more general research into the phenomenon. If you wish to describe this as a "targeted investigation" as opposed to a "project", that is entirely your prerogative.

>However, "The British Government's UFO Project" does sound much >more impressive if one is trying to establish oneself as the >"Government's UFO Expert", "Britain's Fox Mulder", "The Man >Behind the UK's X-Files", and other similar descriptions which >have attached themselves, one way or another, to Mr Pope.

X-Files and Fox Mulder references were started by my colleagues as a joke, during my tour of duty. They were later adopted by the media and my publishers. At first I was a little irritated, but I've been media trained and soon learnt that one can't be too precious about labelling.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 15:03:15 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 23:17:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2004 19:57:34 -0700
>Subject: Could We Really Be At The Center of The Universe?

<snip>

>Could We *Really* Be At The Center of The Universe?

>Newly published data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS),
>led by Max Tegmark of the University of Pennsylvania, shows that
>our galaxy is centered on a great concentric distribution of
>galaxies.

>The foregoing quotation is based upon an ambitious astronomical
>survey effort involving more than 200 astronomers at 13
>institutions. So far, over 200,000 galaxies have been mapped.
>The accompanying figure is a two-dimensional, wedge-shaped slice
>of this cosmic map. It pinpoints approximately 33,500
>galaxies. ...Note the rough concentricity about the earth.

>Source: http://www.sdss.org/news/releases/galaxy_zoom.jpg

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

I believe that this growing body of SDSS data will provide us with some of the answers to the big questions that science has not so far been able to give us. One of these big questions is about the existence of highly advanced and very intelligent ETs out there.

Below is the transcript of a related story that I wrote and read over the air nearly two years earlier.

Much of the reaction to my story was negative, especially from fellow colleagues at York University where I work. A few even went to great lengths to get me and our 'Cosmic Chronicles' segment off the air for good. Fortunately the program manager for Radio Glendon, Brad Snell, was very supportive and he considered any reaction to a university radio show, including negative ones, as good for the radio station and its listeners.

MUFON's first annual Canadian UFO symposium will be held in Nova Scotia this September. The theme of this conference is "UFOs... Thinking Outside The Box". Unless we can be introduced to new ideas or can reinterpret accepted facts about UFOs - just like we can on 'Cosmic Horizons', which is now heard all over the world on several radio stations and through the Internet - I do not see any immediate answers to the many questions ufology still has.

Nick Balaskas

Cosmic Chronicles, Feature Item #2
by Nick Balaskas

October 7, 2002

For Cosmic Horizons, 89.9 FM, Radio Glendon

This will surprise many of you, but recent astronomical evidence supports the view that York University, a small part of our Milky Way galaxy, is at the center of the universe.

Many of the members of the York University community have always considered this to be the case, but for those few that had any doubts, let me convince you with some very important new facts.

First of all, early in the 20th century it was discovered that our universe was expanding. It was observed that the "billions and billions" of galaxies scattered throughout the universe, including our own Milky Way galaxy, were all moving away from each other. In 1929 astronomer Edwin Hubble found that the wavelengths of the light emitted by the galaxies were shifted towards the red end of their spectrum. The percentage of this "red shift", as it came to be known, was proportional to the speed of the galaxy and also to its distance from us. So according to Hubble's law, the larger the red shift measured, the greater the distance the galaxy was from us.

Since all these "billions and billions" of galaxies in the universe were all moving away from us, it was thought that we had to be at or near the center of the universe. This conclusion was not a valid one since observers on any of the other galaxies in the universe would also see all of the galaxies moving away from them too, and there could be only one true center to the universe.

As the number of red shift measurements for new galaxies continued to increase over the last few decades, astronomers noted that the galaxies clustered at evenly spaced or quantized distances in all directions of the sky. At the present, all these galaxies seem to outline a distinct series of evenly spaced concentric spheres around our own galaxy. If these concentric spheres of galaxies centered around us are real and make up the structure of the universe, we would be forced to scrap the big bang theory and come up with a new galactocentric model with us at the center of the universe.

When one considers that there are billions and billions of galaxies in the universe, anyone of which could have been the one at the center, why did it have to be us? Physicist Russell Humphreys, author of the recently published paper, "Our Galaxy is the Center of the Universe, 'Quantized' Red Shifts Show", in Technical Journal (vol. 16, no. 2) has calculated that the probability that we are at the center of the universe by accident to be less than one out of a quadrillion!

If all this is true, the secularist cosmologies of Albert Einstein and Stephen Hawking would be proven wrong and the obvious implication of this discovery would be that we are a special creation of God, indeed!

In the third century B.C. a Greek relative of mine, Aristarchus of Samos, proposed that the Earth and the planets revolved around the Sun at the center of our solar system. The Earth-centric theory won out (and regrettably was also accepted as the "gospel truth" by the compromising Roman Catholic Church afterwards - but that's another story) until Nicolas Copernicus came along in the late 16th century (I am told his father was Greek and that would make him another relative of mine too) and revived the Sun-centric view.

Sometimes science advances by taking big steps backwards.

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Re: Origin Of The Term 'Grays'? - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 20:33:18 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 23:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Origin Of The Term 'Grays'? - Allan

>From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 04:13:55 -0700
>Subject: Origin Of The Term 'Grays'?

>As someone who has followed the UFO abduction phenomenon since
>the mid-eighties I am curious about the origin of the term
>"Grays" or "Greys" (I understand the "a" is more commonly used
>in American spellings and the "e" in British spellings) to refer
>to the small gray beings so frequently described by abductees.

>Is anyone aware of any book published before 1990 that refers
>to them by this name? In the eighties, from my recollection,
>they were generally referred to simply as aliens,
>extraterrestrials, UFO occupants or humanoids, or sometimes as
>EBEs (I think that term, meaning Extraterrestrial Biological
>Entities, came out of the MJ-12 documents or related documents
>on alleged crash retrievals).

>The first place I remember hearing them called "Grays", I think,
>was the Dulce papers or some of the rumors related to the Paul
>Bennewitz affair and the Christa Tilton abduction case. Most of
>that material was not published until the early nineties, as I
>understand.

>What I do know is that by 1995, if someone were to mention the
>Grays in the context of discussing UFO abductions, pretty much
>everyone familiar with the abduction phenomenon would have an
>immediate mental image of a small-bodied, bigheaded, black-eyed,
>gray- skinned humanoid.

What about the term EBE?

We are told, in the prime MJ-12 document (the Eisenhower briefing) dated November 1952, that the term 'EBE' was coined by Dr Detlev Bronk and his team in 1947, to describe the supposed extraterrestrials found at Roswell.

But I have heard claims that 'EBE' is actually much more recent, being invented by Paul Bennewitz c.1980. Can anyone shed any light on this? Have any of Bennewitz's writings been found to contain 'EBE'? If so, can we have source and date, please?

If and when such evidence is discovered, and it pre-dates December 1984, it will put the final nail in the coffin of the MJ-12 affair (much to Stanton Friedman's dismay) since it will establish, finally, that the Eisenhower paper is a 1980s forgery.

CDA

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Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 21:26:18 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 08:10:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory -

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Jul 2004 22:15:59 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2004 23:30:47 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

>>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 20:12:38 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Tales Offer Clues on Memory

><snip>

>Nick Pope worked for a Department of the British government
>which was tasked with fielding and investigating UFO reports,
>along with any number of other odd occurrences. The criteria for
>determining a particular event as worthy of its attention was
>its relevance to air defense. To the extent that he performed
>these tasks, several statements are reasonable.

>1)To any reporter wanting information as to the quantity or
>quality of UFO reporting while he was on duty, he was certainly
>(along with others) the "British Government's UFO expert".

>2)To any viewer of American TV, his position and duties would
>certainly lend themselves to his being regarded as "The man
>behind the UK's X-Files". 3)His work and his title would indeed
>provide a clear rationale for calling him "Britain's Fox
>Mulder".

>If Mr. Pope was preceded or succeeded by others, then others
>could reasonably lay claim to these title(s), as well.

I agree. While interviewees can ask to be captioned in a certain way in television documentaries, reporters and viewers alike will apply their own labels and draw parallels as they wish. I try to correct factual inaccuracies where possible and practicable, but I also have to recognise that much of what is said and written about me is outwith my control.

>My guess (and only a guess) is that Mr. Pope is less than proud
>of the labels, but resigned to the comparisons, apt as they are.

>The article cited does little to discount these labels, but does
>add context to the question of the British governments interest
>in...and official response to...UFOs and other aerial phenomena.
>Certainly it supports Mr. Pope's statement that he was tasked
>with such investigations. Whatever else you make of it is
>opinion.

I've responded to John Rimmer's post on this, but to reiterate the point, the X-Files/Fox Mulder labels were first adopted by my colleagues as a joke. They called me "Spooky". The media and my publishers then drew the same parallels. At first I did think this trivialised the work of the project (sorry John, the

"targeted investigation"). But I've been through various MOD media training courses and have learnt that you can't be too precious about labelling.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: NARCAP: Aviation Safety In US - McCoy

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 17:46:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 08:19:05 -0400
Subject: Re: NARCAP: Aviation Safety In US - McCoy

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Jul 2004 10:43:42 -0700
>Subject: NARCAP: Aviation Safety In US

>NARCAP: Aviation Safety in US: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena and
>Under-Reporting Bias

>"Upon return to my domicile, JFK, I reported our sighting to the
>proper authorities. I was shortly visited by two federal
>investigators who evidently thought I was hallucinating for one
>of them stated he had seen spaceships while fishing in Great
>South Bay and was quite obviously trying to prove that I was a
>loony." -- Captain, Pan Am (ret.)

>"It must have been Huge! We were all due back at JFK about the
>same time two days later so I waited in the crew ready room to
>talk to them. None of them wanted to talk! They were afraid
>management would take them off of flying status and have them
>tested for booze and drugs. The story never came out!"
>--Flight Engineer, TWA (ret.)

>NARCAP Technical Report No. 8 - 10 July 2004>

><http://www.narcap.org/reports/TR8Bias1.htm>

>Aviation Safety in America: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena and
>Under-Reporting Bias

>The issue of valid U.S. pilot reports of Unidentified Aerial
>Phenomena, UAP and the seeming lack of attention given to these
>reports by the aviation system is a complicated one. There is a
>longstanding bias in place that severely inhibits the reporting
>and investigation of UAP incidents. This bias stifles open
>discussion of UAP amongst aircrews, management, safety
>administrators, and the researchers who try to acquire
>information on this important topic. [excerpt taken from report]

>[much, much more at URL]

Hello All,

Being a former pro-pilot and now grounded due to medical condition,
I have said before that there is nobody to turn to when you see
or experience something extraordinary. Particularly Airline pilots,
ATC controllers, etc.

I do think this is a shame and until the stigma is removed, it
won't quit. I do believe there is a danger here. Wait till a
spectacular crash with say a bBig UFO and a loaded 747 - over a
city.

GT McCoy

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 20:44:43 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 08:24:20 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Sparks

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 12:52:10 -0200
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 13:57:56 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

<snip>

>>This "report" is akin to that by the "astronomer" from Kwazu-Natal
>>who stated Venus was mistaken for a UFO, when in fact Venus was
>>below the horizon at the time of the sighting... among other
>>unscientific ruminations.

>>So many experts, so little expertise.

>Dear Brad and Kyle:

>You are certainly right and I cannot forgive myself for not
>realising that sooner. Yes, we cannot pay any attention to this
>thing and take it seriously. We should just drop at once these
>"new revelations" made by that Doctor in the garbage can and
>forget it at all.

>Maybe, indeed, we should just come to this poor man and say at
>once: "I am sorry Doctor, but I will have to dump your info in
>the garbage can, UNLESS you provide an extension to your report
>to the length and to the number of details that my American
>colleagues find appropriate".

Dear A.J.,

What "info"? You presented no medical info whatsoever!!!! Put
the zero info into the place where zero info belongs, the
garbage can like you yourself said - but don't put any
scientific medical data in the garbage if you actually have any,
just tell us! Your so-called "Doctor" does not SOUND like a
medical "Doctor" from what you presented, don't you get it?

A Nuclear Physicist should talk like a Nuclear Physicist - we
should hear about mass, energy, velocity, electron volts, atomic
numbers, rads or sieverts, momentum, spin, etc. etc.

An Astrophysicist should talk like an Astrophysicist - we should
hear about luminosity, gravitation, temperature, color, density,
acceleration and motion, etc. etc.

A Medical "Doctor" should talk like a Medical Doctor - we should
hear about blood pressure, circulation, respiration, blood cell
counts, lesions, and any lack thereof with a strange non-human
creature, x-ray imaging, EKG, EEG, dosage, diagnosis, etc. etc.

You wasted 30 lines of text that could have been used to answer
the nearly 30 medical data items that I listed, and instead you
chose to beat the hot air! And my list was not meant to be
complete, but just to give an idea of what MD's talk about

medically.

And the point is not to have to drag out this medical data with a big argument when it should have been presented right from the start to establish the so-called 'Doctor's' credibility. Any good hoaxer can now go over my list of medical data items (or go on the Web and do a few minutes of high-school level research) and try to fill them in with believable sounding details because I have now made an issue of it. These details would have naturally already been in a real "Doctor's" story without any argument or hassle or harangue if he in fact was a real "Doctor" who in fact really had the supposed alien encounter in the Varginha hospital.

Even Stringfield's bogus "doctor" (or meat packer) had more layman-type "medical" pathology info than your "Doctor" does as you present him, though in a very non-credible way, but at least Stringfield's "doctor" tried to go over most of the body parts and organs, unlike your "Doctor." Oh, are you now going to try to tell us that we would all be bored by such "minor" details???? Most UFOlogists salivate at the chance to comb over every minute detail of purported alien eye structure (think of the Betty and Barney Hill case or Whitley Strieber's "Communion" almond eyes), numbers of fingers and whether there's an opposing thumb, exact heights to compare with "little green men" stories and to try to distinguish the taller more human-appearing so-called "Nordics, skin color ("greys" or green "reptilians"), etc. etc.

>Or maybe I should also say to him: "Please, Doctor, don't bother us with these minor and worthless details of an alien creature captured by military in the most comprehensive search ever performed by military police in Minas Gerais state, Brazil, and taken to your hospital in the middle of the night, where the whole branch of Maternity and part of the branch of Child Care where isolated for a few hours by men using uniforms and heavily armed, in such a situation that you were supposed to perform your duties as a Doctor to try to understand what the hell was that in that hospital bed, UNLESS you provide to my American colleagues the whole report about it".

>And: "Doctor, we don't care if you took hundreds of sleepless nights to decide whether to reveal that or not, and don't even care about the many threats you received for not doing so, and any concerns you may have about your and your family' lives, UNLESS you satisfy our query with more details".

>What about that?

>We wouldn't be missing a thing...

Blood counts don't threaten your "Doctor" or put him in jeopardy or identify him in any way. They are just numbers, scientific data. Real doctors deal with blood counts and a host of other data but I'm just singling that one item out so I don't have to repeat my whole list of nearly 30.

Your 'Doctor' doesn't have to remember the exact numbers, just approximately. A layperson would not know what they meant and would have a hard time remembering numbers that are meaningless to him. But a real MD would remember at least approximately (unless they were normal for humans).

A credible sounding story might have included details something like this after describing the creature (did it have two eyes, mouth, nostrils, cranium, limbs, fingers, heart, lungs, what height, weight, was it a classic "gray" or a "Nordic" ET, etc. etc.):

"I insisted that we draw blood or fluid from the creature in order to be able to learn something so that I could figure out a way to treat it. The soldiers reluctantly let me do that and allow the lab to run tests. But the results came back and were astounding! No blood cells at all, no count, only a strange plasma fluid with a high pH 9.5 [etc. etc.]. [OR the story might have said:] The results were very strange, with the lab finding 11 new types of blood cells never seen before of shapes and sizes completely, well, alien, with apparent nucleation of what looked something like the leukocytes [white blood cells] but which were huge about 100 microns in size but shaped like pretzels, no hemoglobin detected but the lab wanted to run tests for a possible copper-

based kind of hemo, etc. etc. I have spent years of sleepless nights going over the unbelievable lab data in my mind trying to think of a way it might be some strange earth animal but the data did not seem possible with no hemoglobin at all, and I could not understand how such large blood cells could be transported throughout the creature's body so I started thinking of new blood transport mechanisms, etc. etc. [OR whatever the story might be, don't make me have to script out a believable hoax story for you!]."

Brad

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>Could We *Really* Be At The Center of The Universe?

>Newly published data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS),
>led by Max Tegmark of the University of Pennsylvania, shows that
>our galaxy is centered on a great concentric distribution of
>galaxies.

>The foregoing quotation is based upon an ambitious astronomical
>survey effort involving more than 200 astronomers at 13
>institutions. So far, over 200,000 galaxies have been mapped.
>The accompanying figure is a two-dimensional, wedge-shaped slice
>of this cosmic map. It pinpoints approximately 33,500
>galaxies. ...Note the rough concentricity about the earth.

>Source: http://www.sdss.org/news/releases/galaxy_zoom.jpg

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Hi Terry and Listers

A question in regard to red shift limits.

If we travel to the outermost red shifted stars and travel with
them at their speed would more stars be revealed past them?

Or. Is there equipment which see's beyond the maximum red
shift?

Maybe only E.T. has the answers and it's believed, in some
quarters, that they too seek 'The Creator'. Could this 'Creator'
be outside the Universe detecting and smiling at us all?

Colin Stevenson
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UFO Sighted Over Lakeville?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 15:56:54 -0400
Subject: UFO Sighted Over Lakeville?

Source: Twin Cities Pioneer Press - St Paul Minnesota

<http://www.twincities.com/mld/twincities/news/nation/9194124.htm?1c>

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UFO sighted over Lakeville?

No, but the publisher of Fate magazine will know if it ever happens.

By Bob Shaw

Pioneer Press

Phyllis Galde has no gills. She can't dissolve into mist before your eyes. Her eyes don't have the cat-like slits that TV aliens have.

It's disappointing, because as the new owner of a magazine specializing in UFOs, sea monsters, ghosts, Bigfoot, fish-people and Gef the Talking Mongoose, you expect her to be a little more... unusual.

"I just try to be a level-headed Norwegian and have some common sense," said Galde, a friendly 58-year-old Lakeville grandmother who looks apple-pie normal.

But normal is only skin deep. Her life revolves around the bizarre, as reflected in the pages of her magazine, Fate, the 56-year-old journal of the paranormal.

After managing it for years, she bought the 20,000-circulation monthly magazine in March. Now, from a house on a leafy cul-de-sac, Galde runs a modest empire of weirdness from around the world that lists actor Dan Aykroyd and artist R. Crumb as fans.

And she is taking weirdness in a whole new direction.

No more of that New Age hokum, she said. The previous publisher, Llewellyn Ltd. of St. Paul, printed stories about crop circles, channeling and crystals with supernatural powers.

"We just can't prove that stuff," Galde said. "We don't print anything we can't prove. There is no scientific evidence for that."

Evidence? Is there evidence of UFOs flying over Transylvania? Or frog-men? Or giants?

These stories are based on what people sincerely believe they have experienced, explained Galde.

"A lot of these things we don't say are true," Galde said. "We say, 'Here are the reports. You decide.' "

How can she tell someone who actually heard Gef the Talking Mongoose from someone who is merely insane?

"It's a gut-level feeling. It's like Hemingway's crap detector," Galde said. "You can tell if something is crazy."

That earnestness is what separates Galde from her competitors. She believes this stuff, or at least believes it could be true. She scorns other purveyors of paranormal, including tabloids like the National Enquirer, Globe and Weekly World News.

"They have Hillary Clinton having an alien's baby," she said. "Maybe some gullible people believe it."

Fate magazine is more discriminating. Galde is changing the mission to revert to the vision of the magazine's founders, with a retro tone to the stories.

Timeless stories include appearances by ghosts, UFOs or angels.

"Maybe one appeared in a bedroom and changed someone's life," she said. "Or a car breaks down in a snowstorm, someone appears to help, and then leaves without making any tracks."

But they don't print just anything.

"We debunk things, like crop circles," she said. She said the editor of Skeptic magazine, a debunker of all things paranormal, recognizes Fate as a fellow challenger of specious claims.

Skeptic Editor Michael Shermer did say that Fate more carefully researched stories than, say, the Globe. But he stopped short of endorsement.

The problem with Fate, he said, is it tends to believe what people tell it, without considering other explanations.

"Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence," Shermer said.

Magazines like Fate thrive, he said, out of a curious need to believe.

"It's the same impulse that drives religion," Shermer said. "It could be an animistic spirit, a nature god, a 'May the Force be with you' spirit, or a Christian God."

Galde agreed that the line between her magazine and religion was blurry. Fate makes certain quasi-religious assumptions: spirits live on after death, and some kind of spirit world produces miracles that science can't explain.

"Organized religion is not giving people what they need," Galde said. "Fate is kind of a liberal spirituality."

A PERSONAL CONNECTION

Galde is a believer in ghosts because she lives with them, she says.

In 1993, she had been working for Llewellyn as the Fate editor when her mother had a massive stroke and died. It happened in Galde's basement.

Her mother's ghost appeared to her a short time later, she says, in another room of the basement.

"I was still so grief-stricken, I wasn't able to talk to her," Galde said.

Shortly afterward, she heard The Voice. She was driving in her Geo Prizm by the Target store on Cedar Avenue in Apple Valley one afternoon and a voice distinctly said, "Spend more time with your dad."

She quit her job the next day.

She cared for her father for several months before he died.

"It was the best thing I ever did," she said.

But that's not the last she heard from him, she says.

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One time, Galde, who has four older brothers, was driving back from her father's brother-in-law's funeral in Boone, Iowa. She heard her father's voice in the back seat. It said, "It wouldn't have hurt some of your brothers to have been here."

It didn't spook her. It comforted her.

"When I was losing my mom and dad, it was so nice to have their visitations," Galde said. "The spirit survives after death. People like to know that."

That renewed belief in the supernatural was one reason why she went back to Llewellyn in 1999, as magazine editor, before buying it outright.

AN EDITOR'S LIFE

Today her home bustles with an supernatural amount of energy.

The double garage is packed with books and supplies. In the kitchen, part-timer Thomas Begich addresses envelopes. Galde walks into the basement, past eight computer workstations for her, her managing editor and housemate David Godwin, and six part-timers.

Thousands of research books line the walls. Dragons leer from paintings, and alien dolls peer from walls.

Some hazards you can't even see.

"You are standing in a vortex right now," said Galde to a visitor, as if warning about quicksand. A vortex is a swirling patch of psychic energy, and she wasn't sure if it was dangerous to be standing in one or not.

In a corner room, 19-year-old part-timer Sarah Brand said she loves the work.

"It's very laid-back here, and the creative juices in the air is fun," she said.

It's nothing like her former job at Papa John's Pizza.

"It was hectic and boring. We had to wear ugly pants," she said.

Above all, she said, the stories are cool.

"My age group is really into it," Brand said.

Her personal favorite? Gef the Talking Mongoose, who reportedly cursed and berated a family in England in the 1930s. But does Brand believe a mongoose could talk?

"It's possible," Brand shrugged. Sometimes stories are so bizarre, she said, they have to be true.

That applies as well to the story about Jesus' world travels. The December issue of Fate had a photo of Jesus' grave in the small village of Herai, Japan. Jesus reportedly died there at the age of 106, and it was Jesus' brother, Isukiri, who died on the cross.

How could that be? Instead of Christianity, should it be called Isukirism? How could a man travel halfway around the world to a place no one in the West even knew existed?

"He could have gone on horseback," Galde said. "I don't know. But it makes people think."

ONLINE

For information on Fate magazine, including subscriptions, see its Web site at www.fatemaq.com.

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Sample headlines from recent editions of Fate magazine:

=95 "Has Atlantis been Found?"

=95 "Spirits of Flight 93" (the jet that crashed in Pennsylvania

on Sept. 11, 2001)

=95 "The Reality of Bigfoot: Was He Captured in 1839?"

=95 "Kempfenfelt Kelly" (a Loch Ness monster in a lake in Ontario)

=95 "The Most Haunted Capitol in America"

=95 "Basics of Detecting and 'Busting' Ghosts"

=95 "Readers Psychically Penetrate Infamous Area 51"

=95 "The Voodoo Queen of San Francisco"

=95 "A Night with Lizzie Borden"

=95 "The McKweon Poltergeist"

=95 "The Mermaids of Japan"

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Re: NARCAP: Aviation Safety In US - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 13:40:11 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 15:59:19 -0400
Subject: Re: NARCAP: Aviation Safety In US - Ledger

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 17:46:04 -0700
>Subject: Re: NARCAP: Aviation Safety In US

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>>Aviation Safety in America: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena and
>>Under-Reporting Bias

>>The issue of valid U.S. pilot reports of Unidentified Aerial
>>Phenomena, UAP and the seeming lack of attention given to these
>>reports by the aviation system is a complicated one. There is a
>>longstanding bias in place that severely inhibits the reporting
>>and investigation of UAP incidents. This bias stifles open
>>discussion of UAP amongst aircrews, management, safety
>>administrators, and the researchers who try to acquire
>>information on this important topic. [excerpt taken from report]

>>[much, much more at URL]

>Being a former pro-pilot and now grounded due to medical condition,
>I have said before that there is nobody to turn to when you see
>or experience something extraordinary. Particularly Airline pilots,
>ATC controllers, etc.

>I do think this is a shame and until the stigma is removed, it
>won't quit. I do beleive there is a danger here. Wait till a
>spectacular crash with say a bBig UFO and a loaded 747 - over a
>city.

Hi GT,

There is a place pilots can go and that is NARCAP. NARCAP has a
staff of retired airline pilots and air traffic controllers to
draw on. The reporting form used by NARCAP for both pilots and
ATC are extremely detailed and explores areas that none of the
other witness report forms do. ABOVE ALL, IT IS CONFIDENTIAL. I
can't emphasize that enough.

NARCAP assigns a case number to the incident and the people
involved are never identified.

It is a sorry state of affairs when airlines and the governing
agencies can deny someone their right of free speech through the
use of intimidation that is so rampant in that industry.

Don Ledger

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Gevaerd

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <gevaerd.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 14:57:03 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 16:02:53 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Gevaerd

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 20:44:43 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 12:52:10 -0200
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

<snip>

Dear Brad:

The feeling of frustration for the lack on info about the Varginha Case is not only yours. I feel exactly the same and so does Ubirajara and I am sure that Doc Leir does it as well. Oh ww wish that the "Doctor" would be more specif, more detailed and I would like to have answers to most of our questions...

Unfortunately, things are not as easy as they may seem, or the way we would like them to be. That "Doctor" took several years of thoughts to decide if he would come up with any info at all. And when he finally did so, he was still uncertain of what would happen to him if he is discovered by the military.

One have to know that Varginha is a small town of only 110 thousand people. It is that kind of city where people know everybody. That "Doctor" is a very popular person and his name could be easily transpired if he was more detailed in his account. By releasing only what he released it will already keep some people in key positions of the Varginha Case to wonder which of the 6 or 8 doctors at that hospital, that night, would be "our Doctor". I have a feeling that he is cautious much because of that.

Also, dear Brad, I believe that a piece of information is better than no information at all. Sure, sure, that only a small piece of info, such as that, doesn=B4t help much. We would rather have much more to present. And we do. The whole Varginha Case is much bigger that one can imagine. And we will have more info, very soon.

In a month from now I will be promoting the First Varginha UFO Congress, which has been very much publicized in that town. It is causing serious agitation in the small city and many new witnesses may come up to tell us their untold story. Stories that they decided to keep to themselves because they may haven=B4t had the chance or find someone they could speak to.

Besides, even not having all the pieces of this immense puzzle, it has helped us to figure out what the picture is all about. Varginha is a case much more documented that Roswell, for instance. There are so far 80 first-hand witnesses speaking and many more to come. And the most extraordinary info we gathered about it came from the militar who took part in the operations, a few of which already named.

I will have more new revelation in a week or two, as another

doctor who read the article I published here, that was published in the Edition # 100 of the Brazilian UFO Magazine, already contacted Ubirajara and is almost ready to start talking about other stuff. In this case, it will be about the death of the military policeman who hold with his bare hands the second ET captured - only two weeks after it happened.

This is a long road and we have only walked a few steps.

A. J.

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 21:06:39 -0400
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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 20:44:43 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 12:52:10 -0200
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 13:57:56 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

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Brad,

My, you walked a long road to make a point. A good one.

A.J.,

When a sighting is said to have been made by a "trained observer", one expects that the report will include trained observations. Otherwise why mention credentials at all?

When a "trained observer" reports seeing "a big ball of fire", or "some kind of critter like I never seen before", his status as a "trained observer" becomes a little less pertinent.

The shame is that the trained observer had an extraordinary experience, and did not effectively communicate this experience in language appropriate to his ability. Just a critter story.

Kyle

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VICTIM SAYS "WINGED DOGS"
WERE CHUPACABRAS

"Juan R. Acuna Pereira, the Parral resident who was assaulted by two strange beings qualified as 'winged dogs' said yesterday (Sunday, July 11, 2004) that the creature is identical to one shown in an image presented by Corporacion GEO, depicting the mythical Chupacabras, and which was done based on statements from others who have suffered similar attacks."

"'It had no fangs, and it was just like a dog, and with short ears, just like a dog, and it stood on two legs and had shiny eyes,' he said, confirming the computerized image belonging to Corporacion GEO. He insisted that the (creature) is just like a dog and without the fangs shown in a Mexican photo last week. The only difference is that the beleaguered Parral native saw both animals as black in color and flew around."

"Despite his silence to the media, the victim's days haven't been peaceful. His wife says that Juan doesn't sleep at night and, when he manages to do so, he has nightmares and delirium all night. Sometimes he wakes up shrieking 'Attack! Attack!'"

"What they are hoping is that a (medical) specialist will offer him some assistance, since, after the night of horror, Juan doesn't dare go outside after dark, not even to the outhouse. He is with someone at all times, whether a brother or his brother-in-law. He will not remain home alone."

"Juan Acuna said that a friend of his, Jorge Vejar, told him a dog was found dead in a field" outside Parral, near Temuco in southern Chile, "without a drop of blood. When they opened the door to see what happened, the other dogs entered the house and hid under the chairs, visibly frightened and unwilling to go outside."

The Chilean newspaper "El Centro also had access to a report by Susana Soto Yanez, the woman who offered first aid to Acuna" after the attack. "The victim's brother-in-law's spouse revealed that the attack by the 'creatures' occurred near 1 a.m. Her relative (Acuna) was fleeing from the bridge along the side of the canal, calling for help, at a time at which they were both asleep."

"Susana Soto did not understand--much less believe--the story that some winged dogs had attacked her relative. After changing his clothes and dressing his wounds,

because he had arrived practically naked at the house, she went out to find a cell phone to summon an ambulance, without positive results."

"She says that she retraced her relative's route from her house to the side of the canal towards the bridge and noticed some strange noises, but she says she entrusted herself to God, and nothing happened."

"Unable to achieve her goal, she returned home and asked her husband--he had had a few drinks, she admitted--to go and find an ambulance. The husband covered the same route as his wife, when upon reaching the bridge, recalls Marcelo Alberto Gajardo, he suffered a surprise attack on his foot by one of the 'winged dogs.'"

"He shouted in such a way that he managed to scare off the 'critter.' Gajardo described the incident: 'It was a thing that attacked my foot and hurled me backwards. Good thing I was wearing leather boots. I looked and saw it was flying. I let out a shout, and it let go of me. There were two of them. They were small, but they vanished. I didn't see if they flew off or not--they just vanished all of a sudden. If I don't scream, I told myself, I'll die right here...and I don't blame this situation on any rooster!' (See the Chilean newspaper El Centro of Talca for July 12, 2004, "Victim of 'winged dog' attack recognizes Chupacabras." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Liliana Nunez para esto articulo de diario.)

PANIC IN PARRAL ENSUES AS 14 SHEEP ARE FOUND DEAD

"Fourteen sheep died inexplicably last week, but that wasn't enough for two families of shepherds from Parral to make a formal report of the event, despite the fact that the animals' bodies were found torn and bloodied but without any traces of a predator that would have feasted on them."

"Everything changed in the last few hours, when word spread of the attack on farmer Juan R. Acuna Pereira by creatures unknown to doctors, and that he described as 'winged dogs.'"

"The (sheep) deaths occurred at Las Cabras farm and at a smallhold located near the commune's hospital. The affected parties say they gave no special importance to the event, but in view of all that has been published, they became afraid and decided to come forward."

"In the first case, eight sheep were found exsanguinated (drained of blood--J.T.) at the rear of the Inapar Corporation. The family running the premises--facing the hospital--recorded the dead animals on their camcorder to leave a document for the owner of the property and the animals, in the hopes of avoiding any misunderstandings later."

"El Centro managed to obtain exclusive access to this visual record, showing the condition in which the dead sheep were found."

"Ever since the Acuna case became known, members of the family have chosen to leave their clothes hanging outside after nightfall instead of going out and risking a similar attack. That is the level of their fear."

"'They can't be dogs,' they said, requesting anonymity, since 'dogs will eat the sheep, not bleed it. This is the work of a strange animal.'"

"The affected parties said they decided not to report the incident to the Carabineros (Chilean national police--J.T.) because over 40 dead hens had been found under similar circumstances last year (2003), and they remember that the police had told them not to go out at night, since a strange dangerous species could be on the loose."

"The second case corresponds to the death of six sheep in the Paso Hondo rural area on the way to Cauquenes, on the Las Cabras farm."

"A person came to the door to confirm that (second) report: 'Yes, six dead sheep were found in the pasture, but it was never known what killed them. I can't explain it. All I know is that they had very little blood, because they were brought in for the dogs, and their (fleece) hides were removed.'"

"Claudio Bravo, mayor of Parral, said: 'I have no greater opinion than what has appeared in the media. I think calm should reign, first and foremost. These cases

are isolated and infrequent. The fact is that we don't know--until the investigation is well underway--if we are facing a new species or a normal, everyday species. I call on the community to remain calm."

"But he also joked: 'If the Chupacabra has done anything positive by its presence, it's that we have fewer people on the streets at night, which I think is good. I hope the Chupacabra won't attack decent folks, only the delinquents who are up to no good in Parral.'"

"The Parralinos' (residents of Parral--J.T.) interpretations of the event range from skepticism to the Bible."

"Nora Retamal, a secretary to Senator Jaime Naranjo, has a view of the phenomenon that she relates to the Apocalypse. 'That book (Revelations--J.T.) tells us that different things will come to pass. We know that the forces of evil present themselves in different guises. God wants us to be ready to witness some odd things.'"

"Fidel Sanchez, who keeps his hand on the local society's pulse, thinks that most Parralinos believe that the attack on the farm was the work of Chupacabras, adding that others believe it was just a dog. 'All of these things give me goose pimples. The fact that there could be a mysterious creature wandering the night that could attack you...all I can do is go to bed early.'" (See the Chilean newspaper El Centro of Talca for July 7, 2004, "Mystery of the 'winged dogs' increases." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Liliana Nunez para esto articulo de diario.)

UFOs SEEN REPEATEDLY OVER TOWN IN ARGENTINA

"The UFO phenomenon in the town of Gobernador Ugarte (population 300)," located about 150 kilometers (90 miles) west of Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, "is ongoing. Strange lights and maneuvers were reported this past weekend."

"One worker told the strange story of how his truck lights turned on and off by themselves as he stopped at a local ranch. Some residents say this is quite normal in the area, while others express their fears."

The Argentinian newspaper "La Manana spoke yesterday (Monday, July 12, 2004) with Hector Labaronne, who has been filming UFOs for three years with his family. The La Esperanza ranch is where the greatest number of (UFO) sightings and ground prints have been reported in recent times. The family possesses over five hours of video recordings of the lights and objects that appear in the night skies."

"The significance of these events has led to the screening of a 90-minute video of the Ugarte sightings," which will take place "on August 16, 2004 at the 8 p.m. in the Sala Pablo Picasso in Buenos Aires."

"La Manana ; 'How long have you been recording UFOs?'"

"Hector: 'More than three years now. The video to be shown in Buenos Aires is just part of the five hours we've recorded. Almost all of the images are similar, except that some are on different days and nights.'"

"La Manana: 'How long since the last sighting?'"

"Hector: 'We saw the lights last night (Sunday, July 11, 2004), also on Saturday (July 10, 2004), and there are some things that occur that are beyond the norm, For example, last Friday (July 9, 2004), one of the rangers who lives in a shed had a strange experience. At around 1 a.m., he saw a light, went outside, and realized that his truck lights were on. He went to turn them off but noticed that the pickup truck's lights weren't on. (Meaning the dashboard light switch was set on OFF--J.T.) The lights themselves went out in the meantime. He thought it might be a loose wire and went to bed again.'"

"'About an hour later, he woke up to find his truck lights on again. This happened four times successively. He didn't go out after that because he was scared. The next day, he reflected about this event, and some people told him that there were 'flying saucers' in the skies over the area, or that strange lights are often seen.'"

"'He says that when he went to bed, he felt as though someone was running at the edge of the shack. We still

don't know what it is, but we're sure there's something to it."

"The lights fly right over Ugarte--many people of the town are seeing them. Since it is a normal occurrence, no one pays them much attention. A large flying red light 100 meters (330 feet) over Ugarte is a normal thing."

"La Manana: 'What time of year does this most often occur?'"

"Hector: 'The cooler it gets, the lower they fly. They can move some 30 to 40 centimeters (12 to 16 inches) over the ground. They don't leave traces. What we see are lights and sometimes a solid object, like a suspended deep bowl. We've had them close, but when we get closer, they move away--this happens always. They don't come over to where we are. They always avoid us.'"

"Research and inquiries have revealed (UFO) sightings in previous decades. In the 1950s, personnel from the Estancia San Jose del Socorro (ranch) reported the surprising appearance of several circular marks (crop circles--J.T.) near a eucalyptus forest. In the summer of 1971, a 12-year-old boy witnessed the low-altitude flight of a strange aerial artifact. In the mid-1990s, a local resident claimed having been taken aboard a spacecraft, providing details of his experience and shiny marks on his arms."

"Gobernador Ugarte is located on Route 51 between the cities of Chivilcoy and 25 de Mayo" in Buenos Aires province in eastern Argentina. (See the Argentinian newspaper La Manana of Buenos Aires for July 13, 2004, "UFOs seen near 25 de Mayo." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Gloria Coluchi para esto articulo de diario.)

BRILLIANT WHITE UFO SEEN NEAR SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

On Thursday, July 15, 2004, farm workers in the Serra da Cantareira, a mountainous region north of Sao Paulo, Brazil, the largest city in South America, "spotted a UFO in the sky at approximately 7:08 p.m. The object, which they described as 'a great globe of brilliant white light, rotating on its own axis,' hovered briefly over the mountainside before flying away."

"One witness said, 'The object appeared to be self-illuminated.'"

Brazilian ufologists called the event "the most exciting UFO incident in Sao Paulo state in years."

Later the same evening, at 11 p.m., "a flight of black helicopters flew over Taquaritinga, S.P.," located about 300 kilometers (180 miles) northwest of the city of Sao Paulo. "There were seven helicopters, arrayed in a zigzag formation. They flew rapidly at treetop height and without (navigational) lights." (Muito obrigado a Atilio Coelho, Roberto Santram e Brunilda Barros para esas informacoes brasilienses.)

UFO HOVERS OVER BAKU, CAPITAL OF AZERBAIJAN

"An unidentified flying object resembling a large star hung over the Azeri capital (city) of Baku," on the western shore of the Caspian Sea, "early Monday," July 12, 2004.

"The object appeared at quarter past six" in the morning "and it stayed there until sunrise. Witnesses said the UFO was so bright that they could hardly observe it with their bare eyes."

"The UFO could be clearly seen in Baku's outlying suburbs of Akhmadli and Bakikhanov." (See the newspaper Baku Today for July 12, 2004. Many thanks to Jim Hickman, executive director of Skywatch International, for this report. Don't forget to visit Jim's Web site at <http://www.skywatch-international.org/> .)

MULTIPLE-LIGHT UFOs SEEN OVER VANCOUVER, B.C.

On Saturday, July 17, 2004, at 5:30 p.m., eyewitness

R.T. was outdoors at her home in Vancouver, the largest city in Canada's western province of British Columbia, when she sighted something strange in the sky.

"I am not sure what I saw," she reported, "But there appeared to be several clusters of what looked like stars. Some were just hovering, and some were moving slowly. Several times they appeared to be almost intersecting each other. I saw a couple of 'star-like' objects that were reddish in color. They looked like they were the same distance (away) stars could be (too high to be an aircraft or a bird--R.T.) I left my outside area and went back outside 15 minutes later, and, by that time, they were all gone."

"They were so high up they looked like rings of stars." (Email Form Report)

CASSINI TAKES NEW PHOTOS OF IAPETUS

"The international Cassini spacecraft has taken new images of Saturn's two-faced moon Iapetus, possibly offering clues as to why the moon has a dark hemisphere and a bright one."

"Researchers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California hope Cassini's observations of the mysterious moon help determine where the dark material comes from."

"The spacecraft took pictures of Iapetus (pronounced eye-APP-eh-tuss) at a distance of 1.8 million miles on (Saturday) July 3 (2004), a few days after Cassini entered Saturn's orbit."

"Iapetus is one of Saturn's 31 known moons."

"NASA also expected good pictures of Titan," Saturn's largest moon. "Startlingly sharp pictures taken in June (2004) of another Saturnian moon, Phoebe, had raised expectations that Titan would come in loud and clear."

"Instead, it looks more like an Impressionist painting," chief mission scientist Dennis Matson says."

"The photographs of Titan have been fuzzy. Although Cassini passed much closer to Phoebe (1,241 miles or 1,985 kilometers) scientists had hoped that infrared images would bring Titan into focus."

"Other surprises:"

"Light-colored plateaus on Titan, once thought to be composed of water ice or even liquid methane, appear to be scrambled mixtures of ice and hydrocarbon tar. The scientists frankly say that they haven't figured out what that means, other than some sort of unanticipated geologic activity is doing the scrambling."

"Dark-colored plateaus, thought to be coated with carbon tar, appear to be just ice."

"Where plateaus meet, scientists see fuzzy boundaries rather than the sharp lines found on ict moons elsewhere, such as Jupiter's Ganymede."

"Some form of erosion, perhaps wind-driven, is blurring those boundaries, Matson suggests. If that's the case, Titan's hoped-for primordial chemistry may remain intact, even if its appearance is not what scientists expected."

"A dearth of circular craters in the views so far of Titan's surface suggests that meteorite impacts quickly are resurfaced by wind or some sort of icy volcanism. Such impacts are presumably common occurrences amid Saturn's cluttered rings."

"The visible lines in (Titan's) surface suggest clashing ridges, giving rise to the possibility of 'Titan-quakes.' If Titan's light and dark regions are butting into one another, causing ice-cracking quakes, the surface may even be more volatile than anticipated."

"Methane clouds spotted by Cassini near Titan's south pole, floating under the haze at a 9-mile (15-kilometer) altitude, also raise new questions. Astronomers had spotted signs of the clouds before. But some scientists had expected to see more of them hovering in the atmosphere, possibly dropping methane rain to the surface." (See USA Today for July 19, 2004, "Cassini probes Saturn moon's dark side," page 6D, and USA Today for July 14, 2004, "Saturn offers more mystery, less certainty," pages 1A and 2A.)

DESPITE BALKY WHEEL,
SPIRIT CONTINUES ITS
SURVEY OF MARS

"NASA's Mars rover Spirit has begun driving in reverse to overcome a balky front wheel, but engineers expect it to keep covering Martian ground."

"The new driving technique was detailed as scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory revealed that the six-wheeled Spirit had finally discovered a rock outcrop, a formation offering the potential for layered rocks that could give geologists a view far into Mars' geologic past."

"Spirit's twin, Opportunity, fortuitously landed next to such an outcrop in January (2004). Opportunity quickly found a wealth of evidence that the site in the Meridiani Planum region was once saturated with water, and conditions there could have been suitable for life."

"On the other side of the planet, Spirit had to make a long trek across the plains of a vast crater before literally rolling over the outcrop as the rover was preparing to begin climbing into a set of hills."

"The long drive apparently took a toll on Spirit's right front wheel, which began to draw more and more electrical current, a sign of resistance in the mechanism."

"Efforts to use heating and rest to get lubrication to move back into the mechanism achieved only small improvement, so engineers decided to put the rover in reverse."

"Right now it is still capable of performing all tasks that we ask it to do," said engineer Joe Melko, who noted that the rover had gone more than six times beyond its design life."

"Moving backward allows Spirit to drag the right front wheel while driving itself with its five other wheels. Slightly turning some wheels allows the rover to maintain a straight course."

"Showing a picture of the outcrop beneath Spirit's wheels, mission science team member Matt Golombek said the good news is that Spirit doesn't have to go much farther."

"Outcrop is the currency that geologists use," he said, "It's contiguous bodies of rock that really contain the secrets that we want to unveil. And for the entire mission, 190 sols (Martian days), we've been seeking it, and we finally found it."

Spirit and Opportunity are now facing a new challenge. In a few weeks, it will be winter on Mars.

"NASA's Mars rovers, Opportunity and Spirit, are ratcheting back activities as the Martian winter approaches, a mission engineer says."

"If you told me last year we would be worrying about how we would keep the rovers going now, I would not have believed you," says rover team member Jim Erickson of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California."

"The \$835 million rovers completed their planned 90-day mission in April (2004). As the Martian winter deepens until mid-September, the solar power received by the rovers continues to drop. Mission controllers have instituted 'recharge' days to recoup rover power and a 'deep sleep' mode at night when temperatures will be near minus 63 degrees Fahrenheit."

"Mars will pass behind the sun in mid-September, cutting off (radio) contact with the rovers during several of the coldest days experienced by the mobile geology labs, Erickson says." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for July 18, 2004, "Spirit to roam Mars in reverse," page 15A; and USA Today for July 15, 2004, "NASA feels chill of Martian winter," page 4D.)

NEW ROBOT SPACECRAFT
WILL HEAD FOR MERCURY

"NASA said it will send a spacecraft to Mercury for the first time in 30 years."

"The probe Messenger will be launched (Monday) August 2 (2004) on a \$426 million mission to orbit the planet," the closest to the sun, "while it maps the surface and

looks for frozen water in shady polar craters."

The temperature on Mercury "is 840 degrees (Fahrenheit) during the day and several hundred degrees below zero at night."

"Messenger will loop around Earth, Venus and Mercury, getting a boost from the gravity of the planets to guide it into an orbit of Mercury in 2011 for a one-year mission, the project's scientists said. The roundabout, 4.9 billion mile (8 billion kilometer) route is designed to save on the cost and weight of the fuel, they said." (See USA Today for July 16, 2004, "NASA takes aim at Mercury," page 5A.)

Report from the Editor: Our 2004 sci-fi movie summer is swinging into high gear. So far we've had Van Helsing, The Day After Tomorrow, The Chronicles of Riddick and Spider-Man 2. Here's another one to add to your must-see list... I, Robot, starring Will Smith and Bridget Moynahan. Its vision of Chicago in the year 2035 will take your breath away. There's a good murder mystery and tons of action. Personally, I think this film is Smith's best work since 2002's Men in Black II. Don't miss this one!

From the UFO Files...

1938: MORE STRANGE SECRETS OF THE ANTARCTIC REICH

A magazine article published last month in Portugal is shedding new light on the strange cruise of the German ship Schwabenland and the origins of the Antarctic Reich.

"While the German scientists improved the Vril, the Hanebu and the RFZ (crude flying discs alleged to have been invented by Hitler's Third Reich--J.T.), other strange events happened quickly, beginning in 1938."

"One of the new problems that emerged in the early Twentieth Century, right after World War I, was the transportation of mail between Europe and the Americas. In the 1920s, two companies contested for the newly-opened mail routes across the Atlantic Ocean. These were Pan American Airways (founded by Juan D. Trippe--J.T.) and Luft-Hansa, the German airline. Trips by air over the vast ocean created numerous problems with refueling, logistics and maintenance. Both companies decided to use hydroplanes, and the Azores (owned by Portugal--J.T.) became the logical replenishment point."

"The Germans invented an ingenious way to bypass the distance problem. They used catapult ships to launch the mail-carrying planes, and they remained in the waters of the Azores to service the planes on their return trip. Using a long metal screen dragged by the ships, they reduced the height of the waves and made it safe for the hydroplanes to land."

"German catapult ships that became famous included the Bremen, the Westfalen and the Schwabenland. This last one, built in 1925, could launch hydroplanes weighing as much as 14 tons. The Schwabenland was a modern ship, well-equipped and with a modern communications system, plus an excellent on-board meteorological station. The vessel often operated out of Horta and Faial in the Azores."

"On May 24, 1938, the Schwabenland was visited by James Roosevelt, the brother of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. That same evening, the Schwabenland received a coded message from the Reichsfuhrer-SS, Heinrich Himmler, ordering the captain to leave the Azores and proceed at once to Germany."

And thereby hangs the tale. James "Rosey" Roosevelt was the older half-brother of the president. A quick review of FDR's childhood is in order. Franklin was born in January 1882. His father, James Roosevelt, was 53 years old when he was born and already had an older son, James Jr., by his first wife. James Jr., nicknamed Rosey, was born in 1855 and was 27 when his baby brother, the future president, made his natal debut in Hyde Park, N.Y.

Although he was the older brother of one president (FDR) and the cousin of another (Theodore Roosevelt, president from 1901 to 1909--J.T.), not too much is known about Rosey. He was a Wall Street investment banker and the college roommate and lifelong pal of one of the USA's

wealthiest billionaires, John Jacob Astor IV. After Astor died, it was Rosey who managed his friend's estate, with its numerous trust funds, annuities, bloc shares and whatnot. In short, Rosey was a heavy hitter on Wall Street, and he was in and out of the White House as often as Monica Lewinsky.

What Rosey was doing aboard Hitler's "Antarctic Ark" is a mystery.

But there's more. Rosey was the favorite child of Franklin's maternal grandfather, Warren Delano, a stalwart Republican from Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Of his New York City son-in-law, old man Delano once said, "James is the one who taught me that a Democrat could be a gentleman."

In his youth, Warren Delano had been a sailor aboard a Massachusetts whaling ship that often plied Antarctic waters. Later he got involved in the China trade. Another contemporary from the same area of southeastern Massachusetts was a whaler-turned-fishmonger named Andrew J. Borden, who was chopped up with an axe by his daughter Lizzie in August 1892.

The most notorious book about whalers in Antarctica is, of course, *The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket*, by Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849). Poe wrote about the whalers encountering strange ruins and hinted at an alien presence on the icebound southern continent, linked to the haunting phrase Tekeli-li.

According to S.T. Joshi, the biographer of H.P. Lovecraft (who used Pym as the basis of his own novel, *At the Mountains of Madness*--J.T.) "the first book publication of *The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket* by Edgar Allan Poe is dated 1838 but was copyrighted in June 1837. Two installments had appeared in the January and February 1837 issues of the *Southern Literary Messenger*, at that time edited by Poe."

So where did Poe get the idea for mysterious ruins in Antarctica? Probably from talking to returning American whalers in the Baltimore waterfront taverns that he loved to haunt. Clearly some very strange shit was going on in Antarctica during the late 1830s, and it was known to Delano and Borden and the other whalers of the New Bedford-Fairhaven-Nantucket area.

A century after Poe penned his Antarctic tale, the *Schwabenland* returned to Hamburg. Following a swift and effective refitting, the ship departed for Antarctica.

"The official German Antarctic Expedition of 1938-1939 assumed a long-term strategic importance. Led by Captain Alfred Ritscher, a veteran Arctic explorer, this scientific expedition carried out extensive geographical, meteorological and zoological research in Queen Maud Land, which had formed part of the Norwegian territorial claim on Antarctica since 1930. Two large flying boats of the Dornier-Wal type flew daily from the expedition ship *Schwabenland*, taking over 11,000 photographs, occasionally landing, covering in all some 600,000 square kilometers and photomapping 350,000 square kilometers. The discovery of high Alpine peaks (Muelig-Hoffman Mountains) and a group of warm-water oases (Schirmacher Lakes) amid the frozen wastes was of particular interest as it suggested that there were hospitable microclimates (ecosystems) within the icebound continent."

The explorers used harpoons with swastika flags, dropped from the air, to mark off their new territory of *Neuschwabenland* (German for New Swabia --J.T.). They also drew up a detailed map of the region. However, "today this map cannot be exhibited in Germany. Anyone found in possession of this map is prosecuted under the statutes governing denial of the Holocaust."

(Editor's Comment: Linking Capt. Ritscher's map to Holocaust denial is a stretch, even for a Zionist.)

"One of the people who led the expedition was Helmuth Wohlthat," a former German fighter pilot of World War I who had served in Hermann Goering's Jagdstaffel and remained friends with Goering after the war. Wohlthat was an economist by trade and represented the Third Reich at international financial conferences with British and American bankers. A strange choice to play a leading role in an Antarctic expedition, to be sure. But the Portuguese article asserts that "Wohlthat was also a member of the Vril Society and the Thule (Society)," the mystical forerunners of the Nazi party.

Also aboard the *Schwabenland* was a sizable contingent

from Himmler's SS-Ahnenerbe, a kind of "Ministry of the Occult."

"Wohlthat prepared an extensive report of the expedition which he radioed to Goering on May 9, 1939."

"In October of 1939, one month after the beginning of World War II, the Schwabenland was turned over to the Luftwaffe. On December 17, 1939, the ship again left Hamburg, headed for Antarctica, packed with scientists and equipment. This time they were going to build a permanent base in Antarctica."

Running the Royal Navy's blockade, "the Schwabenland returned to Hamburg on April 11, 1940. The ship and her crew were received in Germany as heroes."

But not all of the Germans had returned. A handful had remained behind at the base now called "Point 211."

"In August 1942, the ship was sent to Tromso in Norway, which was then under German occupation. She travelled to Tromso in a convoy of 24 ships."

"During the next year and a half, nobody knew where the Schwabenland was. It was not possible to find any record of its whereabouts. The ship's registration was transferred to Norway, with the approval of the (Vidkun) Quisling government. At the same time, Hitler ceded to Norway a portion of the Antarctic territory claimed by Germany."

Late in 1942, the Schwabenland came under the direct control of the SS. Himmler had the "home port" name on her stern changed from Oslo to Stockholm, and the ship began traveling under a false flag, that of neutral Sweden. (Editor's Note: In 1965, actor Marlon Brando, who died last week at age 80, made a strange little movie called Morituri. In the film, Brando plays an expatriate German who is blackmailed into spying for the Allies. He winds up on board a German U-boat tender disguised as a Swedish tramp steamer. Was this film a fictionalized version of the wartime South Atlantic voyages of the Schwabenland?)

"On May 19, 1943, the Allies began to suspect that something strange was happening in Antarctica, mainly because of the large number of U-boats passing through the South Atlantic." Himmler was using large supply submarines--the famous milch cow U-boats of Admiral Doenitz--to ferry Organisation Todt construction supplies and equipment to Point 211. Also heading south were thousands of Waffen-SS soldiers and the Antarktisches Seidlungensfrauen (German for Antarctic Settlement Women or ASF).

At this time, "President Roosevelt sent a coded message to President Getulio Vargas of Brazil, complaining that Portugal's (fascist) Prime Minister Dr. Antonio Salazar refused to permit the construction of an Allied naval base in the Azores. Roosevelt told Vargas that Allied intelligence had learned of an existing Nazi submarine base in the islands."

"Unknown to Dr. Salazar, General Eisenhower had prepared plans for a pre-emptive occupation of the Canary Islands (owned by Spain--J.T.) and Cabo Verde (owned by Portugal--J.T.). From these new bases, Allied 'sub-killers' would destroy the U-boat 'migration' to Antarctica."

"An OSS (Office of Strategic Services, World War II forerunner of the CIA--J.T.) document dated May 23, 1944 affirmed that 'Salazar continues to play for time' before drafting a formal response for the Allies."

After the war, Wilhelm Landig, a German expatriate, wrote three novels about Point 211, the Nazi underground Antarctic base. These were Wolfzeit um Thule (1980), Goetzen gegen Thule (1984) and Rebellen fur Thule (1991).

However, Henry Stevens, author of Hitler's Flying Saucers, pointed out that "his books each bore the subtitle 'Ein Roman voller Wirklichkeiten.' (Translated: A novel filled with realities--J.T.), as this novel treatment was an easy avenue in avoiding post-war legal entanglements."

Stevens added, "Mr. Landig recently died, and it is now known that he was a Third Reich insider and knew of what he wrote. As mentioned earlier, it is now known that Landig was a member of the Waffen-SS and at one time was responsible for security for the development of German saucers."

"The (Nazi) Antarctic base was first attacked by the forces of many nations, led by the United States, in a

1946 military operation codenamed Operation High Jump. This operation involved a fleet of ships, including an aircraft carrier, submarines and support craft. It also involved aircraft and four thousand armed troops under the command of Admiral Richard E. Byrd." (Editor's Note: Admiral Byrd commanded the American expedition to Antarctica from 1928 to 1930.)

"Immediately four aircraft were mysteriously lost, and the whole operation, scheduled for six months' duration, was canceled after less than six weeks."

According to Stevens, the USA detonated three nuclear bombs in Antarctica during the International Geophysical Year 1957-1958. "Landig claims the type of rockets used in the 'test' to attack Point 211 were prototypes of the American Polaris missile, a solid-fuel rocket which was used later operationally. Detonation of these atomic weapons over the (Nazi) base generated electromagnetic shock waves, which, it was hoped, would destroy the (alien) apparatus in the base used for defensive purposes. Landig claims this tactic failed. The electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack was insufficient to destroy the improved apparatus. Both High Jump and the 1957-58 attack turned out not only to be a fiasco but to be superfluous."

Stevens claims the Nazis abandoned their Antarctic Reich in the 1960s. Others claim that Neuschwabenland, "the nation under the ice," continued to grow and flourish, eventually reaching a population of 3 million by the year 2000. The capital, Neuberlin, is said to have an "Alien Quarter" inhabited by a sizable number of extraterrestrial visitors to Earth.

In his book, *Alien Races and Fantastic Civilizations*, Serge Hutin claimed, "In 1961, an observer in a good position to filter through all 'top secret' information coming to light...told us about the blackout imposed on a discovery made by one of the American stations in Antarctica: the remains of a very old stone pavement found beneath an enormous accumulation of ice."

The unnamed NATO source told Hutin that they weren't sure if it was a prehistoric superhighway dating from before the last Pleistocene glaciation back in 12,000 B.C., a runway for alien spacecraft, or what the Hawaiians call an a'a (fluid) basaltic lava flow.

Hutin added, "In this case, the official order of silence cannot be explained by anything other than a fierce defense of scientific orthodoxy. Proving the existence of a vanished civilization (which readers of H.P. Lovecraft know as Kadath--J.T.) that once flourished on the Antarctic continent would have no effect on the power blocs headed by the United States, the Soviet Union and China." (Hutin wrote his book in 1970--J.T.)

One by one, the secrets of the Antarctic Reich are coming out. But there's still a lot of information kept under wraps. (See the books *Alien Races and Fantastic Civilizations* by Serge Hutin, Berkley Medallion Books, New York, N.Y., 1975, pages 38 and 39; *Hitler's Flying Saucers* by Henry Stevens, Adventures Unlimited Press, Kempton, Illinois, 2003, pages 243 to 253; *Timeless Earth* by Peter Kolosimo, Bantam Books, New York, N.Y., 1975, pages 13, 48, 52 and 252; *Black Sun: Aryan Cults, Esoteric Nazism and the Politics of Identity* by Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke, New York University Press, 2002, pages 151 to 172; *Hitler's Priestess* by Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke, New York University Press, 1998, pages 210 to 213; and *The Annotated H.P. Lovecraft* by S.T. Joshi, Dell Publishing, 1997, pages 186 to 193. See also *OVNIs em Antarctica*, Lisboa, 2004. Muito obrigado a Antonio Pinheiro Soares por esas informacoes portuguesas.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth--and occasionally Mars, Saturn and Mercury--brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next time.

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Re: Origin Of The Term 'Grays'? - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 17:51:59 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 21:13:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Origin Of The Term 'Grays'? - Friedman

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 04:13:55 -0700
>>Subject: Origin Of The Term 'Grays'?

>But I have heard claims that 'EBE' is actually much more recent,
>being invented by Paul Bennewitz c.1980. Can anyone shed any
>light on this? Have any of Bennewitz's writings been found to
>contain 'EBE'? If so, can we have source and date, please?

>If and when such evidence is discovered, and it pre-dates
>December 1984, it will put the final nail in the coffin of the
>MJ-12 affair (much to Stanton Friedman's dismay) since it will
>establish, finally, that the Eisenhower paper is a 1980s
>forgery.

What peculiar reasoning. One would think that the words
extraterrestrial and Biological and Entity came from some far
out unused language! For those who want a serious review of the
MJ-12 documents I would recommend my new paper on the subject as
extremely well done by webmaster Peter Blinn who includede
excellent copies of a number of the Tim Cooper emulations along
with the originals. The website is:

<http://www.stanfriedman.com>

and also has my long review of Kevin Randle's book "Case MJ-
12".Let us look at research not proclamations.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 21:15:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The

>From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 14:46:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The Universe?

>>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2004 19:57:34 -0700
>>Subject: Could We Really Be At The Center of The Universe?

> <snip>

>>Could We *Really* Be At The Center of The Universe?

>>Newly published data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS),
>>led by Max Tegmark of the University of Pennsylvania, shows that
>>our galaxy is centered on a great concentric distribution of
>>galaxies.

>>The foregoing quotation is based upon an ambitious astronomical
>>survey effort involving more than 200 astronomers at 13
>>institutions. So far, over 200,000 galaxies have been mapped.
>>The accompanying figure is a two-dimensional, wedge-shaped slice
>>of this cosmic map. It pinpoints approximately 33,500
>>galaxies. ...Note the rough concentricity about the earth.

>>Source: http://www.sdss.org/news/releases/galaxy_zoom.jpg

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>A question in regard to red shift limits.

>If we travel to the outermost red shifted stars and travel with
>them at their speed would more stars be revealed past them?

>Or. Is there equipment which see's beyond the maximum red shift?

>Maybe only E.T. has the answers and it's believed, in some
>quarters, that they too seek 'The Creator'. Could this 'Creator'
>be outside the Universe detecting and smiling at us all?

>Colin Stevenson
><http://www.colsweb.com>

Hello Colin:

If I have this right, conventional wisdom is that if we could somehow reach those far red-shifted stars, and travel (stay) with them, then our star would be red shifted behind us. New (to us) stars/galaxies would become visible, those outside our Earthbound observable universe, presumably highly red shifted again. Thus, each point in space, near and far, has its own "observable universe"

I see no need to bring theology into the mix.

Best

- Larry

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Shostak Friedman Debate

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 18:52:53 -0300
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Subject: Shostak Friedman Debate

Just a quick reminder that Dr. Seth Shostak and I are scheduled to discuss UFOs and SETI on Coast to Coast Wednesday, July 21 from 11PM-2AM, Pacific Time.

This is the replacement for the June 22 program which was postponed because Seth came down with Pneumonia.

Some of my views are expressed in my article "UFOs: Challenge to SETI Specialists" on my website:

<http://www.stanfriedman.com>

Stan

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 22:53:28 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 05:44:58 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Sparks

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 14:57:03 -0300
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 20:44:43 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 12:52:10 -0200
>>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

<snip>

>Dear Brad:

>The feeling of frustration for the lack on info about the
>Varginha Case is not only yours.
<snip>

>That "Doctor" is a very popular person and his name
>could be easily transpired if he was more detailed in his
>account.

Dear A.J.,

A blood count cannot possibly expose his identity! It's just a
number it's just data, medical data, scientific data! It has
no name attached to it. Science wants true data not false data
either.

Withholding data is what hoaxers do. The "Doctor" according to
your account actually refuses to discuss the alleged
creature's respiration! Why? Why should we hear all about
"telepathy" but nothing about respiration from an alleged
medical doctor? This is what a non-medical layperson hoaxer
would do because he knows he cannot successfully make up
believable medical data or talk like a real MD. At best maybe a
technician in a hospital can pick up a little medical jargon
here or there.

>Also, dear Brad, I believe that a piece of information is better
>than no information at all.

What if that piece of info is false infor or a lie? Do we want
more so-called "info" from an Adamski or a Bethurum or a
Urandir? I don't think so.

Speaking of what one believes, I do not believe your "Doctor"
because he does not sound like a 'Doctor'. I believe the
Varginha case as much as I believe in Barra da Tijuca. It is not
another Roswell because at least with Roswell one can establish
that something of some sort did happen. With Varginha no one can
really be sure what exactly actually happened.

Moreover, if some sort of UFO incident did occur which the USAF

tipped off Brazil to, the USAF has a secret standard operating procedure to cover up UFO incidents by deliberately spreading or helping to circulate wild tales about 'aliens' that make people think all of it is a bunch of bull (as was done at Rendlesham in 1981 and with other incidents). The Brazilian military may be imitating the USAF.

Regards,

Brad Sparks

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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 05:46:52 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Sparks

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 14:21:42 -0500
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>A.J.,

>When a sighting is said to have been made by a "trained
>observer", one expects that the report will include trained
>observations. Otherwise why mention credentials at all?

Because alleged "credentials" lend support to a hoax, especially
when the hoaxer is too lazy to look up basic medical facts to
make the fraud more believable. Keffel and Martins did a better
job of hoaxing Barra da Tijuca.

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US Panel Backs Space Budget Cut

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 10:27:22 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 05:49:44 -0400
Subject: US Panel Backs Space Budget Cut

Source: BBC OnLine

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/-/1/hi/world/americas/3912095.stm>

07-20-04

US Panel Backs Space Budget Cut

A US House of Representatives panel has voted to cut the money given to fund space, environment and science programmes for next year.

Some was allocated instead to boost war veterans' health care by \$2bn.

Correspondents say the cut is a stark example of budget pressures faced by a Republican-run Congress. Democrats said spending limits were too tight.

The move comes on the 35th anniversary of the day that Neil Armstrong took man's first steps on the Moon.

The astronaut and his Apollo 11 crew members, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, gathered in Washington to celebrate their 1969 landing.

'Brutally fair'

The BBC's Bernie Choudhury in Washington says the allocation of funds shows Congress' determination to provide cash at a time of war.

"The choices have been brutally fair," said James Walsh, chief author of the measures.

But some Democrats on the panel complained about the spending limits Republicans have voted to impose on Congress.

"This year I think it's going to be very clear it's becoming excruciating, if not unacceptable," said Alan Mollohan, a top Democrat on the subcommittee.

The measures will have to be supported by a full House and the Senate before US President George W Bush could approve it.

Just \$372m was provided out of the \$910m Mr Bush wanted for initial preparations for manned missions to the Moon and Mars.

Nasa's human space flight programme has been grounded since the shuttle Columbia disintegrated in February 2003, killing seven astronauts.

In January, President Bush said astronauts will be back on the Moon by 2020, and will establish a lunar base to prepare for human exploration of Mars.

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Re: Shostak Friedman Debate - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 03:28:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 05:52:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Shostak Friedman Debate - Groff

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 18:52:53 -0300
>Subject: Shostak Friedman Debate

>Just a quick reminder that Dr. Seth Shostak and I are scheduled
>to discuss UFOs and SETI on Coast to Coast Wednesday, July 21
>from 11PM-2AM, Pacific Time.

>This is the replacement for the June 22 program which was
>postponed because Seth came down with Pneumonia.

>Some of my views are expressed in my article "UFOs: Challenge to
>SETI Specialists" on my website:

><http://www.stanfriedman.com>

>Stan

Thanks Stan,

This is great. I'll get to catch the whole thing since I'm on
CDT. Give Seth the old "what for" on his anti-UFO sentiment.

Terry

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Alien Mannequin Abducted From Roswell Attraction

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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 06:01:28 -0400
Subject: Alien Mannequin Abducted From Roswell Attraction

Source: The Roswell Daily Record - New Mexico

<http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/072004/news08.html>

07-20-04

Alien Mannequin Abducted From Downtown Attraction

Stefan Cornibert
Record Staff Writer

If you believe in alien abductions, then you know it is usually the aliens who do the abducting, but Saturday in Roswell, a visitor from space was kidnapped by humans, outside the Alien Encounter, a local haunted house.

Fred, a 50-pound mannequin designed to look like a gray space alien, was stolen around 4:30 p.m. from the corner of Main Street and Eighth Street near Alien Encounter's front entrance. Fred was reclining in a wheelchair on the sidewalk=97where he sat every day for months as part of the local tourist attraction=97 when, according to owner David Baumann, two men parked a white and brown pick-up truck by the curb, rolled him and his wheelchair into the vehicle and sped away toward Virginia Avenue.

Baumann is now offering "a major reward" for Fred=92s safe return.

"We have an alien who has been abducted, and we are very concerned about his safety and his health," Baumann said, visibly distressed by his friend=92s disappearance. "He was part of the UFO crash display, and so we kept him in the wheelchair. That wheelchair was important because otherwise he can=92t get around without it."

Fred and his wheelchair are valued at \$3,500. Police are investigating the theft but have yet to report any leads on the case. Baumann, who was inside Alien Encounter when Fred was stolen, said he did not see the men who nabbed his space-creature friend, but he did hear their voices.

"I heard them talking but, of course, the windows in the front of the building are blacked out," he said. "I stuck my head out the door to see what was going on, and I saw they were driving off with him."

Earlier in the day, Baumann said he spotted two "men in black" watching the Alien Encounter=92s front entrance from the McDonald=92s across the street. He believes they may have something to do with Fred=92s abduction.

"We don=92t know if there=92s a connection there but, there could be," he said.

Baumann is asking staff at the nearby Ford dealership and at the McDonald=92s to search through their surveillance tapes for clues to who could have taken Fred.

"All they had to do was just wheel him into the back of the truck," he said. "I have a feeling they were just two teenaged kids.

"The police are actively searching for Fred, going to all the known places space aliens go," he added. "Somebody knows something about this kidnapping."

Baumann has asked anyone with information on Fred=92s whereabouts to call 623-4836, 624-6770 or 624-6513.

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Man Remembers 1949 Ufo Sighting

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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 06:11:50 -0400
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Source: The Reporter-Times - Martinsville, Indiana

http://www.reporter-times.com/?module=displaystory&story_id=2829&format=html

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Man Remembers 1949 Ufo Sighting

By Bette Nunn
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Morgan County

There is one clear, blue, summer day in Clifford "Spike" Nail's life that he will never forget. That was the day when he was walking across a field on Claude Oliphant's farm at the top of Little Hurricane Hill and saw "something that was not from this world."

It was 1949 and he was 11 years old. He was with his sister Janet and Oliphant, then about 50 years old. They had been mowing in Oliphant's field when Nail looked up and saw a silvery object hovering above the treetops. It was broad daylight, about 4 or 5 p.m., Nail said. The unidentified flying object made no noise and was not spinning. There were no flashing lights.

"It was just suspended horizontally in mid-air," Nail said. "Even if it had lights, we wouldn't have seen them on such a bright day. We watched for 10 minutes and then it disappeared.

"It was something I had never seen before. You wouldn't even think it existed. If it had been on the ground, it probably would have been the length of a football field. It was more the shape of a cylinder, not a saucer.

"Whatever it was, I don't know," he continued. "But it wasn't of this world. At this time, we (the United States) were just coming out with jets, so I know it wasn't ours."

Nail said he has read a number of reports in which people described the same type of ship out west and in Europe at about the same time.

Nail said he was not afraid of it. "It was about a mile away and around 600 feet in the air," he said. Oliphant, now deceased, said he had never seen anything like it, Nail said.

Nail said he ran home to tell his mother. He was all excited when he entered the house, but his mother stopped him and said, "Clifford, you don't need to tell me. Junior (Clifford's brother) and Jim Leonard already stopped and told me what they saw."

"They had seen it and said the same thing I did," Nail recalled. He said his brother died about two years ago, and Leonard died some time ago.

Janet (Nail) Pittman said last week: "I do remember the incident, but I don't know what I saw. There was something in the sky. It stayed there awhile, then it just took off. It was a long, silver object. We were just kids, but I still wonder today what we saw."

Believes History Wrong

"Back then, people were leery of even talking about such things," Nail said. After that day in 1949, he didn't hear any more about the UFO sighting. He was hoping something would come out before he died that would verify what he saw, "but it's not going to happen," he said.

He's been fascinated with UFOs since then and has read lots of books about them. But he doesn't like fiction too much and he hasn't gone to any of the movies about UFOs, he said.

"Little green men just don't get it with me," he said.

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Professor Exposes The Aliens Among Us

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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 06:20:01 -0400
Subject: Professor Exposes The Aliens Among Us

Source: The Cincinnati Post - Ohio

<http://www.cincypost.com/2004/07/15/wecker071504.html>

07-15-04

Professor Exposes The Aliens Among Us

In the world of academia, Northern Kentucky University philosophy professor Dr. Robert Trundle realizes his beliefs are not exactly widely embraced. "Shunned" is the word he sometimes uses.

The title of his forthcoming book is, in part at least, in response to what he calls "the cowardice and vanity of a sizeable percentage of American professors." Scheduled for release early next year, it's called "Is ET Here? No Politically, but Yes Scientifically and Theologically" (EcceNova Editions, Victoria, British Columbia).

Dr. Trundle, 60, occupies an almost monastic office on the second floor of NKU's Landrum Hall. It's a room about 10 by 10, and every available square foot is piled high with texts of one sort or another. I was careful not to touch off an avalanche when I sat among the stacks the other day and asked him to boil his book down to its basics.

So what does he mean by that title? Do beings from places other than this planet walk among us?

"Yes, I believe contact was made 50 years ago - and I believe beings from other planets are here now, mainly to study us," Dr. Trundle said.

"Does ET exist from a political perspective? No, because the government is afraid of the culture shock and public panic. For the government to acknowledge the existence of extraterrestrials here would be to admit it can't protect us from them.

"Scientifically, I argue that thousands of well-regarded witness accounts cannot simply be dismissed. I'm talking about pilots who have come forward even though it's meant they've had to undergo psychiatric exams as a direct result."

At the very least, he said, we can't use current science as the standard for excluding the possibility of a more advanced science:

"For example, science says it's impossible to travel at the speed of light. If it were possible, it would take four years of traveling at the speed of light to get to the nearest star system, Alpha Centauri.

"Given our current technology, it would probably take us 50,000 years to get there, plus or minus. Based on that, the scientific establishment somewhat blithely dismisses the existence of

extraterrestrials.

"It's like saying if we can't do it, they can't do it either."

Dr. Trundle's book is not an easy read, but it's an intriguing sampler of UFO lore, sightings and documents, including this Freedom of Information Act version of a March 22, 1950, FBI memo stating in part:

"An investigator for the Air Force stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico -- circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each -- occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall."

It's a subject Dr. Trundle has been chasing for years. His grandfather, president of the now-defunct Trundle Engineering Co. in Cleveland, was fascinated with extraterrestrials and, when he died in 1954, left Robert a small collection of books about UFOs. His first article to the effect that ETs are here, entitled "Extraterrestrial Intelligence: Challenge to Theology, Physics and Metaphysics," was published in 1994. His second book, "Illustrated News of the Unbelievable," was co-authored with George Filer, a retired Air Force intelligence officer.

Dr. Trundle paints a virtual "Men in Black" picture of the ET scene in which several species are visiting the earth, most in a human form. But why?

"There are benign scenarios in which they might be seen as anthropologists coming here out of curiosity," he said.

"Then there is a more threatening scenario, which is that they're studying to see if the earth is habitable. An even more worrisome possibility is that they have a hybrid program of sexually mating with humans to strengthen their species."

No doubt about it. Dr. Trundle would have an easier go of it if he stuck to Socrates.

"But I'm trying to apply the truth in the way Socrates called for it to be applied to everyday life," he said.

He's convinced he's right. All he's lacking is cold, hard proof.

"If I had that, it would be the most astonishing event since the resurrection of Christ."

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>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 14:10:54 -0700
>Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The Universe?

>>From: Colin Stevenson <colswweb.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 14:46:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The Universe?

>>>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2004 19:57:34 -0700
>>>Subject: Could We Really Be At The Center of The Universe?

>><snip>

>>>Could We *Really* Be At The Center of The Universe?

>>>Newly published data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS),
>>>led by Max Tegmark of the University of Pennsylvania, shows that
>>>our galaxy is centered on a great concentric distribution of
>>>galaxies.

>>>The foregoing quotation is based upon an ambitious astronomical
>>>survey effort involving more than 200 astronomers at 13
>>>institutions. So far, over 200,000 galaxies have been mapped.
>>>The accompanying figure is a two-dimensional, wedge-shaped slice
>>>of this cosmic map. It pinpoints approximately 33,500
>>>galaxies. ...Note the rough concentricity about the earth.

>>>Source: http://www.sdss.org/news/releases/galaxy_zoom.jpg

>><snip>

>>A question in regard to red shift limits.

>>If we travel to the outermost red shifted stars and travel with
>>them at their speed would more stars be revealed past them?

>>Or. Is there equipment which see's beyond the maximum red shift?

>>Maybe only E.T. has the answers and it's believed, in some
>>quarters, that they too seek 'The Creator'. Could this 'Creator'
>>be outside the Universe detecting and smiling at us all?

>If I have this right, conventional wisdom is that if we could
>somehow reach those far red-shifted stars, and travel (stay)
>with them, then our star would be red shifted behind us. New
>(to us) stars/galaxies would become visible, those outside our
>Earthbound observable universe, presumably highly red shifted
>again. Thus, each point in space, near and far, has its own
>"observable universe"

>I see no need to bring theology into the mix.

Hi Larry and Listers

So. If we travel faster and faster to see the unfolding stars,

not normally seen, then eventually we would become infinite energy or mass ($E=MC^2$) relative to where we came from (Earth). Therefore that would be the 'Constant state' theory? Rather than 'big bang' theory?

As I know little of Astronomy, and maybe others on the list are similar, then would there be a point outside our detected Universe where our theories are not applicable? Or where everything is mass or energy ?

Relatively, at present, we would be located at the center of the Universe only based upon our methods of observation. So we would be at the center of our Universe no matter where we are in it but if we traveled to one edge of it then we would realize that new stars appear thus then would know we were not at the center before.

I and many others seem to be confused and don't we need some form of new instrument to see the other stars not normally seen at present? Presume the stars would be traveling relatively faster than light seen from our position therefore we would not be able to detect them (background radiation?) ?

There is also the matter of time. Stars that we see at the limits of our capabilities were at those points millions of years ago and if they were traveling at near light speed at that time then where are they now and do they still exist?

We might know we are at the center of our detectable Universe all the time but the Universe MUST be much larger surely?

To define anything by what we see or detect cannot be correct based upon the above and that is where theology gets into the mix.

Kind regards

Col

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Two More 3-Color UFO Maps -

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 06:58:03 -0400
Subject: Two More 3-Color UFO Maps -

Hello all:

The next two 3-color maps are for the Central USA with some overlap in Canada and Mexico. Again, I layered the maps so that:

Blue dots = Way-back-when thru December, 1959
Violet dots = 20 years, 1960 - 1979 and
Green dots = 1980 to the present.

This one is for the Northern Plains:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/NPLAINS.html>

Colors shows distinct differences in sightings distribution for these eras.

The next one is for the South-Central states:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/SCENTRAL.html>

Links on those two pages will lead to other work in progress.

Thanks

- Larry

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>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers - :>
>Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2004 11:01 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Alien Mannequin Abducted From Roswell Attraction

>Source: The Roswell Daily Record - New Mexico

><http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/072004/news08.html>

>07-20-04

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>Stefan Cornibert
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Quite obviously a case of mistaken identity by 'the men in
black' who were 'in disguise' at the time.

Col

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>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 03:28:32 -0500
>Subject: Re: Shostak Friedman Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 18:52:53 -0300
>>Subject: Shostak Friedman Debate

>>Just a quick reminder that Dr. Seth Shostak and I are scheduled
>>to discuss UFOs and SETI on Coast to Coast Wednesday, July 21
>>from 11PM-2AM, Pacific Time.

>>This is the replacement for the June 22 program which was
>>postponed because Seth came down with Pneumonia.

>>Some of my views are expressed in my article "UFOs: Challenge to
>>SETI Specialists" on my website:

>><http://www.stanfriedman.com>

>Thanks Stan,

>This is great. I'll get to catch the whole thing since I'm on
>CDT. Give Seth the old "what for" on his anti-UFO sentiment.

Mr. Friedman;

Seth Shostak, by (all!) account, is a good man, even tempered, intelligent, and reasonable. He's serious, has his own vision, and would want to appear credible while he very effectively keeps his own counsel. He's respectable, and pays respect, is cordial and engaging and calm. He's qualified, educated, and bright. I wish he was a neighbor. That said, in tonight's contest, "...crush the enemy, kill the enemy... see the enemy driven before you, and hear the lamentations of his women..." Mr. Friedman.

Such lack of vision, dearth of intellectual courage, and neo-insentience as Dr. Shostak professes, and for which he is a legitimate poster boy, needs to be aggressively pointed out at every opportunity. I'll be listening, Sir, and looking forward to writing about it... however it shakes down.

"Reach" a little bit beyond "grasp", Doctor. Cooperate to understand, Sir, not, so much, compete to survive. Good luck and real justice to all participants, of course. I hope both men find they "step large and laugh easy" during this seminal ufological event. Pun weirdly intended. Wonderful things could come of it.

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...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.
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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, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 04:18:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 08:02:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The

>From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 11:20:43 +0100
>Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The Universe?

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 14:10:54 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The Universe?

>>>From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 14:46:45 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The Universe?

>>>>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2004 19:57:34 -0700
>>>>Subject: Could We Really Be At The Center of The Universe?

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>>>>Could We *Really* Be At The Center of The Universe?

>>>>Newly published data from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS),
>>>>led by Max Tegmark of the University of Pennsylvania, shows that
>>>>our galaxy is centered on a great concentric distribution of
>>>>galaxies.

>>>>The foregoing quotation is based upon an ambitious astronomical
>>>>survey effort involving more than 200 astronomers at 13
>>>>institutions. So far, over 200,000 galaxies have been mapped.
>>>>The accompanying figure is a two-dimensional, wedge-shaped slice
>>>>of this cosmic map. It pinpoints approximately 33,500
>>>>galaxies. ...Note the rough concentricity about the earth.

>>>>Source: http://www.sdss.org/news/releases/galaxy_zoom.jpg

>>>><snip>

>>>>A question in regard to red shift limits.

>>>>If we travel to the outermost red shifted stars and travel
>>>>with them at their speed would more stars be revealed past them?

>>>>Or. Is there equipment which see's beyond the maximum red
>>>>shift?

>>>>Maybe only E.T. has the answers and it's believed, in some
>>>>quarters, that they too seek 'The Creator'. Could this 'Creator'
>>>>be outside the Universe detecting and smiling at us all?

>>>>If I have this right, conventional wisdom is that if we could
>>>>somehow reach those far red-shifted stars, and travel (stay)
>>>>with them, then our star would be red shifted behind us. New (to
>>>>us) stars/galaxies would become visible, those outside our
>>>>Earthbound observable universe, presumably highly red shifted
>>>>again. Thus, each point in space, near and far, has its own
>>>>"observable universe"

>>I see no need to bring theology into the mix.

>So. If we travel faster and faster to see the unfolding stars,
>not normally seen, then eventually we would become infinite
>energy or mass ($E=MC^2$) relative to where we came from (Earth).
>Therefore that would be the 'Constant state' theory? Rather
>than 'big bang' theory?

Uh, no. I posited a hypothetical trip to some point near the edge of our (earthbound) visible universe. From there, the traveler (having taken longevity pills) could see galaxies beyond our observable universe, but not beyond his. There are no infinities of mass, energy etc. in this thought experiment.

>As I know little of Astronomy, and maybe others on the list are
>similar, then would there be a point outside our detected
>Universe where our theories are not applicable? Or where
>everything is mass or energy ?

Highly speculative, but my gut reaction is no. I suspect that parts of the universe beyond our detection are much the same as the parts we can observe.

>Relatively, at present, we would be located at the center of
>the Universe only based upon our methods of observation.

I used to say that Menlo Park, CA was the center of the observable universe. Now I favor Redwood City, a few miles to the North.

We are all at the center of our own particular observable universe. No one spot can claim to be THE center of THE universe that I know of. This is really old stuff, about a century old by now.,

>So we would be at the center of our Universe no matter where we
>are in it but if we traveled to one edge of it then we would
>realize that new stars appear thus then would know we were not
>at the center before.

Uh, no. One would have moved from one pseudo-center to another pseudo-center, that's all.

>I and many others seem to be confused and don't we need some
>form of new instrument to see the other stars not normally seen
>at present? Presume the stars would be traveling relatively
>faster than light seen from our position therefore we would not
>be able to detect them (background radiation?) ?

In theory, NO instrumentation, new or old, can see beyond the limits imposed by the speed of light 'c', i.e. the "edge of the (theoretically) observable universe. Astronomers have indeed detected galaxies at a high percentage of that limit. Their light is so far red-shifted that its a wonder they were detected at all.

>There is also the matter of time. Stars that we see at the
>limits of our capabilities were at those points millions of
>years ago and if they were traveling at near light speed at that
>time then where are they now and do they still exist?

Good question. Some may have collapsed into black holes, others blown up, burned out, collapsed into brown dwarfs etc. Some may still be blazing away.

>We might know we are at the center of our detectable Universe
>all the time but the Universe MUST be much larger surely?

Maybe it would help to think of it this way: Each of us is at the center of a circle 100 feet in diameter, defined as the locus of points 100 feet away from each of us. A tautology? Probably. So is the "center of the observable universe."

What's outside of it? More universe, much like our own.

>To define anything by what we see or detect cannot be correct
>based upon the above and that is where theology gets into the

>mix.

Theology gets into the mix only if you want it to bad enough.
At that point, you leave science behind. I prefer not to
do that.

best

- LH

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17 Minute UFO Video From Comodoro Rivadavia

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 07:37:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 08:08:45 -0400
Subject: 17 Minute UFO Video From Comodoro Rivadavia

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
July 21, 2004

Source: Diario Hoy
Date: July 20, 2004

17 Minute UFO Video From Comodoro Rivadavia Argentina

A resident of Comodoro Rivadavia claimed having filmed an unidentified flying object (UFO) over Cerro Chenque, in the vicinity of this city of Chubut, last Friday morning. Marcelo Soto claimed that the object apparently rested on that mountain and he was able to record it from his home in the Jorge Newberry neighborhood.

The tape shows a phenomenon that is very similar to the one seen in recent days over Gobernador Ugarte (Pcia. de Buenos Aires), said Soto to a local FM radio station.

The recorded image is "unedited, and from the center of the luminous sphere, which changes colors, it can be seen how other lights emerge from within."

"I didn't know what it was, but it attracted my attention. I wanted to have the best possible image and that's why I left the camera alone, pointing to where the UFO was, and theyn I connected [the camera] to the TV set. That's when I got scared," he added.

"The object approached and receded. There was some kind of light in the center of the sphere that changed color and something that really drew my attention: other lights come out of the center of the circle toward the side."

In this regard, the director of Comodoro Rivadavia's airport, Roberto Romero, explained that Air Force radars "have not recorded any sightings of any luminous objects, nor have aircraft reported anything like it" in recent days, adding: "If now they say there's a video on the presence of a UFO or shining object, well, then that can't be refuted."

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Gevaerd

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <gevaerd.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 07:41:35 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 08:11:30 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Gevaerd

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 14:21:42 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 20:44:43 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

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>The shame is that the trained observer had an extraordinary
>experience, and did not effectively communicate this experience
>in language appropriate to his ability. Just a critter story.

Yes, this is a problem, I agree. But as I told Brad, it is better to have some info than no info at all. By publishing small info, like the ones the "Doctor" gave us, we intend to reach other people who can also come forward with new pieces of this puzzle. Then, piece by piece, we can figure out the picture.

A. J.

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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 08:40:18 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 09:22:47 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Gevaerd

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 03:54:08 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
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There is something strange about some of my colleagues research in USA. I can tell you that I have studied most of your great cases, such as Roswell. I have learned English to do so and I have managed to spend years of reading and discussing these cases before I ever said a word about them. Now, why don't some of my American colleagues do the same? They should learn Portuguese (or any other language that it is necessary), study the cases happened in Brazil more thoroughly and read more about them before speaking of something about them?

Sincerely,

A. J.

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The San Diego Comic Convention This Weekend

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 11:01:26 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 15:37:41 -0400
Subject: The San Diego Comic Convention This Weekend

It's the biggest comics/scifi/fantasy convention of the year.

For many of you Ufologists you've got lots of fans there both amongst the public and professionals. If you have the weekend off, visit and shmooze around. It's a great way to meet many directors, producers, finance folks whom your publicists or agents can chat with you on upcoming projects etc.

I'll have 3 of my own properties being represented on the floor and have done production art for new films due out so I may see some of you there.

You guys would be suprised whom your fans are and what they do in entertainment and merchandising. I speak to them on a regular basis and that 'UFO' debate will spring forward and we'll all have a good time too.

Best,

Greg

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:23:42 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 15:47:52 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Bourdais

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 20:44:43 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd . Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 12:52:10 -0200
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 13:57:56 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

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>>>This "report" is akin to that by the "astronomer" from Kwazu-Natal
>>>who stated Venus was mistaken for a UFO, when in fact Venus was
>>>below the horizon at the time of the sighting... among other
>>>unscientific ruminations.

>>>So many experts, so little expertise.

>>Dear Brad and Kyle:

>>You are certainly right and I cannot forgive myself for not
>>realising that sooner. Yes, we cannot pay any attention to this
>>thing and take it seriously. We should just drop it at once these
>>"new revelations" made by that Doctor in the garbage can and
>>forget it at all.

>>Maybe, indeed, we should just come to this poor man and say at
>>once: "I am sorry Doctor, but I will have to dump your info in
>>the garbage can, UNLESS you provide an extension to your report
>>to the length and to the number of details that my American
>>colleagues find appropriate".

>What "info"? You presented no medical info whatsoever!!!! Put
>the zero info into the place where zero info belongs, the
>garbage can like you yourself said . but don't put any
>scientific medical data in the garbage if you actually have any,
>just tell us! Your so-called "Doctor" does not SOUND like a
>medical "Doctor" from what you presented, don't you get it?

To Brad, and the List,

Dr Roger Leir wrote in some detail about his visit and
investigation in Varginha, in April 2003, in a six page article
published in the British UFO magazine, dated April 2003.

He explained how he was greatly helped by Ubirajara Rodrigues.

He recounted a certain amount of medical information given to
him and to Ubirajara (with his son Rudolfo as translator) by a
"medical team" of the "Hospital Regional".

Roger Leir told me that it was agreed to talk of the "medical

team" - because there were three medical personnel at the meeting - in order to preserve the anonymity of the witnesses, although it is implicit that one of the three was a main witness.

It had also been agreed that their testimony would not be revealed in Brazil, because of fear of possible sanction.

This article has not been put in doubt by anybody, as far as I know. Here is the main part of the article of Roger Leir:

"This is what I was told:

"1. On 20 January 1996, a human-like entity was brought into the hospital escorted by a military contingent

2. The entity was suffering from a compound fracture of the leg (I did not ascertain which leg, right or left)

3. They described the creature as being less than 5 ft tall. Its skin was brown in colour and shiny or oily. They described its skin as reticulated with a discernable outline of large cells, much like reptilian skin, but smooth. They were unable to feel any raised areas that would indicate a definite scale. There was no noticeable odour.

4. The head was large in comparison to the rest of the body, with three bony ridges running parallel to each other and had no hair. Two of the ridges ran front to back on the edge of the top of the skull, while the other ran front to back centrally.

5. Its eyes were large, red in colour and turned slightly upward at the outer edges. They described the eyes as "demanding" when looking directly at them. They also appeared shiny and moist.

6. The hands had four fingers, which were long and flexible. Each finger was able to articulate with other fingers. There was no discernable wrist.

7. The feet were unusual, with three short central toes on the front of the foot, while on one side was an additional prehensile-like appendage which pointed downward in a resting position. At the end of this appendage was a claw, approximately three quarters to one inch in length. The description of the feet just happened to match the impression found in soft earth where Katia, Valquiria and Liliane had seen a creature kneeling or crouching by the wall.

8. The bone was described as being of similar colour to our own, but had numerous perforations and a tensile strength that made it much stronger than any human bone. They told me it appeared almost like human bone that is osteoporotic, which is abnormal in a human being. I was also told that the bone healed within 24 hours following the reduction of the fracture. The superficial and skin tissues also healed in that time-frame.

9. The blood was described as being similar in colour and consistency to our own, but the microscope revealed a much larger number of platelet cells. The blood would clot almost instantaneously upon release from vessels.

10. The creature was described as having a series of bulging blood vessels that stood out from the skin in its shoulders, rather like our varicose veins, only not extending to the neck."

There is more in the article by Dr Leir, but I stop here because it tells of a sort of telepathic transmission at the end of the operation, which seems to be the controversial part in the eyes of our Brazilian colleagues.

Anyway, Dr Leir gives more medical details in the book he is writing now. I know that because I am translating it into French as it goes along.

Let's just explain that this was a first, urgent, medical aid which was given at the 'Hospital Regional' in the city of Varginha. After a short stay there, the creature was considered to be in good condition and was transported by the military to the larger 'Humanitas Hospital'. All medical records were taken

away, and the medical team was forbidden to talk. So they have done so at their own risk and must be commended for that.

Gildas Bourdais

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A.J.,

Read again your two first messages, quoting Ubirajara, and you
will see that you depreciated the "Doctor", suggesting that he
is not a reliable witness.

I must say that it came as a shock to me!

Gildas

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Secrecy News -- 07/21/04

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Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/21/04

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** DECLASSIFIED HISTORY OF THE SOVIET LUNAR PROGRAM
** PENTAGON "CONSOLIDATES" ABU GHRAIB DOCUMENT REQUESTS
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CLASSIFIED INTEL BUDGET DOCUMENTS PLACED ON COURT RECORD

Classified U.S. intelligence budget documents were placed on the open record in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit in DC district court yesterday.

The documents, marked "Secret" and "Security Information," are purely historical in nature and present intelligence appropriations for the Central Intelligence Agency from Fiscal Years 1953, 1954 and 1955.

Although this information is half a century old, the CIA still considers it classified.

By introducing the classified budget documents into the record, the plaintiff in the FOIA lawsuit (that's me) seeks to demonstrate to the Court that CIA's classification policy on the matter is erroneous and that historical intelligence budget information must be released.

The documents were located in the archives of former Congressional officials by Prof. David Barrett of Villanova University. He obtained copies of the documents for his own scholarly purposes and also kindly made them available to the Federation of American Scientists, which has been pursuing declassification of historical intelligence budget data under the Freedom of Information Act.

The classified intelligence budget documents are appended to Prof. Barrett's declaration filed yesterday in the pending FOIA lawsuit Aftergood v. CIA:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/1947/barrett.pdf>

The declaration was filed in support of a Motion for Summary Judgment against the Central Intelligence Agency seeking disclosure of historical intelligence budget data from 1947 through 1970. That Motion is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/1947/motion072004.pdf>

A response from CIA is due on August 25.

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF PERMANENT BUDGET SECRECY DISPUTED

Budget information is one of only two categories of government information whose periodic disclosure is guaranteed and required by the U.S. Constitution (the other is the Journal of the U.S. Congress). And yet there is a history of confidential and secret spending that dates back to the earliest days of the Republic.

Constitutional scholar Louis Fisher provided a capsule history of budget secrecy and its "anomalous" rise in post-World War II intelligence spending in another declaration that was filed yesterday in DC District Court in support of our pending FOIA lawsuit.

He concluded that while secret spending may be permissible for some period of time, it must eventually be disclosed.

"Intelligence budget secrecy can be reconciled with past practice and with constitutional publication requirements," Dr. Fisher stated, "but only if it culminates in a regular, periodic disclosure 'from time to time' of the budget information that has been withheld."

See the Declaration of Louis Fisher, filed July 20, here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/foia/1947/fisher.pdf>

CLASSIFICATION COSTS SKYROCKET

The financial costs of secrecy, including everything from security clearances to physical security for classified information, grew dramatically by a billion dollars last year, according to a report from the Information Security Oversight Office that was released yesterday.

"The Government cost estimate shows a 14 percent increase above the cost estimate reported for FY 2002. For the second year in a row, industry reported an increase in its cost estimate," the ISOO report stated.

"The total cost estimate for Government and industry for 2003 is \$7.5 billion, \$1 billion more than the total cost estimate for Government and industry in 2002."

See the new ISOO report on classification costs here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/isoo/2003costs.pdf>

BILL ON CLASSIFICATION REVIEW BOARD INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

"Today's classification system is broken. The Executive Branch exerts almost total control over what should or should not be classified. There is no self-correcting mechanism in the system."

So said Rep. Robert E. (Bud) Cramer Jr. (D-Ala.) in introducing new legislation in the House of Representatives to establish an Independent National Security Classification Board. The bill is a companion to legislation introduced in the Senate last week by Senators Lott and Wyden (SN, 07/16/04).

See Rep. Cramer's July 20 introductory statement here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2004/hr4855-intro.html>

DECLASSIFIED HISTORY OF THE SOVIET LUNAR PROGRAM

"Declassification of formerly classified U.S. intelligence imagery, documents and former Soviet Union/Russian space industry histories are helping fill in large gaps in the historical record of the Soviet side of the manned Lunar race," writes Charles P. Vick, an expert on the Soviet space program.

Some of the first fruits of Vick's multi-year investigation into the history of the Soviet manned lunar program are now being made available on the web site of GlobalSecurity.org.

See two chapters by Vick linked from this page:

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/intell/library/reports/2004/index.html>

PENTAGON "CONSOLIDATES" ABU GHRAIB DOCUMENT REQUESTS

Freedom of Information Act requests that were sent to the Pentagon for additional documentation and imagery concerning the abuse of Iraqi prisoners held in U.S. custody in Iraq (SN, 05/12/04) were forwarded by the Pentagon to U.S. Central Command for processing.

But now U.S. Central Command is sending them back to the Pentagon.

"We have been instructed to refer all requests for information referring to detainee abuse to the Department of Defense [Pentagon FOIA office]," a CENTCOM FOIA officer wrote.

"In order to provide you with as much information as possible, all detainee requests are now being consolidated and will be answered by [the Pentagon]." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2004/07/centcom071304.pdf>

Meanwhile, Congressional efforts to gain access to documents on the Abu Ghraib case and related issues have been frustrated.

"Time and again attempts by this House to acquire documents related to the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal have been defeated, largely on party line votes," said Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) on July 19, citing several initiatives that had been blocked by the Republican majority.

MORE CRS ODDS AND ENDS

Not very new, but newly acquired, are these Congressional Research Service reports:

"Homeland Security: Navy Operations -- Background and Issues for Congress," updated May 17, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/RS21230.pdf>

"Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Import Terminals: Siting, Safety and Regulation," updated May 27, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/civil/crs/RL32205.pdf>

"Jonathan Pollard: Background and Considerations for Presidential Clemency," updated January 31, 2001:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS20001.pdf>

Even-handed to a fault, the CRS proposed a precisely equal number of arguments for and against clemency for Pollard, who was convicted of spying for Israel and who remains incarcerated.

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Life on Mars

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists.

We have reports on: Ammonia in Mars' Atmosphere Indicates Life, Liquid Water on Mars for Eons of Time, Mars - Structures and Roads, Solar Radiation, Meteors and Bizarre Weather, Spain to Attack Asteroids, Outer Space:Not So Lifeless After All, New York - Flying Triangle, Pennsylvania - Moving White Dot, Georgia - Bright Eye, Ohio - Unidentified Light, Indiana - Light, Louisiana -Glowing Green Rocket, New Mexico - Roswell Crash Correction, Wyoming - Minuteman UFO, California - Triangle Stars, Washington - Beautiful Triangular Craft, Argentina - Bright UFOs Appear, England - Milk Hill Bee Formation, Polish - Military Will Shoot at UFOs, Israel - Four Strange Lights, and India - Three Discs sighted.

Ammonia in Mars'Atmosphere Indicates Life

Filer's Files has been telling its readers that there is life on Mars for years. We are happy to report that the European Space Agency's orbiting Mars Express craft has tentatively detected ammonia that can survive for only a short time in the Martian atmosphere. Thus the ammonia must be getting constantly replenished by living microbes or plant life. Filer Research Institute has previously detected what appears to be living lichen and algae on the planet. Linda Howe interviewed Professor Vittorio Formisano, principal investigator for Planetary Fourier Spectrometer on June 12, and he is expected to release details of new findings at an international conference in Paris. Scientists believe primitive life could survive around hydrothermal vents near the planet's surface. Many rocks also have patches of lichen, moss or algae.

Australian scientists found evidence that life once existed on Mars in microscopic fossils of primitive bacteria-like organisms in a Mars meteorite match characteristics of bacteria found in mud in Queensland. The research is published today in the Journal of Microscopy. "The fossils that we have in the meteorite are the original material -- the only difference is that you need a very high-powered electron microscope to image them, to see them and basically whenever we find these fossils here on Earth, no one ever questions they were made by bacteria," he said."The only difference is that it was in a meteorite from Mars."

Methane was also recently found in the Martian atmosphere. Methane is another gas with a possible biological origin. Ammonia is a compound of nitrogen and hydrogen. Nitrogen is rare in the Martian environment but because no form of terrestrial

life can exist without it, the presence of ammonia may indicate that Martian microbial life is hoarding it.

Liquid Water on Mars for Eons of Time

JPL also announced this week that surface water on Mars existed across a significant span of time, not just for years but eons of time. The Rover Opportunity revealed that bodies of liquid water once existed on the surface of Mars shortly after landing in January. Now the scientists admit that life is likely. We still hold to our position that intelligent life once existed on Mars and likely still does.

Mars - Structures and Roads

Filer's Research Institute has taken a shortcut in scientific proof. If it looks like roads, towns, and intelligent writing on rocks. It probably is. Please note the patterns in the satellite images, they do not appear natural and strongly suggest they are cultural indicating intelligent life.

Link to Specification Page:

http://www.msss.com/moc_gallery/m07_m12/images/M11/M1103072.html

Mars Satellite Image courtesy of JPL and Norman Bryden. Note straight road or canal like features not normally found in nature. Links to JPL

http://www.msss.com/moc_gallery/m07_m12/nonmaps/M11/M1103072.gif

Norman Bryden writes, "I would say judging from the size and shape of the structures that it is reasonable to say that whoever is on Mars is within the realm of humans because of the recognizable dimensions and sizes, such as entrances, rooms, walls and roads. There are also definitely symbols.

Weathering and biological activity on an active planet will quickly erase most traces of a culture once they cease to exist. A matter of a hundred years would weather down and cover up most structures. I think there are definite indications of upkeep and current activity. I have an image of what I think are roads. Even in the Midwest the wagon trails of the past are still visible, but are being covered up by vegetation and sand. The objects on Mars seem old and yet some are still fairly sharp in definition indicating a fairly recent history. I do think that Mars is connected to our own past and may indeed be a branch of human existence, and possibly part alien also.

The architecture seems even more advanced than earth in some instances and some are old like the Mayan, Aztec, Egyptian and other ancient tombs and block structures. Thanks to Norman Bryden

Solar Radiation, Meteors and Bizarre Weather

Solar radiation is very intense right now and you should be careful at the amount of time you spend in the sun. Sunspot activity is high.

Our Sun is at sun spot 23652. That leaves only 14 till 23666. The sun's activity is a major contributor to Bizarre Weather Worldwide. Extreme weather continues to strike Philippines, Taiwan, southern China, India, Edmonton, Canada, Japan and right here in Medford, New Jersey where twelve dams broke when a foot of water fell on our area in a few hours. Edmonton, Alberta, experienced a hailstorm burying parts of the city under tons of ice. This weekend unusually heavy waves hit the Atlantic coast after M-Class flares exploded on the sun. Watch the sun for bad weather on Earth.

Unusually warm weather is reported in Alaska. If it continues violent weather will likely follow in early autumn.

Spain to Attack Asteroids

The European Space Agency has given high priority to a Spanish project which aims to attack an approaching asteroid to see whether spacecraft can deflect a body that may in future be on a collision course with earth. Two craft will set out -- one named

after the valiant knight of Cervantes' classic tale, Don Quixote, the other after his long-suffering servant Sancho Panza. Spacecraft Sancho will circle the chosen asteroid while the other smashes headlong into the target. The orbiting Sancho and earth-based telescopes will watch closely to see what, if any, effect the impact has on the speed and direction of the asteroid. If all goes to plan, the Quixote mission could launch around 2010.

Outer Space: Not So Lifeless After All

Robert C. Cowen reports, "Astronomers now think of our galaxy as a vast reactor for biologically significant organic chemistry." Materials that could jump-start organic growth have shown up in interstellar dusty planet-forming discs around many stars. These findings fuel an increasingly strong suspicion that the raw material of planet Earth was primed for life. The infrared-sensing eyes of NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope made the latest discovery.

As NASA recently announced, Dan Watson and William Forrest at the University of Rochester in New York found "significant amounts of icy organic materials" around five young stars in Spitzer data. Water, methanol, and carbon dioxide coat dust particles around the constellation Taurus.

Scientists are looking forward to the return in January 2006 of the Stardust spacecraft, which has captured dust from Comet Wild 2, that may contain organic material.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2004/0617/p17s01-stss.html>

New York - Flying Triangle

HUDSON RIVER - The witness was on a boat on the Hudson River and observed a very bright light on the northwest horizon on July 3, 2004. The light was ten times brighter than Jupiter so he picked up his binoculars to look at it. It seemed to be stationary for a couple of minutes. It started to move toward our location at a very high rate of speed. A jet liner travels through the sky at 600 mph. This object moved at least ten times that speed. It covered the whole visible sky, north to south in about ten seconds. The witness states, "As it flew over I was looking at it with binoculars and could see the bottom that was a perfect triangle, with a dim row of lights under each edge." It was very high up. It must have been very large. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Pennsylvania - Moving White Dot

TIPTON -- On the evening of July 5, 2004 while looking through binoculars at the evening stars at 10 PM, the observer noticed a white dot in motion. He states, "It was not an airplane as I had just seen a small aircraft with red blinking wing lights just before observing the white dot moving. I watched it through binoculars for about a half minute. It was not a meteor streak, but was moving in a line, not darting up or down, but just moving from my left to my right. It may have been a satellite but was in my opinion definitely not an aircraft as we know it to be seen at night." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

WASHINGTON DC - Bright Flash

Traveling south down 13th Street NW in Washington DC (a few blocks north of U street), I saw an amazing flash of white light explode off the ground from the horizon upwards into the air/space and disappear

at 6:10 PM on July 17, 2004. The entire affair lasted about 1/4 of a second but I am confident I saw something - what it is that I saw, I have no idea.

I am confident it was not some reflection off of the car window.

The size of the flash was quite narrow - if I had to guess the distance, it would be five to ten miles away from where we were driving. The size of the flash might be the equivalent of a nail in the wall viewed from five feet away. Thanks to Peter

Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Georgia - Bright Eye

DOUGLAS -- On the morning of July 7th, 2004 while on a 4 AM, breakat the local hospital, the witness noticed a very bright light glowing in the sky. The light appeared sort of orange and resembled an approaching helicopter. The light was stationary in one area for about 2 1/2 hours. He works at hospital security and watches the surveillance cameras at the facility, so he went inside and aimed the cameras skyward to see if he could get a better and closer view of the object. He states, "There appeared to be a bright circle with another circle inside of it." I then focused the camera and the object appeared to glow outward from the center and had the appearance of a huge eye. The sky was clear and stars could easily be viewed. I took pictures of the object on the camera with my picture phone. I don't know if this is a UFO or a natural phenomenon of some sort, but I am definitely sure it was not an airplane or manmade craft. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.hbccufo.com

Ohio - Unidentified Light

CLEVELAND - The witness noticed an object around 8:30 PM, on July 7, 2004, when he noticed an object flying in a pattern not common to commercial flights. Seldom do they fly northwest to southeast. It looked as if it was flying around 40,000 feet, in a straight line. As clouds passed in front of the object, I expected it to reappear on the other side...but nothing ever emerged. The viewing only lasted about 8-10 seconds before it vanished. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

FOSTORIA -- George Ritter captured two cylinder like objects moving at high speed above a nearby farmon July 14, 2004.

Indiana - Light

MADISON -- An adult male reported to NUFORC, that three orange lights had been seen, and video-taped, near the Madison Regatta on Saturday night, July 3, 2004. The witness reported that he had been at the regatta, when he, and a number of other witnesses, witnessed three "orange balls of light" move across the sky. One light separated itself from the other two, and landed on a nearby hilltop. The witness identified himself as a law enforcement employee, and stated that he did not want to get involved in the case. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Louisiana - Glowing Green Rocket

MONROE - The witness was heading to work on Interstate 20 West near Bayou Lafourche on July 7, 2004, when he saw a glowing green, rocket-shaped object at 9:05 PM. It was at about a thirty degree angle directly in front of me. He states, "As quickly as I fixed my eyes on it, the object appeared to gain speed and change in color from green to a bright orange and a tail of fire developed. The tail glowed momentarily in a long strand and then faded out. This object was traveling out of the south, and appeared to be on a course to strike the ground a couple of miles to the east of the Monroe airport. I kept waiting for an explosion, but none came, so I cannot say without a doubt that it landed." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

GRANBY -- The witnesses were walking from the pool to the Jacuzzi when they noticed a star brighter than an inner solar system planet, that was growing in brightness and size on July 16, 2004 at 11:30 PM. In about 2 or 3 seconds it was almost half as large as full moon and much brighter. It seemed to pulsate at a low visual frequency and had blackish blotches or stripes by the outer edges.

Suddenly it flew 130 degrees backwards and to the south and upward. It dimmed and shrank and transformed into a bluish white haze or mist and vanished. There was no sound during this five-second UFO sighting. We were both amazed.

My wife and the other couple had seen what we had from a different angle.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Colorado - Star in Daytime Sky

ENGLEWOOD - A stationary star like point of light was observed in the daylight sky at 1:40 PM, in the Denver-area on July 7, 2004, almost directly overhead. I ran inside to grab my binoculars and scanned the sky to see if it had moved to another location. The observer states, "I located it substantially east of the original location, but again, appearing stationary. (Later I checked the current weather report and found that the wind was coming from the north, so apparently the object was not simply drifting in the wind.) I sighted it through the binoculars and it appeared to be a single, round, whitish object. As I watched it for a couple of minutes, sometimes with the naked eye and sometimes through the binoculars, it remained almost motionless. Then SUDDENLY, it took off heading to the south very quickly -- erasing any suspicion I had that it may be a balloon. Whereas I had been holding the binoculars steady, I now had a hard time keeping up with the object. A starlike object was also seen again later that evening at about 7 PM. The object gave the impression of being very, very high in the sky and of reflecting the sunlight, as it faded in intensity as the clouds approached. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Nevada - Bright White Circle

SPARKS - The witness was in his room with the blinds shut July 5, 2004, at 11 PM, when an outside white light appeared pretty bright. I open the blinds and saw that it looked like a star. I compared it to other stars but this one was much brighter and lower. I went and got my relatives. It started out pretty bright, it dimmed, it flashed red. It then looked like it was moving north, but then it looked like it was coming towards us for like ten seconds, then went north. It was moving pretty slow, and then picked up speed and disappeared.

Wyoming - Minuteman UFO

F.E. WARREN AFB -- June 1975 - June 1976, an Air Force NCO states, "I worked in Keys and Codes, which issued codes for authorized access to the unmanned Minuteman missiles." Keys and Codes was located within Central Security Control (CSC). One night a missile launch crew reported to CSC that alarms were going off at a Minuteman silo located about three miles away on a rise from the launch center. Minuteman missile silos were unmanned and a launch center controlled ten missiles. Topside from the launch center, the Security Police response team could see a bright white object lighting up the country side and hovering over the silo. The security team refused to respond. CSC asked the launch crew what they thought about the situation and the SP refusal to respond. The launch crew states they would get back to CSC and hung up. CSC told the SP supervisor at the launch center to call back and let them know what they decided to do. We never heard back from them during the remainder of our shift. Maintenance crews reported seeing big foot tracks in the snow walking around the fence line of the silos. Security Police reported colored balls of light drifting through their sleeping quarters at the launch center sites during the night. At that time, Wyoming was experiencing cattle mutilations in the area. Security Police missile patrols reported several times that they had seen helicopters at night sitting on the ground with no lights on and their engines running. These sightings were reported to the local country sheriff's offices, but nothing was ever found. As for Davis-Monahan, nothing ever happened while I was assigned there. Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research

New Mexico - Roswell Crash Correction

Last week Wireless Flash Weird News reported in these files, "In an ending similar to that of Geraldo Riviera's Al Capone vault special, a team of investigators who dug up a field near Roswell, New Mexico, found no evidence to prove the 1947 UFO crash."

Tom Carey responds, "While I'm sure that Mr. Wireless Flash is on top of all things Roswellian, how can you go with such clap-trap without at least trying to check some things out first? The debris field/crash site to those who have been there hasn't moved one inch since 1947 - no matter what people who have never

been there =5Bincluding yourself=5D say. Unknown artifacts from the 2002 dig were found including evidence of a past impact =5Bright where it was said to have been=5D at the site which eliminates the Air Force's and debunkers' balloon explanation of the 1947 event. How does that translate in your column into, "Nothing was found."? And I have Gen. Exon on audio tape telling me that the crash sites he could see two of them from his aircraft were SE of Corona - not NW as you state in your column. Thanks to Tom Carey Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania

Larry Landsman writes, "Not sure what Wireless Flash is but they obviously did not read the book" Totally contrary to this story, Bill Doleman of the Univ of NM did in fact find evidence of a gouge. We haven't been able to go back yet to do more testing. Is there some way to issue a correction? This sounds like an effort to debunk the effort Thanks to Larry Landsman Director, Special Projects SCI FI Channel

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0743486129/mothman>

Editor's Note: When I visited the debris and crash sites near Corona, the information provided to me was that there were two distinct crash sites. First, there was the shredded wreckage debris site at the Foster Ranch where only small pieces possibly from an explosion were found. A second or actual crash site was where the main body of the craft and bodies were located. A possible gouge in the ground at the debris site may indicate that the spacecraft hit the ground, bounced, and became airborne again and continued to fly until it reached its final resting place. UFOs are generally reported as flying at thousands of miles per hour, so it is logical to assume that a large distance was covered between the debris site and the final location of the =craft. Reportedly it was sitting at the base of a large hill or arroyo.

In the book "The UFO Crash At Roswell" by Randle and Schmitt, General Exon states, "(It was) probably part of the same accident, but (there were) two distinct sites. One, assuming that the thing, as I understand it, as I remember flying the area later, that the damage to the vehicle seemed to be coming from the southeast to the northwest, but it could have been in the opposite direction, but it doesn't seem likely. So the farther northwest pieces found on the ranch, those pieces were mostly metal." When asked about the bodies, he said, "There was another location where =E2=80=A6 apparently the main body of the spacecraft was =E2=80=A6 where they did say there were bodies. . . " Page 110.

Friedman and Berliner in their book Crash At Corona state, "Even the limited evidence from the Corona area strongly suggests there were three separate crash sites: the so called debris field on the Foster Ranch where so much scrap was found by Brazel and then collected by Marcel and Cavitt, a site several miles away, where the main body of the craft lay, and a site a mile or two of that where the bodies were found in or near what Glenn Dennis has described as "escape capsules." Page 112

I have always maintained that a crash of an alien craft most likely occurred in New Mexico in 1947, and that the debris site is not the crash site. I hope you are able to find some definitive evidence to help prove that the crash occurred. I'm always happy to report on any evidence that might be found.

California - Triangle Stars

KINGSBURG - Three friends were stargazing on July 8, 2004, when they noticed an unusual formation like stars, but they were traveling in an equally shaped small triangle form. They were lights, nothing visible to the eye in the formation, just black. It traveled for about five minutes or so when two of the ends of the triangle started to fade away. The formation started to slow down, and the two corners of the formation disappeared and the final end left stopped and stayed still. Almost trying to blend in with the stars. www.UFOCenter.com

SHAFTER - The witness was at work at a LPG Refinery and was walking across the plant when he noticed a disc or Saucer shaped object hovering off in the distance almost a mile away on July 17, 2004. The disc was only about 3,000 ft in the air or less.

It glowed or reflected the midday sun, but with a noticeably dark shadow at the bottom of the object. He moved towards the object and noticed that after a few minutes it flew in a northwest direction directly away from him. It never changed direction although it did change reflectivity but shadow of the underneath didn't. The day before he had another sighting of a completely different object but with four other witnesses. I had a strange feeling that it was observing the refinery. www.UFOCenter.com

Washington - Flying Triangle

SEATTLE - I spoke with Peter Davenport who met with the witness, and found him to be exceptionally credible. The witness states, " I was out in front of my daughter's home in Seattle June 20th, about 11:15 PM the summer solstice in full effect, so the sky was illuminated dimly, clear sky. I was talking to my wife and daughter when I tilted my head back to stretch, and this triangular shape craft was moving from south to north direction, quietly, without much effort. I witnessed it for about 3 seconds, then it went behind the house and I lost contact. It was triangular in shape with a black leading edge, and lighter gray color inboard, with dim white lights at each corner of the lighter gray surface, I don't know what its elevation was, but I could see very good detail, about the size of 3/4 full moon. This machine was mechanically and materially beautiful, I have seen up close and in flight all kinds of aircraft, such as F-14s, F-15 Eagles, F-16 Falcons, B-1s, B-2s, B-52s, B-58 Hustlers, SR-71s, but this craft sent chills up my spine, because of its triangular shape, mechanical and composite beauty. I do believe this is very similar to the Belgium sightings in the 1990's that I have seen and read about. I knew what it was the second I saw it.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com
Argentina- Bright UFOs Appear

BUENOS AIRES -- On Monday, July 5, 2004, at 7 p.m., "several self-luminous UFOs, of a potent magnitude with blue and white tints, flew from the east, the Rio de la Plata, to the northeast, over the Avenida Nueve de Julio. According to Argentinean ufologist Ricardo E. D'Angelo, "numerous objects" were seen in the northern part of the city, "from the dome of El Congreso (the Capitol building--J.T.) all the way north to the RioParana. I received reports from other ufologists in the northern part of the city, notably Carlos Turus and Daniel Valverdi, and they reported the bright objects over both the Rio de la Plata waterfront and the residential neighborhoods of Santa Fe. They described the event as 'a truly strange phenomenon.'" (Muchas gracias a Ricardo E. D'Angelo para estas noticias and UFO Roundup, Joseph Trainor Editor Vol 9 #2323, 7/18/04)

England - Milk Hill Bee Formation

ALTON BARNES - On June 26th 2004, a bee like crop circle symbol was found in a farmer's field that looks like it is trying to fly towards the White Horse on Milk Hill. The symbol has wings indicating an ability to fly and was located quite near the large cut out of a White Horse carving in white chalk on Milk Hill. We can speculate that the architects of the crop circle were trying to communicate a message to us that includes the bee and the horse? There are numerous megalithic sites in the area that are visited regularly by UFOs indicating an unusual interest in the area. I chased a UFO over the area myself when in the Air Force. The symbol looks like a bee and an indication of flight. It is not generally known, but bees have the ability to communicate with each other. When a bee returns to the hive he will move in circles and communicate a path to specific flowers so other bees may collect the pollen. They transfer the location of the flowers that may be miles away by an intricate communication system, so the other bees in the hive can go to the source of the nectar. Using the nectar the bees make honey which is in Greek mythology the drink of the Gods.

A horse is often used as a symbol of conquest or famine. Although we can only speculate what message was being sent by the creator of the crop circle we can turn to the Bible for one possibility. Revelations indicates Jesus will return riding a white horse from heaven bringing an Army riding white horses for

the battle of Armageddon followed by a world of peace and a land of milk and honey.

The symbol also looks like the famous Hermetic symbol - the Caduceus that is used as an international symbol for medicine and healing. Alien entities are often reported to carry a rod or wand that allegedly heals. Many abductees claimed to have been healed with the magic rod or wand.&nb=

This crop circle may be trying to give us some sort of directions. Silbury Hill is to the north, Tan Hill and Wansdyke to the west, the Vale of Pewsey to the south and Adam's Grave and Rybury Hill to the southwest.

The fields around this site are riddled with ancient earthworks, long barrows and Iron Age cross-dykes. See more great photos and unravel the symbols:

<http://cropcircleconnector.com/2004/milkhill/milkhill2004a.html>

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE -- The conditions were excellent: blue skies, with a few sizable white clouds making an appearance on July 6, 2004, at around 11:45 AM. The witness noticed a single bright "dot" in the sky. Through binoculars, the object appeared oblong-shaped, with luminous sides that alternately glowed then dimmed as it continued to travel slowly along in a strange tumbling-like motion. The object also wasn't a balloon, as it appeared to stop for 20 seconds or so before moving on.

The object was proceeding in a westerly direction, until two USAF tanker planes appeared close by from the south, at around 20,000 feet. The =object then changed direction, gliding slowly about the sky in it's strange, tumbling motion. I continued to watch the object through binoculars until it was directly overhead as a light aircraft, passed under the object at around 5,000 feet. I eventually lost sight of the object in a big cloud. The object has an odd plasma-like, quasi-organic appearance.

Polish - Military Will Shoot at UFOs

According to the Polish Newspaper Fakt military personnel have command to shoot down UFOs. Captain Adam Krysiwicz from Naval Forces said today to journalist from newspaper Fakt .

They report that the number of UFO objects seen this year on radars is exceptionally high. Thanks to Tomek Wierszaloveicz www.e-fakt.pl

Israel - Four Strange Lights

JAFFA/TEL AVIV - The witness reports that, "Just before 10 PM, my spouse and I were on the patio, 12 stories above the street on July 7, 2004. I noticed two lights about 2,000 feet above Jaffa Port, which is located three miles south of us. The light had pink and blue pale color, and did not move, and dimmed before disappearing. One light was at 12 o'clock the other at 6 o'clock position, moved very slowly to a 1 and 7 o'clock position, got dimmer and disappeared and immediately one appeared hundreds of feet above where the first two were. Over time that light dimmed and another two appeared, one of those dimmed and disappeared then the second disappeared. During this of 45 minute episode, a small four passenger plane flew past our location, on the coast heading south toward Jaffa, where lights would be visible to pilot. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

India - Three Discs

Steve Walters AUSTRALIA UFO RESEARCH (NSW) received a

report from Swati Sharma that on July 5, 2004, at 9:32 p.m., he&= nbsp;saw

three disc-like objects rotating rapidly and moving forward with a great speed. They were very high and were a dim red-color light. I rushed

for my camera but they disappeared. I am from Sharanpur which is a small city in Uttar Pradesh, India. The disc like objects were probably UFOs. I wanted to share my information as it might be of great help to you. Thanks to Swati Sharma in India [mast_libran2003.nul](#) and Steve Walters AUSTRALIA UFO RESEARCH (NSW) [uforesearch.nul](#)

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CCCRN News: Formation Report #4 - Prince George BC

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 11:52:20 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 16:15:27 -0400
Subject: CCCRN News: Formation Report #4 - Prince George BC

CCCRN NEWS
E-News from the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

July 21, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

FORMATION REPORT #4 - PRINCE GEORGE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

The fourth reported formation for this year, a long "pictogram" of circles, rings and pathways in pasture grass, found July 12 in Moore's Meadow nature park. Approximately 76 metres (250 feet) long (initial estimate). Three circles range from approximately 0.9 metres (3 feet) to 15 metres (50 feet) diameter, and two rings are approximately 18 metres (60 feet) diameter each. Generally rough in appearance, with standing centres in the circles. Also reported in the Prince George Citizen newspaper on July 13. Initial ground photos have been posted on the web site. Aerial photos and further details pending.

Also:

CCCRN director Paul Anderson will provide an update on this year's formations so far in a radio interview with Linda Moulton Howe of Earthfiles on Coast to Coast AM on Friday, July 23. Other interviews will also cover recent formations in the USA and Europe.

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 16:51:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:19:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Stanford

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 11:41:36 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 13:23:42 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2004 11:49:48 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>><snip>

>>>Yes, the desert vegetation changes very slowly. The Walnut
>>trees and the cottonwood tree are at least 100 years old. The
>>burn and scorch marks are apparent and noticeable but seem
>>somewhat weathered, as you'd expect. These trees are still alive
>>but the heat damage clearly seen.

>>>>I would think that any traces of burnt vegetation would have
>>>>blown away, been scoured away in a sandstorm, washed away in the
>>>>rare torrential rains etc. long long since.

>>The immediate area only gets a few inches of rain a year and
>>sometimes, nothing at all. The wind is a factor but hasn't
>>erased the evidence. I would say that this area hasn't changed
>>much in the last 57 years. The biggest land modifications are
>>caused by the cattle that wander around the site. The
>>crystalite is impervious to alteration.

>>Ah! Scorch marks still apparent. If there is any black
>>carbon residue (hard ash) then samples could be carefully
>>scraped off and collected. Great care must be taken not
>>to remove any living or recently dead tissues.

>>Then, being almost all carbon, maybe it could be carbon dated!
>>Somebody else's expertise needed here, way out of my bailiwick]
>>I don't know what the margins of error are in such testing, or
>>whether half a century is long enough for good results.
>>Hopefully, they could date the scorching back to 57 years plus
>>or minus a few, rather than say half or double that span.

>I have thought about that possibility but my understanding is
>that radio carbon dating wouldn't be accurate for such a short
>time-span. I think the error range is one hundred years. The
>best test would be dendrochronology and I've inquired into that.
>I could probably get a definitive test for about two thousand
>dollars. I have a person who'd be willing to do the test. I
>don't have two grand to spend this way, but someone may want to
>help out or know of funds that might be available for this
>purpose.

>>Frankly, scorched trees in the desert, in close association with
>>classified minerals as described, sound like nothing so much as
>>a massive bolt of lightning, or ten, or any number of them over

>>years, decades....

>

>I thought of lightning; the cottonwood tree is certainly a
>candidate but the three hundred yards of walnut trees (maybe 35-
>45 individual trees) are another matter.

>The cristobalite is not formed from the base rock which is
>rhyolite. The cristobalite is a melt on top of the bedrock and
>is also plastered to two hundred thousand square yards of sand,
>and small, individual rocks and bacterial mats.

Friends on the List, that is the fantasy of a self-deceiving
'reporter'! In the first place, cristobalite is NOT a melt!
Months ago I challenged Ed to produce for my inspection any
desert sand, per se, from that site that is coated with
cristobalite or even glass melt (which is what he originally
claimed it to be). Of course, he did not provide it and cannot
provide it, because it exists only in his fantasy of
misinterpretation of what he was seeing. Frankly, I exposed Ed's
B.S. about this many months ago. Yet, like an evangelist, he
keeps on running off at the mouth about beliefs of having found
a UFO crash site, while revealing his petrological and
geological ignorance. If any one of you is still willing to
believe Ed's harangue about this, please do a bit of
investigation for yourself, concerning the conditions in which
cristobalite forms, or else read the following:

Determination of the presence of cristobalite in a rock
constrains of the temperature range at which that rock
crystallized. Cristobalite forms from molten rock at
temperatures above approximately 1470 degrees Celsius to the
boiling point of silica. Please note that pressure and water
content will vary the crystallization range slightly, but the
presence of cristobalite is a good indication of the extreme
temperature at which a rock crystallized, simply because below
1470 degrees Celsius and above 870 degrees Celsius, tridymite (a
polymorph of quartz) is stable and will crystallize. Below 870
degrees Celsius, beta quartz is stable and it will crystallize.
Since a molten rock descends through various temperatures as it
cools, all three polymorphs can be present, confusing the issue,
but Ed's samples indicate a rather stable temperature in the
1470 degrees Celsius (and up to the boiling point of silica)
range, for a period of time far more EXTENDED than would be
available in any surface nuclear or thermonuclear blast or,
surely, from the crash on any alien vehicle.

As may be deduced from the above facts, Cristobalite cannot form
on the earth's surface, because even if the temperature became
high enough, the temperature exposure duration and
crystallization period would be far inadequate. Even the heat of
a nuclear bomb cannot create cristobalite on the earth's surface
for the very same reason. As a geographically appropriate
example of that fact, I have several large and small specimens
on Trinitite (Trinitite is the New Mexico desert surface fusion
product from the earth's first nuclear bomb explosion at Trinity
Site in New Mexico on July 16, 1945, and not a great distance
from where Ed fantasizes a UFO crashed and formed cristobalite
on the surface.), and it is a melt consisting of glasses of
varying composition, depending on the mineral(s) in the melt
(primarily from quartz). Mostly, it consists of a gray to green
glass, and cristobalite is not present and never formed, for the
reasons explained above.

Cristobalite's wide spread distribution in certain types of
volcanic rocks provides an 'abundance rating' of at least
'common', and the rock from which the crystalline samples Ed
sent to me grow is in fact the volcanic rock rhyolite, the
typical rock associated with cristobalite, and some of its
fissures contain later-formed agate. The cristobalite and
rhyolite from Ed's site is ancient (See below.), and those rocks
are well known in that area of New Mexico.

With help of friends at USGS, the specimens Ed claimed to be
effects of a UFO crash have now been determined to have been
derived from one of an outcropping cluster of five overlapping
ignimbritic calderas pretty well surface-exposed in strongly
extended, tilted fault-block hill (as shown in photos Ed sent
me) and mountain ranges of the central Rio Grande rift southwest
of Socorro, New Mexico (the location Ed gives for his fantasized
"crash site"). That Socorro-Magdalena caldera cluster is 85
kilometers long and 20-25 kilometers wide, paralleling the

southeastern boundary of the Colorado Plateau and the WSI-trending San Augustin arm of the rift.

The $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ (isotopic) age of sanidines from the rhyolite ignimbrites (from which Ed's crystals grow) varies at around 28 million years -- quite a bit older than July, 1947, I'd say. Forget the tree-ring dating, Ed! :)

Over 5,000 cubic kilometers of welded ignimbrite and moat-fill lavas erupted in the aforementioned caldera complex. Ed happened upon a nice fault-related outcropping of that mass, and nothing more. That's certainly nothing to get excited about, unless you're letting your imagination run away with you after viewing the "Alien Autopsy" film.

Ed's claim of finding a 'mercury engine' UFO crash site heated into a coating of cristobalite is not only a fiction of his mind as proved by the facts and dating above, but utterly impossible for the thermal reasons explained.

Ed, it is time you stopped broadcasting your daydreams as scientific fact. And don't expect me to further entertain any more of your fantastic claims and arguments about this and your pseudoscientific declarations. With the good samples you provided me, it was not necessary to waste my time trekking to the site with you and/or your brother to learn of what the samples consisted, but thanks for the invitation

If this was ever a science with you, Ed, it has ceased to be that, and seems to have become a religion. I'm probably foolish to even get involved trying to talk to anyone filled with such zeal as you display concerning this, but since I will be leaving this list in a few days in order to be involved with some other UFOlogical matters, I have taken this opportunity before I leave to at least let receptive list colleagues hear, "...the rest of the story...".

As to your suggested \$2,000 dating of burned trees at the 'site', as you proposed while saying, "The best test would be dendrochronology..." You really are quite funny! Even if it could be shown that the burned trees died in 1947, that would provide no evidence whatsoever that the source of the burn was a crashed UFO. That scheme is about as poorly thought out as the rest of your unfounded, self-serving 'deductions'.

So, forget the tree-ring thing. The only ring that you, Ed, should be concerned with right now is one to constrain your flights of fantasy in this matter.

Ray Stanford

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Re: The San Diego Comic Convention This Weekend -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:57:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:20:55 -0400
Subject: Re: The San Diego Comic Convention This Weekend -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 11:01:26 EDT
>Subject: The San Diego Comic Convention This Weekend

>It's the biggest comics/scifi/fantasy convention of the year.

>For many of you Ufologists you've got lots of fans there both
>amongst the public and professionals. If you have the weekend
>off, visit and shmooze around. It's a great way to meet many
>directors, producers, finance folks whom your publicists or
>agents can chat with you on upcoming projects etc.

>I'll have 3 of my own properties being represented on the floor
>and have done production art for new films due out so I may see
>some of you there.

>You guys would be suprised whom your fans are and what they do
>in entertainment and merchandising. I speak to them on a regular
>basis and that 'UFO' debate will spring forward and we'll all
>have a good time too.

Wish I could be there, Greg. I could use a few yuks.

Have fun,

Don Ledger

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Feeling Is Believing?

From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 14:06:44 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:23:14 -0400
Subject: Feeling Is Believing?

Source: ABC News.Com

http://abcnews.go.com/sections/SciTech/DyeHard/alien_abduction_dyehard_040721.html

07-21-04

Feeling Is Believing?
Alien Abductees Reveal How Emotion Can Cloud Reality
By Lee Dye
ABCNEWS.com

Researchers at Harvard University called on aliens from outer space to help them solve a problem that surfaces frequently in everything from therapeutic sessions to criminal trials, or even just chatting with a friend. How do you know if someone is telling the truth when he or she recalls memories of childhood abuse, or being raped by satanic cults, or some other traumatic insult?

One clue that many of us rely on is the emotional reaction of the person telling the story. If the victim breaks out in sweat and becomes extremely emotional while recalling those memories, it's more difficult to dismiss them as false.

But all that really means is the person truly believes his or her memories are true, not that they really are, according to the researchers.

"The person really believes something happened," says Richard McNally, a clinical psychologist and professor of psychology at Harvard, lead author of a study in the July issue of Psychological Science. "But that doesn't necessarily mean it did."

True or False?

Deciding which memories are true, and which are false, is a real tough problem for therapists and law enforcement officials, and sometimes friends. That's especially true when long-buried memories suddenly surface involving traumatic events that may have occurred years ago. McNally has struggled with the problem for years, moving from combat traumas to memories of childhood sexual abuse.

He says that even a seasoned therapist can be influenced by the emotional state of the person recalling the memories.

"A therapist is more inclined to credit the account as authentic if it's accompanied by really intense emotion," he says. "The therapist thinks 'my goodness, something must have happened.' "

Years of research have convinced him that even false memories can stimulate a lot of emotion, but how do you prove that in the lab? That's where the aliens from space come in.

If someone claims to have been sexually abused years ago, it's almost impossible to prove those memories false. What the researchers needed was a group of people who sincerely believed memories of something that clearly never happened.

So they put an ad in newspapers asking for people who had been abducted by aliens from space.

Emotions Cloud Truth

They got a lot of weird phone calls, including some from people claiming to be aliens, but in time they had their subjects, six women and four men who believed they had been abducted by alien beings. Their average age was 47. Seven women and five men, who had not been abducted, also participated in the study.

The "abductees," as they came to be known, were interviewed and recorded as they told brief stories about their abduction, as well as other stressful, happy and neutral tales. All of the participants were wired so the researchers could monitor for heart rate, sweat production, and facial muscle tension, three strong indicators of emotional stress.

The emotional reaction among the abductees soared while listening to the stories of stress and abductions. But it was much weaker while listening to happy or neutral narratives.

The 12 participants who had never been abducted barely responded to any of the stories.

The verdict was clear, McNally says. The emotional reaction, which can be so convincing, had nothing to do with the veracity of the memories of the folks who believed they had been abducted.

Why did they believe so strongly in something that is so implausible? In answers to a questionnaire, the abductees scored high on personality traits that make them a bit different. For example, just because an idea seems magical doesn't necessarily mean it isn't true.

People with those traits tend to have "a rich fantasy life, and to endorse unconventional beliefs," the researchers say in their report.

And the stories they told were anything but conventional, yet they had much in common, McNally says.

"I would ask them, how did this all begin," McNally says. "And they would typically say 'I was lying in bed one night, and a few hours before dawn I suddenly woke up. I tried to move over and I realized I was completely paralyzed. It was absolutely terrifying. I felt electrical sensations coursing through my body, I heard humming noises, I saw lights flashing, and I felt myself levitating off my bed when suddenly I saw these strange beings, these strange figures coming up towards the bed. And then I blanked out. Later, I woke up and had no idea what had happened.' "

Some time later, McNally says, while in therapy, the memories came back.

"'I was taken up into a spaceship, medically probed, met alien beings, met my hybrid children,' " the participants told him. They frequently said they had sex with the aliens.

To the abductees, that meant they were something special.

All described the abduction as terrifying, but when McNally asked them if they wished it had never happened, they all said it was worth it. The abduction proved there were other beings out there who cared for us, and for our planet, and even wanted to mate with humans to ensure continued survival of life on Earth.

"Their experience with these alien beings ultimately becomes sort of a spiritually deepening one for them," McNally says.

Most of the participants came from traditional religious backgrounds, but had drifted away.

"These individuals have strong spiritual needs that are not being met by conventional religions," McNally suggests.

Whatever the cause, the research shows clearly that to these

people, the memories are real, even though it's safe to say the events never happened. But there's no point in trying to convince them.

Even if he could explain to them exactly why they thought all this happened, and show convincing reasons why the memories are false, "I strongly suspect they would not buy it," he says. "A naturalistic explanation robs the universe of its magic," he says.

Lee Dye's column appears weekly on ABCNEWS.com. A former science writer for the Los Angeles Times, he now lives in Juneau, Alaska.

(end of article)

-- Above is the article. Now, here is my response. I sent this message to Dye via ABC News' feedback form on this page: http://abcnews.go.com/sections/scitech/DyeHard/mail_dye.html but you can also write to him directly at: leedye.nul

Your article "Feeling is Believing?" was evidently not fact checked. You quote Harvard psychologist McNally as saying as "Some time later, while in therapy, the memories [of alien encounters] came back." In fact, McNally's paper says that some of the participants had engaged in "quasi-hypnotic techniques", a broad term which includes folks who were simply going for some Reiki treatments. Also contrary to the impression conveyed, most of the subjects had explicit memories (conscious awareness) of some of their experiences.

Beyond these factual errors, there's also two errors on the part of McNally: First, his interpretation of his data depends upon his personal assumption that alien contact is not real (a fine position to be sure, but a "leap of faith" nonetheless). Secondly, McNally displays an error of logic when he suggests, towards the end of your article, that people's desire for spiritual connection is why the subjects' interpret their experiences as contact with other life. Logically, the presence of a desire, such as "thirst" for example, neither proves nor disproves that the resolution of the desire is on offer -- but no logical person would argue that the presence of thirst disproves the existence of "water"!

McNally's opinions (assumptions) yet again lead him away from the responsible position of admitting that his data on the physiological responses can cut either way, and the interpretation depends entirely on a matter of personal opinion. He was challenged on this point at one of Harvard's Junior Symposiums last year, and rightly so, for it is irresponsible to promote only one interpretation when the data support more than one interpretation. Another opinion which McNally is espousing is the common idea that sleep paralysis may account for alien encounters. Yet in fact, his study did not compare the subjects' perception of sleep paralysis to their perception of their so-called "alien encounters," so again, we have a personal opinion put forth as if it were part of the results of the study. Remarkable.

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:16:05 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:25:03 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Gevaerd

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:43:20 +0200
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 08:40:18 -0300
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 03:54:08 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 14:21:42 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>><snip>

>>>>When a sighting is said to have been made by a "trained
>>>>observer", one expects that the report will include trained
>>>>observations. Otherwise why mention credentials at all?

>>>>Because alleged "credentials" lend support to a hoax, especially
>>>>when the hoaxer is too lazy to look up basic medical facts to
>>>>make the fraud more believable. Keffel and Martins did a better
>>>>job of hoaxing Barra da Tijuca.

>>Brad, I am sorry to say that, but you are jumping to seriously
>>irresponsible conclusions here. I urge you to get more info on
>>Varginha Case as soon as possible. I can send you Ubirajara's
>>book, which is very detailed, but I'm afraid you don't read
>>Portuguese and we don't have it in English - yet. Anyway, I
>>should ask you to keep comments such as these above for a time
>>when you have more info on the case.

>Read again your two first messages, quoting Ubirajara, and you
>will see that you depreciated the "Doctor", suggesting that he
>is not a reliable witness.

>I must say that it came as a shock to me!

Really ???

I read the message twice again just now and didn't find any
depreciation to the "Doctor".

Please, Gildais, be more specific about where exactly it seems
that I depreciated the man.

Many thanks.

A. J.

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Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 19:49:57 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 09:04:13 -0400
Subject: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

Are You Nuts? The US Govt. Wants To Know...By Force

Abductees, watch your tales - no misspelling there.

Here it is gang,

On July 14th the House Appropriations Committee okayed over \$20 million clams for the President's newest caper, The New Freedom Commission On Mental Health (NFC).

In other words a federally funded program to get every man, woman and child screened for mental illness. That's forced mind you, not elective.

It's a trick to put people on psychiatric drugs that are known to be dangerous such as Prozac, Ritalin, etc.

Looks like another 'Big Brother' campaign in the works.

It's now up to the Senate and House to greenlight it and considering the umpteen billions of bucks to be made with this program by the pharmaceutical companies, it's a given they'll okay it and then here come the straight jackets and nets.

There's also the 'Child Medication Act (S.1390) which is set up to protect you and your kids from forced medication. That's stalled by Ted Kennedy who says more studies are needed. Since Kennedy is supported by big pharmaceutical companies again we see the conflict.

Since mental illness in this country is defined by one book, American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) it's curious to note that there is no medical or scientific means to diagnose mental illness. I thought otherwise but they don't do chemical tests, brain scans etc. All these disorders are 'voted' in based on behavioral characteristics. Heck, if you're having a nicotine fit according to this book you could be locked up.

Recently the U.K. put her foot down and banned these drugs from children. That was a brave and honorable thing to do.

If you really, really want a good laugh, just read some of the listed 'mental illnesses'. It's funnier than 'MAD Magazine'.

"Mathmatics Disorder" and "Caffeine Related Disorder". What the heck is that? You can't find a 'Starbucks' so it's off to a rubber room?

No. Like I've said when looking into what happens to people who are abductees. I kept finding stories of psychiatric abuse from incarcerations to torture. We've allowed 'sanity' to be defined as 'going against the status quo'. If the top dog doesn't like the way you think or act it's drugs or a padded cell.

Now I realize why abductees and witnesses are so reticent to come forward because of these horrors.

Last night Jeff Rense had Bruce Wiseman from CCHR:

"Citizen's Commission on Human Rights".

<http://www.cchr.org>

Last hour of his show for 7/20/04. Listen on Jeff's archives.

What Wiseman and other watchdog folks have told me, the last place you wanna end up is in a psych ward. I know, I've seen them. I remember as a kid Geraldo Rivera broke the mold of journalism when he exposed these abuses at the Willowbrook hospital. I can't describe it.

With the debunkers and their character assassinations not working anymore they'll try the old " I can't win a decent argument because they have the facts so let's call them crazy and toss em' in a psych ward " trick.

I'm really worried that abductees will soon be the focus of a witch hunt and forced to take dope to cope.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:24:45 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 09:08:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Gehrman

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 16:51:24 -0400
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>Friends on the List, that is the fantasy of a self-deceiving
>'reporter'! In the first place, cristobalite is NOT a melt!

It's my opinion that Ray is reacting very much the debunker in trying to refute my observations regarding the cameraman's crash site. This is what he's told me both on List and in private conversation, and during email exchanges: He and his wife watched Fox's presentation back in 1995 and both his wife and he thought the creature was a ridiculous fraud and both laughed their heads off. He's never looked at it since. One viewing, so much faith.

So he thinks the whole AA investigation is a huge waste of time, and that all those who take the time to try to figure it out are prone to "fantasy" and "self-deceiving".

In Ray's world this has to be so because he's convinced that all AA evidence must be suspect, because the footage of the creature is a hoax. So how could there be a secluded desert location covered with 200,000 square yards of cristobalite?

It just can't be so, no way and no how! Why? Because it just can't be.

>Months ago I challenged Ed to produce for my inspection any
>desert sand, per se, from that site that is coated with
>cristobalite or even glass melt (which is what he originally
>claimed it to be). Of course, he did not provide it and cannot
>provide it, because it exists only in his fantasy of
>misinterpretation of what he was seeing.

Ray knows perfectly well why I never sent him a sample of the bacterial mats or sand covered with cristobalite. He reneged on our previous arrangement. I had requested help from the list in identifying the strange material and he volunteered to do so. I sent him the material with the understanding that he would test it until he found out something definitive and during our phone conversation he agree to do a micropix or whatever it took. But then Ray took another look at the material and decided it was agate. In fact he was so sure that he told me he'd "bet his life on it"; he refused to do any further testing so I consulted Dick Cheney and he advised me what to say. When the material was finally identified as cristobalite, imagine Ray's surprise. He still hasn't gotten over it. At least he didn't kill himself. I understand errors in judgment and was more than willing to forgive him, but he never asked for abluition.

>Frankly, I exposed Ed's
>B.S. about this many months ago.

You exposed exactly zero. Your posts on the subject were devoid of content or understanding . Exactly what did you expose?

>Yet, like an evangelist, he
>keeps on running off at the mouth about beliefs of having found
>a UFO crash site, while revealing his petrological and
>geological ignorance.

That this point there should be some evidence, a simple example of my "petrological and geological ignorance." I have ten college units of Geology from UNM. And Ray has how many?

>If any one of you is still willing to
>believe Ed's harangue about this, please do a bit of
>investigation for yourself, concerning the conditions in which
>crystalite forms, or else read the following:

Ray doesn't have to copy and post stuff that anyone can read on the web through simple searches. He knows perfectly well that I understand these facts, or at least he should, unless he's become severely retarded in his declining years.

>Determination of the presence of cristobalite in a rock
>constrains of the temperature range at which that rock
>crystallized. Cristobalite forms from molten rock at
>temperatures above approximately 1470 degrees Celsius to the
>boiling point of silica. Please note that pressure and water
>content will vary the crystallization range slightly, but the
>presence of cristobalite is a good indication of the extreme
>temperature at which a rock crystallized, simply because below
>1470 degrees Celsius and above 870 degrees Celsius, tridymite (a
>polymorph of quartz) is stable and will crystallize. Below 870
>degrees Celsius, beta quartz is stable and it will crystallize.
>Since a molten rock descends through various temperatures as it
>cools, all three polymorphs can be present, confusing the issue,

This information can be found in a simple search. Since I mention it all in my report, I think it's a little simple minded for Ray to repeat it as though this information is something new.

>but Ed's samples indicate a rather stable temperature in the
>1470 degrees Celsius (and up to the boiling point of silica)
>range, for a period of time far more EXTENDED than would be
>available in any surface nuclear or thermonuclear blast or,
>surely, from the crash on any alien vehicle.

How do you know? That's what I keep insisting. This site is out of this world. There's nothing like it anywhere in the world and I challenge Ray to find a comparable site or conditions. I'll bet him \$1000 that he can't. Put up or shut up.

>As may be deduced from the above facts, Cristobalite cannot form
>on the earth's surface, because even if the temperature became
>high enough, the temperature exposure duration and
>crystallization period would be far inadequate. Even the heat of
>a nuclear bomb cannot create cristobalite on the earth's surface
>for the very same reason. As a geographically appropriate
>example of that fact, I have several large and small specimens
>on Trinitite (Trinitite is the New Mexico desert surface fusion
>product from the earth's first nuclear bomb explosion at Trinity
>Site in New Mexico on July 16, 1945, and not a great distance
>from where Ed fantasizes a UFO crashed and formed cristobalite
>on the surface.), and it is a melt consisting of glasses of
>varying composition, depending on the mineral(s) in the melt
>(primarily from quartz). Mostly, it consists of a gray to green
>glass, and cristobalite is not present and never formed, for the
>reasons explained above.

None of the above information is at all relevant to the cameraman's crash site. This is a true red herring.

>Cristobalite's wide spread distribution in certain types of
>volcanic rocks provides an 'abundance rating' of at least
>'common', and the rock from which the crystalline samples Ed
>sent to me grow is in fact the volcanic rock rhyolite, the
>typical rock associated with cristobalite, and some of its
>fissures contain later-formed agate. The cristobalite and
>rhyolite from Ed's site is ancient (See below.), and those rocks
>are well known in that area of New Mexico.

Of course this is all total BS. In fact BS on top of BS. The site is exactly the way I described it: 200,000 square yards of

cristobalite covering sand, gravel, bacterial mats, huge boulders and exposed bedrock. And those are the facts.

The widespread cristobalite is the proof for an unusual occurrence and Ray could see for himself in a few minutes if he'd visit the site. He'd see that what I am saying is true and that would be the end of the discussion.

>With help of friends at USGS, the specimens Ed claimed to be
>effects of a UFO crash have now been determined to have been
>derived from one of an outcropping cluster of five overlapping
>ignimbritic calderas pretty well surface-exposed in strongly
>extended, tilted fault-block hill (as shown in photos Ed sent
>me)

Which photos are you talking about. There were no faults in any photo I sent you. You're just arguing from authority. Right! The USGS. Are you such a fool? Did they visit the site. Did they have the sample tested by XRD? You don't have any idea where the site is located. How could the USGS make such a determination?

>and mountain ranges of the central Rio Grande rift southwest
>of Socorro, New Mexico (the location Ed gives for his fantasized
>"crash site"). That Socorro-Magdalena caldera cluster is 85
>kilometers long and 20-25 kilometers wide, paralleling the
>southeastern boundary of the Colorado Plateau and the WSI-
>trending San Augustin arm of the rift.

Is that so? And you didn't think I knew this?

>The $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ (isotopic) age of sanidines from the rhyolite
>ignimbrites (from which Ed's crystals grow) varies at around 28
>million years - quite a bit older than July, 1947, I'd say.
>Forget the tree-ring dating, Ed! :)

You're just so funny! Your authorities don't have the slightest idea of what they're talking about because they haven't visited the site.

>Over 5,000 cubic kilometers of welded ignimbrite and moat-fill
>lavas erupted in the aforementioned caldera complex. Ed happened
>upon a nice fault-related outcropping of that mass, and nothing
>more. That's certainly nothing to get excited about, unless
>you're letting your imagination run away with you after viewing
>the "Alien Autopsy" film.

If you think my imagination has run away with me, take me up on my \$1000 bet, or make it \$2000 if you're so sure that I'm wrong. That would cover the dendrochronology. I'll send my \$2000 check to EBK to hold, if we can come up with the particulars. It's certainly better than betting your life.

>Ed's claim of finding a 'mercury engine' UFO crash site heated
>into a coating of cristobalite is not only a fiction of his mind
>as proved by the facts and dating above, but utterly impossible
>for the thermal reasons explained.

Another piece of BS. I theorize that the vehicle's engine is rotated heat applied to a mercury core. As the heat rotates in one direction, the mercury rotates in the opposite direction at a much faster rate and this creates the electromagnetic vortex that's responsible for heating the desert sand and depositing the cristobalite.

When the craft became incapacitated, the sand (silica) was sucked into the vortex, heated to 1450 C and then deposited at the site when it crashed. The material was pure cristobalite, not agate or anything else. That's why this site is so unusual. There is no other place in the world where a person can find tons of pure cristobalite. Remember my XRD trumps any USGS theorizing.

>Ed, it is time you stopped broadcasting your daydreams as
>scientific fact. And don't expect me to further entertain any
>more of your fantastic claims and arguments about this and your
>pseudoscientific declarations. With the good samples you
>provided me, it was not necessary to waste my time trekking to
>the site with you and/or your brother to learn of what the
>samples consisted, but thanks for the invitation

I guess you'll send me a copy of this report so I can analyze it

scientifically and judge for myself their speculations.

>If this was ever a science with you, Ed, it has ceased to be
>that, and seems to have become a religion. I'm probably foolish
>to even get involved trying to talk to anyone filled with such
>zeal as you display concerning this, but since I will be leaving
>this list in a few days in order to be involved with some other
>UFOlogical matters, I have taken this opportunity before I leave
>to at least let receptive list colleagues hear, "...the rest of
>the story...".

I can't begin to tell you how insulting your post is. And now
you're going to cut and run like some yellow-belly coward before
the last and most important skirmish?

>As to your suggested \$2,000 dating of burned trees at the
>'site', as you proposed while saying, "The best test would be
>dendrochronology..." You really are quite funny! Even if it
>could be shown that the burned trees died in 1947, that would
>provide no evidence whatsoever that the source of the burn was a
>crashed UFO. That scheme is about as poorly thought out as the
>rest of your unfounded, self-serving 'deductions'.

I thought it was a clever and scientific concept since many
trees are still alive but badly burned and the PHD
dendrochronologist I contacted said they could determine the
exact year of the heat disruption. This report would then be
added to the other scientific and circumstantial evidence I've
accumulated.

>So, forget the tree-ring thing. The only ring that you, Ed,
>should be concerned with right now is one to constrain your
>flights of fantasy in this matter.

It's your religious conviction that the AA is a hoax that clouds
your thinking and ability to understand that I've found the
crash site the cameraman described in detail. You must visit
the site to appreciate what is there. Do we have a bet or not?

Ed

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 20:26:21 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 09:10:04 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Boone

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 13:57:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 20:09:52 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

<snip>

>Bravo, Brad...

>This "report" is akin to that by the "astronomer" from Kwazu-Natal
>who stated Venus was mistaken for a UFO, when in fact Venus was
>below the horizon at the time of the sighting... among other
>unscientific ruminations.

>So many experts, so little expertise.

>Kyle King

ROFL! Kyle, I say the folks down there come out with a 'Tickle
Me Varginha Alien' doll. It'd sell big time.

Best,

Greg

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <denzlerb.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 21:44:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 09:13:20 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Denzler

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 08:40:18 -0300
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>There is something strange about some of my colleagues research
>in USA. I can tell you that I have studied most of your great
>cases, such as Roswell. I have learned English to do so and I
>have managed to spend years of reading and discussing these
>cases before I ever said a word about them. Now, why don't
>some of my American colleagues do the same? They should learn
>Portuguese (or any other language that it is necessary), study
>the cases happened in Brazil more thoroughly and read more
>about them before speaking of something about them?

What!? You mean the rest of the world doesn't need to revolve
around the U.S. and the English language, even though we spend
many, many billions of dollars more on our military than anyone
else so we can whup everyone's a**es and we have been major
corporate colonizers of just about every other country on earth?
Jeesh! How... how... un-American! That's gratitude for you!

Brenda Denzler
Tongue planted firmly in cheek

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Re: The San Diego Comic Convention This Weekend -

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 21:18:35 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 10:03:47 -0400
Subject: Re: The San Diego Comic Convention This Weekend -

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:57:01 -0300
>Subject: Re: The San Diego Comic Convention This Weekend

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 11:01:26 EDT
>>Subject: The San Diego Comic Convention This Weekend

>>It's the biggest comics/scifi/fantasy convention of the year.

>>For many of you Ufologists you've got lots of fans there both
>>amongst the public and professionals. If you have the weekend
>>off, visit and shmooze around. It's a great way to meet many
>>directors, producers, finance folks whom your publicists or
>>agents can chat with you on upcoming projects etc.

>>I'll have 3 of my own properties being represented on the floor
>>and have done production art for new films due out so I may see
>>some of you there.

>>You guys would be suprised whom your fans are and what they do
>>in entertainment and merchandising. I speak to them on a regular
>>basis and that 'UFO' debate will spring forward and we'll all
>>have a good time too.

>Wish I could be there, Greg. I could use a few yuks.

>Have fun,

Hello,Don and Greg,

I agree with Don, things are way too entirely serious. My own comic heros were: Superman, Spiderman, and Blackhawk (I collect the early Blackhawk comics) - love those Grumman Skyrockets! (the only one not named after a Cat), the next skyrocket being the Douglas DD-55811 - the one that Scott Crossfield rode to Mach 11.

I wish that hollywood would do the Blackhawks.<sigh>

GT McCoy

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Pilot To The Paranormal

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Pilot to the paranormal - From wheat fields to the supernatural
Fairfield resident lives to explain the unexplained

By Warren Lutz

Fairfield -- Thirty years ago, Steve Moreno stood near the gates of Travis Air Force Base, trying to come to grips with his psychic experiences.

For the first 21 years of his life, strange things happened to Moreno. He saw things other people couldn't. Odd weather patterns sometimes followed him. And he couldn't control any of it.

"It was pretty strange, because I had nothing I could really ground with it, or relate it to," he said. "So I felt quite different, to say the least."

Moreno had met people who had similar experiences. But that night, as he watched the jets cut through the sky, depression began taking root. Maybe it was all in his head.

Minutes later, as he drove toward a local pool hall, Moreno's Dodge Roadrunner struck the center of the road and started to flip, end over end. Stuck upside down inside his vehicle, Moreno found himself pleading for his life.

"I said, 'Look, I'll never be depressed again,' " he recalled. "Just let me walk away from everything."

From psychic to science

Now 49, Moreno has a successful contracting business, keeps a tidy home on the edge of the military base, and has a wife and two kids. He laughs easily and listens well.

He also believes in UFOs, extraterrestrials and a satellite government. In fact, he doesn't just believe in such things. He has proof they exist, he said.

In the nearly 30 years since his near-death experience, Moreno has become Solano County's leading expert on all things paranormal and supernatural. Only now, he uses only science, not psychic ability, to explain such things as crop circles and straying spirits.

Since his accident, "I was no longer the out-of-control psychic," Moreno said. "I became Mr. Investigator Scientist... and I had the best of both worlds going for me because I already knew what being a psychic was all about."

His years of research came in handy when the largest crop circle

formation in North American history appeared in a Rockville wheat field last year. Through Psi Applications, the nonprofit paranormal research firm he runs from his home, Moreno collected chaffs of wheat and networked with more experienced crop circle researchers to explain who or what was behind the phenomenon.

"He is very dedicated investigator," said Ruben Uriarte, the Northern California director of the Mutual UFO Network who studied the circles with Moreno. "When phenomena occurs in his backyard, Steve becomes a very key individual."

He set a precedent, too, Uriarte said, by setting up a live Internet telecast from the wheat field, allowing researchers and interested parties from around the world to see the phenomenon.

"That really opened the doors," Uriarte said. "Now other people can witness (such events) live."

Battling closed minds

While many of the researchers he works with have academic credentials and scientific backgrounds, Moreno is first to admit he doesn't have either.

He rather likes it that way.

"Right now... I don't really pose any real threat to people that are involved in the intelligence community because they look at me and say, he's just a contractor and he's not going to go anywhere with it."

But what Moreno doesn't know, he learns from others, said crop circle researcher Jeffery Wilson, who describes Moreno as a meticulous researcher.

"Steve has gone out of his way to archive just about every paranormal thing that has ever hit the media," said Wilson, who holds a masters degree in general science from East Michigan University.

"Since the crop circles came down in his county last year, he has sought out expert advice from people who have been studying crop circles for a long time," Wilson added. "He had really gone out of his way to learn as much as he could."

But with such work comes frustration. Hoaxes and claims of hoaxes often provide fuel for skeptics.

Two weeks after the Rockville crop circles were found, four teens claimed they made them out of boredom. Although they could offer little proof, many people - and some of the media - bought their story.

"People are afraid of what they don't know," Moreno said. "But if it's presented to them in the right manner, I think people are more than ready to understand there are other things that are beyond our current paradigms of science and theology."

Recording the abnormal

Crop circles are only part of Moreno's work with the supernatural.

For years, Moreno has investigated UFO sightings and "presences" rumored to exist in some of Solano County's oldest buildings.

Several years ago, for example, Moreno staked out the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum after a employee caught something strange on camera. Enhanced frames of the shots show two illuminated faces looking downward.

On more than one occasion, Moreno has seen supernatural occurrences first hand.

Several years ago, before a guest spot on the supernatural radio program Coast to Coast, "this craft came over the house and started doing all these gyrations," he said. "I went up on the roof with my camcorder and that spot beam right there and flashed at it."

"The thing stopped in mid-air and started doing all these

mutations and everything."

Moreno's tools - some of them handmade - include temperature gauges, Polaroid cameras (for tamper-proof images), and infrared motion detectors covered with black boxes to detect items that don't move in front of the devices, but through them.

Psi's Web site, www.psiapplications.com, is stacked with findings, Moreno's and others.

"All I am is just the messenger," he said. "I'm not creating any of this, it already exists. I've just brought all this documentation together and brought to one point."

Where we're headed

After years of research, Moreno has discovered common threads in his findings.

He also believes the Earth's resources are quickly running out - but that humans could be saved by a benevolent intelligence from beyond.

"All roads point to 2012 being the point of no return," he said. "We'll still survive, it's not going to be like, 'lights out.' It's going to be a slow burn in hell. All the money and all the power in the world is not going to make a darn bit of difference."

If people find Moreno's research and outlook strange, few share it with him.

After the Rockville circles appeared, Moreno was a guest on the Sacramento radio talk show Armstrong and Getty.

"They were trying to poke fun at me a little bit", he said.

They asked Moreno if he was "a nut".

"I didn't respond," he said. "I just let them sit there for a minute. Then I said, 'Well, no, I don't think so. I think I'm a regular person and I'm just trying to bring some information forward.' "

Moreno often spends more than 40 hours a week running Psi Applications. Although it's a nonprofit, he is looking for seed money or a grant so he can work full-time on paranormal investigations.

In fact, expanding people's views of the supernatural was part of the deal he made with the 'source' he spoke to in the moments after his car accident. And when he made that deal, he said, his car door opened, and Moreno was pulled out of the wreck on his back.

As he would many more nights ahead, Moreno found staring at the sky.

"The stars," he said, "never looked so beautiful in my entire life."

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US Aircraft-Carrier Crew See UFOs?

From: Roy Hale <vinyl.lover10.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 13:59:01 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 10:15:33 -0400
Subject: US Aircraft-Carrier Crew See UFOs?

Hi All,

I found this rather interesting US Navy UFO sighting at the
FSR website:

<http://www.fsr.org.uk/fsrart4.htm>

Roy

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From: Roy Hale <vinyl.lover10.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 14:04:49 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 10:18:39 -0400
Subject: FSR Case Histories Issues 1 - 18

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From: **Brett Holman** <b.holman.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 23:12:34 +1000
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 10:21:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2004 19:57:34 -0700
>Subject: Could We Really Be At The Center of The Universe?

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>galaxies. ...Note the rough concentricity about the earth.

>Source: http://www.sdss.org/news/releases/galaxy_zoom.jpg

>The roughly concentric distribution of galaxies about the point
>of the wedge, which is earth, is inescapable. Also readily
>apparent is a decrease in galaxy density with increasing
>distance from the earth.

The latter is easily explained: the further out you look, the fainter the galaxies will be. So for any given sensitivity (ie limiting magnitude), and all else being equal, a redshift survey will see a lower space density of galaxies at greater distances.

Incidentally, selection effects like these are why one shouldn't attempt to overturn established cosmologies based upon a single redshift survey map of a very limited slice of the Universe in a single plane.

>The implications of the SDSS work so far is highly unsettling
>for two reasons:

>1 - The Cosmological Principle, which demands that the universe
>be homogeneous with no favored center, is violated.

This is to misunderstand the point of the cosmological principle - it's not intended to be an iron law - that's why it's a "principle". It's always been clear that the principle applies only on very large scales, if at all (otherwise all the matter in the universe would be evenly smeared out across the Universe, and you wouldn't get little clumps like planets and people) - and even then it is only an approximation. We have been aware of clusters and superclusters of galaxies for many decades, and of bigger structures (walls, etc) for one or two. The point is that these should average out on the largest scales. But if there is significant inhomogeneity or anisotropy, then that's very interesting too, because it allows us to test different cosmologies which make predictions about these sorts of things. That the cosmological principle's "demands" are not met simply means that simplistic cosmologies won't do, not that we have misunderstood redshifts etc.

And, for what it's worth, the SDSS data taken as a whole and in conjunction with other survey results does tend to confirm the cosmological principle. The following page is the press release which included the galaxy map in question:

<http://www.sdss.org/news/releases/20031028.powerspectrum.html>

It also includes a plot of density fluctuations versus scale, and the SDSS data clearly indicates that the Universe gets smoother at larger scales.

>2 - The earth does seem to be at center of the observable
>universe contrary to the adamant philosophical declaration of
>science that the earth and its cargo are insignificant in the
>Grand Scheme of Things - whatever that is!

Of course we are at the the center of the observable Universe. Where else would we be? But the observable Universe is not the entire Universe, nor do we see everything clearly even within the observable Universe. That's why astronomers assume our position within the Universe is unprivileged; we've learnt the value of this the hard way (Ptolemy onwards).

As for this supposed "declaration of science that the earth and its cargo are insignificant in the Grand Scheme of Things", I'm not sure why being at some supposed center of the Universe would make us any more important. Does the value of Hamlet decrease with our distance from the center of the Universe?

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From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 14:41:41 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 10:23:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? UK Perspective - Stevenson

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 19:49:57 EDT
>Subject: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

>Are You Nuts? The US Govt. Wants To Know...By Force

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>Here it is gang,

>On July 14th the House Appropriations Committee okayed over \$20
>million clams for the President's newest caper, The New Freedom
>Commission On Mental Health (NFC).

>In other words a federally funded program to get every man,
>woman and child screened for mental illness. That's forced mind
>you, not elective.

>It's a trick to put people on psychiatric drugs that are known
>to be dangerous such as Prozac, Ritalin, etc.

>Looks like another 'Big Brother' campaign in the works.

>It's now up to the Senate and House to greenlight it and
>considering the umpteen billions of bucks to be made with this
>program by the pharmaceutical companies, it's a given they'll
>okay it and then here come the straight jackets and nets.

>There's also the 'Child Medication Act (S.1390) which is set up
>to protect you and your kids from forced medication. That's
>stalled by Ted Kennedy who says more studies are needed. Since
>Kennedy is supported by big pharmaceutical companies again we
>see the conflict.

>Since mental illness in this country is defined by one book,
>American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical
>Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) it's curious to note that there
>is no medical or scientific means to diagnose mental illness. I
>thought otherwise but they don't do chemical tests, brain scans
>etc. All these disorders are 'voted' in based on behavioral
>characteristics. Heck, if you're having a nicotine fit according
>to this book you could be locked up.

>Recently the U.K. put her foot down and banned these drugs from
>children. That was a brave and honorable thing to do.

>If you really, really want a good laugh, just read some of the
>listed 'mental illnesses'. It's funnier than 'MAD Magazine'.

>"Mathmatics Disorder" and "Caffeine Related Disorder". What the
>heck is that? You can't find a 'Starbucks' so it's off to a
>rubber room?

>No. Like I've said when looking into what happens to people who
>are abductees. I kept finding stories of psychiatric abuse from
>incarcerations to torture. We've allowed 'sanity' to be defined
>as 'going against the status quo'. If the top dog doesn't like
>the way you think or act it's drugs or a padded cell.

>Now I realize why abductees and witnesses are so reticent to
>come forward because of these horrors.

>Last night Jeff Rense had Bruce Wiseman from CCHR:
>"Citizen's Commission on Human Rights".

><http://www.cchr.org>

>Last hour of his show for 7/20/04. Listen on Jeff's archives.

>What Wiseman and other watchdog folks have told me, the last
>place you wanna end up is in a psych ward. I know, I've seen
>them. I remember as a kid Geraldo Rivera broke the mold of
>journalism when he exposed these abuses at the Willowbrook
>hospital. I can't describe it.

>With the debunkers and their character assassinations not
>working anymore they'll try the old " I can't win a decent
>argument because they have the facts so let's call them crazy
>and toss em' in a psych ward " trick.

>I'm really worried that abductees will soon be the focus of a
>witch hunt and forced to take dope to cope.

Hi Greg and Listers

Just thought that if anyone lives in the UK they should know
that at present it requires the signatures of 2 Doctors to
enforce Hospital Treatment and if this occurs then treatment
cannot be refused and will be forced as necessary including
Electro Convulsive Therapy, injections, rubber room, straight
jacket etc. There is a fixed length of treatment (?) which used
to be months and assessment of condition is made before release
and or treatment term increased/decreased.

There is very little chance of release by appeal against these
decisions and treatment.

The harder you fight them the longer you stay there.

If you are considered a threat to National Security of the UK
then imprisonment without trial is also a possibility I am told.

My advise is 'Don't go there and avoid the possibility in any
way possible'.

Medical treatment of abductee's is sometimes necessary but I
advise against mentioning Alien abduction in Doctor
consultations.

Kind regards,

Colin Stevenson
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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 16:30:21 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 16:03:57 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Bourdais

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:16:05 -0300
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:43:20 +0200
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>Read again your two first messages, quoting Ubirajara, and you
>>will see that you depreciated the "Doctor", suggesting that he
>>is not a reliable witness.

>>I must say that it came as a shock to me!

>Really?

>I read the message twice again just now and didn't find any
>depreciation to the "Doctor".

>Please, Gildas, be more specific about where exactly it seems
>that I depreciated the man.

A.J.,

I sensed that in your first two messages, especially the second one. Already for the first one, dated July 8, I have a global remark to make. You brought the subject of the Doctor's testimony, without giving any medical detail. BTW, why do you call him the "Doctor" in quotes? To those who don't know the story, it may suggest that he is not really a doctor.

You chose to allude to a "new detail unknown to researchers till that time", but you did not clearly explain what you were talking about. I gathered what it was because I know the story directly from Dr Leir. After much hesitation and at the end of three hours of interview, he revealed that he had an experience of telepathic contact which deeply impressed him, with a "spiritual" aspect to it. Without giving any details, you pointed to the risk of "emotional alterations of a professional before the unknown". And you wrote this : "it would be absurd to take the detail of a supposedly psychic interaction between the creature and the doctor as an effective signal of intelligence of the being or - even more absurd - that the "Doctor" was in contact with something with telepathic or similar powers".

So, Ubirajara and you decided to put in doubt and discard at least that part of his testimony, without really explaining it.

In your second message, answering to Brad Sparks who put in doubt the testimony, you called him "this poor man" and suggested to put his "new revelations" in the garbage can :

"Yes, we cannot pay any attention to this thing and take it seriously. We should just drop at once these "new revelations" made by that Doctor in the garbage can and forget it at all.

"Maybe, indeed, we should just come to this poor man and say at

once: "I am sorry Doctor, but I will have to dump your info in the garbage can, UNLESS you provide an extention to your report to the lenght and to the number of details that my American colleagues find appropriate".

In my opinion, you raise here a condition of credibility which practically rules out all testimonies on secret operations, with no paper trail, no published record available. We might as well forget about researching that sort of stories !

Maybe you tried to anticipate certain critics, when his testimony will be fully revealed, but my feeling is that, by doing so, you are weakening the whole Varginha case. Just look at the reactions, here, on UFO UpDates.

Regards

Gildas

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 08:45:27 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 09:47:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Connors

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:24:45 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 16:51:24 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

<snip>

Ed and Ray,

OK, Ray, I'm gonna jump in here. I will be visiting the site Ed has located sometime in late September. I will be taking photographs and obtaining samples myself to be sent to a specialist in ground trace material (I'm sure those samples will be thoroughly scrutinized). Ed will accompany me to the site, but I will take the control samples, including the burned wood. When I receive analysis of the control samples I will report the findings on the List. At that time I will either advise that Ed's site should be ignored or that a team be formed for full site work-up.

As to Ed's claim of the AA footage being authentic, I have no opinion at this time. In regards to Ed's theory of propulsion system used by a UFO that may have crashed on the site, I have no opinion. But, I will take the time to at least go, look and obtain samples. This is the least I can do for a researcher who thinks they have found something extremely unusual based upon their independent research.

I do not understand how all of Ed's research can be ignored if nobody else has taken the time to observe and retrieve control samples independent of Ed's samples and research. However, just because the samples may be unusual, etc., that itself is no evidence of the AA footage or propulsion system theory being authentic, but it would certainly confirm that Ed has used materials thought to be bogus to locate the site and that the material is such that a full team of investigators should assist Ed in further research to determine the validity of his research.

I have no idea of what the site looks like or what I'll find. But, I am at least willing to go with Ed to see for myself. Ed already knows that if I think he's off base with his research I'll say so on this List, but if I think he may have something worth further investigation and confirmation by others, I will say that.

Wendy Connors
www.fadeddiscs.com

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 09:55:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 09:49:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The

>From: Brett Holman <b.holman.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 23:12:34 +1000
>Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The Universe?

>>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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Aha! I thought I smelled an axe grinding. Pity the poor
creationist. He's all dressed up for a party that is, not only
NOT in his honor, but for which he never even received an
invitation. On second thought, forget the pity. There's too many
of them in the Senate and in the House. They own too many closed
institutions. They own too many radio and television stations.

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one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.
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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, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - Stockstill

From: Bill Stockstill <size14d.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 13:11:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 09:52:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - Stockstill

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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I work in an ER and we almost always have at least 1 patient on hold to transfer to a psych hospital. The private hospitals make us jump through hoops before they accept them. Are they medically cleared? Is their blood alcohol below a certain level? What insurance do they have? Blah blah blah. If no one will take them, the state is the last resort... if they have a bed. Sometimes I go off shift and come back 16 hours later and a patient is still there, locked in a room.

I can't recall anyone being involuntarily sent to an institution for claiming to be an abductee. Being the Antichrist, yes. Hearing voices telling them to kill, yes. Seeing things that aren't there, yes. Cutting themselves, yes. Being abducted by aliens, no.

To be held involuntarily you have to pose a threat to yourself or others through actions or verbalization. Living in an imaginary world means you can't take care of yourself so its a reason. You can also be committed involuntarily for substance abuse. And ANYONE (in Georgia) can file a form saying that a person meets criteria to be involuntarily sent to a mental institution. The local community health center then does a preliminary investigation and if the persons needs to involuntarily committed, they can get a court order. Many times family members bring in people to the ER for help, thinking they will be referred to an outpatient program, but the MD deems them a threat and they go involuntary to an inpatient facility.

But a major problem is there are no beds. The Feds can spend the next 20 years housing and treating the mentally ill homeless alone. They could spend billions just on them. And they want to screen everyone? LOL!!! They should start with the authors of this bill.

Bill

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From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 09:55:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Could We Really Be At The Center of The

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Excellent points, Brett. The glaring fact is your last. The article cited is indeed from a "creationist" publication. And the title of the piece was misquoted by Mr. Colvin. The actual title of the piece is "New evidence: we really are at the centre of the universe". Not exactly a "scientific" title. Grand conclusions drawn from meager data may provide fodder for the theistically-oriented, but it isn't science.

Kyle

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 14:01:09 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 10:04:30 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Sparks

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 20:26:21 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Jul 2004 13:57:56 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 8 Jul 2004 20:09:52 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

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>>Bravo, Brad...

>>This "report" is akin to that by the "astronomer" from Kwazu-Natal
>>who stated Venus was mistaken for a UFO, when in fact Venus was
>>below the horizon at the time of the sighting... among other
>>unscientific ruminations.

>>So many experts, so little expertise.

>ROFL! Kyle, I say the folks down there come out with a 'Tickle
>Me Varginha Alien' doll. It'd sell big time.

What about a "Varginha Play Doctor" doll too? They obviously
need all the medical expertise they can get.

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From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 13:12:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 10:15:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? UK Perspective - King

>From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Right Colin,

But don't say "alien abduction". Use the term "UFO Occupants".
You'll feel less demeaned in your rubber room.

FWIW, my mother spent several months in a local "sanitarium"
back in the 60s, a victim of what at the time was routinely
called a "nervous breakdown". She underwent insulin-shock
therapy, and made a couple of really nice tile ashtrays.

I imagine that just spending time making ashtrays would do many
of us a world of good, even without the insulin shock. But what
do I know? I'm the son of a crazy woman.

Kyle

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Secrecy News -- 07/22/04

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/22/04

SECRECY NEWS
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9-11 COMMISSION REPUDIATES INTELLIGENCE BUDGET SECRECY

The Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (the 9-11 Commission), published today, identified overclassification as a problem requiring attention.

It will take time to read and digest the Report's full contents, but the recommendation on secrecy immediately stood out:

"Secrecy stifles oversight, accountability, and information sharing. Unfortunately, all the current organizational incentives encourage overclassification. This balance should change; and as a start, open information should be provided about the overall size of agency intelligence budgets." (Executive summary, p. 24).

"Recommendation: ...to combat the secrecy and complexity we have described, the overall amounts of money being appropriated for national intelligence and to its component agencies should no longer be kept secret." (Section 13, p. 416).

A copy of the Final Report of the 9-11 Commission is mirrored here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/911comm.html>

PROPOSED INDEPENDENT CLASSIFICATION BOARD GAINS MOMENTUM

More members of Congress stepped up to endorse the proposal for an Independent National Security Classification Board to review classification disputes and instigate reforms (SN, 07/16/04).

"The current level of abuse of our classification system is so egregious as to be laughable," said Sen. Bob Graham (D-FL).

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2004/graham072104.html>

An independent panel "is needed in order to restore integrity and accountability to the classification and declassification process," said Rep. Leonard L. Boswell (D-IA), a co-sponsor of the proposal in the House.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2004/hr4855-intro2.html>

"Controversy lingers over whether government agencies are over-classifying material in an effort to keep embarrassing facts from the public," write Rebecca Carr and George Edmonson in a

Cox News Service story.

See "Lawmakers Frustrated By Delays In Declassifying Documents," July 21:

http://coxnews.com/cox/news/Rebecca_Carr/story/7003

TOPPLING SADDAM: A CRITICAL ASSESSMENT

The relative speed and ease of the first phase of the war in Iraq are due in part to U.S. military prowess, but also to Iraqi weakness, according to a critical internal account prepared for the U.S. Army.

"The shortcomings of Saddam's military played an important role in limiting the cost of major combat operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Coalition strengths were important contributors, but so were Iraqi weaknesses."

As a result, there are "important limitations on the Iraq War's lessons for other defense planning challenges.... The Iraqis' shortcomings created a permissive environment for Coalition technology that a more skilled opponent elsewhere might not," according to the study Foreword.

The study, which does represent an official U.S. Army perspective, has not been formally released.

Each page is marked "Distribution Limited: Not to be Released Outside of the U.S. Army." A copy of was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Toppling Saddam: Iraq and American Military Transformation" by Dr. Stephen Biddle, et al, Strategic Studies Institute, April 2004 (46 pages, 4.7 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/man/eprint/biddle.pdf>

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Filer's 'Research Institute'?

From: Chris Pittman <Soccorro64.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 14:55:58 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 10:19:59 -0400
Subject: Filer's 'Research Institute'?

Hello,

My curiosity is piqued by the frequent mentions in Filer's Files of the institution referred to as "Filer Research Institute" or "Filer's Research Institute." Is this an actual organization, with an office, board of directors, etc.? Is it a non-profit or for-profit institute? Are there any paid officials of the Institute? In what endeavors does the Institute participate? I am wondering if anyone has ever applied for a grant from this organization.

Chris Pittman

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Friedman/Shostak Debate

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 15:44:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 10:29:12 -0400
Subject: Friedman/Shostak Debate

On the topic of the debate between Stanton Friedman and SETI's Seth Shostak last night on Coast to Coast with George Noory:

I was all set to give Dr. Shostak the benefit of the debated doubt until he used Kal Korff as a citation, and then a lot of his air went out for me. Kal K. Korff stacked against Stanton T. Friedman is like warped and wormy lumber stacked against steel beams. Dr. Shostak is in oxygen debit if he thinks "triple-K" is remotely relevant, is in any way conversant with ufological reality, or has demonstrated, in any way, an unbiased and uncanted balance regarding what happened at 'Roswell'. Great suffering ZOT, Dr. Shostak!

Beyond that, Dr. Shostak was a willing poster child for mainstream ufological denial, pretended ignorance of ufological fact, and mainstream unwillingness to think out of the box of the suspect status quo. His defeat, I suppose, was inevitable.

"Where is the evidence," Dr. Shostak plaintively wailed. "Why don't we see the evidence in a museum"? Well, why don't we see evidence of corporate chicanery in high school history textbooks? Why don't we see evidence of alternative archeology in these open-minded and tolerant museums alluded to by Dr. Shostak? Why don't we see the acceptance, by the mainstream, of the ufological evidence extant? Reactionary and unlearned denial of the ufological is the Doctor's only hole to hide in. He has a lot of conciliatory, albeit conflicted company in that dank and shallow hole...

Dr. Shostak demonstrated only that he was oblivious to the huge volume of extant ufological evidence of an excellence that cannot be forever ignored. Verily, the quality anecdotal evidence, compounded with the vetted photographic evidence, and then added to the documented historical evidence, gives every indication that a ufological contention regarding that phenomena must be taken seriously.

Moreover, when the preceding is framed by the serious artistic evidence, qualified by the available physical evidence, and then compellingly buttressed by the conclusively personal evidence, I can only be annoyingly astonished by the continued reluctance of people like Dr. Shostak to face the highly strange music that just cannot be -forever- marginalized.

Does the information available justify respect from the mainstream that is not forthcoming? Yes! The 'evidence' he cries for is a fact to which Dr. Shostak remains, stubbornly, oblivious. Evidence does not cease to be evidence merely because it is denied.

Additionally, and well fleshed out in Dolan's UFOs And The National Security State, (which Dr. Shostak was unaware of) are the ongoing and well referenced programs of ufological denial, dismissive-ness, and derision that the aforementioned National Security State has prosecuted for the last 57 years with regard to UFOs!

Fifty-seven years of cover-up, patent misdirection, and obvious conspiracy has denigrated, destroyed, or degraded science's

ability to embrace this new challenge or to reasonably credit the available evidence in any way. It's not lack of evidence. It is lack of willingness to pursue the evidence that is there!

This readily explains the reluctance of the mainstream to come on board! That 'evidence' for which the doctor wailed so plaintively cannot come to light if it inconveniences those who dictate to the mainstream, who officiate the conduits of funding and grants, and who oversee the maintenance of an 'official' giggle/discouragement factor... also denied by the good Doctor!

Dr. Shostak was very plain that the "giggle factor" did not really exist, and that a ufological reality would be embraced by the scientific community if it had a "single percentage point" of verity to it. Shostak says it would be the biggest thing in a scientist's life. He's right about that!

Museums would love to display the ray-gun or star-drive he demands as 'evidence' (?), as he blissfully disregards the abundant evidence that is there.

What bald cultural naivete is this?

This is in direct opposition to Dr. Michio Kaku who gave an opposite assessment to Art Bell just a few weeks ago on the same program, and who said that the scientific community was very fearful regarding serious interest in the ufological, even today.

Dr. Shostak's final point was that Mr. Friedman argues his ufological case from ignorance with regard to 'facts' and so his assertions cannot be taken seriously for that reason. Flap-doodle, forgetting he's the errant pot calling the stalwart kettle black!

Mr. Friedman might be arguing his case from ignorance, true enough, but Dr. Shostak certainly argues his case from reactionary denial, scientific (sic) inertia, and knee-jerk obstinacy! Some things in this multidimensional continuum of undetected reality won't hop into Dr. Shostak's test-tube for him. Most of reality won't, I suspect.

Dr. Shostak lost this debate by a healthy margin, anyway, as it turned out, but when one takes into account the faulty assumptions the Doctor made, the facts the Doctor demonstrated that he was un-aware of, or the outdated 'conventional wisdoms' that he employed to arrive at his conclusions - he didn't make point one, reader! He was Mr. Friedman's "crushed opponent driven before him", after all - and, if you listen carefully, you can just hear the lamentations of the Doctor's women.

Read on!

PS -- Kal K. Korff???

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Content to read, content to hear, content to see.

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.
\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."
- Giordano Bruno, scoured by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 29 - Elliott

From: John Elliott <townsville3.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 17:02:51 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 10:31:48 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 29 - Elliott

>From: John Hayes <John.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 20:52:04 +0100
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 29

>UFO HOVERS OVER BAKU,
>CAPITAL OF AZERBAIJAN

> "An unidentified flying object resembling a large
>star hung over the Azeri capital (city) of Baku," on the
>western shore of the Caspian Sea, "early Monday," July 12,
>2004.

> "The object appeared at quarter past six" in the
>morning "and it stayed there until sunrise. Witnesses
>said the UFO was so bright that they could hardly observe
>it with their bare eyes."

> "The UFO could be clearly seen in Baku's outlying
>suburbs of Akhmadli and Bakikhanov." (See the newspaper
>Baku Today for July 12, 2004. Many thanks to Jim Hickman,
>executive director of Skywatch International, for this
>report. Don't forget to visit Jim's Web site at
><http://www.skywatch-international.org/> .)

Does anyone know if this new time of 6:15 am is the
right time? Bbecause it used to be "before 5:00am" and alot
of good analysis here showed it couldn't be Venus.

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 17:12:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 10:42:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Stanford

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:24:45 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 16:51:24 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>Friends on the List, that is the fantasy of a self-deceiving
>>'reporter'! In the first place, cristobalite is NOT a melt!

>It's my opinion that Ray is reacting very much the debunker in
>trying to refute my observations regarding the cameraman's crash
>site. This is what he's told me both on List and in private
>conversation, and during email exchanges: He and his wife
>watched Fox's presentation back in 1995 and both his wife and he
>thought the creature was a ridiculous fraud and both laughed
>their heads off. He's never looked at it since. One viewing, so
>much faith.

The analysis of the samples from the site that you sent me was
done without any regard for my personal opinion of the AA film.
Hard evidence can stand or fall on its own. What you sent me
proved to not be formed in the way you claimed and to have been
formed millions of years earlier.

In fact, I kept my friends at USGS 'blind' to the reason for the
analysis, so that they would not refuse to examine the samples
or in any be biased as to their interpretation of anything
unusual that might have been turned up, just as I advised (via
this list) you and any others to do when having materials
analyzed..

>So he thinks the whole AA investigation is a huge waste of time,
>and that all those who take the time to try to figure it out are
>prone to "fantasy" and "self-deceiving".

You have the cart before the horse! In the first place, I did
not even mention the AA film in my discussion, yesterday, of
your alleged physical evidence, because belief is not the
substance of objective analysis.

As usual, there you go trying to put words into my mouth. I am
delighted if objective investigators delve into the AA film, and
some of them have done an excellent job, like proving that
certain scenes in the presented version were of recent origin.
It's just that you, Ed, are so subjective about it that your
work cannot be taken seriously by those who know your history in
delving with this. I tried to give your claim of having located
a UFO crash site the benefit of a doubt in analyzing the
'physical evidence' you provided me, but it quickly was clear
that we were dealing with a completely natural situation and not
one caused by the high-temperature crash of a UFO.

Cristobalite is, by geologic and petrologic definition, a
volcanic rock.

>In Ray's world this has to be so because he's convinced
>that all AA evidence must be suspect, because the footage of
>the creature is a hoax. So how could there be a secluded
>desert location covered with 200,000 square yards of
>crystalite?

How about defining those words, "...covered with". :) I have photos of the site you provided me and it clearly is NOT covered with crystalite, and you have already admitted to me in a phone conversation that the stuff you now call crystalite is found only on broken pieces of rock (namely rhyolite)

"...Covered with 200,000 square yards of crystalite..." What a joke. The photos you sent prove otherwise, and in fact your description of it in that manner is an outright inaccuracy, deliberate or else delusionary. The truth is that bits and pieces of crystalite-bearing rhyolite are only SCATTERED, here and there, around the area (due to ancient tectonic break-up, weathering, and fluvial dispersion of the original deposits), and you admitted that to me. That does not match your latest whole-cloth description as being "covered". Your story is growing just like Pinocchio's nose, Ed!

>>Months ago I challenged Ed to produce for my inspection any
>>desert sand, per se, from that site that is coated with
>>crystalite or even glass melt (which is what he originally
>>claimed it to be). Of course, he did not provide it and cannot
>>provide it, because it exists only in his fantasy of
>>misinterpretation of what he was seeing.

>Ray knows perfectly well why I never sent him a sample of the
>bacterial mats or sand covered with crystalite. He reneged on
>our previous arrangement.

Clearly, the truth is that upon inspection of what he has, Ed realized that he has nothing that would impress me as being sand turned (albeit, impossibly) into crystalite. Notice now he completely ignores my careful explanation of how crystalite cannot form upon the surface.

So I say, "Come on, Ed! Quit your silly bet-offering game and send me a sample of sand with the surface turned to Crystalite, or hush the B.S.!" If you were right (an impossibility for the reason I explained), you would delight in making a fool out of me. Come on! Bring it on! You will not do so because you cannot provide non-existent 'evidence'.

>I had requested help from the list in
>identifying the strange material and he volunteered to do so. I
>sent him the material with the understanding that he would test
>it until he found out something definitive and during our phone
>conversation he agree to do a micropix or whatever it took.

I agreed to have microprobe analysis done IF preliminary findings warranted it. They did not. I do not ask scientists to waste their time.

>But then Ray took another look at the material and decided it was
>agate. In fact he was so sure that he told me he'd "bet his life
>on it"; he refused to do any further testing so I consulted Dick
>Cheney and he advised me what to say. When the material was
>finally identified as crystalite, imagine Ray's surprise.

The finding of crystalite was highly selective, and contrary to Ed's assertion, chalcedony (agate) was found in quite a few areas of a sample Ed provided me. As I explained, Ed acts as though he were Madame Curie discovering pitchblende, when in fact crystalite is rather common in the area where Ed found it.

>He still hasn't gotten over it. At least he didn't kill himself. I
>understand errors in judgment and was more than willing to
>forgive him, but he never asked for ablutation.

Another fiction of Ed's will-to-believe. I made no error, so where's the beef?! LMAO. The guy is really 'half-cocked'.

>>Frankly, I exposed Ed's
>>B.S. about this many months ago.

>You exposed exactly zero. Your posts on the subject were devoid

>of content or understanding . Exactly what did you expose?

See my earlier posts when you started crowing about cristobalite and my very clear exposure of the facts in yesterday's post.

>>Yet, like an evangelist, he
>>keeps on running off at the mouth about beliefs of having found
>>a UFO crash site, while revealing his petrological and
>>geological ignorance.

>That this point there should be some evidence, a simple
>example of my "petrological and geological ignorance." I have
>ten college units of Geology from UNM. And Ray has
>how many?

LMAO! My friends at USGS are all Ph.Ds. They say you are wrong. Ten units in geology! Fine, but big deal?! I have no college units in it at all, but have had to immerse myself in geology and petrology more deeply than you had to do to get a mere ten units, in order to do my work in paleoichnology and paleontology, and write the scientific papers I have presented., on all of which I have been either the sole author or the principal author. One, in press right now, is in a major international scientific journal and it describes and names a new genus and species of dinosaur track (ichnospecies) which I discovered here in Maryland's Early Cretaceous Potomac Group, Patuxent Formation, Aptian stage. In that paper I even provide dating of the tracks by way of rock and clay pollen-bearing samples I collected and had analyzed at USGS, in the absence of proper isotopes in the local rocks. (No volcanoes were active at the time that Maryland's Early Cretaceous dinosaurs walked the earth leaving their tracks.) Another paper presently in preparation, will describe the new species of dinosaur which I personally found and its geological context -- the world's to-date only HATCHLING nodosaur, already declared diagnostic by 28 professional paleontologists with Ph.Ds who have examined it in-hand.

So, if you want to put me down, you've made a mistake in comparing my geology and petrology background and resources to yours. Oh, and by the way, just telling us you have ten units in geology does not really tell us that you are good at geology, or even what grades you made in those classes. :)

>>If any one of you is still willing to
>>believe Ed's harangue about this, please do a bit of
>>investigation for yourself, concerning the conditions in which
>>cristobalite forms, or else read the following:

>>Determination of the presence of cristobalite in a rock
>>constrains of the temperature range at which that rock
>>crystallized. Cristobalite forms from molten rock at
>>temperatures above approximately 1470 degrees Celsius to the
>>boiling point of silica. Please note that pressure and water
>>content will vary the crystallization range slightly, but the
>>presence of cristobalite is a good indication of the extreme
>>temperature at which a rock crystallized, simply because below
>>1470 degrees Celsius and above 870 degrees Celsius, tridymite (a
>>polymorph of quartz) is stable and will crystallize. Below 870
>>degrees Celsius, beta quartz is stable and it will crystallize.
>>Since a molten rock descends through various temperatures as it
>>cools, all three polymorphs can be present, confusing the issue,

>This information can be found in a simple search. Since I
>mention it all in my report, I think it's a little simple minded
>for Ray to repeat it as though this information is something
>new.

Of course that knowledge is not new. Did I say it was? It has been available for years, well before you nor I got into this discussion.

And, me a little simple-minded? People have called me a lot of things, some good, some bad, in my 66 years, but that's a first! Would you be willing to put your I.Q. on the Stanford-Binet test up against mine. :) Privately, I'll be glad to tell you mine, if you can tell me yours. :) But, there's a lot more to being able to objectively examine things than mere intelligence quotient. A big plus is objectivity, another is the ability to look at the details of things. That requires not only sharp vision but perception reasonably undistorted by belief.

>>...but Ed's samples indicate a rather stable temperature in the
>>1470 degrees Celsius (and up to the boiling point of silica)
>>range, for a period of time far more EXTENDED than would be
>>available in any surface nuclear or thermonuclear blast or,
>>surely, from the crash on any alien vehicle.

>
>How do you know?

I clearly explained how I know. I guess you ignore what you don't want to know.

>That's what I keep insisting. This site is out
>of this world. There's nothing like it anywhere in the world and
>I challenge Ray to find a comparable site or conditions. I'll
>bet him \$1000 that he can't. Put up or shut up.

Most geological sites are unique in their own particular characteristics. Certainly the Early Cretaceous sites I study in Maryland are quite extraordinary. That doesn't mean a UFO crashed there. :) I could show you some fused glass in the streambeds, but it's from early iron smelting up in Muirkirk, Maryland, having washed downstream, and not from a UFO crash or cosmic impact, either.

>>As may be deduced from the above facts, Cristobalite cannot form
>>on the earth's surface, because even if the temperature became
>>high enough, the temperature exposure duration and
>>crystallization period would be far inadequate. Even the heat of
>>a nuclear bomb cannot create cristobalite on the earth's surface
>>for the very same reason. As a geographically appropriate
>>example of that fact, I have several large and small specimens
>>on Trinitite (Trinitite is the New Mexico desert surface fusion
>>product from the earth's first nuclear bomb explosion at Trinity
>>Site in New Mexico on July 16, 1945, and not a great distance
>>from where Ed fantasizes a UFO crashed and formed cristobalite
>>on the surface.), and it is a melt consisting of glasses of
>>varying composition, depending on the mineral(s) in the melt
>>(primarily from quartz). Mostly, it consists of a gray to green
>>glass, and cristobalite is not present and never formed, for the
>>reasons explained above.

>None of the above information is at all relevant to the
>cameraman's crash site. This is a true red herring.

I leave that for the discerning members of this List to decide for themselves. I love your old McCarthy era term, "red herring". :) Your story smells as a long dead one.

>>Cristobalite's wide spread distribution in certain types of
>>volcanic rocks provides an 'abundance rating' of at least
>>'common', and the rock from which the crystalline samples Ed
>>sent to me grow is in fact the volcanic rock rhyolite, the
>>typical rock associated with cristobalite, and some of its
>>fissures contain later-formed agate. The cristobalite and
>>rhyolite from Ed's site is ancient (See below.), and those rocks
>>are well known in that area of New Mexico.

>
>Of course this is all total BS. In fact BS on top of BS. The
>site is exactly the way I described it: 200,000 square yards of
>cristobalite covering sand, gravel, bacterial mats, huge
>boulders and exposed bedrock. And those are the facts.

The truth is, as you have admitted to me, there are broken chunks of rhyolite and cristobalite lying atop the sand, but not thermally fastened upon it. What a self-serving distortion you now add in gilding to your imaginary crash-site lily. What I said is true, and the area I defined is where your site is located. The only B.S. involved is your misinterpretation and exaggeration. After all, you told me the approximate location of your site, and it is right in the midst of the area I described.

>The widespread cristobalite is the proof for an unusual
>occurrence and Ray could see for himself in a few minutes if
>he'd visit the site. He'd see that what I am saying is true and
>that would be the end of the discussion.

Hey, Ed, why don't you just entice the scientific head of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology to go to your site and say that you are right? :) :) :) Word from an authority like that would be one heck of a lot better than yours or mine! :)

>>With help of friends at USGS, the specimens Ed claimed to be
>>effects of a UFO crash have now been determined to have been
>>derived from one of an outcropping cluster of five overlapping
>>ignimbritic calderas pretty well surface-exposed in strongly
>>extended, tilted fault-block hill (as shown in photos Ed sent
>>me)

>Which photos are you talking about. There were no faults in any
>photo I sent you.

There is clear-cut evidence of the EFFECTS OF FAULTING in them.
You, again, show your ignorance of tectonics and geology!

>You're just arguing from authority.

I'd sure as heck argue from knowledgeable authority that from
what you argue, Ed. :)

>Right! The USGS. Are you such a fool? Did they visit the site.

With the samples you provided me, there was no need for them to
do so. They are professional, highly experienced geologists and
petrologists, unlike you or me.

>Did they
>have the sample tested by XRD?

One does not determine age by X-ray diffraction! :)

>You don't have any idea where the
>site is located.

False! You know very well that you told me approximately where
site is located! That is enough to locate it 'splat in the
middle' of the volcanic area where cristobalite is quite
prevalent, as described yesterday, and you know it, so quit
trying to evade the truth.

>How could the USGS make such a determination?

Again, they did not need to go to the site. Petrology and geology at work.

>>and mountain ranges of the central Rio Grande rift southwest
>>of Socorro, New Mexico (the location Ed gives for his fantasized
>>"crash site"). That Socorro-Magdalena caldera cluster is 85
>>kilometers long and 20-25 kilometers wide, paralleling the
>>southeastern boundary of the Colorado Plateau and the WSI-
>>trending San Augustin arm of the rift.

>Is that so?

Count on it. I would not have said it if it were not accurate.

>And you didn't think I knew this?

Again, your fantasy overtakes the rational mind. I said nothing
to the effect that you do not know that, but I thought it would
be nice to have it out-front for all on this list, as evidence
to consider in this discussion.

>>The $40\text{Ar}/39\text{Ar}$ (isotopic) age of sanidines from the rhyolite
>>ignimbrites (from which Ed's crystals grow) varies at around 28
>>million years - quite a bit older than July, 1947, I'd say.
>>Forget the tree-ring dating, Ed! :)

>You're just so funny! Your authorities don't have the
>rightest idea of what they're talking about because they
>haven't visited the site.

But you gave me samples from the _site_, and one can hardly do
isotopic testing on-site, anyhow! :) Isotopic testing yielded
the age I gave (approximately 28 mya), the X-ray diffraction for
which you pleaded could never tell us age.

>>Over 5,000 cubic kilometers of welded ignimbrite and moat-fill
>>lavas erupted in the aforementioned caldera complex. Ed happened
>>upon a nice fault-related outcropping of that mass, and nothing
>>more. That's certainly nothing to get excited about, unless
>>you're letting your imagination run away with you after viewing
>>the "Alien Autopsy" film.

>If you think my imagination has run away with me, take me up on
>my \$1000 bet, or make it \$2000 if you're so sure that I'm wrong.
>That would cover the dendrochronology. I'll send my \$2000 check
>to EBK to hold, if we can come up with the particulars. It's
>certainly better than betting your life.

To bet you on this would be the dishonest act of knowingly robbing you of \$2,000, and I really suspect you cannot easily afford that, Ed, because, as you told us yesterday, you do not have that amount for a tree-ring study. It's ironic that you offer to bet money that you don't have, and in the amount you were soliciting from anyone who might donate it! I'm not a thief or robber. But I appreciate the unintended compliment of your implying that I have enough visual ability to know by just visiting the site that you are right and enough knowledge to settle the matter of a UFO crashing there! <LMAO!> Hey, thanks for the compliment. :) Interesting, after your insinuation that it is I who am geologically ignorant!

>>Ed's claim of finding a 'mercury engine' UFO crash site heated
>>into a coating of cristobalite is not only a fiction of his mind
>>as proved by the facts and dating above, but utterly impossible
>>for the thermal reasons explained.

>Another piece of BS. I theorize that the vehicle's engine
>is rotated heat applied to a mercury core. As the heat rotates in
>one direction, the mercury rotates in the opposite direction
>at a much faster rate and this creates the electromagnetic
>vortex that's responsible for heating the desert sand and
>depositing the cristobalite.

Great science, Ed! :) Where the heck did you get any evidence of a UFO with the 'mercury engine' you describe, from that site, from writings of ancient India perhaps? :)

>When the craft became incapacitated, the sand (silica) was
>sucked into the vortex, heated to 1450 C and then deposited at
>the site when it crashed.

Wow! Did you get that from a crystal ball or from visiting the event in a time machine? Super science, Ed! Keep us the good work. :) I don't have to demonstrate your foolishness and state of delusion. You're doing a good job at that, yourself.

>The material was pure cristobalite,
>not agate or anything else. That's why this site is so unusual.
>There is no other place in the world where a person can find
>tons of pure cristobalite. Remember my XRD trumps any USGS
>theorizing.

The sample is quite a bit of 'things else', aside from the cristobalite, which simply cannot form in the way you allege, as I explained yesterday. Sober up and cease the B.S.. Your XRD proves me right and your interpretation 100% impossible. It is the volcanic product cristobalite, plain and simple, grown atop rhyolite of the same 28 million year age.

>>Ed, it is time you stopped broadcasting your daydreams as
>>scientific fact. And don't expect me to further entertain any
>>more of your fantastic claims and arguments about this and your
>>pseudoscientific declarations. With the good samples you
>>provided me, it was not necessary to waste my time trekking to
>>the site with you and/or your brother to learn of what the
>>samples consisted, but thanks for the invitation.

>I guess you'll send me a copy of this report so I can analyze it
>scientifically and judge for myself their speculations.

After the results were in, and I finally told my USGS friends of your claim, they laughed. Hearing your fantasy about a mercury-powered UFO crash, one of them joked that he had rather get locked into a room with The Mad Hatter (made mad from MERCURY poisoning due to processing rabbit fur with mercury to make felt for hats) then get involved with the likes of your claims. Have you ever feared that you might have a bit of mercury poisoning, messing around where a mercury-powered UFO crash happened? :) Whooooo... I should think you would worry about that, if you really believe what you say.

>>If this was ever a science with you, Ed, it has ceased to be

>>that, and seems to have become a religion. I'm probably foolish
>>to even get involved trying to talk to anyone filled with such
>>zeal as you display concerning this, but since I will be leaving
>>this list in a few days in order to be involved with some other
>>UFOlogical matters, I have taken this opportunity before I leave
>>to at least let receptive list colleagues hear, "...the rest of
>>the story...".

>I can't begin to tell you how insulting your post is.

It is you own claims which, disproved, insult you Ed. My post simply reported the facts.

>And now

>you're going to cut and run like some yellow-belly coward before
>the last and most important skirmish?

Do you really think I would leave the List because of fear of
>you_ in this discussion? LMAO!

Several months ago, I clearly explained to the list that I have other UFO matters that are important, to which I must now attend, and which, once accomplished, will be rewarding to all on this list (even to you, Ed) except to the 'pelicans'. You know quite well that I went through a nearly fatal myocardial infarction in November 2001, so I must now spend what time is left on such matters, and not arguing further with one who deceives himself, but, I should guess, very few others on this list.

>>As to your suggested \$2,000 dating of burned trees at the
>>'site', as you proposed while saying, "The best test would be
>>dendrochronology..." You really are quite funny! Even if it
>>could be shown that the burned trees died in 1947, that would
>>provide no evidence whatsoever that the source of the burn was a
>>crashed UFO. That scheme is about as poorly thought out as the
>>rest of your unfounded, self-serving 'deductions'.

>I thought it was a clever and scientific concept since many
>trees are still alive but badly burned and the PHD
>dendrochronologist I contacted said they could determine the
>exact year of the heat disruption. This report would then be
>added to the other scientific and circumstantial evidence I've
>accumulated.

>>So, forget the tree-ring thing. The only ring that you, Ed,
>>should be concerned with right now is one to constrain your
>>flights of fantasy in this matter.

>It's your religious conviction that the AA is a hoax that clouds
>your thinking and ability to understand that I've found the
>crash site the cameraman described in detail. You must visit
>the site to appreciate what is there. Do we have a bet or not?

That's ridiculous. I would be absolutely delighted if the AA film were genuine. In fact, I confess having watched it with that hope (and, thus, perhaps even with bias) in mind, but I happen to be a very sharp observer (as proven by my dinosaur-age track discoveries in Maryland, before paleontologists, paleoichnologists, or anyone else, for that matter, had any inkling they were here), and what I see in the film suggests to me that it is a fake. Nothing religious about that, it's my personal observation and perception of what I see in the film. Analysis of alleged hard evidence from your alleged crash site is another matter, entirely. On that, I had the basis for a totally objective analysis, and that has been done.

In fact, although I asked for the samples you provided me while suspioning the AA film to be a fake, I happen to believe that at least one (and maybe several) UFOs have crashed somewhere and that the government has had at least one because I have talked to several persons working at a Lockheed plant trying to understand a "UFO control panel" given them for analysis in August, 1958 (NOT 1948), and was even mildly hopeful that you might have found evidence of such a crash site, albeit not the alleged AA crash site. My Lockheed informants had not been privy to the information about where the object from which they had the seeming control panel had crashed. Their job requirements did not necessitate their having that information, hence no need to know. I thought that, well, maybe you had run across the crash site, and, thus my mind was completely open to the idea that you might have found evidence of a crash. So, Ed, trash

your B.S.ing people on this list about my analysis having been biased by a closed mind. That's not only far out in left field, it's just a plain old foul ball (to use baseball terms).

Show this List any bona-fide evidence that you really have the alleged AA UFO crash site and I will be absolutely delighted and admit that my observations of the film were mistaken. But for now, I prefer the result of analysis of the 'evidence' you provided me: natural volcanic material. That is real science, and I prefer it to any tales you've offered us to this point.

I do admire your dogged persistence, Ed, but it is misdirected. If you really believe what you are saying, get the scientific head of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology out there and ask him what you're look at. Then, demonstrate objectivity by accepting his explanation. In fact, take that \$2,000 you said you would bet me and offer to pay that institution's scientific head to accompany you to your 'discovery' site. :) That way, we would at least get to the bottom of this tale of yours.

Ray Stanford

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Two New Eastern North American UFO Maps

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 14:30:59 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 10:45:12 -0400
Subject: Two New Eastern North American UFO Maps

Hello all:

The final pair of new 3-color maps for the USA are the Eastern sector. Again:

Blue dots = Way-back-when thru 1959
Violet dots = 20 years, 1960 - 1979 and
Green dots = 1980 to the present.

This one is the Northeast. It shows Southern Ontario & Quebec much better than previous maps:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/NESTATES.html>

Finally a map of the 'Deep South':

<http://www.larryhatch.net/SESTATES.html>

Nearly all sightings out over the Gulf of Mexico are from the early era (1940s-1950s)

Links on those two pages lead to other mapping work in progress. This new menu of "Regional Maps" shows most of that:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/REGMAPS.html>

Thanks

- Larry

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 16:48:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 10:49:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

One thing I was at odds with during the debate:

Stan stated that "there is overwhelming evidence..."

Seth asked, "What is your BEST evidence..."

Stand said, "Well there's this..."

Seth said, "_That's_ all you've got...?"

Stan said, "Well no, there's lots more..."

Seth said, "But what's your best evidence...?"

And so on.

Not having one huge solid piece of evidence doesn't deny overwhelming evidence.

Many men have been tried and sentenced based on dozens of little pieces of evidence. Having no "smoking gun" does not spell acquittal in every case - nor should it. Reasonable people looking at every available piece of evidence often come to rational conclusions without having one "knockout" piece in the puzzle.

The Hill Star Map was mentioned. Either you think that a woman coming up with a hand-drawn map she says she saw on a space ship which accurately describes an existing star arrangement is amazing evidence of ET life and UFOs, or you think it's an interesting coincidence that this traumatized woman's recollection manifested in scrawling a picture that just happens to resemble a group of stars out of the entire cosmos. By itself, it can be the smoking gun or a coincidence, depending on your 'lens'.

If you dismiss UFO research because there's no "Single piece of evidence which absolutely proves their existence beyond all doubt", then you disqualify yourself from serious debate on the subject. Any judgments you might pass on the subject must be seen through this "lens".

Look at the evidence - as much as you can - before deciding that it is unworthy of attention. As a man of science, and a member of SETI, the eyes should be free of obstructions, shouldn't they?

Hurray for both sides however. They both believe that ET life is probable and worth researching. Their presence in our midst elevates us all.

Kyle

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 21:27:15 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 11:41:43 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Gevaerd

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 16:30:21 +0200
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:16:05 -0300
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:43:20 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>Read again your two first messages, quoting Ubirajara, and you
>>>will see that you depreciated the "Doctor", suggesting that he
>>>is not a reliable witness.

>>>I must say that it came as a shock to me!

>>Really?

>>I read the message twice again just now and didn't find any
>>depreciation to the "Doctor".

>>Please, Gildas, be more specific about where exactly it seems
>>that I depreciated the man.

>A.J.,

>I sensed that in your first two messages, especially the second
>one. Already for the first one, dated July 8, I have a global
>remark to make. You brought the subject of the Doctor's
>testimony, without giving any medical detail. BTW, why do you
>call him the "Doctor" in quotes? To those who don't know the
>story, it may suggest that he is not really a doctor.

Dear Gildas:

Please, bear in mind that the article was written by Ubirajara Rodrigues, who didn't want to it be too big. Ubirajara wrote it on my request for the 100th edition of the magazine, which would celebrate the Varginha Case. So, the article was never intended to be a complete, comprehensive material about the "Doctor" claims.

About the usage of "Doctor" in quotes, it was decided to be like that because the last thing the "Doctor" wanted was to reveal his name and/or more details of its identity. When asked by Ubirajara "how should we refer to you if we write down this story?", he only said "call me 'Doctor'". Besides, using it with quotes is a very normal thing in Portuguese. Does it sound different in English?!

>You chose to allude to a "new detail unknown to researchers till
>that time", but you did not clearly explain what you were
>talking about. I gathered what it was because I know the story
>directly from Dr Leir. After much hesitation and at the end of

>three hours of interview, he revealed that he had an experience
>of telepathic contact which deeply impressed him, with a
>"spiritual" aspect to it. Without giving any details, you
>pointed to the risk of "emotional alterations of a professional
>before the unknown".

Once again, the article was written by someone who has been an acquaintance of the "Doctor" for many years - Ubirajara. It was translated by a professional translator in Brazil, Eduardo Rado, a volunteer at the Brazilian UFO Magazine. It wasn't me who either wrote or translated. It doesn't mean that I don't agree with what was written, as I certainly do.

In fact, a point that Ubirajara wanted to make perfectly clear, in his short report, was that the "Doctor" had a very emotional reaction after what he saw on that night. Ubirajara pointed out to me, several times - and this is very interesting - that the "Doctor" is a down-to-earth kind of person, someone who doesn't believe in anything that is not 100% real.

Ubirajara, and I agree, it is a confirmation that the "Doctor" would never have an emotional reaction if faced with something that wasn't really, really amazing. I believe that adds to the "Doctor"'s credibility, as he is not a gullible or easily influenced person.

>And you wrote this : "it would be absurd to
>take the detail of a supposedly psychic interaction between the
>creature and the doctor as an effective signal of intelligence
>of the being or - even more absurd - that the "Doctor" was in
>contact with something with telepathic or similar powers".

What Ubirajara meant makes perfect sense in Portuguese, and maybe not so when translated into English. What he wanted to make clear was that in the situation the "Doctor" was facing, was absurd to him - according to his standard knowledge of Medicine and his standard set of beliefs - and yet, it was happening.

I agree with you, by re-reading the phrase now, that it would have been better translated to English with the use of different words. Maybe our translator was too literal and didn't do the meaning of the text justice.

>So, Ubirajara and you decided to put in doubt and discard at
>least that part of his testimony, without really explaining it.

Not at all, Gildas. It happened unintentionally, caused by failure in the translation process. Sure, it was because Ubirajara - deeply touched by the "Doctor's" story, and he believed in him so much - that he wrote the short report to let other people know of what he found out.

As an editor, I published the material in the magazine and had it translated into English for the same reason: we - Ubirajara and I - wanted to have the "Doctor's" story disclosed and available to everyone.

Why would we publish it under the title of "New Revelations About The Varginha Case" if we didn't believe that these such revelations would be true? If Ubirajara had the minimum idea that the "Doctor" was lying, he would never take Doc Leir to his office and would never write anything about the whole thing.

>In your second message, answering to Brad Sparks who put in
>doubt the testimony, you called him "this poor man" and
>suggested to put his "new revelations" in the garbage can :

Oh, please, Gildas, read my second poste again. I was being ironic and maybe sarcastic with Brad - in a polite way, since we have exchanged messages for some time and I regard him to be a very serious UFO researcher - when he refused to buy the "Doctor's" story, based on the fact that it was very simple and had too few details. I intended to, with irony, ask Brad if should we just drop the "Doctor's" report in the garbage can and simply discard it because it was too short and too little detail for his (Brad's) standards? I believe I made myself clear about that and the intention behind my writings. Well, maybe I did not...

>"Yes, we cannot pay any attention to this thing and take it

>seriously. We should just drop at once these "new revelations"
>made by that Doctor in the garbage can and forget it at all.

Again, it was written in the same ironic or sarcastic tone to Brad, as someone who confronts the person who doesn't want a single piece of potato if he cannot have the entire soup bowl.

Do you see what I mean, Gildas? For me, it is better to have some info than no info at all. I was kidding with Brad when I wrote that. We have a saying here in Brazil: "If I can't have an entire mulata, I don't want only her kisses". Well, I disagree with whoever created the saying, as I would love to have the mulata's kisses, if I could not have anything else. Or should I just forget the kisses and drop the entire mulata in the garbage can if I cannot have a single kiss?

>"Maybe, indeed, we should just come to this poor man and say at
>once: "I am sorry Doctor, but I will have to dump your info in
>the garbage can, UNLESS you provide an extention to your report
>to the lenght and to the number of details that my American
>colleagues find appropriate".

Again, the intention of my writing was to be sarcastic. I really thought that I had made myself clear and understood. As a matter of fact, I wrote that message in Varginha, while visiting the town and just after I'd discussed Brad's message with Ubirajara. It's also Ubirajara's feeling that it is better to have some pieces of this puzzle than have none. And we agreed with that, because Brad - in his message - implied that just a few pieces were too little to handle and too poor to consider. Understand it now?

>In my opinion, you raise here a condition of credibility which
>practically rules out all testimonies on secret operations, with
>no paper trail, no published record available. We might as well
>forget about researching that sort of stories !

Not at all, Gildas. If it was our intention to rule out such witnesses as the "Doctor", why would we publish the article under the title New Revelations About The Varginha Case? In fact, my dear friend, the intent was exactly the opposite - to take seriously the reports of witnesses who cannot prove materially what they claim.

>Maybe you tried to anticipate certain critics, when his
>testimony will be fully revealed, but my feeling is that, by
>doing so, you are weakening the whole Varginha case. Just look
>at the reactions, here, on UFO UpDates.

Gildas! Me, being critic of the Varginha Case!?

A case that energically I embrace and defend?

How could I possibly weaken the case? I was the person who spoke most about it around the world! I lectured about Varginha in more than 20 countries and presented the info we - the Brazilian researchers - have about it, and compared it with the Roswell case info, in a way to make people see that Varginha is much more well-documented than Roswell. I even have a friend who wouldn't speak to me any more because he is a defender of Roswell and believes it is much more important than Varginha, when I think otherwise.

Gildas, I believe that you really didn't understand the sense and tone of my previous posts.

I do indeed defend the Varginha Case as one of the greatest cases of these Ufological times. Unlike so many tales of UFO crashes all over the world - some more documented than others and some absolute non-sense - Varginha is a milestone in UFO history and is something I will die defending.

All the best...

A. J.

PS.: I miss those long conversations we had in Laughlin and San Marino, with some wine on the side, when we discussed Ufology.

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The Mothman Death List

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 06:41:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 11:44:51 -0400
Subject: The Mothman Death List

For those interested, The Mothman Death List, examining the links between the Mothman sightings, the 2002 Sony/Screen Gems' The Mothman Prophecies motion picture, publications of Mothman books, and strange, sudden deaths, has been published in the September 2004, issue 187, of Fortean Times (pages 44-48).

The five-page spread is attractively designed to resemble a researcher's notebook of comments, photographs, and marginal highlights. Fortean Times did a nice presentation of the material.

See:

http://www.forteantimes.com/mag_info/this_issue.shtml

Take care, and be safe

Loren

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:43:21 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 13:37:11 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Bourdais

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 14:01:09 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>ROFL! Kyle, I say the folks down there come out with a 'Tickle
>>Me Varginha Alien' doll. It'd sell big time.

>What about a "Varginha Play Doctor" doll too? They obviously
>need all the medical expertise they can get.

Brad,

You really made me laugh!

You see, A.J., you shot a bullet in your foot.

Gildas

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'Hoax-Busting' Science Center Expands

From: Steve Wilson Sr. <Ndunlks.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 10:35:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 13:43:18 -0400
Subject: 'Hoax-Busting' Science Center Expands

Source: Center for Inquiry

www.centerforinquiry.net

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AMHERST, N.Y. - Display cases at the Center for Inquiry hold snake oil and other murky cure-alls, fortune-telling tools and a bug-eyed alien in repose. Intriguing mysteries to some, to the center they are something else: byproducts of a public too willing to turn a blind eye to science.

For years the center and its determined hoax-busters have taken on crop circles and ghost sightings - any and all things paranormal.

But equally important as proving what isn't true, chairman Paul Kurtz says, is proving what is. That's why, as the center undertakes a major four-year expansion, there is a special focus on getting the public to get science.

"The United States is the leading scientific and technological power on the planet, with amazing breakthroughs, yet the general public is basically illiterate about science," said Kurtz, 78, founder of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) and the Council for Secular Humanism, both housed at the Center for Inquiry.

The dangers go beyond a tendency to fall for urban legends and Internet chain letters. More serious, Kurtz believes, is a willingness to embrace unproven alternative medical treatments and to reject advances like embryonic stem cell research, opposed by many on religious grounds.

"We're concerned with cultivating an appreciation for the scientific outlook," said Kurtz, professor emeritus of philosophy at the University at Buffalo. "I think the United States may very well fall behind in this kind of scientific race."

Kurtz, his 60 employees and a who's who of fellows that have included Carl Sagan, Betty Friedan and Andrei Sakharov, follow a motto of applying reason and science to all areas of human life.

Nothing is off limits: The center is about to launch the Journal for the Scientific Examination of Religion. More than a dozen other journals and magazines are already being published, with titles like the Skeptical Inquirer, Free Inquiry and The Scientific Review of Alternative Medicine.

Neil Young, 20, was at the center this week, taking a class on the ethics and politics of punishment, forgiveness and reconciliation.

"There's no aspect of life in which critical thinking is not beneficial," said Young, an intern at the Center for Inquiry's Los Angeles location, one of a dozen far-flung branches that also include New York City and Florida, Germany, Mexico, Nepal

and Nigeria.

Does he think the center can succeed with its "Science and the Public" efforts and interpret science for the masses?

"It's a laudable goal," said Young, while acknowledging it may be an uphill battle. "I mean, there are a lot of places where people actually want to teach creationism instead of evolution."

The center hopes to raise \$26 million in the next four years to add on to its suburban Buffalo world headquarters.

Kurtz believes CSICOP's work, begun in 1976, has contributed to a real drop in belief in the paranormal.

South of Buffalo, at the spiritualist community Lily Dale, where resident psychics draw thousands of visitors for readings and advice each year, the center's work is taken in stride.

"We always welcome people to question because by questioning we're able to educate," Lily Dale President Sue Glasier said. "We believe in free will so people come with open minds and they come searching."

For Kurtz, what he calls the "planetary community" offers enough excitement - the exploration of galaxies, medical advances and emerging technologies. No need for science fiction or fantasy here.

"Who needs Harry Potter?" Kurtz laughs. "The world itself is really unbelievably enticing and mysterious and exhilarating when you investigate it."

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 11:08:54 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:08:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Boone

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 16:48:24 -0500
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>One thing I was at odds with during the debate:
>Stan stated that "there is overwhelming evidence..."
>Seth asked, "What is your BEST evidence..."
>Stand said, "Well there's this..."
>Seth said, "_That's_ all you've got...?"
>Stan said, "Well no, there's lots more..."
>Seth said, "But what's your best evidence...?"
>And so on.

>_Not_ having one huge solid piece of evidence doesn't deny
>overwhelming evidence.

>Many men have been tried and sentenced based on dozens of little
>pieces of evidence. Having no "smoking gun" does not spell
>acquittal in every case - nor should it. Reasonable people
>looking at every available piece of evidence often come to
>rational conclusions without having one "knockout" piece in the
>puzzle.

>The Hill Star Map was mentioned. Either you think that a woman
>coming up with a hand-drawn map she says she saw on a space ship
>which accurately describes an existing star arrangement is
>amazing evidence of ET life and UFOs, or you think it's an
>interesting coincidence that this traumatized woman's
>recollection manifested in scrawling a picture that just happens
>to resemble a group of stars out of the entire cosmos. By
>itself, it can be the smoking gun or a coincidence, depending on
>your 'lens'.

>If you dismiss UFO research because there's no "Single piece of
>evidence which absolutely proves their existence beyond all
>doubt", then you disqualify yourself from serious debate on the
>subject. Any judgments you might pass on the subject must be
>seen through this "lens".

>Look at the evidence - as much as you can - before deciding
>that it is unworthy of attention. As a man of science, and a
>member of SETI, the eyes should be free of obstructions,
>shouldn't they?

>Hurray for both sides however. They both believe that ET life is
>probable and worth researching. Their presence in our midst
>elevates us all.

Good points there Kyle.

I too listened to the debate twice. I had thought the debate was to be about SETI's procedures and technologies not whether aliens were visiting Earth.

So when Shostak asked about the evidence it sounded like he was looking for 'proof' not 'evidence'. The best evidence to date are the statistics. The sheer volume of reports that go across the demographics including witnesses. Physical evidence has to have the science of examination and professional interpretation. Phenomena that can be re-examined and duplicated. It boggles the mind, the amount of witness reports of interaction. There's also the voluminous data from official sources worldwide. We're down to that old song "Is you is, or is you ain't my baby? "

The debate went all over the place but it shows how scientists debate. I love this stuff! I've seen scientists of the highest credentials duke it out like in a western bar over the simplest issues. Yet when the dust clears they settle down and the common denominators emerge and then it's off to a snort or two of a fine brandy.

A two hour radio show with call-ins is nowhere near the time needed to address this issue. What was of amazement to me is I learned more about what SETI does and that they're not pigeon holding themselves to one means of detection and communication. I used to joke about radio as a means to see if ET was out there because what if they didn't have ears?

So all in all a good time was had. We got to hear about reference material so we could go to the websites and order the papers written on the subjects at hand. That's what's important. Getting the paperwork from the sources so that we can study from fact.

So to me the best evidence is:

Everybody and their third cousin twice removed is still coming out of the woodwork with 'UFO/Alien' stories and the issue keeps growing.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 11:37:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:11:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Stanford

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <UFOUpdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 08:45:27 -0600
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:24:45 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 16:51:24 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

><snip>

>Ed and Ray,

>OK, Ray, I'm gonna jump in here. I will be visiting the site Ed
>has located sometime in late September. I will be taking
>photographs and obtaining samples myself to be sent to a
>specialist in ground trace material (I'm sure those samples will
>be thoroughly scrutinized). Ed will accompany me to the site,
>but I will take the control samples, including the burned wood.
>When I receive analysis of the control samples I will report the
>findings on the List. At that time I will either advise that
>Ed's site should be ignored or that a team be formed for full
>site work-up.

Hi Wendy,

Please advise us of what particular scientific discipline your
"specialist in ground trace material" belongs, of his or her
professional qualifications, and inform us of whether he or she
is a crop circle 'researcher'.

I hope you can understand my skepticism when any term as
inexplicit as "specialist in ground trace material" is used.

Why don't you just come out and tell us what you mean by that?
I can see why you would use veiled terminology if referring to
a crop circle 'expert'. :)

If you don't get any material you collect to a scientist in a
pertinent area of scientific discipline and with no UFOlogical
or crop circle axe to grind, then you are wasting your time and
risking generating one more unfounded myth.

And, as I advised Ed long ago, any materials should be submitted
to any analyst 'blind', with no discussion of the background Ed
attributes to the materials.

But, good luck, best wishes, and be careful not to get mercury
poisoning. :)

Ray Stanford

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UFO Over Rojas Buenos Aires Province

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 12:58:14 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:15:03 -0400
Subject: UFO Over Rojas Buenos Aires Province

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
July 23, 2004

Source: Semanario Colon Doce
Date: 07.23.04

<http://www.colonbuenosaires.com.ar/semanariocolondoce/cgi-bin/hoy/>

Flying Saucer over the Region

Jorge P=Elez says that in the early hours of last Thursday morning he saw a strange object in the sky, adding that his wife and son were also witnesses.

Rojas resident Jorge P=Elez, who lives in the La Loma district, claims having seen an unidentified flying object (UFO) that was heading east of Rojas "behind some wilderness at the dog race track" parallel to Route 188.

"The time was approximately 6:00 a.m. when I was coming home from work and saw a flying saucer that approached and departed... a light that became increasingly larger before vanishing and appearing again [something it did] for some ten minutes, easily," he indicated.

"I left work and was on my way home, and I looked at as it came up, since I saw it from far away, from behind the trees in the wilderness of the dog race track," he said. "It came up from behind the eucalyptus trees."

"My kid has a spyglass and I was looking [at it] through it. It was as like a red ball that changed colors, becoming white, yellow...that moved in what appeared to be circles. It did that for about ten minutes then vanished," P=Elez said. "I was startled by what they were saying about 25 de Mayo (where a UFO supposedly appeared) and they spoke about the cold, and it was very cold last night. I saw it clearly."

"I'd never seen anything like it before. I woke up my wife and the kid so they'd see it. The kid didn't want to get up at first because he thought it was a lie. I woke him up so that he'd see it, and he also saw it."

"It looked like a light the size of the moon. That's all I saw", he ended by saying.

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Re: Origin Of The Term 'Grays'? - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 18:02:56 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:19:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Origin Of The Term 'Grays'? - Allan

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2004 17:51:59 -0300
>Subject: Re: Origin Of The Term 'Grays'?

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 19 Jul 2004 20:33:18 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Origin Of The Term 'Grays'?

>>>From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 11 Jul 2004 04:13:55 -0700
>>>Subject: Origin Of The Term 'Grays'?

>>But I have heard claims that 'EBE' is actually much more recent,
>>being invented by Paul Bennewitz c.1980. Can anyone shed any
>>light on this? Have any of Bennewitz's writings been found to
>>contain 'EBE'? If so, can we have source and date, please?

>>If and when such evidence is discovered, and it pre-dates
>>December 1984, it will put the final nail in the coffin of the
>>MJ-12 affair (much to Stanton Friedman's dismay) since it will
>>establish, finally, that the Eisenhower paper is a 1980s
>>forgery.

>What peculiar reasoning. One would think that the words
>extraterrestrial and Biological and Entity came from some far
>out unused language!

The words taken individually are not rare or unusual, even for
1947. However, it would be far too much of a coincidence for
someone else to take exactly the same words and combine them
into the same abbreviation (EBE), independently, some 35 years
later.

In view of Dr Bronk's eminence as an aviation physician, I
assume he produced numerous papers. A search of these might (and
it is a very big 'might') turn up the use of 'EBE'. What a
enormous boost to MJ-12's authenticity that would be.

But I won't be holding my breath.

>Let us look at research not proclamations.

Exactly. You may like to try the research I have suggested
above. You can't lose, since if 'EBE' is not discovered it will
prove nothing. Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence,
is it?

Regards,

CDA

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Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 19:16:37 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:23:07 -0400
Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations - Bourdais

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 21:27:15 -0300
>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 16:30:21 +0200
>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:16:05 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:43:20 +0200
>>>>Subject: Re: New Varginha Case Revelations

>>>>Read again your two first messages, quoting Ubirajara, and you
>>>>will see that you depreciated the "Doctor", suggesting that he
>>>>is not a reliable witness.

>>>>I must say that it came as a shock to me!

>>>>Really?

>>>>I read the message twice again just now and didn't find any
>>>>depreciation to the "Doctor".

>>>>Please, Gildas, be more specific about where exactly it seems
>>>>that I depreciated the man.

>>>>I sensed that in your first two messages, especially the second
>>>>one. Already for the first one, dated July 8, I have a global
>>>>remark to make. You brought the subject of the Doctor's
>>>>testimony, without giving any medical detail. BTW, why do you
>>>>call him the "Doctor" in quotes? To those who don't know the
>>>>story, it may suggest that he is not really a doctor.

>>>>Please, bear in mind that the article was written by Ubirajara
>>>>Rodrigues, who didn't want to it be too big. Ubirajara wrote
>>>>it on my request for the 100th edition of the magazine, which
>>>>would celebrate the Varginha Case. So, the article was never
>>>>intended to be a complete, comprehensive material about the
>>>>"Doctor" claims.

<snip>

>>>>In fact, a point that Ubirajara wanted to make perfectly clear,
>>>>in his short report, was that the "Doctor" had a very emotional
>>>>reaction after what he saw on that night. Ubirajara pointed out
>>>>to me, several times - and this is very interesting - that the
>>>>"Doctor" is a down-to-earth kind of person, someone who doesn't
>>>>believe in anything that is not 100% real.

>>>>Ubirajara, and I agree, it is a confirmation that the "Doctor"
>>>>would never have an emotional reaction if faced with something

>that wasn't really, really amazing. I believe that is adds to
>the "Doctor"'s credibility, as he is not a gullible or easily
>influenced person.

A.J. and the List,

Thank you very much for this clarification, which is quite
welcome, at least for me. Let's say that there was a serious
misunderstanding, which we can now put to rest.

As for those who prefer to sneer and laugh, let them do it.

<snip>

>All the best...

>A. J.

>PS.: I miss those long conversationgs we had in Laughlin and San
>Marino, with some wine on the side, when we discussed Ufology.

Yes, we had some good time and good talk together!
Let's not forget that.

Best to you,

Gildas

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Kal Korff MSN Chat Sept '97 On Billy Meier

From: Bill Stockstill <[size14d.nul](mailto:bill@size14d.nul)>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 13:25:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:26:05 -0400
Subject: Kal Korff MSN Chat Sept '97 On Billy Meier

I promised this awhile ago. This is a chat that I did (as TheSaint) with Diana Botsford in 1997 on MSN's now defunct UFO Forum.

Bill Stockstill

Host Diana_UFO says:
Hi Mark! Welcome to the Briefing Room for Project: watchfire and the UFO Forum. Join us on tonight at 6:00pm, PT for a chat with Kal Korff to discuss Billy Meier, hoaxes and the future of Ufology.

Host TheSaint says:
Tonight's guest is Kal Korff, Ufologist and the author of two critically-acclaimed books, "The Roswell UFO Crash: What They Don't Want You to Know" and "Spaceships of the Pleiades: The Billy Meier Story".

Host TheSaint says:
His Spaceships book is the ONLY UFO title ever published that is endorsed by BOTH UFO believers and skeptics. It is also the ONLY UFO book ever endorsed by NASA.

Host TheSaint says:
"think tank" which includes scientists, technicians, philosophers, and Kal K. Korff (San Jose, CA) is President and CEO of Total Research, a historians dedicated to studying humankind's most enduring myster

Host TheSaint says:
ies and phenomena.

Host TheSaint says:
Korff conducted the most thorough examination ever into the case of Billy Meier and all its alleged evidence, revealing how a one-armed, handicapped Swiss farmer hatched and continues to maintain the most elaborate UFO hoax in history.

Host TheSaint says:
Recent critics, however, have claimed that Korff's research and book(s) are filled with inaccuracies and jumps in logic.

Host TheSaint says:
Kal, thank you for joining us tonight.

Host Kalkorff says:
Glad to be here!

Host Kalkorff says:
ga

Host TheSaint says:
There's a ton we could cover here tonight, but I think we need to cut to the chase and ask the

question on alot of people's minds right now when it comes to Kal Korff.

Host TheSaint says:
Kal, are you a debunker?

Host KalKorff says:
No I'm not.

Host KalKorff says:
And those who claim I am are very wrong.

Host KalKorff says:
I've been a UFO researcher for nearly 25 years.

Host KalKorff says:
I believe the subject is worthy of study

Host KalKorff says:
but we have to be careful

Host KalKorff says:
I state in both books that I am not a debunker

Host KalKorff says:
and I've even had a UFO sigthing.

Host KalKorff says:
So those who declare me a debunker are really wrong.

Host KalKorff says:
When I study a case

Host KalKorff says:
I'm after the truth

Host KalKorff says:
and I don't care

Host KalKorff says:
unlike other researchers what the truth turns out to be

Host KalKorff says:
I simply want that truth

Host KalKorff says:
And not all UFO cases turn out to be Alien spacecraft.

Host KalKorff says:
ga

Host TheSaint says:
How do individuals figure out what to believe, what to put aside and what needs further probing in order to get at 'the truth'?

Host KalKorff says:
You need to

Host KalKorff says:
be able to independently verify to a degree

Host KalKorff says:
anyone's claim

Host KalKorff says:
My Meier book is the only one of 15 that has footnotes.

Host KalKorff says:
A fact is a fact and

Host KalKorff says:
anyone should be able to double check it.

Host KalKorff says:
SO the key is to be able to

Host KalKorff says:
challenge anyone's claims

Host KalKorff says:
and make sure the data can be verify

Host KalKorff says:
And then you should have some answers.

Host KalKorff says:
This is probably one of the main problems

Host KalKorff says:
of Ufology that it is practiced by people who are too

Host KalKorff says:
emotional in the issue and not objective

Host KalKorff says:
sometimes planly dishonest.

Host KalKorff says:
ga

Host TheSaint says:
On the Billy Meier story, you were sitting in the
US - Meier was in Switzerland. What motivated
you to put together the expense and go
through the risk of going undercover in the
Semjasse compound
over there to investigate?

Host KalKorff says:
When the book Lightyears came out

Host KalKorff says:
I thought the case might have something to it

Host KalKorff says:
and so many years passed by

Host KalKorff says:
and no one wanted to settle the issue one

Host KalKorff says:
way or another

Host KalKorff says:
so I felt obligated to go over there as I
mentioned in the book

Host KalKorff says:
and see what I could find

Host KalKorff says:
and when I found all the smoking guns
that I could find in the case

Host KalKorff says:
which was more than I expected as a
researcher in my wildest dreams

Host KalKorff says:
I felt morally obligated to write up the data

Host KalKorff says:
If I had found alot less data,

Host KalKorff says:
I probably would not have written the book

Host KalKorff says:
I felt compelled.

Host KalKorff says:
The only reason I went undercover is because
I was concerned
that I would be harmed.

Host KalKorff says:
It was made very clear to them, as I mention
in the book,

Host KalKorff says:
that if I went there as Korff,

Host KalKorff says:
I would have been harmed.

Host KalKorff says:
If the case wasn't so corrupted, with so many
people lied to,

Host KalKorff says:
I wouldn't have been so interested,

Host KalKorff says:
someone had to stand up and call it out - no
matter what the situation was.

Host KalKorff says:
I'm sad that it turned out not to be real,

Host KalKorff says:
but that's Billy Meier's problem and those
who support the cult.

Host KalKorff says:
ga

Host TheSaint says:
Can you into a little detail as to what
exactly was the environment
you went under cover into, what
was going on.

Host KalKorff says:
The Meier people

Host KalKorff says:
were interested first and foremost in money.

Host KalKorff says:
And until I agreed to give them a little over
a thousand american dollars,

Host KalKorff says:
I couldn't get very far.

Host KalKorff says:
They then wanted to recruit me and they
tried to indoctrinate me

Host KalKorff says:
into their religino and that Meier is the
messiah and that he is the
prophet that has been

Host KalKorff says:
chosen by the aliens to lead humanity

Host KalKorff says:
into the next century.

Host KalKorff says:
They were adamant and Meier has stated this

Host KalKorff says:
That everyone who has claimed to be abducted
is a liar

Host KalKorff says:
and that he is the only one.

Host TheSaint says:
Not the impression one got from Lightyears

Host KalKorff says:
It reeked as a cult going in, it seemed like a cult
while I was there

Host KalKorff says:
and it still is a cult.

Host KalKorff says:
And in order to live there you have to

Host KalKorff says:
give 10% of your income, work in the fields

Host KalKorff says:
attend prayers and rituals and

Host KalKorff says:
agree to indoctrinate people

Host KalKorff says:
and they make your name and address or
they'll kick you out

Host KalKorff says:
so they can try and recruit you.

Host KalKorff says:
I was shocked to find

Host KalKorff says:
that thousands of people from all over the
world come to Meier's
place and believe

Host KalKorff says:
this nonsense.

Host KalKorff says:
They've made a ton of money.

Host KalKorff says:
I was shocked to find that this Meier cult leader

Host KalKorff says:
was not a poor uneducated Swiss Farmer.
clancy has joined the conversation.

Host KalKorff says:
We've been led to believe this by people like
Gary Kinder who
wrote Lightyears and Meier's supporters.

Host KalKorff says:
ga

Host TheSaint says:
OK, well lets look at his claims. Meier's
claims include the fact that t
he Pleiadians ahve left behind physical e
vidence to prove their existence
in the form of landing tracks and mineral samples.

Host KalKorff says:
I cross examined all of the physical e
vidence in the case.

Host KalKorff says:
I present in the book

Host KalKorff says:
all the analysis that have been done

Host KalKorff says:
and for the first time ever

Host KalKorff says:
in the book, Marcel Vogle is proven to be
a fraud

Host KalKorff says:
He wasn't even a doctor.

Host KalKorff says:
His field of expertise was not in metallugry.

Host KalKorff says:
And the sample he claims could not be made on
earth conveinetly disappeard.

Host Kalkorff says:

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here are numerous examples of him lying and cheating.

Jenny_UFO says:

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Host Kalkorff says:

I don't like to speak this way about people,
but Vogel was a fraud in relation to
his work on the Meier case.

Host Kalkorff says:

I don't know about his otehr work but he was a brilliant
matierals scientist for
IBM but he was not a metallurgist.

Host Kalkorff says:

The burden of proof

Host Kalkorff says:

regarding the Meier evidence rest on the
shoulders of
Meier's promoters who
claim the

Host Kalkorff says:

evidence is provable.

Host Kalkorff says:

And the fact is that nothing has been proven accuarte

Host Kalkorff says:

And I'm the only person, for reasons that Meier's
promoters have not explained, that got

Host Kalkorff says:

the soil samples to see if there was really anything
excoitc about them
and the truth is that nothing was.

Host Kalkorff says:

I snuck on Meier's property at night to get those
samples.

Host Kalkorff says:

No one is allowed to get to those landing sites.

Host Kalkorff says:

I believe as I show in the book,

Host Kalkorff says:

that Meier used round pieces of pressed board

Host Kalkorff says:

to fake the landing tracks

Host Kalkorff says:

and I show in the book

Host Kalkorff says:

how one can make identical tracks with press
board.

Host Kalkorff says:

And ironically

Host Kalkorff says:

in the hill right above his house

Host Kalkorff says:

are huge pieces of press board

Host Kalkorff says:

because there is a missile silo above his house.

Host Kalkorff says:

It doesn't prove that that's where he got it

Host Kalkorff says:

but when I found out he grows his own trees, it
made me

realize that that's why the trees disappear in his

Host Kalkorff says:
photos all the time. What a coincidence.

Host Kalkorff says:
ga

Michael says:
Kal - What's your opinion on Randy Winters and his
views?

Host TheSaint says:
Most of the pro-Meier books contain a great
quantity of photographs of
saucers and the like. Col. Wendelle Stevens in
particular - known for his
large collection of UFO photographs - seems to
really believe that these
are genuine photos of the genuine article.

Host TheSaint says:
Your book, on the other hand, shows us blow
ups of some of these photos
with a clear indication of wires, double exposures
and other simple FX tricks
that were utilized to create his photos.

Host TheSaint says:
But he still has a large following. What's your opinion
of why?

Host Kalkorff says:
I don't get into motivation because I can't
scientifically document it

Host Kalkorff says:
I can speculate and I want to address that
this is just speculateion

Host Kalkorff says:
We are at a cross roads in our species today.

Host Kalkorff says:
We have Milennial madness going on

Host Kalkorff says:
which has happened before.

Host Kalkorff says:
Depending who you ask,

Host Kalkorff says:
we're either going to die in a nuclear holocaust,

Host Kalkorff says:
or Jesus is going to come and save us,

Host Kalkorff says:
or the aliens are going to save us

Host Kalkorff says:
or we're going to enter the age of Acquairus and
brotherly bliss.

Host Kalkorff says:
These cult leaders exploit the vulnerabilities of
people

Host Kalkorff says:
they try to dictate their lives,

Host Kalkorff says:
as does Dilettsso and Stevens,

Host Kalkorff says:
use the Meier photos

Host Kalkorff says:
because they are pretty

Host KalKorff says:
although it's pretty hard to take a ugly
picture in Switzerzland.

Host KalKorff says:
They use those photos to suck you in

Host KalKorff says:
to take your money

Host KalKorff says:
to take their twisted philosophies and suck you.

Host KalKorff says:
The Meier case presents hundreds of movies, photos,
witnesses,
landing tracks, dogfights with aircraft,

Host KalKorff says:
about the only thing it doesn't deliver is a crashed
saucer like Roswell.

Host KalKorff says:
The list I just gave you is why it was accepted.

Host KalKorff says:
And to be honest,

Host KalKorff says:
the promoters of this scam

Host KalKorff says:
from Meier to Stevens have

Host KalKorff says:
done a good job of marketing it

Host KalKorff says:

But if the UFO field were more grounded in
critical thinking,

Host KalKorff says:
the case would have gotten no where.

Host KalKorff says:
And we need critical thinking now more than
ever as we are trying

Host KalKorff says:
to redefine who we are as a species and where we're
going in the next
century.

Host KalKorff says:
The Cold War is mostly behind us and the whole
planet is drifting as to
where are we going

Host KalKorff says:
what are we doing

Host KalKorff says:
and some introspective issues that face and affect us
all need to be
consdiered.

Host KalKorff says:
And if we are not careful with all the issues that
confront that are
independent of the UFO issue

Host KalKorff says:
there is ample evidence that if we don't change the
way we do business as a species

Host KalKorff says:
then the next century coming up could be our last.

Host KalKorff says:
I'm not preaching gloom and doom.

Host KalKorff says:
I'm just pointing out that with everything happening including the rise in cults, suicides, overpopulation,

Host KalKorff says:
cutting down the rainforests,

Host KalKorff says:
we're in trouble if we don't change.

Host KalKorff says:
And during these vulnerable moments when we can least afford to make mistakes,

Host KalKorff says:
these cult exploiters take advantage of us during these times.

Host KalKorff says:
And cults tend to flourish around the end and beginning of centuries.

Host KalKorff says:
ga

Host TheSaint says:
His wife, Kalliope Meier, has now left him. I understand she recently testified about the Meier cult. What can you tell us about her testimony.

Host KalKorff says:
She testified under oath, in the divorce,

Host KalKorff says:
that she helped fake some of the evidence

Host KalKorff says:
including helping him build UFO models.

Host KalKorff says:
The Meier cult has denounced her as a evil vicious woman.

Host KalKorff says:
Someone who has no intelligence.

Host KalKorff says:
Yet when she was still married, she was trolled out as one of the witnesses

Host KalKorff says:
which don't exist really.

Host KalKorff says:
They are all current or former members of the cult.

Host KalKorff says:
They harass her.

Host KalKorff says:
They intimidate her,

Host KalKorff says:
now she's starting her life over.

Host KalKorff says:
Hopefully they'll quit attacking her - I don't envy her position.

Host KalKorff says:
What she has said confirms what is in the book and what

Host KalKorff says:
anybody who looks at this case critically

Host KalKorff says:
has also discovered.

Host Kalkorff says:
ga

Host TheSaint says:
I'd like to ask one question and then
open up the floor...what is the
timeline on all this? (when did he start
with the UFO pictures and t
hen go on to the cult)

Host Kalkorff says:
He started his first UFO pictures when
he was in India as a con
artist in the 60's early 70's.

Host Kalkorff says:
It was only after he returned to
Switzerland to serve his time
after deserting the French Foreign Legion
and

Host Kalkorff says:
after losing his left arm in an accident

Host Kalkorff says:
and unable to provide for himself and his family

Host Kalkorff says:
that he placed an ad in a magazine

Host Kalkorff says:
to start a metaphysical study group

Host Kalkorff says:
he was looking for people who were interested
in New Age issues.

Host Kalkorff says:
Got a group together

Host Kalkorff says:
Many of which run his cult today still - this is 75

Host Kalkorff says:
1975

Host Kalkorff says:
One day tells the group

Host Kalkorff says:
that he's in contact with aliens.

Host Kalkorff says:
He then starts producing pictures to

Host Kalkorff says:
show the group.
Host Kalkorff says:
And those that didn't believe him left.

Host Kalkorff says:
And those that stayed behind - many of
them runs his business and cult today.

Host Kalkorff says:
Meier takes no more pictures.

Host Kalkorff says:
He now channels the information.

Host Kalkorff says:
I asked them why and they said a 1000
pictures is enough - how many
do you need?

Host Kalkorff says:
need?

Host Kalkorff says:
He stopped taking pictures in the 80's.

Host KalKorff says:
As the book concludes, the very first
photos he took, which Meier
cult people will say are real,

Host KalKorff says:
proves that they are all hoaxes, as are
the last pictures and all the others.

Host KalKorff says:
All the photos promoted by the promoters
are the cream of the crop.

Host KalKorff says:
They don't publish the ones wher eyou can see the
strings.

Host KalKorff says:
They don't publish the Venus pictures, that all
show to be hoaxes.

Host KalKorff says:
And the copies of the photos that Meier's promoters
have are not as good as the one's I got.

Host KalKorff says:
That does explain some of the promoters failures

Host KalKorff says:
but

Host KalKorff says:
that only excuses a couple of percentage points.

Host KalKorff says:
For all practical purposes, they are guilty and they
know it of actively
promoting a fraud for the'

Host KalKorff says:
purposes, in part, of monetary gain.

Host KalKorff says:
If you ask Meier, for what it's worth,

Host KalKorff says:
that he never got a lot of the money that was
promised to him by the
promoters.

Host KalKorff says:
I do not know whether it's true or not and
somebody got the money
and it's been a lie over the years.

Host KalKorff says:
ga
Host TheSaint says:
there outta be a law, ok Jenny's got a question
then we'll go to Michael

Jenny_UFO says:
You say this cult is still in existence. Is it in Switzerland,
worldwide, or where?

curly says:
?

Host KalKorff says:
The headquarters is in Switzerland

Host KalKorff says:
about

Host KalKorff says:
a little over a hour drive from Zurich in the mountains.

Host KalKorff says:
There are other branches in other parts of the world.
oscar says:

?

Host KalKorff says:
Couple are in California, Russia,
Host KalKorff says:
because like all cults they exploit social unrest so
Russia is a target.

Host KalKorff says:
I got a letter from one of the guys who ran it in Japan.

Host KalKorff says:
Who translated Meier's writing to Japanese.
Host KalKorff says:
Because of the revelations in my book, he
quit the cult as have several others.

Host KalKorff says:
They didn't like me before but after the book
came out, they like me even less.

Host KalKorff says:
If I'm wrong,

Host KalKorff says:
and they're telling the truth,

Host KalKorff says:
they should be able to disprove my work and
shouldn't be so upset.

Host KalKorff says:
ga

Host TheSaint says:
Michael go for it

Michael says:
I'll go next...

Mark says:
?

Host TheSaint says:
Curly, be nice :-)) and ask your question

curly says:
Mr Korff-Do you see a "heavens gate" type of future in
store for the cult and its members?

Host KalKorff says:
Excellent question.

Host KalKorff says:
Yes,

Host KalKorff says:
and I hope to god I'm wrong.

Host KalKorff says:
If Meier doesn't start producing miracles or
provide some truth that he is

Host KalKorff says:
the Messiah as he claims

Jenny_UFO says:
?

Host KalKorff says:
then I'm afraid that he is going to take his core
followers down with him.
curly says:
thanks mr korff

Host KalKorff says:
My fear is based on the fact that in
Switzerland there have been
several cults in the past two years

Host KalKorff says:

that have gone up literally in flames.

Host KalKorff says:
Some of those people

Host KalKorff says:
have connections to the Meier cult

Host KalKorff says:
and going back

Host KalKorff says:
to 1977

Host KalKorff says:
Meier and another self proclaimed
messiah have been jockeying
for power in the Zurich region where they both live.

Host KalKorff says:
When cult leaders which are usually out there anyway
- that is not grounded in relativity

Host KalKorff says:
start to loose their illusions they tend to take
everyone with them

Host KalKorff says:
What makes the Meier case a cult and not a simple
UFO contact case

Host KalKorff says:
is that they try to dictate to you how to live your life

Host KalKorff says:
what to believe in

Host KalKorff says:
what to eat

Host KalKorff says:
how much money you should spend

Host KalKorff says:
and they even try to regulate how many
kids you can have.

Host KalKorff says:
And this is stuff that the Meier promoters don't
tell you

Host KalKorff says:
and the only way you learn this is to go over
there - which most won't
- or if you

Host KalKorff says:
take up their wish to learn german and read their
literature.

Host KalKorff says:
The case borne no resemblance to what I
believed was the truth.

Host KalKorff says:
This is why again, why I felt morally obligated to
investigate the case.

Host KalKorff says:
I try to take you there and see what I saw from
both in the US and
while I was there undercover for safety and security
and integrity
of the investigation reasons.

Host KalKorff says:
ga

Host TheSaint says:
Michael are you ready or are we going to Oscar?

curly says:
thank you

Michael says:
Randy Winters did go over there and has bought into this hook line and sinker...what is your opinion on Randy's position? As far as the pictures go, if one has been shown to be a fake, I have to discount all of them. Keep in mind though that discrediting campaigns by debuckers do occur... His greatest strike against him is probably his ex-wives testimony.

Host KalKorff says:
Yes and no/.

Host KalKorff says:
He's ex wife's testimony is not science.

Host KalKorff says:
I guarantee you that the photos in my book and how they are analyzed is science

Host KalKorff says:
Randy Winters has not bought the case - hook line and sinker.

Host KalKorff says:
I debated Winters a couple of months ago and he admitted

Host KalKorff says:
a couple of months ago that the case is a cult and that was the main reason he left the group.

Host KalKorff says:
He also acknowledges that several of the photos are fakes

Host KalKorff says:
and this debate is a matter of public record.

Host KalKorff says:
I was presently surprised that Winters finally coped to the truth to some degree on the Meier case.

Host KalKorff says:
Years ago, Randy wouldn't confess to any of this

Host KalKorff says:
so much to his credit he is coming clean.

Host KalKorff says:
I hope I can debate him in the future

Host KalKorff says:
because unless someone asks the right questions

Host KalKorff says:
Winters and promoters will duck and dodge the truth.

Host KalKorff says:
Winters has never met a UFO photo he didn't like.

Host KalKorff says:
Only when I showed him the Venus photos that were really from NASA even he had a problem with them.

Host KalKorff says:
But Wendelle Stevens likes to pretend and he won't show you any obvious fakes.

Host KalKorff says:
I got a copy of Steven's original photo book that contains the dinosaur and venus photos.

Host KalKorff says:
Wendelle knew this was a hoax but still published this stuff.

Host KalKorff says:
You see in my book these pictures - including the pages
from Wendelles' original manuscript

Host KalKorff says:
It proves that they have massaged the data, manipulated
the data to hid the truth.

Host KalKorff says:
You don't make a lot of money

Host KalKorff says:
writing books that expose cases as hoaxes.

Host KalKorff says:
You do make lots of money with coverups, prettty pictures,
sightings.

Host KalKorff says:
The public is more interested in what looks good
versus what is good.

Host KalKorff says:
A good example is wathcing TV all night.

Host KalKorff says:
Channel surf.

Host KalKorff says:
We must have hundreds of pyschics running around.

Host KalKorff says:
Do we honestly believe we have that many?

Host KalKorff says:
The fine print states for entertainment purposes only.

Host KalKorff says:
That's to protect themselves from lawyers.

Host KalKorff says:
They're in for the money and as long as you pay
they'll talk to you.

Host KalKorff says:
It's getting to the point where even channels like
Discovery and other prestigious channels are pushing

Host KalKorff says:
pyschic commericals.

Host KalKorff says:
Sorry for the tangent. ga

Host KalKorff says:
ga

Michael says:
I've met with Randy on two seperate occasions.
At the time he was pushing his books, which made
me question his perspective. I'm glad to hear that
Randy is open to new facts and opinions. I appreciate
your input and the work you've done here.

Host TheSaint says:
oscar it's your turn then we'll go to Mark

oscar says:
What would be the perfect photo of a UFO? I mean
the actual true photo of a UFO. And if it was true
what would you do with it?

Host KalKorff says:
Michael - thank you.

Host KalKorff says:
The ideal UFO photo

Host KalKorff says:
is either a single image taken undre scientific controlled
conditions

Host Kalkorff says:
with many cameras or lab conditions, lens and film used
of various

Host Kalkorff says:
types.

Host Kalkorff says:
And hopefully it's more than one picture.

Host Kalkorff says:
Keep in mind that photography has a limitation.

Host Kalkorff says:
Let's say that you analyze a UFO photo and you don't
find any sign of hoax.

Host Kalkorff says:
It's still not a sure bet unless it's taken under scientific
conditions.

Host Kalkorff says:
It could be a model dropped out a plane.

Host Kalkorff says:
Or it could be as the government now claims that

Host Kalkorff says:
we previously though might be aliens

Host Kalkorff says:
could be from planes - test jets

Host Kalkorff says:
models dropped out a plan,

Host Kalkorff says:
secret govt planes.

Host Kalkorff says:
That's why in order to eliminate the unknown factor
these images have to be

Host Kalkorff says:
captured in scientific conditions or in an
environment where it can
only be the only answer.

Host Kalkorff says:
For instance.,
Host Kalkorff says:
a spy satellite capturing a photo of a UFO
around the moon,

Host Kalkorff says:
might be the real thing.

Host Kalkorff says:
I use to work on the Star Wars project

Host Kalkorff says:
the government is making and experimenting with
saucer shape crafts.

Host Kalkorff says:
It's an interesting pattern that has emerged.

Jenny_UFO says:
Where these people in any way involved with the s
uicides in Switzerland a couple of years ago?

Host Kalkorff says:
Last year in Australia in the day time for the first time ever the
dominate shape

Host Kalkorff says:
of UFOs reported was black triangles

Host Kalkorff says:

not saucers.

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ost KalKorff says:

I would submit to you that these are likely government operations.

Host KalKorff says:

The govt has admitted that for decades that they have used the cover of UFOS so they can carry out there missions.

Host KalKorff says:

That is why we must cross examine govenrment's role

Jenny_UFO says:

Sorry hit the enter

Host KalKorff says:

in what they have reported.

Host KalKorff says:

Because I can not cross examine aliens but I can cross examine the governmetn

Host KalKorff says:

That is why I am working with the major media and a select few Ufologists for the govt to come clean about what they know.

Host KalKorff says:

I'm not out to danger national securirty.

Host KalKorff says:

But there is a way that they can tell us that it was one of ours so we can clear the air.

Host KalKorff says:

Otherwise the govt becomes it's own worse enemy.

Host KalKorff says:

It's a visious cycle it needs to end.

Host KalKorff says:

On Nov 2, on the Discovery channel airing two documentaries on Area 51 and the pheonix lights that were a combination of military flares, black trinagles out of Nevada curly has joined the conversation.

Host KalKorff says:

Tehre's no one explanation of what happend in Pheonx - it's a hodgepodge.

Host KalKorff says:

I'm in the those documentaries in order to put pressure on the govt to come clean on the role in misleading the people in what was then but not now valid security messages.

Host KalKorff says:

ga

Host TheSaint says:

go ahead Mark then Jen (uh hum)

Mark says:

Is Meier really as illiterate as some of his followers claim? Hard to believe in a country like Switzerland.

oscar says:

I'm glad we got people like you on our side. thanks

Host KalKorff says:

Thanks Oscar.

Host KalKorff says:

I apprecaite it very much.

Host KalKorff says:

No - he's not illeterate.

Host KalKorff says:

I show a interview in the book with people in a bookstore where Meier has an account.

Host KalKorff says:

They told me that he reads everything.

MerryOtter says:

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Host KalKorff says:

He's a bookworm - even buys books on trick photography.

Host KalKorff says:

He has a formal 6th grade education but has more than made up for it while he was dropping in and out of jail.

Host KalKorff says:

The claim that he's a poor farmer.

Host KalKorff says:

He is not illiterate but the promoters push this because it sounds better if the witness is dumb fat and happy and couldn't pull off a hoax with just one arm.

Host KalKorff says:

ga

Host TheSaint says:

go now Jen

Jenny_UFO says:

Are this cult anything to do with the recent suicides in Switzerland/france?

Host KalKorff says:

Yes there are some connections

Host KalKorff says:

If you read earlier in the log, we've gone over that.

Host KalKorff says:

ga

Host TheSaint says:

Your turn MerryOtter and I think this will wrap it up.

MerryOtter says:

Kal, what do you think the government could say/do/disclose that would convince the majority of Roswell believers that there was nothing going on?

MerryOtter says:

(i know some people will never be convinced)

Host KalKorff says:

The govt needs to confront the Roswell issue straight up and

Host KalKorff says:

call a spade a spade per se

MerryOtter's profile: Another buttermilk drinker from Seattle.

Host KalKorff says:

the govt could use some lessons - especially the air force - in public

Host KalKorff says:

relations 101

Host KalKorff says:

Look at the Crash Test Dummies report.

MerryOtter says:

didn't they try that already? (as best the government can?)

Host KalKorff says:

It doesn't say it was all due to taht.

Host KalKorff says:

When the press conference was held, that's why they said in 30 sec sound bytes.

Host KalKorff says:

And that's what the media reported without thinking critically.

Host KalKorff says:
The officer, who gave the briefing, didn't even read the report.

Host KalKorff says:
The govt needs to start taking the american's concerne seriously.
Otherwise they are not worthy of the office that they hold.

Host KalKorff says:
That's why I'm leading the path to get this changed.

Host KalKorff says:
I guarantee you that when the govt starts getting calls from tehse
reporters, they can' avoide them

Host KalKorff says:
That's when it will get very interseting.

MerryOtter says:
do you think the government has any artifacts? real ones? maybe
not from
roswell, but from something else?

Host KalKorff says:
That's when it will get very interesting.

Host KalKorff says:
The govt admits that it still has UFO data that stays classified and

Host KalKorff says:
we need to know why that's thec ase and we need to get them
to work within the consititution and what makes this country great.

Nancy_UFO says:
?

Host TheSaint says:
Kal, could you go over a little more of what you were doing with
"Star Wars" so we get a better handle on your area of expertise.

Host TheSaint says:
and then we'll go to nancy

Host KalKorff says:
As I mention in both my books, I've done everything

Host KalKorff says:
from help design large computer networks and infrastructures for
war scenarios

Host KalKorff says:
to weapons design

Host KalKorff says:
when I was 14

Host KalKorff says:
I designed as a science project

Host KalKorff says:
as nuclear weopon design

Host KalKorff says:
entered it in a science fair and won 1st and 3rd place.

Host TheSaint says:
education?

Host KalKorff says:
And because Lawrence Livermore Lab was nearby

Host KalKorff says:
and my best friend - he's dad worked there - I got in trouble

Host KalKorff says:
bec caue my design had an uncanny resemblance to a device later
known as the neutron bomb.

Host KalKorff says:
So I have done work for my country when asked.

Host KalKorff says:

I have helped the govt find terrorist groups assests to help design some weopons myself.

mib says:
UFO isn't that Ultra high Fregency Observation satellites

Host Kalkorff says:
Becuase I don't know what I can't do - that's why I have been all over the map.

Host Kalkorff says:
I've done alot of different things but I've always been obsseed with knowlege espicialy what I don't know - which is alot.

mib says:
isn't that why a lot of documents are blacked out

Host TheSaint says:
very interesting....also MIB has pointed out a reason why perhaps docs are blacked out

Host Kalkorff says:
That's why I do all these different things.

Host Kalkorff says:
390 kisi;jdf;oijkdsd kwihi I

Host TheSaint says:
huh?

Host Kalkorff says:
The press has covered it since I was in high school.

mib says:
ok

oscar says:
?

Host Kalkorff says:
I made th efirst page of the Mercury news when I was hired at the lab to work at STAR WARS

MerryOtter says:
i think the government scrambled on of your transmissions, kal :)
H

ost Kalkorff says:
and I was told and warned to stop being in the media.

Host TheSaint says:
:-)

MerryOtter says:
(one of mine, too)

Nancy_UFO says:
Because there has been constant accusations of govt coverup in the past and now, do you have any idea why the establishment media does not go after this like they have with other govt coverups?

Host Kalkorff says:
Ok - this is the last question.

Host TheSaint says:
I'd like to address the UFO acronym also before we quit

Host Kalkorff says:
I don't know why the media has become so brain dead.

Host Kalkorff says:
That is why I'm working with a select group of reporters that are from the old school.

Host Kalkorff says:
I'm hoping that I can take advantage of the dumbing down of the media once these movers and shakers get things going - the entertainment media will get interested.

Host Kalkorff says:

We saw this happend with pheonix in june and july

Host Kalkorff says:
never mind that the sightings happend earlier.

Host Kalkorff says:
Everyone jumped on the band wagon.

Host Kalkorff says:
I hope to duplicate that formulae.

Host Kalkorff says:
If the govt blows off my reporters - it will be headlines -
if they reveal it will be headlines.

Host Kalkorff says:
That is why I'm optimistic in getting new data.
wtj has joined the conversation.

Host Kalkorff says:
I'm looking forward to it no matter what happens.

MerryOtter says:
aren't aliens more interesting than military flares, though?

Host Kalkorff says:
If anyone would like to contact me, my email address is
Host Kalkorff says:
totlresrch.nul

Host Kalkorff says:
Mib can you repeat your question and than I need to go
- sorry.

mib says:
The UFO acronym

Host Kalkorff says:
Yes?

Host TheSaint says:
UFO = Ultra high Frequency Satelllite Platform

mib says:
isn't it Ultra high Fregency Observation satellite

Host TheSaint says:
and that is a reason so many "UFO" docs are classified

Host Kalkorff says:
Those initials don't match UFO.

Host Kalkorff says:
There's no one explanation to explain the phenomena.

Host Kalkorff says:
We have to take each case on it's individual merits.

Host Kalkorff says:
This seems to be lost on many researchers and certainly a
majority of the authors.

Host Kalkorff says:
They try to make it black and white and the truth is that
most of the world is some shade of grey.

Host TheSaint says:
thanks so much for being here tonite, Kal
T

Host Kalkorff says:
It was good to be here!

Host Kalkorff says:
Thanks very much.

Host Kalkorff says:
I have really appreciated this!

mib says:
Thank you Kal

curly says:
thanks for speaking with us mr korff

oscar says:
thanks!!!!

Host TheSaint says:
you must come back some time and get us up-to-date

Mark says:
Thank you sir.

MerryOtter says:
what's your book title again, mr. korff?
Host Diana_UFO says:
You can read more about Kal's book at
<http://forums.msn.com/UFO>

Good bye and much thanks!

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Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer

From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 13:28:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:27:49 -0400
Subject: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer

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Re: 'Hoax-Busting' Science Center Expands - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 12:18:22 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:31:37 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Hoax-Busting' Science Center Expands - Myers

>From: Steve Wilson Sr. <Ndunlks.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 10:35:07 EDT
>Subject: 'Hoax-Busting' Science Center Expands

>Source: Center for Inquiry

>www.centerforinquiry.net

>07-23-04

>AMHERST, N.Y. - Display cases at the Center for Inquiry hold
>snake oil and other murky cure-alls, fortune-telling tools and a
>bug-eyed alien in repose. Intriguing mysteries to some, to the
>center they are something else: byproducts of a public too
>willing to turn a blind eye to science.

>For years the center and its determined hoax-busters have taken
>on crop circles and ghost sightings - any and all things
>paranormal.

>But equally important as proving what isn't true, chairman Paul
>Kurtz says, is proving what is. That's why, as the center
>undertakes a major four-year expansion, there is a special focus
>on getting the public to get science.

<snip>

>For Kurtz, what he calls the "planetary community" offers enough
>excitement - the exploration of galaxies, medical advances and
>emerging technologies. No need for science fiction or fantasy
>here.

>"Who needs Harry Potter?" Kurtz laughs. "The world itself is
>really unbelievably enticing and mysterious and exhilarating
>when you investigate it."

Yeah, when you actually do investigate it. Hey, how about
using part of that \$24 million to send someone out in the field
to do an investigation.....

I think the debate with Friedman and Shostak shows just exactly
how much investigation these 'skeptics' are really doing.
Friedman brought up some analysis on soil from a trace case and
Shostak, without even having examined the case, wrote it off as
someone possibly pouring water concentrated with salt in a
perfect circle. Hey! Now that's science! Please...

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
UFOWATCHDOG.COM

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Re: Filer's 'Research Institute'? - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 15:40:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:33:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's 'Research Institute'? - Stanford

>From: Chris Pittman <Soccorro64.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 14:55:58 EDT
>Subject: Filer's 'Research Institute'?

>My curiosity is piqued by the frequent mentions in Filer's Files
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>"Filer's Research Institute." Is this an actual organization,
>with an office, board of directors, etc.? Is it a non-profit or
>for-profit institute? Are there any paid officials of the
>Institute? In what endeavors does the Institute participate? I
>am wondering if anyone has ever applied for a grant from this
>organization.

Hi Chris,

Thanks, for pointing a finger of suspicion at where it belongs.
I think you will find that the "Filer Research Institute" is
just as imaginary as all the ancient carvings and letters of a
terrestrial alphabet that Filer perceives in almost every Mars
photo that comes along. I notice that Filer announced his
'Institute' at the time he released to the media his alleged
evidence of ancient, intelligent life in JPL's Mars images. :)
Maybe he felt the media would swallow his claims more easily if
he appeared to be with a research organization, albeit one with
his own name.

Oh, by the way, Socorro is misspelled as "Soccorro" in your
email address, unless there's someone else using it that way
with the correct spelling and you had to default with a
misspelling. I'm, of course, presuming your use of it refers to
the Socorro in New Mexico because of the use of 64, the year of
the famous landing there.

Anyhow, I think you're onto something that should be pointed
out, with your posting.

Ray Stanford

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Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:15:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:36:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - White

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 19:49:57 EDT
>Subject: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

>Are You Nuts? The US Govt. Wants To Know...By Force

<snip>

>I'm really worried that abductees will soon be the focus of a
>witch hunt and forced to take dope to cope.

>Greg

We "mind control", electronic harassment and gang stalking
targets have been through just this situation for years.

Basically, I advise newly aware colleagues to avoid discussing
any of their anomalous experiences if they find themselves
face to face with the thought police. I don't see how an
abductee can be forced to talk about their abduction
experiences.

The one stumbling block is the MMPI (Minnesota Multiphasic
Personality Inventory) or similar "there-is-no-wrong-answer"
questionnaire. These are multiple choice tests and will not
force an abductee to discuss their abduction experiences.

Abductees facing a mandatory MMPI, which is impossible to defeat
since there is no way to tell which is the "right" answer, might
want to have a private psyCHologist give one to them first, to
find out if there are any "land mines" in it.

One small clue is, and this is a question on the MMPI, "strange
smells" is one you don't want to admit to. That one seems to
attract negative vibes from the Great Ones who know all about
the human mind.

Beyond that, I would advise really worried abductees to look up
and pay a retainer to a mental health defence lawyer. I did
this, and she found me a local psychiatrist who, very
untypically, was entirely honest. She gave me a clean bill of
mental health before I began to picket about the covert
electronic and conventional stalking attacks. That would be
very handy to have already done when forced testing comes to
your neighbourhood.

I could never have located that honest psychiatrist on my own.

Since most lawyers allow a 30 minute free interview, one can
"window shop". It's not that hard, by a bit of asking around,
helped by the local law society, to locate those lawyers who
have mental health as a sub-specialty.

Just some words of advice from some folks who have "been there".

Eleanor White

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - White

From: eleanor.nul
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:27:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:37:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - White

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:24:45 -0700
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

<snip>

>So he thinks the whole AA investigation is a huge waste of time,
>and that all those who take the time to try to figure it out are
>prone to "fantasy" and "self-deceiving".

One thing that came to mind, when I read how impossible it was
for sufficient time and temperature to appear above ground to
form cristobalite, was that crop glyphs are said to have
scientifically verified transition states in the stalks which
are supposed to be impossible within present state of science.
I'm not sure, but that may also be true of the minerals just
below the stalks inside the glyphs.

Eleanor White

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UFO Believer To Visit Library

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 17:12:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 17:12:43 -0400
Subject: UFO Believer To Visit Library

Source: The Sentinel - Brunswick New Jersey

http://ebs.gmnews.com/news/2004/0722/Front_Page/047.html

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UFO Believer To Visit Library

OLD BRIDGE =97 Skeptical? Scared? Just plain curious?

However you feel about flying saucers, stop by the Old Bridge Public Library on July 28 at 7 p.m. and you=92ll hear a detailed account from a true believer.

George Filer, a retired U.S. Air Force major, said that he encountered his first unidentified flying object while piloting an air tanker over England in 1962. Today, he is the East Coast director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the nation=92s largest UFO-related organization.

In his lecture, which is geared toward adults, Filer will cover such topics as whether there is life on Mars and whether UFOs are truly real. The presentation will run for about 90 minutes, with a chance for questions at the end.

Filer=92s lecture is part of a series of events at Old Bridge Library this summer under the theme "Discovering New Trails."

The presentation is open to the public, and, thanks to the Friends of the Old Bridge Public Library, is free of charge.

The library is located at the corner of Route 516 and Cottrell Road. For more information, call (732) 721-5600 or check the library=92s Web site at www.lmxac.org/obpl.

=97 Jacquelyn Lane

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Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <denzlerb.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:31:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 17:50:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - Denzler

>From: Bill Stockstill <size14d.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 13:11:54 -0400
>Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 19:49:57 EDT
>>Subject: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

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>>Abductees, watch your tales - no misspelling there.

><snip>

>I work in an ER and we almost always have at least 1 patient on
>hold to transfer to a psych hospital. The private hospitals make
>us jump through hoops before they accept them. Are they
>medically cleared? Is their blood alcohol below a certain level?
>What insurance do they have? Blah blah blah. If no one will take
>them, the state is the last resort... if they have a bed.
>Sometimes I go off shift and come back 16 hours later and a
>patient is still there, locked in a room.

>I can't recall anyone being involuntarily sent to an institution
>for claiming to be an abductee. Being the Antichrist, yes.
>Hearing voices telling them to kill, yes. Seeing things that
>aren't there, yes. Cutting themselves, yes. Being abducted by
>aliens, no.

>To be held involuntarily you have to pose a threat to yourself
>or others through actions or verbalization. Living in an
>imaginary world means you can't take care of yourself so its a
>reason.You can also be committed involuntarily for substance
>abuse. And ANYONE (in Georgia) can file a form saying that a
>person meets criteria to be involuntarily sent to a mental
>institution. The local community health center then does a
>preliminary investigation and if the persons needs to
>involuntarily committed, they can get a court order. Many times
>family members bring in people to the ER for help, thinking they
>will be referred to an outpatient program, but the MD deems them
>a threat and they go involuntary to an inpatient facility.

>But a major problem is there are no beds. The Feds can spend the
>next 20 years housing and treating the mentally ill homeless
>alone. They could spend billions just on them. And they want to
>screen everyone? LOL!!! They should start with the authors of
>this bill.

Bill, they don't want to hospitalize us. They want to
medicate us. No doubt the pharmaceutical companies were strong
supporters of this effort.

And maybe, as an added benefit above and beyond the increased
revenues for the drug companies, they can also manage to find
and "medicate" anyone who, for instance, might dissent from the
policies and practices of whoever is in office.

Stranger things have happened.

Brenda Denzler

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Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 14:44:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 17:53:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer - Shell

>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 13:28:42 -0400
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Hey, maybe they're true!

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Yeah, the MMPI has quite a few of those land mines in it, hidden
under a pile of boring questions. I sometimes wonder if the test
isn't boring to purposely make you let your guard down and start
answering questions without thinking about them too much.

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Re: Filer's 'Research Institute'? - Filer

From: **George A. Filer** <Majorstar.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:58:26 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 17:58:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Filer's 'Research Institute'? - Filer

>From: Chris Pittman <Soccorro64.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 14:55:58 EDT
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>Institute? In what endeavors does the Institute participate? I
>am wondering if anyone has ever applied for a grant from this
>organization.

Hi Chris,

No one is paid, and the organization is anyone who provides
information that prefers to remain anonymous. Some even claim to
be Winners of the Nobel prize.

On the Internet it is difficult to trace people and their claims.

It is not a non-profit organization, although it has never made
a profit. We have asked for grants but never recieved one. Do
you have any ideas?

Regards,

George filer

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Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 21:15:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 18:00:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer - Hall

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Dante,

I hesitate to speculate on why peoples' minds are so often
clouded with cobwebs. What I will say is that I have copies that
I will gladly sell for 1/4, 1/5, or 1/6 of those asinine
prices.

- Dick

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Rosati

From: **Dante Rosati** <dante.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 17:29:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 18:02:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Rosati

I felt that there was a failure to distinguish between two different questions/issues:

One is "are there unidentified objects flying around in the earth's skies?" This should be uncontroversial, based on 50 years of reports, radar evidence, etc.

The other question "are these alien craft?", is a completely different question, and here the evidence is not necessarily so conclusive.

It wasn't clear if Shostak would agree to the simple reality of the first question, since it seemed like the unstated assumption was always "if there are unidentified objects flying around, then they must be alien craft," which is not at all necessarily the case.

Dante

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Alien Behavior In St. Stephen Hayfields

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 06:30:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 06:30:57 -0400
Subject: Alien Behavior In St. Stephen Hayfields

Source: CBC New Brunswick

http://nb.cbc.ca/regional/servlet/View?filename=3Dnb_cropcircles20040723

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Alien Behavior In St. Stephen Hayfields

St. Stephen =97 The St. Stephen border crossing has seen its share of illegal aliens over the years, but a rash of crop circle sightings in a Charlotte County hayfield this week is raising questions about a different kind of alien.

On first inspection the hayfield looks like any other, undisturbed and ready for cutting, but then there are signs something's happened here.

In places the hay appears to have been pushed down, even formed into designs and patterns. There's no earthly explanation of what might have done it, unless you count the person walking around in snowshoes, or maybe a little girl stepping on a big board to squash down the tall grass.

There's actually no mystery at all. Several groups from southeastern New Brunswick are trying their hand at making crop circles this week, part of a fundraiser for the Ganong Nature Park.

One design is a giant spider, and it's proving to be a lot more work for Art Mackay than whatever hocus pocus aliens might use.

"Let's just say my hips will not be working as well tomorrow morning as they were this morning," MacKay says.

The crop circles here are fakes to be sure, but organizers say they were inspired by a real crop circle that appeared in the same field two years ago.

Tina Spires was on the ground for the discovery of the original circles, a picture of them is still on display at the website for the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network.

<http://www.cccrn.ca/>

"It was right about here stretching about 50 metres," Spires says. "It was three circles each growing two metres in diameter and there were lines connecting them. It was about two years ago in August."

It's not clear who, or what, was responsible for creating the circles, but most people concede they were likely fakes, created by park staff on a lark.

Fakes they might have been, but that hasn't dampened anyone's enthusiasm for flattening some more hay in tribute.

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Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 06:41:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 06:41:26 -0400
Subject: Accused Shooter Saw UFO

Source: The Journal Register - Philadelphia

http://www.dailylocal.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=12463912&BRD=1671&PAG=461&dept_id=17782&rfi=6

07-24-04

Accused Shooter Saw UFOs

West Chester -- The attorney representing the man accused of shooting two sheriff's deputies began to lay the groundwork for an insanity defense for his client.

Walter J. Rosengarth, 64, allegedly wounded the officers who had arrived at his home on the 400 block of Pierre Drive in East Marlborough on July 24, 2003, to serve him with an eviction notice. After the shooting, Rosengarth barricaded himself into his residence during a three-and-a-half-hour standoff with state police.

On Friday, his attorney, Christian J. Hoey, filed a motion at the Chester County Courthouse to determine Rosengarth's criminal responsibility.

Next, Common Pleas Court Judge Howard F. Riley Jr. will decide whether the defendant will get a hearing to determine if he was criminally insane at the time of the shooting.

If he is found to be insane, Rosengarth will be acquitted of criminal responsibility. He would be committed to a mental hospital and the case would not go to trial.

If Riley denies the hearing request or the hearing takes place and determines the defendant was criminally liable, the case will go to trial. Rosengarth could still enter an insanity plea at that time.

Hoey's motion included three written evaluations supporting his claim that Rosengarth was insane at the time of the shooting -- two from psychologist Gerald Cooke and two from psychiatrist Dr. Robert L. Sadoff.

Cooke described Rosengarth as experiencing "paranoid schizophrenic psychotic delusions" during the incident.

"He did not appear to be hallucinating," Cooke wrote in a letter to Hoey on Jan. 12, "but was acting under the belief that he was the victim of a conspiracy ..(I)t is my opinion that because of his paranoid delusion, he did not know what he was doing was wrong."

Sadoff reached a similar conclusion.

"Although he appears to be competent to proceed (to trial) in that he does know the nature and consequences of his legal situation and can work with counsel in preparing his defense," Sadoff wrote in a Feb. 9 letter, "it is my opinion that he would be in a stronger position had he the benefit of treatment and

improvement in his psychotic condition."

Rosengarth told both analysts stories about being poisoned by a neighbor, suffering from cancer though he never had been diagnosed and seeing a UFO hovering near Kennett Square.

"He looked up, saw the UFO and said a prayer that the UFO would reverse itself and come back and, sure enough, it did," Sadoff wrote. "He said when it did, he froze and stopped. But then, he said he saw a message in the sky and he heard God talking to him ..the message in the sky was written in large capital letters, 'Satan is real.'"

Hoey also filed a second motion on Friday to suppress videotaped statements Rosengarth made to police after his arrest. During the questioning, the defendant admitted to shooting at state police officers.

"And when you shot those guns, did you shoot at police or sheriffs?" interrogators asked.

"At them, no ..No, it wasn't directly at them ..It was ... to get them the hell out of here," Rosengarth replied, according to a transcript of the interrogation. "I asked them to leave several times."

"But you realized that where you were firing, there were officers nearby?" police asked.

"Yes," Rosengarth replied.

The defendant also told police he would have shot officers had they attempted to enter his home with their guns drawn.

Riley has placed a gag order on the case, preventing Hoey and Chief Deputy District Attorney Robert L. Miller from discussing it with the media.

The standoff at Rosengarth's home began around 11:30 a.m. when four sheriff's deputies arrived to serve the man with an eviction order. The bank had foreclosed on the property for nonpayment of real estate taxes and had sold it at a sheriff's sale for \$96,000 in December 2001, according to court records.

A judge ordered Rosengarth evicted from the home in June 2003.

At first, Rosengarth refused to open the front door for the deputies. Rosengarth then allegedly opened fire on the officers from inside of the residence, first hitting Deputy Joseph Smida in the face. Deputy James Boyd drew his department-issued Glock .40-caliber handgun to return fire and was shot in the hand.

Smida had to be airlifted to Temple University Hospital and Boyd was taken by ambulance to Jennersville Regional Hospital.

Shortly after 3 p.m. the defendant ended the standoff by waving a white flag and walking peacefully from his home.

Police recovered a cache of weapons from Rosengarth's home, including an M-1 rifle, a .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol and an AR-15 semi-automatic assault rifle.

Rosengarth has been charged with multiple counts of attempted homicide, aggravated assault and related offenses.

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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 06:45:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 17:29:00 -0400
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>I felt that there was a failure to distinguish between two
>different questions/issues:

>One is "are there unidentified objects flying around in the
>earth's skies?" This should be uncontroversial, based on 50
>years of reports, radar evidence, etc.

>The other question "are these alien craft?", is a completely
>different question, and here the evidence is not necessarily so
>conclusive.

>It wasn't clear if Shostak would agree to the simple reality of
>the first question, since it seemed like the unstated assumption
>was always "if there are unidentified objects flying around,
>then they must be alien craft," which is not at all necessarily
>the case.

Very true, Dante,

Once again we see one of the difficulties in discussing the UFO
enigma. We can hardly decide what the answers are when we're
still trying to define the questions.

I look at it this way, though...

If Stan were to stumble over a witness or document which was
totally unassailable, and which the "right people" decided to
embrace, and thus began the disclosure, we would rightly credit
Stan for ushering in a new age.

If Seth, or SETI in general, were to stumble upon a signal
which was unassailable, and the "right people" embraced it, and
thus proving that we are not alone, we would likewise credit
Seth.

The only people who would be surprised by either scenario are
those who refused to believe.

I'd certainly be happy with either scenario.

The big difference is that the former would require our history
books to be rewritten, and the latter would simply begin a new
chapter.

One question irks me though.....

If Stan is right, the aliens could well be hampering both sides,
working to prevent disclosure, and jamming or inserting
obscuring noise into SETI's signals intentionally. If so, what
hope do we have against such advanced tech - on either front?

That one grates my synapses.....

Kyle

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>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 14:44:41 -0500
>Subject: Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer

>>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 13:28:42 -0400
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>>Anyone hazard a guess as to why this particular contactee book
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>Hey, maybe they're true!

Not a beggar's chance of it being true. Details in something I
will post shortly.

Ray Stanford

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From: Bill Stockstill <size14d.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 18:39:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 06:55:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - Stockstill

>From: Brenda Denzler <denzlerb.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:31:13 -0400
>Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

>>From: Bill Stockstill <size14d.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 13:11:54 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

<snip>

>Bill, they don't want to hospitalize us. They want to
>medicate us. No doubt the pharmaceutical companies were strong
>supporters of this effort.

>And maybe, as an added benefit above and beyond the increased
>revenues for the drug companies, they can also manage to find
>and "medicate" anyone who, for instance, might dissent from the
>policies and practices of whoever is in office.

>Stranger things have happened.

So you think if you tell a psychiatrist that you are abducted in
the middle of the night and aliens do experiments on you and
you show them scars to prove it he will give you a pill and send
you on your way? It doesn't work that way. Medication might be
part of it, but if you say certain words you are heading to a
facility, involuntarily.

Much of what happens depends on the Mental Health Worker that
assesses you and what they report to the MD who ultimately
decides your fate.

BTW, only a licensed MD can make the diagnosis of mental
illness.

The MHW use a lot of reading between the line and gut feeling.
They, of course, have to do that considering who they work with.
But once you get into a psych exam and they think you have a
problem the least you can count on is outpatient therapy, with
or without medication. That is no matter what the drug companies
want because they aren't the physician who is making the call
and can get sued for malpractice or lose their license.

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 21:15:07 +0000
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>clouded with cobwebs. What I will say is that I have copies that
>I will gladly sell for 1/4, 1/5, or 1/6 of those asinine
>prices.

Dante,

As for the ebay-offered copy, I think it's status as a rare
first edition lends more to its value than its content.

And Dick, if yours are first editions, you got a deal. :)

Kyle

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Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 19:43:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 07:03:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer - Stanford

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>is considered so valuable by some?

Hello Dante,

Yikes! I've got a small fortune around this house somewhere,
unless I long ago threw it into the garbage where it belongs.

People pay that for it because they have an addiction to
foolishness, and there is a Van Tassel cult since his death that
has created an even deeper pile of B.S. than that channeled by
their idol. I knew Van Tassel personally, and two friends and I
had a really incredible daylight UFO encounter about a half mile
from 'Van's' place at Giant Rock, but the UFO we saw and filmed
(and which two delta-wing interceptors chased away) didn't look
a thing like the 'Adamski Scout Craft' in which type vehicle Van
claimed he had ridden. We used to go out there from where I was
living in the summer of 1956 in Los Angeles, mainly because his
high-desert retreat was a nice, isolated place to watch for UFOs
and Van didn't mind, being about as friendly a guy as you could
want to meet.

That said, Van Tassel's channeled messages were so bad that even
in my most wide-eyed days as a believer in Adamski at age 15
through 19, I found it to be utterly ridiculous. If I recall
correctly, his primary contact was alleged to be a Venusian he
called "Solganda" - which even then I referred to as "Solely a
gander", translating "only a male goose", :), meaning that I
felt Van was 'goosing' people. I recall that some of his
"messages" were said to be from the "Ashtar Command", whatever
the heck that was supposed to be. Well, whatever it was said to
be, within a couple of years, everybody and their dogs were
channeling messages from it.

Heck, one night out on the high desert near Van's place, I came
around a desert hillock and upon some young people in a car. I
was a little concerned that I might have disturbed the young
occupants love making.

As it turned out, a young girl was channeling, but she wasn't
channeling one of the guys! No, she was channeling The Ashtar
Command (What else?! It was California!), and the two guys were
eating it 'with a spoon', or else pretended to be.

Those were the days, my friend... :) Unfortunately, Dante, from

what you report, they still are! :(

Van patterned his UFO contact hoax around George Adamski's edge-dented porcelain lamp shade (modified with a bottom and three halves of ping-pong balls with the glue clearly showing on the edge of one of them) that I suspect his mother brought with them when they came over from Poland, or he might have gotten even more followers. (No, Adamski's fake UFO wasn't a chicken brooder, as Hynek claimed, and it was not a vacuum cleaner lid, as Frank Edwards claimed.)

Van took in a lot of money from several old folks, with which to build the "Integatron" housed in a gigantic, domed, all-wooden (no metal) building that still stands. It was promised that the Integatron would restore youth to the elderly. Funny (or sad) thing, though, every time Van said the thing was about ready to put into operation rejuvenating the elderly, his Venusian friend Solganda would 'come through' and tell them it still needed further work in order to get the frequency just right! Well, Van's hopeful supporters died off, then he died.

I'd better sign off this ancient history and go look for that long forgotten 'treasure' to throw it in the trash before it multiplies :), rather than propagate such B.S. With someone paying \$496 for that bit of crap at auction, and Ed Gehrman seemingly believing volcanic rock to be evidence of a UFO crash, I sometimes wonder what this word is turning into.

Ray Stanford

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 18:52:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 08:53:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Fleming

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 16:48:24 -0500
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

>One thing I was at odds with during the debate:
>Stan stated that "there is overwhelming evidence..."
>Seth asked, "What is your BEST evidence..."
>Stand said, "Well there's this..."
>Seth said, "_That's_ all you've got...?"
>Stan said, "Well no, there's lots more..."
>Seth said, "But what's your best evidence...?"

We know what evidence Shostak finds badly wanting: all of it.

If someone were to bring up any evidence he hasn't heard about before, I'm sure he'd be able to think up a glib explanation on the fly as to why it is not compelling.

What we do not know is what he would consider compelling evidence or even interesting evidence for the possible ET origin of UFOs.

I didn't hear the debate, but I doubt he said anything about what would pass his admirably stringent standards of evidence. I suspect that he wants the sort of evidence that I think of as "no-brainer" proof, such as the proverbial Landing On the White House Lawn.

The problem with blatantly obvious manifestations like that is nobody would need a scientist like Seth to tell them that there might be ETs about. Even the talking heads on cable news would be bright enough to figure that out all by themselves.

The orthodox scientific view Shostak promotes is essentially that the question of whether any UFOs are extraterrestrial cannot be worth the valuable time of any serious scientist to investigate until there is proof that UFOs are extraterrestrial.

Kind of a Catch-22 situation.

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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 08:59:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate [was:

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 12:18:22 -0700
>Subject: Friedman/Shostak Debate [was: 'Hoax-Busting'...]

>>From: Steve Wilson Sr. <Ndunlks.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 10:35:07 EDT
>>Subject: 'Hoax-Busting' Science Center Expands

>>Source: Center for Inquiry

>>www.centerforinquiry.net

>>07-23-04

>>AMHERST, N.Y. - Display cases at the Center for Inquiry hold
>>snake oil and other murky cure-alls, fortune-telling tools and a
>>bug-eyed alien in repose. Intriguing mysteries to some, to the
>>center they are something else: byproducts of a public too
>>willing to turn a blind eye to science.

>>For years the center and its determined hoax-busters have taken
>>on crop circles and ghost sightings - any and all things
>>paranormal.

>>But equally important as proving what isn't true, chairman Paul
>>Kurtz says, is proving what is. That's why, as the center
>>undertakes a major four-year expansion, there is a special focus
>>on getting the public to get science.

>><snip>

>>For Kurtz, what he calls the "planetary community" offers enough
>>excitement - the exploration of galaxies, medical advances and
>>emerging technologies. No need for science fiction or fantasy
>>here.

>>"Who needs Harry Potter?" Kurtz laughs. "The world itself is
>>really unbelievably enticing and mysterious and exhilarating
>>when you investigate it."

>>Yeah, when you actually do investigate it. Hey, how about
>>using part of that \$24 million to send someone out in the field
>>to do an investigation.....

>>I think the debate with Friedman and Shostak shows just exactly
>>how much investigation these 'skeptics' are really doing.
>>Friedman brought up some analysis on soil from a trace case and
>>Shostak, without even having examined the case, wrote it off as
>>someone possibly pouring water concentrated with salt in a
>>perfect circle. Hey! Now that's science! Please...

Royce,

Seth was given evidence outside his field. He didn't "write it
off", he simply responded - not with breathless acquiescence,
but with a logical alternative explanation. Not only is this

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exactly what "science" is, it is also what is known as "debate".

You use "skeptic" as a pejorative term, when in this case it is actually a good synonym for "scientist".

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 19:09:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 09:01:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Connors

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 11:37:18 -0400
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<snip>

Hi Ray,

No problem. I will inform the List of who, what, when, where, how and why if and when I have something to report. No putting the cart before the horse will come from me.

You know my method... document, document, document and then let the Pelicanists get all whipped into a frenzy. <G>

BTW, I haven't received donations for the audio history preservation project from you and you're missing some great audio history. <VBG>

Best Always,

Wendy
www.fadeddiscs.com

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From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
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>And Dick, if yours are first editions, you got a deal. :)

Kyle,

I don't know much about book collecting value when the First Edition was the only edition, but in this case I suspect the First Edition could easily have been the only one. Whether that would effect its collector status, pro or con, I do not know. But, really, I suspect what actually effected the auction price was the small total publication number and the size of the George Van Tassel cult, today.

Ray Stanford

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>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 13:11:54 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

><snip>

>>Bill, they don't want to hospitalize us. They want to
>>medicate us. No doubt the pharmaceutical companies were strong
>>supporters of this effort.

>>And maybe, as an added benefit above and beyond the increased
>>revenues for the drug companies, they can also manage to find
>>and "medicate" anyone who, for instance, might dissent from the
>>policies and practices of whoever is in office.

>>Stranger things have happened.

>So you think if you tell a psychiatrist that you are abducted in
>the middle of the night and aliens do experiments on you and
>you show them scars to prove it he will give you a pill and send
>you on your way? It doesn't work that way. Medication might be
>part of it, but if you say certain words you are heading to a
>facility, involuntarily.

I'm saying that the intent of the new effort to do mental health
screening on all Americans may be surveillance and medication
for any perceived "aberrations" in the peoples' thought
processes, but due to the difficulty of hospitalizing everyone
who might be so diagnosed, mass hospitalization is not as likely
an outcome as attempts at massive medication.

In individual cases, yes. I can see where mentioning an alien
abduction might be dangerous to one's continued freedom to move
about. But in all honesty, if you're going to show a mental
health worker a scar as "proof", maybe you don't need medication
or hospitalization, but you do need a course in logic. A scar
would only be proof that something happened to the skin at that
site. It would not be proof that aliens were involved in making
that "something" happen.

Brenda Denzler

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High-Altitude Light Show In Focus

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 10:24:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 10:24:54 -0400
Subject: High-Altitude Light Show In Focus

Source: BBC News - UK

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/3917137.stm>

07-24-04

High-Altitude Light Show In Focus
By Dr David Whitehouse
BBC News Online science editor

Fresh data on sprites, jets and elves - strange flashes of coloured light in the Earth's upper atmosphere - is being returned to Earth by a new satellite.

<picture>

The Taiwanese Rocsat-2 spacecraft has been in orbit for two months and is studying the high-altitude phenomena.

They are believed to be discharges of electricity from above thunderstorms, part of a global electrical circuit.

Rocsat-2's first goal is to make a map of the distribution of the flashes and how often they occur, say scientists.

Polar orbit

For years, reports of red streamers, blue jets and strange diffuse glows seen in the upper reaches of the atmosphere were not taken seriously.

But in the past decade videos taken from high-altitude aircraft and the space shuttle have convinced scientists that they are real.

The phenomena are difficult to study as they occur between 50 and 100km (30-60 miles) above the Earth's surface, too high for most aircraft and too low for satellites.

To study them, the Taiwanese government built the Republic of China Satellite 2 (Rocsat -2), which includes a sensor built by the University of California at Berkeley, US, to gather information about the lights.

The instrument contributed by the Americans is called Isual - the Imager of Sprites and Upper Atmospheric Lightning.

"With Isual, we are trying to figure out the properties of the global electrical circuit, how the lower and upper atmosphere are coupled electrically," says Stephen Mende, from UC-Berkeley's Space Sciences Laboratory.

Molecular mash

The first Isual image was returned on 4 July. It showed red sprites - short fluorescent "tubes" glowing like neon lights -

reaching to the ionosphere.

Another image showed a brilliant lightning flash with a trio of red sprites above it and a sprite halo encircling it.

Researchers believe that the lights occur after a lightning strike which electrically "grounds" the top of the storm clouds, creating a voltage difference between the cloud and the upper atmosphere.

In the thin air at this altitude, the strong electrical fields break down the air molecules.

The red sprites are formed in the regions of molecular disintegration. The blue jets, however, seem to come from the top of thunderclouds.

Elves are rapid bursts of light due to electromagnetic pulses from lightning jolts.

Isual is expected to operate for five years from its polar orbit more than 890km (550 miles) above the Earth's surface.

[UFO UpDates thanks 'Norm' for the lead and wrote:

"Perhaps this natural phenomeon would explain some of the 'UFOs' that have been sighted by astronauts."]

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 11:30:36 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 10:57:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 17:29:00 -0400
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>I felt that there was a failure to distinguish between two
>different questions/issues:

>One is "are there unidentified objects flying around in the
>earth's skies?" This should be uncontroversial, based on 50
>years of reports, radar evidence, etc.

>The other question "are these alien craft?", is a completely
>different question, and here the evidence is not necessarily so
>conclusive.

>It wasn't clear if Shostak would agree to the simple reality of
>the first question, since it seemed like the unstated assumption
>was always "if there are unidentified objects flying around,
>then they must be alien craft," which is not at all necessarily
>the case.

Usually in a debate there is a question before the house, but
there wasn't one the other night. I think the question should
not be, are there UFOs flying around our skies? I would accept
"Are any UFOs intelligently controlled ET spacecraft?".

I would say "definitely yes", even though I would agree that most
sightings of UFOs are of Identifiable Flying Objects.

This is how we deal with our normal lives.

Yes, most people are not 7' tall, and most people do not
have AIDS, most isotopes are not fissionable, and yes, Seth,
most stars are not Black Holes.

So what?

Some people are 7' tall, some stars are black holes even if I
haven't been provided with a piece of one, some do have AIDS,
and some few isotopes are fissionable. And the best
explanation for some reports of clearly manufactured objects
flying in our skies for the past 57 years, behaving in ways
which we Earthlings cannot duplicate with our aircraft, is that
they are ET Spacecraft. Especially since thousands have landed
and produced physical changes - 16% of those cases involve
reports of beings associated with the craft that are seen.

There are multiple witness radar visual sightings by competent
observers, investigated by competent investigators, for which
the simplest (Occam's Razor anyone?) explanation is ET
Spacecraft.

Seth noted that radar can be mistaken, which of course the
professionals are well aware of. Sort of like saying Barry Bonds
strikes out... which has nothing to do with the home runs he has
hit according to eyewitness testimony. Seth wants "The Best
Evidence" as though prosecutors in murder cases should be forced

to present the Best evidence in a 5 minute sound bite.

Strange thing here is that I gave Seth Dr. Jim McDonald's 71 page congressional testimony with 41 fine cases. He heard my "Flying Saucers ARE Real" lecture on the Queen Elizabeth 2 which showed slides of data from Blue Book Special Report 14 and other major sources and of the Delphos, Kansas, soil samples. He prattled on about a farmer dumping salt water or the soil being clay! Talk about research by proclamation!

I will have more to say, but must admit I admire his Chutzpah... going on a 3 hour talk show with me, without doing any homework at all, despite the extra month available.

I am sorry I restrained myself and didn't point out that SETI really stands for Silly Effort To Investigate or that SETI has all the trappings of a cult... charismatic leadership, strong dogma, strong resistance to outside ideas and a very large and unjustified view of its own importance.

I am sure the cultists will find an explanation for my being chosen winner by 57% of the voters, Seth by 33% and 10% saying it was a draw.

Stan Friedman

My paper, UFOs: Challenge To SETI Specialists, has been on my website for a long time.

<http://www.stanfriedman.com>

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Faded Discs Audio Project

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 09:07:50 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 13:04:20 -0400
Subject: Faded Discs Audio Project

Greetings to the Listarians,

EBK was kind enough to include a PayPal button on my website. Hopefully, this will help researchers world-wide order the audio history discs without having to deal with currency exchange. A big thank you, Errol!

Many Thanks also to all the wonderful researchers who are enjoying the audio compilations. The newest - Volume 5 - will be out in late August. Titled "ETH: Dr. James E. McDonald - An Audio Retrospective", it will contain many rare recordings from such people as Robert Coe Gardner, Dr. Ley and Dr. Sanderson's "Biological Theory of UFOs," etc. Many surprises will be on this disc along with the Dr. McDonald recordings.

Early this fall will be Volume 6 in the series. Tentively titled, "Flying Saucers and Three Men Named George", it will be a large compilation of recordings of George Adamski, George Van Tassel and George Hunt Williamson... many never known, until now, to exist.

Best Always,

Wendy Connors
www.fadeddiscs.com

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Unsubscribe

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 19:58:37 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 13:42:02 -0400
Subject: Unsubscribe

Hello, all.

With deep regret and no time to explain, I un-subscribe from UFO UpDates.

I respect and will miss you all, but, I am too busy with my personal life to even attempt commenting.

Good Hunting!

GT McCoy

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Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 11:15:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 13:48:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer - Clark

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 19:43:39 -0400
>Subject: Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer

>>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 13:28:42 -0400
>>Subject: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer

<snip>

>That said, Van Tassel's channeled messages were so bad that even
>in my most wide-eyed days as a believer in Adamski at age 15
>through 19, I found it to be utterly ridiculous. If I recall
>correctly, his primary contact was alleged to be a Venusian he
>called "Solganda" - which even then I referred to as "Solely a
>gander", translating "only a male goose", :), meaning that I
>felt Van was 'goosing' people. I recall that some of his
>"messages" were said to be from the "Ashtar Command", whatever
>the heck that was supposed to be. Well, whatever it was said to
>be, within a couple of years, everybody and their dogs were
>channeling messages from it.

<snip>

Hi, Ray,

Thanks for a most entertaining posting. I have a fascination -
some would say a soft spot in the head - for the 1950s
contactees, who were indeed a charming and colorful assortment
of rogues.

Unlike some who would follow in later decades, these guys were
basically harmless, though one can understand why the more sober
ufologists of the period did not appreciate them. Still, a
mystical religious response to the UFO phenomenon was
inevitable, and these guys picked up on themes from 19th-Century
occultism and incorporated them into the emerging saucer craze.

Though Adamski is better remembered, Van Tassel was arguably the
more important and influential contactee figure. Van Tassel's
Giant Rock conventions gave the movement focus and shape, and
VT's first book, not Adamski and Leslie's, was the first modern
contactee book.

Ashtar - likely picked up from Oahspe, a channeled work
published in 1882 and widely popular in contactee circles -
probably comes from "ashars," whom Oahspe author John Ballou
Newbrough described as guardian angels who fly in etheric ships.
I discuss the curious history of Ashtar in The UFO Encyclopedia,
2nd ed., pp. 143-46.

I might add that the very talented Chicago rock musician and
songwriter Chris Holmes (sometimes spoken of in the same breath
as another genius, though a much more famous one, Brian Wilson)
has long headed a band called the Ashtar Command. He's a friend
of my daughter Molly, who once told him that her dad appreciates

all that Chris has done for Ashtar. Chris was appropriately amused. A bright and charming guy with wide-ranging interests, he's a knowledgeable UFO buff.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 17:14:39 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 13:52:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Hall

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 19:38:24 -0500
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate [was: 'Hoax-Busting'...]

>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 12:18:22 -0700
>>Subject: Friedman/Shostak Debate [was: 'Hoax-Busting'...]

<snip>

>Royce,

>Seth was given evidence outside his field. He didn't "write it
>off", he simply responded - not with breathless acquiescence,
>but with a logical alternative explanation. Not only is this
>exactly what "science" is, it is also what is known as "debate".

>You use "skeptical" as a pejorative term, when in this case it is
>actually a good synonym for "scientist".

Kyle,

I disagree. "Breathless acquiescence?" Please.

You set up completely false alternatives.

First, if it's totally outside his field, he has no business
speculating at all. And when he automatically assumes that there
has to be a mundane explanation, he makes the same logical error
that many or most alleged scientists do. What he said clearly is
not a "logical alternative" and his approach is not scientific.

If he were scientific (and skeptical) he might ask what methods
were used in the investigation and how thoroughly it was tested,
the qualifications of the investigators, that sort of thing. He
might advocate the need for careful, thorough, scientific
investigation and testing and systematic analysis of similar
cases. It would appear that, instead, he took the standard
skeptical way out by uttering a knee-jerk negative comment
that effectively denies the data but makes no effort to actually
study or investigate it.

- Dick

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A Bentwaters Afternoon Tour With Larry Warren

From: Max Burns <max.burns.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Feb 2004 18:10:41 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 13:58:22 -0400
Subject: A Bentwaters Afternoon Tour With Larry Warren

EBK and Listers,

I am pleased to supply, mainly for UK ufologists and interested parties, the details of The Larry Warren talk, on site, at RAF Bentwaters.

All are welcome the details are below.

Max Burns

Saturday 14Th August 2004

BUFORA is pleased to present:

A Day Trip To Rendlesham Forest In The Company Of Larry Warren

* BUFORA minibus leaves the Goat in Boots, Drummond St., London, NW1, at 12pm sharp (mini bus is fully-booked).

* All participants to meet at the Cherry Tree pub, Bromeswell, Near. Woodbridge, Suffolk 2.00 - 2.30pm.

* From there to the Bentwaters Base Theatre where Larry will give a presentation 3.30 - 5.00pm approx. This is a chance to understand Larry's 'I was there' perspective on the nights of UFO activity at the American base just after Christmas 1980. He will also update us on recent developments.

* Guided tour of the forest, by Larry, to places of interest, including the landing site at Capel Green where he witnessed contact between senior officers and what appeared to be aliens.

* Minibus leaves back to London 8pm.

Entrance to the presentation is free for BUFORA minibus participants, the fee having been included in the minibus price. All other BUFORA members =A35, non-members =A37.

The Base Theatre will provide teas and coffees, and the licensed bar on the premises will be open.

For those wishing to attend the day, if you need directions as a suggestion you can use MultiMap

<http://www.multimap.com/>

Contact number on the day:

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 13:51:32 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 14:07:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 17:36:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 17:29:00 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>If Stan is right, the aliens could well be hampering both sides,
>working to prevent disclosure, and jamming or inserting
>obscuring noise into SETI's signals intentionally. If so, what
>hope do we have against such advanced tech - on either front?

Kyle,

Occam's Razor in science tells us we cannot jump to the more complicated scenario (or hypothesis) before eliminating the simpler scenarios. The simpler scenario that the aliens are not masking or jamming their signals has to be investigated first and given a fair chance of being tested out before we abandon the idea. It is often hard to tell how much effort should be put in before giving up. Usually the partisans in favor of an idea will go down fighting for their cause until every avenue has been exhausted (along with themselves).

So far only SETI theorists have ever tried to develop consistent models or scenarios for alien behavior. UFO "science" never advances because ufologists refuse to develop any consistent models of alien behavior. Ufologists give up almost immediately under various sorry excuses that alien technology would be "so advanced" it would be like "magic," that alien behavior would be so "alien" that no one can fathom it. This is getting to be like postulating aliens are like God yet even God can be studied and the whole field of doing so is called "theology" and indeed one major branch of it called "natural theology" led directly to the establishment of modern science in the Middle Ages. But ufologists refuse to engage in the theoretical studies, they radically cling to extreme empiricism and denounce anyone who tries to do theoretics.

Brad

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Re: Faded Discs Audio Project [was: Creatures

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 13:53:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 14:14:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Faded Discs Audio Project [was: Creatures

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <UFOUpdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 19:09:43 -0600
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 11:37:18 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <UFOUpdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 08:45:27 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

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>No problem. I will inform the List of who, what, when, where,
>how and why if and when I have something to report. No putting
>the cart before the horse will come from me.

>You know my method... document, document, document and then let
>the Pelicanists get all whipped into a frenzy. <G>

>BTW, I haven't received donations for the audio history
>preservation project from you and you're missing some great
>audio history. <VBG>

That's good news, Wendy.

I had never visited your website to realize that you accept
PayPal, and having just clicked on the link you provided, and
having learned that you do accept it, so, SHAZAM!, there's
little appreciation for the wonderful work you have done (and
are doing) to preserve UFO auditory history.

Keep up that good work for posterity, Wendy!

And, hey, fellow list members, this gal is doing a great job
that no one else is doing, and we all owe her a debt of helping
out, so please contribute today. You will be doing yourself and
Ufology a favor.

Ray Stanford

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 14:28:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 09:03:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

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>tries to do theoretics.

This actually is unfair and untrue, Brad. Thoughtful ufologists have written interestingly on the extraterrestrial hypothesis, and they have every right to resent sweeping charges like the ones you hurl at "ufologists". Every single one of them? Come on. And frankly, a degree of modesty about what we can infer about an alien intelligence strikes me as commendable, not something to be vehemently condemned as a posture to be taken only by idiots and fools.

For a guide to how ufologists have thought about the ETH over the years, one could do worse than start with my survey "Extraterrestrial Hypothesis and Ufology" in the UFO encyclopedia. In recent years particularly good, solid writing on UFOs and the ETH has been done by Michael Swords and Edward Ashpole. One may agree or disagree with their conclusions, but they in no way merit CSICOP-style polemics about the stupidity of ufologists. This sort of thing is truly tiresome, and I would expect better of an old friend and valued colleague.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 15:28:29 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 09:07:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Bilodeau

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 11:08:54 EDT
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>>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 16:48:24 -0500
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>>One thing I was at odds with during the debate:
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Didn't strike you that "the BEST evidence" question, which in this case looks more like an accusation than an enquiry, was asked by a person working in a field that as NO EVIDENCE whatsoever? Talk about the straw in one's eyes.

On what scientific evidence does SETI rely on? None.

Amusing: the whole nature of SETI is based on the idea that advanced civilizations would like to communicate with each other using radio waves... Hello?

Surprising: anyone noticed the SETI guys reject the ideas of UFOs?

Last but not least: let's just suppose that the SETI guys get one tenth of 1 percent of the pile of data ufology has... Can you ear the bells ringing, can you smell the spilled champagne and the lit cigars?

Make this a tenth of a thousandth of 1 percent of the data ufology has and you get fireworks and a hell of a party.

Make it just one remote piece of a possible case of an intelligent beep from outer space... they'd be assaulting the bars and pubs at 10 in the morning.

What is their best evidence?

Zero. Nada.

And they have the gall to play it dumb when we show them some evidence?

What's missing?

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>Brad

Good points!

I avoid the 'spinning whirlpool of speculation' by just sticking
to the basics of life.

It's either predator or prey. All life is doing is surviving on
several stages: create, maintain.

We humans are both predator and prey. Actually along with our
most lethal and long term enemy the Mosquito, we're probably our

own leading cause of death.

So we look at the 'visitors' and ask ourselves what do they want?

Simple, they're trying to survive by creating and maintaining something. What that 'something' is is speculative. Yet I'd say it's safe to say they're creating and maintaining themselves.

Sure there are those abductees and snake oil salesmen that proclaim they have a 'message' from the 'space brothers' or some such thing, but I for one ignore them. If there's no messenger then there's no message. Speak for yourselves, we do have global communications systems or hadn't they noticed that?

What do they want from us? We are some part of those drives.

We don't need to hunt anymore. We learned how to grow and control our food sources. Yet we hunt for pleasure. We're our #1 prey nowadays. Ironic isn't it that after millions of years of battling nature we end up turning on ourselves. Kind of defines what we really are all along.

Advanced technology has nothing to do with sanity. Just look at the TV programs and you can see that for yourselves. A technologically advanced civilization from another world may be just that: technologically advanced. Socially is another issue. That depends on how they treat one another, as valued members or grist for the mill.

Far too often I hear or read where someone assumes that civilizations that are advanced don't want to contact us because we're so 'savage'. That doesn't mean squat without proof. It's only speculation. Could be we may be nicer than our neighbors and they can't figure it out. As brutal as we are we might be the nicest kids in the neighborhood. Speculation yes, but a new slant on this issue. Worse case scenario, they don't want to contact us because if we found out what they've done or are doing or intend, we'd might marshall our forces and open up a cosmic can of asswhup on them.

I can hear it now " They're so advanced they'd wipe us out! "

Bring it on.

Much worse could happen. So that's why I don't go into their motivations other than the basics we know life to do.

We do know they're secretive with a capital 'S'. Practicality taking the high road here what makes a life form so stealthy?

Fear of detection and interaction basically. What that fear is is speculative.

We have to get out of the 'Dr. Carrington from The Thing' mentality that because some other culture is advanced technologically they're better than us socially. He got a stiff arm into the next corridor when he attempted to prove his theory out.

They're here. They're secretive. They're technologically advanced, they abduct us, they experiment on us.

Until they interrupt the distribution of alcohol, drugs, NASCAR broadcasts and soap operas, no one on Earth will pay notice.

Yet one day soon, when thousands of people are sitting in the broiling sun watching men drive around in circles at high speeds, a disc will appear, abduct the top qualifier and the beer and all heck will break loose :)

Best,

Greg

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Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 09:40:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - White

>From: Brenda Denzler <denzlerb.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 09:46:16 -0400
>Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

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>... due to the difficulty of hospitalizing everyone who might be
>so diagnosed, mass hospitalization is not as likely an outcome
>as attempts at massive medication.

This American "psychiatry-for-everyone" program is especially serious because hiding in the shadows is another pharma-related move: The creation of, and authority to force the use of, deeply implanted psychoactive medication dispensers. These can't be removed by amateurs.

For those who don't know, psychoactive drugs can have side effects so painful that if it weren't for the official view that mental health treatments are "for the patient's benefit", they would be classed as torture. These drugs often create un-slakeable around the clock dry mouth and "restless legs" in which the patient must walk walk walk, day and night, until he or she drops, exhausted, into unconsciousness. Or simply feeling "just horrible" in a general way, 24/7, and inescapable with a medicine dispensing implant. Tremors happen. Forget holding a job if you're on this stuff. "Chemical straight jacket" is a good label for these medications.

Beyond that, these powerful drugs can cause major deterioration of various body systems. A military veteran reported that one of his fellow patients in a Veterans Administration hospital had been put permanently into a wheelchair as a result of long term psychoactive drugging.

Haldol ranks high on the probability of nasty side effects scale, as do thiorazine and largactil. One of our colleagues, who has been forced through a wide range of these drugs, reports that Seroquel is the least likely to have bad side effects. Another reports fairly good luck with Olanzapine. But lacking immediate bad side effects still doesn't put one out of reach of the long term deterioration of body systems.

There are drugs which are supposed to offset some of the bad side effects. Cogentin is one but hasn't received rave reviews from those taking it. One colleague reported Abilify worked quite well and allowed him to actually do useful work while on psychoactive drugs, which is usually impossible otherwise.

I recommend anyone prescribed any of these drugs research the CPS in Canada or the PDR in the United States, at least.

Although psychiatrists will insist on some drugging in most cases, they are often open to trying different meds in an effort to reduce negative side effects. But of course, that option is lost if you are forced to take an implanted dispenser.

It is probably difficult to persuade a doctor to try, but one patient found that Valium at bed time eliminated the restless

legs problem.

Eleanor White

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Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 09:43:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Kal Korff MSN Chat Sept '97 On Billy Meier -

>From: Bill Stockstill <size14d.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 13:25:31 -0400
>Subject: Kal Korff MSN Chat Sept 1997 on Billy Meier

>I promised this awhile ago. This is a chat that I did (as
>TheSaint) with Diana Botsford in 1997 on MSN's now
>defunct UFO Forum.

>Bill Stockstill

<snip>

Wow! That was some chatlog! As a chat host myself I can appreciate it.

I was just about to ask about Billy Meier.

I have pals who insist I read his notes on meeting with his alien pals. I refused. I can't ask the aliens, they won't appear on 'Meet The Press' then they can go eat beans for all I care. History is too full of 'benevolent beings from the stars' who have a message they tell a few and then haul ass somewhere.

Stick around, we humans have a tendency to not believe these messages until we get frustrated and incorporate some apotheosis into them. Usually by force.

My only interest in Mr. Meier's accounts are his photos and films. Are some/all genuine or not? Simple thing to ask. They've been around for about 30 years now. With all our digital doodads, can't we just take a look?

Has anyone done this yet?

If not, why not? Is he holding the negatives or something?

If he's reticent to provide things to be examined then why waste time on it.

In the chatlog Korff mentions how he snuck around and did this or that. Well that's what investigators do. Not necessarily ethical but did he fully invalidate Meier's claims or just some?

I grew up studying special effects and now work in that area to a degree. You'd be suprised how much a fertile imagination can get away with. Even today's digital effects are clumsy in the hands of a goof. Masters of the craft from the old days did amazing things without computers and software. Some special effects live up to the challenge to this day.

Sure things can be faked, but in Meier's case were they faked or is this just an assumption?

It's gone on too long and with the available technology it should have been tackled already.

"Is he is, or is he ain't our Plaedian?"

Best ,

Greg

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July 26, 2004 - Press Release
Memos to the Candidates

On the eve of the Democratic Convention PRG issues the following challenge to three of the presidential candidates

Washington, DC - The next President of the United States will take office during the 57th year of the public's awareness of a government imposed truth embargo on the fact of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the planet earth and the human race. This awareness began with the withdrawal of the "retrieved saucer" explanation by General Roger Ramey and the substitution of a "weather balloon" to account for the events in early July 1947 in Roswell, New Mexico. Later that year the superstructure for this embargo was created with the passage of the National Security Act and the assembling of a management team titled Majestic-12 Group.

This truth embargo has left a massive hole in the worldview of every living human being. It has created two parallel realities - one with an accepted extraterrestrial hypothesis and one without. It has broken the social contract, compromised the mission of NASA, eroded trust in government, withheld life and environmental enhancing technology and warped the relationship between two branches of government (executive and legislative) and the military/intelligence community.

The extraordinary requirement to service this embargo while simultaneously prosecuting the Cold War, a 45-year ideological conflict unlike anything the world had ever seen, resulted in the creation of a "Secret Empire" - the intelligence components of the military/industrial complex. It is an empire because it is vast in size and power and no part of it is elected. It is composed of fiefdoms run by career managers who are replaced internally when they retire or die. While agency directors are publicly appointed by presidents, the directors of corporate intelligence operations are not public and operate in a hybrid world of government classification and corporate proprietary self-interest.

The public interest oversight of this complex - larger (on the basis of its "known" budget) than the total military spending of every nation on earth except the United States (\$420 billion in 2002) - lies with the House and Senate Select Committees on Intelligence. But as the Secret Empire has grown, both the effectiveness and public trust in members of Congress and Congress as a functioning institution have diminished. Committee members are quick to say they "have things under control," but each year fewer Americans believe them or for that matter care or pay attention.

Organized citizen efforts toward "secrecy reform," while well meaning, have been minimal with little or no funding. Attempts by the Executive Branch to reform, restructure or limit the Secret Empire have been, inadequate, misdirected or disdainfully rebuffed. Ironically, the sheer size of this complex has

contributed to numerous failures to "take care of business." While the Secret Empire has successfully tended its own agendas, kept its own secrets, managed public opinion and conducted domestic campaigns of surveillance, subversion, misinformation and propaganda, it has often failed in matters of its primary function to protect and defend the United States. When you have millions of people with multi-levels of clearance to assign and track, hundreds of millions of documents to classify, thousands of overt and covert projects to manage, vast underground facilities to build and maintain, equally vast above ground facilities to secure, it would seem that foreign enemies of the state "slip through the cracks." These instances have been well documented and don't need to be addressed here. The response to each intelligence blunder is the same - demands for more money, more secrecy and more power - size begetting failures begetting greater size.

There are four men still campaigning for the presidency who are high profile, "mainstream" candidates. Two have a chance to win, and two are trying to either make a statement or influence the election. None are likely to say anything, nothing, about the Secret Empire or take any position on real secrecy reform beyond, "mistakes were made pre- and post-9/11. This issue, like many others, is off limits, and the willingness of the American people to accept limited debate and exposition is now a threat to the nation.

But there is hope, because millions of Americans have become aware and informed of the actions and implications of the Secret Empire through their interest in extraterrestrial-related phenomena. They are increasingly networked and now form a substantial voting block. They are educated, well read, cyber savvy and many have military backgrounds. They are starting to put pressure on candidates to take a position on the most controversial and implicative issue in the world today.

On their behalf the following open memos to three of these four candidates are posted - Bush and Kerry because either could win and Kucinich because his worldview already embraces the possibility of an extraterrestrial presence. Nader is left out because he can't win, has no interest in extraterrestrial-related phenomena and has rebuffed every approach to inform him on the subject.

Memos to the Candidates

Dear President Bush:

The day you stepped into the White House as the 43rd President of the United States you stood on the threshold of perhaps the greatest legacy offered any head of state in history. Ten years after the end of the Cold War you could be the leader who ended the truth embargo and informed the nation and the world of the extraterrestrial presence engaging this planet. You could be the "disclosure president."

Millions of people around the world then watched closely to see if you would deliver on your promise to Charles Huffer during an exchange at a 2000 campaign stop in Arkansas. CNN recorded the moment.

Huffer: Half the public believes that they are real. Would you finally tell us what the hell is going on?

Bush: Sure, I will.

Huffer: (Gesturing toward Cheney) This man knows. He was Secretary of Defense.

Bush: And was a great one.

Later Huffer encountered you off-camera in the hall. You recognized Huffer and unsolicited said:

Bush: It will be the first thing he (pointing to Cheney) will do. He'll get right on it.

Huffer: Will, will you really?

Bush: Yes Sir.

Truly, it has been a difficult three and a half years - a tough time for the nation and your administration. History has called upon you in other ways with other challenges.

But the disclosure legacy was and still is yours to claim in part because your father was held in the highest regard by the military and intelligence communities - the exact opposite circumstance from the intervening Clinton administration. The election this November is now problematic. If you do not take up the disclosure mantle, it may be lost to you and your party forever. The truth embargo cannot last four more years. More ranking military and agency employee will come forward. The media complicity will end. History calls, Mr. President. Answer the call.

Dear Senator Kerry:

The television talking heads that analyze your campaign repeatedly refer to the need for you to "define" yourself to the electorate and "separate" yourself from George W. Bush during an era when a significant segment of the public sees little difference between the two principal political parties while referring to "republicrats."

Should you choose to take this good advice, you might begin by repudiating your membership in the absurd and dangerous secret society, Skull and Bones, rather than laugh off or refuse to answer questions from the press regarding this cabalistic organization, which exists for no other reason than to network power among selected elite. The American people no longer find this funny or irrelevant.

More importantly, while it is inconceivable, given the restricted and scripted nature of the modern election campaign, you would speak to or seriously answer questions about extraterrestrial-related phenomena, there is something you should know.

The truth embargo (or cover-up) preventing a formal acknowledgment of the extraterrestrial presence (disclosure) is unraveling due to the emergence of military and agency witnesses since the end of the Cold War. Should you take office on January 21, 2005, this truth embargo becomes your concern, and the legacy of the "disclosure presidency" yours to claim - or reject. Do not accept a "need to know" explanation from the DoD, NSA or CIA for their refusal to give you the information you need to make a disclosure decision. Each day of your term that passes without you stepping forward and ending this 5-decade charade, that legacy will slowly fade away and you and your political party will begin to "own" the cover-up. A new year, a new president, a new world.

Dear Congressman Kucinich:

Six high profile Democratic Party candidates in the 2004 presidential campaign have fallen away, but you continue because you believe you have something to say to the American people and to your party convention. Your supporters and staff have worked very hard to give you this opportunity - to have an impact.

You are clearly a man apart. There is no one else in the United States Congress like you - no one who thinks further outside the box. Consequently, you have brought many innovative ideas and positions on issues into the campaign. Of particular note are your views regarding war, peace, nonproliferation and weapons in space. These are issues of great importance, which, if not resolved soon, may yet lead to worldwide calamity.

And this raises a troubling question. How is it remotely possible for the governments of the world to reach decisions about war, peace, nonproliferation, the weaponization of space and a host of other related matters, when the truth of an extraterrestrial presence is being kept completely out of the public discourse?

Congressman Kucinich, you can make history. Step forward and speak to this matter. Lift the curtain of ridicule. Finish what candidate Jimmy Carter could not finish in 1976. Be the first presidential candidate with a spot at the party convention to place the most important issue in the world before the nation. Millions of people around the planet will stand and applaud true political courage.

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Brad,

Last first. I think every UFologists who calls himself that
IS engaged in theoretical studies.

I read posts every day in this list that attempt to explain,
describe, or contemplate technologies that are far beyond our
current capabilities...no terms like "magic" included.

My post, or the snippet you cite, reflects what logically follows
when I ask myself, "What if Stan's right?". Nothing more. Purely
"theoretical studies".

On partisanship, if a scientist is a partisan, he stops being a scientist.

Stan Friedman is a scientist in physics. In the UFO field, he is not a scientist (gasp). He's an advocate... for a particular view regarding UFOs. He may be right, and he may be wrong. I am not convinced either way, but I champion his cause for this reason...

Our government has lied about its drug testing on American citizens, (using chemical weapons on its own people)

Our government has lied about War, (Cambodia, Iran/Contra, Iraq?, indiscriminate killing for political gain) Our government seems willing and able to lie about things.

When I ask myself, "What if the government really did know that UFOs were from other than earth? How would the government respond?", the answer leaves me thankful that Stan Friedman is out there digging. Because of our government's past behavior, the "Occam's Razor" test is somewhat skewed. If they are behind all this, then the simplest answer is wrong. The answer becomes more complex than Occam could have dared imagine.

I merely leave that possibility open in my mind, just exactly as I leave room in my mind for the possibility that aliens could be out there waiting for signals from "out there" like us..

My main point still remains. Our debate and our presence is elevated when reasonable men challenge each other's views without ridicule, or hyperbole, and best of all, without anger.

Kyle

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>We know what evidence Shostak finds badly wanting: all of it.

>If someone were to bring up any evidence he hasn't heard about
>before, I'm sure he'd be able to think up a glib explanation on
>the fly as to why it is not compelling.

>What we do not know is what he would consider compelling
>evidence or even interesting evidence for the possible ET origin
>of UFOs.

>I didn't hear the debate, but I doubt he said anything about
>what would pass his admirably stringent standards of evidence. I
>suspect that he wants the sort of evidence that I think of as
>"no-brainer" proof, such as the proverbial Landing On the White
>House Lawn.

>The problem with blatantly obvious manifestations like that is
>nobody would need a scientist like Seth to tell them that there
>might be ETs about. Even the talking heads on cable news would
>be bright enough to figure that out all by themselves.

>The orthodox scientific view Shostak promotes is essentially
>that the question of whether any UFOs are extraterrestrial
>cannot be worth the valuable time of any serious scientist to
>investigate until there is proof that UFOs are extraterrestrial.

>Kind of a Catch-22 situation.

Lan,

Exactly right. Orthodox science, this ain't. Science can only
help us identify things, or help with photo analysis, etc.

Science has no real place to start with UFOs, until someone

comes up with a piece, an artifact, something at which science can look and say, "Now, there's something really unusual."

The scientists who are a part of ufology have already ventured into "undiscovered country". They tend to stick to orthodoxy where they can. The rest of us non-scientists in the field may not have the burden that scientists place upon themselves. But since "we're all Bozos on this bus", we're left to duke it out while "orthodox science" sits by giggling, or worse, ignoring.

Seth sees the answer as something to be discovered, among the stars. Stan sees the answer as something to be uncovered, right here on earth. Funny thing is, they could both be right.

Kyle

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The Fellowship Of 'The Rings'

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The fellowship of the rings
By David Harrison

"It makes me chuckle sometimes," says John Lundberg, gazing across a wheat field in central England. "If somebody had said to me 10 years ago that today I'd be flying all over the world making crop circles for big companies and being paid for it, I'd have said they were mad."

This is a deeply disturbing statement. Crop circles, as we all know, are supposed to be made by little green men from outer space. They arrive in flying saucers, make intricate patterns in wheat fields and then go home to Planet Zog, leaving us simple earthlings to argue over what it all means.

Mr Lundberg is certainly a man, but he is neither little nor green and his preferred means of transport is a bicycle, not a spaceship. Yet he admits, freely and without a trace of smugness, that he and his partners, Rod Dickinson and Wil Russell, not only create crop circles but are making lots of money from them. They are three men sorting out the wheat from the cash, with not a UFO in sight. The only green men to be found are those who envy the circle-makers' ability to exploit their artistic talents.

Mr Lundberg has been making crop circles for 13 years. For most of that time he has done it without a thought for profit, but in the past few years the commercial work, mostly advertising, has taken off.

The list of clients and commissions is impressive. Last year the team went to America to do a series of projects for AMD, a multibillion-pound computer-chip company. They created the eye logo for Big Brother, the "reality television" programme; a car-shaped pattern for a Mitsubishi publicity campaign; logos for the album covers of dance bands; advertisements for Orange, the mobile phone company; and an image of Dawn French, Steve Coogan and David Jason for a digital television company.

They have branched out from wheat fields and now also work on sand and grass. They recently won a commission for Hello Kitty to produce the face of the Japanese company's cartoon cat in a wheat field in Wiltshire, and are considering a project in Costa Rica.

The rewards for the crop circle entrepreneurs are high and growing. The AMD job was the group's most lucrative so far. Mr Lundberg is unwilling to give precise details, but says the contract was worth "tens of thousands of pounds". The budget for the Big Brother campaign was estimated to be =A3250,000, and for Orange's Wiltshire project about =A3100,000. "We are doing well,"

Mr Lundberg said. "We are all earning a very healthy living from crop circles."

Landowners are benefiting too, receiving payments - from the companies or circle-makers - for allowing their fields to be used for the work. The income easily covers the damage to crops, leaving farmers with a profit.

Richard Cowan, who farms 1,500 arable acres in Oxfordshire, has twice - last year and in 2002 - allowed Mr Lundberg's company to make crop circles on his land for Orange. He was unwilling to say how much he was paid, but another farmer, in Wiltshire, said that the going rate was "at least =A3500 for each circle and sometimes much more". Mr Cowan said that the circles had caused him to lose about =A3200 worth of crop, giving him a "decent profit" from the deal.

He would be "unhappy" if people crept on to his land at night to make crop circles - unless he was properly compensated. "Nobody wants damage to their crops, but the key thing is whether you are paid for it," he said. "I'm happy for my fields to be used as long as I know about it and I get compensation. I used to believe crop circles were made by aliens, but there's no money in aliens. It's much better this way."

Mr Lundberg, his partners and a dozen or so "satellite" circle-makers have not, however, abandoned their not-for-profit illicit nocturnal forays into farmers' fields. His motive, he says, is not to prove that people who think crop circles are made by little green men, God or other "higher forces" are deluded souls. His aim is to "use art to perpetuate the mystery and the mythology about crop circles". He explains further: "We are creating beautiful shapes but also mystery, allowing people to experience the unexplained. That is why we never claim authorship of the circles, because that would break the mystery."

This is slightly confusing. He wants people to continue speculating about aliens, while he knows that it's all tosh? Not quite. "People have said they had mystical experiences at the circle sites, so it is possible that we are acting as a catalyst for those experiences, even though the circles are man-made," he says. "Who knows, maybe we are being guided by external forces?"

The crop circle patterns are designed on computers and the night-time raids are planned meticulously. The circle-makers go out in small teams, armed with diagrams, planks of wood with ropes looped through holes at either end - known as "stalk stompers" - and 100ft tape measures.

The team chooses its targets carefully, preferring fields with easy access and surrounded by higher ground so that its creations will be easily visible in daylight. The crops can be oilseed rape, barley or wheat, depending on the month. No torches are used; the diagrams are read by moonlight.

When their work is done they leave silently, taking care not to leave any signs of a human presence, knowing that their work will cause a stir and attract hundreds of visitors and the media the next day.

Unlike the lucrative commercial ventures carried out in daylight, the night raids irritate many farmers. The most recent crop circle appeared on Friday morning near Marlborough in Wiltshire, the county that spawns 80 per cent of Britain's crop circles. Yesterday the landowner was unavailable, but neighbours said that he was furious.

"He had to get the combine harvester out and harvest a large area because he didn't want hundreds of people pouring on to his land to look at the crop circle," one neighbour said. "He was incandescent with rage, calling the people who did it everything under the sun."

Relations between landowners and "croppies" can be strained, and in an attempt to defuse the tension the National Farmers Union has drawn up a code of conduct with the Centre for Crop Circle Studies. This includes advice such as: do not go on to private land without permission from the farmer or landowner; leave a calling card with your name and address; cause as little damage to crops as possible; and do not smoke.

Not all landowners are unhappy, however. Some enterprising farmers who wake up to find they have been "circled" make the most of it by charging visitors =A31 or =A32 to have a look. One Wiltshire farmer reportedly made =A315,000 from a particularly elaborate crop circle in the 1990s.

The Country Landowners Association described the night raids by circle-makers as "rural graffiti", but supported the idea of circle-makers and farmers working together to generate income. "It's innovative, entrepreneurial and good for rural businesses," a spokesman said.

Crop circles have boosted tourism, particularly in Wiltshire, where they attract thousands of visitors from all over the world. The "believers" are also doing well, with many of them busy writing books and speaking at conferences on the mysteries and mythology of the circles. This weekend there is a crop circles conference in Wiltshire.

The circles are included in tours of sacred sites and attract visitors from America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Ireland and continental Europe. The Barge Inn, a pub in the Vale of Pewsey, its walls covered with crop circle photographs and diagrams, has become a mecca for aficionados from all over the world.

Mr Lundberg denies that his move to commercial circle-making means that he and his fellow creators have "sold out". He says that illicit circle-making is his main passion, his true art. "If somebody comes along and offers me a lot of money to fly to America and make crop circles then that's fine," he says. "I'm not ashamed of that. It may not be art, but it helps to pay for the stuff that is."

That stuff includes making documentaries about the paranormal, a subject Mr Lundberg finds fascinating. He also draws a distinction between his crop circle art - "to perpetuate the mythology" - and that of others who make circles solely to expose them as man-made.

One man in the other camp is Matthew Williams, from Bishops Cannings, Wiltshire, who in November 2000 became the first person to be prosecuted for circle-making. He was fined =A340 with =A3100 costs by Kennet magistrates after admitting causing damage to crops at West Overton. He says his objective is to "demonstrate that no circle or effect is beyond human capabilities".

The crop circle phenomenon began in Britain in the late 1970s and Mr Lundberg and his team makes a sizeable contribution to the 70 or so a year that appear in counties including Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire during the crop circle "season" from April to September. About 250 are estimated to appear worldwide.

The "croppies", "cerealologists" or "researchers" - as circle enthusiasts are known - accept that some are man-made, but insist that many others are the work of "outside forces".

To them, the crop-makers are heretics, meddling with a mystical power. Many claim to have had spiritual experiences on the sites of the circles. Thousands visit them every year. Some claim to have witnessed crop circles being created in 10 seconds, with no human circle-maker in sight.

Colin Andrews, the author of the best-selling Circular Evidence, the first book on crop circles, published in 1989, said that he thought up to 90 per cent of all crop circles were probably man-made.

"The other 10 per cent are not, and that is very important," he says. "There is definitely something very odd going on. We don't know what it is, but I believe there is some higher force involved."

Mr Lundberg describes himself as "a second generation circle-maker", following in the footsteps of his hero Doug Bowers, the watercolour artist who, with Dave Chorley, a fellow artist, started secretly making crop circles in Britain in the late 1970s. Mr Bowers was inspired by "a couple of crop circles

blamed on UFOs" while he was living in Australia. The pair continued their hoaxes for 14 years before confessing their authorship to a shocked - and, in some quarters, disappointed - world in 1991.

Yesterday Mr Bowers, now 80, expressed surprise at the commercial turn taken by circle-makers. "We just wanted people to think that a UFO had landed in a field, when it was really just two blokes with a plank of wood. And it worked a treat.

"We'd make the crop circles and crowds would come to see them. We used to mingle with them and listen to what they were saying, all these so-called UFO experts spouting off about aliens. We would look at each and burst out laughing.

"We did it for a laugh. Money - and even art - never came into it. Who would have thought it would come to this?"

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Fleming

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Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Fleming

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 19:38:24 -0500
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate [was:

>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 12:18:22 -0700
>>Subject: Friedman/Shostak Debate [was: 'Hoax-Busting'...]

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>>I think the debate with Friedman and Shostak shows just exactly
>>how much investigation these 'skeptics' are really doing.
>>Friedman brought up some analysis on soil from a trace case and
>>Shostak, without even having examined the case, wrote it off as
>>someone possibly pouring water concentrated with salt in a
>>perfect circle. Hey! Now that's science! Please...

>Seth was given evidence outside his field. He didn't "write it
>off", he simply responded - not with breathless acquiescence,
>but with a logical alternative explanation. Not only is this
>exactly what "science" is, it is also what is known as "debate".

I've listened to the debate now, and I thought that he pretty
much did write it off.

Shostak suggested that the ground traces might have been hoaxed
(a reasonable thing to consider, of course). But then Stan
replied that the soil was affected 14 inches down and that it
wouldn't hold moisture, unlike the surrounding soil which turned
to mud when water was added. To that, Shostak replied that there
are lots of places in Georgia with soil that is resistant to
moisture.

It is not reasonable to suppose that a hoaxer dug a circular
trench 10 feet in diameter and 14 inches deep and filled it with
water-resistant soil from another locale, carefully disguising
the trench so well that the anomalous soil would appear to have
been altered in situ. That's plain silly.

The sort of response I would expect from a responsible scientist
to Stan's description would be something like: "Well, that
certainly sounds interesting but I'd have to know more details
about the case and how it was analyzed before I reached a
conclusion." At least that's my reaction, since I don't know the
details of the case Stan mentioned. I doubt Shostak really
wanted to know any of the details.

Shostak also summarized Stan's attempt to describe the best UFO
evidence as "lots of people seeing things" or words to that
effect. And this was shortly after Stan described one of the
radar/visual cases. (Stan finally got Shostak to say the word
"radar", but never radar/visual).

Toward the end of the debate, Shostak said that the difference
between SETI and Ufology is that when SETI detects a signal,
everyone in the world with a radio telescope will be able to
verify it. In my opinion, this only indicates that the SETI

people have better pipe dreams than most Ufologists, not necessarily better science.

For SETI to succeed with its current technology, some ET civilization would have to deliberately direct a powerful narrow-beam signal at Earth for hours in order to give scientists around the world enough time to get to their scopes and verify that the signal was both extraterrestrial and artificial.

If a mother ship the size of an aircraft carrier went into low-Earth orbit, everyone with eyes could verify it was there. But I've never heard any UFO researchers say their research activities consisted of staring up at the sky in hopes of seeing the mother ship. The ones I know about tend to look at the available evidence rather than wait for the undeniable proof to be handed to them on a silver platter (or saucer, in this case).

It's not that I think SETI isn't worth doing at all; it's their presumption that their methods are the only scientific way to search for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence that I have a problem with.

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

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Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:29:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

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>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 19:38:24 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate [was: 'Hoax-Busting'...]

>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>>Subject: Friedman/Shostak Debate [was: 'Hoax-Busting'...]

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>>off", he simply responded - not with breathless acquiescence,
>>but with a logical alternative explanation. Not only is this
>>exactly what "science" is, it is also what is known as "debate".

>>You use "skeptic" as a pejorative term, when in this case it is
>>actually a good synonym for "scientist".

>I disagree. "Breathless acquiescence?" Please.

>You set up completely false alternatives.

>First, if it's totally outside his field, he has no business
>speculating at all. And when he automatically assumes that there
>has to be a mundane explanation, he makes the same logical error
>that many or most alleged scientists do. What he said clearly is
>not a "logical alternative" and his approach is not scientific.

>If he were scientific (and skeptical) he might ask what methods
>were used in the investigation and how thoroughly it was tested,
>the qualifications of the investigators, that sort of thing. He
>might advocate the need for careful, thorough, scientific
>investigation and testing and systematic analysis of similar
>cases. It would appear that, instead, he took the standard
>skeptibunker way out by uttering a knee-jerk negative comment
>that effectively denies the data but makes no effort to actually
>study or investigate it.

Dick,

Almost all of Stan's evidence stands far outside Seth's field of
study. Stan didn't mention a lot of astronomical evidence for
Seth to debate.

Handwriting analysis, soil testing, rings on the ground where
the grass doesn't grow, secretive government documents with
black programs, anecdotal evidence by former military men... all
of these things lie far outside Seth Shostak's field of study.
So why was he there?

He was asked to debate a known Advocate for the Ufology field.

He didn't prepare for a debate so much as a panel discussion - his error.

There was even mention, beforehand, to the effect that Seth was being led to the slaughter, a telling foreshadowing of what was 'expected'.

With no scientific - astronomy-related - basis on which to dispute Stan's evidence, he fell into a novice trap... he demanded proof rather than evidence. While this doesn't make him right, it makes it impossible to debate, and makes it impossible for me to agree with your disagreement. Seth Shostak a poor debater? In this instance, yes. Seth Shostak a skeptibunker? Hardly. He's too busy hunting for his own style of 'space rock'. His arguments were evidence, not of a debunker in the midst, but of a lack of preparation.

I agree with your description of Seth's statements, but disagree with the motive you ascribe - our larger point. Seth appeared to have no agenda, other than to engage. Stan is conversely a very outspoken articulate pundit for what he believes he has proven.

Keep in mind that with SETI, there is nothing to debate. They do not state that they have received any transmission from anywhere. They have no evidence that anyone is listening or sending. They simply believe it is worth looking and waiting. While Stan could - and did - argue that Seth is wasting time and resources, that argument did - and does - nothing to advance the questions they were supposedly debating.

The opening statements by each proved the irony of the "debate". Seth seemed uncomfortable with the irony. Stan seemed to revel in it.

I think, as Stan mentioned, that Seth would do well to better prepare for his next debate.

Kyle

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Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - Stockstill

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Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:35:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - Stockstill

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>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 09:46:16 -0400
>Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 18:39:58 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

<snip>

>>So you think if you tell a psychiatrist that you are abducted in
>>the middle of the night and aliens do experiments on you and
>>you show them scars to prove it he will give you a pill and send
>>you on your way? It doesn't work that way. Medication might be
>>part of it, but if you say certain words you are heading to a
>>facility, involuntarily.

>I'm saying that the intent of the new effort to do mental health
>screening on all Americans may be surveillance and medication
>for any perceived "aberrations" in the peoples' thought
>processes, but due to the difficulty of hospitalizing everyone
>who might be so diagnosed, mass hospitalization is not as likely
>an outcome as attempts at massive medication.

>In individual cases, yes. I can see where mentioning an alien
>abduction might be dangerous to one's continued freedom to move
>about. But in all honesty, if you're going to show a mental
>health worker a scar as "proof", maybe you don't need medication
>or hospitalization, but you do need a course in logic. A scar
>would only be proof that something happened to the skin at that
>site. It would not be proof that aliens were involved in making
>that "something" happen.

A scar can also be thought of by the MHW as a self-inflicted
wound, see them all the time. Again, MDs have to think that a
person needs medication, regardless of some politician thinking
he's helping the drug companies. And the massive amount of
homeless people are mostly mentally-ill people that need to be
in an institution.

Millions of Americans on psych-meds means millions of MD visits
for follow-up.

I haven't seen this Bill but my guess is that it is a Federal
version of Bills that the States have, where you can be forced
to have a mental health exam if someone deems you a danger to
yourself or others. And, I don't think its a ploy to get
business for the drug companies. I think its a law the Bush
Admin. wants, to get a legal reason to detain someone without
access to legal counsel - i.e. terrorist suspects.

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Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer - Mancusi

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Subject: Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer - Mancusi

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
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>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 09:00:26 -0400
>Subject: Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 18:00:15 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 21:15:07 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer

>>>>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 13:28:42 -0400
>>>>Subject: Van Tassel's I Rode A Flying Saucer

>>>>While most contactee books from the 50s can be had for a
>>>>pittance, Van Tassel's "I Rode A Flying Saucer" seems to command
>>>>outrageous prices. A copy went on Ebay the other day for \$496!:

>>>><http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&category=268&item=6912970193>

>>>>Two copies come up on Bookfinder.com for \$800 and \$1500 (sic)!

>>>>Anyone hazard a guess as to why this particular contactee book
>>>>is considered so valuable by some?

>>>>I hesitate to speculate on why peoples' minds are so often
>>>>clouded with cobwebs. What I will say is that I have copies that
>>>>I will gladly sell for 1/4, 1/5, or 1/6 of those asinine
>>>>prices.

>>As for the ebay-offered copy, I think it's status as a rare
>>first edition lends more to its value than its content.

>>And Dick, if yours are first editions, you got a deal. :)

>I don't know much about book collecting value when the First
>Edition was the only edition, but in this case I suspect the
>First Edition could easily have been the only one.

No, I have the 2nd one: "Second Edition Revised and Enlarged".
The copyright is 1952 but the previous owner of the booklet
(Heinrich Ragaz, Zurich) corrected it to 1953. It has 51 pages.

Bruno

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Shostak: ET First Contact "Within 20 Years"

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 07:45:08 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:48:18 -0400
Subject: Shostak: ET First Contact "Within 20 Years"

Just ran across this fascinating article, yet another splendid example of the arrogant ignorance of the SETI cultists assuming aliens are stuck with radio, are not travelling here or anyplace else, and are nowhere near us.

Computers will continue to improve, but radio is the only method of long distance communication - except maybe for lasers which won't be picked up by the Allen telescope!

Some contact!

Can't tell whether Seth is assuming the message is being sent to us intentionally, or is leaked from the sending civilization.

In won't be too long before there will be little leakage from Earth, as we send up to Satellites and back down to Earthlings, but why let reality intrude on the nonsense?

It was pointed out to me that my, UFOS: Challenge To SETI Specialists, article is hard to find on my website so here is a better URL:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfufovsseti.html>

Stan Friedman

Source: New Scientist Magazine

<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99996189>

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SETI's Seth Shostak: ET First Contact 'within 20 Years'
By Marcus Chown, New Scientist
Saturday,

If intelligent life exists elsewhere in our galaxy, advances in computer processing power and radio telescope technology will ensure we detect their transmissions within two decades. That is the bold prediction from a leading light at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute

<http://www.seti-inst.edu/>

in Mountain View, California.

Seth Shostak, the SETI Institute's senior astronomer, based his prediction on accepted assumptions about the likelihood of alien civilisations existing, combined with projected increases in computing power. Shostak, whose calculations will be published in a forthcoming edition of the space science journal Acta Astronautica:

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00945765>

First estimated the number of alien civilisations in our galaxy that might currently be broadcasting radio signals. For this he used a formula created in 1961 by astronomer Frank Drake which factors in aspects such the number of stars with planets, how many of those planets might be expected to have life, and so on: http://www.seti.org/seti/seti_science/Welcome.html

Shostak came up with an estimate of between 10,000 and one million radio transmitters in the galaxy. To find them will involve observing and inspecting radio emissions from most of the galaxy's 100 billion stars.

The time necessary for this formidable task can be estimated from the capabilities of planned radio telescopes such as SETI's 1-hectare Allen Telescope Array and the internationally run Square Kilometre Array and expected increases in the power of the microchips that sift through radio signals from space.

Alien Civilization

Shostak assumed that computer processing power will continue to double every 18 months until 2015 -- as it has done for the past 40 years. From then on, he assumes a more conservative doubling time of 36 months as transistors get too small to scale down as easily as they have till now.

Within a generation, radio emissions from enough stars will be observed and analysed to find the first alien civilisation, Shostak estimates. But because they will probably be between 200 and 1000 light years away, sending a radio message back will take centuries.

Paul Shuch, executive director of the SETI League, a separate organisation in New Jersey, says Shostak's prediction ignores one important factor. "It is altogether reasonable to project the development of human technology, based upon past trends and planned investments," he says. "But predicting the date, the decade or even the century of contact is another matter because the 'other end' of the communications link is completely out of our hands. It would be nice to think we know something about the existence, distribution, technology and motivation of our potential communications partners in space, but in fact, we don't."

Shostak admits that there are myriad uncertainties surrounding his prediction, but he defends the basis on which he made it. "I have made this prediction using the assumptions adopted by the SETI research community itself."

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UFO Research Site Video Clip Index

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:39:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 11:08:45 -0400
Subject: UFO Research Site Video Clip Index

The free availability of UFO video clips and news reports on the UFO Research website has been well received to date. Most of the technical problems have been with the slower computers, dial-up connections or people who don't have or use the Windows Media Player version 9 codec.

Presently, there are 12 clips, each around 5-minutes in length, covering various topics from Jerry Black's controversial and determined focus on the Gulf Breeze UFO sightings to the Washington DC 2002 UFO Intrusion containing the only nationally televised news report on the incident broadcast by FOX News.

These 'video reports' were first used as installments on the larger UFO UPDATE: LIVE! program produced by Bob Leibold of Natural Light Productions, and making the transition to online 'stand-alone' clips have raised a number of issues. Many clips were intended to be accompanied by panelist discussion and commentary follow-up, so some of the clips, such as the Morehead 'Screaming Woman' segment, were not intended as 'stand alone' reports and may appear incomplete.

Plans are underway to expand this Web feature with new reports coming soon. These fresh installments will focus on current investigations, UFO-related news events or developments and in-depth interviews, produced primarily for Web distribution.

Special thanks to Sean Feeney of The Anomaly Response Network for uploading and hosting the videos. The clips can be viewed from the following location:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/videos.html>

Thanks,

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Bible Predicts Alien Attack

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Subject: Bible Predicts Alien Attack

Bible Predicts Alien Attack

<http://home.comcast.net/~sts48/biblealienattack.html>

1. Bible UFO Prophecy Scenario
2. Bible Proof

KJV=King James Version
GNB=Good News Bible Translation
NEB=New English Bible

The following scenario is based on research from the writings of the Jewish prophets, Jeremiah and Daniel and in the New Testament 1st John, Luke and Revelation. It is the opinion of this writer that the following scenario will begin very soon. This opinion is based on research into other areas of eschatology and does not reflect a declaration of an exact day or hour however. For this is forbidden!

1. Bible UFO Prophecy Scenario

And so because of the alien threat from outer space the nations of the world unite and through the UN elect the first president of the newly formed one-world government. The world president, now having dictatorial powers, gives the order that all alien saucers that violate the earth's air space be shot down using the newly developed, multi-megawatt SBL Alpha Laser death-ray. Sixty-six saucers are shot down and crash to earth because of this new technology. The alien commander is surprised and filled with awe and respect because of his adversary, the UN President (antichrist). The nations of the world are adoringly grateful to the world president for his effective and saving leadership in defeating the aliens. They love his strong leadership.

2. Bible Proof

Does all this sound like a science fiction story? Not if you believe in bible prophecy.

In Daniel 8:9,10 (KJV) it states, "and out of one of them came forth a little horn (antichrist) which waxed exceeding great, toward the south and toward the east and toward the pleasant land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host.."

Revelation 13:4 says, "And the world worshipped the beast (antichrist) saying, who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

As more truth about UFOs, alien abductions and UFO crashes come to light through the world's TV and printed media, the cover-up crumbles, then fear grips the nations of the world. But God gives comfort to Israel concerning the alien threat as stated in Jeremiah 10: 1,2 (GNB)

"People of Israel, listen to the message that the Lord has for you. He says do not follow the ways of other nations, do not be disturbed by unusual sights in the sky even though other nations are terrified."

And in Luke 21:11 GNB) "there will be terrible earthquakes, famine and plagues (aids, herpes, Ebola flesh eating viruses, Small Pox, super-killing influenza) everywhere; there will be strange and terrifying things coming from the sky "(UFOs).

The NEB translations says, "In the sky terrors and great portents.." The American Standard St. Joseph Edition says, "Awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky."

The question still arises. Will there indeed be an alien invasion of earth? The bible seems to hint that the world's people will perceive that an alien invasion is imminent.

In Luke 21:26 it says, "Men's hearts failing them (cardiac arrests) for fear and for looking for those things which are coming on the earth." (KJV)

Could the 1991 NASA STS-48 Starwars footage be a precursor to Daniel 8:9,10?

Some UFO enthusiasts interpret the STS-48 footage (that was shown on "Sightings", "Hardcopy", "Encounters", "The Larry King Show", etc) as several alien spacecraft being fired on by U.S. Starwars technology (probably Brilliant Pebbles) but missed.

Strangely, in 1991 the Alpha High Energy Laser (HEL) death-ray demonstrated megawatt class power levels in a low pressure, space operation environment:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/program/sbl.htm>

the same year as the STS-48 incident, 1991.

Many UFO researchers have wondered, are the extraterrestrials good or evil? Are they sinners like us? Do they have the ability to kill, lie, and do all the things that sinners here are capable of doing?

The bible answers these questions in the affirmative.

In 1st John 5:10 it says, "the whole world lieth in wickedness."

In Strongs Exhaustive Concordance, page 43 in the Greek Dictionary section, the word "World" in that particular verse means Kosmos, which is the same as Cosmos or Universe. Therefore what it really says then is, "The whole universe lieth in wickedness (sin).

Alpha High Energy Laser death-ray:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/program/sbl.htm>

Rapture Prophecy:

<http://home.comcast.net/~sts48/Rapture.html>

Rapture Picture:

<http://home.comcast.net/~sts48/Rapture.jpg>

Donald B Ratsch Home Page:

<http://home.comcast.net/~sts48/DonaldBRatsch.html>

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Warren

From: **Frank Warren** <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 08:25:02 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:00:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Warren

Hello Fellow Listerions,

I just finished listening to the Friedman/Shostak Debate (great job Stan!) and before I jump in with both feet, which I'll do later, I thought I'd just throw in a quick thought:

While Seth kept 'needling' Stan for the "best evidence" and not seeming to hear Stan's answers, I thought that behavior quite odd for an astronomer, whose many conclusions in that field are based on "circumstantial evidence"; e.g., Seth mentioned during the debate how many "extrasolar planets" have been discovered to date, when the result of that statement is based on said evidence.

That is to say: these extrasolar planets have 'not been seen'! It is theorized that they are planets because of a 'star's wobble' and assumed that is caused by a 'planetary mass' and their gravitational effect on their respective suns. Hence the evidence of the stated existence of all these 'planets' is circumstantial!

I might point out that some of Stan's examples of evidence, e.g., "physical trace evidence" also included "eye witnesses". Seth, believes there are extrasolar planets based on circumstantial evidence without any eye witnesses, but when it comes to Ufology, that evidence, in fact 'improved evidence' isn't good enough for him.

This in my opinion is a very contradictory stance. What's good enough for the goose should be good enough for the gander!

Regards,

Frank

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Extraterrestrials & Parallel Evolution

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:02:07 -0400
Subject: Extraterrestrials & Parallel Evolution

As a totally unbiased observer (wink, wink), I think Stan Friedman won the C2C debate with Seth Shostak on every major question - except one. That question is why witnesses who claim to have seen aliens report beings who are at least roughly human in physical appearance.

Shostak, of course, thinks it's because the aliens are merely products of the witnesses' imaginations and that people imagine aliens would look something like themselves. Why people who imagine things are so unimaginative is another question, but I won't get into that.

Stan's response was that the similarities in body plan to humans might be due to a common alien/human ancestry, humans being the descendants of some ancient colonists from another planet. Shostak pointed out - quite correctly I think - that the DNA evidence shows that humans are closely related to all other forms of life on Earth and that any extraterrestrial "colonists" would have to have been microbes that subsequently evolved into human forms, as well as all the others that inhabit the planet.

I think parallel evolution is more viable than colonization as an alternative explanation to the one that Shostak prefers. Evolution theory supposes that creatures evolve to fit their environment and that there are some constraints on the forms they can take. One of the most radical examples of parallel evolution I can think of is dolphins and other cetaceans. Cetaceans are mammals and millions of years ago they lived on dry land and had four legs like all other mammals. But when they returned to the sea, they took on forms roughly similar to those of fishes. Only vestiges of the hind legs remain in cetacean anatomy. While biologists would consider the differences in cetacean and fish body plans to be significant, the general forms are similar enough that some people still think of whales as a kind of fish. Whales certainly look more like fish than they do mammals to the untrained eye.

Bilateral symmetry is extremely common in most forms of multicellular life. Arms, legs, and eyes come in pairs in many species that are only remotely related to each other. While it can't be proved, of course, it could be that evolutionary constraints also tend make a body plan with binocular vision, two arms, and two legs the preferred form for intelligent creatures on any Earth-like planet. Bipedalism in particular has often been cited as essential to the evolution of human intelligence by biologists because it frees the upper limbs to evolve dexterity needed for tool-making.

An extra pair of arms or eyes in the back of the head would certainly be very useful, but there could be limitations on the amount of information an organic brain can process from sensory organs and how many appendages it can control and still have enough processing capacity left for intelligent thought.

So I think it's at least possible that extraterrestrials could tend to have forms similar to humans not because they share a common ancestry but because they live in the same universe and their evolution has been governed by the same physics and chemistry as ours has.

I'll stick by this theory unless the first aliens to land on the White House Lawn or that send TV images of themselves to the SETI people turn out to look like giant squids or something. I used to be an H. P. Lovecraft fan, so I wouldn't be too disappointed if ETs proved to be inhumanly and unimaginably hideous. :)

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Fleming

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Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:55:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 07:35:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Fleming

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 21:38:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfl Fleming5.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 18:52:33 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>>The orthodox scientific view Shostak promotes is essentially
>>that the question of whether any UFOs are extraterrestrial
>>cannot be worth the valuable time of any serious scientist to
>>investigate until there is proof that UFOs are extraterrestrial.

>>Kind of a Catch-22 situation.

>Exactly right. Orthodox science, this ain't. Science can only
>help us identify things, or help with photo analysis, etc.

>Science has no real place to start with UFOs, until someone
>comes up with a piece, an artifact, something at which science
>can look and say, "Now, there's something really unusual."

I'm not so sure that puzzling out the incomprehensible operating
principles of ET hardware would necessarily be any more
appealing to scientists than working with the types of evidence
we already have.

I think the UFO question can offer a strong attraction to
orthodox scientists specifically because the available
evidence tends to be indirect and doesn't provide obvious
answers to the casual observer. It's more of a challenge that
way and at least some scientists like an intellectual challenge.
Ideally, they all should.

Atmospheric physicist James McDonald and NASA chief scientist
Paul Hill are two good historical examples of scientists taking
up that challenge. And there are a few contemporary ones who
contribute to this List. I think the fundamental problem is that
scientists tend to view the attraction of UFO research as a
potentially fatal attraction as far as their careers are
concerned. But it's not because UFO research can't be
intellectually rewarding. What it's badly lacking are the
social, financial, and political rewards of so-called
"mainstream" scientific fields. UFO research offers a lot more
punishment than it does rewards in that regard.

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Hall

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Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 07:40:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Hall

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 23:50:53 -0500
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 17:14:39 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>Almost all of Stan's evidence stands far outside Seth's field of
>study. Stan didn't mention a lot of astronomical evidence for
>Seth to debate.

>Handwriting analysis, soil testing, rings on the ground where
>the grass doesn't grow, secretive government documents with
>black programs, anecdotal evidence by former military men... all
>of these things lie far outside Seth Shostak's field of study.
>So why was he there?

>He was asked to debate a known Advocate for the Ufology field.
>He didn't prepare for a debate so much as a panel discussion -
>his error.

>There was even mention, beforehand, to the effect that Seth was
>being led to the slaughter, a telling foreshadowing of what was
>'expected'.

>With no scientific - astronomy-related - basis on which to
>dispute Stan's evidence, he fell into a novice trap... he
>demanding proof rather than evidence. While this doesn't make him
>right, it makes it impossible to debate, and makes it impossible
>for me to agree with your disagreement. Seth Shostak a poor
>debater? In this instance, yes. Seth Shostak a skeptibunker?
>Hardly. He's too busy hunting for his own style of 'space rock'.
>His arguments were evidence, not of a debunker in the midst, but
>of a lack of preparation.

>I agree with your description of Seth's statements, but disagree
>with the motive you ascribe - our larger point. Seth appeared
>to have no agenda, other than to engage. Stan is conversely a
>very outspoken articulate pundit for what he believes he has
>proven.

>Keep in mind that with SETI, there is nothing to debate. They
>do not state that they have received any transmission from
>anywhere. They have no evidence that anyone is listening or
>sending. They simply believe it is worth looking and waiting.
>While Stan could - and did - argue that Seth is wasting time and
>resources, that argument did - and does - nothing to advance the
>questions they were supposedly debating.

>The opening statements by each proved the irony of the "debate".
>Seth seemed uncomfortable with the irony. Stan seemed to revel
>in it.

>I think, as Stan mentioned, that Seth would do well to better

>prepare for his next debate.

Kyle,

Other than the fact that I didn't attribute any "motives" to Shostak at all, I don't find a whole lot to disagree with here. All I pointed out was that his behavior was typical of ill-informed (i.e., ignorant) skeptibunkers, and it certainly was not "scientific". My statements were all addressed to your comment that he was only being a scientist/behaving scientifically.

And if he fails to prepare properly for a debate/discussion, that is only further evidence of a made-up mind that can't be bothered with evidence and could care less. CSICOP-types, like him, feel that they know The Truth (UFOs are a lot of nonsense and advocates for them are, ipso facto, nutty or dishonest).

- Dick

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Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <denzlerb.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:34:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 07:41:59 -0400
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>From: Bill Stockstill <size14d.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 05:56:54 -0400
>Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 09:46:16 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

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>I haven't seen this Bill but my guess is that it is a Federal
>version of Bills that the States have, where you can be forced
>to have a mental health exam if someone deems you a danger to
>yourself or others. And, I don't think its a ploy to get
>business for the drug companies. I think its a law the Bush
>Admin. wants, to get a legal reason to detain someone without
>access to legal counsel - i.e. terrorist suspects.

Bingo.

Brenda

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Close-Up Photos

From: **Dante Rosati** <dante.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 07:55:05 -0400
Subject: Close-Up Photos

I just watched the interview with Jerry Black on the UFO Research site, and it got me to thinking about the state of 'close-up photos'.

Basically, it would seem that all the close-up photos of UFOs, from Adamski through Walters, Meier, Allende, are hoaxes. Unless I'm mistaken, all close-up photos are also taken by self-proclaimed contactees/abductees, and purport to be of landed or near-landed objects.

A more interesting category may be called "mid-range photos", which are airborne objects at some distance, but still showing structure, as opposed to the mass of ufo photos/videos, which are at great distance and show featureless lights, blobs, etc.

Mid-range material would include ones like the Trent photos from way back, and the interesting "red object" filmed a few years ago by Anthony Woods.

There are certainly many reports of there being close range photos in government possession, for example Daniel Sheehan's testimony for the Disclosure Project, and many others.

Something seems wrong with all this to me - why has there not been, in the last 50 years, any reasonable close-up photos in the public domain? Is there some kind of law of UFOs that they will never approach the ground if someone has a camera? Or, even more ridiculously, only if the camera operator is a military employee with top-secret clearance who will not divulge the photos? Of all the abductees and near-abductees, no one had a camera? Or is it that the interdimensional nature of abductions means there is no physical object to photograph, and the physical objects flying around in the skies and detectable by radar are a different phenomena - possibly related, possibly unrelated?

Dante

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Fleming

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>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 15:28:29 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>What is their best evidence?

>Zero. Nada.

>And they have the gall to play it dumb when we show them some
>evidence?

>What's missing?

OK, one final post and then I'll shut up for a while.....

You make a good point and it would have been interesting if Stan had fired that question at Shostak. It sure would have put Shostak on the spot. But I don't think it's completely true that SETI has detected no evidence; they have in fact occasionally gotten some interesting signals. The "WOW" signal is the most famous example.

The problem apparently was that in every case the signal didn't last long enough to provide the SETI scientists much to analyze or for multiple listening stations to confirm, and further signals were never again detected from the same point in the sky. These conceivably could have been stray ET transmissions intended for someone else that SETI picked up accidentally. The SETI purists mostly ignore them because they don't pass their all-or-nothing test of what constitutes an alien signal that they can announce to the United Nations as the irrefutable proof of ET contact.

To be fair, I do recall reading that some people in the SETI League (or the SETI Institute, I can't remember which) are trying to put together a survey report about all the most interesting signals they've gotten over the years. I'd definitely be interested in reading it. It seems more realistic -- and basically more scientific -- to organize and study all the accumulated data as a whole, even if it's inconclusive, than to wait around for the one loud and long signal that meets all of the rigorous (or maybe just rigid) standards of irrefutable proof.

However, the idea of considering what the preponderance of the available SETI evidence might tell us begins to sound something like the approach taken by UFO researchers. That might not sit well with those SETI scientists who are the most intent on separating themselves absolutely from "UFO believers" in the public's perception.

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Re: Extraterrestrials & Parallel Evolution -

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
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>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:01:54 -0500
>Subject: Extraterrestrials & Parallel Evolution

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Some quoted material found at:

<http://www.vision3d.com/vocvis.html#binocular>

"STEREO VISION: (stereopsis or stereoscopic vision): a byproduct of good binocular vision; vision wherein the separate images from two eyes are successfully combined into one three-dimensional image in the brain. For the complete scoop, see the illustrated page on:"

<http://www.vision3d.com/stereo.html>

Finally, with form follows function whereby two eyes have the most efficient arrangement for a brain with two halves. As the human animal evolved as a predator..the eyes are arranged in forward setup,, to allow the predator greater focus on its prey. You will note two things,,1. Prey species have their eyes on the sides of their heads etc.. like a rabbit,,and a wider view when looking for 2. Predators etc.. a Chef and his/her stew recipe.

Bon Appetit,

John

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Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Chapman

From: **Mary Chapman** <alfie107.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:00:25 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 08:08:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Chapman

Hello Donald,

I would like to address this post of yours from a different perspective.

On Sunday, July 25, 2004, at 08:54 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>From: Donald Ratsch <sts48.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:58:58 -0400
>Subject: Bible Predicts Alien Attack

>Bible Predicts Alien Attack

><http://home.comcast.net/~sts48/biblealienattack.html>

>1. Bible UFO Prophecy Scenario

>2. Bible Proof

>KJV=King James Version
>GNB=Good News Bible Translation
>NEB=New English Bible

>The following scenario is based on research from the writings of
>the Jewish prophets, Jeremiah and Daniel and in the New
>Testament 1st John, Luke and Revelation. It is the opinion of
>this writer that the following scenario will begin very soon.
>This opinion is based on research into other areas of
>eschatology and does not reflect a declaration of an exact day
>or hour however. For this is forbidden!

>1. Bible UFO Prophecy Scenario

>And so because of the alien threat from outer space the nations
>of the world unite and through the UN elect the first president
>of the newly formed one-world government. The world president,
>now having dictatorial powers, gives the order that all alien
>saucers that violate the earth's air space be shot down using
>the newly developed, multi-megawatt SBL Alpha Laser death-ray.
>Sixty-six saucers are shot down and crash to earth because of
>this new technology. The alien commander is surprised and filled
>with awe and respect because of his adversary, the UN President
>(antichrist). The nations of the world are adoringly grateful to
>the world president for his effective and saving leadership in
>defeating the aliens. They love his strong leadership.

>2. Bible Proof

>Does all this sound like a science fiction story? Not if
>you believe in bible prophecy.

Bible Prophecy meaning warnings or absolutes? Who is the best interpreters of Bible Prophecy, especially when we humans obviously have many biases and filters from which our conclusions are based? My interpretation of the below verses might very well set up a completely different scenario. It seems to me that since this is truly a personal interpretation_and

there is no one who can attest to your_or my_validity of interpretation, and that the story is in the eye of the beholder.

Any accounting of these prophecies must therefore follow on the heels of pre-determined conclusions. It's like reverse technology, whereby you have the finished product and must then break it apart to find the core workings. Most likely, however, when speaking of_mental constructs_we cannot be certain of the intentions OR conclusions. Just because someone tells us that this means that, or that means this, does not make it true.

These prophecies could very well be referring to mental aspects rather than physical manifestations. I'm of the impression that physical activities _follow_ mental persuasions, and therefore the Bible is more esoterical for the evolved Man of today. These are my opinions of course, but with this in mind, please follow my interpretations of the following passages.

>In Daniel 8:9,10 (KJV) it states, "and out of one of them came
>forth a little horn (antichrist) which waxed exceeding great,
>toward the south and toward the east and toward the pleasant
>land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it
>cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground and
>stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince
>of the host.."

My interpretation: And out of the mind of Man came forth a little idea, that lamented the possibilities of greatness and understanding.

This redeemed the Man in his own mind, and it impressed him greatly.

He had a lofty idea and he went forth with this as his main objective.

>Revelation 13:4 says, "And the world worshipped the beast
>(antichrist) saying, who is like unto the beast? Who is able to
>make war with him?"

My interpretation: And the Man put great pride and stock into his own ideas. Who would judge against these great ideas for they surely would work?

>As more truth about UFOs, alien abductions and UFO crashes come
>to light through the world's TV and printed media, the cover-up
>crumbles, then fear grips the nations of the world. But God
>gives comfort to Israel concerning the alien threat as stated in
>Jeremiah 10: 1,2 (GNB)

>"People of Israel, listen to the message that the Lord has for
>you. He says do not follow the ways of other nations, do not be
>disturbed by unusual sights in the sky even though other nations
>are terrified."

My interpretation: Man of high standard, become aware! Do not follow every Tom, Dick and Harry; do not buy into other people's fears. Stay the course and follow your heart, which may or may not coincide with your reasoning mind. Be intuitive.

>And in Luke 21:11 GNB) "there will be terrible earthquakes,
>famine and plagues (aids, herpes, Ebola flesh eating viruses,
>Small Pox, super-killing influenza) everywhere; there will be
>strange and terrifying things coming from the sky "(UFOs).

My interpretation: Man, your reasoning mind will try to dissuade you from following your intuition. It will give you all kinds of horrible scenarios in order to control you, and coerce you into sticking with the PROGRAM!

>The NEB translations says, "In the sky terrors and great
>portents.." The American Standard St. Joseph Edition says,
>"Awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky."

>The question still arises. Will there indeed be an alien
>invasion of earth? The bible seems to hint that the world's
>people will perceive that an alien invasion is imminent.

>In Luke 21:26 it says, "Men's hearts failing them (cardiac
>arrests) for fear and for looking for those things which are

>coming on the earth." (KJV)

My interpretation: Men fail to listen to their inner voice and become saturated with mind-numbing repetitious blather from an unenlightened society; a society who fails to think for themselves and suffer the consequences physically and mentally.

>Could the 1991 NASA STS-48 Starwars footage be a precursor to
>Daniel 8:9,10?

>Some UFO enthusiasts interpret the STS-48 footage (that was
>shown on "Sightings", "Hardcopy", "Encounters", "The Larry King
>Show", etc) as several alien spacecraft being fired on by U.S.
>Starwars technology (probably Brilliant Pebbles) but missed.

>Strangely, in 1991 the Alpha High Energy Laser (HEL) death-ray
>demonstrated megawatt class power levels in a low pressure, space operation
>environment:

><http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/program/sbl.htm>

>the same year as the STS-48 incident, 1991.

>Many UFO researchers have wondered, are the extraterrestrials
>good or evil? Are they sinners like us? Do they have the ability
>to kill, lie, and do all the things that sinners here are
>capable of doing?

>The bible answers these questions in the affirmative.

>In 1st John 5:10 it says, "the whole world lieth in wickedness."

>In Strongs Exhaustive Concordance, page 43 in the Greek
>Dictionary section, the word "World" in that particular verse
>means Kosmos, which is the same as Cosmos or Universe. Therefore
>what it really says then is, "The whole universe lieth in
>wickedness (sin).

My interpretation: The mind of Man is steeped in error about his natural state of being, which, IMHO contains within itself the ability to discern and think for itself. Wicked is he who fails to meet his inherent standard of ethics. But this is an internal judgement Man places upon himself. Many know right from wrong, but continue to usurp their own conscience for any number of reasons.

Well, I'm not saying my ideas are more or less right than your ideas, but I thought it imperative to know that we each contribute to this world, bringing new light to any subject. Reducing prophecy to the physical world and to personal interpretations can be misleading and harmful if we are seeking truth and understanding in any field of study, Ufology included, in my opinion.

Thank you,

Mary

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Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
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>From: Donald Ratsch <sts48.nul>
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List,

That kind of 'prediction' is unadulterated B.S.! The attack humankind should actually worry about is the one against rationality and scientific thinking such as exemplified in that contrived regurgitation of writing(s) taken as 'revealed', infallible, and as the literal Word Of God.

Ray Stanford

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 13:51:32 EDT
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 17:36:06 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
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>>>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 17:29:00 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>>If Stan is right, the aliens could well be hampering both sides,
>>working to prevent disclosure, and jamming or inserting
>>obscuring noise into SETI's signals intentionally. If so, what
>>hope do we have against such advanced tech - on either front?

>Kyle,

>Occam's Razor in science tells us we cannot jump to the more
>complicated scenario (or hypothesis) before eliminating the
>simpler scenarios. The simpler scenario that the aliens are not
>masking or jamming their signals has to be investigated first
>and given a fair chance of being tested out before we abandon
>the idea. It is often hard to tell how much effort should be put
>in before giving up. Usually the partisans in favor of an idea
>will go down fighting for their cause until every avenue has
>been exhausted (along with themselves).

>So far only SETI theorists have ever tried to develop consistent
>models or scenarios for alien behavior. UFO "science" never
>advances because ufologists refuse to develop any consistent
>models of alien behavior. Ufologists give up almost immediately
>under various sorry excuses that alien technology would be "so
>advanced" it would be like "magic," that alien behavior would be
>so "alien" that no one can fathom it. This is getting to be like
>postulating aliens are like God yet even God can be studied and
>the whole field of doing so is called "theology" and indeed one
>major branch of it called "natural theology" led directly to the
>establishment of modern science in the Middle Ages. But
>ufologists refuse to engage in the theoretical studies, they
>radically cling to extreme empiricism and denounce anyone who
>tries to do theoretics.

I would suggest that my roughly 10,000 word paper "A Scientific
Approach to Flying Saucer Behavior" which was included in the
Proceedings of the Symposium sponsored by the AIAA and the WFS,
Sept. 27, 1975, deals with the subject as did my earlier paper
"Ufology and the Search for ET Life".

The first is included in my "Flying Saucers: 4 Scientific
Papers" only \$4. for UFORI.

I have been enunciating a pretty clear picture of alien behavior for many years. ETs using more advanced propulsion technology than we have yet acquired in our very short technological history, have been traipsing around the neighborhood for at least thousands if not millions of years.

They are not interested in casual chit chat with SETI cultists or ufologists. They have their own fish to fry certainly including checking on our military technologies, our radar and weapons systems.

Some of the craft are abducting earthlings for genetic testing perhaps for hybridization, perhaps for PhD Theses. They avoid being offensive except when we threaten them.

They obviously know we know they are here. Our manifestations of advanced technology especially with regard to nuclear weapons, rocketry and electronics give them good reason to be concerned, considering our primitive tribal warfare behavior, and give them good reason to try to assure that we don't go out there with our hostility.

Occam's razor... the simplest explanation for the structured craft observed all over the planet, sometimes on the ground, and often behaving in ways we only wish we could duplicate, is that they are intelligently controlled ET vehicles.....

Why would any rational person expect to be able to determine answers to a whole host of questions - origin, age, race, reason for travel, attitude about Earthlings, etc - by observing a large airplane passing overhead?

SETI specialists certainly provide a consistent and very simple minded picture of alien behavior:

- Some aliens are out there somewhere.
- Some are producing electromagnetic signals that SS are sure that, within a lifetime or two, they will be able to intercept and interpret.
- The aliens are more than 200 lightyears away, do not travel to other stars, cannot threaten each other or us, and we are no threat to them.
- If they were coming here, which they are not, there would be no reason for governments to cover up the data they have gathered and the aliens would, of course, give us their technology and all their secrets.
- Seth says (with absolutely no evidence whatsoever) there are between 10,000 and one million transmitters out there. Thus by far the overwhelming majority (99.999%) of stars in the Milky Way do not have transmitters near them.
- We are so lucky to have SS working so hard to deliver the message to us... this isn't even good science fiction.

My conclusion is that our neighborhood is crawling with advanced civilizations who have colonized the neighborhood ages ago and travel fairly casually throughout out the neighborhood (the thousand or so stars within 54 light years of which more than 40 are similar to the sun) as I travel to other continents far more casually than my grandparents did 100 years ago.

It is also my position that, if I am going to talk about SETI, I ought to read the work of its loudest exponents such as Drake, Shostak, Sagan, etc., as I have.

It is their position that since they know, by their special divination skills, that there is not any evidence relating to flying saucers, that they need not read anything except tabloid nonsense and that only for amusement. If there was any science, they would, of course, have known about it years ago and easily demolished any claims because it is a given that there is no evidence for ET visitations.

One can see why I say "Silly Effort To Investigate".

Stan Friedman

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 14:28:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 13:51:32 EDT
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>>ufologists refuse to engage in the theoretical studies, they
>>radically cling to extreme empiricism and denounce anyone who
>>tries to do theoretics.

>This actually is unfair and untrue, Brad. Thoughtful ufologists
>have written interestingly on the extraterrestrial hypothesis,
>and they have every right to resent sweeping charges like the
>ones you hurl at "ufologists". Every single one of them? Come
>on. And frankly, a degree of modesty about what we can infer
>about an alien intelligence strikes me as commendable, not
>something to be vehemently condemned as a posture to be taken
>only by idiots and fools.

Jerry,

You have really resorted to uncalled-for name-calling to accuse
me of "CSICOP-style polemics" (below) just because I put
together a thoughtful and actually quite incontestable critique
of the utter failure of ufology to develop a theoretical basis
for modeling and testing the ETH. Indeed I would have thought
that the facts were not even a matter of any real controversy or
dispute.

Jerry, this is kind of like screaming that you "have too built a
lot of pyramids!" and I just say "well point just one pyramid
out to me and don't point me to a pile of stone chips!" My
prediction is that you will continue to point out sorry piles of
stone chips as "pyramids." There is potential here for
converting the stone chips into a Great Pyramid but we're a long
way off and people are going to have to stop smashing other
people's efforts to develop a consistent methodology of building
something. And I might add, stop attacking those who quite
rightly complain about the malicious smashing routines that go
on year after year.

Why don't you just quote some passages - from someone, from

anyone in ufology - that prove me wrong? It would be very instructive and I think amusing.

But first, let's review what I said and what the criteria for a true scientific hypothesis involves, as it relates to ufology, and how ufology consistently undermines and attacks theory development:

1. Consistency of model. I have pointed out again and again in numerous postings over the years that those in ufology who start on a promising avenue of theory - or model-development always get shouted down because they allegedly failed to "consider the magic-like level of technology" the alleged aliens must have. Sometimes the UFologist struggling to develop a self-consistent model suddenly injects the "show-stopping magic-level technology" argument himself into his own reasoning - because he knows he is going to be criticized by someone using this bogus argument as a weapon - and he stops what he is doing, himself, on his own accord. And it always ends right there.

Call it self-censorship in those cases, a reflexive response due to the hostile climate in ufology to anyone who tries to pursue an internally consistent model of what alien behavior might look like at say, a 22nd century technology level, who allegedly fails to consider 30th and 100th century technology (which would mean introducing gross inconsistency into the 22nd century model and a violation of Occam's Razor). Or anyone who tries to begin first with human behavioral models and then shuts down because he thinks (or someone attacks him for) failing to consider that "alien behavior" must and can only be so "alien" that we cannot understand it. So just drop whatever the hell you were doing and go into paralysis about any kind of modeling of ETH or alien behavior, period. This has happened so many times right here on UFO UpDates that I am surprised that anyone would dispute it.

2. Testable model. I hope this is not controversial. It's just science, you know. If it's untestable, it is non-scientific. If an ETH model does not yield any testable ideas then it really isn't science yet. It does not have to be some great elaborate deal, but it has to be something, preferably numerical, quantitative. For example, a Military Reconnaissance Model of ETH would predict certain things about ET behavior, such as use of stealth, patterns of observation, non-contact with human culture, etc. etc. But there would be specific quantitative estimates about the patterns to expect based on a specific given alien technology level (not confusingly mixing 22nd century levels with 30th century, etc.), distance traveled, use or non-use of bases on moon or planets or underwater, etc. Also patterns to expect not to see (e.g., if it is a military recon one would not expect landings on the White House lawn, at UN HQ, etc.).

3. Comparison against other competing self-consistent models. There needs to be at least an awareness of the existence of competing models both within ETH and outside ETH (such as interdimensional, inner earth, time travel, spiritual, paranormal/occult, etc.) and some kind of discussion so that ETH theory modeling is not done in a vacuum, but not with bringing in "show-stoppers" either.

>For a guide to how ufologists have thought about the ETH over
>the years, one could do worse than start with my survey
>"Extraterrestrial Hypothesis and ufology" in the UFO
>encyclopedia. In recent years particularly good, solid writing
>on UFOs and the ETH has been done by Michael Swords and Edward
>Ashpole. One may agree or disagree with their conclusions, but
>they in no way merit CSICOP-style polemics about the stupidity
>of ufologists. This sort of thing is truly tiresome, and I would
>expect better of an old friend and valued colleague.

Prove it Jerry. Don't just give me a bunch of hot-air rhetoric. Quote for me and the list the supposed UFO ETH theoretical development.

You can't do it, Jerry, and you know it. I am not talking about just "writing about" ETH. I am talking about ETH development that does NOT interject Arthur C. Clarke's dictum about aliens having technology so advanced it would be "indistinguishable from magic." Or does not show-stop everything by saying well, the aliens are too "alien" for us to think about scientifically. This is illogical inconsistency in theoretical reasoning and a

violation of Occam's Razor.

You do not have to quote hundreds and hundreds of pages (there aren't any anyway, your two encyclopedia articles, not one, total only 26 pages, for example, one is by Swords on ETH & Science and I include it to actually help your page count).

Also do not cite a SETI theorist such as Ashpole as that is not cricket. My point had been that SETI theorists do more of this UFO-type theoretical work than UFO researchers do, because the UFO community shouts down anyone who tries to develop consistent models, shouts them down with "magic levels" and "alien-ness." So ufology is permanently shut down in theory development. Does not mean that attempts are not made, just that the attempts are always shut down for the same emotional tirade-type polemic about alien "magic" and alien "alieness." Or in this case your "CSICOP-style polemic" slur against me.

Here let me help you by quoting from your own encyclopedia article -- as this will make it clear why you don't quote it to prove me wrong, because it proves my point. The two leading critics of ETH, Vallee and Hynek, are quoted and paraphrased in your "ETH and its Critics" section. To make their criticism of ETH, Hynek and Vallee necessarily had to construct some rudimentary models of alien behavior and operational activities that can be tested against the UFO experience and what we know. This kind of ETH model-building is what needs to continue on an ongoing basis and not be shot down, shouted down, or shut down by the "magical alien technology" and "alienating alieness" tirades. It does not matter whether the ETH models are done by critics or proponents but the point is that proponents are required by the scientific method to construct such theoretical models of UFO/alien behavior, so it's in their best interests scientifically speaking.

However, if pro-ETH advocates are refusing to develop models because of ulterior motives stemming from their knowing or sensing that the process will refute the ETH explanation of UFO's, then that would explain the venom and the emotion that is constantly hurled at anyone trying to construct consistent quantitative ETH modeling (though "explaining" it does not justify the abusive tactics used). Pro-ETH partisans strive to protect ETH from refutation by making ETH unfalsifiable, thinking that that makes it a stronger scientific argument when in fact unfalsifiable theories are not scientific. It's a classic error in scientific methodology. In any case you can "protect" ETH to a certain degree by setting up a variety of ETH models with differing numerical estimates of expected alien behavior. But ETH proponents do not want to do that either.

The strongest scientific theories are the ones that take the most daring risks in proposing numerical predictions that may make-or-break the whole theory. Less strong but still important are the theories that can't or don't make the "make-or-break" predictions (and the "predictions" do NOT have to be of the future but can be of what is expected to be found by looking at past history of observational data). In those cases, theories or models are proposed that make numerical estimates of what one expects to be the case, but in terms of probability and not as crucial all-or-nothing experiments in a lab, or whatever. But the price that is paid for such allowances is that the whole theory/model is not deemed as strong. A theory or model can survive numerical disproofs, by using ad hoc reformulations of the theory, and there is a long "grace period" allowed to give the theory and its proponents lots of additional chances, but with the stipulation that the constantly reformulated versions will be looked at with less and less indulgence over time, as being increasingly weaker than the original bolder version.

To defeat Vallee's numbers argument against ETH, you interjected Aime' Michel's alien "magic" argument! You did exactly what I have been complaining about (though without the excess and vitriol that typifies ETH partisans here on UpDates). You stopped the ETH model development in your own encyclopedia with both the "magic" alien technology and the "aliens are too alien to understand" arguments! You proved my point.

Here is what you wrote, omitting the Michel quotation since your Michel paraphrase is more to the point (vol. 1, p. 386b):

CLARK: "The widespread notion that strangeness quotient

alone eliminated the ETH did not sway Aime Michel....
For extraterrestrials to visit us, they would have to
accomplish what to us is impossible: the traversing
of deep space. Thus, Michel reasoned, the
intelligences and their technology would necessarily
be so far beyond our ken as to seem magical or
irrational."

There it is from your own monumental encyclopedic compendium of
UFO research - the "magic" level of alien technology and the
"beyond our ken" alienness arguments, the thought-terminating
killers that stop all theoretical ETH development in UFO
research.

Brad Sparks

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>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:01:54 -0500
>Subject: Extraterrestrials & Parallel Evolution

>As a totally unbiased observer (wink, wink), I think Stan
>Friedman won the C2C debate with Seth Shostak on every major
>question - except one. That question is why witnesses who claim
>to have seen aliens report beings who are at least roughly human
>in physical appearance.

>Shostak, of course, thinks it's because the aliens are merely
>products of the witnesses' imaginations and that people imagine
>aliens would look something like themselves. Why people who
>imagine things are so unimaginative is another question, but I
>won't get into that.

Hi,

I've always read this "humanoid" element as an argument for the
opposing view. "Why would people with otherworldly imaginings
usually pick a humanoid appearance?" it goes. This is the first
time I've read it the other way around, the assumption being
that imaginers are simple-minded copy-cats. Is this really the
starting point for this conversation? Am I missing something?

Best,

Bill

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>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 16:05:07 EDT
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 13:51:32 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>I avoid the 'spinning whirlpool of speculation' by just sticking
>to the basics of life.

>It's either predator or prey. All life is doing is surviving on
>several stages: create, maintain.

>We humans are both predator and prey. Actually along with our
>most lethal and long term enemy the Mosquito, we're probably our
>own leading cause of death.

>So we look at the 'visitors' and ask ourselves what do they
>want?

>Simple, they're trying to survive by creating and maintaining
>something. What that 'something' is is speculative. Yet I'd say
>it's safe to say they're creating and maintaining themselves.

<snip>

>What do they want from us? We are some part of those drives.

<snip>

>Advanced technology has nothing to do with sanity. Just look at
>the TV programs and you can see that for yourselves. A
>technologically advanced civilization from another world may be
>just that: technologically advanced. Socially is another issue.
>That depends on how they treat one another, as valued members or
>grist for the mill.

>Far too often I hear or read where someone assumes that
>civilizations that are advanced don't want to contact us because
>we're so 'savage'. That doesn't mean squat without proof. It's
>only speculation. Could be we may be nicer than our neighbors
>and they can't figure it out. As brutal as we are we might be
>the nicest kids in the neighborhood. Speculation yes, but a new
>slant on this issue. Worse case scenario, they don't want to
>contact us because if we found out what they've done or are
>doing or intend, we'd might marshall our forces and open up a
>cosmic can of asswhup on them.

>I can hear it now " They're so advanced they'd wipe us out!"

<snip>

All very excellent points! Many of these points have been
addressed by SETI theoreticians and often from an anti-UFO
position.

What we need in the UFO community is for someone in the pro-UFO camp to do better, scientifically more fair modeling, which will require some hard theoretical work to develop some numbers and tests for these ideas. Each one can be modeled and tested.

We can easily see some kind of distinction between "stealthy" behavior and "open" behavior, for example, let's develop some numbers. But it's going to require a lot more work than any of us apparently can put into a quickie email posting. And it will never be done at all if it gets thought-terminated by the "they're so advanced" argument.

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>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>>>>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
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>>>If Stan is right, the aliens could well be hampering both sides,
>>>working to prevent disclosure, and jamming or inserting
>>>obscuring noise into SETI's signals intentionally. If so, what
>>>hope do we have against such advanced tech - on either front?

>>Occam's Razor in science tells us we cannot jump to the more
>>complicated scenario (or hypothesis) before eliminating the
>>simpler scenarios. The simpler scenario that the aliens are not
>>masking or jamming their signals has to be investigated first
>>and given a fair chance of being tested out before we abandon
>>the idea. It is often hard to tell how much effort should be put
>>in before giving up. Usually the partisans in favor of an idea
>>will go down fighting for their cause until every avenue has
>>been exhausted (along with themselves).

>>So far only SETI theorists have ever tried to develop consistent
>>models or scenarios for alien behavior. UFO "science" never
>>advances because ufologists refuse to develop any consistent
>>models of alien behavior. Ufologists give up almost immediately
>>under various sorry excuses that alien technology would be "so
>>advanced" it would be like "magic," that alien behavior would be
>>so "alien" that no one can fathom it. This is getting to be like
>>postulating aliens are like God yet even God can be studied and
>>the whole field of doing so is called "theology" and indeed one
>>major branch of it called "natural theology" led directly to the
>>establishment of modern science in the Middle Ages. But
>>ufologists refuse to engage in the theoretical studies, they
>>radically cling to extreme empiricism and denounce anyone who
>>tries to do theoretics.

>Brad,

>Last first. I think every UFOlogists who calls himself that
>IS engaged in theoretical studies.

>I read posts every day in this list that attempt to explain,
>describe, or contemplate technologies that are far beyond our

>current capabilities...no terms like "magic" included.

Kyle,

They do not have to use terms like "magic." You just alluded to it yourself - "far beyond our current capabilities." The illogic and inconsistency comes in mixing "far" and "near." Then the show is stopped by invoking the mantra of super-advanced technology levels at the "far beyond" us level instead of carefully investigating the "nearer to us" levels of technology, like perhaps 22nd century levels. This is done all the time even without using words like "magic."

>My post, or the snippet you cite, reflects what logically follows
>when I ask myself, "What if Stan's right?". Nothing more. Purely
>"theoretical studies".

But it's not the kind of consistent model building that science needs, and which I was talking about. You invoked the possibility of alien "jamming" of signals using "advanced technology" basically to just stop developing models of less-than-super-advanced alien technology and behavior.

>On partisanship, if a scientist is a partisan, he stops being a
>scientist.

There are degrees of partisanship and different types. The partisans who are emotional vitriolic fanatics are one type we can do without.

>Stan Friedman is a scientist in physics. In the UFO field, he is
>not a scientist (gasp). He's an advocate... for a particular
>view regarding UFOs. He may be right, and he may be wrong. I am
>not convinced either way, but I champion his cause for this
>reason...

>Our government has lied about its drug testing on American
>citizens, (using chemical weapons on its own people)

>Our government has lied about War, (Cambodia, Iran/Contra,
>Iraq?, indiscriminate killing for political gain) Our government
>seems willing and able to lie about things.

>When I ask myself, "What if the government really did know
>that UFOs were from other than earth? How would the government
>respond?", the answer leaves me thankful that Stan Friedman is
>out there digging. Because of our government's past behavior,
>the "Occam's Razor" test is somewhat skewed. If they are behind
>all this, then the simplest answer is wrong. The answer becomes
>more complex than Occam could have dared imagine.

I am not sure I see how government coverup relates to the level of alien technology being assumed - inconsistently - in attempts to define models of UFO activity and behavior.

Occam's Razor isn't "skewed" at all if you apply it, and find that you must eliminate the simpler theory because it doesn't work. That is part of the process of using Occam's Razor. The problem comes from eliminating the simpler models first, arbitrarily, right from the outset because "aliens would just be so far ahead of us that we just shouldn't bother trying to figure anything out about them, scientifically" (the typical argument I hear).

>I merely leave that possibility open in my mind, just exactly as
>I leave room in my mind for the possibility that aliens could be
>out there waiting for signals from "out there" like us..

>My main point still remains. Our debate and our presence is
>elevated when reasonable men challenge each other's views
>without ridicule, or hyperbole, and best of all, without anger.

We can agree on the latter. All I'm trying to do is get the climate in the UFO community to encourage, not denounce, efforts to build testable numerical models of ETH. If you don't like someone's numbers then propose your own and back it up. What I don't want to hear is the shrill shouting-down that starts up when someone tries to build such models, where they get slammed with "aliens would be like magic to us" before anyone can even get to square one.

What is sad is that this is the kind of thing, model building, that would be done in the first week of a full-scale scientific program on UFOs involving say a hundred James McDonald's or Nobel-level scientists living, breathing, dreaming UFO's 24-7. This is what the hated evil CIA tried to do back in 1952, tried to set up a massive, permanent (not one-shot or a 4-day-deal) scientific UFO research program at MIT involving top-level Nobel-scale scientists. But the Agency was thwarted by the AF which killed the plans, and then retaliated by forcing the Robertson Panel setup on the CIA, with rigged "UFO" cases that were actually IFO's that had to be judged in a 4-day rush to judgment with an artificially hurried (rigged) deadline.

Brad

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Re: Extraterrestrials & Parallel Evolution - Chace

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Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 09:08:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Extraterrestrials & Parallel Evolution - Chace

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5.nul>
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>Subject: Extraterrestrials & Parallel Evolution

>Stan's response was that the similarities in body plan to humans
>might be due to a common alien/human ancestry, humans being the
>descendants of some ancient colonists from another planet.
>Shostak pointed out - quite correctly I think - that the DNA
>evidence shows that humans are closely related to all other
>forms of life on Earth and that any extraterrestrial "colonists"
>would have to have been microbes that subsequently evolved into
>human forms, as well as all the others that inhabit the planet.

I'm not quite sure where Stan was going with this comment about possible common alien/human ancestry. Some astrobiologists have suggested that the first microbial life on Earth could have actually originated on Mars and then been transplanted to the Earth via meteorites billions of years ago, which I suppose is a form of colonization by extraterrestrials. However, I don't think that Martian or terrestrial microbes have any special genetic predisposition toward evolving into a humanoid form later on. The process of evolution is governed by environmental and ecological factors more than by any genes that those microbes would have had when they first started out.

A metaphysical interpretation of this "common ancestry" idea might be that the Earth is a penal colony for the souls of beings from higher civilizations. Perhaps these unfortunate souls were sentenced to be reincarnated on Earth as punishment for bad behavior. This would be analogous to the notion that Australia was started as a penal colony, but in this case it would be in a metaphysical rather than a literal sense.

I know that in the past Stan has past spoken of parallel or convergent evolution as a possible explanation for the humanoid appearance of UFO occupants. There are certain directions in which life tends to evolve due to the constraints imposed by the (presumably) universal laws of physics, chemistry and biology. What is clearly not plausible is the idea that humans are the direct physical descendants of purely extraterrestrial humanoids who arrived in recent geologic time. Some authors have suggested this, but the fact is that human beings are genetically related to Earth's indigenous primates and other life forms. I'm sure that Stanton Friedman is well aware of this.

To follow up on this notion of convergent evolution, I would point to the physical similarities between the Mesozoic marine reptiles called ichthyosaurs and the modern odontocetes or toothed whales. Their form is dictated by their ecological niche or way of life. Convergent evolution as a force in nature should not be underestimated, for there are even cases where different species of plants growing on different continents have independently evolved the same chemical defenses against predation. That is, they actually use the exact same molecule as a toxin to discourage caterpillars and other hungry bugs. One last example is the physical similarity between Australia's whipsnakes, elapid snakes of the genus *Demansia*, and North America's whipsnakes, colubrid snakes of the genus *Masticophis*.

Though separated by millions of years of evolution, these snakes are physically almost indistinguishable from one another, having similar body shapes and scale patterns. The most significant difference is that only the Australian whipsnakes have venom (though it is milder than the venom of related elapids that rely primarily on envenomation to subdue their prey). The physical similarity is the result of having similar habitats, lifestyles, diet and foraging behavior. I would expect that on many other worlds in our galaxy (as Michael Swords has pointed out), creatures that rely primarily on intelligence and technology to survive might be likely have a generally humanoid appearance.

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Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 09:12:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Connors

>From: Donald Ratsch <sts48.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:58:58 -0400
>Subject: Bible Predicts Alien Attack

<snip>

What a crock of bull feathers and road apples. What next, prophesy from tea leaf reading, predicting a hummingbird to lay a 600 pound egg? Jeez... just when I thought I'd heard every Woo- Woo tripe shoveled into Ufology.

Wendy Connors
www.fadeddiscs.com

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Varginha Again

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Subject: Varginha Again

Fellow Researchers:

There's some amazing info related to the Varginha Case coming soon.

As most of you know, there is at least one death connected with the capture of the alleged aliens, actually the second one. The man who died was military policeman, Marco Eli Chereze, a healthy 23-year-old guy who was determined, along with dozens of his mates, to search some areas of the town for other aliens possibly at large. He was sitting on the passenger seat of a Fiat Uno patrol car at 20h30 January 20, 1996, when it almost ran over a creature, that suddenly crossed an unlit street in the suburb.

Marco got out of the vehicle and grabbed the creature with his bare hands, using no gloves. He had not been informed about the risks he would undertake when facing the creature.

Then he went back to the Fiat Uno, sitting with the alleged alien in his lap. He and his fellow military policeman drove to a small first-aid facility in the suburb of Varginha. There they were told by the only doctor in charge that they should take the creature to a larger facility, so they went to the Regional Hospital of South Minas Gerais State, in downtown Varginha, where other police forces, the fire department personnel and the Army were all waiting for he and the creature.

Their arrival was seen by several people, as the hospital is in a very populated area. They delivered the creature to the military in that hospital and it was at that point that their involvement with the creature ended.

[At this point, one of the doctors who helped the military to conduct preliminary analysis of the creature is the "Doctor" I referred to in my previous posts.]

But, it was not the end of the story for Marco. Actually, within a few days he developed a very unusual, small tumor under his arm and had to see his doctor at the military installation where he worked. The doctor removed the tumor from him.

A few days after the extraction, Marco's tumor re-appeared and he developed other tumors and minor infection points all over his body as well. He was then taken to regular non-military hospital and, a few hours after he checked in, was taken to the intensive care unit, but died soon after with apparently no reason. He was a very healthy young fellow who had just passed an exam for a higher rank in his military career.

His death was a tragedy for his family and it became even worst because Marco's superiors refused to release his death certificate to the family. So, they buried their loved one without knowing what he died of.

After several requests - all denied - a year after the death the military finally released the death certificate to the family. But not before censoring some parts of it, and not before the press got all over them, demanding the its release.

The death certificate doesn't say much and the family still does not know the cause of death of Marco Eli Chereze.

Until now!

The good news is that the doctor who had him tested before his death, in the hospital he was taken to, decided to talk about it openly. He gave a long interview to Ubirajara Rodrigues, last week, and they'll meet again tomorrow to cover more details of the situation and will reveal the cause of death.

The Varginha Case is still open. Next month we'll have a large UFO Conference in the town, that I am proud to organise, where this new witness and a few others will be presented to the public.

See info at:

www.ufo.com.br/minas.php

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Re: Close-Up Photos - Hale

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Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 20:46:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Hale

>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400
>Subject: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>Something seems wrong with all this to me - why has there not
>been, in the last 50 years, any reasonable close-up photos in
>the public domain?

Hi,

Perhaps those who take such pictures, have become aware of the media intention of making them look rather silly in front of the TV cameras? There may be vast private libraries of UFO photos sitting in someone's cupboard?

I recently had the fine pleasure of reading and looking at one of the most excellent UFO photograph books of all time, quite stunning close up photos of 'structured' airborne UFOs, from across this vast planet of yours and mine.

The book, UFO Richard Brunswick PhotoCollection
By Goliath: ISBN 3-9805876-3-0 published in Germany.

I really commend this book for a serious and objective look at just how, some UFO pictures across the decades have been caught by the camera, and most in this book I had not seen, as I understand these pictures were privately collected by this man, over a few decades.

Regards,

Roy

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Re: Close-Up Photos - Sanchez-Ocejo

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>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400
>Subject: Close-Up Photos

>Of all the abductees and near-abductees, no one had a
>camera? Or is it that the interdimensional nature of abductions
>means there is no physical object to photograph, and the
>physical objects flying around in the skies and detectable by
>radar are a different phenomena - possibly related, possibly
>unrelated?

In the abduction cases, the abductee cannot control their
conscioness. Even if they had a camera, they could not use it. I
had a case in with the abductee carried a paper note with my
questions to his abductors in his pocket, and during others
contacts, could not use it. These entities fully control your
mind and actions during the abduction.

Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
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Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

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PRESS RELEASE =96 UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER RELEASES REPORT ON THE
MOTIVATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL RACES VISITING
EARTH

Dr Michael E. Salla, a former Assistant Professor and current
Researcher-in-Residence at American University, Washington DC.,
claims that as many as 57 extraterrestrial races are currently
visiting the Earth. Of these races, he claims that 17 have most
significance for the evolution and sovereignty of humanity. He
divides these races into two groups. The first group, he claims,
comprises seven races that are connected as a network through a
series of secret agreements between themselves and 'shadow
governments' in the United States and elsewhere. This group,
according to Dr Salla, are part of a vast military-industrial-
extraterrestrial complex fully funded by 'black budgets' in the
US and other nations. He believes that a second grouping of ten
extraterrestrial races are outside of this network of agreements
and offer humanity the best chance for a positive future.

Dr Salla bases his report on the testimonies of a variety of
former military and government 'whistleblowers' who have
participated in classified programs or witnessed classified
documents; and 'contactees' who claim to have met with
representatives of different extraterrestrial races. The Report
methodically analyses the different races belonging to each
group either within or outside of the military-industrial-
extraterrestrial-complex Salla believes began during the
Eisenhower administration. Dr Salla's report is fully referenced
with over 100 footnotes, and offers readers an opportunity to
find in one place the best available evidence on the motivations
and activities of different extraterrestrial races monitoring
and interacting with humanity.

The full title of the Report is: "A Report on the Motivations
and Activities of Extraterrestrial Races =96 A Typology of the
most Significant Extraterrestrial Races Interacting with
Humanity"

The Report has been published online and can be downloaded from:

<http://www.exopolitics.org>

An abstract of the Report appears below.

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"A Report on the Motivations and Activities of Extraterrestrial
Races =96 A Typology of the most Significant Extraterrestrial
Races Interacting with Humanity"

Abstract

There are an extensive number of extraterrestrial races known to be currently interacting with Earth and the human population. In a 1998 interview, Clifford Stone, a retired US army Sergeant who served in the US Army for 22 years and participated in covert operations to retrieve crashed extraterrestrial ships and extraterrestrial biological entities (EBE's), revealed there were a total of 57 extraterrestrial races known to the US military. From this pool of extraterrestrial races, a number are more active than others, and can be claimed to have the most significance for human evolution and sovereignty. The extensive number of testimonies concerning different extraterrestrial races indicates that the motivations and activities of extraterrestrial races vary greatly, and an idea of these motivations can be distilled from close examination of these testimonies. This report describes the main extraterrestrial races most commonly referred to in the literature who appear to have most strategic significance for the evolution and sovereignty of humanity, and their impact on a range of systemic global problems. The report distinguishes between these extraterrestrial races on the basis of their belonging to one of either two distinct groups. The first group contains extraterrestrial races with which 'shadow governments' responsible for extraterrestrial affairs, have reached agreements with and even collaborated in a number of joint projects. The extensive set of interlocking agreements between these races and the 'shadow government' in the US and elsewhere suggests the existence of a military-industrial-extraterrestrial complex of interests. The military-industrial-extraterrestrial complex of interests currently controls most information concerning the extraterrestrial presence; and dominates government institutions around the planet, financial interests, the mass media, and is responsible for systemic global problems.

There is also a second grouping of extraterrestrial races that lie outside of this web of clandestine agreements between extraterrestrial races and 'shadow governments'/national security agencies. Most 'contactees' report these races to be 'friendly' to human interests suggesting a more ethical approach to the challenges confronting humanity as it prepares for the truth about the extraterrestrial presence and challenges posed by advanced extraterrestrial technology. It is this latter group which may prove to be the key in solving systemic global problems caused by the first group and the 'shadow government'.

This report will first describe the group of extraterrestrials that are part of a military-industrial-extraterrestrial complex that while mainly associated with the US, is global in scope. The report will then describe the second group of extraterrestrials who have declined to be associated with the military-industrial-extraterrestrial complex. Distinguishing between extraterrestrial groups in this way helps bring to prominence the complex ethical-legal-political dimensions in understanding how different extraterrestrial races choose to cooperate or not with the military-industrial-extraterrestrial complex. For example, is a race of extraterrestrials 'unfriendly' if it chooses to become part of a 'military-industrial-extraterrestrial' complex thereby sharing technology with national security agencies in what may be described as 'mutually beneficial projects' that lead to secrecy, human rights violations and damage the global environment as a result of policies by the 'shadow government'? Likewise, is a race of extraterrestrials 'friendly' when it refuses to be co-opted into a military-industrial-extraterrestrial complex thereby choosing to play a mainly observer role as a majority of the human race is exploited by human elites and extraterrestrials associated with the military-industrial-extraterrestrial complex? While a prima facie argument can be made to answer 'yes' to both questions, this should not disguise the deeper ethical-legal-political issues that emerge with the existence of a military-industrial-extraterrestrial complex and dealing with such questions. Understanding the motivations and activities of the most significant extraterrestrial races will help greatly in answering the above questions; and will also help private individuals respond adequately to the dilemma over which extraterrestrial races contribute to global problems confronting humanity, and which extraterrestrial races can be worked with for the evolution and emancipation of humanity.

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has!"

Margaret Mead

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>Subject: Close-Up Photos

>Something seems wrong with all this to me - why has there not
>been, in the last 50 years, any reasonable close-up photos in
>the public domain? Is there some kind of law of UFOs that they
>will never approach the ground if someone has a camera?

I think it probably has more to do with the camera people typically have. Most people don't have telescopic lenses or high-resolution film. They have junky little cameras made to take happy snaps of the picnic. As digital cameras get a lot better and a lot cheaper, particularly the ones built into telephones, maybe this will change. It's still hard, though, to take a picture of something that maybe only hangs around about 20 seconds, is still pretty far away, and is maybe in the process of trying not to be seen. There does seem to be some better movie footage being taken these days, however, which is encouraging.

It would be nice to get some good, close-up or landed photos, though. And it's too bad the aliens aren't doing so much "contactee" stuff where we might get a photo of the inside of a UFO. That would be cool.

I predict that the kind of high-quality, close-up photos you're talking about will be taken by a group of people over a major metropolitan area within the next three years.

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 09:10:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 21:02:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 18:45:19 EDT
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 14:28:08 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 13:51:32 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

Brad,

>>>So far only SETI theorists have ever tried to develop consistent
>>>models or scenarios for alien behavior.

The SETI literature I've seen - no small amount of it, after a concentrated effort to read as much of it as I could stand - doesn't much impress me. The major impression I have of it is that it is wildly speculative (in a way no ufologist could ever get away with without being, in your phrase, shouted down) and based, unlike ufologists' speculation, on no evidence whatever. A SETI scientist on NPR once recommended science fiction and said it was a big influence on his own ETI speculations. Somehow I wasn't surprised.

>But
>>>ufologists refuse to engage in the theoretical studies, they
>>>radically cling to extreme empiricism and denounce anyone who
>>>tries to do theoretics.

Let's have some names and citations here. I literally don't know what or whom you're talking about, and I know the UFO/ETI literature better than most.

>You have really resorted to uncalled-for name-calling to accuse
>me of "CSICOP-style polemics" (below) just because I put
>together a thoughtful and actually quite incontestable critique
>of the utter failure of ufology to develop a theoretical basis
>for modeling and testing the ETH. Indeed I would have thought
>that the facts were not even a matter of any real controversy or
>dispute.

I'm glad your work is "thoughtful and actually quite incontestable," but I deny that I engaged in name-calling for the simple reason that I didn't. I stand by my critique of your hyperbolic prose, however. If you want to make a point, I am all ears, as I have been through the course of our long friendship. If you want simply to shout and hurl accusations, I'm afraid my immediate response is to put hands over ears. Since you have much of interest to say when you're in a more thoughtful, analytical mode, I would hope I don't have to do that.

>Jerry, this is kind of like screaming that you "have too built a
>lot of pyramids!" and I just say "well point just one pyramid

>out to me and don't point me to a pile of stone chips!" My
>prediction is that you will continue to point out sorry piles of
>stone chips as "pyramids." There is potential here for
>converting the stone chips into a Great Pyramid but we're a long
>way off and people are going to have to stop smashing other
>people's efforts to develop a consistent methodology of building
>something. And I might add, stop attacking those who quite
>rightly complain about the malicious smashing routines that go
>on year after year.

Since I have defended you consistently for years, this last
remark is not only false but remarkably ungracious. Come on,
Brad. And please calm down. This is not a personal attack on
you, and I can't imagine that anybody besides you could possibly
read it that way. If you feel free to criticize others -
amazingly sweepingly, I might add - you must expect to be
criticized in return. That's the way it works.

>1. Consistency of model. I have pointed out again and again in
>numerous postings over the years that those in ufology who start
>on a promising avenue of theory - or model-development always
>get shouted down because they allegedly failed to "consider the
>magic- like level of technology" the alleged aliens must have.
>Sometimes the UFologist struggling to develop a self-consistent
>model suddenly injects the "show-stopping magic-level
>technology" argument himself into his own reasoning - because he
>knows he is going to be criticized by someone using this bogus
>argument as a weapon - and he stops what he is doing, himself,
>on his own accord. And it always ends right there.

Why aren't you citing anybody in particular? If you could refer
us to specific writings by specific ufologists, maybe we could
get somewhere.

>Call it self-censorship in those cases, a reflexive response due
>to the hostile climate in ufology to anyone who tries to pursue
>an internally _consistent_ model of what alien behavior might
>look like at say, a 22nd century technology level, who allegedly
>fails to consider 30th and 100th century technology (which would
>mean introducing gross _inconsistency_ into the 22nd century model
>and a violation of Occam's Razor). Or anyone who tries to begin
>first with human behavioral models and then shuts down because
>he thinks (or someone attacks him for) failing to consider that
>"alien behavior" must and can only be so "alien" that we cannot
>understand it. So just drop whatever the hell you were doing and
>go into paralysis about any kind of modeling of ETH or alien
>behavior, period. This has happened so many times right here on
>UFO UpDates that I am surprised that anyone would dispute it.

Let's see some specifics in the published UFO literature. Chit-
chat on UFO UpDates, while entertaining and occasionally
enlightening, is not what I mean by "published UFO literature,"
which in the end is what counts.

>2. Testable model. I hope this is not controversial. It's just
>science, you know. If it's untestable, it is non-scientific. If
>an ETH model does not yield any testable ideas then it really
>isn't science yet. It does not have to be some great elaborate
>deal, but it has to be something, preferably numerical,
>quantitative. For example, a Military Reconnaissance Model of
>ETH would predict certain things about ET behavior, such as use
>of stealth, patterns of observation, non-contact with human
>culture, etc. etc. But there would be specific quantitative
>estimates about the patterns to expect based on a specific given
>alien technology level (not confusingly mixing 22nd century
>levels with 30th century, etc.), distance traveled, use or non-
>use of bases on moon or planets or underwater, etc. Also
>patterns to expect _not_ to see (e.g., if it is a military recon
>one would _not_ expect landings on the White House lawn, at UN
>HQ, etc.).

>3. Comparison against other competing _self-consistent_ models.
>There needs to be at least an awareness of the existence of
>competing models both within ETH and outside ETH (such as
>interdimensional, inner earth, time travel, spiritual,
>paranormal/occult, etc.) and some kind of discussion so that ETH
>theory modeling is not done in a vacuum, but not with bringing
>in "show-stoppers" either.

>>For a guide to how ufologists have thought about the ETH over
>>the years, one could do worse than start with my survey

>>"Extraterrestrial Hypothesis and ufology" in the UFO
>>encyclopedia. In recent years particularly good, solid writing
>>on UFOs and the ETH has been done by Michael Swords and Edward
>>Ashpole. One may agree or disagree with their conclusions, but
>>they in no way merit CSICOP-style polemics about the stupidity
>>of ufologists. This sort of thing is truly tiresome, and I would
>>expect better of an old friend and valued colleague.

>Prove it, Jerry. Don't just give me a bunch of hot-air rhetoric.
>Quote for me and the list the supposed UFO ETH theoretical
>development.

Let's see specifics, literature citations, and quotes, Brad. A
good place to start might be Michael Swords's big piece on the
ETH in JUFOS, by any standard a significant contribution to ETI
literature.

Until you provide them - again, UFO UpDates posts really are
not the issue here - further discussion seems a futile exercise.

And please, again, this is not personal. I hope that in your
response you will remove all expressions of wounded outrage -
and it might help, too, to acknowledge that people who don't
think or see things exactly as you do are not therefore fools
and idiots.

I confess you lose me immediately when all of a sudden I find
that your target is "ufologists" - clearly, every single one of
them without exception, including me and some pretty smart
people I am proud to call colleagues. If you want to treat us as
colleagues, as opposed to simple objects of scorn, I am happy to
hear your criticisms. I also reserve the right to agree or
disagree with them, and I expect to be heard in turn as
respectfully as you expect to be heard.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 21:05:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Dickenson

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 18:59:40 EDT
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>We can easily see some kind of distinction between "stealthy"
>behavior and "open" behavior, for example, let's develop
>some numbers.

Really Brad?

Ever dangled or trailed a string to tantalize a kitten? The
kitten is "sure" it's hunting that string.

"Open" behavior for one person can be start of a carefully
planned double-cross by another - and that's just within
"normal" humans!

Seems, to me at least, that we simply need to keep an open mind
and reject no information on grounds of "ridiculous" "not
scientific" etc. etc.

Regards

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: Varginha Again - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 11:30:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 08:27:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Stanford

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 08:08:25 -0300
>Subject: Varginha Again

>Fellow Researchers:

>There's some amazing info related to the Varginha Case coming
>soon.

<snip>

A question, please, A.J. In Timothy Good's recent book (Sorry, I don't have the title. I saw it at Good's table at the recent 'disclosure' conference, but did not buy it, and am not sure whether it is published in the USA.), there are several color photos allegedly showing the Varginha 'alien'.

Frankly, the thing in those photos looks to me more like a poorly made-up model than anything alive or even recently alive. To my perception, the alleged 'alien' looks as though it had been contrived by a totally inexperienced movie-prop maker, out of something resembling cheddar cheese, for a Z-grade movie, with mineral oil added all over its surface to make it look repugnant.

I'm reasonably confident that you are familiar with the photos which Good published. So, please tell us, what is your opinion of the reliability of the source of those photos and what do you think of the photos?

Thanks,

Ray Stanford

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Charles Fort: Godfather of Postmodern Relativism

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 08:29:56 -0400
Subject: Charles Fort: Godfather of Postmodern Relativism

[Fort and postmodernism all in one... -twc]

Charles Fort
<http://tinyurl.com/45nlr>

The American Charles Fort (1874-1932) is perhaps the godfather of postmodernist relativism, although few postmodernists are likely to have heard of him.

He called himself an "intermediatist", one who believes that all phenomena are approximations one way or the other between realness and unrealness.

He would not commit himself to any single view of the world.

A lifetime of collecting reports of unusual events in the New York City Library never led him to develop a paradigm that would accommodate them in a unified view of the world.

Instead, he would conjure up completely fanciful ideas that were clearly intended to be jokes, such as his "Super Sargasso Sea", floating above the earth, which had become a repository for all sorts of "bris" sucked up from the surface by tornadoes and from which otherwise inexplicable objects, such as frogs, would occasionally fall to earth.

His collection of reports ran from objects falling from the sky to psychic phenomena, from ghost stories to mysterious flying objects and from human artefacts found in geological strata to spontaneous human combustion.

He published his collections and speculations in four books: The Book of the Damned (1919), New Lands (1923), Lo! (1931) and Wild Talents (1932).

The books work by piling up account after account, leaving the reader bewildered rather than enlightened.

There is no attempt to evaluate the reliability of his sources, to assess whether any of the phenomena are physically possible or to understand the nature of theory.

One of his great preoccupations is what he saw as the religious nature of scientific discourse.

He believed that scientists constitute a type of humanist priesthood and that they uphold their own beliefs by suppressing inconvenient data rather than arguing from the evidence.

While understanding that scientific theories model the world rather than describe it, he believed that their inability to deal with anomalous data showed that they were inflexible, dogmatic beliefs.

One of Fort's admirers, Tiffany Thayer, created a Fortean Society to collect more anomalous data with the aim of embarrassing conventional science.

After Fort=92s death, the Society began to publish his voluminous notes.

When Thayer died in 1959, the Society folded, but by then, numerous people had become attracted by his ideas (if not his books).

There are now several societies that describe themselves as Fortean, as well as magazines and even a British television programme (Fortean TV, an occasional series shown by Channel Four).

Ironically, Charles Fort himself did not like the idea of a Fortean Society, as he thought it would attract people who truly believed in the strange phenomena he was cataloguing.

All in all, Fort stands out as something of an oddity.

The data he collected are heterogeneous and probably incapable of synthesis; his perfunctory attempts at synthesis are risible and (presumably) not meant to be taken seriously.

The point he seems to be making is that it is possible to use the data science rejects to construct an alternative paradigm, by which all the accepted data become anomalous.

In short, the accepted paradigm is wrong just as much as the alternative paradigm is wrong.

But, in Fort=92s view, scientists are not the right people to come up with the new paradigm because their knowledge is socially constructed and therefore no more valid than his speculations.

This is why we can regard him as a godfather of postmodernism.

http://kjmattthews.users.btopenworld.com/cult_archaeology/assorted_oddities_2.html

Terry W. Colvin

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UFO Sighting Reports Over Military Bases

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <hbccufo.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 11:15:36 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 08:33:38 -0400
Subject: UFO Sighting Reports Over Military Bases

UFO Sighting Reports Over Military Bases

HBCC UFO Research Notice: Due to the recent UFO sighting reports I have received from military men and women I have made up a new section to post these reports to in my website. This way these reports are not scattered all throughout my site. The reports can be found at in the UFO Report Archive or also by clicking on:

http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&new_topic

I also will be having a special report coming soon for the Cannon AFB. A fellow witnessed and photographed a UFO and recently has been threatened not to release the photo and information.

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 14:07:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 08:41:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 20:37:51 EDT
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 21:26:48 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>I am not sure I see how government coverup relates to the level
>of alien technology being assumed - inconsistently - in attempts
>to define models of UFO activity and behavior.

>Occam's Razor isn't "skewed" at all if you apply it, and find
>that you must eliminate the simpler theory because it doesn't
>work. That is part of the process of using Occam's Razor. The
>problem comes from eliminating the simpler models first,
>arbitrarily, right from the outset because "aliens would just be
>so far ahead of us that we just shouldn't bother trying to
>figure anything out about them, scientifically" (the typical
>argument I hear).

>>I merely leave that possibility open in my mind, just exactly as
>>I leave room in my mind for the possibility that aliens could be
>>out there waiting for signals from "out there" like us..

>>My main point still remains. Our debate and our presence is
>>elevated when reasonable men challenge each other's views
>>without ridicule, or hyperbole, and best of all, without anger.

>We can agree on the latter. All I'm trying to do is get the
>climate in the UFO community to encourage, not denounce, efforts
>to build testable numerical models of ETH. If you don't like
>someone's numbers then propose your own and back it up. What I
>don't want to hear is the shrill shouting-down that starts up
>when someone tries to build such models, where they get slammed
>with "aliens would be like magic to us" before anyone can even
>get to square one.

>What is sad is that this is the kind of thing, model building,
>that would be done in the first week of a full-scale scientific
>program on UFOs involving say a hundred James McDonald's or
>Nobel-level scientists living, breathing, dreaming UFO's 24-7.
>This is what the hated evil CIA tried to do back in 1952, tried
>to set up a massive, permanent (not one-shot or a 4-day-deal)
>scientific UFO research program at MIT involving top-level
>Nobel-scale scientists. But the Agency was thwarted by the AF
>which killed the plans, and then retaliated by forcing the
>Robertson Panel setup on the CIA, with rigged "UFO" cases that
>were actually IFO's that had to be judged in a 4-day rush to
>judgment with an artificially hurried (rigged) deadline.

Well said, Brad.

I agree with you that this field would be improved by having a

set of fundamental understood ideas about the origin, technology, and motives.

The theories touted here and elsewhere would likely require several parallel groups. Provide a common, updated database of UFO data to each group...photos, video, radar, eyewitness testimony, trace evidence, etc. Allow each group full access, and merge the subsequent findings...large and small...back into the database to prevent duplication, and to provide other groups with insights to further their own analyses. Of course, the database would grow with new reports and data, as well.

UFO Group 1 - Technology... Analyze existing UFO data for performance characteristics and correlate with current and emerging terrestrial technologies, seeking commonalities which might lead to explanations for extreme UFO behavior. Fold results, good and bad, back into database.

UFO Group 2 - Communication... Analyze current UFO data for its communication potential. Crop circles, symbols connected with UFOs, sounds, light patterns, etc., will be analyzed with an eye to a unified approach, assuming that if ETs are attempting communication, they would likely try various forms, but cryptically employed to draw out those with "eyes to see". Fold results, good and bad, back into database.

UFO Group 3 - Physics... Analyze data for common physical behavior, even when in violation of current "accepted" paradigm. Allow the data to suggest alternative physics models, rather than fitting the data into existing paradigm. Correlate against current theories for multi-dimensional reality, super-string theory and the like for commonalities which may be cross-supporting. Fold results back in.

UFO Group 4 - Metaphysics... Analyze existing data and correlate with past and current sources, including Biblical sources, prophesy, remote viewing, PSI-OPS, etc.

UFO Group 5 - Biology... Analyze data for commonalities of physical form beyond the typical "gray". correlate with existing theories of evolution in extreme environments here for possible insights. Fold results back in.

Somewhere in this mix of analyses, one could expect that minor breakthroughs would be achieved. UFOlogy could evolve into a true science. Several good theories about UFOs would continue to compete...just as other sciences have multiple plausible theories awaiting the final kiss-off, or the final vindication. But those that promoted purely speculative rebuttals might be naturally hushed by the peer groups' single-mindedness of purpose and clear objectives. In fact, results might even require creation of new groups to handle "extra-disciplinary" phenomena.

I can imagine a "think-tank" style institute...how about ITISAUFO... Institute for Technical Investigation and Scientific Analysis of UFOs. A "Brookings Institute" for UFO studies.

I fear you are right in thinking that it would fall by bickering and in-fighting. It's not a money issue.

Kyle

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Re: Press Release - Paradigm Research Group

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 20:04:57 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 08:45:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Press Release - Paradigm Research Group

>From: Stephen Bassett <Disclosure2003.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 21:25:42 -0400
>Subject: Press Release - Paradigm Research Group - 07-26-04

>PRG
>Paradigm Research Group

>July 26, 2004 - Press Release
>Memos to the Candidates

>On the eve of the Democratic Convention PRG issues the following
>challenge to three of the presidential candidates

>Washington, DC - The next President of the United States will
>take office during the 57th year of the public's awareness of a
>government imposed truth embargo on the fact of an
>extraterrestrial presence engaging the planet earth and the
>human race.

<snip>

I predict that none of the candidates will bother to read the
press release beyond the above sentence, assuming they get that
far.

CDA

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Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 15:08:50 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 08:48:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know - Boone

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Jul 2004 16:15:53 -0400
>Subject: Re: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 19:49:57 EDT
>>Subject: Are You Nuts? The US Wants To Know

>>Are You Nuts? The US Govt. Wants To Know...By Force

><snip>

>>I'm really worried that abductees will soon be the focus of a
>>witch hunt and forced to take dope to cope.

>>Greg

>We "mind control", electronic harassment and gang stalking
>targets have been through just this situation for years.

>Basically, I advise newly aware colleagues to avoid discussing
>any of their anomalous experiences if they find themselves
>face to face with the thought police. I don't see how an
>abductee can be forced to talk about their abduction
>experiences.

>The one stumbling block is the MMPI (Minnesota Multiphasic
>Personality Inventory) or similar "there-is-no-wrong-answer"
>questionnaire. These are multiple choice tests and will not
>force an abductee to discuss their abduction experiences.

>Abductees facing a mandatory MMPI, which is impossible to defeat
>since there is no way to tell which is the "right" answer, might
>want to have a private psyCHologist give one to them first, to
>find out if there are any "land mines" in it.

>One small clue is, and this is a question on the MMPI, "strange
>smells" is one you don't want to admit to. That one seems to
>attract negative vibes from the Great Ones who know all about
>the human mind.

>Beyond that, I would advise really worried abductees to look up
>and pay a retainer to a mental health defence lawyer. I did
>this, and she found me a local psychiatrist who, very
>untypically, was entirely honest. She gave me a clean bill of
>mental health before I began to picket about the covert
>electronic and conventional stalking attacks. That would be
>very handy to have already done when forced testing comes to
>your neighbourhood.

>I could never have located that honest psychiatrist on my own.

>Since most lawyers allow a 30 minute free interview, one can
>"window shop". It's not that hard, by a bit of asking around,
>helped by the local law society, to locate those lawyers who
>have mental health as a sub-specialty.

>Just some words of advice from some folks who have "been there".

Thank you Eleanor White!

I've forwarded this thread to some of the mental health advocacy groups and I am suprised that they agree with each post. They have told me so many horror stories and the dirty inside tricks people use with mental health procedures. Like I said earlier that people use these tactics for vindictive purposes and there is an enormous, enormous amount of proof of this going back a century or more easy.

With each new advance in so-called 'mental health' technology more people become the victims of a level of quackery so outrageous that I expect to see 'Daffy Duck' become the new symbol of the psychiatric community.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not one of those " Why them psychiatrists are all evil yadda yadda yadda" types. Far from the truth. Problem is that when those psychiatrists who are trying to stand up for what's right take the podium they themselves become the targets of horrendous character assassination and retributions. Honorable physicians in every field who fight for what's right end up too often a target. For what? Tryings to do things right?

It's all about money and politics. Control by force and oppression. "Think our way or be locked away" type of mentality.

Example is religion. The President of the U.S. is often talking about religion. Stuff you can't prove. There are billions who each day will swear they've been rescued by some invisible, intangible power yet you won't see them tossed into a hospital or forced to take psychotic drugs. Why? Because these same religious minded people control the majority of the wealth and weapons in the world. Don't wanna piss them off! Yet you can just glance at history and see the massive amounts of slaughter and treachery by those who use these beliefs for their own vindictive and greedy purposes.

It's our constitutional right to believe what we want. Yet when those beliefs rock the status quo we become the target of the status quo.

Yesterday's oppressed, gaining power, become today's oppressors.

So here we are in the 'space age' and a citizen gives a sane and reasonable report of what they believe to be an interraction with an 'alien' species. Perhaps our levels of awareness in matters of science allows us to more accurately define these interractions from the scientific viewpoint wherein one who is only indoctrinated in a viewpoint from a religious standpoint interprets it as a 'divine' event.

Trillions of dollars are generated each year from these religious viewpoints and that puts bread on the table. Not to say these people are wrong, far be it, yet to point out what's acceptable and what is not can land one in the soup.

Forced agreement is dangerous. It kills one's self and pan determinism. We've got billions of people walking around today looking and interpreting reality from 'forced upon' viewpoints. We don't get their own real interpretation because it's buried under the threat of switch, fist, gun, and fear of social ostracization. We're getting stimulus-response reports. Woe upon the officer who has to dig through all this during an event and he presents a rational scenario, he may end up without a job.

We're at a dangerous crossroad here. What we 'want' to believe, what we're told we'd 'better believe' and what the truth is.

To have those realities forced or invalidated by 'phantom pharmaceutical science' is nothing short of a modern day 'Spanish Inquisition' with a chemical signature.

I'm happy that the UFO Abductee scenarios are being looked at more with a less stigma due to the advocates of mental health reform than I had imagined. It's because somewhere someone sat down and decided that the best way to fight 'mad science' is to just do 'science' without the social filters. It might taste

bitter, but it's a lot easier to digest.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 15:18:15 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 08:49:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Boone

>From: Donald Ratsch <sts48.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:58:58 -0400
>Subject: Bible Predicts Alien Attack

>Bible Predicts Alien Attack

><http://home.comcast.net/~sts48/biblealienattack.html>

<snip>

Far be it from me to disagree with a Biblical interpretation.

That's your right Mr. Ratsch.

I was fortunate to have grown up around many a top scholar in the scriptures. Listening to them and reading with them and seeing how they fit into modern day events.

What I've found to be successful and level headed is to study the culture and language of the people the scriptures were originally targeted to: Hebrews.

You'd be suprised at how simple and direct the scriptures are and the true meanings when you define the meanings of the names of the people and places. It makes for a more accurate and calming study.

Find a Rabbi, get a dictionary, and have fun.

Prophecy is a 'maybe' scenario for future events. Not set in stone. Sort of like a 'signpost up ahead' of the roads we should take or the way we should conduct ourselves as we travel.

So I, for one, shy away from Biblical interpretations unless those interpretations come from those that thoroughly understand the cultures and languages of the peoples they were targeted to and then what those peoples and cultures are doing today.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Close-Up Photos - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 15:29:28 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 08:51:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Sparks

>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400
>Subject: Close-Up Photos

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>Something seems wrong with all this to me - why has there not
>been, in the last 50 years, any reasonable close-up photos in
>the public domain? Is there some kind of law of UFOs that they
>will never approach the ground if someone has a camera? Or, even
>more ridiculously, only if the camera operator is a military
>employee with top-secret clearance who will not divulge the
>photos? Of all the abductees and near-abductees, no one had a
>camera? Or is it that the interdimensional nature of abductions
>means there is no physical object to photograph, and the
>physical objects flying around in the skies and detectable by
>radar are a different phenomena - possibly related, possibly
>unrelated?

Thank you for an immensely thought-provoking posting. The problem can be traced to a root cause which I call the Myth of the Almighty Camera. I have alluded to this many times earlier in postings to rebut numbers arguments about UFO photos, why so few?

First, cameras are not objective instruments and photos are not pure objective instrument data. Cameras distort the representation of the incident light and various corrections must be applied to correct for spatial distortion of the lens and distortion of spectral sensitivities to light on the film. Photos are not purely objective because a human being with biases must interpret the photos.

Second, and this will surprise most people, cameras are poorer instruments than the human eye (and brain but let me just call it all the "eye" for simplicity). The human eye captures the equivalent of gigabytes of data every second, which is far beyond the capabilities of digital video cameras. The eye can resolve millions of colors and can detect and adjust for light levels well below the thresholds of most cameras, etc. The weakness of the human eye system is that there is no playback mechanism except whatever memory process the brain can use, and only the human with the brain can access it, at present (though there are increasingly sophisticated systems being developed for directly electronically accessing memories in the human brain).

Third, the human eye is a better instrument for UFO detection and observation than the camera -- a shocking statement perhaps but very true. Although playback is a problem as I noted, nevertheless the eye and brain strive to recall only the differences from image to image, so that one is not swamped with unchanging images. But the camera is "dumb" and doesn't know better. If an object remains the same for a long period the camera if movie film or video will show just that. If it is only a still camera, you can lose immense amounts of important data between shots anyway. Cameras cannot adjust across the enormous range of light levels as the human eye can.

But most important of all, cameras cannot interpret what they "see," whereas the human being despite all his/her faults and limitations can and does interpret and analyze the observation, and usually attempts to investigate and explain the sighting in conventional terms first -- unlike the camera which cannot think, react, or try to explain the light that is incident through its lenses. A human being suitably trained or debriefed can retrieve immense amounts of data far beyond camera capability, in part due to the human's efforts to "escalate the hypotheses" (as Hynek called it) in an attempt to explain what he/she sees. For example the UFO witness might move around to see if the object moves and might be a reflection. The human witness will recall details better if he/she is actively involved and motivated, such as by efforts to explain the sighting.

What this is leading up to is this: UFO photographs do not provide 100% objective evidence, despite common misconceptions to that effect, for the reasons I explained above. And UFO photos are poorer in quality than the human eye registration of imagery, but the one advantage photos have is that they are much more accessible than human memory as yet for "playback," though again this is not 100% objective either (film/digital sensor sensitivities to light are not true, etc.).

I have looked at thousands of UFO photos and studied quite a few very intensively over many years (McMinnville, Trindade, Skylab-3, etc.). The one thing that sticks out to me quite glaringly is that MOST photos do not and cannot give anyone enough information to decide whether it is a UFO or an IFO or a hoax. Most UFO photos show tiny lights or small points in the sky, and without the dynamic record of a human eye like a super video camera, there is no way to know if it was a UFO moving highly erratically across the sky or was just a firefly or a meteor or whatever. Many UFO witnesses forget their sighting details under the misconception that the "camera tells it all." Many are never as thoroughly interrogated when there are photos to supposedly supersede and take the place of the "inferior" witness, so that human eye data is lost.

The Skylab-3 photos from space on Aug 26, 1973, would be pretty red pics and interesting in a curiosity sort of way but utterly worthless in and of themselves as UFO evidence without the brilliant observations and quick thinking of the world's first scientist in space, Stanford electrical engineering professor Dr. Owen K. Garriott. Dr. Garriott told me after he returned to earth that he had noticed the Skylab going into the earth's shadow at the end of this 10-minute sighting by him and his two fellow astronauts. He realized the unidentified object would soon go into shadow too and disappear and that by counting off how many seconds elapsed he would be able to get a distance like an optical radar (because both the UFO and Skylab it paced were moving at orbital speed of 5 miles per second).

He counted off 5-6 seconds between the Skylab going into the earth's shadow line and the red object going into the shadow line and that told him the object was about 25 to 30 miles away (5-6 secs x 5 mi/sec = 25-30 miles) -- in terms of space debris this is an uncomfortably close call. NORAD is required to continually update NASA on any and all space objects that come within a designated distance (I think it's 1,000 nautical miles) of any manned spaceflight, for the entire duration of such flights. Yet NORAD had not warned NASA of any such close encounter. Since this all occurred over South America NORAD had no radars down there to "skin track" a bogey, so we are left with Garriott's optical ranging data.

Garriott's orbital UFO was almost the angular size of the Full Moon, as I measured it on the film (about 0.5 deg). This is about right for my rule of thumb that in most UFO photos one needs to be close enough so that the UFO image is at least the size of the Full Moon or so, in order to see enough detail to be able to have a good shot at telling what it is. Combined with Garriott's distance data from his optical ranging experiment, the UFO's size is readily calculated as about 1,000 feet. The largest object in orbit at that time was the Skylab itself, which was only 137 feet long. You do the math.

Getting back to my rule of thumb requiring at least a Full Moon in angular size in UFO photos, that leaves the vast majority of

UFO photos in indeterminate status, neither explained or unexplained. Exactly as we have today. Most "UFO" photos show only tiny images or point sources, and no one can tell just what they are, one way or another. If the average UFO is say 30 feet or so in size (as Vallee determined) then it must get within about 1/2 mile distance in order to show up on film as at least Full Moon in apparent size. This means basically that only close encounters can possibly be close enough for witnesses to get good UFO photos. Consider that most people never get as close as 1/2 mile to an airliner in flight in their entire lifetimes (not even at airports) -- or if we want to scale size and distance more fairly then say never get to within 1.5 miles or so of an airliner in flight (the exceptions being those living directly under the flight patterns of a nearby airport).

And that cuts down the numbers drastically because there are only a few thousand close encounters total, worldwide (Vallee's Magonia Catalog in 1969 had only 900+), and then you have to factor in the element of surprise and time duration as to whether anyone can get a camera out or think of doing so due to their shock, etc. With the average close encounter only about 5-10 minutes long, it does not allow much time to think of a camera and retrieving it. Usually most such CE witnesses are so entranced by what they are seeing that they do not think of cameras. It's not like a plane crash where you know exactly what is happening.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 15:33:23 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 08:54:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Boone

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 18:59:40 EDT
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 16:05:07 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>All very excellent points! Many of these points have been
>addressed by SETI theoreticians and often from an anti-UFO
>position.

>What we need in the UFO community is for someone in the pro-UFO
>camp to do better, scientifically more fair modeling, which will
>require some hard theoretical work to develop some numbers and
>tests for these ideas. Each one can be modeled and tested.

>We can easily see some kind of distinction between "stealthy"
>behavior and "open" behavior, for example, let's develop some
>numbers. But it's going to require a lot more work than any of
>us apparently can put into a quickie email posting. And it will
>never be done at all if it gets thought- terminated by the
>"they're so advanced" argument.

Thanks Brad!

I think Mr. Friedman answered it all in his post. He pointed out several of his papers which focus on UFO behavior. That's a plus because it's collected data that shows the 'actions' not the speculations.

That's the bottom line. I can't take anymore 'messages from the space brothers' reports because it's full of arbitraries to the point you feel like you're not reading a report, but a new episode of the old 'Outer Limits' tv show.

Statistics and actions are what we need. Then those stats and actions interpreted and presented by the professionals from the various scientific fields. Then we the public and put them together and make up our own minds.

One thing that tickled me recently was discussing this issue with some very important folks. These folks grew up in the past century surviving everything from concentration camps to earthquakes, etc. Mostly all senior folk, still active today in various fields. They can talk the talk because they walked the walk. If I mention Gen. MacArthur, I'll get a first hand story about him. Same with Pres. Truman all the way back to, believe it or not, Teddy Roosevelt! These senior folk, still sharp, when I asked them about UFOs respond 100% that the gov. is fulla more bull than a street in Spain. They'll shake that finger at me with the " In 'my' day we didn't have the internet! We had to yell out the window at one another! " lines. It's a kick, because I haven't met one who has negated the UFO phenom. It's due now because of many of the folks on this board whose

documentaries and books and films are readily available. Puts faces to the phantoms so to speak. Old folks are talking and you don't get old being unlucky and stupid so I for one shut up and listen.

I'm also close to 'whom' these threatening shadowy government folks are who show up during UFO sightings and testimony and ferret the real evidence away. Should have figured it out as it was right in front of my face all along. The knuckleheads even have their own message boards on the web for goodness sake.

I think it was the old Walt Kelly 'POGO' toon or Al Capp's "Li'l Abner" toon that had the line " We've met the enemy and they's us! ".

Best,

Greg

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Re: Close-Up Photos - Praestegaard

From: Soren Praestegaard <soren.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 23:06:14 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 09:43:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Praestegaard

>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400
>Subject: Close-Up Photos

>Something seems wrong with all this to me - why has there not
>been, in the last 50 years, any reasonable close-up photos in
>the public domain?

I have given this some of the same thoughts, but you must keep
in mind the simple fact that when an object is further away,
more people are able to see it, and thereby there is a greater
chance of somebody having a camera with them.

>Or, even
>more ridiculously, only if the camera operator is a military
>employee with top-secret clearance who will not divulge the
>photos?

If (some) UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin, the military
would certainly be trying to track the whereabouts of these
UFOs, and gather information enabling them to at least get a
hint of where to get a good picture. The military probably also
have more and more advanced photo equipment than ordinary folks.
The extraterrestrials certainly also would be interested in
information about the progress of humans military capabilities,
and therefore having a lot of activity in the proximity of
military installations.

>I'm mistaken, all close-up photos are also taken by self- proclaimed
>contactees/abductees, and purport to be of landed or
>near-landed objects.

If they where/was indeed contactees, they certainly would have a
lot greater chance of getting a close-up than "ordinary" people
;-)

As I stated earlier, I have been giving these things some
thought. But if the premise holds truth, I think a possible
explanation is what I've given above.

priest

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Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 16:49:36 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 09:47:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here! - Gehrman

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 2004 17:12:21 -0400
>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Jul 2004 17:24:45 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Creatures With No Business Here!

>The analysis of the samples from the site that you sent me was
>done without any regard for my personal opinion of the AA film.

Ray,

If you'd have approached the AA film in a proper manner and viewed it a few more times you may have realized that the film was either a masterpiece of a hoax or the real thing. You decided to ignore and ridicule the AA without a single objective reason; but you knew in your heart that the AA was a fraud. That's called faith.

If you'd been open to the possibility that the AA was legitimate, you'd have been much more open to my requests for assistance. I wanted you to visit the site because I had confidence in your ability to understand what was there. You didn't keep your end of the bargain and you insulted me. You're calling me a liar and I can't let that pass. So put up or shut up. I can afford any amount below ten thousand. I decided that the two grand I won from you would pay for the dendrochronologist.

So let's get this straight. The bet is very simple. When you visit the site you'll find pure cristobalite, not agate, spread across and plastered to two hundred thousand square yards of desert sand, rhyolite outcroppings, individual rocks the size of baseballs to breadbaskets, dirt and bacterial mats. AND NO WHERE ELSE! Now how can I be more specific than that?

You will also find trees and vegetation that show severe heat disruption and burned junipers and one aged, partially burned cottonwood tree.

You will find one impact site and one landing site and a long row of burned walnut trees which mark a path to the first impact site. They have scorch marks and burn indicators in their crowns.

The cameraman's prediction that we'd find these circumstances in an old dry lake bed, if we followed his directions, indicates to me that we have a crash site on our hands and that the cameraman was telling the truth about his involvement.

How the UFO community handles that will be more than interesting; it will be crucial

I'm not answering the remainder of your post because I found it simple minded, without content, and devoid of understanding, just as I told you before. You're just so god damned sure of

yourself. It's the mark of a troubled soul: often wrong; seldom in doubt.

So re-read my article:

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/gehrman.htm>

I don't think you're paying attention. The sand that created the cristobalite may be 28 million years old, but the event that placed this material on the secluded desert site happened fifty-seven years ago, May 31, 1947.

I'm a witness, an important witness. My advice to you, since you only have a little time left, is to join Wendy and me at the crash site. All will be forgiven except the two grand.

Ed

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Re: Extraterrestrials & Parallel Evolution -

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 20:15:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 09:49:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Extraterrestrials & Parallel Evolution -

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:01:54 -0500
>Subject: Extraterrestrials & Parallel Evolution

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>I think parallel evolution is more viable than colonization as
>an alternative explanation to the one that Shostak prefers.
>Evolution theory supposes that creatures evolve to fit their
>environment and that there are some constraints on the forms
>they can take. One of the most radical examples of parallel
>evolution I can think of is dolphins and other cetaceans.
>Cetaceans are mammals and millions of years ago they lived on
>dry land and had four legs like all other mammals. But when they
>returned to the sea, they took on forms roughly similar to those
>of fishes. Only vestiges of the hind legs remain in cetacean
>anatomy. While biologists would consider the differences in
>cetacean and fish body plans to be significant, the general
>forms are similar enough that some people still think of whales
>as a kind of fish. Whales certainly look more like fish than
>they do mammals to the untrained eye.

>Bilateral symmetry is extremely common in most forms of
>multicellular life. Arms, legs, and eyes come in pairs in many
>species that are only remotely related to each other. While it
>can't be proved, of course, it could be that evolutionary
>constraints also tend make a body plan with binocular vision,
>two arms, and two legs the preferred form for intelligent
>creatures on any Earth-like planet. Bipedalism in particular has
>often been cited as essential to the evolution of human
>intelligence by biologists because it frees the upper limbs to
>evolve dexterity needed for tool-making.

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>So I think it's at least possible that extraterrestrials could
>tend to have forms similar to humans not because they share a
>common ancestry but because they live in the same universe and
>their evolution has been governed by the same physics and
>chemistry as ours has.

>I'll stick by this theory unless the first aliens to land on the
>White House Lawn or that send TV images of themselves to the
>SETI people turn out to look like giant squids or something...

<snip>

Hi Lan,

I will stick by that interpretation, along with you. IMO, phylogenic studies clearly suggest that you are quite reasonable in taking that position, and the structural and genetic interrelatedness of all life make that notion far more parsimonious with the observed realities than any idea that our similarities to reportedly UFO-related life might be due to extraterrestrial influence, for which, so far as I am aware, there is presently not a stitch of evidence, despite speculation.

Thanks for making that point.

Ray Stanford

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Re: Close-Up Photos - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 02:43:24 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 09:51:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Ledger

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 13:42:52 +0100
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400
>>Subject: Close-Up Photos

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>>Something seems wrong with all this to me - why has there not
>>been, in the last 50 years, any reasonable close-up photos in
>>the public domain?

>Perhaps those who take such pictures, have become aware of the
>media intention of making them look rather silly in front of the
>TV cameras? There may be vast private libraries of UFO photos
>sitting in someone's cupboard?

>I recently had the fine pleasure of reading and looking at one
>of the most excellent UFO photograph books of all time, quite
>stunning close up photos of 'structured' airborne UFOs, from
>across this vast planet of yours and mine.

>The book, UFO Richard Brunswick PhotoCollection
>By Goliath: ISBN 3-9805876-3-0 published in Germany.

>I really commend this book for a serious and objective look at
>just how, some UFO pictures across the decades have been caught
>by the camera, and most in this book I had not seen , as I
>understand these pictures were privately collected by this man,
>over a few decades.

More details here:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/3980587630/aetherialnu0a-20/002-4488104-5088867>

Watch the wrap.

Don

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Re: Close-Up Photos - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 21:35:08 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 09:53:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Balaskas

>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400
>Subject: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>Basically, it would seem that all the close-up photos of UFOs,
>from Adamski through Walters, Meier, Allende, are hoaxes. Unless
>I'm mistaken, all close-up photos are also taken by self-
>proclaimed contactees/abductees, and purport to be of landed or
>near-landed objects.

Although not all close-up photos of UFOs are taken by contactees, including the ones you mentioned as well as many others, it is true that a large number of them are. The UFO literature regards many of the most publicized or impressive close-up photos of UFOs as hoaxes or misinterpretations of common objects photographed under unusual conditions.

>A more interesting category may be called "mid-range photos",
>which are airborne objects at some distance, but still showing
>structure, as opposed to the mass of ufo photos/videos, which
>are at great distance and show featureless lights, blobs, etc.

To my knowledge, there is not a single case where two or more unrelated people captured either close-up or mid-range photos of the same UFO on approximately the same time and day but from different locations. Even at public gatherings such as airshows and sporting events where nearly everyone has a camera, there is not a single case of a close-up or mid-range photos of the same UFO. This fact is amazing in itself considering nearly everyone has seen a UFO! Featureless distant lights or blobs, such as the multiple UFOs in the sky over Mexico that behaved like a flock of seagulls, captured by many on video are more common but easily explained as IFOs.

>Mid-range material would include ones like the Trent photos from
>way back, and the interesting "red object" filmed a few years
>ago by Anthony Woods.

The Trent mid-range UFOs photos and all other multiple picture cases, including the Rex Heflin UFO polaroid pictures and the Trindade Island UFO photos to name a few, are much more difficult to explain and remain as good examples of mid-range UFOs.

>There are certainly many reports of there being close range
>photos in government possession, for example Daniel Sheehan's
>testimony for the Disclosure Project, and many others.

Although I was not allowed to see this collection, I have spoken with a graduate in photography from Ryerson Polytechnic Institute (now Ryerson Polytechnical University) who was responsible for Canadian Department of National Defense photos which included a huge number of close-up and mid-range photos. Efforts to get these UFO photos declassified and possibly have them exhibited at a museum of photography in Ottawa have failed to date. Even some impressive UFO pictures submitted by

witnesses to the DND are no longer available to the public!

>Something seems wrong with all this to me - why has there not
>been, in the last 50 years, any reasonable close-up photos in
>the public domain? Is there some kind of law of UFOs that they
>will never approach the ground if someone has a camera? Or, even
>more ridiculously, only if the camera operator is a military
>employee with top-secret clearance who will not divulge the
>photos? Of all the abductees and near-abductees, no one had a
>camera? Or is it that the interdimensional nature of abductions
>means there is no physical object to photograph, and the
>physical objects flying around in the skies and detectable by
>radar are a different phenomena - possibly related, possibly
>unrelated?

If some UFOs are advanced ET spacecraft monitoring the Earth, it is reasonable to suspect that they would not want their presence known. The reason we may not have even a single close-up photo of a UFO in the public domain that can be presented as proof of something not from this world could be explained if some UFOs were not from space but from another time. If their presence was ever proven with a single undisputed photo, they would simply go back in time and change the circumstances so that this photo was never taken. The fact that there are alleged to be many close-up photos of UFOs that are not in the public domain and which will never be released to the public could be considered as further evidence that some UFOs are indeed from another time. These ufonauts would not need to go back in time to get rid of this photographic proof of their existence if the public never got to see it. Of course, there are many of us who claim to have seen a few of these still incredible secret pictures of UFOs and ETs but keep this information to ourselves for obvious reasons!

Any other thoughts why UFOs which have been seen and fascinated us for over half a century or, more likely, for many generations and have been seen by millions but have remained so very poorly documented as far as photos are concerned?

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 22:57:18 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 09:57:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Ledger

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 09:10:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 18:45:19 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

Stan, Jerry, Brad, Ray et al,

Let's say that Science was clambering at the doors of Ufology and wanted on the bandwagon. Which persuasions does this List think would be the most valuable to have on board?

Don Ledger

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New Additions To Return To Magonia Project Site

From: Rod Brock <humble98225.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 22:02:17 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 10:00:19 -0400
Subject: New Additions To Return To Magonia Project Site

New additions to the Post 1947 clipping collection:

- additional articles from 1948
- articles from 1949-1950 added

The Post 1947 archive will be growing throughout the summer;
major updates will be announced here.

<http://embark.to/magonia>

We are always looking for new, contributing members. Consider
coming onboard.

Best,
Rod Brock
Chris Aubeck

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THE MAGONIA EXCHANGE LIST
Collecting and sharing accounts
of anomalous aerial phenomena
from antiquity up to 1947.
<http://nocturnal.lights.tripod.com/magoniax>

THE RETURN TO MAGONIA PROJECT
Parent project to the Magonia Exchange
List.
<http://anomalies.bravepages.com>

ALIENS ATE MY BUICK
Frank, unapologetic commentary
on matters of ufological
import.
<http://aamb.blogspot.com/>

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Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 01:13:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 10:03:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 13:42:52 +0100
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400
>>Subject: Close-Up Photos

><snip>

>>Something seems wrong with all this to me - why has there not
>>been, in the last 50 years, any reasonable close-up photos in
>>the public domain?

>Perhaps those who take such pictures, have become aware of the
>media intention of making them look rather silly in front of the
>TV cameras? There may be vast private libraries of UFO photos
>sitting in someone's cupboard?

>I recently had the fine pleasure of reading and looking at one
>of the most excellent UFO photograph books of all time, quite
>stunning close up photos of 'structured' airborne UFOs, from
>across this vast planet of yours and mine.

>The book, UFO Richard Brunswick PhotoCollection
>By Goliath: ISBN 3-9805876-3-0 published in Germany.

>I really commend this book for a serious and objective look at
>just how, some UFO pictures across the decades have been caught
>by the camera, and most in this book I had not seen, as I
>understand these pictures were privately collected by this man,
>over a few decades.

Sure! :) LMAO! If the pages were softer, more pliable, and
printed with lead-free ink, I'd put in the bathroom. If the
pages were larger, I'd line the bottom of my bird's cage.

As it is, I just keep it around to show people how some phony
'UFO photos' look. I wouldn't be surprised to hear that they
were all faked by the same person. There are, in fact, several
commonalities of faking technique that repeatedly crop up
throughout the book, no matter where it is claimed the photos
were taken.

Please forgive me, friends, but I don't have time to write a
text dissecting those ridiculous photos to demonstrate that they
are fake.

You had Roy's review, and now I offer mine.

If you don't credit my fifty years in UFO studies with teaching
me enough about either photography and/or the optical properties
of bona-fide UFOS as to enable me to spot one of the phoniest
books of 'UFO photographs' to come along in a few years, then
fine, no hard feelings. Throw your money to the wind, if you
prefer, but remember, you were cautioned.

Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

Nice glossy paper, though. :)

Caveat emptor,

Ray Stanford

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Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 07:00:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 10:04:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Shell

>From: Alfred Webre <Exopolitics <exopolitics.nul>>
>To: media.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 06:10:28 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>Dr Michael E. Salla, a former Assistant Professor and current
>Researcher-in-Residence at American University, Washington DC.,
>claims that as many as 57 extraterrestrial races are currently
>visiting the Earth.

On one hand that seems like a lot of different ET races, but on
the other, considering the size of the universe(s), it doesn't
seem like nearly enough.

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Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 09:17:08 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 10:10:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 11:30:16 -0400
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 08:08:25 -0300
>>Subject: Varginha Again

>>There's some amazing info related to the Varginha Case coming
>>soon.

><snip>

>A question, please, A.J. In Timothy Good's recent book (Sorry, I
>don't have the title. I saw it at Good's table at the recent
>'disclosure' conference, but did not buy it, and am not sure
>whether it is published in the USA.), there are several color
>photos allegedly showing the Varginha 'alien'.

>Frankly, the thing in those photos looks to me more like a
>poorly made-up model than anything alive or even recently alive.
>To my perception, the alleged 'alien' looks as though it had
>been contrived by a totally inexperienced movie-prop maker, out
>of something resembling cheddar cheese, for a Z-grade movie,
>with mineral oil added all over its surface to make it look
>repugnant.

>I'm reasonably confident that you are familiar with the photos
>which Good published. So, please tell us, what is your opinion
>of the reliability of the source of those photos and what do you
>think of the photos?

Hello Ray.

I am sorry but I am not familiar with the drawings you mention,
in Timothy Good's book. But what you describe seems a very
poor illustration of the creatures.

Since the case happened, many illustrations have been posted on
several websites, but very few of them do justice to the
reality.

I would be glad to send you some images and drawings by artists
that have based their work on the actual descriptions made by
several of the witnesses, as well as some drawings by the
witnesses themselves.

I would be glad to publish this info somewhere on the UFO UpDate
site, if I knew how to.

All the best...

A. J.

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Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 13:41:50 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 10:26:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Hall

>From: Alfred Webre <Exopolitics <exopolitics.nul>>
>To: media.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 06:10:28 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>PRESS RELEASE -- UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER RELEASES REPORT ON THE
>MOTIVATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL RACES VISITING
>EARTH

>Dr Michael E. Salla, a former Assistant Professor and current
>Researcher-in-Residence at American University, Washington DC.,
>claims that as many as 57 extraterrestrial races are currently
>visiting the Earth. Of these races, he claims that 17 have most
>significance for the evolution and sovereignty of humanity. He
>divides these races into two groups. The first group, he claims,
>comprises seven races that are connected as a network through a
>series of secret agreements between themselves and 'shadow
>governments' in the <?xml:namespace prefix =3D st1 ns =3D
>"urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smartrtags" />United States and
>elsewhere. This group, according to Dr Salla, are part of a vast
>military-industrial-extraterrestrial complex fully funded by
>'black budgets' in the US and other nations. He believes that a
>second grouping of ten extraterrestrial races are outside of
>this network of agreements and offer humanity the best chance
>for a positive future.

<snip>

Barf! What we badly need is strong medication for diarrhea of
the mouth. Not to mention extreme brain-warp.

- Dick

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 09:45:30 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 10:28:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Boone

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 14:07:18 -0500
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 20:37:51 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>>I am not sure I see how government coverup relates to the level
>>of alien technology being assumed - inconsistently - in attempts
>>to define models of UFO activity and behavior.

<snip>

>Well said, Brad.

>I agree with you that this field would be improved by having a
>set of fundamental understood ideas about the origin,
>technology, and motives.

<snip>

And a 'well said' to you too, Kyle.

Again I say break things down to the bottom line: Deeds.

From where I sit it's an issue of predator and prey.

In a nutshell the preponderance of evidence clearly states that an overwhelming number of people across the demographics have reported what they believe to be interaction with human and non human life forms who exhibit advanced technology, super intelligence, stealth, camouflage, mind/perception manipulation, speed and patience.

That's an awesome array of hunting skills. Almost as good as our eons long adversary the female Mosquito.

Lots of that evidence points to extraterrestrial origins. Lots of it doesn't. Bottom line is it's long term and uncannaly pervasive.

No doubt we're interacting yet now it's time to look at the prey:

Us.

We're disjointed, uncooperative, argumentative, violent, bigoted, lazy, aberrated. All the things a predator would want in a prey.

By looking at the common denominators we can see why it's so easy to pick us off for so long. We're responsible for creating an unsafe environment that allows these interactions.

Since our only defense would be to agree and get along I suspect we'll be on the dinner plate for quite some time to come.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Press Release - Paradigm Research Group

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 09:03:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 10:30:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Press Release - Paradigm Research Group

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 20:04:57 +0100
>Subject: Re: Press Release - Paradigm Research Group 07-26-04

>>From: Stephen Bassett <Disclosure2003.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 21:25:42 -0400
>>Subject: Press Release - Paradigm Research Group - 07-26-04

>>PRG
>>Paradigm Research Group

>>July 26, 2004 - Press Release
>>Memos to the Candidates

>>On the eve of the Democratic Convention PRG issues the following
>>challenge to three of the presidential candidates

>>Washington, DC - The next President of the United States will
>>take office during the 57th year of the public's awareness of a
>>government imposed truth embargo on the fact of an
>>extraterrestrial presence engaging the planet earth and the
>>human race.

><snip>

>I predict that none of the candidates will bother to read the
>press release beyond the above sentence, assuming they get that
>far.

They'd better! It's the rare bad news that gets better with age, forgetting for a moment that that's the exact kind they have. See, I suspect that what might be bad for closed institutions, figurehead governments, corrupt agencies, and soulless corporations might be just wonderful for rank and file individuals who think outside the cloistered box. It fuels my optimism, at any rate... Moreover, I don't think it's much of a stretch that the reality we all endure presently is a smoke and mirrors farce to keep us from seeing the reality that Mr. Bassett alludes to, Stanton Friedman's recognizes, Richard Dolan certifies, and for which I have seen evidence of, on my own.

They won't want to miss this train when it leaves the station, and those trainwheels are spinning for traction as we speak. They'd better read to the period!

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...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.

\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite. What others see from afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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NARCAP Statement On Mexican Airforce Case

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 16:28:56 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 11:44:25 -0400
Subject: NARCAP Statement On Mexican Airforce Case

The following was posted to the UFONET email List:

(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ufonet/>):

Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 13:11:58 +0200
From: "Frits Westra" <ufo-net.nul>
Subject: Re: Campeche, Mexico Case of March 5, 2004

NARCAP statement on Campeche, Mexico Case of March 5, 2004

20 July 2004

<http://www.narcap.org/news%20page/newspage.htm>

NARCAP has recieved several inquiries regarding the March 5, 2004 case involving alleged observations of unidentified aerial phenomena by a Mexican Air Force C-26 Merlin during a routine smuggler interdiction flight. Though NARCAP is a national organization reflecting US aviation safety concerns, there are several points that NARCAP can offer to the interested public with regard to this case.

Coincidentally, NARCAP staff were meeting with Mexican and regional aviation officials in Mexico City, MX, just prior to the release of this material and were advised of the case, as well as the impending press conference.

This incident gained a lot of attention in the world press and there was (and still is) a great deal of speculation regarding the source and nature of the detections. Numerous news organizations and individuals including various members of the scientific community have stated their opinions in the public forum. In almost every case these opinions were offered without examining the material beyond a cursory review of very short film clips of the FLIR camera footage and without conducting any analysis of the case and supporting evidence.

Additionally:

- 1.) The Mexican Secretary of Defense and the Mexican Government have made no public claims regarding this incident. They have only acknowledged that they were the source of the material.
- 2.) Niether SEDENA nor the Mexican government have released complete copies of all the material related to this event to any researchers.
- 3.) The material that has been made available via a third party does not contain complete and unedited copies of the Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) film. No radar data has been provided.
- 4.) An examination of the materials that have been made available may offer a mundane explanation however, verification of any conclusion may depend upon the missing radar data.

5.) The interrupted evidentiary chain of custody combined with the incomplete nature of the materials that have been released will severely inhibit any objective analysis of the incident.

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Re: Close-Up Photos - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 10:32:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 11:46:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Kaeser

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 15:29:28 EDT
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400
>>Subject: Close-Up Photos

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>>camera? Or is it that the interdimensional nature of abductions
>>means there is no physical object to photograph, and the
>>physical objects flying around in the skies and detectable by
>>radar are a different phenomena - possibly related, possibly
>>unrelated?

I think the points you raise are good ones, and especially
important given the number of cameras that are now available in
cell phones and PDAs. With the availability of cameras, both
still and motion, we see little in the way of good UFO images.
The exception being incidents like the Phoenix Lights case,
where the event took place over a period of time and there were
multiple witnesses with video cameras.

A friend (an alleged abductee) believes "they" are aware of what
we're doing and don't want us to have good pictures of them, and
if you're looking for a reason that's about as good as any. Of
course, the more prosaic explanation would be that such objects
rarely approach close enough to be photographed, or have the
ability to mask their appearance to prevent detection. But, this
pre-supposes that "they" exist and are intelligently controlling
the UFOs.

>Thank you for an immensely thought-provoking posting. The
>problem can be traced to a root cause which I call the Myth of
>the Almighty Camera. I have alluded to this many times earlier
>in postings to rebut numbers arguments about UFO photos, why so
>few?

>First, cameras are not objective instruments and photos are not
>pure objective instrument data. Cameras distort the
>representation of the incident light and various corrections
>must be applied to correct for spatial distortion of the lens
>and distortion of spectral sensitivities to light on the film.
>Photos are not purely objective because a human being with
>biases must interpret the photos.

>Second, and this will surprise most people, cameras are poorer
>instruments than the human eye (and brain but let me just call
>it all the "eye" for simplicity). The human eye captures the

>equivalent of gigabytes of data every second, which is far
>beyond the capabilities of digital video cameras. The eye can
>resolve millions of colors and can detect and adjust for light
>levels well below the thresholds of most cameras, etc. The
>weakness of the human eye system is that there is no playback
>mechanism except whatever memory process the brain can use, and
>only the human with the brain can access it, at present (though
>there are increasingly sophisticated systems being developed for
>directly electronically accessing memories in the human brain).

>Third, the human eye is a better instrument for UFO detection
>and observation than the camera -- a shocking statement perhaps
>but very true. Although playback is a problem as I noted,
>nevertheless the eye and brain strive to recall only the
>differences from image to image, so that one is not swamped with
>unchanging images. But the camera is "dumb" and doesn't know
>better. If an object remains the same for a long period the
>camera if movie film or video will show just that. If it is only
>a still camera, you can lose immense amounts of important data
>between shots anyway. Cameras cannot adjust across the enormous
>range of light levels as the human eye can.

>But most important of all, cameras cannot interpret what they
>"see," whereas the human being despite all his/her faults and
>limitations can and does interpret and analyze the observation,
>and usually attempts to investigate and explain the sighting in
>conventional terms first -- unlike the camera which cannot
>think, react, or try to explain the light that is incident
>through its lenses. A human being suitably trained or debriefed
>can retrieve immense amounts of data far beyond camera
>capability, in part due to the human's efforts to "escalate the
>hypotheses" (as Hynek called it) in an attempt to explain what
>he/she sees. For example the UFO witness might move around to
>see if the object moves and might be a reflection. The human
>witness will recall details better if he/she is actively
>involved and motivated, such as by efforts to explain the
>sighting.

Brad, I understand where you're going with this, but you can't
compare vision and interpretation to the utilitarian function of
a camera, which by definition records an image for later
reference. You mention the inability of the camera to interpret
the image, and that's one of the major problems I have with most
witness testimony. I guess this depends on whether you're
looking for evidence or testimony, and they're not really the
same thing. The camera, like the computer, is a tool that we
use. How we use it defines whether or not it's good or not.

As far as the limitations of photography are concerned, I would
certainly agree that photographs are not as useful as they were
50 years ago. It has become far too easy to fake a good
photograph, and there are many reasons that some would do so.

Steve

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Re: Close-Up Photos - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 13:01:34 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 12:32:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Ledger

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 01:13:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 13:42:52 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>>From: Dante Rosati <dante.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400
>>>Subject: Close-Up Photos

>><snip>

>>>Something seems wrong with all this to me - why has there not
>>>been, in the last 50 years, any reasonable close-up photos in
>>>the public domain?

<snip>

>Please forgive me, friends, but I don't have time to write a
>text dissecting those ridiculous photos to demonstrate that they
>are fake.

>You had Roy's review, and now I offer mine.

>If you don't credit my fifty years in UFO studies with teaching
>me enough about either photography and/or the optical properties
>of bona-fide UFOS as to enable me to spot one of the phoniest
>books of 'UFO photographs' to come along in a few years, then
>fine, no hard feelings. Throw your money to the wind, if you
>prefer, but remember, you were cautioned.

>Nice glossy paper, though. :)

>Caveat emptor,

Ray, All,

What came first, the chicken brooder or the UFO?

You, inadvertently, raise an interesting question Ray and it's
something I've wondered about over the years.

Quite often I'll blow off a UFO picture because it looks like
Adamski's chicken brooder or one of Billy Whatizzname's
creations.

The thing is we don't really know what many of them look like.

There appear to be as many models as there are witnesses, though
the photos tend to narrow the scope a bit.

In the witness's cases that is due to personal interpretation
and bias while the film camera distorts the focal aspect, rather

than the shape.

I've been troubled by the blowing off what might have been a good photo because the damn thing looked like a hubcap that was thrown across the lawn, when in actuality it might have been the real thing. Not that if the photo stood, we'd be any further ahead but the more bonafides we have, the better the chances of jamming up the gov. with them.

Don Ledger

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Re: Varginha Again - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 11:53:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 12:41:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Stanford

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 09:17:08 -0300
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 11:30:16 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

<snip>

>>A question, please, A.J. In Timothy Good's recent book (Sorry, I
>>don't have the title. I saw it at Good's table at the recent
>>'disclosure' conference, but did not buy it, and am not sure
>>whether it is published in the USA.), there are several color
>>photos allegedly showing the Varginha 'alien'.

>>Frankly, the thing in those photos looks to me more like a
>>poorly made-up model than anything alive or even recently alive.
>>To my perception, the alleged 'alien' looks as though it had
>>been contrived by a totally inexperienced movie-prop maker, out
>>of something resembling cheddar cheese, for a Z-grade movie,
>>with mineral oil added all over its surface to make it look
>>repugnant.

>>I'm reasonably confident that you are familiar with the photos
>>which Good published. So, please tell us, what is your opinion
>>of the reliability of the source of those photos and what do you
>>think of the photos?

>I am sorry but I am not familiar with the drawings you mention,
>in Timothy Good's book. But what you describe seems a very
>poor illustration of the creatures.

<snip>

Hi, A.J.

I am not referring to drawings. What Tim Good presents in the
book are alleged to be rather close-up color photos of the
actual Varginha 'alien'.

He shows a series of those photos, all evidently taken by the
same photographer or camera, and they, to use the vernacular,
look "phony as hell", to my perception, and that's putting it
politely.

I thought surely you would know of them.

Ray Stanford

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Re: Close-Up Photos - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 12:06:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 12:44:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Kaeser

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 02:43:24 -0300
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>>The book, UFO Richard Brunswick PhotoCollection
>>By Goliath: ISBN 3-9805876-3-0 published in Germany.

>>I really commend this book for a serious and objective look at
>>just how, some UFO pictures across the decades have been caught
>>by the camera, and most in this book I had not seen, as I
>>understand these pictures were privately collected by this man,
>>over a few decades.

>More details here:

><http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/3980587630/aetherialnu0a-20/002-4488104-5088867>

Don,

This is an interesting picture book that I picked up a few years ago at a local bookstore, but of extremely limited value for research. The photographs (some of which are quite strange toward the end) have very little text explanation, if any at all. There's some information on the person who collected these images over many years, but there's no pretense that these have been investigated and in some cases the images aren't identified by much at all.

As I recall, there was indication that Richard Brunswick (the collector of these images) was involved in UFO research for a number of years, but the only reference to him I find on the Internet is in relation to the sale of this collection of images. I'm curious as to whether or not he actually obtained rights to publish these images, but like most older material there are few in a position to complain about it.

Steve

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From: John Hayes <John.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 12:48:55 -0400
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Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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RED SPHERICAL UFO SEEN
IN ROJAS, ARGENTINA

"Jorge Perez says that in the early hours of last Thursday," July 15, 2004, "he saw a strange object in the sky" over Rojas in Buenos Aires province in eastern Argentina, "adding that his wife and son were also witnesses."

"Rojas resident Jorge Perez, who lives in the barrio La Loma (neighborhood), claims having seen an unidentified flying object that was heading east of Rojas 'behind some wilderness at the dog race track' parallel to Route 188."

"The time was approximately 6 a.m. when I was coming home from work and saw a flying saucer that appeared and departed...a light that became increasingly larger before vanishing and appearing again (something it did) for ten minutes, easily," he indicated."

"I left work and was on my way home, and I looked at it as it came up, since I saw it far away, from behind the trees in the wilderness of the dog race track," he said, "It came up from behind the eucalyptus trees."

"My kid has a spyglass, and I was looking through it. It (the UFO) was like a red ball that changed colors, becoming white, yellow...then moved in what appeared to be circles. It did this for about ten minutes, then vanished," Perez said, "I was startled by what they were reporting over 25 de Mayo, and they spoke about the cold. It was very cold last night. I saw it clearly."

(Editor's Note: A UFO appeared over the town of Gobernador Ugarte, near 25 de Mayo, last week. Ugarte is 160 kilometers (100 miles) southeast of Rojas. Also, right now it's winter in Argentina and the other countries of the southern hemisphere. For more on the Ugarte sighting, see UFO Roundup, volume 9, number 29 for July 21, 2004, "UFOs seen repeatedly over town in Argentina," page 3.)

"I'd never seen anything like it before. I woke up my wife and my kid so they'd see it. The kid didn't want to get up at first because he thought it was a lie. I woke him up so that he'd see it, and he also saw it. It looked like a light the size of the moon. That's all I saw." (See the Argentinian newspaper Seminario Colon Dolce for July 23, 2004, "Flying saucer over the region." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Gloria Coluchi para esto articulo de diario.)

HOVERING UFO SIGHTED IN
WILLOW, OKLAHOMA

Eyewitness J.W. was "driving north on U.S. 283 in Willow, Oklahoma," located about 85 miles west-southwest of Oklahoma City, on Tuesday, July 20, 2004, "when I saw a strange object dancing to the west. I slowed down and stopped to take a picture, but since the car was still running, it turned out to be a little blurred."

"By the time I was at a full stop, it had vanished. Does anyone else have any ideas about what this thing might be?" (Many thanks to Jim Hickman for this UFO report.)

STAR-LIKE UFO CIRCLES
ST. MARIES, IDAHO

On Thursday, July 22, 2004, eyewitness Jesse S. reported, "We were lying on a trampoline" at their home in St. Maries, Idaho (population 2,652) "and we saw first balls of light, not much bigger than a star. Maybe about the same size, moving around one area, basically circling what looked like a star. But it was high and it wasn't part of any constellation."

"The balls seemed to dodge each other. They were white and round. I couldn't really tell anything else. As high as a commercial jet, I'm guessing. They were literally faster than a satellite and weren't blinking like a jet. There was no sound."

St. Maries, Idaho is on Highway 3 about 30 miles (50 kilometers) southeast of Coeur d'Alene. (Email Form Report)

UNUSUAL FIREBALL SEEN IN
ATASCADERO, CALIFORNIA

On Friday, July 23, 2004, at 1:15 a.m., eyewitness Earl Smith saw "what appeared to be a shooting star moving in a linear fashion across the sky" over his home in Atascadero, California (population 26,411).

He said the UFO "paused, then turned left, then moved linear again before darting away."

"I had walked out to my car this morning to get my backpack when I noticed what appeared to be a shooting star. As I watched it, I noticed an aircraft following the same path. Then the shooting star paused briefly, abruptly turning to the left, continuing on. It quickly sped away from the aircraft, then paused again. Then rapidly darted off."

Earl described the UFO as "a yellowish-orange fireball with a tail and an aura. Glowing fireball sphere when paused. Moving very rapidly while being tailed by the aircraft. It was able to move away from the aircraft at a speed at least twice that of the aircraft's speed."

Atascadero, Cal. is on Highway 101 approximately 15 miles (25 kilometers) north of San Luis Obispo. (Email Form Report)

PHONE CAMERA CATCHES
DAYLIGHT DISC IN TOKYO

On Friday, July 2, 2004, Greg O'Mahony was "a ten-minute walk from Katsuga-eki (station) on the Uedo (urban railway) line here in Tokyo. I took a photo of the object with the camera in my digital phone. I've studied this photo carefully, and the object appears to be disc-shaped."

"When I took the photo, I was not aware of the object, and, after seeing the object in the photo, I searched for it (in the sky--J.T.) but could not find anything. The size and resolution of the photograph is not that great because it is only a phone camera. I have the picture on my homepage."

UFO Roundup readers will find the photo at this URL:
<http://homepage3.nifty.com/hassle/noteimage/Friday2ndJuly>.

gif (Email Form Report)

NIGHT SAUCER CAPTURED ON FILM IN USTKA, POLAND

On Friday, July 23, 2004, Dariusz Helle was walking along the waterfront in Ustka, a port on the Baltic Sea in Poland. "He took a photo of a UFO over the Baltic. It was about midnight as he was walking along the docks, and he saw this slowly moving object in the night sky. The UFO appeared just a few days after the Polish Navy stated, 'Nothing out of the ordinary escapes our radar or our eyes.'"

In addition to the naval base, Ustka is home to a large radar array and has a large Polish Army depot on its outskirts. Ustka is located at the mouth of the Slupia River about 150 kilometers (90 miles) west of Gdansk. (Email Form Report)

CROP CIRCLE APPEARS IN PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.

The fourth reported crop circle formation in Canada this year appeared in Prince George, British Columbia (population 75,150) on Monday, July 12, 2004.

According to Paul Anderson of Canadian Crop Circle Research Network, the formation "was a long pictogram of circles, rings and pathways in pasture grass. It was found July 12 in Moore's Meadow nature park. The formation was approximately 76 meters (250 feet) long. The three circles ranged from 0.9 meters (3 feet) to 15 meters (50 feet) in diameter, and two rings were approximately 18 meters (60 feet) in diameter each. The formation was generally rough in appearance with standing centers in the circles." (See the Prince George, B.C. Citizen for July 13, 2004. Many thanks to Paul Anderson of CCCRN for this news report.)

CASSINI STUDIES PHOTOS OF SATURN'S RINGS

While orbiting Saturn, the robot spacecraft "Cassini has gathered new information about the planet's shimmering rings that is still being mulled by scientists. The spacecraft passed through the plane of the rings twice as it entered orbit around Saturn on (Thursday) July 1 (2004)."

"Cassini sent back a natural-color image of Saturn showing the planet's rings are shades of pink, gray and a bit of brown, scientists said last week."

"The rings are mostly ice, which is white if it is pure. Researchers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory" in Pasadena, California "believe the different colors reflect the presence of other materials, such as rock or carbon compounds."

"Detailed close-ups sent immediately after Cassini entered orbit on (Wednesday) June 30 (2004) were in black and white."

"Color variations in the rings were previously seen by the Hubble Space Telescope and the Voyager spacecraft that flew past Saturn in 1980 and 1981. But the variations are more distinct as seen from Cassini, NASA said." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for July 25, 2004, "Saturn and its biggest moon show off," page 14A.)

NEW ANTARCTICA MYSTERY

"Researchers have uncovered a Martian meteorite in Antarctica, one of only about 30 known Mars space rocks on Earth."

"The specimen was found in December (2003) on an ice field about 466 miles (745 kilometers) from the South Pole, by a research team financed by NASA and supported by the National Science Foundation."

"Scientists say the mineralogy, texture and oxidized nature of the rock are unmistakably Martian. At this point, there is no suggestion that the meteorite bears

evidence of fossilized life." (See USA Today for July 22, 2004, "Piece of Mars found in Antarctica," page 4D.) (Editor's Comment: This leaves unanswered the question of how this rock crossed 52 million miles of space and arrived on Earth. Maybe a UFO landed on Mars, and the rock became lodged in its landing gear. Later, as the saucer was making its final approach into an alien base in Antarctica, the rock came loose and landed in the ice field. In short, the rock came to Earth the same way the dandelion came to North America--by ship.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us next time for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then.

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Re: NARCAP Statement On Mexican Airforce Case -

From: John Velez <johnvelez.aic.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 13:56:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 14:29:40 -0400
Subject: Re: NARCAP Statement On Mexican Airforce Case -

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 16:28:56 +0100
>Subject: NARCAP Statement On Mexican Airforce Case

>The following was posted to the UFONET email List:

>(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ufonet/>):

>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 13:11:58 +0200
>From: "Frits Westra" <ufo-net.nul>
>Subject: Re: Campeche, Mexico Case of March 5, 2004

>NARCAP statement on Campeche, Mexico Case of March 5, 2004

>20 July 2004

><http://www.narcap.org/news%20page/newspage.htm>

>NARCAP has recieved several inquiries regarding the March 5,
>2004 case involving alleged observations of unidentified aerial
>phenomena by a Mexican Air Force C-26 Merlin during a routine
>smuggler interdiction flight. Though NARCAP is a national
>organization reflecting US aviation safety concerns, there are
>several points that NARCAP can offer to the interested public
>with regard to this case.

>Coincidentally, NARCAP staff were meeting with Mexican and
>regional aviation officials in Mexico City, MX, just prior to
>the release of this material and were advised of the case, as
>well as the impending press conference.

>This incident gained a lot of attention in the world press and
>there was (and still is) a great deal of speculation regarding
>the source and nature of the detections. Numerous news
>organizations and individuals including various members of the
>scientific community have stated their opinions in the public
>forum. In almost every case these opinions were offered without
>examining the material beyond a cursory review of very short
>film clips of the FLIR camera footage and without conducting any
>analysis of the case and supporting evidence.

>Additionally:

>1.) The Mexican Secretary of Defense and the Mexican Government
>have made no public claims regarding this incident. They have
>only acknowledged that they were the source of the material.

>2.) Niether SEDENA nor the Mexican government have released
>complete copies of all the material related to this event to any
>researchers.

>3.) The material that has been made available via a third party
>does not contain complete and unedited copies of the Forward
>Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR) film. No radar data has been
>provided.

Hi Joe, NARCAP, All,

"NARCAP" (probably Ted Roe) states the following:

>4.) An examination of the materials that have been made
>available may offer a mundane explanation however, verification
>of any conclusion may depend upon the missing radar data.

Missing radar data? What missing radar data? All of the radar data (and there is plenty of it) is recorded for posterity in the audio portion of the FLIR recording. Hasn't anyone at NARCAP taken the time to actually listen to the recorded material?

Why is NARCAP shooting itself in the foot this way? They quite apparently aren't in possession of even the most basic information relating to this evidence. Otherwise why make such an ignorant and obviously wrong dictum about it in public? It almost comes off as the same kind of a 'knee-jerk' response we've been getting from the scientific community. Only this time it's coming from NARCAP. Why is Ted Roe or Dick Haines dismissing the case 'out of hand' without any investigation whatsoever. The "radar data" is there. All anyone has to do to find it is to take the time to listen to what is being said by the radar operator. Duh!

>5.) The interrupted evidentiary chain of custody combined with
>the incomplete nature of the materials that have been released
>will severely inhibit any objective analysis of the incident.

Wow! Two, count em, two completely 'iggernit' statements from an organization that I trusted completely, (until now that is,) back to back! A rarely witnessed feat of stupidity.

The "evidence" that is there on the FLIR recording, is more than enough to make a solid case for at least one 'genuine' anomaly in the sky that day. For Pete's sake, NARCAP, do at least a 'little' homework before publicly espousing in a loud voice what turns out to be ill-informed 'opinion' about what may very well be one of the most important pieces of evidence for the presence of anomalous 'craft' (UAPs) in our skies.

Check the radar data in the recording. You'll see what I mean.

Wait for Maccabee's report. Then 'sound off' about the nature of the evidence if you still feel the need to. NARCAP, geez! Whatta bloody disappointment they turned out to be! Almost as bad as the Mexican academics! <Hee-Haw>

John Velez

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Estill Springs' Girls Spot UFO

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Estill Springs' Girls Spot UFO; Next Time they will get
Picture...

Nine-year-old Haley Atwood and Charlie Holmes are best friends. They wear matching bracelets, necklaces, flip-flops and nailpolish. They agree about everything-well almost-Haley's not quite ready to let go of summer and start back to school like Charlie is, but both agree they are slightly bored and pretty much ready to go back

They've spent the summer playing tag, dressing-up, watching UFO documentaries on TV, painting each other's nails, swimming, riding bikes and walking around their neighborhood in Estill Springs. Both will enter fourth grade at Rock Creek Elementary School and they will tell their class about the most exciting thing that happened to them this summer-they spotted a UFO while out walking the dog.

The excitement shines in Haley's eyes as she describes the experience (she is the spokesperson for the two and Charlie pipes in an occasional "uh-huh, that's right" whenever appropriate). Both have no doubts that what they saw on Wednesday, July 14th on Lakeview St. in Estill Springs was a certified UFO. They have pictures to prove it, they say, as they scurry to get the drawings they made to illustrate what they saw. Their drawings are strikingly similar. Haley pointed out the UFO's in their drawings and explained the fire below and the symbols below the UFO, a duck, a star and a "Z" shape.

"We were just out walking the dog and looking at the sunset when we saw it over this field," said Haley as Charlie add a "Uh-huh, that's right." It was as big as that house and was as far away as that pole over there," she said as she pointed about a football field's length away. "Uh-huh," said Charlie. "It was red with orange lights and it stayed there about ten minutes before leaving. Cagey saw it and barked!" said Haley who pointed to her big black dog, who stood nearby watching and wagging his tail.

Haley said she raced back home to tell mom who told them to run and get the camera. But it was just their luck, no batteries. And Haley's father simply said he didn't have the energy to check it out.

"We think they [aliens] were sending messages to Earth about something. Trying to tell us something important... that maybe there's a black hole about to swallow up a planet or something like that!" said Haley as Charlie supported her with another, "uh-huh." It was really weird... it's not every day that you see something that cool! Yep, it's the most exciting thing that's happened to us all summer!"

The girls' assert that they are the youngest to ever spot a real-live UFO and furthermore they would like NASA to know about

it. The girls report that comments so far from family and friends have been positive. Haley's twin brother is even envious, she said and wishes he had been there.

Haley and Charlie would like to assure everyone that Franklin County is safe (at least until school starts back) because they are keeping their eyes peeled for a re-visit and are planning on getting batteries for their camera to capture it on film next time.

At any rate, the girls are glad to have shared the awesome experience together and no doubt they'll have plenty to tell their classmates when the teacher asks, "How did you spend your summer?" School starts back next week, August 4 from 8-9:30 a.m. The first full day is Friday, August 6.

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Re: Close-Up Photos - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 11:07:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 14:38:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Shell

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 13:01:34 -0300
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>I've been troubled by the blowing off what might have been a
>good photo because the damn thing looked like a hubcap that was
>thrown across the lawn, when in actuality it might have been the
>real thing. Not that if the photo stood, we'd be any further
>ahead but the more bonafides we have, the better the chances of
>jamming up the gov. with them.

That, I suppose, is where the disinformation comes in. Perhaps
someone figured out a long time ago that the 'real' alien
spacecraft are surprisingly hokey and fake looking, and that the
best way to cover them up is by producing a lot of equally hokey
and fake looking photos to muddy the waters.

The whole aspect of UFO encounters that seem cheap or cheesy or
ludicrous has always been a sticking point with the research.
But again, that might be our own cultural predisposition to
wanting our aliens to look cool and slick, like something our
science-fiction dreams up. It would certainly be a shame to
completely ignore completely real and true sightings or photos
that feature obviously crappy-looking flying saucers, piloted by
little green bug-eyed men, or humanoids wearing fishbowls with
antennas stuck on them. That's where our own predispositions
and prejudices get in the way. Why should we dismiss them
simply because they seem ludicrous? Maybe they're supposed to
be ludicrous.

And maybe this inability to take a decent, high resolution
series of photos is all part of the "high strangeness" aspect of
UFO study that we've never been able to properly functionalize.

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Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 13:29:09 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 22:59:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 11:53:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <gevaerd.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 09:17:08 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>>From: Ray Stanford <dinotracker.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 11:30:16 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

><snip>

>>>A question, please, A.J. In Timothy Good's recent book (Sorry, I
>>>don't have the title. I saw it at Good's table at the recent
>>>'disclosure' conference, but did not buy it, and am not sure
>>>whether it is published in the USA.), there are several color
>>>photos allegedly showing the Varginha 'alien'.

>>>Frankly, the thing in those photos looks to me more like a
>>>poorly made-up model than anything alive or even recently alive.
>>>To my perception, the alleged 'alien' looks as though it had
>>>been contrived by a totally inexperienced movie-prop maker, out
>>>of something resembling cheddar cheese, for a Z-grade movie,
>>>with mineral oil added all over its surface to make it look
>>>repugnant.

>>>I'm reasonably confident that you are familiar with the photos
>>>which Good published. So, please tell us, what is your opinion
>>>of the reliability of the source of those photos and what do you
>>>think of the photos?

>>I am sorry but I am not familiar with the drawings you mention,
>>in Timothy Good's book. But what you describe seems a very
>>poor illustration of the creatures.

><snip>

>I am not referring to drawings. What Tim Good presents in the
>book are alleged to be rather close-up color photos of the
>actual Varginha 'alien'.

>He shows a series of those photos, all evidently taken by the
>same photographer or camera, and they, to use the vernacular,
>look "phony as hell", to my perception, and that's putting it
>politely.

>I thought surely you would know of them.

Ok, Ray, I think I know what you mean.

Some people have made connections between the Varginha creatures
and some other case that happened in Mexico, that was
investigated by Jaime Maussan and is composed of some v=EDdeo of
an alleged alien creature. Well, to be precise, only for half a

second we saw any connection between these two events.

I cannot say if the Mexican case (i.e. if what I am describing is actually the Mexican case) is real or not, but there is no connection between it and Varginha. As far as we know, there is absolutely no picture or video of the creatures captured in Brazil. They must exist, of course, but we have never seen any.

Over a few weeks, in the heat of the investigation of the Varginha Case, some of the researchers got calls from a man who claimed to have a video with shots of the medical analysis of one creature in the Humanitas Hospital. He was offering that video for a sum of money, which I don=B4t recollect now, but then he quit calling.

One of our military witnesses described the medical room where the second captured creature was placed, in the Humanitas Hospital, a few minutes before it was removed to University of Campinas. He said that there was a superior officer in that room, along with other military and doctors, with a handcam.

Hope the info is useful.

All the best, A. J.

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Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <editor.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 18:36:08 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 23:01:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Dickenson

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 22:57:18 -0300
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>Let's say that Science was clambering at the doors of Ufology
>and wanted on the bandwagon. Which persuasions does this List
>think would be the most valuable to have on board?

Hello Don - great question. And for search or contact I'd say forget physicists.

- 1) A mathematician (capable of lateral thinking - so maybe a young one) (m/f)
- 2) a musician - (definitely female)
- 3) an artist painter - (definitely female)
- 4) an old-fashioned odd-job carpenter and gardner (m/f)

You'll agree it's not important what the people know - it's all obsolete anyway.

What matters is how people think and perceive, so as many women as possible - less aggression, less testosterone. And #4 is there because s/he just might have the necessary view of reality.

I'm remembering what that Brookings Report had to say way-back-when:

"It has been speculated that, of all groups, scientists and engineers might be the most devastated by the discovery of relatively superior creatures, since these professions are most clearly associated with the mastery of nature rather than with the understanding and expression of man" "Advanced understanding of nature might vitiate all our theories at the very least, if not also require a culture and perhaps a brain inaccessible to earth scientists"

Cheers - keep up that lateral thinking

Ray D

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 18:56:01 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 00:08:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Hale

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 01:13:57 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>Sure! :) LMAO! If the pages were softer, more pliable, and  
>printed with lead-free ink, I'd put in the bathroom. If the  
>pages were larger, I'd line the bottom of my bird's cage.

>As it is, I just keep it around to show people how some phony  
>'UFO photos' look.

Please tell this List that you personally have investigated every single photo in this particular book, to prove to this List, that they are as you put it "phony UFO photos".

>I wouldn't be surprised to hear that they  
>were all faked by the same person. There are, in fact, several  
>commonalities of faking technique that repeatedly crop up  
>throughout the book, no matter where it is claimed the photos  
>were taken.

I feel my first point, on why the public may not in fact now come forward with any UFO evidence (photo or film) they may have, is now being highly advertised by Mr Stanford's answer to my reply.

>Please forgive me, friends, but I don't have time to write a  
>text dissecting those ridiculous photos to demonstrate that they  
>are fake.

You have shouted the loudest, show this UFO community the research carried out by you on these UFO photos.

>You had Roy's review, and now I offer mine.

I am not in UFO research for competition, or awards, but I sat and read your review.

>If you don't credit my fifty years in UFO studies with teaching  
>me enough about either photography and/or the optical properties  
>of bona-fide UFOS as to enable me to spot one of the phoniest  
>books of 'UFO photographs' to come along in a few years, then  
>fine, no hard feelings. Throw your money to the wind, if you  
>prefer, but remember, you were cautioned.

I once asked Jenny Randles, after twenty five years of UFO research, and world lectures, book selling, and TV shows, as well as documentraies, if she could tell me if she thought that ET was coming here, she replied no she could not tell me, it soon dawned on me, that long periods of years in this game, stand for zilch, except to gloss the pages of some UFO book of "Who's Who in Ufology" some years down the line.

Roy

"I'm not sure I want popular opinion on my side - I've noticed those with the most opinions often have the fewest facts."  
--Bethania Mckenstry

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Brock

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 11:36:25 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 00:14:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Brock

>From: Alfred Webre <Exopolitics <[exopolitics.nul](mailto:exopolitics.nul)>>  
>To: [media.nul](mailto:media.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 06:10:28 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>Dr Michael E. Salla, a former Assistant Professor and current  
>Researcher-in-Residence at American University, Washington  
>DC., claims that as many as 57 extraterrestrial races are  
>currently visiting the Earth.

You can read my commentary on Michael Salla, here.

<http://aamb.blogspot.com/2004/07/im-utterly-flabbergasted-i-cant-even.html>

[watch for URL-wrap]

Best,  
Rod Brock

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THE MAGONIA EXCHANGE LIST  
Collecting and sharing accounts  
of anomalous aerial phenomena  
from antiquity up to 1947.  
<http://nocturnal.lights.tripod.com/magoniax>

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THE RETURN TO MAGONIA PROJECT  
Parent project to the Magonia Exchange  
List.  
<http://anomalies.bravepages.com>

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ALIENS ATE MY BUICK  
Frank, unapologetic commentary  
on matters of ufological  
import.  
<http://aamb.blogspot.com/>  
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## Re: Varginha Again - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 18:41:45 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 00:18:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Hall

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 11:30:16 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

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>Ray Stanford

All right, I can't resist any longer. Although I have not followed this thread (out of sheer disinterest) except for an occasional peek, I suggest they be renamed the "Varginha Monologues." The joke, for our overseas contributors who may not be aware of it, derives from the stage play the "Vagina Monologues."

- Dick

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 14:49:30 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 07:46:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Sparks

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>Subject: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>PRESS RELEASE -- UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER RELEASES REPORT ON THE  
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>>EARTH

>>Dr Michael E. Salla, a former Assistant Professor and current  
>>Researcher-in-Residence at American University, Washington DC.,  
>>claims that as many as 57 extraterrestrial races are currently  
>>visiting the Earth. Of these races, he claims that 17 have most  
>>significance for the evolution and sovereignty of humanity. He  
>>divides these races into two groups. The first group, he claims,  
>>comprises seven races that are connected as a network through a  
>>series of secret agreements between themselves and 'shadow  
>>governments' in the <?xml:namespace prefix =3D stl ns =3D  
>>"urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarttags" />United States and  
>>elsewhere. This group, according to Dr Salla, are part of a vast  
>>military-industrial-extraterrestrial complex fully funded by  
>>'black budgets' in the US and other nations. He believes that a  
>>second grouping of ten extraterrestrial races are outside of  
>>this network of agreements and offer humanity the best chance  
>>for a positive future.

<snip>

>Barf! What we badly need is strong medication for diarrhea of  
>the mouth. Not to mention extreme brain-warp.

>- Dick

Well said Dick Hall.

Now Michael Salla go to your room! And don't come out again  
until you have come to your senses and learned your lessons from  
the Hall! ("Salle" is French for "room" or "hall.")

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## Re: Charles Fort: Godfather of Postmodern

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot.nul](mailto:macbot.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 11:50:31 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 07:58:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: Charles Fort: Godfather of Postmodern

>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 08:44:16 -0700  
>Subject: Charles Fort: Godfather of Postmodern Relativism

<snip>

>He published his collections and speculations in four books: The  
>Book of the Damned (1919), New Lands (1923), Lo! (1931) and Wild  
>Talents (1932).

My introduction to the new reissue of 'Lo!' appears on  
the back cover of the Cosimo edition:

<http://www.cosimobooks.com>

Cosimo is going to reprint all of Fort's books, if I understand  
correctly.

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Mac Tonnies ([macbot.nul](mailto:macbot.nul))

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com>

Cydonian Imperative: <http://cydonianimperative.blogspot.com>

New book: "After the Martian Apocalypse"  
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/074348293X>

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 15:09:46 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 08:01:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Boone

>From: Alfred Webre <Exopolitics <[exopolitics.nul](mailto:exopolitics.nul)>>  
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Just when you thought it was safe to go back into UFOlogy.

This report is just what the doctor ordered. It's got alot going for it and because it's 'free' and no price tag associated it's irresistable to read.

One could interpret it in any number of ways.

Bottom line is it's formatted properly from a scholar.

It has alarming information that most of us on this list are familiar with. It even quotes and footnotes many of the UFOlogists we all know.

The best quote is "They shall know you by your deeds.", which is what I've been saying all along.

Adding to it the various points of views worldwide I'm sure the majority of denizens on the Earth would read it and rightfully say, "See? Satan's at it again, he's conned these scientists and the government's in bed with him."

It's an easy, easy, interpretation.

Yet for the scientist in all of us we'd say, " Life sure has taken some mighty weird turns! "

I'd like to see more data from non-ufological sources to round out the paper.

As in depth as this paper is it still leaves us with no 'proof' but leads to where the 'proof' can be obtained. Since no one in their right mind is going to waltz up to a heavily secured military facility and gain access we're back to square one.

Yet history proves that no matter how tight lipped something is, somehow, somewhere a loose lip will flip.

Key to me now is how this paper will be examined. If it's attacked hostilely then you know it hit a nerve. If it's professionally examined and refuted without the condescending nonsense then that will be fine.

Yet if just one, just one of these claims can be proven then it will be 'Katie bar the door'.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[BRB47x.nul](mailto:BRB47x.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 16:25:07 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 08:06:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 15:33:23 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 18:59:40 EDT  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>>All very excellent points! Many of these points have been  
>>addressed by SETI theoreticians and often from an anti-UFO  
>>position.

>>What we need in the UFO community is for someone in the pro-UFO  
>>camp to do better, scientifically more fair modeling, which will  
>>require some hard theoretical work to develop some numbers and  
>>tests for these ideas. Each one can be modeled and tested.

>>We can easily see some kind of distinction between "stealthy"  
>>behavior and "open" behavior, for example, let's develop some  
>>numbers. But it's going to require a lot more work than any of  
>>us apparently can put into a quickie email posting. And it will  
>>never be done at all if it gets thought-terminated by the  
>>"they're so advanced" argument.

>Thanks Brad!

>I think Mr. Friedman answered it all in his post. He pointed out  
>several of his papers which focus on UFO behavior. That's a plus  
>because it's collected data that shows the 'actions' not the  
>speculations.

>That's the bottom line. I can't take anymore 'messages from the  
>space brothers' reports because it's full of arbitraries to the  
>point you feel like you're not reading a report, but a new  
>episode of the old 'Outer Limits' tv show.

I agree.

>Statistics and actions are what we need. Then those stats and  
>actions interpreted and presented by the professionals from the  
>various scientific fields. Then we the public and put them  
>together and make up our own minds.

Yes, we need better numerical models for ETH to test against the  
UFO data. I am glad you mentioned Stan Friedman because he has  
been one of the few who have tried to do that over the years, in  
response to attacks from the SETI camp.

Unfortunately, when I go to UFO conventions the reaction I get  
to Stan's name being mentioned is the eyes rolling because of  
his famous broken-record repetitiousness of his lectures and  
papers. No one in the UFO community seems to listen to Stan or  
pay any real attention to the many valid points he has made over  
the years.

For example, Stan long ago punctured the SETI anti-UFO anti-ETH argument (I think Carl Sagan started it, but I may remember this wrong) that each UFO sighting has to represent a separate individual interstellar visitation direct from a distant star system.

Stan pointed out, quite rightly, that we would not do something that wasteful, we would have smaller scout ships and surveillance devices aboard a "mother ship" so the sightings would probably always be of these shorter range vehicles and probably never of the well-hidden actual interstellar mother ship.

One can attack this as "anthropomorphic thinking" but we have to start there with the simplest theories, with what human behavior teaches us first, before progressing to more complex theories of "alien motivations". That is basic scientific methodology, in accordance with Occam's Razor as presently formulated.

Stan has also been a lone voice crying in the wilderness as to the largest statistical analysis of UFO and IFO data ever conducted, the Blue Book Special Report No. 14 by the Battelle Memorial Institute. No one listens to Stan on the Battelle study. No one in the UFO community even knows the true story of why the Battelle study came to be in the first place -- it's always the bland blah blah about how someone wanted to do some statistics blah blah blah.

The real story is that the new Project GRUDGE Chief Lt. Ruppelt plotted UFO sightings on a map to do a geographic analysis as one of his first projects upon taking over the revived Project GRUDGE. Ruppelt was surprised to find a large number of clusters of UFO sightings around highly sensitive strategic US military and nuclear bases.

When Ruppelt briefed the new director of AF Intelligence, Gen. Samford, on this in Dec. 1951 Samford was startled too, and ordered that a full-scale scientific study be conducted for the specific purpose of verifying Ruppelt's findings regarding UFOs concentrated around strategic nuclear and military bases. ATIC had just started a broad ranging consulting contract with Battelle on a wide variety of non-UFO intelligence subjects (analysis of Soviet metallurgy, etc.) and made Samford's orders for the UFO geographic study part of an important sub-project (PPS 100) at Battelle, and added into it a broader statistical study of UFO sightings, plus laboratory services on UFO-related physical samples. By the time Battelle fully verified Ruppelt's findings, in Jan. 1953, no one cared anymore.

The statistical study violated the new policy that Samford's number two man, Gen. Garland, had established as a new intelligence methodology (which was to stop wasting time doing analyses of low-grade reports), and it had continued at Battelle only because it was Samford's direct orders and personal interest in verifying Ruppelt's map findings. Thus something like \$100,000 was spent by the AF on the Battelle study.

>One thing that tickled me recently was discussing this issue  
>with some very important folks. These folks grew up in the past  
>century surviving everything from concentration camps to  
>earthquakes, etc. Mostly all senior folk, still active today in  
>various fields. They can talk the talk because they walked the  
>walk. If I mention Gen. MacArthur, I'll get a first hand story  
>about him. Same with Pres. Truman.....

<snip>

The true story behind Truman's firing of MacArthur in 1951 finally came out this year I think, 2004. NSA's predecessor agency, AFSA, intercepted a foreign communication which revealed that a foreign government's diplomats had been told by MacArthur that he wanted to bring Communist China into the Korean War so he could nuke China (if I recall all this correctly).

MacArthur was blabbing this rather indiscriminately to non-US officials, and knew this dangerous course of action was flatly against Truman's policy (to say nothing of inviting a nuclear WWII). When Truman received this TOP SECRET Codeword intercept about what MacArthur was blabbing to foreign governments that was the last straw.

Brad Sparks

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## Scientific Survey Of Hessdalen Phenomenon

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A Long-Term Scientific Survey of the Hessdalen Phenomenon

Teodorani M.

Abstract:

The balls of light which appear in the Hessdalen valley in Norway are exemplary of anomalous atmospheric luminous phenomena that occur frequently at some locations on Earth.

The recurrence of the phenomenon and the existence of an instrumented observation station makes this area an ideal research site. The apparent correlation of luminous phenomena with magnetic perturbations, radio emission, and radar tracks, found by Norwegian researchers, led some Italian physicists and engineers of the EMBLA Project to reanalyze the Norwegian data.

The second step was three explorative, instrumented, field-study expeditions. The behavior of the phenomenon was monitored with optical, radio, and radar techniques.

The global picture of the phenomenon obtained so far shows that the phenomenon's radiant power varies, reaching values up to 19 kW. These changes are caused by sudden surface variations of the illuminated area owing to the appearance of clusters of light balls that behave in a thermally self-regulated way.

Apparent characteristics consistent with a solid are strongly suspected from the study of distributions of radiant power. Other anomalous characteristics include the capability to eject smaller light balls, some unidentified frequency shift in the VLF range, and possible deposition of metallic particles.

A self-consistent definitive theory of the phenomenon's nature and origin in all its aspects cannot be constructed yet quantitatively, but some of the observations can be explained by an electrochemical model for the ball-lightning phenomenon.

The importance is stressed of using more sophisticated instrumentation in the future.

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1992, Frank Rice

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Ledger

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>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 02:43:24 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

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>>>The book, UFO Richard Brunswick PhotoCollection  
>>>By Goliath: ISBN 3-9805876-3-0 published in Germany.

>>>I really commend this book for a serious and objective look at  
>>>just how, some UFO pictures across the decades have been caught  
>>>by the camera, and most in this book I had not seen , as I  
>>>understand these pictures were privately collected by this man,  
>>>over a few decades.

>>More details here:

><http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/3980587630/aetherialnu0a-20/002-4488104-5088867>

>This is an interesting picture book that I picked up a few years  
>ago at a local bookstore, but of extremely limited value for  
>research. The photographs (some of which are quite strange toward  
>the end) have very little text explanation, if any at all.  
>There's some information on the person who collected these  
>images over many years, but there's no pretense that these have  
>been investigated and in some cases the images aren't identified  
>by much at all.

>As I recall, there was indication that Richard Brunswick (the  
>collector of these images) was involved in UFO research for a  
>number of years, but the only reference to him I find on the  
>Internet is in relation to the sale of this collection of  
>images. I'm curious as to whether or not he actually obtained  
>rights to publish these images, but like most older material  
>there are few in a position to complain about it.

Hi Steve,

What percentage would you say are credible photos, or at least  
deserve a look?

Don

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Sparks

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>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 15:29:28 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400  
>>>Subject: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

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>>>camera? Or is it that the interdimensional nature of abductions  
>>>means there is no physical object to photograph, and the  
>>>physical objects flying around in the skies and detectable by  
>>>radar are a different phenomena - possibly related, possibly  
>>>unrelated?

>I think the points you raise are good ones, and especially  
>important given the number of cameras that are now available in  
>cell phones and PDAs. With the availability of cameras, both  
>still and motion, we see little in the way of good UFO images.  
>The exception being incidents like the Phoenix Lights case,  
>where the event took place over a period of time and there were  
>multiple witnesses with video cameras.  
<snip>

I lost my entire lengthy draft email with a software crash and I won't re-do it all.

Bottom line is it's simply numbers. The normal photo response rates for photos of aerial events is very low. Thousands of people saw the Rocky Mountain Fireball of Aug 10, 1972, and the Ontario fireball ("Kecksburg") of Dec 9, 1965, but only a few photos were produced, and even fewer good photos. That's only a rate of something like on the order of 1 in 1,000 or roughly 0.1%. Even the Condon Committee was forced to admit (Bantam ed. p. 589) that the rate of response for getting witnesses from a population, and getting photos from a subset of the witnesses, was for UFO's statistically "similar" to that for meteor fireballs, meaning that UFO's were not unreal figments of imagination but real like any other physical aerial phenomena.

(Any correction factor of longer duration for UFO events has to be compensated for and counterbalanced with the much greater emotional shock involved in UFO events, which entrance witnesses, keeping them from thinking to go fetch cameras. Even

applying a 10x factor for longer durations does not help the low UFO photo stats much, it's still very low, and the rate of getting good photos will still cut that down further.)

To get closeup pics of UFOs good enough to tell anything, the UFO images have to be roughly Full Moon in angular size or bigger. Given average distances and average sizes that means basically only Close Encounters can provide good closeup UFO photos. Out of the several thousand CE cases on file one would therefore expect only a handful of good closeup UFO photos (1 in 1,000 out of several thousands equals only "several"). Isn't that exactly what we have?

The answer is simple numbers.

Brad Sparks

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

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>Thank you for an immensely thought-provoking posting. The  
>problem can be traced to a root cause which I call the Myth of  
>the Almighty Camera. I have alluded to this many times earlier  
>in postings to rebut numbers arguments about UFO photos, why so  
>few?

>First, cameras are not objective instruments and photos are not  
>pure objective instrument data. Cameras distort the  
>representation of the incident light and various corrections  
>must be applied to correct for spatial distortion of the lens  
>and distortion of spectral sensitivities to light on the film.  
>Photos are not purely objective because a human being with  
>biases must interpret the photos.

Brad,

Your seeming definition of objectivity seems a bit off the mark,  
to me. I think of objectivity (noun) as: judgment based on  
observable phenomena and uninfluenced by emotions or personal  
prejudices

Does a film make a judgment? In my opinion, objectivity or  
subjectivity, by definition, become involved in interpretation,  
only. The fact that a film's response curve to various  
wavelengths of light does not correspond precisely to that which  
the human 'eye' perceives (which, itself, varies from person to  
person, and some persons, in fact are quite 'color blind', and  
much moreso than any good color film) does not constitute  
subjectivity.

Perhaps you speak, instead, of perspective (optical perspective,  
when we deal with cameras, per se). It is important that we  
correctly determine spatial and optical perspectives and spatio-  
temporal parameters, of course, but I believe that you are

mistaken to down-rate filmed images in favor of human vision-perception. I doubt Dr. Richard Haines would agree with your conclusion as to which is better for studying physical phenomena associated with UFOs. I will demonstrate my case on that, below, so brace yourself, Brad. :)

>Second, and this will surprise most people, cameras are poorer instruments than the human eye (and brain but let me just call it all the "eye" for simplicity).

Oh? Please considering the following:

At 12:04.5 P.M., Central Daylight Savings Time, on June 29, 1978, I was sitting at a window seat on the right side of Continental Airlines Flight # 65 (San Antonio, Texas, to Phoenix, Arizona), and we were at about 33,000 feet, looking out in the vicinity of Fort Stockton, Texas. Seated beside me (in the next seat from the window) was Kenny S\_\_\_\_\_, age 12, at the time, and then from Miami, Florida.

It was a nice day for flying, with only a cumulonimbus cloud ("thunderhead") off some miles to our north. Kenny, whom I had never met until he sat down beside me on that flight, asked me why I had that fancy movie camera (with a 10-X telephoto zoom lens) sitting on my lap and why I was so expectantly glancing frequently out the aircraft window.

I told Kenny that if he had seen what several of us aboard Braniff flight # 9 on December 12, 1977 (La Guardia to DFW, about six months earlier) had seen in broad daylight and I had filmed, he would be anxiously looking out that window with a camera, too.

After some minutes had passed, I noticed a seemingly domed, incredibly black spherical object between us and the cumulonimbus cloud top. Kenny must have noticed it at about the same time, because before I could think to call his attention to it or even pick up my movie camera, he excitedly asked, "Mr. Stanford. what is that weird black object out there?!"

"What does it look like to you, Kenny", I asked.

"It looks like a UFO to me!", the boy answered.

"That's what it looks like to me, too, Kenny. Watch me film it."

Kenny watched while I filmed. The whole time I was filming (at 10-X telephoto, set at infinity), and before, the object looked to both Kenny and me to be blacker than the ace of spades! After a good period of filming, an in-the-film-plane vertical ring of something resembling a lighter-colored 'vapor' momentarily formed around the black object, seemingly with a strong smoke-ring-like spin. Quickly, after that ring formed, the object took off in the direction opposite from us, heading toward the upper part of the cumulonimbus cloud out to its north.

What happened next startled both Kenny and me even more: As the domed sphere (with its dome seemingly now tilted somewhat into the direction of travel) headed at high speed toward that cloud top, it looked as though a 'cave' was magically opened ahead of it, into the cloud top, and the object flew into that 'cave', and cloud closed in behind it, concealing the object! It gave me a rather weird feeling when that happened, because it was more like something I might expect to see in a Hollywood movie than in reality.

I awaited to see if the UFO would emerge from the cloud top, before I cut off the camera, but if it emerged, neither Kenny nor I observed it doing so. Then, immediately, I turned on my micro-cassette recorder, documented all the pertinent data, and then interviewed Kenny about what he had seen, with the jet engines whining in the background, providing 'local color'.

Now, Brad, here's my point: Although Kenny and I saw the UFO as dark black the whole time, guess how many of the hundreds of movie frames show it as black? The answer is, exactly ONE! In all other frames, the object is either a solid, bright white, or white on the top hemisphere and black on the bottom hemisphere, or black on the top hemisphere and bright white on the bottom half, etc!

What that seems to indicate is that the movie film was seeing far more than our visual systems. In short, one might deduce that highly luminous events on (or adjacent to) the object's surface were of such short duration that the human visual system simply could not acquire them, even though the film did, revealing something no human observers could possibly have seen and reported: High-speed luminous phenomena which may be pertinent to deducing the physics of UFO propulsion.

Now, tell me, Brad, that the human eye was a more valuable observer than the movie film. :)

Can 'still' photos (as contrasts with movies) also be more informative than the human visual system? Count on it, as demonstrated in many of my project's film cases, such as the following:

The event date was November 16, 1989, with the observation beginning at exactly 17:00 hours and photography commencing about one minute later. The object was photographed by me, looking westward from curb in front of the entrance to the Public Affairs Building (Building 8) at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland.

The people coming out of the Public Affairs Building saw the object and me photographing it, but I thought it best not to say anything to them, being on a government facility. I was busy steadying that 20-X lens on the object and didn't even have time to look and notice if I knew any of them. (It seems funny, but I got the subjective impression that at least some of those witnesses might be feeling that I was 'on official business' filming the UFO there, and that they really weren't supposed to be seeing what was happening!)

Camera: Canon T 90, using a Celestron C 90 1,000 mm catadioptric (two-mirrored) lens (20-X), 5 photos on Fujichrome P 1600 (pushed to 3200 asa) film (35 mm) at aperture f 11 and shutter speed of 1/500 second.

In the fifth and final photo, one notices what seems to be ion-vapor effects contouring a dipolar magnetic field surrounding the UFO, with a hint of more reddish color at what appear to be the magnetic 'polar vents'. Although I have much higher-resolution examples of ion-induced visibility of UFO dipolar magnetic fields in daylight, in several UFO movies, this example in a still photo is just one more proof that high-speed, invisible-to-the eye, propulsion-related phenomena can be filmed that are unperceived by the human 'eye' because of the speed of, for example, magnetohydrodynamic phenomena.

<snip>

>But most important of all, cameras cannot interpret what they  
>"see," whereas the human being despite all his/her faults and  
>limitations can and does interpret and analyze the observation,  
>and usually attempts to investigate and explain the sighting in  
>conventional terms first -- unlike the camera which cannot  
>think, react, or try to explain the light that is incident  
>through its lenses.

No instrument interprets what it is recording, yet physics simply cannot be conducted on UFOs without instrumented data. That data (even an optical image) must subsequently be interpreted either by a human brain or by some 'expert' data analysis system. So what! Your discussion is like comparing watermelons to peanuts! There is no substitute for instrumentally recorded data, whether that instrument be a camera, a magnetometer, a gravimeter, an interferometer, or whatever. It is the only way we can get quantitative data, for example.

>A human being suitably trained or debriefed  
>can retrieve immense amounts of data far beyond camera  
>capability, in part due to the human's efforts to "escalate the  
>hypotheses" (as Hynek called it) in an attempt to explain what  
>he/she sees.

Hypothesizing is best left until after an event, anyhow, when emotions are cooler. I'm not minimizing human capability, but am profoundly aware of the frailty of the human mind in interpreting and misinterpreting observations it simply cannot



understand.

Tell me, Brad, that looking at the light of any UFO is more revealing than what I can get with one photo with my project's spectrum camera! :) On the night of July 19, 1978, for example, on the New Mexico desert, the project's mobile laboratory crew (including myself) encountered two amazingly deep red (the color was strikingly pure-looking), ellipsoidal UFOs with equally deep red coronas that flashed at a different rate than did their surfaces. But there was nothing within our visual systems that could tell us how absolutely extraordinarily that pure red light really was. It took our spectrum camera to reveal to us the fact that the light was a 'single line' emission (highly remarkable, in itself) that displayed (most amazing of all) 'line splitting'. That spectrum clearly demonstrates that the light was either being emitted in the presence of a very strong electrical field, a very strong magnetic field, or both. Simultaneously, we were recording an associated and very strong extreme low-frequency magnetic field radiating from the objects.

That's two distinct kinds of evidence suggesting that the objects had very strong magnetic and electrical fields, exactly as predicted by magnetohydrodynamic propulsion theory. Furthermore, simultaneously with each strong magnetic pulse, our radio reception of WWVB (for time correlation of the various data we were recording) from Fort Collins, Colorado, would drop proportionately, just as one might expect with magnetohydrodynamic pulses disturbing the stability of the ionosphere, on which we depended for reflected reception of the WWVB radio signal from below our horizon.

So, Brad, do you think the human eye could have out-done our spectrum camera that night? :) The only thing we could have told you about that light by visual observation was that it looked extremely pure and 'crystalline', so we might have, thus, speculated that it might have been 'single line' light, but photographing the light spectra proved that both UFOs were emitting the same totally pure wavelength of light -- so pure that it could not have been any purer.

>What this is leading up to is this: UFO photographs do not  
>provide 100% objective evidence...

Give us a break, Brad! There is just evidence when we deal with an instrument record, such as a filmed optical record. The rest is interpretation, and, therein lies the objectivity or lack of it. Not in the data, per se.

But when we deal with human observations, there is no hard data and the problem of accuracy of memory and subjective interpretation warping the 'memory', especially with time, is considerable. Memory and interpretation are inseparable. (That's why I popped out my recorder immediately after Kenny and I had seen and filmed the UFO.) During the UFO events with our project's mobile laboratory, for example, two different types of time-correlated audio recordings were made simultaneously. You see, one still needs the instrument-recorded data, without which attempts at scientific UFOlogy are as a stranger wandering in a very strange land.

>And UFO  
>photos are poorer in quality than the human eye registration of  
>imagery...

The problem is, Brad, that we are not dealing just with human eye registration, we are dealing with human mind registration, and therein is the fly in the ointment, without an instrumentally-recorded record of events which humans 'witness'.

Also, our project's evidences indicate very high-speed (short durational) luminous, magnetic, and gravity-like events in association with UFOs and the air around them. Sorry, but the human visual system just did not evolve to process events as fast as those we have recorded. The 'eye' is much poorer at documenting UFO events than are good instruments.

>Usually most such CE witnesses are so  
>entranced by what they are seeing that they do not think of  
>cameras.

Quite right, Brad, but the 'entrancing' may be due to more than

just emotional reaction to what is being observed or perceived. You see, the extreme low-frequency (ELF) magnetic phenomena we have recorded during filmed, daylight and nocturnal visual UFO events happens to fall squarely into the neurophysiological frequency range of deep, restful sleep!

Examples of one of several possible effects of UFO generated ELF effects are found on our well-document recordings made, for example on the aforementioned night in New Mexico, July 19-20, 1978. While strong ELF magnetic waves were being recorded by our magnetometer, our audio recording of everything from the UFOs sounds to every camera click documents that we observed the same startling change in the color and shape of one of the two UFO's TWICE. Yet, when we listened to that tape afterwards, each of us were startled. We could recall that startling change happening only once!

Well, Brad, I hope I've not seemed too harsh in questioning your position. I learned long ago that if we find all our friends in agreement with us, we are in dire need of new friends. :)

Best wishes,

Ray Stanford

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>>>I am not sure I see how government coverup relates to the level  
>>>of alien technology being assumed - inconsistently - in attempts  
>>>to define models of UFO activity and behavior.

><snip>

>>Well said, Brad.

>>I agree with you that this field would be improved by having a  
>>set of fundamental understood ideas about the origin,  
>>technology, and motives.

><snip>

>And a 'well said' to you too, Kyle.

>Again I say break things down to the bottom line: Deeds.

>>From where I sit it's an issue of predator and prey.

>In a nutshell the preponderance of evidence clearly states that  
>an overwhelming number of people across the demographics have  
>reported what they believe to be interaction with human and non  
>human life forms who exhibit advanced technology, super  
>intelligence, stealth, camouflage, mind/perception manipulation,  
>speed and patience.

>That's an awesome array of hunting skills. Almost as good as our  
>eons long adversary the female Mosquito.

>Lots of that evidence points to extraterrestrial origins. Lots  
>of it doesn't. Bottom line is it's long term and uncannaly  
>pervasive.

>No doubt we're interacting yet now it's time to look at the  
>prey:

>Us.

>We're disjointed, uncooperative, argumentative, violent,  
>bigoted, lazy, aberrated. All the things a predator would want  
>in a prey.

>By looking at the common denominators we can see why it's so  
>easy to pick us off for so long. We're responsible for creating  
>an unsafe environment that allows these interactions.

>Since our only defense would be to agree and get along I suspect  
>we'll be on the dinner plate for quite some time to come.

Now this is the type of healthy exchange of ideas, albeit at times  
a little too heated, that keeps me reading and posting.

One question.....

Does anyone have something that could be called a good statistic  
on the percentage of the world population... and more  
specifically the US... has actually stated that they have seen a  
UFO... something they believe couldn't have been from "around  
here"?

I find stats on those who believe that UFOs exist all over the  
place, but while that seems to be a valuable statistic to a  
sociologist, it seems equally worthless in any scientific UFO  
context.

And I'm also very weary of the "message from the space brothers"  
testimony. While I am unable to label it false, lest I incur any  
wrath should they be right, it eludes my grasp due to the  
gargantuan grain of salt accompanying it. Alas, my prejudice  
revealed.

Thanks to all,

Kyle

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>That kind of 'prediction' is unadulterated B.S.! The attack  
>humankind should actually worry about is the one against  
>rationality and scientific thinking such as exemplified in that  
>contrived regurgitation of writing(s) taken as 'revealed',  
>infallible, and as the literal Word Of God.

I always got a kick out of the various people and their various interpretations over the years of what the scriptures really mean.

For example during the Pacific High Altitude nuke tests in the late 50s (the one that turned the lights off in Hawaii) Billy Graham was quoted in Life magazine as saying that Armageddon would happen by 1962 or thereabouts.

Then you had the various end-of-the-worlders quoting scripture and telling us how Armageddon was going to happen no later than 1969, then 1975, then 1979, then the early 80s, the mid eighties, the late 80s, and so forth through 2000, when for sure and absolute that was going to be the end. During Gulf War 1 Jerry Falwell sent out a letter semi endorsing somebody who was touting that Gulf War 1 was going to be Armageddon and on and on.

Couple all of that trash with the people interpreting Nostradamus, the UFO cults predicting the end-of-the-world, Hale Bopp, the remote viewers telling us around 1997 how a Martin hive colony was in New Mexico and etc etc etc.

Then we have the alleged end of the so called Mayan calendar in December 2012.

Then you have the same sort (should I say theories and speculations) of drival pronounced by so called main stream science over the years, with the only difference being is when they spout theories and speculations, that is considered more acceptable information than the above.

For example we were told in 1979 how the world was turning into an ice cube and we were going to have global freezing, then they switch to global warming, now we are headed back to the global

freezing ice age theories.

I recall a press release from NASA/Hubble stating that based upon what they are seeing in the photographs (let that read a big and giant photointerpretation here) that their was so called dark matter in the universe. Keep in mind that they didn't actually have a physical speciman that could be taken to 13 labs and be independently checked and verified, but they only had a photograph and they came up with the conclusion based upon in essence photo interpretation. Yet if you show them a photo of a UFO, we start hearing the back peddling about how they actually have to have a piece of physical evidence and why photographs are not sufficient.....

The point of this is not to dish science, religion, or UFOs, but to point out over the years there has been bogus information/individuals come out of those fields and the field of so called main stream science is no more reliable then religion and or UFOs.

Cheers,

Robert

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## UFOs Hubble And The Age Of The Universe

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Subject: UFOs Hubble And The Age Of The Universe

UFOs Hubble and the age of the Universe.

This was a post I did quite awhile ago, but thought the List would enjoy it.

In the beginning Edwin Hubble speculated/believed that the Universe was 2 billion years old, interestingly based on light observations. The general scientific truth is/was that the big bang happened and the universe started to expand. However the force of gravity put the brakes on the expansion similar to brakes being applied on a car. So it was thought and taught that the universe was slowing down.

Uncertainties over the Universes so called rate of expansion apparently led to debate and speculation over the years with asundry dates and numbers (kind of like the debates between pro UFO and skeptibunkers). Some of the early analysis was 5-8 billion years old later some speculated as high as 20 billion.

In 1997 Hubble astronomers announced a so called reliable age of the universe. However that soon got complicated with the discovery that the Universe was not expanding at the generally thought of constant rate, but apparently accelerated do to some unknown repulsive force that astronomers called dark matter.

Note so called scientists never actually had a sample of this "dark matter" but it was based upon photo interpretation. Alleged existance of "dark matter" is a rather extraordinary claim I would say. Not to mention the extraordinary claim about how the Universe is not accelerating in a constant fashion.

Then in May of 2000 we were told that Hubble could see missing Hydrogen which had been previously thought to exist and allegedly was cooked up in the big bang but supposedly disappeared in space never be seen..that is until Hubble. Again this is/was based on photo interpretation of seeing alleged ionized oxygen between two galaxys, which the "implication" was they had actually found this missing Hydrogen. Naturally in the press release the headline was not something along the lines of the find was "implied" but in fact it said: Lost and Found: Hubble finds much of the Universe's missing Hydrogen.

Scientists don't actually have a physical sample of this alleged Hydrogen that can be independently verified at labs etc etc. Note we were also told that this verified (validated if you will) all of the models blah blah blah. Bottom line is another extraordinary claim with zero, zip, nadda physical evidence other then photo.

Can anybody imagine a pro UFO press release that had the wording along the lines of implied discovery of UFOS based on actually seeing something else. The skeptibunkers and CSICOP would be standing in line to be the first ones to label it unprovable, junk science etc etc.

On April 24th 2002 the age of the Universe was pronounced to be 13 to 14 billion years old based on Hubble photos of the charred husks of some white dwarfs in M-4. Again essentially based on photo interpretation as scientists don't actually have a sample

of the charred husks to send to 20 labs to actually verify what they claim is in the photo. Yet again another extraordinary claim based on no physical (you know touch, feel) evidence.

The point being that so called main stream science is more than happy to go with a photo interpretation if its something they embrace/like. However if you mention the word "UFO" you would instantly hear blather about how we need actual physical samples, actual verified contact, actual ET craft for scientists to walk in and examine etc etc.

I would expect the skeptibunkers will probably rationalize all of this away, dribbling about "Carl Sagen said..." and making up excuses and storys about why these Hubble photos should be taken seriously but photographic evidence of UFOs should not.

As I have said previously I am still waiting for the cronies at CSICOP to be all over these new Hubble discoverys just as much as they are all over the subject of UFO photographs and other such materials.

Cheers

Robert

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races -

From: Colin Stevenson <[colswEB.nul](mailto:colswEB.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 13:48:46 +0100 (BST)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 08:53:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races -

>>From: Alfred Webre <Exopolitics <[exopolitics.nul](mailto:exopolitics.nul)>>  
>>To: [media.nul](mailto:media.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 06:10:28 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>PRESS RELEASE -- UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER RELEASES REPORT ON THE  
>>MOTIVATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL RACES VISITING  
>>EARTH

>>Dr Michael E. Salla, a former Assistant Professor and current  
>>Researcher-in-Residence at American University, Washington DC.,  
>>claims that as many as 57 extraterrestrial races are currently  
>>visiting the Earth. Of these races, he claims that 17 have most  
>>significance for the evolution and sovereignty of humanity. He  
>>divides these races into two groups. The first group, he claims,  
>>comprises seven races that are connected as a network through a  
>>series of secret agreements between themselves and 'shadow  
>>governments' in the United States and  
>>elsewhere. This group, according to Dr Salla, are part of a vast  
>>military-industrial-extraterrestrial complex fully funded by  
>>'black budgets' in the US and other nations. He believes that a  
>>second grouping of ten extraterrestrial races are outside of  
>>this network of agreements and offer humanity the best chance  
>>for a positive future.

><snip>

>Barf! What we badly need is strong medication for diarrhea of  
>the mouth. Not to mention extreme brain-warp.

I agree Dick.

Everyone knows the Aliens are here to replenish their Mushrooms  
(only native to Earth) which they use to absorb deadly DOR  
created when in use of free energy (ORR) drives of their craft  
with the added benefit of good food to eat too (Lightly salted  
and fried in the Sun's rays, washed down with a good Lime  
Squash).

: -)

Kind wishes

Col  
<http://www.colswEB.com>

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedma

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 09:53:18 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 09:12:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedma

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 14:07:18 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 20:37:51 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>Well said, Brad.

>I agree with you that this field would be improved by having a  
>set of fundamental understood ideas about the origin,  
>technology, and motives.

>The theories touted here and elsewhere would likely require  
>several parallel groups. Provide a common, updated database of  
>UFO data to each group...photos, video, radar, eyewitness  
>testimony, trace evidence, etc. Allow each group full access,  
>and merge the subsequent findings...large and small...back into  
>the database to prevent duplication, and to provide other groups  
>with insights to further their own analyses. Of course, the  
>database would grow with new reports and data, as well.

>UFO Group 1 - Technology... Analyze existing UFO data for  
>performance characteristics and correlate with current and  
>emerging terrestrial technologies, seeking commonalities which  
>might lead to explanations for extreme UFO behavior. Fold  
>results, good and bad, back into database.

>UFO Group 2 - Communication... Analyze current UFO data for its  
>communication potential. Crop circles, symbols connected with  
>UFOs, sounds, light patterns, etc., will be analyzed with an eye  
>to a unified approach, assuming that if ETs are attempting  
>communication, they would likely try various forms, but  
>cryptically employed to draw out those with "eyes to see". Fold  
>results, good and bad, back into database.

>UFO Group 3 - Physics... Analyze data for common physical  
>behavior, even when in violation of current "accepted" paradigm.  
>Allow the data to suggest alternative physics models, rather  
>than fitting the data into existing paradigm. Correlate against  
>current theories for multi-dimensional reality, super-string  
>theory and the like for commonalities which may be cross-  
>supporting. Fold results back in.

>UFO Group 4 - Metaphysics... Analyze existing data and correlate  
>with past and current sources, including Biblical sources,  
>prophecy, remote viewing, PSI-OPS, etc.

>UFO Group 5 - Biology... Analyze data for commonalities of  
>physical form beyond the typical "gray". correlate with existing  
>theories of evolution in extreme environments here for possible  
>insights. Fold results back in.

>Somewhere in this mix of analyses, one could expect that minor

>breakthroughs would be achieved. UFOlogy could evolve into a  
>true science. Several good theories about UFOs would continue to  
>compete...just as other sciences have multiple plausible  
>theories awaiting the final kiss-off, or the final vindication.  
>But those that promoted purely speculative rebuttals might be  
>naturally hushed by the peer groups' single-mindedness of  
>purpose and clear objectives. In fact, results might even  
>require creation of new groups to handle "extra-disciplinary"  
>phenomena.

>I can imagine a "think-tank" style institute...how about  
>ITISAUFO... Institute for Technical Investigation and Scientific  
>Analysis of UFOs. A "Brookings Institute" for UFO studies.

>I fear you are right in thinking that it would fall by bickering  
>and in-fighting. It's not a money issue.

Sounds to me like work statements for Operation Majestic 12:

1. Evaluate wreckage seeking understanding and new knowledge about materials, technological capability of devices, etc. These data would be classified
2. Collect and evaluate instrumental data on flight behavior including acceleration, change in em signatures as a function of changes in direction.etc.These data would be classified.
3. Collect and evaluate data from physical trace cases. check on means for effecting soil etc. - again in secret.
4. Theoretical evaluation putting 1, 2, 3 together.
5. Evaluation of alien behavior in abductions and in probable events such as the April 1964 landing at Holloman, and in cases such as the Cuban MIG case and other destructions of attacking aircraft such as in 1952. When did they destroy.. after what actions on our part?

Ought to keep a nice Black program busy for a long time.

Stan

Do note my latest MJ-12 paper at:

<http://www.stanfriedman.com>

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## Out Of The Blue DVD Release

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Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 14:48:55 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 09:57:25 -0400  
Subject: Out Of The Blue DVD Release

Dear Friends,

We are proud to announce the long awaited Directors Edition release of Out of the Blue! Featuring CNN news coverage, interviews with the producers, outtakes and 15 minutes of additional material not seen on TV.

In conjunction with Sci-Fi's Advocacy Initiative, promoting congressional hearings through FOIA requests and media coverage, the producers of Out of the Blue traveled to Washington DC and handed out 435 copies of the film to each member of the House. We hope this effort, along with further support, will eventually pave the way to Congressional Hearings.

Copies of Out of the Blue are available on Amazon.com

If you enjoyed our film, Out of the Blue, please pass this message along!

Warmest regards,

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 09:30:46 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 10:00:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Kaeser

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 19:44:39 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 12:06:46 -0400  
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>><snip>

>>>>The book, UFO Richard Brunswick PhotoCollection  
>>>>By Goliath: ISBN 3-9805876-3-0 published in Germany.

>>>>I really commend this book for a serious and objective look at  
>>>>just how, some UFO pictures across the decades have been caught  
>>>>by the camera, and most in this book I had not seen, as I  
>>>>understand these pictures were privately collected by this man,  
>>>>over a few decades.

>>>More details here:

>>>><http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/3980587630/aetherialnu0a-20/002-4488104-5088867>

>>>>This is an interesting picture book that I picked up a few years  
>>>>ago at a local bookstore, but of extremely limited value for  
>>>>research. The photographs (some of which are quite strange toward  
>>>>the end) have very little text explanation, if any at all.  
>>>>There's some information on the person who collected these  
>>>>images over many years, but there's no pretense that these have  
>>>>been investigated and in some cases the images aren't identified  
>>>>by much at all.

>>>>As I recall, there was indication that Richard Brunswick (the  
>>>>collector of these images) was involved in UFO research for a  
>>>>number of years, but the only reference to him I find on the  
>>>>Internet is in relation to the sale of this collection of  
>>>>images. I'm curious as to whether or not he actually obtained  
>>>>rights to publish these images, but like most older material  
>>>>there are few in a position to complain about it.

>Hi Steve,

>What percentage would you say are credible photos, or at least  
>deserve a look?

Don,

The book is in deep storage now and I'll have to dig it out when  
I get back from a week of R&R.

FYI, I may not have Internet access where I'm headed (Vancouver,

BC) and if not I'll be off line until August 1st.

Steve

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### Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Rosati

From: **Dante Rosati** <[dante.nul](mailto:dante.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 09:46:49 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 10:03:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Rosati

Yes, this article is a doozy. Its too easy to laugh at it, dismiss it out of hand, be embarrassed. If nothing else, it can be consigned as a good summary of the state of an interesting myth in the making.

But if we can stop laughing for a minute, and look not so much at the article as all the threads it draws together, then some other issues come into view.

The crux-of-the-matter question is, "are all these people mentioned simply bald-faced liars?" Is it really possible that all these different people, from the ex-military types on down, are just nuts, liars, gold-diggers, publicity hounds? The picture painted by all their testimony is >so< absurd, >so< impossible, that really one doesn't know what to do with it. I mean, of course there are people who make things up, for whatever reason, perhaps mainly to get attention, but can all of these people be dismissed that way, collectively?

Personally, I find myself between a rock and a hard place: I have a hard time accepting either the "story" at face value \_or\_ the possibility of all these people being liars. Even if some are liars, or most, all it would take is one who is not lying to blow the whole thing wide open.

On the other hand, I really find it hard to believe that all this stuff could have been going on all this time without many \_more\_ people coming forth to tell about it. All these scenarios would require there being dozens, hundreds, maybe thousands of military, government, and scientific people who would know about it, in which case its equally absurd to think that so few would speak up, no matter how much secrecy they were sworn to. How could so many people be privy to the greatest story in the history of the world and there not be alot more who would find it impossible to keep quiet?

No matter how you look at it, nothing makes any sense. I suppose in some ways it is easier to believe that they are all lying or deluded. The alternative, as I said, is just too ridiculous. If it was just a matter of believing Adamskis and Mengers and Meiers, there wouldn't really be much of a problem: people have been having visions and hearing voices in their head throughout all of recorded history in every culture. But these stories are about events and things that, as described, should be objective, three dimensional, verifiable, inhabitants of consensus reality. If they were true, which is the big "if". They cant, on face value, be true, but can all these witnesses be lying or crazy? A rock and a hard place.

Dante

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>mean.

>For example during the Pacific High Altitude nuke tests in the  
>late 50s (the one that turned the lights off in Hawaii) Billy  
>Graham was quoted in Life magazine as saying that Armageddon  
>would happen by 1962 or thereabouts.

>Then you had the various end-of-the-worlders quoting scripture  
>and telling us how Armageddon was going to happen no later than  
>1969, then 1975, then 1979, then the early 80s, the mid  
>eighties, the late 80s, and so forth through 2000, when for sure  
>and absolute that was going to be the end. During Gulf War 1  
>Jerry Falwell sent out a letter semi endorsing somebody who was  
>touting that Gulf War 1 was going to be Armageddon and on and  
>on.

>Couple all of that trash with the people interpreting  
>Nostradamus, the UFO cults predicting the end-of-the-world,  
>Hale Bopp, the remote viewers telling us around 1997 how a  
>Martin hive coloney was in New Mexico and etc etc etc.

>Then we have the alleged end of the so called Mayan calendar in  
>December 2012.

You are pretty much right-on concerning the above. In my 66  
years, I've heard prediction after prediction by various  
religions and cults concerning alleged upcoming disasters at  
various dates, all failed.

And, yes, now people of the same mind tendency are predicting serious consequences of 'the end of the Maya calendar'. And, count on it, too, that if any event happens anywhere in the world on that date that has any big news value, that will be written down in their minds as confirmation of their beliefs that the Maya had some special 'handle' on understanding time and world events. I'll admit that back in my teens (1950s), I might have been a bit concerned about an alleged end of the Maya calendar, but now it is troubling to see adults all in a flurry about such things. I expect that day to pass pretty much as any other day, unless some fool decides to take disaster into his own hands and tries to make something big happen on that day.

>Then you have the same sort (should I say theories and  
>speculations) of drival pronounced by so called main stream  
>science over the years, with the only difference being is when  
>they spout theories and speculations, that is considered more  
>acceptable information then the above.

>For example we were told in 1979 how the world was turning into  
>an ice cube and we were going to have global freezing, then they  
>switch to global warming, now we are headed back to the global  
>freezing ice age theories.

Hold on there, Robert. You are missing a very important point which scientists have learned that you either haven't noticed or simply do not accept: Ice ages are induced by global warming. It may seem paradoxical to you, but there is no contradiction. I would try to explain the process here, but this is a UFO list, and you can read a pretty thorough explanation by doing an appropriate Google search. That understanding is in no way analogous to religious cultists predicting Armageddon, etc., as you suggest.

>I recall a press release from NASA/Hubble stating that based  
>upon what they are seeing in the photographs (let that read a  
>big and giant photointerpretation here) that their was so called  
>dark matter in the universe. Keep in mind that they didn't  
>actually have a physical specimen that could be taken to 13 labs  
>and be independently checked and verified, but they only had a  
>photograph and they came up with the conclusion based upon in  
>essence photo interpretation.

They do not need a physical specimen to take into the laboratory in order to know that there is dark matter out there, so just do a Google search if you really want to try to learn the process by which that has been determined. Don't put down scientific photo interpretation unless you understand the nature of the images involved and the methods used in their interpretation. Then, if you have any real evidence that astronomers, worldwide, are wrong about dark matter, prepare a paper for an international astronomical journal and find your place in history! You refer (above) to reading a press release. I doubt you read even that very carefully. If you don't like reading the actual scientific paper(s), then at least read a popularized account, such as you can find in the excellent weekly Science News.

>Yet if you show them a photo of a  
>UFO, we start hearing the back peddling about how they actually  
>have to have a piece of physical evidence and why photographs  
>are not sufficient.....

Speaking generally, astronomers are in no way expert and not highly knowledgeable about UFO evidences, and their view of such is not entirely monolithic. They are highly individualistic. A few of them are willing to look and listen carefully to good, propulsion-diagnostic photographic evidences of UFOs, as I know from experience.

I guess it would surprise you, totally, that just a very few years ago, I attended at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, an officially NASA-sanctioned Science (or was it engineering, I forget, because they have both, there) Colloquium presentation on evidence for UFOs by none less than Mark Rodeghier, Ph.D., of the Center for UFO Studies. Attendance is not mandatory, yet Mark got a large audience, with intelligent and sincere questions afterward - No pelican calls at all. :) - and a very warm reception, if applause is a valid indicator. I recognized the faces of many distinguished scientists and engineers from

the space program in the audience - people I recognized mainly because my wife, who holds a very responsible position on the Hubble Space Telescope project, had introduced me to them over the years. In fact, I would say Mark's presentation had a rather 'upper-crust' NASA audience.

Of course, NASA has no officially acknowledged UFO research program, but individual scientists are quite open-minded. That is not a monolithic condition by any means, however. Scientists are, of course, people, and among all classes of people, opinions and prejudices vary.

>The point of this is not to dish science, religion, or UFOs, but >to point out over the years there has been bogus >information/individuals come out of those fields and the field >of so called main stream science is no more reliable then >religion and or UFOs.

That last statement is demonstrably false! Science involves itself in the process of review and debate. Since when do religions do that? :) Science is an exploratory and expansive process, with naturally some errors, but it embodies a self-correcting process. Religion is neither concept-exploratory, nor does it strive for objectivity. Scientific predictions are generally correct, predictions of the religious usually fail.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Varginha Again - Bourdais

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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 16:50:03 +0200  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 10:12:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Bourdais

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 18:41:45 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 11:53:01 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

><snip>

>All right, I can't resist any longer. Although I have not  
>followed this thread (out of sheer disinterest) except for an  
>occasional peek, I suggest they be renamed the "Varginha  
>Monologues." The joke, for our overseas contributors who may  
>not be aware of it, derives from the stage play the "Vagina  
>Monologues."

Dick and All

This time, I am not going to say that I find you funny, like I did after a silly joke of Brad Sparks. Someone thought I was taking side with him ! I was not.

So, "let's make things clear", like President Nixon used to say: I don't find this funny at all!

The Varginha case already stands as a very strong one, with many credible witnesses. If some phony pictures have appeared, they don't change that. And the fact there have been some confusing messages about the remarkable testimony of a Doctore, should not change that either. Read again the article of Bob Pratt and Cynthia Luce in the Mufon UFO Journal of August 1998, for instance, or any other article. I just quoted one from the British UFO Magazine (April 2003) which apparently nobody knows on this list.

BTW, talking of bad cases, I recommend that you take out of your excellent book "The UFO Evidence" the Ummo case, which is known worldwide to be a hoax. The authors of the fake landing of Alluche (1966) and of the fake pictures of San Jose de Valdeiras (1967) were unmasked long ago by spanish ufologists.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: Estill Springs' Girls Spot UFO - Stanford

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Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 10:14:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Estill Springs' Girls Spot UFO - Stanford

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: UFO Updates" <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 11:58:40 -0500  
>Subject: Estill Springs' Girls Spot UFO

>Source: The Tullahoma News: The Herald-Chronicle

>[http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1614&dept\\_id=515334&newsid=12498306&PAG=461&rfi=9](http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1614&dept_id=515334&newsid=12498306&PAG=461&rfi=9)

>07-27-04

>Estill Springs' Girls Spot UFO; Next Time they will get  
>Picture...

>Nine-year-old Haley Atwood and Charlie Holmes are best friends.  
>They wear matching bracelets, necklaces, flip-flops and  
>naillpolish. They agree about everything-well almost-Haley's not  
>quite ready to let go of summer and start back to school like  
>Charlie is, but both agree they are slightly bored and pretty  
>much ready to go back

>They've spent the summer playing tag, dressing-up, watching UFO  
>documentaries on TV, painting each other's nails, swimming,  
>riding bikes and walking around their neighborhood in Estill  
>Springs. Both will enter fourth grade at Rock Creek Elementary  
>School and they will tell their class about the most exciting  
>thing that happened to them this summer-they spotted a UFO while  
>out walking the dog.

>The excitement shines in Haley's eyes as she describes the  
>experience (she is the spokesperson for the two and Charlie  
>pipes in an occasional "uh-huh, that's right" whenever  
>appropriate). Both have no doubts that what they saw on  
>Wednesday, July 14th on Lakeview St. in Estill Springs was a  
>certified UFO. They have pictures to prove it, they say, as they  
>scurry to get the drawings they made to illustrate what they  
>saw. Their drawings are strikingly similar. Haley pointed out  
>the UFO's in their drawings and explained the fire below and the  
>symbols below the UFO, a duck, a star and a "Z" shape.

<snip>

>"We think they [aliens] were sending messages to Earth about  
>something. <snip>

Elementary, my dear Watson! Clearly that craft was from the  
planet Pelacanis, native abode of the pelicans. Translated, the  
message reads, "UFO researchers are quacks (the duck symbol),  
are all too starry eyed (the star), and are phenomenologically  
asleep and snoring (Zzzzzzzzz)!"

I always thought the pelicans had some kind of secret  
development project on-going somewhere. :)

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Warren

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Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 10:16:50 -0400  
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>From: Brad Sparks <[BRB47x.nul](mailto:BRB47x.nul)>  
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>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 16:25:07 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 15:33:23 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>>Statistics and actions are what we need. Then those stats and  
>>actions interpreted and presented by the professionals from the  
>>various scientific fields. Then we the public and put them  
>>together and make up our own minds.

>Yes, we need better numerical models for ETH to test against the  
>UFO data. I am glad you mentioned Stan Friedman because he has  
>been one of the few who have tried to do that over the years, in  
>response to attacks from the SETI camp.

>Unfortunately, when I go to UFO conventions the reaction I get  
>to Stan's name being mentioned is the eyes rolling because of  
>his famous broken-record repetitiousness of his lectures and  
>papers. No one in the UFO community seems to listen to Stan or  
>pay any real attention to the many valid points he has made over  
>the years.

Brad,

Oh contraire, Brad! I had to read the afore mentioned paragraph a few times, looking for the punchline - but it seems your serious - "no one in the UFO community seems to listen to Stan?" Are you kidding? Have you noticed how long this very thread has been going on, and the various input? DO you realize that Stan is one of the most "sought after" speakers in the field, and consequently, one of the busiest. (If not the busiest!); his work dedication and credo to Ufology are matched by no one! He has educated the ignorant by the masses all over the world, for years! He is highly respected by his colleagues, and his name is synonymous with Ufology! When mainstream media decides to dabble in the subject, Stan's name is always on the top of the list of desirable guests, speakers etc.

The only problem with Stan, is there isn't enough of him to go around, and one of the problems with Ufology, is there aren't enough of his caliber involved with the subject!

I hope this "ill conceived" observation is not a reflection of "all your" contributions to Ufology!

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 22:52:58 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>Does anyone have something that could be called a good statistic  
>on the percentage of the world population... and more  
>specifically the US... has actually stated that they have seen a  
>UFO... something they believe couldn't have been from "around  
>here"?

I have checked many hundreds of lecture audiences - some as big as 2,000... colleges, professional groups etc at the end of my "Flying Saucers ARE Real!" lectures.

"How many here believe they have seen what I would describe as a flying saucer, as I described earlier?. I count out loud. Typically it is 10% of the people present. Then I ask "How many of you have reported what you have seen?" Typically 10% of the 10%. Then I ask how many of the small group were in the military at the time and if they want to tell the rest of us about it. Get some great stories and wonderful lines like "I can't ; they told me not to say anything." or "They took my pictures" etc.

>I find stats on those who believe that UFOs exist all over the  
>place, but while that seems to be a valuable statistic to a  
>sociologist, it seems equally worthless in any scientific UFO  
>context.

>And I'm also very weary of the "message from the space  
>brothers" testimony. While I am unable to label it false, lest  
>I incur anywrath should they be right, it eludes my grasp due  
>to the gargantuan grain of salt accompanying it. Alas, my  
>prejudice revealed.

Belief questions require a better word than UFO. In one classroom of 100 students asked to respond with their eyes closed, 80% said they thought most people didn't think any UFOs were ET Spacecraft, whereas 80% of the group did think some were....

Stan Friedman

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## NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE DIRECTIVES ONLINE

To be a bureaucracy is to follow a prescribed set of procedures, a rulebook for every contingency.

The bureaucratic procedures that govern the operation of the National Reconnaissance Office are set forth in a series of NRO Directives.

Several unclassified and declassified NRO Directives were publicly released earlier this month in response to a Freedom of Information Act request. See (thanks to MJR):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nro/directives/index.html>

The NRO is the U.S. intelligence agency that designs, builds and operates the nation's reconnaissance satellites, or that administers the contractors in private industry who do so.

## EXECUTIVE BRANCH POWER TO POSTPONE ELECTIONS (CRS)

"Because of the continuing threat of terrorism, concerns have been raised about the potential for terrorist events to occur close to or during the voting process for the November 2004 elections," a recent report of the Congressional Research Service observes.

"For instance, the question has been raised as to whether a sufficiently calamitous event could result in the postponement of the election, and what mechanisms are in place to deal with such an event."

"This report focuses on who has the constitutional authority to postpone elections, to whom such power could be delegated, and what legal limitations exist to such a postponement.

See "Executive Branch Power to Postpone Elections," Congressional Research Service, July 14, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/RL32471.pdf>

Direct public access to CRS reports like this one is not authorized by the U.S. Congress.

#### AN OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY?

In its recent report, the 9/11 Commission adverts to the possibility of establishing a new "Open Source Agency" within the U.S. intelligence community (see the chart on page 413).

But the Commission does not otherwise discuss the role or function of the proposed agency.

The barest mention of such a new agency has already prompted some debate and conflict, beginning with a dispute over where the hypothetical agency should be housed, inside or outside of the CIA.

Robert Steele of the private Open Source Solutions, who has been advocating increased appreciation of open source intelligence for over a decade, takes the position that the new agency should be completely independent of the existing U.S. intelligence community. See his assessment here:

<http://tinyurl.com/5pet7>

#### SECRECY "PROBLEMATIZED" IN CRITICAL INQUIRY

Critical Inquiry, a journal published by the University of Chicago, is perhaps the preeminent academic venue for the pursuit of "theory," which means something like the conceptualization and analysis of cultural, literary and other problems. Theory is by definition abstract and is generally one or more steps removed from everyday life and practical politics.

So it is noteworthy that government secrecy is the subject of a paper in the forthcoming issue of the journal.

Author Peter Galison, a distinguished historian of science at Harvard, reviews recent classification practices and then asks what epistemological assumptions are implicit in the act of censoring, or classifying, particular items of information. The classifier, he suggests, relies on a discredited "atomic" theory of knowledge.

"Contra the logical positivists and their allies, it is precisely not possible to reduce meaningful language to discrete enunciations. Communication -- at least meaningful, verifiable communication -- cannot be rendered into a sequence of protocol statements. But such a conception of knowledge is exactly what lies behind the classifiers' imaginary," he writes.

"At the root of this theory of punctiform knowledge excision stands a fundamental instability."

Dig it.

See "Removing Knowledge" by Peter Galison, Critical Inquiry 31, Autumn 2004. An electronic pre-print, imperfectly encoded in html, may be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/43ute>

#### THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION ON A CULTURE OF SECRECY

Given their principled skepticism of big government, political conservatives ought to be in the forefront of critics of unchecked government secrecy. Instead, "openness" has often been tagged as a "liberal" cause, and conservatives have mostly been missing in action. But that may be changing.

In a new op-ed article, Mark Tapscott of the Heritage Foundation warns of "a bureaucratic culture of secrecy that has grown over the decades to encompass the entire government."

The Heritage Foundation is the leading conservative think tank and a particularly influential voice in the Republican-controlled Congress.

"Experts across the political spectrum agree that government

keeps too much information classified for much too long," writes Tapscott. "And too much is unnecessarily exempted from disclosure under the FOIA."

The Heritage Foundation is right.

See "Spawning a Culture of Secrecy" by Mark Tapscott, July 28:

<http://www.heritage.org/Press/Commentary/ed072704b.cfm>

#### MILITARY USE OF AIRSHIPS AND AEROSTATS (CRS)

"The Department of Defense has a history of using lighter-than-air platforms such as airships (blimps) and aerostats (tethered balloons)," according to a new Congressional Research Service report.

"Aerostats have recently been fielded to protect U.S. troops in the field. Contemporary interest is growing in using airships for numerous missions. This report examines the various concepts being considered and describes the issues for Congress."

See "Potential Military Use of Airships and Aerostats," Congressional Research Service, July 15, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RS21886.pdf>

At congressional direction, CRS does not make reports like this directly available to the general public.

#### GLOBALIZING COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION (CRS)

"Increasingly, Congress and the Administration are looking to utilize nonproliferation assistance programs, including cooperative threat reduction (CTR), to help reduce the risk of terrorist access to weapons of mass destruction," according to another newly updated CRS report.

"This report analyzes the range of possible applications of CTR funds and the kinds of assistance might be supplied, and describes legal, financial, technical, and political constraints on possible assistance."

See "Globalizing Cooperative Threat Reduction: A Survey of Options," Congressional Research Service, July 2, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/crs/RL32359.pdf>

Direct public access to CRS reports like this one is not permitted by the current congressional leadership.

#### US ARMY'S MODULAR REDESIGN (CRS)

"In what the Army describes as the 'most significant Army restructuring in the past 50 years,' the Army intends to redesign its current 10 active duty division force to a 43 or 48 brigade-level unit of action or UA force by FY2007," another CRS report notes.

"While the Army cites the need for a more responsive, deployable, joint, and expeditionary force, others suggest that the primary reason for redesign is the ever increasing long term troop requirements to support the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT)."

The implications of the plan are explored in "U.S. Army's Modular Redesign: Issues for Congress," Congressional Research Service, July 19, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RL32476.pdf>

As a practical matter, Congress would prefer that the public did not have access to CRS reports like this.

#### PUMBEDITA AND FALLUJAH

Pumbedita was the site of one of the main rabbinical academies

in ancient Babylon where the Talmud, the repository of Jewish law and lore, was elaborated a millenium and a half ago.

Fallujah is the city in modern Iraq where some of the most violent acts of anti-American insurgency have occurred.

Remarkably, Pumbedita was located in what is now Fallujah, writes Hershel Shanks in the latest issue of the Jewish magazine Moment (August 2004, [www.momentmag.com](http://www.momentmag.com)).

In fact, "According to Jacob Obermeyer, a 19th century scholar, [the word] Fallujah is the linguistic equivalent of Pumbedita."

"Aramaic Pum-Bedita is Pallughtha in Syriac and Falluga in Arabic, or Fallujah as current newspapers spell it."

"It is interesting to think about the fact that the Talmud was created in one of the most violent towns of modern Iraq," writes Shanks, who also edits the Biblical Archeology Review.

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 09:53:18 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 14:07:18 -0500  
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>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 20:37:51 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>>Well said, Brad.

>>I agree with you that this field would be improved by having a  
>>set of fundamental understood ideas about the origin,  
>>technology, and motives.

>>The theories touted here and elsewhere would likely require  
>>several parallel groups. Provide a common, updated database of  
>>UFO data to each group...photos, video, radar, eyewitness  
>>testimony, trace evidence, etc. Allow each group full access,  
>>and merge the subsequent findings...large and small...back into  
>>the database to prevent duplication, and to provide other groups  
>>with insights to further their own analyses. Of course, the  
>>database would grow with new reports and data, as well.

>>UFO Group 1 - Technology... Analyze existing UFO data for  
>>performance characteristics and correlate with current and  
>>emerging terrestrial technologies, seeking commonalities which  
>>might lead to explanations for extreme UFO behavior. Fold  
>>results, good and bad, back into database.

>>UFO Group 2 - Communication... Analyze current UFO data for its  
>>communication potential. Crop circles, symbols connected with  
>>UFOs, sounds, light patterns, etc., will be analyzed with an eye  
>>to a unified approach, assuming that if ETs are attempting  
>>communication, they would likely try various forms, but  
>>cryptically employed to draw out those with "eyes to see". Fold  
>>results, good and bad, back into database.

>>UFO Group 3 - Physics... Analyze data for common physical  
>>behavior, even when in violation of current "accepted" paradigm.  
>>Allow the data to suggest alternative physics models, rather  
>>than fitting the data into existing paradigm. Correlate against  
>>current theories for multi-dimensional reality, super-string  
>>theory and the like for commonalities which may be cross-  
>>supporting. Fold results back in.

>>UFO Group 4 - Metaphysics... Analyze existing data and correlate  
>>with past and current sources, including Biblical sources,  
>>prophecy, remote viewing, PSI-OPS, etc.

>>UFO Group 5 - Biology... Analyze data for commonalities of

>>physical form beyond the typical "gray". correlate with existing  
>>theories of evolution in extreme environments here for possible  
>>insights. Fold results back in.

>>Somewhere in this mix of analyses, one could expect that minor  
>>breakthroughs would be achieved. UFOlogy could evolve into a  
>>>true science. Several good theories about UFOs would continue to  
>>compete...just as other sciences have multiple plausible  
>>theories awaiting the final kiss-off, or the final vindication.  
>>But those that promoted purely speculative rebuttals might be  
>>naturally hushed by the peer groups' single-mindedness of  
>>purpose and clear objectives. In fact, results might even  
>>require creation of new groups to handle "extra-disciplinary"  
>>phenomena.

>>I can imagine a "think-tank" style institute...how about  
>>ITISAUFO... Institute for Technical Investigation and Scientific  
>>Analysis of UFOs. A "Brookings Institute" for UFO studies.

>>I fear you are right in thinking that it would fall by bickering  
>>and in-fighting. It's not a money issue.

>Sounds to me like work statements for Operation Majestic 12:

>1. Evaluate wreckage seeking understanding and new knowledge  
>about materials, technological capability of devices, etc.  
>These data would be classified

>2. Collect and evaluate instrumental data on flight behavior  
>including acceleration, change in em signatures as a function of  
>changes in direction.etc.These data would be classified.

>3. Collect and evaluate data from physical trace cases. check on  
>means for effecting soil etc. - again in secret.

>4. Theoretical evaluation putting 1, 2, 3 together.

>5. Evaluation of alien behavior in abductions and in probable  
>events such as the April 1964 landing at Holloman, and in cases  
>such as the Cuban MIG case and other destructions of attacking  
>aircraft such as in 1952. When did they destroy.. after what  
>actions on our part?

>Ought to keep a nice Black program busy for a long time.

<snip>

Stan,

"Black program"...leave it to you to play the "race" card <LOL>  
(sorry, couldn't resist... born in Dallas with the initials KKK)

Since the government officially disavows any right to the name  
"Majestic 12" perhaps our "white" version should be named  
likewise. Another name suggested by UFO history might be Project  
"Open Book".

And if it worked for Detlev, Roscoe, et.al., we should come to  
similar conclusions even if we don't have access to the "best  
cases"...those kept hidden behind that "black" veil.

I wonder if MJ-12 suffered from infighting and bickering...being  
quite the multi-disciplinary bunch?

Best,

Kyle

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## Detecting UFOs Through The Use Of 'Passive' Radar

From: Peter B. Davenport - National UFO Reporting Center <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 11:19:45 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 10:34:53 -0400  
Subject: Detecting UFOs Through The Use Of 'Passive' Radar

To the List:

I have posted to the NUFORC website the paper I wrote for the MUFON Symposium in Denver earlier this month. It pertains to the remote detection of UFOs through the use of 'passive' radar.

In addition, I copy below some links to URLs, which discuss the issue of passive radar:

[http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/radar\\_stealth\\_010614.html](http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/radar_stealth_010614.html)  
[http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/03\\_42/b3854113.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/03_42/b3854113.htm)  
<http://www.dtic.mil/ndia/jaws/sentry.pdf>  
<http://rrsl.ee.washington.edu/>  
<http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,1282,16762,00.html>  
<http://www.crows.org/Events/2003/PCR/general.htm>  
[http://www.crows.org/Events/2003/PCR/PCR03\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www.crows.org/Events/2003/PCR/PCR03_Agenda.pdf)  
<http://www.ifp.uiuc.edu/~smherman/darpa/>  
<http://www.zilker.net/~crossley/NAVSPASUR/>

If my thesis is correct, the application of 'passive' radar will allow us to resolve the issue of whether UFOs visit our planet.

I have been in touch with the University of Washington professor, who has operated a 'passive' radar system since 1998, and we are working toward building a system that will be tailored to detect satellites, space debris, and other targets within several hundred miles of Earth.

I invite your comments.

Regards,

Peter

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## Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 14:57:37 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 10:36:08 -0400  
Subject: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

Hi folks,

I just recalled that I had read several references wherein it was suggested and noted that artists were often the target of abduction. That the only common denominator for abductees was that the majority were artists of some sort.

If anyone has data on this please let me know.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - King

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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 14:05:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 10:38:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - King

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 14:49:30 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 13:41:50 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>>From: Alfred Webre <Exopolitics <[exopolitics.nul](mailto:exopolitics.nul)>>  
>>>To: [media.nul](mailto:media.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 06:10:28 -0700 (PDT)  
>>>Subject: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

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>>>Dr Michael E. Salla, a former Assistant Professor and current  
>>>Researcher-in-Residence at American University, Washington DC.,  
>>>claims that as many as 57 extraterrestrial races are currently  
>>>visiting the Earth. Of these races, he claims that 17 have most  
>>>significance for the evolution and sovereignty of humanity. He  
>>>divides these races into two groups. The first group, he claims,  
>>>comprises seven races that are connected as a network through a  
>>>series of secret agreements between themselves and 'shadow  
>>>governments' in the <?xml:namespace prefix =3D st1 ns =3D  
>>>"urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarts" />United States and  
>>>elsewhere. This group, according to Dr Salla, are part of a vast  
>>>military-industrial-extraterrestrial complex fully funded by  
>>>'black budgets' in the US and other nations. He believes that a  
>>>second grouping of ten extraterrestrial races are outside of  
>>>this network of agreements and offer humanity the best chance  
>>>for a positive future.

><snip>

>>Barf! What we badly need is strong medication for diarrhea of  
>>the mouth. Not to mention extreme brain-warp.

>>- Dick

>Well said Dick Hall.

>Now Michael Salla go to your room! And don't come out again  
>until you have come to your senses and learned your lessons from  
>the Hall! ("Salle" is French for "room" or "hall.")

Please point out what is "obviously" incorrect in Mr. Salla's  
thesis. Having not had the opportunity to see what Mr. Salla has  
seen, I'm at a loss to divine what of his statement is patently  
false.

I don't buy it, but I can't refute it either. One interesting  
note is the fact that there are 57 varieties of ETs point to  
a connection between ETI and that whole Heinz bunch. Teresa  
doesn't sound like she's from around here.....

Kyle

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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 14:12:30 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 10:41:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - King

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
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>Just when you thought it was safe to go back into UFOlogy.

>This report is just what the doctor ordered. It's got alot going  
>for it and because it's 'free' and no price tag associated it's  
>irresistable to read.

>One could interpret it in any number of ways.

>Bottom line is it's formatted properly from a scholar.

>It has alarming information that most of us on this list are  
>familiar with. It even quotes and footnotes many of the  
>UFOlogists we all know.

>The best quote is "They shall know you by your deeds.", which is  
>what I've been saying all along.

>Adding to it the various points of views worldwide I'm sure the  
>majority of denizens on the Earth would read it and rightfully  
>say, "See? Satan's at it again, he's conned these scientists and  
>the government's in bed with him."

>It's an easy, easy, interpretation.

>Yet for the scientist in all of us we'd say, " Life sure has  
>taken some mighty weird turns! "

>I'd like to see more data from non-ufological sources to round  
>out the paper.

>As in depth as this paper is it still leaves us with no 'proof'  
>but leads to where the 'proof' can be obtained. Since no one in  
>their right mind is going to waltz up to a heavily secured  
>military facility and gain access we're back to square one.

>Yet history proves that no matter how tight lipped something is,  
>somehow, somewhere a loose lip will flip.

>Key to me now is how this paper will be examined. If it's  
>attacked hostilely then you know it hit a nerve. If it's  
>professionally examined and refuted without the condescending  
>nonsense then that will be fine.

>Yet if just one, just one of these claims can be proven then it  
>will be 'Katie bar the door'.

Exactly Greg,

Yet another loony "scientist" telling us the earth is round, when we all "know" the earth is flat. If we can't prove he's wrong, we simply "shout him down".

At least the paper "sparks" some conversation...perhaps the intent all along.

Kyle

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Okay, so after more time to go over this paper and having kicked it upstairs to some 'folks in the know' of credentials, I've had quite the suprise.

It's not a matter of if the general data from this report is wrong, what the problem is they tell me is how we handle it.

The report is full of the stuff I hate from UFO reports:

Messages from the 'aliens'.

I hate that. I've posted about it before. If there's no messenger, then to me there's no message. Too many people have used these 'priviledged' messages as a launching pad for some 'Flea Market Philosophy' like the Heaven's Gate group.

I think we should pass a law that any 'superior beings' must first report to the INS to verify their status before spreading messages of good will or dire prediction. It would help alot to avoid more snake oil.

If this report were to be picked up by the mass media and touted as worthy of serious consideration it would start global panic. The Bible Thumpers would have a field day and the religious fundamentalists worldwide would have more grist-for- the-mill to spout their hostile and oppressive rhetoric. Not to say all religious folks would go to that extreme but considering how long a struggle it's been for decent religious philosophy to take hold you can imagine the chaos we'd be facing before the dust settled if ever.

The gun nuts and survivalists would be on every corner selling rotten ammo and dehydrated goods. We'd be up to our ears in 'Channelers' with hourly reports from the 'space brothers'.

We regular guys wouldn't get a word in edgewise nor find out the latest baseball scores.

The question of 'proof' of alien contact no longer intrigues me. There's so much bs going around if you marched an alien across the screen with Dan Rather interviewing it no one would believe it anyway. Heck, no matter what proof you present to the public you'll get that two-chair confrontation about it.

The battle here is not with physical proof but with the human mind. That mysterious realm of subjective and objective held in place by earwax.

People believe what they want to believe and what they're forced

to believe.

These witnesses in the report are real people. The problem is the military personell around the U.S. who want to come forward but can't because of security oaths. If what they're saying is a lie then giving them clearance to speak shouldn't be a problem. Yet they won't get it, why?

This UFO problem is but a hair's breadth from 'is' or 'isn't' and that's what's most frustrating. You try to get away from it but somehow it'll pop it's head up again. We're down to a standoff of 'put up or shut up' from all sides. Have the open hearings on the subject and if there's nothing then the government wouldn't need to fear releasing a security oath. It's not up to our government to decide for us what's nonsense or not, what their duty is is to address 'any' concerns we have on 'any' subject.

If people have the 'proof' they claim that can be examined by experts then they'll have to put it on the table. If the 'aliens' have something to say then they'll have their opportunity to say to everybody or shut the hell up and go home.

It wouldn't cost the taxpayers a fortune to address an issue they're so fervently interested in yet aggressively denied the address from a government that is charged with the duty to address issues of interest no matter what.

You know why it won't happen? Because if you had an open hearing on a station like C-Span, a live hearing, where people could bring their best stuff, not 'stories' or 'opinions' and nonsensical dribble, everybody and their brother would drop commercial television to tune in to watch. That'd crash the stats of the commercial market.

I say we act on it before another 'Crack-Pot Klaatu' shows up and bs's the world into another epoch of chicanery.

Wait, ain't that what the Bible says is gonna happen?

Dang, can't get away from them prophets can ya? :)

Best,

Greg

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>Now this is the type of healthy exchange of ideas, albeit at times  
>a little too heated, that keeps me reading and posting.

>One question.....

>Does anyone have something that could be called a good statistic  
>on the percentage of the world population... and more  
>specifically the US... has actually stated that they have seen a  
>UFO... something they believe couldn't have been from "around  
>here"?

>I find stats on those who believe that UFOs exist all over the  
>place, but while that seems to be a valuable statistic to a  
>sociologist, it seems equally worthless in any scientific UFO  
>context.

>And I'm also very weary of the "message from the space brothers"  
>testimony. While I am unable to label it false, lest I incur any  
>>wrath should they be right, it eludes my grasp due to the  
>gargantuan grain of salt accompanying it. Alas, my prejudice  
>revealed.

>Thanks to all,

>Kyle

Again well said Kyle!

We do need to rapidly coordinate and gather these statistics.

A company I did a promo campaign for actually sells software  
that compiles statistical data that is easily read and  
understood. I'll see if it's applicable to this sort of effort.

If everyone cooperates and it's not too much manpower within a  
year we could have something we could put a fork in.

To reply again the 'space brothers' and their messages, I agree  
it's not whether it's true or not. It is too often a divergence  
as one set of 'space brothers' says something in direct conflict  
with the other 'space brothers'. We don't have time to dig  
through this as we have enough of we UFOlogists giving opinions  
and conclusions without a messenger.

Let's look at the 'deeds not words'.

Best,

Greg

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Subject: Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - King

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 00:39:53 EDT  
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>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 15:44:17 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack

<snip>

>I recall a press release from NASA/Hubble stating that based  
>upon what they are seeing in the photographs (let that read a  
>big and giant photointerpretation here) that their was so called  
>dark matter in the universe. Keep in mind that they didn't  
>actually have a physical speciman that could be taken to 13 labs  
>and be independently checked and verified, but they only had a  
>photograph and they came up with the conclusion based upon in  
>essence photo interpretation. Yet if you show them a photo of a  
>UFO, we start hearing the back peddling about how they actually  
>have to have a piece of physical evidence and why photographs  
>are not sufficient.....

>The point of this is not to dish science, religion, or UFOs, but  
>to point out over the years there has been bogus  
>information/individuals come out of those fields and the field  
>of so called main stream science is no more reliable then  
>religion and or UFOs.

Robert,

The discovery of "dark matter" was not the result of a photograph. Hubble photos have been used to support the theory, just as UFO photos have been used to support ET theory. The question of dark matter was raised to explain the great disparity between that matter which we are able to observe and that which theory indicates we should be able to observe. It didn't arise FROM the Hubble photos.

Science evolves with every discovery. It is reliable exactly because it isn't static. There is no Bible, there are no "space brothers" with the answers, for science. Greenhouse effect does cause global warming, AND it causes ice ages. Contradictory? Not if you read the science.

Religion is so full of contradictions, and so adamant in its inflexibility, it's no wonder that it is anything but reliable for answering current high-value questions.

The current state of Ufology is no different. Outlandish theories are cast aside in favor of even more outlandish theories, and pseudo-scientists proclaim life on Mars, or Mayan end-of-world prophesy, or Nostradamus' musings in direct conflict with science' fluid model of reality.

The statement that mainstream science is no more reliable than religion or UFOs is ludicrous. Scientific research has cured

disease, resulted in man's best achievements, and even some of his worst. The institution of religion has reliably only done one thing... create conflict. In the case of the religion with which I'm most familiar, the primary goal seems to be self-promotion to the point of cultural genocide, and persecution of those that don't believe. Religion exists to provide comfort to those that need it, and has been more than happy to maim and kill for its continued "reliability". (The Crusades, the Inquisition, the Native Americans, ad infinitum...) Religion, not science, can be credited as the root of almost every current military conflict on earth.. that matters. To compare the "reliability" of science to religion is patently absurd, especially in light of the non-examples you cite.

To compare it with the current state of Ufology is beyond comment.

Science is reliable because it questions itself at every turn, and often rewrites the book when new data are presented.

Religion and Ufology are dogma. They both begin with what must be. Science simply, and reliably, begins with what is. Fortunately, it is flexible enough to realize that what "is" today may not "be" tomorrow.

Kyle

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## Dr. Van Allen Speaks On Space Flight

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 17:28:13 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:06:39 -0400  
Subject: Dr. Van Allen Speaks On Space Flight

To a story by Dr. Van Allen about his views on future space  
exploration excluding the human factor.:

<[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/vanallen\\_spaceflight\\_040726.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/vanallen_spaceflight_040726.html)><http://www.space.com/science>

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 19:11:19 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:21:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Sparks

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 20:27:02 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 15:29:28 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>>From: Dante Rosati <[dante.nul](mailto:dante.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400  
>>>Subject: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>>>Something seems wrong with all this to me - why has there not  
>>>been, in the last 50 years, any reasonable close-up photos in  
>>>the public domain? Is there some kind of law of UFOs that they  
>>>will never approach the ground if someone has a camera? Or, even  
>>>more ridiculously, only if the camera operator is a military  
>>>employee with top-secret clearance who will not divulge the  
>>>photos? Of all the abductees and near-abductees, no one had a  
>>>camera? Or is it that the interdimensional nature of abductions  
>>>means there is no physical object to photograph, and the  
>>>physical objects flying around in the skies and detectable by  
>>>radar are a different phenomena - possibly related, possibly  
>>>unrelated?

>>Thank you for an immensely thought-provoking posting. The  
>>problem can be traced to a root cause which I call the Myth of  
>>the Almighty Camera. I have alluded to this many times earlier  
>>in postings to rebut numbers arguments about UFO photos, why so  
>>few?

>>First, cameras are not objective instruments and photos are not  
>>pure objective instrument data. Cameras distort the  
>>representation of the incident light and various corrections  
>>must be applied to correct for spatial distortion of the lens  
>>and distortion of spectral sensitivities to light on the film.  
>>Photos are not purely objective because a human being with  
>>biases must interpret the photos.

>Brad,

>Your seeming definition of objectivity seems a bit off the mark,  
>to me. I think of objectivity (noun) as: judgment based on  
>observable phenomena and uninfluenced by emotions or personal  
>prejudices  
<snip>

Ray,

I like your definition better but most people do not think of  
the word "objectivity" with respect to UFO photos in that  
refined way. They think of UFO photos as somehow providing  
"objective" proof of UFO existence without any involvement of  
fallible human beings. I was responding that implicit popular

misconception in my remarks. My aim was to explain why there are so few good UFO photos and so many lousy UFO photos, due to the inherent limitations of camera and film, the inherent distance-size-visibility factors of aerial phenomena such as UFOs, and the fact that in almost all (if not in fact 100% all) cases of UFO photos there must be a fallible human element to explain how and why and where the UFO photos were taken, and fallible human interpretation is required to demonstrate they are UFOs not IFO's and not hoaxes. UFO photos do not "speak for themselves" in the many thousands of possible UFO photos in existence - the closest to an exception may be the recent Mexican FLIR video and your Project Starlight instrumentation cases, but the vast thousands of "UFO" photos do not have date-time stamps with azimuth-elevation-GPS coordinates. Even if they did, they could still be faked, so we would still need fallible human testimony to verify that yes indeed the Mexican AF C-26A was on a routine mission on such and such date and secured this FLIR footage when such and such suspicious target was detected on radar, etc. etc., or Ray Stanford was flying such and such a flight when the boy spotted a black object out the window, etc. etc.

Moreover there are many many more cases of multiple human witness triangulations than there are multiple-camera triangulations of UFOs (if indeed there are any). And humans can and have moved around to establish a quasi-stereoscopic effect or perspective effect to determine distance to the UFO. Cameras cannot determine distances to UFOs, only stereo cameras can do that and none of the thousands upon thousands of cases we are discussing in general involve stereo cameras - in a few extreme exceptions with tremendous amounts of fallible human interpretation a rough distance estimate can be obtained from ordinary photos, e.g., McMinnville. But even in that case I believe the outstanding photometric distance analyses are all wrong and the brightening of the bottom of the UFO was not due to atmospheric scattering from distance but to simple sunlight - the Condon Committee, Shaeffer-Klass, Maccabee, et al., all failed to establish the correct position of the sun with respect to the UFO, which shows it was shining at a grazing angle on the flat bottom, so the flat bottom was not a shadowed surface and thus a distance scale using shadowed surfaces at known distances in the photos is invalid. Since I am so easily misunderstood no matter how carefully I phrase my sentences, please note that I didn't say that no one established the position of the sun at all or the position of the UFO at all, I said the position of the sun with respect to the UFO and doing it "correctly" (Sheaffer's theory of a morning time is now conclusively refuted, so his sun position is "incorrect").

Humans can often be wrong about distances, but that is usually the fault of the UFO investigators who have the responsibility to determine when a distance cue is an impossibility or not. If humans are wrong about distances to the UFO say 75% of the time but are right 25% of the time, in say 1,000 to 5,000 good Unexplained UFO cases, that's still better than say the 0.01% of the UFO photos that have any distance data at all, out of maybe 100,000 mostly garbage mostly IFO photos. Remember we're just trying to explain why so few good closeup UFO photos and so many lousy ones. In another posting I explained the numbers, showing how few witnesses and how few photos one can expect from any real aerial phenomenon, and UFOs are just like real physical phenomena, such as meteor fireballs, in terms of low numbers of good photos.

Unfortunately I do not have time to delve into the rest of your remarks but wish I could. One reason I cannot is because I would have to overload each sentence with qualifiers - like I have started to do above and I just don't have time. If I don't overload sentences with long runons packed with qualifiers and explanations of exceptions then if I give the qualifiers and exceptions further down in normal sentences they tend to get separated and lost, and I can be misunderstood. (Geez, even looking back at my McMinnville comments I see now I have to add still another qualifier just to make a gd point: Even if the sun is not exactly at grazing angle to the bottom of the UFO, it's within like just 1 degree, the surrounding bright sunset sky would still light up the bottom surface so it cannot be treated as if darkly shadowed, and thus shadows of other surfaces at known distances cannot be used as a distance scale. I'm just trying to show how impossible it is to get reliable distance data off of ordinary photos even in the one outstanding seeming exception, the McMinnville case.)

Regards ,

Brad

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## HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <[hbccufo.nul](mailto:hbccufo.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 16:25:38 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:25:44 -0400  
Subject: HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

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South Oxford, UK

Date: September 1968

I was walking approx 100 yards to off license. I saw a bright 'star' moving slowly to the left, stop, move left, stop, after purchasing cigarettes, the light was still there. When I arrived home I called out my wife and we both witnessed it coming towards us to within outskirts of Oxford City, it stopped for a minute and then it returned to original area. I have to say that I later worked out it's position as close as possible to Raf Benson (operational) but we can both verify only one constant light and no audibles.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

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Cold Lake, Alberta Lights And Beam Of Light

Date: 1979-1982  
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 4  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Line of colored lights/ spotlight on us.

Full Description of event/sighting: My sister, to male cousins, and I were walking to my aunties because we wanted to go trick or treating with them after school, we were on the wagon trail (bush trail) and my late cousins (name removed) and (name removed) were looking back and (name removed) yelled hold hands and runny sis and I looked back and saw a line of lights (colored) hovering above the tree's and a beam of light shining down at us what ever it was made absolutely no noise so we all held hands and started running we stumbled in to my aunties around midnight my parents were there so was my other cousins who all got back from trick or treating , my parents gave me and my sis a pretty good likin because they said we were just lying about where we were and they accused us of riding our horses all that time.

I saw that true story fire in the sky and I started wondering about that night where did all that time go, so I never said a word to my sister. I just gave her that movie to watch and that's when we started asking each other what we remember, we both want to get hypnotized to see what really happened. I use to have dreams of being in a ship and midgets that's all for now but that was not the only time the last time for me was in 97 next time I will share that story if you need more information my sister will also share what she remembers till then take care.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Bushey South/East Of Watford, UK

Date: 1975/76

A light had been reported in local paper near Hertfordshire, the following night I was taking the dog for walk when I saw what I presumed to be the same light, reddish glow moving beyond the town of Watford and in the same area of the previous sighting. It was about the same description which was given and it took some 10 minutes to go out of sight. Although I fetched my 10x40 glasses, I could only see the reddish constant glow and it's constant speed. It wasn't that high and I saw a light aircraft seemingly fly in front of it, not unusual. There was a light aircraft airfield close by. The only comment I can make is that someone else saw it!! It was definitely not a balloon.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

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Edmonton, Alberta Cigar shaped Craft Hovering Over Homes

Date: Winter of 1985

Time: Earlier to 9:00 p.m.

The man called me today and filed a report of an object he witnessed many years back. He said his experience took place when he was eight or nine years old and at the families home back in the winter of 1984 . They lived at the south west corner of the city right on the fringe, which looked out over the fields which were also in that area. From where they were located the fields stretched all the way down to the airport which was a good distance away. He was doing his homework, and he believes it was either a Friday or Saturday evening. Since his folks were going out that night and being a young boy he really wasn't into doing his homework. He was gazing out the large bay window when he saw in the distance over the fields a light that would rise up from the ground into the air at approximately an altitude of a few hundred meters, then drop back down to the ground. This witness continued to watch this play out doing the same thing over and over for about 30 minutes or so.

Later that night when the babysitter was at the home and the young fellow was in bed sleeping, he awoke as he had to use the washroom which was across the hallway. Once he left the hallway heading back towards his bedroom, he again noticed something unusual out one of the large windows. At approximately 9:00 p.m. on this winter night, the sky being dark with the odd cloud which was visible and gray in color. He noticed what appeared to be a large cigar shaped craft hovering over his home and the neighbors. It was apparent the object was rather large in size. It was the faint outline which was really visible and there were a number of purple lights on it. These lights were not flashing, just giving off a steady purple colored light. For a minute there he thought he might have been dreaming, so he went down stairs to tell the babysitter, but she did not believe him and told the young boy to get back to bed. When he arrived back up stairs the object had disappeared. The witness mentioned that this experience has stuck with him over all these years and he certainly will not be forgetting it.

He did tell his parents but didn't exactly believe him and thought he was just trying to get out of doing his homework that evening.

Thank you to the witness for this interesting report and for calling.

HBCC UFO Note: I wonder if the light which was rising up and dropping back down had something to do with the sighting of the cigar shaped craft over his home. if anyone else who may read this story has seen something like this over Edmonton back in 1984, would you be kind enough to write to me and fill me in on what you saw.

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North Hemel Hempstead, UK

Date: June 1999

I stood outside smoking, close to some hedging and looking up when I saw a number of bright flashes, like a strobe light. It was over a distance of 2 feet at arms length and they went from intense and then fading to nothing in a second or two. The sky was clear and it was so obviously not an aircraft, but possibly space debris burning up etc. I called my son and we saw nothing else, but some 15 minutes later I went back out and I was observing what was probably an aircraft going behind our house. As it emerged from the other side I was aware of a flashing from above me to below the level of sight (all in a second or two) I have no doubt it was the same quick flashing object I had just seen and I have absolutely no idea what it was. What I can say is ,I've witnessed many meteorites, shooting stars, satellites in over 30 years and I'm 100% sure this was neither.

Additional Information:

We live in North Hemel Hempstead and Luton airport is some 10 miles north/east of us. Can I just explain, we have a lot of aircraft directly over head, some extremely low. We also have a good view of London's Heathrow 'stacking' South of Hemel Hempstead. At night time I've counted up to 8 in the 'stacking' area at any one time, believe me. What with being reared in a village south/east of Oxford where we had unique grandstand views of RAF and USAF aircraft. We were 2 miles from RAF base and overlooked 2 USAF bases and seeing amongst others B4, B52, and for a while the B36.!! We DEFINITELY know all the angles on aircraft, day and night. Hope I've been helpful. Before I close I'll mention that we have both observed a satellite flashing red every few seconds, (we've seen many satellites over the years) and also an object crossing the sky which fluctuated from an increasingly brightness and then decreasing to nothing and starting the process again farther down the sky. I've always thought it was space debris slowly spinning and reflecting, but who knows??

Thank you to the witness for this report.

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Chandigarh, India V Shaped Craft

Date: One and half years back.  
Time: Midnight

Number of witnesses: 2  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: V shaped and shines like aluminum.

Full Description of event/sighting: My self and my relative were sleeping on the terrace when I saw a V shaped object moving from the easterly direction to the west. The sky was clear and the object was moving at a very high speed. I showed this to my relative and suddenly the object turned left and was lost.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Motherwell Scotland Angel Hair ?

HBCC UFO Note: I found the picture to be very interesting. Although no object was witnessed by the person who took the photos, one can't rule out anything here. Some checking into the date and area might reveal a sighting for that time of the year.

Date: September 2002

Hi Brian,

Listened to your interview with Jeff Rense for Friday July 23, and heard you mention you were interested in other phenomena etc. Great show by the way.

I suppose you have heard of Angel hair in relation to the UFO phenomena? Well I have some pictures that were taken about 4 years ago of some trees near my home. They were covered in what looked like and what I have heard described, Angel hair. I

personally touched the stuff and it did seem to just melt away. Let me say that in no way did it resemble a spiders web. Some portions were like glass to look at, as it clung to the trees. When it was touched, it became almost like very fine thread. The pictures were taken at night with a digital camera and flash. The flash seems to show up the stuff very well, as it was very reflective.

The first time I noticed it was when I was walking the dog and the Moon was shining. The Moon showed up the material very well. Remember these trees were covered in the stuff. Around four trees in a row. There are many other trees along the path, but they were not affected. The material was not in any way sticky. I have never seen this sort of thing before and was very surprised. I have observed the trees around for a long time now and it has never reoccurred. Unfortunately I never observed any unusual object in the vicinity. I don't know if anyone else did.

If the pictures are any use to you I will send them. Have to look them out from my collection of disks.

It may be rather different from your usual sightings, so please let me know if you want them.

Regards,

Additional Information:

Hi Brian,

I have attached the pictures for you.

Notice how some of the material seems to shine on the branches. Hope you can zoom in enough and keep some quality. I tried to keep the picture sizes down to around 200k.

I found the pictures folder and it is marked for the year 2002. I remember that it was a very warm Summer over here in Scotland that year, and lasted well into September and October. I believe I took the pictures in late September 2002.

I live in the town of Motherwell Scotland and this is where I took the pictures.

All the best,

Thank you very much to the witness for sharing the pictures and the report.

Pictures can be viewed at: =

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1641>

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Phoenix, Arizona V Shaped Object Caught On Film

July 11, 2004  
Time: 4:33 a.m.

These pictures are from the night before I took the other "V" shaped object. Again the camera is on a tripod and it seems to me like the object is rotating. I usually have the video camera with me but since I was in the middle of something earlier that night (using the camera to capture other shots) I didn't want to risk losing this object because I would have to fast forward the tape in the video camera and I didn't think I would have the time, which I wouldn't have. It was July 11th at 4:33a.m. is when these pictures were taken. I was up because I needed to use the restroom and because of all the things I have recorded I always check out the skies even if I am dead tired. It pays off once in a while. This object was to the South of me and I saw it immediately because it was exceptionally bright and it was a yellowish-reddish color and seemed to be flashing and rotating when viewed through the binoculars. Very exciting. Your the greatest and I mean it and so do the other guys in Az. We are the three kings of UFOs in Az., for now anyway.

Thank you to the witness for these pictures and the report.

Photos =A92004RichG.



Pictures can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1642>

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Phoenix, Arizona "V" Shaped Object Seen Again

Date: July 13, 1004  
Time: Approx: 2:00 a.m.

These 2 lights surprised me in more than the obvious way. I went out in the backyard like I usually do if I happen to wake up for a bathroom break. I saw Venus rising and I was scanning the sky for other objects and saw nothing. My dog was in the house barking uncontrollably probably because I was outside and he was inside so I let him out. But when I came back outside I saw a bright light by Venus. It was huge. I ran inside to get my video camera and when I came back out I was surprised to see it was still there so I started video taping. As luck would have it the warning light for the battery came on and I realized I only had a few minutes MAX to get this orb taped. I left the camera on when I went to bed at 2 a.m.. I had been working on my computer capturing video clips from other sightings till I went to bed.

Now the interesting thing is I panned back towards the end of the video clip and didn't realize there was an even brighter "V" shaped object above my head. I just realized this tonight 2 weeks later and that is why I am sending you this. It is orange in color and is the brightest thing I've ever seen. Unfortunately the battery died only moments into the taping and all I have is 40 seconds. I will send you the clip and the captured frame.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Portland, Oregon V Formation Of Lights

Date: July 19 or 20th, 2004  
Time: 3:45 a.m.

Full Description of event/sighting: I was burning small limbs off my magnolia tree when I saw a V formation traveling from south to north. There were about 9 objects in the formation. They sailed through the sky with no sound. The objects were like behind a sheer cloud with aura's around them...they traveled slowly so I could observe them...anybody else see them???

Additional Information:

The lights I saw were all orange. The color reminded me of a creamsicle. There seemed to be a slight fog around the discs which made the orange a lightish color with a white aura around them. The night was clear with some far off clouds, no where near the lights. When I first caught glimpse of them I was going to go into my house. I caught the light and thought to myself that it was a search light. Then it hit me that it was 3:45 a.m. I had been out there for hours and there was no light in the sky. I stepped back and saw about 9 round discs glowing through a mist of fog. They were in the formation of a V. I sat down and watched as they sailed through the sky slowly. I was in awe. They sailed over my house from the south to the north taking up a good part of the sky, as they did not seem real far away. Since there was a mist around them I could not make out anything in detail. I could see the discs glowing through the mist.

It was beautiful. since I was in awe of the lights I did not think to count them. I just wanted to watch them. I sit in my back yard and watch the skies as often as I can and look for anything. I wanted to call the Airforce to see if there were any sightings besides myself but got hold of the airport instead. So I just let it go. But it has been on my mind alot. There was no noise what so ever. The lights did not flash and the discs stayed in formation of the "V". I do not live too far from the airbase or the airport, but still not close. Maybe 10 miles. There were no aircraft in the area. I stayed out for about 10 minutes after I saw them. I just wanted to know if anyone else saw them. I thought this was a site in Portland, or when I wrote

to you.

Thank you to the witness for the great report.

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Clearwater, Nebraska

Date: July 25, 2004  
Time: 3:00-5:30 a.m.

Number of witnesses: 4  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Round

Full Description of event/sighting: Saw bright light that was red and turned to color of star and looked like a round star but with 3 light sources moved up and down slowly and to left and right was a ways a way but it defiantly wasn't a tower light it was moving to weird to be a satilite.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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South Alabama,USA Egg Shaped Object Caught On Film

Brian,

Date: July 26, 2004  
Time: 5:20 a.m.

Yesterday morning (7-26-04) I awoke shortly after 5:00 a.m. to get ready for work. Usually I wouldn't go outside this early but I had to get my uniforms out of the car . Upon getting out of bed I stumbled to the door (still half asleep you know) and made my way onto the deck. Even with the thick sleep in my eyes I noticed the ball of light in the sky to my NE and I thought " that's odd" as I walked to the car. After getting my uniforms out of the car I made way back to the deck still watching the odd hovering light in the sky . I also noticed something else....there was not a single star visible in the sky .....cloudy. I started to blow it off but I knew I would never forgive myself so after returning inside I grabbed my camera and tripod , stepped back out on the deck and took three shots of the object , and went back inside to get ready for work. The object was gone at 6:30 when I left for work. This morning I downloaded the pictures and wanted to share them with you .The full size pictures are 2048 x 1536 but for the sake of this message I included the first at 25% actual size.

Thank you to the witness for the report and pictures.

Pictures can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1643>

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Picayune, Mississippi Oblong, Or Tubular, And Shining Silvery

Date: July 27, 2004  
Time: 7:55 p.m.

Tonight,at approximately 7:55 p.m, here, in Picayune, Mississippi, as I was exiting a store in a strip shopping center, I noticed the moon directly in front of me. It was sunset, and the sky was still light, and the light of the setting sun to the right/west was dimming.Since I was walking directly toward the moon, which was to my estimation, visible in the south, I was looking straight at it, and immediately, two objects caught my attention. One was larger, oblong, or tubular, and shining silvery, moving high up, in an even line smoothly and swiftly going in a southwest direction. The other which seemed similarly shaped, was a little higher or appeared smaller, was criss-crossing going in the opposite direction. As I was looking up, two more women came out to their car, in the parking lot, and one lady said, "Do you see that?"

I waited to see if her opinion was the same as mine before saying that it did not appear to be an airplane since there was

no contrail following it. She did not see the second object at first until I pointed it out. She then said: "It's a UFO." I agreed. As we watched the larger one going SW, it glowed a bright silvery color as it neared the sunset reflection. Shortly afterwards, it disappeared. The three of us saw and came to the same conclusion that it was not airplanes. The larger of the two had to be pretty large since it was visible for at least 7 minutes, and we had no trouble seeing it as it moved from us. When the sunset reflected off of it, it pretty much assured us, that that would not happen on an airplane at that height. Maybe it wasn't the sunset reflection, but it appeared to reflect the sunset, while the rest of the sky was blue/grey and the western sky was colored. The time on my receipt from the store was 19:45, and I stayed in the store for a couple of minutes. My watch may have been just about 5 minutes fast, so My estimation is that it was approx: 7:55 p.m., Tuesday, July 27, 2004. New Orleans is more or less SW of where it appeared headed (the larger one).

This was my first sighting of this type of object. The lady said it was her's too. Really strange..... Take care

Thank you to the witness for this report.

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South West Edmonton, Alberta 8 Object In The Sky

Date: July 28, 2004  
Time: 0130-0330

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 10  
Shape of objects: disc like.

Full Description of event/sighting: I am a security guard and I was on my shift. At about 0130 I was walking outside the building I was guarding and saw an odd object in the west sky. I continued to observe. It had violent flashing red and yellow lights and was disc shaped. It was hovering in the same spot for about 10 minutes. Then it would start to move violently left to right up and down and diagonally like it was shaking. This continued on for about another 30 minutes. I went back inside and completed some work then went back out for another look. Now I saw 8 in total stretched across the sky doing the exact same thing. I started to get a bit curious and I went to the front of the building for a look. I saw 2 more but these ones were alot closer and lower than the other ones. One started to get really close and was about 5 to 10 km away and roughly 100 ft in air. It moving west and getting lower and lower. It went behind a small hill and it looked like it could of landed. At this point I was a bit nervous and notified the police. By the time they arrived the sky was getting light and you couldn't see much so I looked like a nutcase.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

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Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:42:29 -0400  
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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 22:52:58 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>One question.....

>Does anyone have something that could be called a good statistic  
>on the percentage of the world population... and more  
>specifically the US... has actually stated that they have seen a  
>UFO... something they believe couldn't have been from "around  
>here"?

>I find stats on those who believe that UFOs exist all over the  
>place, but while that seems to be a valuable statistic to a  
>sociologist, it seems equally worthless in any scientific UFO  
>context.

Good question. Most "UFO" sighters do not I repeat do not report what they call a "UFO" or "flying saucer" or "spacecraft." If you check the NUFORC archives or the Blue Book files, you'll see that roughly 95% of the witnesses report very objectively that they saw an "object" or "light" or some other neutral descriptors, rather than use loaded labels like "UFO" or "spacecraft" or "aliens not from around here." It is almost always the reporting agencies including, police, news media, military, and UFO investigators who slap the "UFO" type labels on the reports, or who try to put the words in the witnesses' mouths.

Also, the witnesses' "belief" about whether they saw something from "around here" or not, is usually next to worthless. What is important is the sighting details and whether a scientific-technical investigation can explain them or not (the Hynek Screening process that must be used before declaring it a "UFO" in the first place). The witness should not have to be the Ph.D. scientist for his or her own case!

Witnesses usually do not have nautical almanacs or astronomy software or flight schedules or balloon launch data, and why should they have to? It's not their job to investigate such things. So if they get the sighting interpretations wrong it is irrelevant, and not to be compiled as a statistic by slander-collecting debunkers (who love to say "X% of UFO witnesses can't tell Arcturus from an aircraft"). It is the job of the Ph.D. scientist type, or the scientifically competent UFO investigator, to sift through a sighting, interview the witnesses, and sort out the usually accurate "observations" from the witnesses' usually erroneous "interpretations."

As I have posted here long ago, the Condon Committee collected but deliberately and willfully refused to statistically analyze the data on the IFO sightings which provided a control study and calibration on the accuracy of human eyewitnesses of UFO's. I was the first to ever analyze this IFO/UFO control sample from the Condon Report. See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/apr/m11-030.shtml>

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/apr/m13-017.shtml>

The Condon Committee IFO data showed that witnesses were about 97-98% accurate in their observations, but much less accurate in their interpretations of what they saw, exactly like we might expect. Condon himself was so frustrated by the project's failure to prove that humans were lousy eyewitness observers - they were so sure that they were going to prove humans were worthless as observers that they had several special studies conducted and chapters allocated for them in the Final Report - that he felt he had to resort to outright fabricating absurdly "false" human testimony about "seeing spacecraft aliens" (or whatever his exact phrasing) that the witness never uttered (in a case where the witnesses quite accurately described the semi-transparent hot-air balloons and never even called them "UFO's"), just so he could this case as his Exhibit A proof against the UFO and human eyewitness testimony.

The Condon Committee contracted for an opinion survey of adults in the US to pin down some stats on beliefs and possible observations, and reluctance to report. It's not really useful to answer your question because I believe pollsters have to ask people very specifically "Have you ever seen something in the sky on a specific date, time and location that you reported to someone because you could not explain what you saw, or you wanted to report but did not do so for whatever reason?"

If they simply ask the generic question "Have you ever seen something in the sky you could not explain?" then many people will just arbitrarily say yes they must have at some time or other. And what is the value of that?? Absolutely nothing. It does not even register accurately that they saw anything, or saw anything unexplainable to them (they may be confusing something they saw in a movie or on tv or heard a friend or family member tell them, as such non-experiential reports can become "memories" that are confused with experiential memories).

So polling data gets bogged down in a quagmire of uncertainty and confusion and cannot be relied upon for estimating UFO sightings in the total population -- to say nothing of being unable to distinguish IFO's from UFO's in a Gallup Poll!

It is my impression that we actually have a substantial fraction of all Unexplained U.S. UFO cases for the 1947 to 1970 period when there was a fairly well known centralized UFO reporting and collection center in the US Government, and that we possibly may even have a majority of them for 1947-1970. I estimate that this is roughly on the order of (please look up the meaning of the term "on the order of magnitude of" you readers before jumping on my case) about 5,000 cases approximately, based largely on the USAF files (notice how I have larded this sentence with qualifiers to keep from being misquoted by someone somewhere). Many of these cases are from foreign non-US areas. Well investigated Unexplained UFO cases by civilian groups number perhaps in the hundreds at best, and do not affect this order-of-magnitude estimate. The question is how many good Unexplained cases are we missing that are in government and other files or were never reported at all to anyone?

One indicator is that the Condon Committee contractor survey found that only 13% of those polled would report their sighting to anyone. This might mean we have to apply a magnification factor of about 8x to the number of reports we have, to estimate the total number when including those that were not reported. However this polling statistic is heavily influenced by the exact wording of the question, and issues such as strangeness level. I think that up to a point the more "strange" the sighting the more likely it will be reported, because the strangeness impels the observer to report but only up to a certain point where this effect reverses and the UFO event is so strange that it won't be reported because of the strangeness factor itself (e.g., probably most CE III entity cases are not reported). We might actually have, therefore, most of the landing and simple CE I cases and Daylight Discs, but not most lights in the sky and entity cases at opposite ends of the strangeness spectrum. The lights in the sky being too trivial to report and the entities too shocking and discrediting to report. It would be nice to have quantitative data to back up these impressions but I know of no studies realistically attempting

it.

Regards,

Brad

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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 21:23:58 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:52:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 09:53:18 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 14:07:18 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>Sounds to me like work statements for Operation Majestic 12:

>1. Evaluate wreckage seeking understanding and new knowledge  
>about materials, technological capability of devices, etc.  
>These data would be classified

>2. Collect and evaluate instrumental data on flight behavior  
>including acceleration, change in em signatures as a function of  
>changes in direction.etc.These data would be classified.

>3. Collect and evaluate data from physical trace cases. check on  
>means for effecting soil etc. - again in secret.

>4. Theoretical evaluation putting 1, 2, 3 together.

>5. Evaluation of alien behavior in abductions and in probable  
>events such as the April 1964 landing at Holloman, and in cases  
>such as the Cuban MIG case and other destructions of attacking  
>aircraft such as in 1952. When did they destroy.. after what  
>actions on our part?

>Ought to keep a nice Black program busy for a long time.

>Stan

>Do note my latest MJ-12 paper at:

><http://www.stanfriedman.com>

Basically, this post is what I had been looking for and tried  
posting some while back that Ufology should have it's own  
version of "MJ 12". I've never doubted the existence of the MJ  
12 documents because it named several people I knew growing up.

So we need our own version of "MJ 12" made up by real scientists  
in the UFO field who can set a standard of ethics and guidelines  
for us guys in the trenches to collect, process and kick  
upstairs data for the professionals to review and present the  
way real science is done.

If we all would do that it would unclog and streamline  
information and avoid the circus atmosphere. I think it would be  
a great way for the younger UFOlogists ( as well as some more  
seasoned) to learn 'how' data is gathered, presented and  
processed.



So let's leave it to the science people to pick a panel of scientists in various fields from astronomy, to physics, to biology etc. and work out a hierarchy. The time consumption would be on the field researcher to do the kind of job that is professional enough to warrant a professional's time and energy. And if that professional lowers the boom on bad spelling, grammar, format then that's a lump we'd have to take and do a better job.

Basically, I think it would be best if we grunts do the grunt work so that we can turn UFology into the science it should be to gain the respect such an uphill study deserves.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Sparks

From: **Brad Sparks** <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:55:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Sparks

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 15:09:46 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>From: Alfred Webre <Exopolitics <[exopolitics.nul](mailto:exopolitics.nul)>>  
>>To: [media.nul](mailto:media.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 06:10:28 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>PRESS RELEASE - UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER RELEASES REPORT ON THE  
>>MOTIVATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL RACES VISITING  
>>EARTH

>Just when you thought it was safe to go back into UFOlogy.

>This report is just what the doctor ordered. It's got alot going  
>for it and because it's 'free' and no price tag associated it's  
>irresistable to read.

>One could interpret it in any number of ways.

>Bottom line is it's formatted properly from a scholar.

>It has alarming information that most of us on this list are  
>familiar with. It even quotes and footnotes many of the  
>UFOlogists we all know.

>The best quote is "They shall know you by your deeds.", which is  
>what I've been saying all along.

>Adding to it the various points of views worldwide I'm sure the  
>majority of denizens on the Earth would read it and rightfully  
>say, "See? Satan's at it again, he's conned these scientists and  
>the government's in bed with him."

>It's an easy, easy, interpretation.

>Yet for the scientist in all of us we'd say, " Life sure has  
>taken some mighty weird turns! "

>I'd like to see more data from non-ufological sources to round  
>out the paper.

>As in depth as this paper is it still leaves us with no 'proof'  
>but leads to where the 'proof' can be obtained. Since no one in  
>their right mind is going to waltz up to a heavily secured  
>military facility and gain access we're back to square one.

>Yet history proves that no matter how tight lipped something is,  
>somehow, somewhere a loose lip will flip.

>Key to me now is how this paper will be examined. If it's  
>attacked hostilely then you know it hit a nerve. If it's  
>professionally examined and refuted without the condescending  
>nonsense then that will be fine.

>Yet if just one, just one of these claims can be proven then it

>will be 'Katie bar the door'.

Greg,

Suppose you were the government and you wanted to stop UFO researchers from getting at your UFO secrets, whatever they were. What would you do? Seriously, you can't stop them by killing them all, not even the most rabid conspiracy theorist thinks that. So what would you do? Would you issue "orders" to UFO researchers saying "This is the U.S. Government: You are hereby ordered to cease and desist all efforts to seek our UFO secrets"??? That very action of issuing provocative orders publicly would reveal the very thing you were trying to conceal -- the existence of UFO secrets covered up by the US Government.

So what would you do?

Have you ever heard of the concept of the "agent provocateur"? If you research the history and the definitions (the dictionaries are often much narrower than the actual history of use of such agents) the "agent provocateur" is:

Agent Provocateur:

"Someone who intentionally encourages people working against a government to do something incriminating or discrediting."

Any ideas how that could apply within the UFO community?

Would an "agent provocateur" usually have good credentials, or would he be an obvious lunatic with little or no credentials or no respectable background?

Regards,

Brad

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 21:58:59 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:57:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Maccabee

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 21:35:08 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Dante Rosati <[dante.nul](mailto:dante.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400  
>>Subject: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>>A more interesting category may be called "mid-range photos",  
>>which are airborne objects at some distance, but still showing  
>>structure, as opposed to the mass of ufo photos/videos, which  
>>are at great distance and show featureless lights, blobs, etc.

>To my knowledge, there is not a single case where two or more  
>unrelated people captured either close-up or mid-range photos of  
>the same UFO on approximately the same time and day but from  
>different locations. Even at public gatherings such as airshows  
>and sporting events where nearly everyone has a camera, there is  
>not a single case of a close-up or mid-range photos of the same  
>UFO. This fact is amazing in itself considering nearly everyone  
>has seen a UFO! Featureless distant lights or blobs, such as the  
>multiple UFOs in the sky over Mexico that behaved like a flock  
>of seagulls, captured by many on video are more common but  
>easily explained as IFOs.

In Gulf Breeze (gulp!) from Nov 1990 through July 1992 there  
were about 170 sightings of "bubba" recorded by numerous  
witnesses. In many of these sightings there were multiple  
cameras and videocameras, sometimes from widely separated (miles  
apart) locations, which allowed for triangulation. The most  
interesting recorded phenomena were rings of light or structured  
light images, not just dots. During the evening of Sept 16,  
1991, I was a witness to a ring of lights that appeared in the  
sky for about 70 seconds. I didn't call the guys in white coats  
to come and take me away (ho ho...ha ha) because there were  
about 30 other people and the ring was photographed (telephoto  
lens) and videotaped (zoomed in and out) and the comments by  
witnesses were recorded during the sighting (including my own).  
A crude triangulation suggested a distance of several thousand  
feet to a mile or so, implying some size (many feet to tens of  
feet) of the ring. This is all described at:

<http://brumac.8k.com>

Scroll down to "Red Bubba comes to Gulf Breeze". This is not as  
good as a daytime close up photo of a craft in full detail, but  
certainly something was there that was unusual.

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## Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Maccabee

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Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 21:59:21 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:00:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Maccabee

>From: Donald Ratsch <[sts48.nul](mailto:sts48.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:58:58 -0400  
>Subject: Bible Predicts Alien Attack

>Bible Predicts Alien Attack

<snip>

>Could the 1991 NASA STS-48 Starwars footage be a precursor to  
>Daniel 8:9,10?

>Some UFO enthusiasts interpret the STS-48 footage (that was  
>shown on "Sightings", "Hardcopy", "Encounters", "The Larry King  
>Show", etc) as several alien spacecraft being fired on by U.S.  
>Starwars technology (probably Brilliant Pebbles) but missed.

"Brilliant Pebbles" was a concept - not an actual operational system - for defense against ballistic missiles. The "pebbles" were intended to be small rocket powered homing devices that would to smash into a missile. "Not operational" means that there is no "pebbles" system in space.

Other "enthusiasts" have claimed that the STS-48 "streaks light" that move rapidly in the direction of one of the objects (that changed direction and seemed to head away from the earth) were particle beams from particle beam weapons. This suggestion makes no sense when one considers that the particles in particle beams (a) cannot be seen in space (no atmosphere to glow) and (b) travel at the speed of light (nearly) and would go so fast they couldn't be recorded in several frames of a video (they particules would go through the field of view in less than one frame time).

>Strangely, in 1991 the Alpha High Energy Laser (HEL) death-ray  
>demonstrated megawatt class power levels in a low pressure, space  
>operation environment:

><http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/program/sbl.htm>

>the same year as the STS-48 incident, 1991.

Interesting coincidence... but so what? The "Alpha" laser operated in a low pressure (much higher than space) chamber that required a supporting installation larger than a football field. Also, the beam was completely contained inside the buildings that housed the laser. The FAS site listed above has a lot of pretty pictures... but that's all they are.

The space based laser program has been largely shelved for the last 5 years. There is no laser weapon (high power laser) in space.

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>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 09:10:56 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 21:02:31 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 18:45:19 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 14:28:08 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Sat, 24 Jul 2004 13:51:32 EDT  
>>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>Brad,

>>>>So far only SETI theorists have ever tried to develop consistent  
>>>>models or scenarios for alien behavior.

>The SETI literature I've seen - no small amount of it, after a  
>concentrated effort to read as much of it as I could stand -  
>doesn't much impress me. The major impression I have of it is  
>that it is wildly speculative (in a way no ufologist could ever  
>get away with without being, in your phrase, shouted down) and  
>based, unlike ufologists' speculation, on no evidence whatever.  
>A SETI scientist on NPR once recommended science fiction and  
>said it was a big influence on his own ETI speculations. Somehow  
>I wasn't surprised.

>>>>But  
>>>>ufologists refuse to engage in the theoretical studies, they  
>>>>radically cling to extreme empiricism and denounce anyone who  
>>>>tries to do theoretics.

>Let's have some names and citations here. I literally don't know  
>what or whom you're talking about, and I know the UFO/ETI  
>literature better than most.

>>You have really resorted to uncalled-for name-calling to accuse  
>>me of "CSICOP-style polemics" (below) just because I put  
>>together a thoughtful and actually quite incontestable critique  
>>of the utter failure of ufology to develop a theoretical basis  
>>for modeling and testing the ETH. Indeed I would have thought  
>>that the facts were not even a matter of any real controversy or  
>>dispute.

>I'm glad your work is "thoughtful and actually quite  
>incontestable," but I deny that I engaged in name-calling for  
>the simple reason that I didn't.

<snip>

Jerry,

Strangely this is the only email posting I did not receive, and I had to retrieve it from the Web archive of UFO UpDates.

You deleted my entire "citation" and discussion with "names" including quoting straight out of your UFO Encyclopedia article, vol. 1, p. 386b.

Accusing me of "CSICOP-style polemics" just because I critique some methodology issues is name-calling. You also accused me of calling EThers "fools and idiots" when in fact I used no such words or anything of the sort - you introduced the words "fools and idiots." I criticized the shutting down of numerical ETh model development by use of arguments about "magic level alien technology" and "aliens are too alien for us to understand" type arguments. How is that "fools and idiots" name-calling Jerry?

I pointed out that here on UFO UpDates these "magic alien" type arguments are turned into emotional tirades the moment anyone starts trying to build:

(a) a consistent ETh model that does not mix say 22nd century technology with 30th century and 100th+ century (the alien "magic" level of technology),

(b) testable model, preferably quantitative,

(c) comparatively contrasted with other models so we can see how this ETh model (or models) holds up.

I also pointed out that ETh advocates can "protect" themselves from instant refutation (the kind of simplistic refutation SETI advocates like to do by doing UFO advocates' work for them, first proposing then knocking down UFO models which the UFO community itself won't produce). Simply produce an array of sub-models of ETh with a range of numbers instead of just one stand-or-fall, make-or-break number. I've posted on this, the making of a range of ETh models, here on UFO UpDates for years. But the price of doing that is the risk of weakening the entire structure of ETh modeling by making it unfalsifiable. Again I do not see how that is "fools and idiots" name-calling Jerry.

I talk about "scientific methodology," "Occam's Razor," "magic technology levels," and "ETh modeling," and you claim I am saying "fools and idiots." Maybe you could use your years of expert editor skills and rewrite my postings for me to delete all these offensive references to "scientific methodology" that you deem to be likening someone to "fools and idiots." I don't know though if there would be anything left after the editing.

This is the scientific process. If UFO advocates of ETh do not like the models SETI has constructed for UFO's then they need to build better models. But they cannot bow out of the whole model-building process and expect to be considered scientific. The UFO community needs to improve upon any models of ETh that SETI has come up with, not discard them all - or if SETI's work is not salvageable then replace it entirely, with better models, but do not dodge the whole model-building process altogether using excuses about how the "aliens are just too hard for us to understand."

You have to prove that the aliens are too hard to understand, first, before you can resort to that argument, otherwise you are violating Occam's Razor. And to prove that you are going to have to run through all of the scenarios where we test out models of alien behavior as if we think we understand likely alien behavior, and only if and when those all fail (if they ever do, after all we might succeed you know!) then we can resort to hand-wringing about how impossible it is to figure out the ineffable incomprehensible "wholly- other" (God-like in some theologies) "alien mentality." Because at that point you will have given up the whole enterprise, and you can quit "studying" UFO's as ETh because you will have proved that to be an impossible, futile exercise. (And at any point before reaching that dire end, another theory better than ETh might come along and just sweep ETh away, you never know.)

To claim that we cannot possibly understand aliens is to effectively shut down all theoretical work on ETh, since it has been declared an "impossibility." Do you disagree with that Jerry? I cannot see how you can. If you disagree then please



tell me how we are to carry on any ETH "research" when it has been declared "impossible because aliens are far too advanced for us to comprehend"? How do you study what you deem un-studyable?

Since you claim that there has been so much good "writing" on ETH I asked you to prove my points wrong by coming up with a few quotes showing that someone has built some testable, quantitative models of ETH behavior. But you did not quote anyone. Instead I quoted you back to yourself from your own encyclopedia showing how you yourself short-circuited Vallee's numbers argument against ETH by using the "beyond our ken" alien arguments of Aime' Michel. Instead of correcting Vallee's numbers or improving his model, or citing someone else who did, you just threw it all out. And that's my point exactly. It always ends right there, with thought-terminating appeals to magic levels of alien technology, with no other alternatives considered first before resorting to what is essentially just giving up.

There is nothing "hyperbolic" or "personally attacking" in any of that. No one is being called "fools and idiots" in that kind of methodological criticism. But I do object to the emotional attacks that are launched against such ETH model-building on UFO UpDates whenever such model-building is attempted, and I have every right to protest such abuse and to call it abuse.

As for "names and citations" you deleted my specific citation to your encyclopedia and my lengthy paraphrase and quote from it. Your encyclopedia article has dozens of references in it. But to prove my point I need go no farther than to quote Jerry Clark back to Jerry Clark:

Here is what you wrote (vol. 1, p. 386b):

Clark: "The widespread notion that strangeness quotient alone eliminated the ETH did not sway Aime Michel... For extraterrestrials to visit us, they would have to accomplish what to us is impossible: the traversing of deep space. Thus, Michel reasoned, the intelligences and their technology would necessarily be so far beyond our ken as to seem magical or irrational."

There it is from your own monumental encyclopedic compendium of UFO research - the "magic" level of alien technology and the "beyond our ken" alienness arguments, the thought-terminating theory-killers that stop all theoretical ETH development in UFO research. If this is not true, then please supply some salient quotes showing that someone within the UFO community has built testable quantitative models of ETH that will stand up on their own and are not just potshots at SETI publications and arguments, and are not short-circuited by "aliens are magic to us" thinking.

Stan Friedman has made some cogent counterarguments to the SETI anti-UFO anti-ETH models, but you do not even discuss that work of his in your Encyclopedia article and have only one lone citation to Friedman on ETH buried in a string of generic citations to ETH articles, mentioning nothing of his refutation of SETI models and none of his own ETH modeling if he has any (your Swords article on ETH does not even cite Stan at all). But as far as I know Stan has not built any positive, quantitative, testable ETH models - I seem to recall decades of him getting put-downs for being "too much nuts- and-bolts." Well this ETH modeling is "nuts and bolts" science. If you have quotes of testable ETH modeling work somewhere I would really like to see it. If there is some obscure publication somewhere then I bet it has been utterly ignored in the UFO community because it did not bow down to the inscrutable-magic-godlike-alien dogma or it was branded "too nuts-and-bolts." I certainly have not heard of it. Show me. I'm all ears. I would love to have a paper to start with to build upon with quantitative ETH modeling, if at all possible, that does not come from the SETI camp or that does not simply shoot down the SETI arguments and offer nothing in their place constructively.

Like the Presidential campaigns, positive constructive campaigning based on what the candidate will do if elected, not negative campaigning simply based on tearing down the other guy

- that has its place but it gets tiring after a while and you just want to know what positive program is offered in its place. What is the positive ETH theory-building program that the UFO community has to offer in place of SETI's negative campaign that claims theoretical disproof of ETH and the UFO phenomenon - a positive constructive ETH model instead of the UFO community's negative counter-campaign against SETI's negative campaign?

Brad

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 23:34:20 -0400  
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>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
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>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 13:01:34 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
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>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 01:13:57 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
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>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 13:42:52 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>>Please forgive me, friends, but I don't have time to write a  
>>text dissecting those ridiculous photos to demonstrate that they  
>>are fake.

>>You had Roy's review, and now I offer mine.

>>If you don't credit my fifty years in UFO studies with teaching  
>>me enough about either photography and/or the optical properties  
>>of bona-fide UFOS as to enable me to spot one of the phoniest  
>>books of 'UFO photographs' to come along in a few years, then  
>>fine, no hard feelings. Throw your money to the wind, if you  
>>prefer, but remember, you were cautioned.

>>Nice glossy paper, though. :)

>>Caveat emptor,

>Ray, All,

>What came first, the chicken brooder or the UFO?

>You, inadvertently, raise an interesting question Ray and it's  
>something I've wondered about over the years.

>Quite often I'll blow off a UFO picture because it looks like  
>Adamski's chicken brooder or one of Billy Whatizzname's  
>creations.

>The thing is we don't really know what many of them look like.

Hi, Don,

Those are good questions honestly raised.

Whether one knows how bona-fide UFOs register on film depends on  
how much in-field success one has had with excellent cameras and  
other instruments.

For example, some agency or agencies (I am glad to be able to  
say) in the U.S. government knows how a heck of a lot of them  
look.

Remember the reports of how, after a sighting from, for example, an aircraft carrier, an agent was said to have flown in, asked the reporting pilot or other observers to point out (from a book of images) which type of object was observed, and then departed? [UFO historian Dick Hall, if he is reading this, could probably refresh our memories on a case or two like that.]

Remember when I reported to this list the fact that an FAA person in their Dallas, Texas, headquarters mistook my call under my project's name for that of a government project and asked me if I wanted to acquire the UFO "plasma penetration radar images" or just the ordinary "radar paints"? (Taped recording of that conversation in my files.)

Well, Don, those kind of happenings and others suggest that 'Uncle Sam' may know quite a bit about how the real UFOs (and probably their associated high-speed luminous propulsive phenomena) look on film, and, thus, how to distinguish the signal from the noise.

While stressing that after thousands of hours of UFO-monitoring field work (in daylight and at night) in UFO 'hot spots' with a couple of million bucks worth (as of the mid 1970s, when we began assembling it) of electronic and optical equipment for UFO hard data and image recording, we hardly have the wide range of UFO data our illustrious 'Uncle Sam' has surely gathered, I confess that we have acquired enough high-resolution (telephoto) movie films (not digital) and high-resolution (telephoto) 'still' photos, spectrographic too, as well as electronically recorded waves (ELF magnetic and also correlated gravity or gravity-like waves) from UFOs during filmed visual events, as to be able to look at any reasonably high resolution 'UFO' optical image and likely be able to tell you whether it is or is not of a bona-fide UFO.

Hey, Don, I realize that will sound incredible to many on this list, but I trust that the scientifically minded want to know more about UFO appearance and how some rather exotic physics effects it, than what can be discerned from visual observations (valuable as they are) and anecdotal accounts. I hope such persons will listen to what I am about to say and keep watching for the evidence I will begin to release and interpret (with help from some physicists and aerospace engineers) this coming Autumn (in a context presently known but to be announced later).

So, please consider this, for now: My project's recordings demonstrate that every UFO we have ever monitored has very high-speed light pulsation and pulsed optical phenomena effecting backlighting (light passing a UFO from behind it). We are not guessing or relying on mere visual observations.

The fact is that whenever we have (during those thousands of hours of instrumented field work, from on the ground and in the air) filmed a daylight UFO moving fast enough as to produce a resolvable image smear on the film, that smear invariably contains clear evidence of one or both of the following: (1) high-speed (often within the flicker fusion range of the human visual/perceptual system, or else simply light pulse too short for our eyes to register and, hence, not visible to the eye) luminous phenomena, and high-speed alternate pulses of opacity and transparency! List members, you probably read that last part correctly, and I meant it when I said, "...high-speed alternate pulses of opacity and transparency". I did not mean absolute invisibility. Choice of the word "transparency" is quite deliberate. There is physical theory that might explain the mechanism of that startling phenomenon. Pulsed transparency! Pulse it fast enough and the human visual system would flicker fuse it, and the object would be virtually invisible, due to transparency (unless one looks very closely). That might account for how people think they see UFOs disappear right before their eyes, and then suddenly reappear at or near the same location.

If either of those phenomena are filmed when the object's path is extremely foreshortened due to travel direction relative to the camera, resolution of the aforementioned phenomena can become either nearly or completely concealed, but, otherwise, it is always detected on film.

I have carefully reviewed every photo in the book under discussion, and although quite a few of them show object image

smear, not one of them show either of the aforementioned phenomena.

By the way, quite a lot of what might be interpreted as damage to old photographs or negatives in 'UFO' photos shown in that book actually looks to my quite experienced eye as though they were inserted artificially to make the photo(s) look old. I am not the first experienced photographer who has looked at those photos, noted that, and commented publicly.

Concerning luminous phenomena in UFO photos and movies that my project has gotten, most of those phenomena appear to be patterns of plasmas (electrified air, in this case) generated at or near an object's surface, unless they take the form of glowing, columnated beams (sometimes containing nodes of a different color than the beam, but usually not) which are often projected between two objects, but at other times downward toward things or persons on the ground.

The luminous phenomena that are not in the form of beams are the more numerous, and the light-emitting or light-generating (in adjacent air) surfaces or patterns are never solid (as with the 'light ring' in some of Ed Walter's notorious Gulf Breeze photos) but consist of series of segmented emitters (or emission patterns), sometimes square, sometimes round, usually most obvious around the outermost rim of disc-like, hexagonal, pentagonal, or sometimes other 'geometrically shaped' objects. Less prominently-luminous emissions can come from less-obvious or even recessed (and usually hexagonal) devices than what are sometimes called 'rim electrodes' (the plasma could be generated by masers or even lasers, so electrodes may not be the right description).

No evidence of such patterns (do not mistake black spots painted on the sides of models or 'dayglow' orange stickers for such phenomena) are seen in any of the photos in the book under discussion, but if you examine reports like the highly reliable observations from airline pilots, you will read descriptions of such in many of the best-documented cases. Of course, observers see and report such emission patterns in observations from the ground, too, with witnesses often mistaking the emitting devices (or their near-surface emissions) for "lighted portholes".

The referenced book is loaded with photos of deliberately slightly-unfocused model 'UFOs'. Look on almost any page. That is not the way bona-fide UFO field effects cause real UFO to appear in photos. In many of the book's photos, alleged to have been taken at different places, the same phony painted little UFO models are used, again and again. It is really quite ridiculous. If someone cannot discern those photos of models for being the fakes they are, that person doesn't know much about photography, and even less about the photographic properties of the truly remarkable technological objects that visit our skies.

How do the real field effects appear in actual UFO films and photos? We have documented several classes of such phenomena. I shall mention three that we have filmed more than once:

(1) An actual dipolar magnetic field surrounding an object made remarkably and photographically visible when there is sufficient plasma flowing along magnetic lines of force of the object's field. In one daylight movie I got from an airliner which clearly shown that phenomenon, the intense magnetohydrodynamic flow in the upper region becomes so 'plasma hot' and intense that one can clearly see the refraction shadow of that flow visible on the layer of cloud 28,000 feet below! Some photos or films taken by others also show magnetohydrodynamic flow visible around certain UFOs, but most 'UFO researchers' have amazingly overlooked them. Yet, commendably, a few others have noticed them. This phenomenon is easily observed visually in some UFO observations, if one looks for it and isn't too distracted with the object, per se.

(2) A puzzling, vertical, almost-tubular, slightly diverging, tight 'spiral' above or below a daylight UFO (possibly made visibly by differential light refraction of backlighting, because it does not seem to contain much if any independent luminosity). Polarization bias in the object's backlighting, or via the camera, seems to help make this phenomenon more visible to photographic film. While observing and filming the UFO that have produced this particular phenomenon, neither I nor my

project staff have noticed the phenomenon, even though it shows up on the film. That doesn't mean we necessarily could not have visually observed it, but possibly that we were just so fascinated in watching the UFO(s) observed, per se, that we didn't look for it.

(3) Around every UFO of the 'landing-size class' that we have ever filmed (as contrasts with the large carrier vehicles), and seemingly due to optical phenomena that we may or may not be beginning to understand, mysterious and multiple 'ghost-like' images of the object one is watching (but in various rotations that are not always from the same perspective as the 'parent' object of those images that one is watching), are visible with varying degrees of contrast, and sometimes in a variety of sizes, arrayed around the image of the object being consciously filmed! The higher the shutter speed, the fewer such images you will get on a given film frame. The longer the exposure, the more you will get. But it is best in studying this phenomenon to use as fast a shutter speed as possible, or else the seemingly rotating projection pattern of those images will begin to cause those images to overlap on each other, potentially confusing their interpretation. Those ghost images' sometimes appear to be positive images of the UFO, sometimes negative ones! Against a blue sky, those images are various shades of blue. At sunset, they appear as various shades of whatever the predominant sky colors. It is this phenomenon that seems to be responsible for reports like that of the famous Boy Scout encampment daylight sighting on Santa Catalina Island off the California coast (Published in one of CUFOS' publications, but I don't recall which one.), in which observers reported that the sky around the object seemed mysteriously deeper bluer than the rest of the blue sky beyond it. I suggest that the multi-image phenomenon was happening at such speed that the human visual system was simply flicker-fusing the many images into one surrounding blue blur. The multi-image phenomenon should not be confused with the beautiful blue corona that some UFOs produce at times.

None of those three UFO-generated phenomena are in evidence in any of the photos in the book that started this discussion.

I could describe some other remarkable UFO phenomena that our field work has documented, but those three are enough to illustrate how it is that, based on our instrumented UFO monitoring, colleagues and I believe that we have learned to see whether an alleged (and reasonably high-resolution) UFO photo or movie shows a bona-fide technological object of the types we have documented, or is just of a model (even an artificially lighted model) or some other prosaic object or natural phenomenon.

I can imagine someone 'out there' objecting, as he reads this, and asking, "Well, how do you know that an alleged UFO photo might not be of a type that you have not as yet encountered and which does not create those phenomena on film?"

My response is simply this: Any exotic technological object capable of the maneuvers and speeds associated with traditional UFO reports is, of necessity, using a highly exotic propulsion system. Such a propulsive technology will most certainly produce extraordinary luminous and optical phenomena because of the energy levels necessary to produce very high speeds and abrupt (by our standards) maneuvers. I have filmed UFOs in daylight since 1956, and every single such object that I or my project has filmed shows some of the exotic phenomena described, plus others, in many cases. We have never seen anything that looked like a UFO to us that did not do so, and 'control' films we have made of prosaic sky objects (even under conditions of unusual or exceptional lighting) fail to produce the phenomena we have documented in association with bona-fide UFOs on film.

If Roy Hale wants to believe those photos in the book, fine. Why should I object, but I felt it my duty to offer my experience-based warning that the book is full of photographic fakes. Anyone fools himself who thinks that exotically performing objects do not generate exotic physics, some of which will be visible to film. Those photos show absolutely none. Photograph the real item, and you will record some form of exotic physics at work for whatever beings or things build what we call UFOs.

So, no, Roy, I didn't have to do the kind of investigation you ask about on those photos. It was not necessary, and the book is

so sparse of information on almost every photo that the traditional method of investigation is impossible, just as Steven Kaeser pointed out to us. But, research tends to come up with new, much more efficient and effective methods of evaluation and make them available to researchers from time to time, and that is exactly what my project's in-field work has availed us. Those who reject such new 'tools' without due evaluation will be very much like the fool who wrote that idiotic old UFO photographic analysis axiom that said if someone's UFO film or photo does not describe exactly what was described by the observer before the film was processed, then the case is either a hoax or otherwise worthless! In reality, the reverse is probably nearer to being worthy of adoption as a photo or film evaluation axiom!

Such fake photos as those in the book may be the toys or all-day-suckers of UFOlogical dreamers, but they will never provide you or me one tiny bit of insight into UFO physics.

Before very long, each of you will be able to see for yourself the kinds of evidence I have been discussing here. And when you have a chance to examine the evidence for yourself, you may decide to start applying that knowledge to alleged UFO photos and films. You will not have to make your decision about whether someone has really filmed a real UFO based on whether the photographer has an academic degree that gives you confidence in him or her, about his or her social status, or even whether the person is an expert photographer and shouldn't be believed because UFOs allow only amateur photographers to take pictures of them. :) Such are ridiculous criteria, but tend to be used by those who are more interested in protecting their own reputations than any love to learn how actual UFOs present on film.

The forthcoming evidence will definitely 'raise the bar' as to what will then be considered a bona-fide UFO film or photo. It will not lower it. The pelicans could delight because so many well-know 'UFO photos' go down in the flames of UFO propulsive realties discovered, but they will become very desperate because those same propulsion-diagnostic discoveries will prove how very wrong they have been.

So, Don, I have gone out on a limb (I say "out on a limb" only because I have not yet published the discussed evidence for all of you to evaluate for yourselves.) in order to answer your honest and deserving questions. But I hope my discussion helps. I have also provided this little bit of what we have learned as a parting 'gift' to this list, since I must be "ridin' on" to a situation whereby I can finally share the actual evidence some of you have patiently heard me mention probably all too many times.

I will close with this sad note: Digital imaging has so proliferated that it may not be long before it is impossible to get any kind of 8 mm or 16 mm movie film, and maybe even 'still' film. Already, I cannot find 'Super 8 mm' movie film for our two very fine telephoto zoom cameras. :( Neither my project nor I personally have ever used digital cameras to record UFOs, and I hope we never have to resort to that, because videos and digital movies would cause pelicans to scream, "Fake! Fake!" without due examination. Furthermore, there are serious problems with digital images, such as pixel bleed, etc., etc., etc. ....

Then too, I am not even certain whether or not some of the important very high-speed propulsion diagnostic physical phenomena we have documented on color film could even be captured by digital imagery because the image acquisition techniques are so very different. Time will answer that important question. Meantime, I'm just very glad we caught UFOs in action on good, old-fashioned film, so that at least the chant of "PhotoShop!" will not be heard from Pelican's Wharf.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Maccabee

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Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 00:54:44 -0400  
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>From: Brad Sparks <[BRB47x.nul](mailto:BRB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 16:25:07 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 15:33:23 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>Stan has also been a lone voice crying in the wilderness as to  
>the largest statistical analysis of UFO and IFO data ever  
>conducted, the Blue Book Special Report No. 14 by the Battelle  
>Memorial Institute. No one listens to Stan on the Battelle  
>study.

One person (besides Brad) does.... and did.

Many years ago (middle 1970's) I studied the report carefully  
and even revised some of the statistical analysis. I reported on  
this analysis in a tw-part article that appeared in the Journal  
of UFO Studies in the late 70' and 80's.

The bottom line was that of the 3201 sightings they studied  
about 20% were unknown. Moreover, in the group of sightings  
classified as the best in terms of reported details and  
qualifications of the witness(es), about 33% of the sightings  
were unknown. This contradicts the opinion as stated by Condon  
that "only poor observers report UFOs" (paraphrase).

The revised statistics (which Brad checked, lo these many years  
ago) confirm the original statistical result that when general  
characteristics (shape, color, duration of sighting, etc.) of  
the unknowns and knowns are compared, the unknowns are found to  
be different from the knowns.

Furthermore, one of the best multiple witness sightings  
"ever" was made available for the first time in the  
Battelles study (Case 10, Rogue River, May, 1949).  
I have studied this sighting in depth, have used it in  
lectures and have included it, along with other results of  
the Battelle study, in \*both\* of my UFO books:

The UFO-FBI Connection and Abduction In My Life

see: <http://brumac.8k.com> or amazon.com for info and reviews

>No one in the UFO community even knows the true story of  
>why the Battelle study came to be in the first place -- it's  
>always the bland blah blah about how someone wanted to do some  
>statistics blah blah blah.

>The real story is that the new Project GRUDGE Chief Lt. Ruppelt  
>plotted UFO sightings on a map to do a geographic analysis as  
>one of his first projects upon taking over the revived Project  
>GRUDGE. Ruppelt was surprised to find a large number of clusters  
>of UFO sightings around highly sensitive strategic US military

>and nuclear bases.

>When Ruppelt briefed the new director of AF Intelligence, Gen. Samford, on this in Dec. 1951 Samford was startled too, and >ordered that a full-scale scientific study be conducted for the >specific purpose of verifying Ruppelt's findings regarding UFOs >concentrated around strategic nuclear and military bases. ATIC >had just started a broad ranging consulting contract with >Battelle on a wide variety of non-UFO intelligence subjects >(analysis of Soviet metallurgy, etc.) and made Samford's orders >for the UFO geographic study part of an important sub-project >PPS 100) at Battelle, and added into it a broader statistical >study of UFO sightings, plus laboratory services on UFO-related >physical samples. By the time Battelle fully verified Ruppelt's >findings, in Jan. 1953, no one cared anymore.

>The statistical study violated the new policy that Samford's >number two man, Gen. Garland, had established as a new >intelligence methodology (which was to stop wasting time doing >analyses of low-grade reports), and it had continued at Battelle >only because it was Samford's direct orders and personal >interest in verifying Ruppelt's map findings. Thus something >like \$100,000 was spent by the AF on the Battelle study.

My study of the Battelle sighting distribution data as presented only in a map of the United States, showed that the sightings seems to cluster around areas with either air force bases or civilian airports. As very interesting result was that there was little or no correlation with population, as might be expected if sightings were all a result of "mental states" of the witnesses.

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races -

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:33:20 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:33:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races -

Many List submissions from subscribers arrive here minus a name before the <[name](#).nul> in the 'From: '. In those cases I add the name - often from memory.

In the case of:

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>From: Alfred Webre <Exopolitics <exopolitics.nul>  
>To: media.nul  
>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 06:10:28 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races
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which I posted Mon, 26 Jul 2004 20:53:47 -0400 - and relying on my memory - I inserted Alfred Webre's name in the header.

My memory failed me.

The submission actually came from Dr. Michael Salla.

My apologies to Alfred Webre, Michael Salla and the List for not verifying who the address actually belonged to.

Any future responses sent to the List will have the correction made.

Errol Bruce-Knapp  
Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Olmos

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Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:44:48 -0400  
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>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 02:43:24 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 13:42:52 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 12:54:21 -0400  
>>>Subject: Close-Up Photos

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>>>Something seems wrong with all this to me - why has there not  
>>>been, in the last 50 years, any reasonable close-up photos in  
>>>the public domain?

>>Perhaps those who take such pictures, have become aware of the  
>>media intention of making them look rather silly in front of the  
>>TV cameras? There may be vast private libraries of UFO photos  
>>sitting in someone's cupboard?

>>I recently had the fine pleasure of reading and looking at one  
>>of the most excellent UFO photograph books of all time, quite  
>>stunning close up photos of 'structured' airborne UFOs, from  
>>across this vast planet of yours and mine.

>>The book, UFO Richard Brunswick PhotoCollection  
>>By Goliath: ISBN 3-9805876-3-0 published in Germany.

>>I really commend this book for a serious and objective look at  
>>just how, some UFO pictures across the decades have been caught  
>>by the camera, and most in this book I had not seen, as I  
>>understand these pictures were privately collected by this man,  
>>over a few decades.

>More details here:

><http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/3980587630/aetherialnu0a-20/002-4488104-5088867>

Come on, guys! The Richard Brunswick Photocollection book is a  
shame, it is a recognized publishing hoax, none of the photos is  
true, the author is a ghost, etc. Please re-read the UFO Updates  
messages from my European colleagues Bruno Mancussi  
(Switzerland) and Jean-Luc Rivera (France) dated October 19 and  
20, 2002.

The noted Swedish UFO researcher Clas Svahn summarized it in  
another message to the e-forum UFOTOLIST: "The book was sold  
under the condition that all the pictures were faked". And  
Edoardo Russo, the celebrated Italian UFO student, added: "As  
far as I remember, the book was clearly aimed to be a collection  
of "fantasy" UFO pictures".

I am under the impression that this list of ours needs some more

expertise and background knowledge, and a little bit less of credulity.

Best wishes,

V-J

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Olmos

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 20:24:44 +0200 (CEST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:47:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Olmos

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 01:13:57 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>Sure! :) LMAO! If the pages were softer, more pliable, and  
>printed with lead-free ink, I'd put in the bathroom. If the  
>pages were larger, I'd line the bottom of my bird's cage.

>As it is, I just keep it around to show people how some phony  
>'UFO photos' look. I wouldn't be surprised to hear that they  
>were all faked by the same person.

Ray, bingo! You are fully right, and your message clearly shows  
you have a special eye and sensibility for UFO photography, even  
without recouring to its analysis. How could I call it?

Paranormal perception? No. Something much more simple: common  
sense. In Spain we have this saying: Common Sense is the Less  
Common of the Senses. It applies to worldwide Ufology as well.  
Ray, congratulations for your insight.

Best wishes,

V-J

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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 15:46:15 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:49:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - Stanford

>From: John Hayes <[John.nul](mailto:John.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 17:09:54 +0100  
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30

>Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

><[Masinaigan.nul](mailto:Masinaigan.nul)>

>=====

> UFO ROUNDUP  
>Volume 9, Number 30  
>July 28, 2004  
>Editor: Joseph Trainor

>E-mail: [Masinaigan.nul](mailto:Masinaigan.nul)  
>Website: <http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

<snip>

>NEW ANTARCTICA MYSTERY

> "Researchers have uncovered a Martian meteorite in  
>Antarctica, one of only about 30 known Mars space rocks on  
>Earth."

> "The specimen was found in December (2003) on an ice  
>field about 466 miles (745 kilometers) from the South  
>Pole, by a research team financed by NASA and supported by  
>the National Science Foundation."

> "Scientists say the mineralogy, texture and oxidized  
>nature of the rock are unmistakably Martian. At this  
>point, there is no suggestion that the meteorite bears  
>evidence of fossilized life." (See USA Today for July 22,  
>2004, "Piece of Mars found in Antarctica," page 4D.)  
>(Editor's Comment: This leaves unanswered the question of  
>how this rock crossed 52 million miles of space and  
>arrived on Earth. Maybe a UFO landed on Mars, and the  
>rock became lodged in its landing gear. Later, as the  
>saucer was making its final approach into an alien base in  
>Antarctica, the rock came loose and landed in the ice  
>field. In short, the rock came to Earth the same way the  
>dandelion came to North America--by ship.)

Give people a break, Mr. Trainor! How Martian meteorites arrived here has been determined, and the evidence clearly indicates they did not arrive in an alien spacecraft. They were ejected from Mars by cosmic impacts (most likely glancing blows), which is evidenced, for example, by the fact that the mineral plagioclase in them has been transformed by the energy of that impact into a diaplectic glass called maskelynite.

All Martian meteorites traveled here via very long elliptical routes (much longer than the 52 million miles to which you refer) with no protection from cosmic rays and solar wind, as evidenced by their cosmic ray exposure ages. The Cosmic Ray Exposure (CRE) age of a Martian meteorite is the length of time from ejection off Mars until its fall onto the Earth's surface.

The stable noble gas isotopes  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^21\text{He}$  and  $^{38}\text{Ar}$  are produced within the meteoroid by exposure to cosmic rays when it is in space. The production rate of those noble gas isotopes has been determined experimentally and, thus, a CRE age can be calculated with reasonable accuracy. CRE age determination is one of several methods used to learn when the parent rocks were ejected from Mars. There is also a relatively short terrestrial age - which is the length of time that a meteorite has been on the Earth's surface - that can be added to the CRE age to give a more precise ejection age.

The Mars ejection ages of the Martian meteorites fall within 7 groups at 20, 15, 11, 4.5, 3, 1.3 and 0.7 million years (Ma.). Because the nakhlites (one class of Martian meteorites) cluster at 11 Ma. that fact, coupled with their similar crystallization ages and mineralogy, suggests that they were derived from the same set of rocks on Mars and were ejected by the same impact.

There is also a clustering of ejection ages around 3 Ma for 4 of another Martian meteorite type, the basaltic shergottites, including Los Angeles, QUE94201, Shergotty and Zagami. ALH84001, the most famous Martian meteorite (found in Antarctica), has an ejection age of 15 Ma.

Furthermore, the fusion crust produced on Martian (as on all other meteorites) by frictional heating during upper-atmospheric passage (before cosmic velocity has been retarded) further attests to the fact that Martian meteorites are, in fact meteorites and not rocks brought to earth from Mars in spacecraft.

Greater concern for factuality and less totally baseless speculation would help the scientific world's perception of 'UFO researchers'. But after years of that kind of irresponsible presentation, it is not surprising when mainstream science pays us little attention and that, when it does, the attention is often negative.

Ray Stanford

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## Congrats To UFO Magazine & Platinum Studios - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 21:15:30 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:51:45 -0400  
Subject: Congrats To UFO Magazine & Platinum Studios - Boone

[http://platinumstudios.com/press/ufomag\\_hr\\_061804.php](http://platinumstudios.com/press/ufomag_hr_061804.php)

Congrats to the folks at UFO Magazine.

Glad you guys worked something out.

Will be looking forward to what shakes from this tree!

Best,

Greg

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## Follow Up On Origin Of Term 'Grays'

From: David Chace <[davidwchace.nul](mailto:davidwchace.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 02:39:33 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:53:50 -0400  
Subject: Follow Up On Origin Of Term 'Grays'

A while back I asked about the origin of the term 'Grays' or 'Greys' in reference to the small gray aliens seen by abductees. I had a couple of private responses, which were helpful.

One source reports from memory that Bill Uhouse was using the term before 1960. Bill Uhouse is the engineer who did the illustration of the J-Rod alien (a fairly typical Gray) wearing a shirt. That illustration is not, by the way, the bad Xerox of the photograph of the model created by the FX Masters group re-creating the alien autopsy that was later passed off as a possible genuine image of J-Rod and talked about on Coast to Coast AM and featured on UFO Magazine's website. (Thanks to Royce Myers for clearing that one up.)

Jenny Randles was not using the term in 1988, but it does appear in a publication of hers written in 1992.

"The Ultimate Deception" by Commander X, a sensationalist UFO conspiracy book first printed in 1990, contains a reference to "underground facilities at Dulce, New Mexico military base taken over by Greys."

In the "MUFON 1990 International UFO Symposium Proceedings" John Spencer wrote about the differences between perceptions of ufology in America and Europe. He wrote that while people in England ask him whether UFO researchers believe little aliens exist, his American colleagues take the existence of aliens for granted when they describe to him "what the greys were up to last week." So in 1990 John Spencer was using the term but he put it in quotations because it was not his term. It was a term in use by his American colleagues who accepted the extraterrestrial hypothesis.

To sum up, it seems to me that the term "Grays" may have been in use by people in government or military circles who dealt with the alien presence as far back as the 1960s or earlier, though I'd need further confirmation of that before I can feel very certain about it, and I doubt that such confirmation will be forthcoming because of the difficulty of knowing anything about the jargon that was used in clandestine circles. In any case, it seems that the term began to leak into public awareness possibly in the eighties with the discussions of the alleged Dulce base, Christa Tilton abduction and so forth. By 1990 it was finally showing up in a very limited way in the UFO literature, and by the mid-nineties it was common knowledge, having been used widely in the literature and also on television.

I would still welcome any input from those who may have further insight into where and when the term "Grays" originated, and why we call them that today when in the eighties they were known by more generic terms such as aliens, humanoids or UFO occupants, or specific terms such as EBEs or Zeta Reticulans. Also, if anyone knows of any books or articles published before 1990 in which they are referred to as "Grays" this would be helpful.

Thanks.

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## Re: Varginha Again - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:01:49 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:56:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Hall

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 16:50:03 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 18:41:45 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 11:53:01 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>All right, I can't resist any longer. Although I have not  
>>followed this thread (out of sheer disinterest) except for an  
>>occasional peek, I suggest they be renamed the "Varginha  
>>Monologues." The joke, for our overseas contributors who may  
>>not be aware of it, derives from the stage play the "Vagina  
>>Monologues."

>Dick and All

>This time, I am not going to say that I find you funny, like I  
>did after a silly joke of Brad Sparks. Someone thought I was  
>taking side with him ! I was not.

>So, "let's make things clear", like President Nixon used to say:  
>I don't find this funny at all!

>The Varginha case already stands as a very strong one, with many  
>credible witnesses. If some phony pictures have appeared, they  
>don't change that. And the fact there have been some confusing  
>messages about the remarkable testimony of a Doctore, should not  
>change that either. Read again the article of Bob Pratt and  
>Cynthia Luce in the Mufon UFO Journal of August 1998, for  
>instance, or any other article. I just quoted one from the  
>British UFO Magazine (April 2003) which apparently nobody knows  
>on this list.

>BTW, talking of bad cases, I recommend that you take out of your  
>excellent book "The UFO Evidence" the Umno case, which is known  
>worldwide to be a hoax. The authors of the fake landing of  
>Alluche (1966) and of the fake pictures of San Jose de Valdeiras  
>(1967) were unmasked long ago by spanish ufologists.

Gildas,

Where in The UFO Evidence do you see anything about the Umno  
case? It's certainly not in either volume to my knowledge, at  
least in any positive way, since it is a well-known hoax as you  
say.

As for Alluche (1966) if you look at my footnotes the case was  
reported by Ballester-Olmos and attributed to him. If it was  
later discredited, that information did not reach me or anyone  
else that I know, and that is simply a sign of poor  
communications among UFOlogists.

And I don't even know the case San Jose de Valdeiras (1967).  
The only 1967 photo case I report is Jan. 24, Yorba Linda,  
California.

What version of The UFO Evidence are you reading?

- Dick

P.S. Maybe you are making a joke?

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:07:52 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:18:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 14:57:37 EDT  
>Subject: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>Hi folks,

>I just recalled that I had read several references wherein it  
>was suggested and noted that artists were often the target of  
>abduction. That the only common denominator for abductees was  
>that the majority were artists of some sort.

>If anyone has data on this please let me know.

Greg,

That is simply not so. Every so often some ill-informed or misguided person makes ridiculous claims like that, which are not justified by any facts or statistics. At one point Kevin Randle (though he is a serious and respectable researcher) argued - quite falsely in my judgment - that a high percentage of abductees were homosexuals.

In my experience and that of every serious colleague, the "aliens" (if that is what they are) have proven to be equal opportunity abductors. No social, educational, racial, intellectual, or other biases.

- Dick

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:16:42 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:24:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Hall

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 14:05:36 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

<snip>

>Please point out what is "obviously" incorrect in Mr. Salla's  
>thesis. Having not had the opportunity to see what Mr. Salla has  
>seen, I'm at a loss to divine what of his statement is patently  
>>false.

>I don't buy it, but I can't refute it either. One interesting  
>note is the fact that there are 57 varieties of ETs point to  
>a connection between ETI and that whole Heinz bunch. Teresa  
>doesn't sound like she's from around here.....

Kyle,

You're right. She's obviously from a planet of far superior intelligence to ours where people seem to have mush for brains when it comes to spotting obvious frauds or crazy people.

What isn't wrong with Salla's outpouring? It is complete and utter wild speculation without an iota of factual supporting evidence. And incidentally, I didn't notice at first that he has lost his academic standing at American University. Can't imagine why.

- Dick

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## Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 09:32:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:25:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Shell

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 16:06:14 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack

>The discovery of "dark matter" was not the result of a  
>photograph. Hubble photos have been used to support the theory,  
>just as UFO photos have been used to support ET theory. The  
>question of dark matter was raised to explain the great  
>disparity between that matter which we are able to observe and  
>that which theory indicates we should be able to observe. It  
>didn't arise FROM the Hubble photos.

Bit of the subject, but I read a very nice article in Scientific  
American the other day attempting to explain the whole universe  
acceleration thing without dark matter/energy by positing a loss  
of gravitons over long distances due to them getting lost in  
other dimensions. Interesting theory that doesn't require the  
creation of some new forms of matter or energy.

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## Team To Study Tunguska To Prove It Was UFO

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 12:53:14 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:31:04 -0400  
Subject: Team To Study Tunguska To Prove It Was UFO

Pravda: Team To Study Famed Tungus Event To Prove It Was A UFO

This story states that a scientific team lit out for Tungus last week to gather 'evidences' that the famed blast was not caused by a meteorite but a UFO.

This ought to be fun to keep an eye on.

[http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/13587\\_Tungus.html](http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/13587_Tungus.html)

With luck they'll find the impact site, some debris and then turn it into a tourist attraction.

Best,

Greg

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Secrecy News -- 07/30/04

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:35:13 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:00:22 -0400  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/30/04

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
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MOMENTUM BUILDS FOR INTELLIGENCE BUDGET DISCLOSURE

The gathering political momentum to publish the size of the U.S. intelligence budget was reflected and reinforced by a New York Times story July 29, which noted that budget disclosure should be among the simplest recommendations of the 9-11 Commission to implement.

"Of the 40 main recommendations spelled out in the Sept. 11 report, one of the few that the White House could carry out immediately would be to lift the veil of secrecy on how much the government spends on intelligence," according to the Times.

By recommending not only disclosure of the aggregate total but also of individual agency budgets, the 9-11 Commission made it politically difficult to justify the current posture of absolute non-disclosure.

The CIA, which is heavily invested in budget secrecy, was placed on the defensive.

"A C.I.A. spokesman, Mark Mansfield, said Wednesday that the agency would not comment on whether it still believed that the overall intelligence budgets should be classified," according to the Times.

See "White House Considers Disclosing Intelligence Budgets" by Douglas Jehl, New York Times, July 29:

<http://nytimes.com/2004/07/29/politics/29intel.html>

One might reasonably ask: What does intelligence budget secrecy have to do with the events of September 11?

One possible answer is that it is the most visible example of arbitrary secrecy, and that such secrecy has dulled the wits and dimmed the performance of U.S. intelligence agencies, contributing to the failures leading up to September 11.

The point was elaborated in "Agencies criticized for overclassifying information" by Chris Strohm, Government Executive Daily Briefing, July 26:

<http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0704/072604c1.htm>

But another possible answer is that budget secrecy really had

nothing to do with September 11, at least nothing more than hundreds of other "cultural" factors that afflict U.S. intelligence.

If so, how did it get on the 9-11 Commission's agenda?

Ironically, former DCI George Tenet may have put it there by suggesting the need to discuss intelligence budget matters with the public.

"For the bang for the buck, the American taxpayer gets a hell of a lot for what we give them," DCI Tenet told the 9-11 Commission last April (SN, 04/15/04). "And you know, we ought to find a way to talk to the American people about it."

It was pointed out catalytically that this view does not correspond to CIA's own budget (non-)disclosure policy, and the Commission drew the logical conclusion.

#### SENATE BILL LANGUAGE ON MILITARY SPYING MAY BE DELETED

Legislative language that appeared to authorize new domestic intelligence collection by the Pentagon may be deleted from the pending 2005 intelligence authorization act.

Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS), the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, filed a proposed amendment July 22 that would remove the provision from the intelligence bill (section 501 of S. 2386).

Newsweek reported in June that the provision "could vastly expand the Pentagon's ability to gather intelligence inside the United States, including recruiting citizens as informants."

#### SIBEL EDMONDS AND THE PRICE OF WHISTLEBLOWING

If, as the 9/11 Commission diagnosed, U.S. intelligence suffers from "groupthink," then special attention ought to be given to fostering dissenting views and protecting whistleblowers. But in practice, that lesson has still not been learned.

The allegations of FBI whistleblower Sibel Edmonds "were at least a contributing factor" in the decision to terminate her employment, according to a letter to Congress from FBI Director Robert Mueller, characterizing the findings of a Justice Department Inspector General investigation.

The letter, reported in the New York Times on July 29 and in the Washington Post today, is available on the Project on Government Oversight web site here:

<http://www.pogo.org/m/hsp/hsp-040721-Mueller.pdf>

The letter and its significance were analyzed by Fred Kaplan in Slate here:

<http://slate.msn.com/id/2104514/>

#### FIRST ANTI-MISSILE INTERCEPTOR DEPLOYED IN ALASKA

In a momentous act that went nearly unreported, the Department of Defense last week deployed the first Ground Based Interceptor in the Missile Defense Complex at Fort Greely, Alaska..

"[It] marks the end of an era where we have not been able to defend our country against long-range ballistic missile attacks," said Maj. Gen. John W. Holly, program director for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office.

"While this system will constitute an initial limited capability, it is a vast improvement over our current defensive posture, which is nonexistent," said Holly.

To the contrary, however, a limited capability may be worse than none at all if it provokes an adversary to bolster its offensive targeting of the U.S.

The arms control argument against limited missile defenses was

articulated by Fred Kaplan in "We're Losing the Arms Race With North Korea," Slate, July 27:

<http://slate.msn.com/id/2104430/>

While U.S. press coverage of the missile defense milestone was scarce, the event did not go unnoticed in North Korea, which predictably interpreted it as a threat.

"The United States, more than ever before, is frantically clinging to maneuvers to deploy a missile defense system to get ready for preemptive nuclear strike preparations," according to a July 26 radio broadcast from Pyongyang.

#### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION: THE EARLY YEARS

Let no one say that the Bush Administration has not launched any new initiatives to enhance public access to government information.

A new web page from the Federal Trade Commission features minutes of FTC meetings from March 1915 through October 1917.

See "FTC Minutes: The Early Years" here (thanks to MJR):

<http://www.ftc.gov/os/minutes/index.htm>

The new web site is part of the agency's commemoration of its 90th anniversary this year.

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## CCCRN News: Formation Report #5 - Ashgrove,

From: Paul Anderson <[paulanderson.nul](mailto:paulanderson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 10:06:59 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:01:34 -0400  
Subject: CCCRN News: Formation Report #5 - Ashgrove,

CCCRN NEWS  
E-News from the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

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<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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FORMATION REPORT #5 - ASHGROVE, ONTARIO

Double circle in wheat, with "half-rings" of standing crop in the larger circle, found July 28 by the landowner (who had been away), but first seen by another witness on July 27. Approximately 38 metres (124 feet) long. Initial ground photos, diagram and preliminary field report are posted on the web site. Investigation in progress by CCCRN Ontario. The landowner has requested that the specific location not be publicized (no visitors except for researchers). This is the fifth report so far for 2004.

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The Canadian Crop Circle Research Network is a non-profit research organization which has been seriously investigating and documenting the crop circle phenomenon and other possibly related phenomena in Canada since 1995, creating a liason between researchers, farmers, the public, media and scientists

c. CCCRN, 2004

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:16:10 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:03:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 12:45:07 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 22:52:58 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>>Does anyone have something that could be called a good statistic  
>>on the percentage of the world population... and more  
>>specifically the US... has actually stated that they have seen a  
>>UFO... something they believe couldn't have been from "around  
>>here"?

>I have checked many hundreds of lecture audiences - some as big  
>as 2,000... colleges, professional groups etc at the end of my  
>"Flying Saucers ARE Real!" lectures.

>"How many here believe they have seen what I would describe as a  
>flying saucer, as I described earlier?. I count out loud.  
>Typically it is 10% of the people present. Then I ask "How many  
>of you have reported what you have seen?" Typically 10% of the  
>10%. Then I ask how many of the small group were in the military  
>at the time and if they want to tell the rest of us about it.  
>Get some great stories and wonderful lines like "I can't ; they  
>told me not to say anything." or "They took my pictures" etc.

>>I find stats on those who believe that UFOs exist all over the  
>>place, but while that seems to be a valuable statistic to a  
>>sociologist, it seems equally worthless in any scientific UFO  
>>context.

>>And I'm also very weary of the "message from the space  
>>brothers" testimony. While I am unable to label it false, lest  
>>I incur anywrath should they be right, it eludes my grasp due  
>>to the gargantuan grain of salt accompanying it. Alas, my  
>>prejudice revealed.

>Belief questions require a better word than UFO. In one  
>classroom of 100 students asked to respond with their eyes  
>closed, 80% said they thought most people didn't think any UFOs  
>were ET Spacecraft, whereas 80% of the group did think some  
>were....

Stan,

Once more you provide not just an answer, but some illumination.

Now, your audiences might be pegged as being a little more  
accepting than the average person, but I think your informal  
"survey" includes some meaningful information indeed.

So, among attendees you get a fairly consistent 10% saying they  
have seen a UFO as you describe them... and further find that 1%

has actually reported their sighting.

Taking your example of a lecture with 2000 attendees, that would indicate that 200 have seen, and 20 have reported. Those are sobering numbers. Out of 2000 attendees there are 180 untold UFO stories.

Even if one dismisses 90% as misidentified mundane phenomena, that leaves 18 untold stories...per 2000 attendees.

It appears that volumes of UFO information have yet to be unearthed, just among the huddled masses.

Your comment on "belief questions" finds no dissent with me.

Thanks again!!

Kyle

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:41:16 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:07:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 22:54:29 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 09:10:56 -0500  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 21:02:31 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

Hi, Brad,

I believe that sometimes you are deaf to the way you may sound to others. I'm sure that is true of all of us at one time or another. I stated, and continued to feel, that the tone of your original communication was sweeping and unfair; the points you made - many of them good ones - would have been more effectively communicated if you had not written so tendentiously. We will simply agree to disagree on that point and let it rest, I hope.

I have too many other things to do than to get involved in a long discourse on the subject of ufology and the ETH, though again I refer interested persons to the entry on the subject in The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd ed. I have too many other responsibilities and too little time to devote to extended discussion or debate at the moment.

That said, I would like briefly to make some general observations about ufologists and the ETH, and then some personal ones, before attending to other, more urgent - non-ufological - business:

Since the 1960s, as historians of the subject and more-than-casual observers know well, ufology and the ETH have hardly been synonymous. They are synonymous only in outsiders' - and usually unsympathetic outsiders' - representation of what ufologists think and do. One can read far more about ufologists' supposed obsession with the ETH in debunking (and ridicule-laced) publications such as Magonia and Skeptical Inquirer than in actual UFO literature. Before the likes of Swords and Ashpole, consequential writing within our field, with the honorable exception of Stan Friedman's, had become scarce. Even now, ETH writing in the published literature is rare. I exclude contactee and Dark Side mythology from the just-stated, obviously.

Over time ufologists ceased talking about the ETH for many understandable reasons. One was that it had become a club to beat them over the head with. Debunkers asserted that since ufologists couldn't prove the ETH, there was no reason to take UFO sightings seriously and to investigate them accordingly. Ufologists, quite naturally, came to the conclusion that since indeed we can't prove the ETH (or any other hypothesis about the nature of the phenomenon), it is wisest - both intellectually and strategically - to concentrate on data-gathering. They were led to argue (as in fact I did a couple of weeks ago in a conversation with a producer from the news division of a major broadcast network) that UFO reports are best seen as modestly as

possible: as questions for investigation, not as subjects for sweeping speculation. If a single puzzling report is brought to a potentially intrigued scientist, it is frankly stupid to present it as possible evidence for a staggering claim; rather, it's best brought forth as a puzzle which, if solved, might teach us something new, possibly even important, and no more.

High-strangeness claims represent a particular dilemma for ufologists. As Aime Michel wisely observed long ago, they are not inconsistent with an ETH; it is hardly unreasonable to expect that visiting extraterrestrials might conduct themselves very oddly. In private conversations with some very smart colleagues, I have heard extremely interesting speculations about the meaning of high-strangeness phenomena in an ETH context.

On the other hand, as I get older - I have, I now realize ruefully, spent nearly all of my life in ufology - I find that my interests are mostly focused on the high-strangeness problem, and my own thinking has led me away from the idea that the most extraordinary reports tell us anything about possible visiting aliens. The search for an ET presence must focus, in my opinion, on - generally speaking - CE2s, radar/visuals, and the like. It is my view that no single theoretical model will do for all UFO phenomena. It is my reading that at least two separate, unrelated things are happening at once, one physical, the other purely experiential, and so far it is often difficult to figure out which is which.

Useful theory-construction is not made out of materials falsely associated (or out of disputed and dated, even if appealing, ideas about "falsifiability").

We would be well advised, in my judgment, to continue to gather data and think about them, and be cautious in our speculation. As we all know all too well, ufologists do many things wrong. This is something they're doing right.

Jerry Clark

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From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:54:18 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:09:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 20:53:06 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 22:52:58 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>One indicator is that the Condon Committee contractor survey  
>found that only 13% of those polled would report their sighting  
>to anyone. This might mean we have to apply a magnification  
>factor of about 8x to the number of reports we have, to estimate  
>the total number when including those that were not reported.  
>However this polling statistic is heavily influenced by the  
>exact wording of the question, and issues such as strangeness  
>level. I think that up to a point the more "strange" the  
>sighting the more likely it will be reported, because the  
>strangeness impels the observer to report but only up to a  
>certain point where this effect reverses and the UFO event is so  
>strange that it won't be reported because of the strangeness  
>factor itself (e.g., probably most CE III entity cases are not  
>reported). We might actually have, therefore, most of the  
>landing and simple CE I cases and Daylight Discs, but not most  
>lights in the sky and entity cases at opposite ends of the  
>strangeness spectrum. The lights in the sky being too trivial to  
>report and the entities too shocking and discrediting to report.  
>It would be nice to have quantitative data to back up these  
>impressions but I know of no studies realistically attempting  
>it.

Brad,

Very thorough analysis. I'll read your articles on this subject  
with interest.

Your numbers seem to support Stan's more informal survey, or at  
least they do not argue.

Obviously there is an ingredient of the "Rape stigma" implied in  
these analyses. Most rapes go unreported. Some state that it is  
due to the sense of powerlessness felt during the experience,  
and the reluctance to admit or re-live that powerlessness. I  
think there is perhaps a corollary here with the UFO field. Many  
CEIII cases report this same feeling of "powerlessness", and  
some even describe their abduction experience in terms similar  
to rape.

Not surprising that so many would keep the experience to  
themselves.

While most UFO reports do not include a CEIII scenario, the  
point that many do not report remains obviously valid.

I feel strongly that forums such as this serve the same purpose

as "Rape Hotlines". A place where the "abused" is given at least an airing. (I use the term "abused" in the way that a highly anomalous event is described as an "assault" on ones senses or on ones idea of what is normal)

Hopefully a time will come when the sheer numbers will force a reckoning, and these stigmas can at last be shown the door.

My fear is that it will remain...like pot legalization...something that most think is right, but no one in power seems willing to champion.

More data will encourage more data. Of that I'm sure.

Kyle

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:15:07 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:13:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - King

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 21:33:42 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 15:09:46 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

<snip>

>Suppose you were the government and you wanted to stop UFO  
>researchers from getting at your UFO secrets, whatever they  
>were. What would you do? Seriously, you can't stop them by  
>killing them all, not even the most rabid conspiracy theorist  
>thinks that. So what would you do? Would you issue "orders" to  
>UFO researchers saying "This is the U.S. Government: You are  
>hereby ordered to cease and desist all efforts to seek our UFO  
>secrets"??? That very action of issuing provocative orders  
>publicly would reveal the very thing you were trying to conceal  
>-- the existence of UFO secrets covered up by the US Government.

>So what would you do?

>Have you ever heard of the concept of the "agent provocateur"?  
>If you research the history and the definitions (the  
>dictionaries are often much narrower than the actual history of  
>use of such agents) the "agent provocateur" is:

>Agent Provocateur:

>"Someone who intentionally encourages people working against a  
>government to do something incriminating or discrediting."

>Any ideas how that could apply within the UFO community?

>Would an "agent provocateur" usually have good credentials, or  
>would he be an obvious lunatic with little or no credentials or  
>no respectable background?

Brad,

Good points.

But aren't we all agents provocateur in this forum? Would not  
all of us encourage a military man with "real data" to divulge  
it in contradiction of his sworn oath not to? Could not all of  
us find a justification for such disclosure even knowing that it  
is a violation of federal law? I certainly could... and would.

We are all in possession of various "credentials". As I've said  
before, Stanton Friedman is a scientist in Physics. In the UFO  
field he is an advocate. He might just as well be a garbage man.  
His credentials as a physicist are only marginally pertinent to  
his stature as a UFO advocate.

His advocacy is bolstered by his scientific method and dogged

determination... both borne of his experience as a physicist.  
But his stature as a physicist does not add to his findings.  
Even the garbage man could find the "smoking gun"  
document... with zero "credentials".

Keep in mind that Stan doesn't focus on the physics of UFOs. His  
focus is on government knowledge... and the resulting  
cover-up... not on physics. His background supports the method,  
but not the meat.

Einstein was a man of few credentials, and yet if his theories  
were dismissed because if this, we'd be a much less-advanced  
civilization.

In the end, I think Stanton Friedman is an excellent example of  
an agent provocateur, although probably not the kind you were  
talking about. :)

Kyle

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: **Greg Sandow** <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:13:22 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:15:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 14:57:37 EDT  
>Subject: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>I just recalled that I had read several references wherein it  
>was suggested and noted that artists were often the target of  
>abduction. That the only common denominator for abductees was  
>that the majority were artists of some sort.

>If anyone has data on this please let me know.

I don't have formal data, but I don't think the majority of  
abductees - or even any notably large number - are artists.  
Certainly when I attended Budd Hopkins's support groups this  
wasn't so.

As far as I know, abductees, demographically, are a pretty  
normal cross-section of the population. That's certainly been my  
experience of them, though skewed a little bit upscale, in the  
sense that you don't find many many poor (or minority or rural)  
people contacting abduction researchers. I think it's way out of  
their social orbit to do a thing like that, and especially to  
stay active in abduction groups, though this isn't a hard and  
fast rule.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Albrektson

From: Erik Albrektson <[jaspub.nul](mailto:jaspub.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:20:20 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:17:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Albrektson

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 19:53:26 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>Bottom line is it's simply numbers.

<snip>

Yes it is a numbers game. But I view the numbers aspect from a somewhat different angle.

I believe that it is an entirely credible argument that, although no individual photo is capable of making much impact on the case for UFO's, the cumulative effect of thousands of such photos taken over the past 60 years strongly supports the case for the physical existence of "flying saucers". To argue otherwise is to maintain that they are ALL fakes and/or cases of mistaken identity of one sort or another. Raging debates over the authenticity of a particular photo is one thing, but to argue that ALL such photos are fakes, misinterpretations, etc is simply unsustainable. Assuming no mental pathology is in play, such an argument would suggest the proponent is simply ignorant of the sheer volume of such photos.

The proponents of such a position have to be correct 100% of the time. Opponents need only be correct once.

The photographic evidence has unfortunately tailed off over the past 2 decades as "daylight disk" sightings have diminished in seemingly inverse proportion to the increasing proliferation of camcorders and digital cameras. Why this is happening is one of the more peculiar aspects of the phenomenon and, as suggested by another poster, reflects the "high strangeness" of the entire subject.

With global population increases, low cost quality photographic equipment and topical interest in the subject, it is certainly counter-intuitive to see a decline in quality UFO photos.

One wonders if "strange lights in the night sky" type sightings would similarly diminish if high quality night vision technology were available to the masses.

For what it's worth, the most impressive UFO photos I have yet to come across are from the 1993 Australian sighting near Maslin Beach. I have seen printed versions of these that are far more impressive than even the screen photos below. Do they feature a "real" flying saucer? Beats the hell out of me, but they sure are fun to examine!

[http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main\\_page.htm](http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main_page.htm)

Erik Albrektson



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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:35:51 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:19:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 20:24:44 +0200 (CEST)  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 01:13:57 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>Sure! :) LMAO! If the pages were softer, more pliable, and  
>>printed with lead-free ink, I'd put in the bathroom. If the  
>>pages were larger, I'd line the bottom of my bird's cage.

>>As it is, I just keep it around to show people how some phony  
>>'UFO photos' look. I wouldn't be surprised to hear that they  
>>were all faked by the same person.

>Ray, bingo! You are fully right, and your message clearly shows  
>you have a special eye and sensibility for UFO photography, even  
>without recouring to its analysis. How could I call it?

>Paranormal perception? No. Something much more simple: common  
>sense. In Spain we have this saying: Common Sense is the Less  
>Common of the Senses. It applies to worldwide Ufology as well.  
>Ray, congratulations for your insight.

V-J,

Thanks, sincerely. Coming from the director of fotocat (the UFO photo catalogue) and the UFO researcher whose contributions to sensible and objectively skeptical UFOlogy I personally regard most highly ( as I have told people privately for years), that makes me feel justified to have 'stuck my neck out' in commenting upon the fraudulent nature of the photos in that book.

Yes, I was just using my common sense and what I've learned by our photographic field work which tells me how truly anomalous UFOs present photographically. Photographed models and airbrushed images never have what it takes.

With much gratitude,

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Team To Study Tunguska To Prove It Was UFO -

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:49:54 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:24:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Team To Study Tunguska To Prove It Was UFO -

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 12:53:14 EDT  
>Subject: Team To Study Tunguska To Prove It Was UFO

>Pravda: Team To Study Famed Tungus Event To Prove It Was A UFO

>This story states that a scientific team lit out for Tungus last  
>week to gather 'evidences' that the famed blast was not caused  
>by a meteorite but a UFO.

>This ought to be fun to keep an eye on.

>[http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/13587\\_Tungus.html](http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/13587_Tungus.html)

>With luck they'll find the impact site, some debris and  
>then turn it into a tourist attraction.

List,

Any group or individual that sets out to "prove" a hypothesis  
instead of to simply test that hypothesis is practicing  
pseudoscience from the beginning!

Shades of how "Creation Science" does its pseudoscience to fool  
children and the uneducated into thinking the world is a few  
thousands of years old!

Furthermore, there is no Tunguska impact site. The explosion was  
high in the atmosphere, as evidenced by several factors,  
including the pattern of shock-wave-fallen trees.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Jeff Westover <[frequentflier66.nul](mailto:frequentflier66.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:37:44 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:26:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:07:52 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 14:57:37 EDT  
>>Subject: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

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>In my experience and that of every serious colleague, the  
>"aliens" (if that is what they are) have proven to be equal  
>opportunity abductors. No social, educational, racial,  
>intellectual, or other biases.

I wholeheartedly agree with Dick on this issue. For the past seven years I've worked with quite a number of abductees, UFO experiencers and abduction researchers as a sketch artist and as an illustrator for abduction-related autobiographies and media productions. While a few of the individuals I've worked with had a fair amount of creative talent (visually speaking) most struggled to draw a simple stick man. Come to think of it, many of the accounts of greys which I sketched for these same people, in fact, resembled stick men! LOL! (Tippy the Turtle is much more difficult to draw than a grey.)

While earning a B.A. in Graphic Design from Central Michigan University I often brought up the subject of UFOs and 'aliens' with fellow classmates, my advisors and my faculty. Only two faculty members and a half-dozen students admitted to any sort of UFO experience.

I really feel that those who have had or who are having repeated encounters with the UFO phenomenon represent a sort of "anti-demographic".

As an interesting sidelight to this issue, I have found that immediately following my own encounters I am much more creatively charged and can quickly and easily render these experiences without much effort. The imagery and experiences are resonant for a day or two following the experience. I've often wondered if the energies involved in these experiences affect the brain's creative function in some way.

Also, having gone through several hypnosis sessions with a qualified hypnotherapist has had a similar effect. For a few days following a session which I have looked into a consciously-recalled encounter, I have felt and experienced that same creative drive and can effortlessly render the experience.

Jeff Westover  
Swamp Gas Graphics  
<http://www.swampgasgraphics.com>

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 19:47:38 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:28:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: "- UFO UpDates Subscribers -": ;  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Moderator  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:33:20 -0400

>Many List submissions from subscribers arrive here  
>minus a name before the <[name.nul](mailto:name.nul)>in the 'From: '.  
>In those cases I add the name - often from memory.

>In the case of:

>>From: Alfred Webre <Exopolitics <[exopolitics.nul](mailto:exopolitics.nul)>  
>>To: [media.nul](mailto:media.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 06:10:28 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>which I posted Mon, 26 Jul 2004 20:53:47 -0400 - and relying on  
>my memory - I inserted Alfred Webre's name in the header.

>My memory failed me.

>The submission actually came from Dr. Michael Salla.

>My apologies to Alfred Webre, Michael Salla and the  
>List for not verifying who the address actually belonged to.

>Any future responses sent to the List will have the correction  
>made.

>Errol Bruce-Knapp  
>Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

Errol,

Very interesting! Now I wonder what Alfred Webre thinks about  
the fact, as he himself reported it to the List, that Salla  
explicitly denied sending the post. Curiouser and curiouser when  
it comes to Salla's credibility.

- Dick

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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:02:26 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:30:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - Deardorff

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 15:46:15 -0400  
>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30

>>From: John Hayes <[John.nul](mailto:John.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 17:09:54 +0100  
>>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30

>>Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

>> "Scientists say the mineralogy, texture and oxidized  
>>nature of the rock are unmistakably Martian. At this  
>>point, there is no suggestion that the meteorite bears  
>>evidence of fossilized life." (See USA Today for July 22,  
>>2004, "Piece of Mars found in Antarctica," page 4D.)  
>>(Editor's Comment: This leaves unanswered the question of  
>>how this rock crossed 52 million miles of space and  
>>arrived on Earth. Maybe a UFO landed on Mars, and the  
>>rock became lodged in its landing gear. Later, as the  
>>saucer was making its final approach into an alien base in  
>>Antarctica, the rock came loose and landed in the ice  
>>field. In short, the rock came to Earth the same way the  
>>dandelion came to North America--by ship.)

>Give people a break, Mr. Trainor! How Martian meteorites arrived  
>here has been determined, and the evidence clearly indicates  
>they did not arrive in an alien spacecraft. They were ejected  
>from Mars by cosmic impacts (most likely glancing blows), which  
>is evidenced, for example, by the fact that the mineral  
>plagioclase in them has been transformed by the energy of that

>All Martian meteorites traveled here via very long elliptical  
>routes (much longer than the 52 million miles to which you  
>refer) with no protection from cosmic rays and solar wind, as  
>evidenced by their cosmic ray exposure ages. The Cosmic Ray  
>Exposure (CRE) age of a Martian meteorite is the length of time  
>from ejection off Mars until its fall onto the Earth's surface.

There may be a large uncertainty in our understanding of where  
some of these meteorites, discovered mostly on Antarctica, came  
from. As I understand it, there are 5 or 6 times as many found  
from Mars as from the Moon. Why isn't the ratio at least that  
much the other way around, considering the Moon's lesser gravity  
than Mars and much greater proximity to Earth?

Jim Deardorff

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:12:14 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:32:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - White

>From: Dante Rosati <[dante.nul](mailto:dante.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 09:46:49 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

<snip>

>On the other hand, I really find it hard to believe that all this  
>stuff could have been going on all this time without many \_more\_  
>people coming forth to tell about it. All these scenarios would  
>require there being dozens, hundreds, maybe thousands of  
>military, government, and scientific people who would know about  
>it, in which case its equally absurd to think that so few would  
>speak up, no matter how much secrecy they were sworn to. How  
>could so many people be privy to the greatest story in the  
>history of the world and there not be alot more who would find  
>it impossible to keep quiet?

As someone, (along with a couple of thousand aware colleagues worldwide,) who has gone through 24 years of Hellish harassment and torture by technology at the same level as that reported by UFO abductees, it is not surprising in the least that so many people could be kept shut up. It has happened in our case, so why not in the UFO arena?

All it takes is a personal demonstration of the pain that this equipment can ladle out, and threats against: first the job, and then the individual, and then the family members. If all of that fails, and it's very unlikely it will, the advanced equipment can duplicate extreme mental illness or death and it will all appear entirely natural.

At some point, every member of this List will learn we have been telling the truth, and that is the answer to the silence among those in the know about UFOs.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 21:12:27 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:34:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:07:52 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 14:57:37 EDT  
>>Subject: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

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>>was suggested and noted that artists were often the target of  
>>abduction. That the only common denominator for abductees was  
>>that the majority were artists of some sort.

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>not justified by any facts or statistics. At one point Kevin  
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>argued - quite falsely in my judgment - that a high percentage of  
>abductees were homosexuals.

>In my experience and that of every serious colleague, the  
>"aliens" (if that is what they are) have proven to be equal  
>opportunity abductors. No social, educational, racial,  
>intellectual, or other biases.

But we have already determined, in an exchange on this List a  
couple of years ago, that this is not so, and that there is a  
considerable under-representation of Black people amongst UFO  
abductees, for whatever reason.

John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Chapman

From: **Mary Chapman** <[alfie107.nul](mailto:alfie107.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:12:07 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:37:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Chapman

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:16:10 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 12:45:07 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>Once more you provide not just an answer, but some illumination.

>Now, your audiences might be pegged as being a little more  
>accepting than the average person, but I think your informal  
>"survey" includes some meaningful information indeed.

>So, among attendees you get a fairly consistent 10% saying they  
>have seen a UFO as you describe them... and further find that 1%  
>has actually reported their sighting.

>Taking your example of a lecture with 2000 attendees, that would  
>indicate that 200 have seen, and 20 have reported. Those are  
>sobering numbers. Out of 2000 attendees there are 180 untold UFO  
>stories.

>Even if one dismisses 90% as misidentified mundane phenomena,  
>that leaves 18 untold stories...per 2000 attendees.

>It appears that volumes of UFO information have yet to be  
>unearthed, just among the huddled masses.

>Your comment on "belief questions" finds no dissent with me.

I, as a normal citizen, have had at least five sightings, and  
only reported one. I was told that it was space garbage, so I  
never bothered to report again, even though each sighting was  
different.

Therefore, it isn't even a matter of how many\_people\_ have had  
sightings, but how many\_actual\_sightings!? The number may get  
staggering when this figure gets added to the data!

Mary

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 17:24:18 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:34:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Ledger

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 20:15:48 +0200 (CEST)  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 02:43:24 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>Come on, guys! The Richard Brunwick Photocollection book is a  
>shame, it is a recognized publishing hoax, none of the photos is  
>>true, the author is a ghost, etc. Please re-read the UFO UpDates  
>messages from my European colleagues Bruno Mancussi  
>(Switzerland) and Jean-Luc Rivera (France) dated October 19 and  
>20, 2002.

>The noted Swedish UFO researcher Clas Svahn summarized it in  
>another message to the e-forum UFOTOLIST: "The book was sold  
>under the condition that all the pictures were faked". And  
>Edoardo Russo, the celebrated Italian UFO student, added: "As  
>far as I remember, the book was clearly aimed to be a collection  
>of "fantasy" UFO pictures".

>I am under the impression that this list of ours needs some more  
>expertise and background knowledge, and a little bit less of  
>credulity.

Not sure what "guys" you are referring to. I just forwarded the  
Amazon URL, V-J. I don't give a damn about the rest of it.

Don

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 17:34:06 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:36:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:07:52 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

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>intellectual, or other biases.

Greg,

There is a mix-up. I think it was the UFO researchers themselves  
who seem to gravitate to the arts. Musicians, writers and  
artists etc. or at least have artistic tendencies.

Don Ledger

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From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 17:47:33 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:41:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Race - Friedman

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:15:07 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 21:33:42 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 15:09:46 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

<snip>

>>Have you ever heard of the concept of the "agent provocateur"?  
>>If you research the history and the definitions (the  
>>dictionaries are often much narrower than the actual history of  
>>use of such agents) the "agent provocateur" is:

>>Agent Provocateur:

>>"Someone who intentionally encourages people working against a  
>>government to do something incriminating or discrediting."

>>Any ideas how that could apply within the UFO community?

>>Would an "agent provocateur" usually have good credentials, or  
>>would he be an obvious lunatic with little or no credentials or  
>>no respectable background?

>But aren't we all agents provocateur in this forum? Would not  
>all of us encourage a military man with "real data" to divulge  
>it in contradiction of his sworn oath not to? Could not all of  
>us find a justification for such disclosure even knowing that it  
>is a violation of federal law? I certainly could... and would.

>We are all in possession of various "credentials". As I've said  
>before, Stanton Friedman is a scientist in Physics. In the UFO  
>field he is an advocate. He might just as well be a garbage man.  
>His credentials as a physicist are only marginally pertinent to  
>his stature as a UFO advocate.

>His advocacy is bolstered by his scientific method and dogged  
>determination... both borne of his experience as a physicist.  
>But his stature as a physicist does not add to his findings.  
>Even the garbage man could find the "smoking gun"  
>document... with zero "credentials".

>Keep in mind that Stan doesn't focus on the physics of UFOs. His  
>focus is on government knowledge... and the resulting  
>cover-up... not on physics. His background supports the method,  
>but not the meat.

I am truly puzzled by the characterizations of me that I have  
been seeing which seem to be based on gross generalizations  
based on very limited data. Kyle, and Brad, just how many of my



more than 700 lectures have you heard? More than 600 were to college and professional groups. Many people have told me that the reason they attended was my professional background and that the reason I seemed reasonable to them (only 11 hecklers) was my scientific approach. This can be judged by post lecture letters I have received from university and professional group sponsorss.

Just how many of my more than 80 publications have you read? Did you read my congressional testimony, my letters in Physics Today and Aeronautics and Astronautics, my more than 20 MUFON papers including

"Flying Saucers and Physics" and "Star Travel? YES" and "Ufology and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence"? Have you read the two articles about MJ-12 on my website:

<http://www.stanfriedman.com> ?

Am I an advocate? Of course I am, based on a careful review of evidence and data, referred to in my publications. I am certainly not a charismatic hand waver such as Richard Hoagland, for example.

Yes, I have spent a great deal of time at a total of 20 Archives to provide data on which to base judgments, such as that a number of the Tim Cooper MJ-12 documents are emulations and are not legitimate. I show the originals. Garbage picker? Can you be specific as to just what in the world this is supposed to mean? Have you read TOP SECRET/MAJIC with its 10 page bibliography?

>Einstein was a man of few credentials, and yet if his theories  
>were dismissed because if this, we'd be a much less-advanced  
>civilization.

He had plenty of credentials. His theories were accepted because they were validated by experiments...

>In the end, I think Stanton Friedman is an excellent example of  
>an agent provocateur, although probably not the kind you were  
>talking about. :)

Just what am I doing that qualifies me as an agent provocateur? Yes, professors have taught college courses on UFOs after hearing me speak. Yes, I have appeared in college classrooms touting my lecture that evening and often speaking of physics and flying saucers. I have talked to management clubs of such corporations as Lockheed, McDonnell Douglas, North American Rockwell, General Dynamics, Motorola, etc. My being a scientist is what made all the difference

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:43:14 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:43:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Shell

>From: Erik Albrektson <[jaspub.nul](mailto:jaspub.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:20:20 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>I believe that it is an entirely credible argument that,  
>although no individual photo is capable of making much impact on  
>the case for UFO's, the cumulative effect of thousands of such  
>photos taken over the past 60 years strongly supports the case  
>for the physical existence of "flying saucers".

Agreed. The sheer volume of sightings, combined with the photos, even though they aren't great (although in contrast to the overall thesis of the thread, I think many of them are pretty damned good, and often rejected because they're "too good") demands serious consideration, and pushes the "they're all hoaxes or defects" argument to the sharp, opposite-side edge of Occam's Razor.

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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:08:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:47:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - King

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:02:26 -0700  
>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 15:46:15 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30

<snip>

>>All Martian meteorites traveled here via very long elliptical  
>>routes (much longer than the 52 million miles to which you  
>>refer) with no protection from cosmic rays and solar wind, as  
>>evidenced by their cosmic ray exposure ages. The Cosmic Ray  
>>Exposure (CRE) age of a Martian meteorite is the length of time  
>>from ejection off Mars until its fall onto the Earth's surface.

>There may be a large uncertainty in our understanding of where  
>some of these meteorites, discovered mostly on Antarctica, came  
>from. As I understand it, there are 5 or 6 times as many found  
>from Mars as from the Moon. Why isn't the ratio at least that  
>much the other way around, considering the Moon's lesser gravity  
>than Mars and much greater proximity to Earth?

Jim,

The moon is much smaller than Mars. It attracts far fewer  
objects. Mars attracts many more objects with which to impact  
than the moon. Earth shields the moon from many objects which  
might have impacted it. For any impact debris to travel from the  
moon to Earth, it would have to leave the moon in a very narrow  
range of incident angles. For impact debris to travel from Mars  
to Earth would not require a direct angle, since it's so the  
debris could just float aimlessly until attracted by Mars'  
neighbor... Earth.

A more interesting question is whether there are Mars-type  
meteorites on the moon. While Earth shields it, some would  
logically have made it... most likely on the dark... or exposed  
to the "elements"... side.

I'm not arguing your larger point, but just addressing the  
comparison between the moon and Mars as sources of extra-  
terrestrial debris.

These aren't a pair of apples.

Best,

Kyle

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## Re: Follow Up On Origin Of Term 'Grays' - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 18:15:12 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:50:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Follow Up On Origin Of Term 'Grays' - Friedman

>From: David Chace <[davidwchace.nul](mailto:davidwchace.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 02:39:33 -0700  
>Subject: Follow Up On Origin of Term 'Grays'

<Snip>

>... and why >we call them that (Grays) today when in the  
>eighties they were known by more generic terms such as aliens,  
>humanoids or UFO occupants, or specific terms such as EBEs or  
>Zeta Reticulans. Also, if anyone knows of any books or articles  
>published before 1990 in which they are referred to as "Grays"  
>this would be helpful.

Having published "UFO Star Bases Discovered" in July, 1973, with the late B. Ann Slate Girona in SAGA which was I believe the first mention of Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli as the base stars noted in the Betty Hill star map, thanks to Marjorie Fish, I am curious if anybody is aware of a previous ufological mention of these two stars. My point is that it seems to me quite possible that all subsequent mentions date back to that and later publications. So how come all these supposed channelers of Zetans or Zeta Reticulans didn't start using these labels much closer in time to the Hill abduction in 1961??

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:27:44 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:53:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Jeff Westover <[frequentflier66.nul](mailto:frequentflier66.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:37:44 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:07:52 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 14:57:37 EDT  
>>>Subject: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

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>>In my experience and that of every serious colleague, the  
>>"aliens" (if that is what they are) have proven to be equal  
>>opportunity abductors. No social, educational, racial,  
>>intellectual, or other biases.

>I wholeheartedly agree with Dick on this issue. For the past  
>seven years I've worked with quite a number of abductees, UFO  
>experiencers and abduction researchers as a sketch artist and as  
>an illustrator for abduction-related autobiographies and media  
>productions. While a few of the individuals I've worked with had  
>a fair amount of creative talent (visually speaking) most  
>struggled to draw a simple stick man. Come to think of it, many  
>of the accounts of greys which I sketched for these same people,  
>in fact, resembled stick men! LOL! (Tippy the Turtle is much  
>more difficult to draw than a grey.)

>While earning a B.A. in Graphic Design from Central Michigan  
>University I often brought up the subject of UFOs and 'aliens'  
>with fellow classmates, my advisors and my faculty. Only two  
>faculty members and a half-dozen students admitted to any sort  
>of UFO experience.

>I really feel that those who have had or who are having repeated  
>encounters with the UFO phenomenon represent a sort of "anti-  
>demographic".

>As an interesting sidelight to this issue, I have found that  
>immediately following my own encounters I am much more  
>creatively charged and can quickly and easily render these  
>experiences without much effort. The imagery and experiences are  
>resonant for a day or two following the experience. I've often  
>wondered if the energies involved in these experiences affect  
>the brain's creative function in some way.

>Also, having gone through several hypnosis sessions with a  
>qualified hypnotherapist has had a similar effect. For a few  
>days following a session which I have looked into a consciously-  
>recalled encounter, I have felt and experienced that same  
>creative drive and can effortlessly render the experience.

Jeff,

There's some very interesting detail in your post.

Speaking from experience, transcendental experiences often result in a burst of creative energy.

Once one has been exposed to experience...anecdotal OR personal... which causes a great paradigm-shift, ones "mental barriers" to such phenomena are breached. This opens the mind to new possibilities. These new possibilities are incorporated into the conscious mind and manifest in clarity of vision, or in your case, a greater ability to interpret in your images these "new possibilities".

In my personal experience, the use of hallucinogens has often resulted in enhanced creative thought or, at the very least, a sense of clarity when pondering theoretical questions.

While the statistics might suggest that artists are no more likely than laymen to experience a UFO, I can easily suggest that those having had the experience would be more "artistic" as a result. I use artistic in the sense that art reflects a mind more "open" to possibilities, and less tied to concretes. Call it being a little more "abstract".

Art is the ability to interpret... through ones own lens... that which is.

I feel strongly that ET experience, like LSD, leads to mind expansion, and that in turn leads to increased "creativity". Your comments seem to support this feeling.

Great post!

Kyle

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Brock

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:42:37 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:00:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Brock

Hello List,

The following was recently posted to the comments section of my web-log

<http://aamb.blogspot.com>

in response to my own rather vociferous commentary there about Dr. Salla's astounding 'revelations'. I had just been reading the various posts to UpDates on the same subject, and even as I opened the following brief message, the thought was occurring to me:

From: "Anonymous" <[anonymous-comment.nul](mailto:anonymous-comment.nul)>  
To: [humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)  
Subject: [Aliens Ate My Buick] 7/30/2004 09:49:32 AM  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 09:49:56 -0700 (PDT)

"You were uncertain of Salla's motivation. Then consider this sequence - level headed, well educated, astute political scientist looks around for new research project. Political science examines, in part, how opinions are formed, especially how group opinions are formed. Indeed, how gullible is the public? That is a question that is of considerable interest to politicians and by extension to political scientists. So set up a site that promotes the more outrageous ET/UFO concepts and watch the reactions role in. I can hardly wait for the first peer reviewed paper to emerge from this field study!"

I stated that the very same thought was occurring to me as I opened the above message. Yet, after pondering over it, I realized that even though the thought had been lingering in the back of my noodle, I had almost unconsciously chosen to leave it back there, choosing to discount it.

I asked myself: why I should reject the possibility that he's trying to be Jane Goodall, and is trying to make us the chimps? I haven't really got a clearcut answer, but I think it's mostly an ethical sort of thing. Former academic sets forth a blatant fabrication for the perusal of the masses, as part of a think-tank study or something...it just seems wrong. It's like the flip side of the coin, where the ufologist sends up a fake UFO to gauge reaction during and after the launch. It might prove some points, but heaven knows, there's so much "noise to signal" in ufology, that making some more just to prove a point seems wrong.

Plus, the American public are half-wits. I'd venture that the average American doesn't have the attention span to get through one of Dr. Salla's study papers. Too many distractions. Work, kids, Taco Bell, the Mall, pornography, on and on.....

I'll come back to this shortly.

I have the sense that a rather more sinister scenario than the above Jane Goodall scenario is what Brad Sparks is getting at in his latest input on this thread. Let's consider a definition of "Agent Provocateur:"



"An agent provocateur is a person assigned to provoke unrest, violence, debate or argument by or within a group while acting as a member of the group but covertly representing the interests of another. In general, agents provocateur seek to secretly disrupt a group's activities from within the group."

(I got this definition at a very handy online resource I sometimes use for quick reference:

<http://explanation-guide.info/>)

So, Brad's suggestion is that Michael Salla, credentialed political scientist, former professor, purported current researcher at Washington University, comes out with this nut-job thesis about how 50-odd alien races currently have their "fingers" in our collective pie, in cahoots with a mostly military "black" government, all of this unbeknownst to the President, the person on the street, and to most "serious ufologists." He also puts together a website devoted to further evaluation of the political implications of this nut-job thesis. All completely serious, presented in characteristically dry academic style (which makes it seem all the more ludicrous, in my opinion).

The purpose of all of this, if Michael Salla does, indeed, represent an "agent provocateur," would be "... to to provoke unrest, violence, debate or argument by or within a group [ufologists] while acting as a member of the group [UFO Updates List Member, website devoted to the cause] but covertly representing the interests of another..." [the black government, who wants to misdirect us so we don't uncover their UFO secrets]. Salla, in short, is acting like... "a member of the group in order to secretly disrupt the group's activities from within the group."

If this is what Brad is getting at, then I have to confess, with all due respect, that this is way, way outside my paradigm. Maybe I'm a dupe - I'll always allow for that possibility. But it just doesn't feel like the right answer. I could go on to rationalize my thinking on this, but there seems little point, as I doubt if it would sway anyone with the opposite position.

Now, returning to the other scenario, suggested by the individual who posted anonymously to my weblog - let's suppose Michael Salla wishes to study how the additional excreta he has deposited in the punchbowl/cesspool of the internet diffuses into modern society, especially into the tiny, tiny circle comprising "serious ufologists." If so, all I can say is that I've been in this biz for a quite a while, and I've seen lots of 'floaty unmentionables' come and go. This is just more of the same - perhaps somewhat 'smarmier' than the average, but still probably on the bell curve.

Let's suppose we're being studied. If so, that means Dr. Salla (or maybe some overworked grad student) is reading, right now. Here, then, is my commentary:

If you're wondering whether this will be kicked around for a while: Yes, for a while, and then something else will come along. If you're wondering whether 'fringe elements' will eat it up: We shall see. They often do. If you're wondering if it will diffuse it's way into mainstream society, so that soccer moms and pizza boys are pondering it day and night: I bloody well doubt it. They have the television, and endless other distractions, and they have probably been desensitized to the inane by looking at the Weekly World News while standing in line at the grocery store.

If gold digging is your motive, Dr. Salla, buy yourself a gross of Maglights and find some lonely widows with spiritual inclinations and head for the Elysium fields of Scotland to vector some UFOs - at \$2000 a head, payable by MC/VISA/Amex in advance (not including airfare or accomodations, of course).

Rod Brock

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import.

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From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:49:46 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:04:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 21:12:27 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:07:52 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 14:57:37 EDT  
>>>Subject: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>>I just recalled that I had read several references wherein it  
>>>was suggested and noted that artists were often the target of  
>>>abduction. That the only common denominator for abductees was  
>>>that the majority were artists of some sort.

>>>If anyone has data on this please let me know.

>>That is simply not so. Every so often some ill-informed or  
>>misguided person makes ridiculous claims like that, which are  
>>not justified by any facts or statistics. At one point Kevin  
>>Randle (though he is a serious and respectable researcher)  
>>argued - quite falsely in my judgment - that a high percentage of  
>>abductees were homosexuals.

>>In my experience and that of every serious colleague, the  
>>"aliens" (if that is what they are) have proven to be equal  
>>opportunity abductors. No social, educational, racial,  
>>intellectual, or other biases.

>But we have already determined, in an exchange on this List a  
>couple of years ago, that this is not so, and that there is a  
>considerable under-representation of Black people amongst UFO  
>abductees, for whatever reason.

John,

Very interesting point.

Perhaps black is a very common color among extra-terrestrial  
species, so those on Earth offer little of interest to the  
abductors. Perhaps white folks get abducted so much because  
we're the odd ones who require study.

Or perhaps "Grays" are considered inferior due to their "white"  
ingredient, and they abduct whites to determine if there is a  
genetic component preventing them from attaining their "true"  
blackness.

Half-joking, but plausible...

Kyle

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Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 21:54:21 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:07:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 21:12:27 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

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>couple of years ago, that this is not so, and that there is a  
>considerable under-representation of Black people amongst UFO  
>abductees, for whatever reason.

Speak for yourself, John. In my own limited studies, at least compared to Hopkins and Jacobs, I have encountered and worked with several Black abductees in the Greater Washington, D.C., area. They have included a star college athlete, a middle class woman, and an inner city Black girl of poor educational background (but impressively reporting exactly the same sort of thing).

When you say there is a considerable under-representation of Blacks, once again there are no hard statistics to justify such a statement that I am aware of.

- Dick

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Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 17:08:15 -0500  
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Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

>From: Mary Chapman <[alfiel07.nul](mailto:alfiel07.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:12:07 -0700  
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>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 12:45:07 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

><snip>

>>Once more you provide not just an answer, but some illumination.

>>Now, your audiences might be pegged as being a little more  
>>accepting than the average person, but I think your informal  
>>"survey" includes some meaningful information indeed.

>>So, among attendees you get a fairly consistent 10% saying they  
>>have seen a UFO as you describe them... and further find that 1%  
>>has actually reported their sighting.

>>Taking your example of a lecture with 2000 attendees, that would  
>>indicate that 200 have seen, and 20 have reported. Those are  
>>sobering numbers. Out of 2000 attendees there are 180 untold UFO  
>>stories.

>>Even if one dismisses 90% as misidentified mundane phenomena,  
>>that leaves 18 untold stories...per 2000 attendees.

>>It appears that volumes of UFO information have yet to be  
>>unearthed, just among the huddled masses.

>>Your comment on "belief questions" finds no dissent with me.

>I, as a normal citizen, have had at least five sightings, and  
>only reported one. I was told that it was space garbage, so I  
>never bothered to report again, even though each sighting was  
>different.

>Therefore, it isn't even a matter of how many people have had  
>sightings, but how many actual sightings!? The number may get  
>staggering when this figure gets added to the data!

Mary,

Exactly right! If a concerted effort on an official level were  
made to investigate these phenomena... a la MJ-12 or Blue  
Book... today, perhaps the response would be over-whelming. I  
can imagine that many would come forth who now do not, if they  
felt that their experience would be met with interest and  
investigatory zeal rather than derision and dismissal.

I'm reminded again of tales of rogue waves... incessantly dismissed as fable, only to recently be proven real once the (technologically improved) eyes of true science were brought to bear.

Now it appears that rogue waves happen so often that it is amazing that they are not reported more frequently. I don't find it amazing at all. Like the airline pilot who sees a UFO, the "smart thing to do" is to shut up about it.

That must change before any meaningful investigation can bear fruit.

The stories we have heard are compelling. The stories we haven't heard could very well prove to be life-altering.

Our best hope is to create an environment...this environment... to invite those "untold stories".

There's still a lot of work to do however...:)

Kyle

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## Re: Team To Study Tunguska To Prove It Was UFO -

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:40:21 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:15:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Team To Study Tunguska To Prove It Was UFO -

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 12:53:14 EDT  
>Subject: Team To Study Tunguska To Prove It Was UFO

>Pravda: Team To Study Famed Tungus Event To Prove It Was A UFO

The online 'Pravda', and the former communist relic, 'Pravda', are two separate entities, I should point out. The online Pravda is a sensational tabloid. This was established by inquiries made by Chris Aubeck to two of our Ukrainian Colleagues, Mikhail Gershtein, and Vladimir Rubtsov. That the online Pravda should focus in on a story of this sort is not surprising.

>This story states that a scientific team lit out for Tungus  
>last week to gather 'evidences' that the famed blast was not  
>caused by a meteorite but a UFO.

Morons. Make a sensational hypothesis completely opposed to the body of evidence gathered through serious scientific research over the last century or so, and go tramping out to the Tungusk to "prove" that "hypothesis." Probability of claims of success: High. Probability of actual success: Unknown. Probably zero.

>This ought to be fun to keep an eye on.

Naw. Bring me a bucket. <:-O[r.a.l.p.h.]

>With luck they'll find the impact site,

There was no impact site. The object seems to have "airburst."  
This is not uncommon for meteors, in general; this was just a very massive body, which accounts for the high energy yield and the resulting widespread destruction.

>some debris

meaning whatever they care to shove in a baggy and call "possible flying saucer debris," for reasons opaque to most sentient beings.

>then turn it into a tourist attraction.

<LOL> A fortnight in deepest Siberia, being preyed on by mosquitoes as big as yer head, while suffering from trench-foot, and living off trail rations!

Rod Brock

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## Re: Secrecy News -- 07/28/04 - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 18:36:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:17:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 07/28/04 - King

>From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 12:57:03 -0400  
>Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/28/04

<snip>

>SECRECY "PROBLEMATIZED" IN CRITICAL INQUIRY

>Critical Inquiry, a journal published by the University of  
>Chicago, is perhaps the preeminent academic venue for the  
>pursuit of "theory," which means something like the  
>conceptualization and analysis of cultural, literary and other  
>problems. Theory is by definition abstract and is generally one  
>or more steps removed from everyday life and practical politics.

>So it is noteworthy that government secrecy is the subject of a  
>paper in the forthcoming issue of the journal.

>Author Peter Galison, a distinguished historian of science at  
>Harvard, reviews recent classification practices and then asks  
>what epistemological assumptions are implicit in the act of  
>censoring, or classifying, particular items of information. The  
>classifier, he suggests, relies on a discredited "atomic" theory  
>of knowledge.

>"Contra the logical positivists and their allies, it is  
>precisely not possible to reduce meaningful language to discrete  
>enunciations. Communication -- at least meaningful, verifiable  
>communication -- cannot be rendered into a sequence of protocol  
>statements. But such a conception of knowledge is exactly what  
>lies behind the classifiers' imaginary," he writes.

>"At the root of this theory of punctiform knowledge excision  
>stands a fundamental instability."

>Dig it.

<snip>

Ok...that rips it. I have to get me a "Punctiform Knowledge  
Excision THIS!!!" T-shirt... (ahem)

Kyle

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## The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 00:51:17 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:19:39 -0400  
Subject: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

List,

If there was one UFO photo, out of the thousands, which one would it be that you would put forward as the nearest to an unexplained, structured object unknown to this earth?

Roy

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## Re: Cose-Up Photos - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 00:58:00 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:21:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cose-Up Photos - Hale

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:35:51 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>Yes, I was just using my common sense and what I've learned by  
>our photographic field work which tells me how truly anomalous  
>UFOs present photographically. Photographed models and  
>airbrushed images never have what it takes.

Mr Stanford,

Can you tell me if your book, Look Up, is still in publication?

I would like to read a copy of it, can you point me to one?

Regards,

Roy

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 20:04:21 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:23:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Boone

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 12:45:07 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 22:52:58 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>>Does anyone have something that could be called a good statistic  
>>on the percentage of the world population... and more  
>>specifically the US... has actually stated that they have seen a  
>>UFO... something they believe couldn't have been from "around  
>>here"?

>I have checked many hundreds of lecture audiences - some as big  
>as 2,000... colleges, professional groups etc at the end of my  
>"Flying Saucers ARE Real!" lectures.

>"How many here believe they have seen what I would describe as a  
>flying saucer, as I described earlier?. I count out loud.  
>Typically it is 10% of the people present. Then I ask "How many  
>of you have reported what you have seen?" Typically 10% of the  
>10%. Then I ask how many of the small group were in the military  
>at the time and if they want to tell the rest of us about it.  
>Get some great stories and wonderful lines like "I can't ; they  
>told me not to say anything." or "They took my pictures" etc.

>>I find stats on those who believe that UFOs exist all over the  
>>place, but while that seems to be a valuable statistic to a  
>>sociologist, it seems equally worthless in any scientific UFO  
>>context.

>>And I'm also very weary of the "message from the space  
>>brothers" testimony. While I am unable to label it false, lest  
>>I incur anywrath should they be right, it eludes my grasp due  
>>to the gargantuan grain of salt accompanying it. Alas, my  
>>prejudice revealed.

>Belief questions require a better word than UFO. In one  
>classroom of 100 students asked to respond with their eyes  
>closed, 80% said they thought most people didn't think any UFOs  
>were ET Spacecraft, whereas 80% of the group did think some  
>were.....

Once again Mr. Friedman saves the day.

I'm reading this post and I get to the 'military' personell who  
can't disclose something.

I must know a dozen or two bona fide military who've told me to  
my face they couldn't talk about the UFO issue because of some  
oath, agreement, threat of prosecution and at best, " You'll  
find out on a need to know basis."

If we were looking for 'proof' of a coverup and conspiracy that's it in a nutshell. Case closed, put a fork in it.

It reminded me of Mr. Friedman's lectures. He says during his lectures of a 'Cosmic Watergate'. Guess what? There's proof for that in spades.

If we all combined the number of interviewees who are bona fide military, we'd win this argument hands down.

So where do we stand? In the court of public opinion we win, if we took our collected evidence to a court of law we'd win, in a scientific debate we'd lose? Correct me if I'm wrong.

I suggest everyone buy extra copies of Mr. Friedman's DVDs and just show them to your interviewees 'after' they've given you their accounts, signed the affidavits etc. ( to avoid being accused of 'suggestion' and 'contamination' ). Just get extra copies to send out to groups and do some footwork. In his lectures he not only points out the timeline but the names of folks who held or still hold government posts whom we can easily in most cases check to see if valid. Many of these names are famous in their own right.

Proof of a conspiracy? Noooo doubt.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Detecting UFOs Through The Use Of 'Passive'

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 19:41:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:27:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Detecting UFOs Through The Use Of 'Passive'

>From: Peter B. Davenport - National UFO Reporting Center <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 11:19:45 -0700  
>Subject: Detecting UFOs Through The Use Of 'Passive' Radar

>I have posted to the NUFORC website the paper I wrote for the  
>MUFON Symposium in Denver earlier this month. It pertains to the  
>remote detection of UFOs through the use of 'passive' radar.

>In addition, I copy below some links to URLs, which discuss the  
>issue of passive radar:

>[http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/radar\\_stealth\\_010614.html](http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/DailyNews/radar_stealth_010614.html)  
>[http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/03\\_42/b3854113.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/03_42/b3854113.htm)  
><http://www.dtic.mil/ndia/jaws/sentry.pdf>  
><http://rrsl.ee.washington.edu/>  
><http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,1282,16762,00.html>  
><http://www.crows.org/Events/2003/PCR/general.htm>  
>[http://www.crows.org/Events/2003/PCR/PCR03\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www.crows.org/Events/2003/PCR/PCR03_Agenda.pdf)  
><http://www.ifp.uiuc.edu/~smherman/darpa/>  
><http://www.zilker.net/~crossley/NAVSPASUR/>

>If my thesis is correct, the application of 'passive' radar will  
>allow us to resolve the issue of whether UFOs visit our planet.

>I have been in touch with the University of Washington  
>professor, who has operated a 'passive' radar system since 1998,  
>and we are working toward building a system that will be  
>tailored to detect satellites, space debris, and other targets  
>within several hundred miles of Earth.

>I invite your comments.

A fabulous idea far beyond any success/failure measure.....

SETI represents the "alternative" science-driven ETH group to the one best represented in this forum. SETI enjoys an air of legitimacy for several reasons. The high-tech equipment they employ, the elegant simplicity of pointing an ear to the sky and... waiting... for a signal from "them". However improbable the SETI model may be, it enjoys great acclaim and admiration from the masses.

If "our" kind of ufology were provided a medium for involving average citizens in the search for UFOs, using existing equipment, the popular response could be overwhelming.

A different sort of "SETI.nul". Who would have imagined ITS popularity?

I see this as a true populist action. A true scientific endeavor worthy of outside attention, and likely to get it.

Bravo!! And the lowly cell phone proves once again its value. :)

Kyle



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## Return to Magonia Project Website Updated

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 18:07:30 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:31:49 -0400  
Subject: Return to Magonia Project Website Updated

UFO related clippings from 1951 and 1952 are now online.

<http://embark.to/magonia>

Rod Brock

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## Re: Apollo 16 Film - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 22:18:47 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:33:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film - Balaskas

>From: James Oberg <[joberg.nul](mailto:joberg.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 8 Mar 2004 12:28:20 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film - Oberg

<snip>

>Late last month there was a high level of message traffic about  
>a JSE article concerning the Apollo-16 video with an anomalous  
>image, and there was considerable speculation - prior to anyone  
>actually seeing the article, apparently - about what was claimed  
>in it, and what was proved.

>Through the generosity of two colleagues I obtained a copy of  
>that article and posted my comments on February 26, here:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/feb/m26-007.shtml>

<snip>

>I hope in coming days others will be able to examine the actual  
>article, compare it with my comments, and resume the discussion  
>at a much more productive level.

Hi Jim!

Thanks to a letter from U.S. Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger of Maryland to NASA regarding the Apollo 16 UFO film footage, we now have an official explanation for this anomalous image that looks like a domed flying saucer in the immediate vicinity of the Moon.

Responding to a request from Congress, Gregory Byrne, leader of the Image Science and Analysis Group at Johnson Space Center with five others closely examined the actual Apollo 16 film and they concluded that this UFO was actually a floodlight that was attached to the Command Module by a boom that was hidden in the shadows.

According to the article 'The Truth Is Out There' written by Beth Dickey that appears on page 11 of the August/September 2004 issue of 'Air&Space Smithsonian', this group also searched NASA's archives from other missions and found similar images. Do these "similar images" also look like domed flying saucers and could all these also be explained as spacecraft floodlights used for space walks and other EVAs?

Unless we can get to read the report, if any, by this group of NASA experts, we should not be quick to disregard all the different explanations that others, including yourself and Hiroshi Nakamura previously published and later proposed on UFO Updates or to us by private e-mails. Any chance of obtaining a copy of this report from JSC in Houston and make it available to ufologists and space researchers?

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 23:43:39 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:36:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Balaskas

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 21:58:59 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 21:35:08 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>>To my knowledge, there is not a single case where two or more  
>>unrelated people captured either close-up or mid-range photos of  
>>the same UFO on approximately the same time and day but from  
>>different locations. Even at public gatherings such as airshows  
>>and sporting events where nearly everyone has a camera, there is  
>>not a single case of a close-up or mid-range photos of the same  
>>UFO. This fact is amazing in itself considering nearly everyone  
>>has seen a UFO! Featureless distant lights or blobs, such as the  
>>multiple UFOs in the sky over Mexico that behaved like a flock  
>>of seagulls, captured by many on video are more common but  
>>easily explained as IFOs.

>In Gulf Breeze (gulp!) from Nov 1990 through July 1992 there  
>were about 170 sightings of "bubba" recorded by numerous  
>witnesses. In many of these sightings there were multiple  
>cameras and videocameras, sometimes from widely separated (miles  
>apart) locations, which allowed for triangulation. The most  
>interesting recorded phenomena were rings of light or structured  
>light images, not just dots. During the evening of Sept 16,  
>1991, I was a witness to a ring of lights that appeared in the  
>sky for about 70 seconds. I didn't call the guys in white coats  
>to come and take me away (ho ho...ha ha) because there were  
>about 30 other people and the ring was photographed (telephoto  
>lens) and videotaped (zoomed in and out) and the comments by  
>witnesses were recorded during the sighting (including my own).  
>A crude triangulation suggested a distance of several thousand  
>feet to a mile or so, implying some size (many feet to tens of  
>feet) of the ring. This is all described at:

><http://brumac.8k.com>

>Scroll down to "Red Bubba comes to Gulf Breeze". This is not as  
>good as a daytime close up photo of a craft in full detail, but  
>certainly something was there that was unusual.

Hi Bruce!

Even though Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze, Florida and Billy Meier  
of Switzerland are among the very few "repeaters" that have  
taken numerous close-up and mid-range photos of UFOs over long  
periods of time, there are no multiple pictures of the same  
UFO incidents taken by others, including neighbours or friends  
who were also present and claimed to have had the same close  
encounters with structured craft at close range.

As for pictures of suspicious distant spots or star-like objects  
in the sky taken by multiple witnesses at approximately the same

times and from the same geographic locations, these are common but there remains many questions such as whether it was the same object or UFO that was photographed. Even if one or more people were to snap a picture of a distant UFO in the sky over Gulf Breeze on the same day and time that Ed Walters claimed to have had a close encounter, this too would not be compelling evidence of anything out of the ordinary.

Incredible close-up and mid-range photos of structured UFOs continue to be taken, including some from Marmora, Ontario a few years ago that reminded us of Ed Walter's (gulp!) "Bubba". A similar close-up UFO sighting/abduction took place under the same misty conditions at a park east of Marmora in nearby Actinolite (a radiating mineral common to this area), Ontario back in 1973. Although ever year thousands of pilgrims visit a shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Marmora where many of the faithful claim to see visions of things in the sky or to have experienced the Fatima-like "Miracle of the Sun", close-up and mid-range pictures of UFOs by mutiple witnesses are lacking here too.

Just how should ufology deal with incredible close-up photos of UFOs that are always taken by one individual or the pictures by other individuals, often from the same country or region of the world, whose UFOs look very different to the UFOs in the pictures taken by the other repeaters?

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Ratsch

From: Donald Ratsch <[sts48.nul](mailto:sts48.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 01:03:33 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:39:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack - Ratsch

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 21:59:21 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Bible Predicts Alien Attack

>>From: Donald Ratsch <[sts48.nul](mailto:sts48.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 25 Jul 2004 10:58:58 -0400  
>>Subject: Bible Predicts Alien Attack

>>Bible Predicts Alien Attack

><snip>

>>Could the 1991 NASA STS-48 Starwars footage be a precursor to  
>>Daniel 8:9,10?

>>Some UFO enthusiasts interpret the STS-48 footage (that was  
>>shown on "Sightings", "Hardcopy", "Encounters", "The Larry King  
>>Show", etc) as several alien spacecraft being fired on by U.S.  
>>Starwars technology (probably Brilliant Pebbles) but missed.

>"Brilliant Pebbles" was a concept - not an actual operational  
>system - for defense against ballistic missiles. The "pebbles"  
>were intended to be small rocket powered homing devices that  
>>would to smash into a missile. "Not operational" means that  
>there is no "pebbles" system in space.

>Other "enthusiasts" have claimed that the STS-48 "streaks light"  
>that move rapidly in the direction of one of the objects (that  
>changed direction and seemed to head away from the earth) were  
>particle beams from particle beam weapons. This suggestion makes  
>no sense when one considers that the particles in particle beams  
>(a) cannot be seen in space (no atmosphere to glow) and (b)  
>travel at the speed of light (nearly) and would go so fast they  
>couldn't be recorded in several frames of a video (they  
>particules would go through the field of view in less than one  
>frame time).

>>Strangely, in 1991 the Alpha High Energy Laser (HEL) death-ray  
>>demonstrated megawatt class power levels in a low pressure, space  
>>operation environment:

>><http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/program/sbl.htm>

>>the same year as the STS-48 incident, 1991.

>Interesting coincidence... but so what? The "Alpha" laser  
>operated in a low pressure (much higher than space) chamber that  
>required a supporting installation larger than a football field.  
>Also, the beam was completely contained inside the buildings  
>that housed the laser. The FAS site listed above has a lot of  
>pretty pictures... but that's all they are.

>The space based laser program has been largely shelved for the  
>last 5 years. There is no laser weapon (high power laser) in  
>space.

Well, far be it from me to argue with Dr Maccabee on space

weapons like the H.e.l. Laser. But I am sure that the U.S. is researching and developing the Electromagnetic Pulse weapon or some other exotic space weapon via some black project. The Russians are certainly not sitting on their thumbs.

If there are aliens and disc ET craft coming into our atmosphere as most of us believe, then it can't be assumed that all of them are benign. True they haven't attacked earth, like in the War of the Worlds yet although there have been incidences that could be interpreted as hostile like the Fort Itaipu case.

Since there are trillions of planets in billions of solar systems in our galaxy and others, there undoubtedly are many visitors yet to explore here that have never been here before, thus more soil sampling. Can anyone guarantee that all of them will be benevolent?

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Webre

From: Alfred Webre <[EcoRadio.nul](mailto:EcoRadio.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 02:04:42 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:45:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Webre

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 19:47:38 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:33:20 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Moderator

>Many List submissions from subscribers arrive here  
>minus a name before the <[name.nul](mailto:name.nul)> in the 'From: '.  
>In those cases I add the name - often from memory.

>In the case of:

>>From: Alfred Webre <Exopolitics <[exopolitics.nul](mailto:exopolitics.nul)>  
>>To: [media.nul](mailto:media.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 06:10:28 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>which I posted Mon, 26 Jul 2004 20:53:47 -0400 - and relying on  
>my memory - I inserted Alfred Webre's name in the header.

>My memory failed me.

>The submission actually came from Dr. Michael Salla.

>My apologies to Alfred Webre, Michael Salla and the  
>List for not verifying who the address actually belonged to.

>Any future responses sent to the List will have the correction  
>made.

>Errol Bruce-Knapp  
>Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

>Errol,

>Very interesting! Now I wonder what Alfred Webre thinks about  
>the fact, as he himself reported it to the List, that Salla  
>explicitly denied sending the post. Curiouser and curiouser when  
>it comes to Salla's credibility.

>- Dick

Dear List - I am very grateful to Errol for his clarification.

Here is Dr. Michael Salla's email to me: "As far as the UFO  
updates message from Errol is concerned, I'm glad it resolved  
itself well, and was only an innocent case of mistaken identity.  
I'm sure it will happen from time to time so we'll just have to  
educate the public about our respective websites."

Dr. Michael Salla's website is:

<http://www.exopolitics.org>

My website is:

Exopolitics.com

Politics, Government and Law in the Universe. It is located at:

<http://www.exopolitics.com>

The "exopolitics" model may be helpful in approaching many of the issues those researchers who are interested in the off-planet cultures (OPC) question may have. The exopolitics model functionally maps the operation of politics, government and law in an intelligent Universe, and provides an operational bridge between models of terrestrial politics, government and law, and the larger models of politics, government and law in Universe society. Exopolitics is an emerging inter-disciplinary field, and draws on many legitimate sources.

Exopolitics.com is a resource site for the exopolitics model. Contents include: Politics, Government, and Law in the Universe - Exopolitics Live Radio - Exopolitics TV - Exopolitics News - Exoarchaeology/Exobiology News - Exopolitics Features - Introduction to Exopolitics - Exopolitics Resources

Here, for example, is an excerpt from article posted on Exopolitics.com today, in our Exoarchaeology/Exobiology section:

'Directed Panspermia' suggests that life may be distributed by an advanced extraterrestrial civilization. Crick and Orgel argued that DNA encapsulated within small grains could be fired in all directions by such a civilization in order to spread life within the universe. Their abstract in the 1973 Icarus paper reads:

"It now seems unlikely that extraterrestrial living organisms could have reached the earth either as spores driven by the radiation pressure from another star or as living organisms imbedded in a meteorite. As an alternative to these nineteenth-century mechanisms, we have considered Directed Panspermia, the theory that organisms were deliberately transmitted to the earth by intelligent beings on another planet. We conclude that it is possible that life reached the earth in this way, but that the scientific evidence is inadequate at the present time to say anything about the probability. We draw attention to the kinds of evidence that might throw additional light on the topic."

From, Search for Life in the Universe: Panspermia hypothesis  
"Francis Crick Remembered"  
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Hope you will visit Exopolitics.com often,

Alfred Webre, JD, MEd  
Exopolitics.com  
Vancouver, B.C.

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:00:19 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:47:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:54:18 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 20:53:06 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 22:52:58 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>>One indicator is that the Condon Committee contractor survey  
>>found that only 13% of those polled would report their sighting  
>>to anyone. This might mean we have to apply a magnification  
>>factor of about 8x to the number of reports we have, to estimate  
>>the total number when including those that were not reported.  
>>However this polling statistic is heavily influenced by the  
>>exact wording of the question, and issues such as strangeness  
>>level. I think that up to a point the more "strange" the  
>>sighting the more likely it will be reported, because the  
>>strangeness impels the observer to report but only up to a  
>>certain point where this effect reverses and the UFO event is so  
>>strange that it won't be reported because of the strangeness  
>>factor itself (e.g., probably most CE III entity cases are not  
>>reported). We might actually have, therefore, most of the  
>>landing and simple CE I cases and Daylight Discs, but not most  
>>lights in the sky and entity cases at opposite ends of the  
>>strangeness spectrum. The lights in the sky being too trivial to  
>>report and the entities too shocking and discrediting to report.  
>>It would be nice to have quantitative data to back up these  
>>impressions but I know of no studies realistically attempting  
>>it.

>Brad,

>Very thorough analysis. I'll read your articles on this subject  
>with interest.

>Your numbers seem to support Stan's more informal survey, or at  
>least they do not argue.

<snip>

Kyle,

Yes, Stan mentioned a 10% reporting rate (90% of his audiences  
said they would not report). However, his audiences are self-  
selected to be interested in the UFO subject so that biases the  
sample in ways that just cannot be extended to the whole  
population, and just cannot be relied upon in that way. And  
these might be IFO's in an unknown number of cases, or just

memory errors. There is a lot to be said for a case to be reported immediately after it occurs.

Vallee's "hilltop" effect is what I am referring to, where the reporting rate increases as the type of UFO case increases in strangeness, but only up to a point, and then it gets too strange to report. Unfortunately I think neither Vallee or I or anyone else has any stats to back it up, it's just an impression from our experience with the UFO data and in investigating cases.

Brad

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:07:49 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:49:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Sparks

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:15:07 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 21:33:42 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 15:09:46 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

<snip>

>>Suppose you were the government and you wanted to stop UFO  
>>researchers from getting at your UFO secrets, whatever they  
>>were. What would you do? Seriously, you can't stop them by  
>>killing them all, not even the most rabid conspiracy theorist  
>>thinks that. So what would you do? Would you issue "orders" to  
>>UFO researchers saying "This is the U.S. Government: You are  
>>hereby ordered to cease and desist all efforts to seek our UFO  
>>secrets"??? That very action of issuing provocative orders  
>>publicly would reveal the very thing you were trying to conceal  
>>-- the existence of UFO secrets covered up by the US Government.

>>So what would you do?

>>Have you ever heard of the concept of the "agent provocateur"?  
>>If you research the history and the definitions (the  
>>dictionaries are often much narrower than the actual history of  
>>use of such agents) the "agent provocateur" is:

>>Agent Provocateur:

>>"Someone who intentionally encourages people working against a  
>>government to do something incriminating or discrediting."

>>Any ideas how that could apply within the UFO community?

>>Would an "agent provocateur" usually have good credentials, or  
>>would he be an obvious lunatic with little or no credentials or  
>>no respectable background?

>Brad,

>Good points.

>But aren't we all agents provocateur in this forum? Would not  
>all of us encourage a military man with "real data" to divulge  
>it in contradiction of his sworn oath not to? Could not all  
>us find a justification for such disclosure even knowing that it  
>is a violation of federal law? I certainly could... and would.

>We are all in possession of various "credentials". As I've said  
>before, Stanton Friedman is a scientist in Physics. In the UFO

>field he is an advocate. He might just as well be a garbage man.  
>His credentials as a physicist >are only marginally pertinent to  
>his stature as a UFO advocate.  
<snip>

Kyle,

Well as you indicate in what I snipped out this isn't exactly what I meant by "agent provocateur" in the UFO community. You are taking it in the sense of someone provoking people to stimulate thinking in a good way. I am referring to those who pose as credible people who associate and mix the UFO community then spout off discrediting nonsense so that the whole UFO community is perceived as discredited.

Stan may be playing down his physicist background because of years of being disparaged as the "nuts and bolts" man in UFO research.

Brad

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## Re: Congrats To UFO Magazine & Platinum Studios -

From: Colin Stevenson <[colswweb.nul](mailto:colswweb.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:17:08 +0100 (BST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:50:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Congrats To UFO Magazine & Platinum Studios -

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 21:15:30 EDT  
>Subject: Congrats To UFO Magazine & Platinum Studios

>[http://platinumstudios.com/press/ufomag\\_hr\\_061804.php](http://platinumstudios.com/press/ufomag_hr_061804.php)

>Congrats to the folks at UFO Magazine.

>Glad you guys worked something out.

>Will be looking forward to what shakes from this  
>tree!

Lets hope they recompense the folk who were abducted by ET or  
'messed with' by Military and suffered to give the Magazine  
information.

Col

<http://www.colswweb.com/webcam/pic/6789texjoe6.htm>

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## Any Help For S.E.F.I.?

From: Ray Dickenson <[editor.nul](mailto:editor.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:30:42 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:55:00 -0400  
Subject: Any Help For S.E.F.I.?

### NEWS

"What evidence is there for the existence of other intelligence in the universe?"

The savants of S.E.F.I (Search for Extra-Formic Intelligence) unanimously agree the answer is "NONE".

For not one provable record has ever been found of the mythical "giant descending boot" or "boiling water from the sky" (tho' some claim such far-fetched cataclysms would leave few survivors).

Rigorous antian science (i.e that accepted by at least a thousand nests for at least ten years) decided the question. For none of the crazy rumors met with that requirement.

Accordingly, any ants repeating those rumors will be tried by the "Un-Antian Activities Commission" and could be found guilty of working for the "Weevil Empire" (i.e. any other hives or nests with nectar we want). [endquote]

Could any Listian find a "scientific" way of enlightening S.E.F.I.?

[this question provoked by first few pages of "Is Anyone Out There? The Scientific Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence" - Frank Drake, Dava Sobel]

Cheers

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>
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## Re: Varginha Again - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 10:43:39 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:00:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Bourdais

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:01:49 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 16:50:03 +0200  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 18:41:45 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

<snip>

>>BTW, talking of bad cases, I recommend that you take out of your  
>>excellent book "The UFO Evidence" the Ummo case, which is known  
>>worldwide to be a hoax. The authors of the fake landing of  
>>Alluche (1966) and of the fake pictures of San Jose de Valdeiras  
>>(1967) were unmasked long ago by spanish ufologists.

>Where in The UFO Evidence do you see anything about the Ummo  
>case? It's certainly not in either volume to my knowledge, at  
>least in any positive way, since it is a well-known hoax as you  
>say.

>As for Alluche (1966) if you look at my footnotes the case was  
>reported by Ballester-Olmos and attributed to him. If it was  
>later discredited, that information did not reach me or anyone  
>else that I know, and that is simply a sign of poor  
>communications among UFOlogists.

Dick,

Most Spanish ufologists, including Ballester-Olmos, will confirm  
to you that the Alluche alleged landing traces were hoaxed by  
two men, who have been exposed and have admitted their hoax,  
Jordan Pena and Ortuno.

I've said that on this List more than once.

Let me quote my own message of October 9, 2002. In it, I gave  
the link where the whole story has been told very clearly by  
Manuel Carballal, in a text called, The Ummo Affaire: Sects,  
Saucers, Sex and Secret Services.

It is on the Inexplicata web site:

[http://www.inexplicata.com/samizdat/winter97/ummo\\_affaire.html](http://www.inexplicata.com/samizdat/winter97/ummo_affaire.html)

>And I don't even know the case San Jose de Valdeiras (1967).  
> The only 1967 photo case I report is Jan. 24, Yorba Linda,  
>California.

>What version of The UFO Evidence are you reading?

Yes, I made a mistake. You did mention Alluche, in The UFO Evidence 2001 edition, page 236, in the list of physical trace cases, at the right date of February 6, 1966. But you did not mention the alleged photographs of San Jose de Valderas (sorry: not Valdeiras) of June 1st, 1967, which were hoaxed by the same people.

Gildas

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## Re: Varginha Again - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 01:51:29 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:04:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Hatch

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:01:49 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 16:50:03 +0200  
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>>Alluche (1966) and of the fake pictures of San Jose de Valdeiras  
>>(1967) were unmasked long ago by spanish ufologists.

>Gildas,

>Where in The UFO Evidence do you see anything about the Ummo  
>case? It's certainly not in either volume to my knowledge, at  
>least in any positive way, since it is a well-known hoax as you  
>say.

>As for Alluche (1966) if you look at my footnotes the case was  
>reported by Ballester-Olmos and attributed to him. If it was  
>later discredited, that information did not reach me or anyone  
>else that I know, and that is simply a sign of poor  
>communications among UFOlogists.

>And I don't even know the case San Jose de Valdeiras (1967).  
>The only 1967 photo case I report is Jan. 24, Yorba Linda,  
>California.

>What version of The UFO Evidence are you reading?

> - Dick

> P.S. Maybe you are making a joke?

Hello Richard, Gildas:

I have both the Aluche (note spelling) and Valderas (ditto)  
cases on this list of discredited sightings:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/DISCREd.html>

Both were thoroughly trashed. For Aluche, I have:

" 1966/02/06 ALUCHE, Spain: Disk lands, traces left:  
Part of complex and long running UMMO Hoax, finally  
admitted by parapsychologist Jordan Pena in 1992  
after being exposed in 1988.  
/J.J. Montejo & Carles Berch=E9 via Edoardo Russo "

I list San Jose de Valderas simply as Valderas:

" 1967/06/01 VALDERAS, Spain: Fake fotos of saucer on 3 legs. LDLN #166 + FSR June'69++ (who published the story). Part of complex UMMO Hoax publicly admitted by psychologist Jordan Pena, 1992. Credits: Montejó & Berch=E9 via Edoardo Russo and V-J Ballester Olmos. "

What I see happening is this: Some prankster in Spain gets in the papers with a sensational but bogus sighting. LDLN, FSR and others publish the story. Months/years later, Spanish investigators methodically find telling holes in it. Somehow, that final word does not seem to get out.

This leaves me and others with Spanish cases on the books that should have never been entered in the first place.

Aluche and Valderas I knew about. Its all the others that concern me now. I have just begun to look thru an important catalog which is a work in progress there, more on that later. My Spanish totals could go up or down for all I know.

I am also slowly going thru Richard Hall's excellent new book Alien Invasion of Human Fantasy (2004 FUFOR) which I am sure will add new cases.

This is a ton of work, thus my silence. If I go completely mute for 2 days, its because my dial-up ISP kicked me off for using too many hours in July.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Allan

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Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:08:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Allan

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 09:53:18 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 14:07:18 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>I agree with you that this field would be improved by having a  
>>set of fundamental understood ideas about the origin,  
>>technology, and motives.

<snip>

>>I can imagine a "think-tank" style institute... how about  
>>ITISAUFO... Institute for Technical Investigation and Scientific  
>>Analysis of UFOs. A "Brookings Institute" for UFO studies.

>>I fear you are right in thinking that it would fall by bickering  
>>and in-fighting. It's not a money issue.

>Sounds to me like work statements for Operation Majestic 12:

>1. Evaluate wreckage seeking understanding and new knowledge  
>about materials, technological capability of devices, etc.  
>These data would be classified

What for?

>2. Collect and evaluate instrumental data on flight behavior  
>including acceleration, change in em signatures as a function of  
>changes in direction.etc.These data would be classified.

Again, what for?

>3. Collect and evaluate data from physical trace cases. check on  
>means for effecting soil etc. - again in secret.

Still operating in secret after 57 years? Why?

>4. Theoretical evaluation putting 1, 2, 3 together.

But still in secret I presume.

>5. Evaluation of alien behavior in abductions and in probable  
>events such as the April 1964 landing at Holloman, and in cases  
>such as the Cuban MIG case and other destructions of attacking  
>aircraft such as in 1952. When did they destroy.. after what  
>actions on our part?

>Ought to keep a nice Black program busy for a long time.

Very black indeed by now.

>Do note my latest MJ-12 paper at:

><http://www.stanfriedman.com>

I have duly noted this paper.

Not hearing the Friedman/Shostak debate I assume that Stan kept MJ-12 out of it (very wise man).

I have examined Stan's latest MJ-12 paper of April 2004. This contains, among other things, repeats of his earlier paper in December 2002 where he reviews Randle's book "Case MJ-12....."

STF is still convinced the three original MJ-12 papers are genuine, even if the later ones are obvious fakes. I am utterly baffled by his treatment of the Truman-Forrestal memo of Sept 24, 1947.

>From his two papers above, his conclusions on the T-F memo may be summarised thus:

1. The numeric part of the date, "24, 1947." is offset a little. Agreed. This presents Stan with an awkward dilemma. He concludes that this part was added later by someone. Agreed. There is also a period (full stop) after the date. It was not Truman's practice to put a period after a date, but it was Bush's practice. Therefore, says Stan, Bush must have seen the letter before it was sent to Forrestal, and added the numeric part himself, with the period, thus explaining why the two parts of the date are not quite lined up. Truman, or his secretary, typed the "September", whilst Bush, or his secretary, added the "24, 1947".

Is this really credible? Is a date ever (even in official circles) split in this way, by different people?

Or is it Stan's ingenious way round a very awkward dilemma?

He then says the document cannot be a forgery because no forger would ever use two typewriters in one memo. Quite right. He wouldn't and didn't.

2. Truman's signature. Stan first refuses to admit it is identical, as far as the eye can see, to one on a genuine Truman memo written to Bush on Oct.1, 1947. (It was Stan who first drew attention to the fact that one "matched" the other in an IUR article in 1988. Had he kept his mouth shut, the genuine Truman-Bush memo would most certainly never have been found).

He now says the original T-F memo was signed but none of the carbon copies were. This is entirely possible. However, Stan tells us that because Forrestal had died in 1949 his (original) was apparently lost. By 1952 Hillenkoetter thought Ike would like to see a signed executive order from president Truman to go with the briefing he (Hillenkoetter) was preparing for Ike in November 1952. But the original, signed, T-F memo was nowhere to be found. This does not worry Stan, who proposes that, in order to fill this void, Hillenkoetter, or possibly W.Bedell Smith, asked the CIA to get hold of a Truman signature somehow. The CIA then decided to lift Truman's signature from the genuine Bush memo of Oct 1, 1947 and copy it onto the unsigned carbon copy of the Sept 24, 1947 T-F memo before Hillenkoetter passed it to Ike in the notorious Nov '52 briefing paper!! He says "the CIA would have its disinformation people transfer it".

(I wonder what Truman's reaction would be had he discovered that some smart guy in the CIA had, without permission, transferred his signature from one document to another! Remember Truman was still President at this time.)

According to STF, this accounts for the two signatures being (almost) identical.

Does anyone follow all this? A trifle confusing perhaps? More important: Is such a scenario, once again, really credible ?

In my view it belongs in the world of pure fantasy.

Anyone wanting to know how the "September 24, 1947" date was actually composed can look at Moore & Shandera's "The MJ-12 Documents, An Analytical Report", p.53 . The forger simply lifted the numeric part of the date on document D and pasted it onto C, offsetting it very slightly against "September".

Hence only one typewriter was used, not two.

As to why the forger needed to split the date like this, people can work this out for themselves, if they are still interested.

Finally:

Regarding "Linguistics", STF omits to tell readers that Dr Roger Wescott (who was chosen to do the analysis because of his known pro-UFO beliefs) later changed his mind about endorsing the Hillenkoetter briefing. I have his letter to researchers on this.

"What the public doesn't know, I wont tell them".

Exactly.

CDA

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

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Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:59:06 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:33:15 -0400  
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>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:41:16 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 22:54:29 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 09:10:56 -0500  
>>>Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 21:02:31 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

>Hi, Brad,

>I believe that sometimes you are deaf to the way you may sound  
>to others. I'm sure that is true of all of us at one time or  
>another. I stated, and continued to feel, that the tone of your  
>original communication was sweeping and unfair; the points you  
>made - many of them good ones - would have been more effectively  
>communicated if you had not written so tendentiously. We will  
>simply agree to disagree on that point and let it rest, I hope.

Hi Jerry,

I don't think it is fair that I should have to self-censor myself to word things in such an butt-kissing way that it is utterly dull, and in any case I think what I wrote was rather dull and technical, dealing with scientific methodological issues hardly warranting the opprobrium I got. We will have to agree to disagree on this and I will remain as puzzled as ever. If my criticism was too "sweeping" it is simple enough to quote someone in the UFO community who has put forward some pro-ETH modeling that improves upon SETI's offerings that were done in an effort to refute both ETH and UFO reality. As I say Stan Friedman has countered the SETI criticism but no one in the UFO world so far as I know has done some "positive campaigning" instead of just "negative campaigning" against SETI. Jacques Vallee put forward some numbers in rough modeling of ETH in his 5 arguments against ETH. That's about it. I would love to see more, that is continually built upon. But I hope that it doesn't all turn on the question of whether it has a pro-ETH or anti-ETH result. Objective scholars should be able to report negative findings on ETH if that is what they turn out to be. And negative findings could turn positive with more work (look at SETI arguments, with improvements they could be turned pro-ETH).

>I have too many other things to do than to get involved in a  
>long discourse on the subject of ufology and the ETH, though  
>again I refer interested persons to the entry on the subject in  
>The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd ed. I have too many other  
>responsibilities and too little time to devote to extended  
>discussion or debate at the moment.

<snip>

I could say the same thing having read this just after returning from a scientific meeting at UCLA, and chuckling at how UFO research is never going to get anywhere if we cannot even agree on working to improve its methodology, instead of defending the status quo. This is one good reason I am "outta here" and working in a field with breakthroughs not roadblocks. These postings are spare time reflections while I am still thinking about the UFO subject, something that may change very soon (months though, not days or weeks).

>Since the 1960s, as historians of the subject and more-than-casual observers know well, ufology and the ETH have hardly >been synonymous. They are synonymous only in outsiders' - and >usually unsympathetic outsiders' - representation of what >ufologists think and do. One can read far more about >ufologists' supposed obsession with the ETH in debunking (and >ridicule-laced) publications such as Magonia and Skeptical >Inquirer than in actual UFO literature. Before the likes of >Swords and Ashpole, consequential writing within our field, with >the honorable exception of Stan Friedman's, had become scarce. >Even now, ETH writing in the published literature is rare. I >exclude contactee and Dark Side mythology from the just-stated, >obviously.

Here we go again with the extreme empiricism. Are you saying that any theoretical work on UFO's is now "rare" because it is seen as threatening the survival of UFO research due to the unfair identification UFO = ETH as synonymous?? But invalid theoretical reasoning like that which equates UFO = ETH is no excuse to just throttle all theoretical work. That is why the UFO community needs to do its own UFO theoretical work on the ETH so it will ensure a "fairer hearing" on such issues.

>Over time ufologists ceased talking about the ETH for many >understandable reasons. One was that it had become a club to >beat them over the head with.

Well UFO proponents have never developed any ETH models that are testable, with the possible exception of Vallee, and his work has stopped. You say the UFO community has stopped work on ETH.

>Debunkers asserted that since >ufologists couldn't prove the ETH, there was no reason to take >UFO sightings seriously and to investigate them accordingly. >Ufologists, quite naturally, came to the conclusion that since >indeed we can't prove the ETH (or any other hypothesis about the >nature of the phenomenon), it is wisest - both intellectually >and strategically - to concentrate on data-gathering. They were >led to argue (as in fact I did a couple of weeks ago in a >conversation with a producer from the news division of a major >broadcast network) that UFO reports are best seen as modestly as >possible: as questions for investigation, not as subjects for >sweeping speculation. If a single puzzling report is brought to >a potentially intrigued scientist, it is frankly stupid to >present it as possible evidence for a staggering claim; rather, >it's best brought forth as a puzzle which, if solved, might >teach us something new, possibly even important, and no more.

Once again it's this either/or: Either extreme theoreticism (the actual term is "idealism" but would be misunderstood here) or extreme empiricism. Theory and observation are supposed to work together in an interactive synergistic fashion. You are taking it that ETH theoretical work is going to be done in a SETI way, standing aloof and judgmentally condemning UFO observations. Well that isn't the way theory and observation usually work in science anyway and once again, if the UFO community did its own theory development you wouldn't such a problem of disparaging the UFO data.

Scientists get put off when someone tries to push "data" on them that they see no theoretical framework for interpreting. It's like giving them a painting of a house without blueprints, tools, or materials and telling them "Now build us a house!"

You are telling them to build the foundation for a brand new science all from scratch! It is highly unlikely that any single scientist is capable of doing that, Isaac Newton style, even if they wanted to. They need a community of something like on the order of a hundred equally capable colleagues. If you had some theoretical framework built already, you might be able to attract some scientists who can see a way to build on that foundation, that it wouldn't look so hopeless.

>High-strangeness claims represent a particular dilemma for  
>ufologists. As Aime Michel wisely observed long ago, they are  
>not inconsistent with an ETH; it is hardly unreasonable to  
>expect that visiting extraterrestrials might conduct themselves  
>very oddly. In private conversations with some very smart  
>colleagues, I have heard extremely interesting speculations  
>about the meaning of high-strangeness phenomena in an ETH  
>context.

It is hardly reasonable to think that falling bodies just fall  
without any effect of air resistance, deviations from the path,  
etc. Yet physics going back to Galileo found that the first  
thing you must do to understand ballistic trajectories is to  
ignore the "very odd" complicating effects at first and study  
them later after you have solved the solvable problems first.

>On the other hand, as I get older - I have, I now realize  
> ruefully, spent nearly all of my life in ufology - I find that  
>my interests are mostly focused on the high-strangeness problem,  
>and my own thinking has led me away from the idea that the most  
>extraordinary reports tell us anything about possible visiting  
>aliens. The search for an ET presence must focus, in my opinion,  
>on - generally speaking - CE2s, radar/visuals, and the like. It  
>is my view that no single theoretical model will do for all UFO  
>phenomena. It is my reading that at least two separate,  
>unrelated things are happening at once, one physical, the other  
>purely experiential, and so far it is often difficult to figure  
>out which is which.  
<snip>

At least we can agree on something, that the highest strangeness  
UFO reports are too hard to solve, and that the focus should be  
on the more understandable cases first.

Brad Sparks

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:43:14 -0500  
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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Race - King

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Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:41:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Race - King

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 17:47:33 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Race

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:15:07 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

<snip>

>>In the end, I think Stanton Friedman is an excellent example of  
>>an agent provocateur, although probably not the kind you were  
>>talking about. :)

>Just what am I doing that qualifies me as an agent provocateur?  
>Yes, professors have taught college courses on UFOs after  
>hearing me speak. Yes, I have appeared in college classrooms  
>touting my lecture that evening and often speaking of physics  
>and flying saucers. I have talked to management clubs of such  
>corporations as Lockheed, McDonnell Douglas, North American  
>Rockwell, General Dynamics, Motorola, etc. My being a scientist  
>is what made all the difference

Stan,

If my post seemed in some way defamatory, nothing could be  
further from my intent.

By "agent provocateur", I meant the fact that any of us would  
happily take the testimony of someone who might be under oath  
not to give testimony. Unless I have mistaken your work, you are  
determined to get the government to reveal what it knows, and  
you have shown classified government documents, and interviewed  
military men who were knowingly revealing classified  
information.

I am not saying that this is in any way bad, it just fits the  
description of "agent provocateur". I would think you'd actually  
fancy the term. My regrets otherwise.

My use of the "garbage man" was perhaps unfortunate, as my  
intent was not to compare you to one, but to remind that great  
discoveries do not require scientific training, especially when  
much of the proof you show, and much of what you seek, are  
documents. Your work is every bit of someone going through the  
... insert metaphor here: dirty laundry, garbage, closet,  
etc... of the archives you search. My point was simply  
that... your status as a UFO researcher does not depend on your  
physics background. It adds to your legitimacy of course, as it  
should. But a you do not need to be a physicist to do your work.  
It would be no different if you were a renowned heart surgeon.  
Your medical knowledge would not directly pertain to your UFO  
research, it would simply be another area of expertise which you  
possess.

I was not intending to open a can of worms. I was just

expressing the fact that Stanton Friedman is a leading force on the study of UFOs... not because he is a physicist, but because you have amassed the mountain of data you have, and have presented that data with clarity and insight.

And I was making a play on Brad's "agent provocateur" euphemism.

"Oh Lord, please don't let me be misunderstood..."

Kyle

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>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 21:54:21 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>>In my experience and that of every serious colleague, the  
>>>"aliens" (if that is what they are) have proven to be equal  
>>>opportunity abductors. No social, educational, racial,  
>>>intellectual, or other biases.

>>But we have already determined, in an exchange on this List a  
>>couple of years ago, that this is not so, and that there is a  
>>considerable under-representation of Black people amongst UFO  
>>abductees, for whatever reason.

>Speak for yourself, John. In my own limited studies, at least  
>compared to Hopkins and Jacobs, I have encountered and worked  
>with several Black abductees in the Greater Washington, D.C.,  
>area. They have included a star college athlete, a middle class  
>woman, and an inner city Black girl of poor educational  
>background (but impressively reporting exactly the same sort of  
>thing).

>When you say there is a considerable under-representation of  
>Blacks, once again there are no hard statistics to justify such  
>a statement that I am aware of.

>- Dick

ROFL! Thanks Dick!

I guess in Rimmer's world Black abductees are hard to come by.

Considering the first and foremost of abductees was a black man  
named Barney Hill. I guess the aliens stopped at him after they  
saw he had false teeth.

And if we go back and analyze history and add that oft mentioned  
biblical reference I guess Moses, Jesus, and everybody in the  
good book who were black don't count either. But that's another  
debate, sorry I went there, it was too tempting.

Here in the states I guess most black people aren't worried  
about being abducted by aliens, I'd wager they're more  
concerned about being abducted by cops while driving a new car.



Best ,

Greg

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## Re: Secrecy News -- 07/28/04 - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:36:28 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:44:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 07/28/04 - Sparks

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 18:36:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 07/28/04

>>From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 12:57:03 -0400  
>>Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/28/04

<snip>

>>Author Peter Galison, a distinguished historian of science at  
>>Harvard, reviews recent classification practices and then asks  
>>what epistemological assumptions are implicit in the act of  
>>censoring, or classifying, particular items of information. The  
>>classifier, he suggests, relies on a discredited "atomic" theory  
>>of knowledge.

>>"Contra the logical positivists and their allies, it is  
>>precisely not possible to reduce meaningful language to discrete  
>>enunciations. Communication -- at least meaningful, verifiable  
>>communication -- cannot be rendered into a sequence of protocol  
>>statements. But such a conception of knowledge is exactly what  
>>lies behind the classifiers' imaginary," he writes.

>>"At the root of this theory of punctiform knowledge excision  
>>stands a fundamental instability."

>>Dig it.

<snip>

Well if that isn't just dandy, another excuse to classify  
\_everything\_ on the grounds that knowledge is interrelated and  
not just little pieces here and there. So if one piece is  
classified then everything else no matter how remotely related  
can be argued to be classified because it all makes up a  
holistic whole that is now "classified." Just dandy.

I think government classification authorities already tend to do  
this now and need no further "bad ideas" to help them along.

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## Re: Apollo 16 Film - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:49:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:47:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film - King

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 22:18:47 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film

>>From: James Oberg <[joberg.nul](mailto:joberg.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 8 Mar 2004 12:28:20 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film - Oberg

><snip>

>>Late last month there was a high level of message traffic about  
>>a JSE article concerning the Apollo-16 video with an anomalous  
>>image, and there was considerable speculation - prior to anyone  
>>actually seeing the article, apparently - about what was claimed  
>>in it, and what was proved.

>>Through the generosity of two colleagues I obtained a copy of  
>>that article and posted my comments on February 26, here:

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/feb/m26-007.shtml>

>>I hope in coming days others will be able to examine the actual  
>>article, compare it with my comments, and resume the discussion  
>>at a much more productive level.

>Thanks to a letter from U.S. Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger of  
>Maryland to NASA regarding the Apollo 16 UFO film footage, we  
>now have an official explanation for this anomalous image that  
>looks like a domed flying saucer in the immediate vicinity of  
>the Moon.

<snip>

Nick and List,

A very good article on this with photos, at:

[http://www.nasa.gov/vision/space/travelinginspace/no\\_ufo.html](http://www.nasa.gov/vision/space/travelinginspace/no_ufo.html)

Best,

Kyle

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:46:10 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:49:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 20:04:21 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 12:45:07 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 22:52:58 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>>"How many here believe they have seen what I would describe as a  
>>flying saucer, as I described earlier?. I count out loud.  
>>Typically it is 10% of the people present. Then I ask "How many  
>>of you have reported what you have seen?" Typically 10% of the  
>>10%. Then I ask how many of the small group were in the military  
>>at the time and if they want to tell the rest of us about it.  
>>Get some great stories and wonderful lines like "I can't ; they  
>>told me not to say anything." or "They took my pictures" etc.

>>>I find stats on those who believe that UFOs exist all over the  
>>>place, but while that seems to be a valuable statistic to a  
>>>sociologist, it seems equally worthless in any scientific UFO  
>>>context.

>>>And I'm also very weary of the "message from the space  
>>>brothers" testimony. While I am unable to label it false, lest  
>>>I incur anywrath should they be right, it eludes my grasp due  
>>>to the gargantuan grain of salt accompanying it. Alas, my  
>>>prejudice revealed.

>>Belief questions require a better word than UFO. In one  
>>classroom of 100 students asked to respond with their eyes  
>>closed, 80% said they thought most people didn't think any UFOs  
>>were ET Spacecraft, whereas 80% of the group did think some  
>>were.....

<snip>

>I'm reading this post and I get to the 'military' personell who  
>can't disclose something.

>I must know a dozen or two bona fide military who've told me to  
>my face they couldn't talk about the UFO issue because of some  
>oath, agreement, threat of prosecution and at best, " You'll  
>find out on a need to know basis."

>If we were looking for 'proof' of a coverup and conspiracy  
>that's it in a nutshell. Case closed, put a fork in it.

Well how do we know this was coverup due to the UFO element or  
simply due to blanket security classification which makes most  
UFO data secret automatically? I have found evidence of coverup

of both types, the two types have to be carefully distinguished. Most military personnel I've talked to have only had blanket security restrictions which they often misunderstood to be more all-inclusive than they really were. Have you considered that factor? That government personnel think something is classified when it isn't? I have run into that a lot and sometimes can convince them something isn't really classified anymore, usually by reading to them their own documents and proving they were now declassified.

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:04:19 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:50:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Sparks

>From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:42:37 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

<snip>

>I have the sense that a rather more sinister scenario than the  
>above Jane Goodall scenario is what Brad Sparks is getting at in  
>his latest input on this thread. Let's consider a definition of  
>"Agent Provocateur:"

Rod I like this definition you found. But is it "rather  
sinister"? I tend to think of "sinister" as something dangerous.  
This is more in the nature of "dirty tricks." Civil libertarians  
might go ballistic but that is perhaps due to keen sensitivity  
to First Amendment issues etc.

>"An agent provocateur is a person assigned to provoke unrest,  
>violence, debate or argument by or within a group while acting  
>as a member of the group but covertly representing the interests  
>of another. In general, agents provocateur seek to secretly  
>disrupt a group's activities from within the group."

>(I got this definition at a very handy online resource I  
>sometimes use for quick reference:

<http://explanation-guide.info/>)

>So, Brad's suggestion is that Michael Salla, credentialed  
>political scientist, former professor, purported current  
>researcher at Washington University, comes out with this nut-job  
>thesis about how 50-odd alien races currently have their  
>"fingers" in our collective pie, in cahoots with a mostly  
>military "black" government, all of this unbeknownst to the  
>President, the person on the street, and to most "serious  
>ufologists." He also puts together a website devoted to further  
>evaluation of the political implications of this nut-job thesis.  
>All completely serious, presented in characteristically dry  
>academic style (which makes it seem all the more ludicrous, in  
>my opinion).

>The purpose of all of this, if Michael Salla does, indeed,  
>represent an "agent provocateur," would be "... to to provoke  
>unrest, violence, debate or argument by or within a group  
>[ufologists] while acting as a member of the group [UFO UpDates  
>List Member, website devoted to the cause] but covertly  
>representing the interests of another..." [the black government,  
>who wants to misdirect us so we don't uncover their UFO  
>secrets]. Salla, in short, is acting like... "a member of the  
>group in order to secretly disrupt the group's activities from  
>within the group."

>If this is what Brad is getting at, then I have to confess, with  
>all due respect, that this is way, way outside my paradigm.  
>Maybe I'm a dupe - I'll always allow for that possibility. But  
>it just doesn't feel like the right answer. I could go on to  
>rationalize my thinking on this, but there seems little point,  
>as I doubt if it would sway anyone with the opposite position.



Well, how many times does this has to happen over the past 50+ years before we "get it" and see the pattern? Credible seeming scientists, ranking military officers and others who suddenly spout off about crashed saucers, alien bodies, or live alien-government "meetings" or captures??

You forgot to mention Salla's Australian background. Ever heard of the ANZUS and UKUSA intelligence treaties? Certain restrictions on domestic operations do not apply to a foreigner. Certain friendly countries have operational environments where almost anything and anyone is fair game and is backed up by the local intelligence services who help, or who carry out the whole operation. NSA for example has a cute trick for spying on US citizens - the agency has British GCHQ personnel do the spying for them even using NSA facilities on an "exchange basis." Cute. And then the whole operation falls under the ultratight security for "foreign liaison" intelligence and the files kept as "British" (or Australian or whatever the "liaison" country and intelligence service is used) and thus not subject to FOIA requests. Doubly cute.

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From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:12:23 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:51:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 00:54:44 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Brad Sparks <[BRB47x.nul](mailto:BRB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 16:25:07 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 15:33:23 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>>Stan has also been a lone voice crying in the wilderness as to  
>>the largest statistical analysis of UFO and IFO data ever  
>>conducted, the Blue Book Special Report No. 14 by the Battelle  
>>Memorial Institute. No one listens to Stan on the Battelle  
>>study.

>One person (besides Brad) does.... and did.

>Many years ago (middle 1970's) I studied the report carefully  
>and even revised some of the statistical analysis. I reported on  
>this analysis in a tw-part article that appeared in the Journal  
>of UFO Studies in the late 70' and 80's.  
<snip>

>The revised statistics (which Brad checked, lo these many years  
>ago) confirm the original statistical result that when general  
>characteristics (shape, color, duration of sighting, etc.) of  
>the unknowns and knowns are compared, the unknowns are found to  
>be different from the knowns.

Yes, Bruce, sorry I did not mention that you and I had studied  
the Battelle, as well as some others, but I was just referring  
to Stan's "lone voice in the wilderness" role where he has been  
pushing for recognition of the Battelle study for years and  
years but is ignored because he is "too nuts-and-bolts" (or  
whatever the reason is one is even given).

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## Filer's Files #32 - 2004

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 08:07:18 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 08:07:18 -0400  
Subject: Filer's Files #32 - 2004

Source: George Filer.Com

<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/news/printable.php?id=3D198>

Filers Files #32 - 2004 - 07-28-2004

Summary:

Life in Space

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists. SETI Institute - Claims Life in Space, Mar's - Lakes With Water, Mars - Green Vegetation, Saturn - Cassini-Huygens Picks Up Strange Light, New York - Car Stalls, Pennsylvania - Sphere, Georgia - Multiple Lights Changing Color, Ohio - Flying Triangle, Illinois - Circle With Lights, Tennessee - Image of UFO Near Jet, Nebraska - UFO in Crop Duster Photos, Oklahoma - Gold UFO Photographed, Arizona - Orbs, California - Changing Shiny Object Photo, Washington - Intense UFO Activity, Argentina: UFO Filmed, England - UFOs Chased, Poland - Military Will Shoot UFOs Update, and Turkey - Police Film UFO. David Twichell writes, "Anomalies Found in Roswell Metal."

Full Story: It will cost almost \$200 to upgrade this website to have photos again according to my web master Chuck Warren. Websites are rather expensive to maintain.

Therefore, donations cheerfully accepted. These files cannot exist without your help. Donations can be sent to:

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[majorstar.nul](mailto:majorstar.nul) You may use PayPal - Welcome or you can also mail your= check to

George Filer, 222 Jackson Road, Medford, NJ 08055.

SETI Institute - Claims Life in Space

Exclusive from New Scientist -- If intelligent life exists elsewhere in our galaxy, advances in computer processing power and radio telescope technology will ensure we detect their transmissions within two decades. That is the bold prediction from a leading light at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute in Mountain View, California. Seth Shostak, the SETI Institute's senior astronomer, based his prediction on accepted assumptions about the likelihood of alien civilizations existing, combined with projected increases in computing power. Shostak, whose calculations will be published in a forthcoming edition of the space science journal Acta Astronautica, first estimated the number of alien civilizations in our galaxy that might currently be broadcasting radio signals.

For this he used a formula created in 1961 by astronomer Frank Drake which factors in aspects such the number of stars with planets, how many of those planets might be expected to have life, and so on. Shostak came up with an estimate of between 10,000 and one million radio transmitters in the galaxy. To find them will involve observing and inspecting radio emissions from most of the galaxy's 100 billion stars. Within a generation, radio emissions from enough stars will be observed and analyzed to find the first alien civilization, Shostak estimates. But because they will probably be between 200 and 1000 light years away, sending a radio message back will take centuries. Thanks to Skywatch: [http://www.skywatch-international.org/skywatch\\_membership\\_application.pdf](http://www.skywatch-international.org/skywatch_membership_application.pdf)

Editor's Note: Assuming Shostak is correct then it is logical to assume some of these intelligent civilizations would most likely visit planet Earth, that is now believed to be roughly in the center of the known universe. Radio signals are the rough equivalent to Indian smoke signals. Intelligent alien life appears to use advanced communication technology, spending our time looking for the equivalent of smoke signals will not likely be fruitful. Peter Davenport has proposed a method for finding intelligent life that uses FM radio signals to locate the UFOs. Most scientists have virtually no knowledge of the UFO field and are unaware of frequent radar evidence, reports by pilots, astronauts and cosmonauts.

#### Mars - Lakes With Liquid Water

Rick Berry writes, "When I saw the stories about NASA accepting the possibility of water on Mars I just had to laugh. What they mean is that they realize that they can no longer lie to the public and they know that they have to come clean soon, so they drag it out the best they can until they don't look like total Idiots." This picture is of water on Mars, not just a little puddle or pond, but of an Immense Lake. It looks to be in the order of tens of thousands of acres of water, nestled in a Mountain Canyon. You can even see the Snowmelt coming down from the cliffs. The difference from the surrounding terrain is undisputable. The surrounding area is pockmarked with craters as is most of the planet while the area of water I am speaking of, not only is a Glass-like surface but actually fills in and overflows into the craters along the edges of the Lake. I have NO doubt of it and there should be no doubt in anyone else's mind either. It looks no different than anything you would find here on Earth in a Mountain region. PS. I have had this for a long time, it is a compilation of two pictures. I have the MOC numbers MOC-42203g MOC-42203h Thanks to Rick Berry rse.nul-usa.net:

#### Mars - Green Vegetation

Norman Breydan writes, "Look at this fantastic European Space Agency (ESA) image of the Valles Marineris and It makes you wonder with amazement how the reporters and scientists could miss it.

Green is by far the most valuable proof for life on Mars next to the images of vegetation and structures. Photosynthesis is a key and amazing process that performs transmutation of the sun's energy. Photosynthesis means life. There is a great amount of life on Mars, high concentrations of liquid water and an incredible amount of technology and knowledge waiting for us. New data indicates the temperatures in the summer at the surface on Mars are well above freezing. Thanks to Norman Breydan in Boston.

#### Saturn - Cassini-Huygens Mission Picks Up Strange Lights

MODESTO- R. David Anderson writes, "I have sent you a series of e-mails that show an unusual object above Saturn. I have come across the same thing again in earlier images from the Cassini-Huygens Mission to Saturn and Titan. These were received by JPL on July 19th, 2004. These two pictures were taken one after the other as indicated by the numerical order.

Image 7211 JPL shows Saturn and a strange light that may represent a space craft moving at high speed. On Image 7212, taken a short time later the object is not there. So in a matter

of a minute this light disappears or moves out of the photo.  
Thanks to R. David Anderson Puppysonnyl

Editor's Note: Strange lights and objects are often seen moving across JPL images. They usually claim they are caused by transmission errors.

#### New York - Car Stalls

Upstate Weirdness - Two friends were driving in the mountains in upstate New York on July 22, 2004, around 2 AM. They pulled the car off the highway in a heavily wooded area to take a break. They got out of their car, but we left the head lights on because it was very dark. They heard a strange humming sound, which was not a typical humming sound. As the humming got louder, the cars head lights started dimming and went off. They started freaking out at this point. They jumped back in the car and attempted to start it. The car wouldn't start; they wanted to get the hell out of there as fast as they could. They were somewhat frantic. After about ten minutes the car's light suddenly went back on and they were able to start the car. The observer states, "That's when we noticed this lemon shaped light in the sky that just sort of drifted for a minute and the strange noise stopped, and I have no idea what it was, but I'm never going up state again!" Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

#### Pennsylvania - Sphere

TITUSVILLE - The witness was at his niece's birthday party on July 18, 2004, when he noticed a silver ball just above the tree line about 200 yards away. It was polished looking silver like a mirror and it started moving slowly left at 1 PM. The ball shifted from silver to a reddish color in a perfectly timed sequence. It flew back to the right, stopped, and drifted downward behind the trees. He states, "Everyone around me passed it off as a Mylar balloon, but I had a different feeling about it." Fifteen minutes later I noticed it again in the same place above the tree line moving slowly left with the red and silver shifts, and back to the right again. This time instead of going behind the trees it moved up at the same slow speed until it was too small to find with my eye against the bright blue sky. It was very strange. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

#### Georgia -- Multiple Lights Changing Color

LAGRANGE -- While outside looking at the bats flying around near the outside lights they started looking at what we thought was a flashing star on July 20, 2004. The hovering red flash caught their eye and curiosity. It was not a plane because it seemed to be still. Then the lights kept changing color from red, to blue, to white and green. They flashed like police lights. Then it seemed to slowly move to the right, stop, move up, stop, and then left. The light was too high up to make out a shape, but seemed like a straight line when the colors were flashing. We eventually went inside to see if there was anybody we could call. We decided to go back outside to take a second look and reassure ourselves it wasn't just a star or our eyes playing tricks on us and it was gone. All the other stars were visible. We live on five acres in the country so it is very easy to see the sky without the obstruction of streetlights. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

#### Ohio - Flying Triangle

LEWISBURG - On July 17, 2004, three friends were traveling west on I-70 not far from Dayton at 3 AM, when they spotted an illuminated triangular shaped object about a mile high. The whole ship was lit up in a light blue/white glow like a plane in town for Wright Patterson Air Force Base Air Show. They drove towards the light, and as they got closer they could see the craft was not a perfect triangle. The witness states, "The nose was narrower, then it contoured out in a definite triangular shape with two lights on the outer "wings" that blinked in sync about one per second." The front of the craft put off a decently bright glow, but was not a beam of light. The craft was bigger than the Stealth Bomber, but not by too much. It was very flat in appearance and was only 10 to 15 feet thick. I've seen the stealth up close, and I can definitely say it was not one because it was not jagged in the rear. The flying triangle was 500 feet in altitude and hovering. We could now also see the

front underneath part that was a narrow and long opening, rectangular, and lit up. Not brightly, but enough to tell that you were looking into the craft that looked like red pipes or bars of some sort that were red in color. It put off a red hue with the white light around it.

The traffic slowed down to 40 mph and we drove directly underneath as it hovered over the median of the highway. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

FOSTORIA - George Ritter video taped a similar flying triangle later in the day.

#### Illinois - Circle With Lights

LOVES PARK - The witness's hobby is looking for satellites. Around 1 AM, on July 20, 2004, he observed a circle shaped object glide across the sky moving west to east. The circle shaped object was dark in color, with lights all the way around the bottom. Satellites have no lights, but sometimes reflect the sun. There was absolutely no sound. The object was rotating counter-clockwise several hundred feet above the ground with lights and moving eastward. The sighting lasted about 20 seconds. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

#### Tennessee - Image of UFO near Jet

HEISKELL -- Kim Shaffer, MUFON State Director writes, "Here is a good sighting that took place today, July 26th at 20:13 hours. The object, an obvious discoid shape, kept a relative distance to the aircraft as both traveled across the sky. The witness managed to get only one image.

The witness stated, "It was obvious from my perception that the UFO was as high as the aircraft or even higher and I saw a second, smaller object in the shot, but it is not visible in the image." MUFON has complete details on this sighting. Thanks to: Kim Shaffer, MUFON TN State Director (eastern)

We had some significant sightings tonight, two clips of which are now on the website: <http://www.sonorasightings.com>. There were a series of eight of these glowing objects between 9:00 and 11:00 PM. <http://www.mufontennessee.org>

#### Nebraska - UFO in Crop Duster Photos

DONIPHAN -- On July 20, 2004, at 7:30 PM, a crop dusting plane was forced to make an emergency landing on the highway, when he ran out of fuel. A fuel truck was summoned and he was refueled in short order. At 8 PM, the plane took off and began to circle. I took numerous photos and when later viewed an object appeared in the photos that I had taken when plane was in the southeast sky. The sun was at my back. One object was seen in photo. I was with two other neighbors and we had not seen the object. I think we were just concentrating and excited about the crop dusters near miss with catastrophe. Crop duster had a 450 H.P. Grumman Craft and we did not hear any other aircraft sounds. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

#### Oklahoma - Gold UFO Photographed

WILLOW -- Jim Hickman asked me to send you this story. I was driving north on US-283 near Willow, OK early this morning and saw a strange object hovering to the west. I slowed down and managed to take a picture, but since the car was still moving it turned out a little blurred. By the time I came to a full stop it had vanished. I lost the instruction book for my Olympus C-1 1, 3 Mpix Camera, so I don't know how to check the date. The camera is about two years old, and I've never set the date since I've owned it. By the time I got my vehicle to a full stop on the side of the road, the object was gone. Thanks to Jim Hickman and Skywatch International

#### Arizona - Orbs

CHANDLER - A UFO investigator, his son and a friend saw 6 to 7 orange orbs in the Chandler and near the South Mountain area on July 20, 2004, at 7:45 PM. Two orange orbs suddenly appeared in the southern sky around 7 PM, and started shooting them with a video camera. They watched them for about 3 to 5 minutes before

they burned out. A few minutes later two flew in real close together on the east side of South Mountain. Then two more orbs flew in from the west of South Mountain. There were a total of four with two on the east and two on the west. They were video taped for about fifteen minutes until they disappeared. We video taped for four nights, and the local news will be doing a story on what we taped. The lights are neat and I'm sure in time there will be more.

WEST PHOENIX - The observers were driving their 18 wheeler truck west on I-10 at about 20 miles west of Phoenix on July 20, 2004, when they noticed two bright glowing lights to the southwest and just east of the Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant at 10:15 PM. The lights were very bright in the sky along the foot hills that run south of the freeway. The lights were a bright orange, similar to a street light. The two balls of light were side by side when they just slowly faded away. They reappeared further to the west, but this time the lights were on top of each other for about five minutes. The driver pulled off the freeway so that he could view them through his binoculars, but all he could make out was the bright lights, and no formation. The driver states, "What was kind of rare was to see some jets flying close to the lights in a circling motion." Then all of a sudden the lights slowly dimmed out but, I could still see and hear the jets flying around. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

#### California - Changing Shiny Object Photo

SAN JOSE -- It was around noon and the witness was traveling north on Saratoga Avenue on July 17, 2004, when he saw a bright shiny object. There were several aircraft flying above San Jose and the shiny UFO. This object was moving very slowly at first giving the impression that it may be hovering. Then the object seemed to suddenly move rapidly and then slow to a stand still. The witness stopped and got out of his car to observe this shiny object that was slowly moving southeast. The witness was wearing sunglasses, and described the object, "It was like three bright shiny balloons or spheres connected together that seemed to change shape and reflect the sun's light or emit bright white light." It took the shape of a triangle and then changed to form a cylinder shape. Two minutes passed and the object seemed to quickly ascend high in the atmosphere and appeared to look like a bright star and climbing much higher and going east and getting harder to see. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

MODESTO -- R. David Anderson reports, "I photographed these unusual lights from behind my house last night, on July 20, 2004. These lights passed overhead and appeared very dazzling and bright and seemed to be moving in a rapid fluctuating pattern. There was so much motion going on within these lights that it was difficult to make out what it was. The still photos help to clarify the form better, but do not really indicate the intricate movements this object made as it passed overhead. Thanks to R. David Anderson

#### Washington - Intense UFO Activity

MT. ADAMS - Cliff Mickelson reports, "This is just a short note to advise you that UFO activity here in the eastern shadow of Mt. Adams and Mt. Rainier, is approaching levels never before observed, even for this historically active area." Sightings of unidentified objects and other celestial anomalies over the last couple years have been consistently high, but, there has been a recent spike in such sightings, to such an extent, that it can only be described as perplexing! The tempo of activity has markedly increased from just a few months ago. We are fortunate to be in an area with little light pollution and clear night skies. The objects come even before the sky is even completely dark and the activity continues all night long. Many of these objects are traversing the sky much lower than normal. This "low flying" trend appears to be picking up momentum. In the last few nights, several of these "low flyers" have passed nearly directly overhead and continued to travel northeast, passing directly over the city of Yakima or the US Army Desert Warfare Center. Many other residents must be seeing them. I invite anyone who may wish to observe or record these phenomena to feel free to contact me and I will provide directions to this locale. Thanks to CliffMickelson Tampico, [WA.cmickel1065.nul](mailto:WA.cmickel1065.nul)

SEATTLE -- Between 3 and 4 AM, on July 23, 2004, the witnesses were northwest of Seattle and saw a bright white light in the



sky. The light was much larger than any planet and moved slowly to the southeast and then moved vertically. Thanks to Brian Vike, HBCC UFO Research

Argentina: UFO Filmed

COMODORO RIVADAVIA -- A resident of Comodoro Rivadavia filmed an unidentified flying object (UFO) over Cerro Chenque, Friday morning July 16, 2004. Marcelo Soto claimed the object apparently rested on that mountain and he was able to record it from his home. The film shows a phenomenon that is very similar to the one seen in recent days over Gobernador Ugarte (Pcia. de Buenos Aires). Marcelo Soto states, "The image captured is unedited, and from the center of the luminous sphere, which changes colors, it can be seen how other lights emerge from within." I wanted to have the best possible image and that's why I left the camera alone, pointing to where the UFO was, and then I connected the camera to the TV set. "The object approached and receded. There was some kind of light in the center of the sphere that changed color. Other lights came out of the center of the circle toward the side." That's when I got scared," he added.

In this regard, the director of Comodoro Rivadavia's airport, Roberto Romero, explained that Air Force radars and pilots, "have not recorded any sightings, nor have aircraft reported anything like it, but the presence of a UFO in the video can't be refuted." Translation (c) 2004. Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology Special thanks to Gloria Coluchi.

England - UFOs Chased

ILFORD, ESSEX -- Lisa Sable called from London to tell me that while in school as eleven year old in 1980, she and her class twenty mates saw a huge craft hovering above a football pitch of about fifteen acres next to their school. The huge craft was also seen by their professor a Rabbi. After ten minutes of watching and disruption of the class they moved to another room. Thanks to Lisa Sable

NEUROLOGIST NEEDED --Karin Holloway, a Close Encounter Analyst writes, "I am a CE-IV analyst (Investigator, therapist, counselor) in England and I have a client who needs some special attention. BUFORA does not have consultants. My client experienced his body being taken apart and put together again using what he was told was a nerve putty. He believes it is still in him and that it could help those with neurological problems. Is there an anatomist or a neurologist who would be interested in taking a look? Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you! Karin Hoppe Holloway, CHT, CEA [karin.h.h.nul](mailto:karin.h.h.nul)

Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

THE OBSERVER -- Paul Harris reports, "They have been the subject of derision for claiming aliens have visited Earth from outer space, but believers in the existence of UFOs were this weekend excitedly poring over newly released military documents that show how fighter aircraft were scrambled to intercept strange shapes in Britain's skies. The secret papers obtained from the US military give an insight into an astonishing chain of events sparked by UFO sightings over East Anglia in 1956. After receiving numerous calls reporting bright lights darting across the sky, fighters from RAF Lakenheath spent more than seven hours trying to shoot down the objects, which were picked up on army radar screens.

The classified documents were secured under the US Freedom of Information Act by Dave Clarke, an author researching the subject. One US Air Force intelligence report described how '12 to 15' objects were picked up on radar screens on 13 August 1956. They were tracked for more than 50 miles. One object was logged traveling at 4,000 mph. 'Operators making these radar sightings are of the opinion that malfunctions of equipment did not cause these radar sightings,' the document said. The radar logs describe white lights darting across the skies. At times, the objects traveled in formation and performed sharp turns. One document describes how an object was tracked by radar for 26 miles, before it hovered for five minutes then flew away again.

A cable was sent from US Air Force Headquarters in Washington

warning of the 'considerable interest and concern' at the sightings and demanding an immediate inquiry. The cable asked if they were linked to a similar scare reported by a British radar station on the Danish island of Bornholm in the Baltic Sea a week later. snip Copyright Guardian Newspapers Limited.

Editor's Note: London Control directed us to chase a UFO over England while I was serving in the US Air Force in 1962.

Polish Military - Ordered To Shootdown UFOs (Update)

According to the Polish newspaper Fakt military personnel have the command to shoot down UFOs. A Fakt journalist stated that Captain Adam Krysiewica of Naval Sources confirmed this position taken by the Polish military. The newspaper also stated that the military keeps a close watch on the Polish skies, letting nothing out of the ordinary escape their radar or eyes.

Polish UFO enthusiasts are writing a letter to the military requesting that they reconsider this "shoot first, and then ask questions later" attitude. The UFO proponents stated that the order makes a negative assumption that any unknown flying objects that could be of extraterrestrial origin would be hostile in nature. Ufologists believe it possible that UFOs might be piloted by an intelligence which could benefit mankind with solutions for world hunger, disease, and political unrest.

USTKA -- Dariusz Helle photographed a UFO over Baltic Sea coastal city a few days avter the Fakt article. The UFO was a slowly moving object on the night sky . There is a large Army base nearby with lots of radars. Apparently, the threat did not deter the visitors. Thanks to Tomek Wierszalowicz (UFORA) <http://www.ustka.pl/ustka.html> and Fakt News <http://www.e-fakt.pl>

Turkey - UFO Filmed by Police

MERSIN -- Deputy Police Chief Mehmet Baydogan reported that police officers captured a UFO on video on Tuesday, July 20, 2004. The police had received calls about a sighting near the Free Zone and officers from the Bureau of Investigation and Identification arrived at the scene and filmed at 4 AM. The officers reported the UFO was mostly crimson colored with tones of yellow and green. It was round/circular and it was constantly moving and radiating light. After the daybreak, the object ascended and vanished. The police had never before experienced an event of this nature.

AYD=DDN -- Yuksel Sekerci, 38 years old pharmacist claims to have seen a UFO in the sky that he captured with his video camera on Monday, July 19, 2004. The video shows moving bright lights. Sekerci said, "I woke up at 4.30 AM and saw a traveling object in the sky with shining lights, which looked much different from a star. I grabbed my camera immediately and started filming it. After zooming on the object I noticed its UFO-like shape and it was probably a UFO that gave me the chills."

The case is under the investigation of SIRIUS UFO Space Sciences Research Center in Istanbul. Thanks to Sirius [info.nul](mailto:info.nul), [www.siriusufo.org](http://www.siriusufo.org)

Anomalies Found in Roswell Metal

David E. Twichell writes, "In 1996, Linda Moulton Howe, UFO investigator and author, submitted a piece of metal to biophysicist W. C. Levengood, of Grass Lake, Michigan, for analysis. The metallic fragment is alleged to have come from the debris field of the famous Roswell, New Mexico UFO crash of 1947.

"From Electron Microscope and EDS (Electron Dispersive Spectroscopy) studies it was shown that the metal was composed of contiguous layers of pure bismuth (Bi) and layers of magnesium (Mg) containing between 2-3 percent zinc (Zn). The Electron Microscope images disclosed that Bi layers are in the range of 1-4 microns thick and the Mg layers 100-200 microns in thickness. When examined in cross section, it was apparent that the layers were not smooth and straight but rather contained micro-undulations. \*

"One of the visits during Linda=92s Odyssey was at the Carnegie

Institute, Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, where she arranged for an Ion Microprobe - Isotope analysis of the Bi/Mg sample. In the final report by Dr. Erik Hauri, there are two findings, which stand out as being highly anomalous.

1. The Bi/Mg sample gave a rate of emission of Mg (+) ions, which was over 60 times the rate from the pure Mg metal standard.
2. In the Bi layer the isotope ratio of mass, 208/206, was 2.72. It was pointed out that this ratio is consistent with the known isotope composition of lead (Pb).

"The presence of lead in the Bi layer was suggested as being due to some type of contamination. This, however, can be eliminated as cause of this unusual isotopic ratio in Bi, the reason being, no Pb was detected in the EDS studies. This ion probe work indicates unusual molecular structures in both the Bi and Mg layers. Therefore, it can be concluded that the make-up of this material is far from the =91standard=92 compositions."

Further studies by Levengood noted a chemical reaction in the sample when subjecting it to a "Charge Density Pulse" test (CDP). The method employed was via a patented device developed by himself and Dr. John L. Gedye for the purpose of detecting very subtle, self-organized groups of "charge density pulses" which are within all living systems. "Further evidence of a possible chemical reaction became apparent when a very active bubble formation was noted within about three minutes after introducing a 90 mg. Bi/Mg sample into the water. If indeed a chemical reaction is taking place we have another very anomalous situation. The Handbook of Chemistry and Physics lists Bi, Mg and Zn as being insoluble (non-reactive) in water.

"Repeated trials of placing the Bi/Mg samples in water consistently disclosed the presence of bubble emission within a very short time after submerging in water. It was surprising to find that bubble emission continued for days. Since the bubbles are an indication that a chemical reaction is taking place, it would be expected that reaction products would be present in the base water. If Mg is being oxidized, a milky precipitate of MgO particles should be formed (a very common industrial compound). Instead, the water in which the reaction took place remained as clear and free of particles as in the initial state."

Levengood tested the metal fragment for the presence of hydrogen by putting a sample in a flask with a weak solution of acetic acid. Immediately the fragment began to bubble as in water. The top of the flask was covered with a double layer of saran wrap. After twenty minutes, the covering was removed and a flame was introduced to the mouth of the flask. The result was a very loud, active explosion inside the flask and at the opening, indicating the presence of a high concentrate of hydrogen. This result was repeated in subsequent tests and filmed by his associate, Ms. Marilyn Ruben.

(\*) "If a sample of the Bi/Mg metal is left in the weak acetic acid until the bubbling stops (usually within a couple of hours) it would be expected that reaction products would be found in the acid solution. It was astounding to find that the liquid was still as clear as when first placed in the flask and the only other visible material was very thin, black, spongy flakes from the Bi inter-layers. This experimental sequence was repeated a number of times and in every case the results were the same. The fact that very fine Bi particles remained in the solution clearly indicates that this element acted as a catalyst in the reaction process.

"By comparing the mass of the Bi flakes left in the solution with the total mass of the Bi/Mg particle, it was determined from a number of repeat experiments that between 94% and 96% of the total mass of the original sample was still unaccounted for."

The question, as to the origin of this strange metallic fragment, remains. Many fragments, allegedly found at the Roswell crash site in 1947, have reportedly slipped through the cracks of the Army/Air force=92s tight security grid. Could this particular fragment be one of them? W.C. Levengood observed in his thesis on the metal; "the high, active output of the hydrogen gas in these reactions, bring to mind obvious

applications for use as hydrogen fuel cells. A rapid and complete reaction takes place without leaving behind reaction products which can interfere with the reaction and poison the system."

Could the fragment in question be from an advanced hydrogen propulsion system? Was it indeed recovered from the debris field of a downed exotic craft from elsewhere in the cosmos? In seeking the answers, even more questions have been posed. One fact that, to date, is not in question is that the unusual properties of this alloy remains a mystery to Levensgood, as well as many other top-notch scientists who have examined it. An alloy comprised of different elements is not found in nature. It is forged by intelligent beings. After many years of testing, science is unable to determine the basis for this particular alloy's composition... let alone duplicate it!

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(\*) Excerpt from "Anomalous Energy Transformations in a Bi/Mg Layered Metal." A copyrighted scientific publication by W.C. Levensgood.

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedmen

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:09:46 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:17:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedmen

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:00:19 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:54:18 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>>Your numbers seem to support Stan's more informal survey, or at  
>>least they do not argue.

><snip>

>Yes, Stan mentioned a 10% reporting rate (90% of his audiences  
>said they would not report). However, his audiences are self-  
>selected to be interested in the UFO subject so that biases the  
>sample in ways that just cannot be extended to the whole  
>population, and just cannot be relied upon in that way. And  
>these might be IFO's in an unknown number of cases, or just  
>memory errors. There is a lot to be said for a case to be  
>reported immediately after it occurs.

>Vallee's "hilltop" effect is what I am referring to, where the  
>reporting rate increases as the type of UFO case increases in  
>strangeness, but only up to a point, and then it gets too  
>strange to report. Unfortunately I think neither Vallee or I or  
>anyone else has any stats to back it up, it's just an impression  
>from our experience with the UFO data and in investigating  
>cases.

The percentage who have had a sighting goes up when I talk to  
Workshop groups who pay good money to attend - 30 to 40% not  
being unusual.

There are people who come to my lectures because they have heard  
me on the radio or on TV. There are also those who have no  
special interest but go to all the programs of the Management  
club... good meal, good fellowship.

Then there are those who are just curious as to why a nuclear  
physicist would give an illustrated lecture "Flying Saucers ARE  
Real!".

Normally I am not speaking to UFO groups. I think that none of  
this matters, if one looks at the 90% or so who didn't report  
their experience.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races -

From: **Stanton Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:20:45 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:24:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races -

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:07:49 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:15:07 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

<snip>

>Well as you indicate in what I snipped out this isn't exactly  
>what I meant by "agent provocateur" in the UFO community. You  
>are taking it in the sense of someone provoking people to  
>stimulate thinking in a good way. I am referring to those who  
>pose as credible people who associate and mix the UFO community  
>then spout off discrediting nonsense so that the whole UFO  
>community is perceived as discredited.

>Stan may be playing down his physicist background because of  
>years of being disparaged as the "nuts and bolts" man in UFO  
>research.

Who says I play down my nuclear physicist background? All the  
information (Press release, instructions on set up and  
publicity, introduction, sample poster)to program sponsors plays  
it up.

The type face on my poster for Nuclear Physicist-Lecturer is  
larger than that for my name. My books and videos all take note  
of nuclear physicist on the covers... not always as large as I  
would have preferred. One needs to sell the sizzle.

Brad, are you just making this stuff up to provoke discussion?  
Have you been getting false information from inside sources?  
Provocateur indeed.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Return to Magonia Project Website Updated -

From: Daniel Guenther <[daniel\\_g.nul-online.de](mailto:daniel_g.nul-online.de)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 15:09:49 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:25:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Return to Magonia Project Website Updated -

>From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
>To: Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 18:07:30 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Return to Magonia Project Website Updated

>UFO related clippings from 1951 and 1952 are now online.

><http://embark.to/magonia>

Great Project. Keep on going...

Daniel G.

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Guenther

From: Daniel Guenther <[daniel\\_g.nul-online.de](mailto:daniel_g.nul-online.de)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 15:03:25 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:33:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Guenther

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 00:51:17 +0100  
>Subject: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>If there was one UFO photo, out of the thousands, which one  
>would it be that you would put forward as the nearest to an  
>unexplained, structured object unknown to this earth?

I have a few cases in my 'UFO Sightings Database'. Go to the  
'Query' - down on the left - check the 'photos/footage' checkbox  
in the 'Traces' subsection and hit the submit button for the  
results.

Sorry for any outdated links within the cases. I'm working on  
that!

Daniel G.

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## Re: Varginha Again - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 14:21:48 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 11:13:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Hall

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 10:43:39 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:01:49 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 16:50:03 +0200  
>>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 18:41:45 +0000  
>>>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>>BTW, talking of bad cases, I recommend that you take out of your  
>>>excellent book "The UFO Evidence" the Ummo case, which is known  
>>>worldwide to be a hoax. The authors of the fake landing of  
>>>Alluche (1966) and of the fake pictures of San Jose de Valdeiras  
>>>(1967) were unmasked long ago by spanish ufologists.

>>Where in The UFO Evidence do you see anything about the Ummo  
>>case? It's certainly not in either volume to my knowledge, at  
>>least in any positive way, since it is a well-known hoax as you  
>>say.

>>As for Alluche (1966) if you look at my footnotes the case was  
>>reported by Ballester-Olmos and attributed to him. If it was  
>>later discredited, that information did not reach me or anyone  
>>else that I know, and that is simply a sign of poor  
>>communications among UFologists.

>Dick,

>Most Spanish ufologists, including Ballester-Olmos, will confirm  
>to you that the Alluche alleged landing traces were hoaxed by  
>two men, who have been exposed and have admitted their hoax,  
>Jordan Pena and Ortuno.

>I've said that on this List more than once.

Gildas,

I don't doubt your word, but no one ever notified me about it  
and I don't read every post on this List (I have a life).

This just shows the danger of accepting cases investigated by  
foreign colleagues which you have no way of checking for  
yourself. I daresay Ballester-Olmos normally is a very reliable  
source, but we all can be fooled... or learn new evidence that  
changes the picture... occasionally.

- Dick

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:22:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 11:16:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Shell

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 05:02:09 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:43:14 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>UFO cases have to be screened (Hynek Screening for IFOs and  
>hoaxes) and investigated before they can be declared real and  
>unexplained "UFOs." UFO photo cases are no different.

Absolutely. But even with the screening, if there are enough photos that fall into the "unexplained" category, then either you can assume the unexplaineds would probably be explained as something mundane if you had more evidence and therefore not worth further study, or you can accept them as truly unexplained and continue to seek explanations, even possibly among the extraordinary.

I think there have been enough unexplained photos to begin to consider something extraordinary. Time and history may prove me wrong, but I don't think I'm wrong in my consideration.

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 11:19:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:59:06 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 12:41:16 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 22:54:29 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 09:10:56 -0500  
>>>>Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 21:02:31 -0400  
>>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

Hi, Brad,

>I don't think it is fair that I should have to self-censor  
>myself to word things in such an butt-kissing way that it is  
>utterly dull,

I think you've identified the problem right there, confusing  
courtesy to colleagues with "butt-kissing". I do know that under  
no circumstances would I make sweeping, self-righteous charges  
against all ufologists - not if I expected to be heard. In  
ufology as in life, serious, intellectually engaged people come  
to different conclusions about complex issues, and if progress  
is to be accomplished - not to mention professional comity - a  
degree of mutual respect is surely desirable and even essential.

>dull and technical, dealing with scientific methodological  
>issues hardly warranting the opprobrium I got. We will have to  
>agree to disagree on this and I will remain as puzzled as ever.  
>If my criticism was too "sweeping" it is simple enough to quote  
>someone in the UFO community who has put forward some pro-ETH  
>modeling that improves upon SETI's offerings that were done in  
>an effort to refute both ETH and UFO reality. As I say Stan  
>Friedman has countered the SETI criticism but no one in the UFO  
>world so far as I know has done some "positive campaigning"  
>instead of just "negative campaigning" against SETI. Jacques  
>Vallee put forward some numbers in rough modeling of ETH in his  
>5 arguments against ETH. That's about it. I would love to see  
>more, that is continually built upon. But I hope that it doesn't  
>all turn on the question of whether it has a pro-ETH or anti-ETH  
>result. Objective scholars should be able to report negative  
>findings on ETH if that is what they turn out to be. And  
>negative findings could turn positive with more work (look at  
>SETI arguments, with improvements they could be turned pro-ETH).

As its critics both inside and outside ufology have observed on  
a number of occasions, SETI sometimes resembles a religious  
movement more than a scientific one, with its own share of  
failed prophecies. The failed prophecies involve the projected

success of the program within a specified period of time. Back in the early 1990s, for example, Frank Drake (if memory serves) confidently predicted contact with ET civilizations within five years. The other day, I heard a SETI scientist declare his certainty that it will happen in the next 20. Uh huh. All that will come of this, after the failures no longer become rationalizable, is the prospect that some young, iconoclastic scientist will finally say, Well, if we looked at some actual evidence, such as what ufologists have in their files, maybe we'll find something that we haven't found before. In terms of history's judgment, I'd far rather be a ufologist empiricist than a SETI wishful thinker.

And no, Brad, that doesn't mean ufology has no shortage of problems. Nor does it mean that we shouldn't criticize those problems, as I have spent my life in this field doing, as an extensive paper trail documents. Nor does it mean that you are wrong about this or anything else, or that your views are not to be heard and taken seriously.

>I could say the same thing having read this just after returning  
>from a scientific meeting at UCLA, and chuckling at how UFO  
>research is never going to get anywhere if we cannot even agree  
>on working to improve its methodology, instead of defending the  
>status quo.

Since I have spent my adult life as a ufologist trying to get ufology to "improve its methodology" and allying myself with those who feel the same, I am at a loss to understand what you're saying. If you reread my earlier post, you will find that all I was doing was explaining why ufologists handle or do not handle the ETH the way they do for certain rather clear historical, strategic, and ideological reasons, and that these reasons make a certain degree of sense and merit more than unthinking scorn. If ufologists agreed on methodology, they would have a certain broad agreement on the nature of the problem they confront, and they don't. And that is surely understandable.

>>Since the 1960s, as historians of the subject and more-than-casual observers know well, ufology and the ETH have hardly been synonymous. They are synonymous only in outsiders' - and usually unsympathetic outsiders' - representation of what ufologists think and do. One can read far more about ufologists' supposed obsession with the ETH in debunking (and ridicule-laced) publications such as Magonia and Skeptical Inquirer than in actual UFO literature. Before the likes of Swords and Ashpole, consequential writing within our field, with the honorable exception of Stan Friedman's, had become scarce. Even now, ETH writing in the published literature is rare. I exclude contactee and Dark Side mythology from the just-stated, obviously.

>Here we go again with the extreme empiricism. Are you saying that any theoretical work on UFO's is now "rare" because it is seen as threatening the survival of UFO research due to the unfair identification UFO = ETH as synonymous?? But invalid theoretical reasoning like that which equates UFO = ETH is no excuse to just throttle all theoretical work. That is why the UFO community needs to do its own UFO theoretical work on the ETH so it will ensure a "fairer hearing" on such issues.

Excellent theoretical work appears in Mike Swords's several papers on ufology and the ETH. I encourage others to follow in his footsteps. At the same time, it is my judgment, for reasons already expressed, that theory-making cannot be ufology's first priority

>>Debunkers asserted that since ufologists couldn't prove the ETH, there was no reason to take UFO sightings seriously and to investigate them accordingly. Ufologists, quite naturally, came to the conclusion that since indeed we can't prove the ETH (or any other hypothesis about the nature of the phenomenon), it is wisest - both intellectually and strategically - to concentrate on data-gathering. They were led to argue (as in fact I did a couple of weeks ago in a conversation with a producer from the news division of a major broadcast network) that UFO reports are best seen as modestly as possible: as questions for investigation, not as subjects for sweeping speculation. If a single puzzling report is brought to a potentially intrigued scientist, it is frankly stupid to

>>present it as possible evidence for a staggering claim; rather,  
>>it's best brought forth as a puzzle which, if solved, might  
>>teach us something new, possibly even important, and no more.

>Once again it's this either/or: Either extreme theoreticism  
>(the actual term is "idealism" but would be misunderstood here)  
>or extreme empiricism. Theory and observation are supposed to  
>work together in an interactive synergistic fashion. You are  
>taking it that ETH theoretical work is going to be done in a  
>SETI way, standing aloof and judgmentally condemning UFO  
>observations. Well that isn't the way theory and observation  
>usually work in science anyway and once again, if the UFO  
>community did its own theory development you wouldn't such a  
>problem of disparaging the UFO data.

>Scientists get put off when someone tries to push "data" on them  
>that they see no theoretical framework for interpreting. It's  
>like giving them a painting of a house without blueprints,  
>tools, or materials and telling them "Now build us a house!"  
> You are telling them to build the foundation for a brand new  
>science all from scratch! It is highly unlikely that any single  
>scientist is capable of doing that, Isaac Newton style, even if  
>they wanted to. They need a community of something like on the  
>order of a hundred equally capable colleagues. If you had some  
>theoretical framework built already, you might be able to  
>attract some scientists who can see a way to build on that  
>foundation, that it wouldn't look so hopeless.

I think - unoriginally - that the core problem ufologists face  
is that they lack resources.As you noted wisely not long ago, in  
all the history of ufology, probably six months of actual  
science has been committed to the problem. Ufologists will not  
solve the UFO mystery; it's way, way too big for them.  
Therefore, if the project on which ufology is focused is to  
succeed, it has to be taken up by scientists, who do have the  
training, resources, institutional support, and all the rest of  
the stuff on which real science draws to do its work.

In my judgment ufologists should work toward the end of making  
themselves obsolete. In other words, they need to make the case  
that there is an interesting investigatable problem which  
scientists could usefully take up (and therefore relieve  
ufologists of).

It is all well and good to talk in some abstract way about  
theory and data in normal science, but ufology long ago ceased  
to be an ordinary scientific question. Actually, few scientists  
are willing to acknowledge that it is a scientific problem at  
all, much less a window into the workings of an alien  
intelligence Therefore....

We will accomplish ufology's purpose - its own extinction - only  
with good data, removed from toxic theoretical associations  
(e.g., utterly predictable, ridicule-laced charges that the  
scientist in question is "looking for little green men" as  
opposed to studying puzzling observations and traces). Anything  
else, however desirable (and I have no quarrel with thoughtful  
theorizing; as a ufologist and thinker, I value it), has to be  
secondary. If I had to predict who will win the race in the end  
- SETI (all theory) and ufology (all data) - I'd have no problem  
placing a large bet on the second. SETI's extinction will be its  
failure, ufology's extinction its success.

Jerry Clark

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