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Notice of Imminent Legal Action Against BLM

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 12:29:17 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 07:35:45 -0500
Subject: Notice of Imminent Legal Action Against BLM

To: osfoia.nul
Cc: zaidms.nul, president.nul

To: Secretary
U. S. Department of the Interior
ATTN: Mr. William W. Wolf (DOI FOIA Appeals Officer)
Washington, DC 20240

From: Larry W. Bryant
3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: November 30, 2004

Your agency has had more than ample time to process and grant my April 20, 2003, appeal of the U. S. DOI/Bureau of Land Management's April 16, 2003, denial of my FOIA records-search-fee-waiver request of March 7, 2003/April 11, 2003 (by which I'd sought the waiver on the grounds of my requester status as an independent writer).

Having included in that appeal certain concrete, persuasive evidence of my requester status (and having accumulated more of the same evidence since that time), I hereby serve notice upon you that I'm instructing my attorney, Mark S. Zaid, Esq., to file the appropriate complaint, on my behalf, circa Dec. 20, 2004, in U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Larry W. Bryant

Copy furnished to:
Mark S. Zaid, Esq.
(Washington, D.C.)

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Light Formation Apex North Carolina

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research** <hbccufo.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 10:29:58 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 07:38:01 -0500
Subject: Light Formation Apex North Carolina

Apex, North Carolina Formation Of Lights

Date: Mid November, 2003
Time: Approx: 9:00 p.m..

Number of witnesses: 1
Shape of objects: Formation.

Full Description of event/sighting: I have taken a photo of what I thought was 3 planets lined up, (although they had a red tint to them). In the middle of November, 2003, I was coming home after dark and noticed them above my head because I was closing the sunroof on my car and just happened to look straight up. I saw 3 lights the same distance apart, so I came in the house and got my camera, but only took one shot, because I didn't think that much of it because planets line up all the time. I put in my computer and left it there until I had time to check it out. I had forgotten about having it, and was cleaning out my files this summer and found it. That's when I used the features on my camera software and found anomalies. I have the simplest, most inexpensive Kodak (CX 4200), but it makes good night shots without the flash. The features I have are - brighten, enhance, contrast, color-adjust, red-eye, darken, lighten. Those are the ones I've used on this photo. And I can 'trim' (crop) a picture.

There are somewhat famous Ufologists in this country but two of them seemed to brush off my report? One did, however, state if I could pinpoint a certain date, he could verify if it is an official star formation, or it isn't. I don't know the exact date, although I'm sure it was in November of 2003 and it was around 9:00 p.m..

I have several drafted emails waiting to send, with the pictures if you'd like to see them; the original, as well as the ones I used my camera features on.

I tend to think the others I've contacted think I'm trying to present a hoax of some kind; This photo is all TOO clear. But I am an average person with a cheap Kodak camera. I am a 54 year-old female who's "seen things" all my life. I have always believed UFO's existed and may come from elsewhere other than this blue planet. The strangest thing is I don't remember at what point I started believing that. I have always.

If it was a ship of some sort, what was it doing sitting over my house? I live in the country, about 20 miles from the RDU airport in Morrisville, and a long way from any military bases. I think Fort Bragg would be the closest and it's hundreds of miles, I'm not sure. We do have a nuclear power plant within 10 miles of my home. Shearan Harris (spelling?). I get their notices each year in the mail; where the evacuation routes are and all that other info.

Please let me know if you want to see the pictures. I hope so, because I'd love for someone knowledgeable to tell me what this was. If it moved, I don't know because I didn't go outside again that night, but it wasn't moving when I took the shot

Thank you to the witness for the report and pictures.

The photos are going to be looked at and some answers hopefully found for the witness.

To view photos:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=2104>

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Last Call For Audio History Of Ufology Compilations

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 12:09:44 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 07:39:42 -0500
Subject: Last Call For Audio History Of Ufology Compilations

Last call for the Audio History of Ufology compilations. In order to ensure they arrive before Christmas, you will need to place your order by the morning of December 1, 2004.

I won't be producing any copies or new compilations until after the first of the New Year and current supplies are very limited. These compilations are not produced in large quantities and are highly collectable.

Thank you,

Wendy Connors
www.fadeddiscs.com

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Rogerson

From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 19:14:25 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 07:41:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Rogerson

>From: Eleanor White <eleonor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2004 17:02:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 28 Nov 2004 18:02:08 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

><snip>

>>But the real problem maybe that for many, perhaps most
>>ufologists, the subject is more akin to a religion rather than a
>>science. Just see how people react to crticial commentaries on
>>classic cases, with the usual denunciations of skeptibunker,
>>pelicanist etc of anyone who proposes a solution to a ufo case
>>which does not involve non human intelligences of some kind. A
>>reaction as though someone had challegned their deeply held
>>religious faith. I suppose the next step will be to denounce
>>sceptics as hybrids and burn them at the nearest stake. Peter
>>Rogerson

>Or maybe that for some who believe UFOs are ET craft, it derives
>from plain old common sense, based on decades of contemplating
>the huge, ancient and complex universe and the way nature seems
>to inhabit the most unlikely environments, including the vacuum
>of the Moon.

>The discovery of microbes on a 2-year old lander, for example.

Those would be imported microbes, not native lunar ones. At present there is no actual evidence for ET life, only inference and speculation. Even if microbial life is common, complex multi-cellular organisms might be rare.

The assumption that there is some kind of impetus to produce a universe full of Carl Sagans, though popular with astronomers, is not one which the majority of evolutionary biologists adhere to.

Real alien life will be something biologically far more different from us than yeast or slime mold is. Its unlikely to be sufficiently physically or psychologically similar to us to be engaged on projects such as building radio telescopes or spaceships, which are very much the product of our own particular culture, let alone species.

Peter Rogerson

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55,000 Posts To The UFO UpDates Archive

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 07:47:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 07:47:50 -0500
Subject: 55,000 Posts To The UFO UpDates Archive

For those who keep track of such things - this post caused the message counter at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/>

to click over to:

"55000 Messages Archived Since Dec. 1996"

[Cue: Fireworks & Cheering Crowds]

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the substantial knowledge base there.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator
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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 15:47:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 08:54:50 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2004 15:41:44 -0600
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2004 11:49:52 -0400
>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 28 Nov 2004 15:52:56 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>Subject: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>>We all know that the closest planet to us in space is Venus,
>>>the Earth's 'twin' planet. This very bright celestial object is
>>>sometimes seen in the sky at dawn or dusk and is often mistaken
>>>for a UFO.

<snip>

>>Any information regarding the size of 2002 VE68. How close to
>>Earth's orbit does it come. I've often thought that someday we
>>would use asteroids for research, hitching free rides on - or
>>in - them. Maybe others do.

>Hey Don... I wrote this in August, 2001.

>I'm just wondering if this is not something that Humanity will
>very tragically miss the point on. Must these near Earth
>asteroids be only the "Planet Killers" we paint them to be?
>These big rocks that sail down so close to Earth orbit seem to
>me to be something else, entirely.

<snip>

Hi Al,

Once we've tamed a few of them, they are not only possible
sources of free rides, but mineral wealth as well, ready to be
exploited. But as free rides, their sizes offer offer more
protection than the 1/16th inch of the aluminum canister we use
now, Bigalow's new revitalized Kevlar, water-jacketed Habitats
notwithstanding.

But we have to get out of Low Earth Orbit first.

Best,

Don

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UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 48

From: John Hayes <John.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 20:21:52 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 08:59:28 -0500
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 48

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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Volume 9, Number 48
December 1, 2004
Editor: Joseph Trainor

E-mail: Masiniagan.nul
Website: <http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

ANOTHER FIGHTER JET
CRASHES IN INDIA

"An Indian Air Force (IAF) jet crashed Monday night," November 8, 2004, "the third French-built airplane involved in a crash since September (2004), officials said."

"They said the jet went off military radar 'almost immediately' after taking off around 8:40 p.m. from the central Indian Air Force base at Gwalior and then crashed in a dense forest nearby."

"The aircraft seems to have caught fire after gaining altitude," an IAF source told Agence France Presse in New Delhi, "India's capital."

"Rescuers rushed to the site to assist its lone pilot."

The jet interceptor was a Dassault Mirage 2000, the aircraft used by the IAF's front-line fighter squadrons.

"On (Tuesday) October 12 (2004), an Indian Air Force Mirage 2000 went down during joint maneuvers with the Singapore Air Force after the pilot lost control due to technical problems."

"Another Mirage 2000 crashed near Gwalior after losing its nosewheel in mid-air on (Thursday) September 23 (2004)."

"An Indian Defence Ministry official said the latest crash was 'bewildering.'"

"We are really at a loss to figure out why we are now losing Mirage planes. They have been a reliable fighter plane since we began ordering them (in 1985-- J.T.),' the official said, speaking on conditions of anonymity."

The following day, India's newspapers reported that the pilot had not survived the crash. He was Flight Lt. Neehar Gururani, a career IAF officer reputed to be "India's Top Gun."

"With the death of Flight Lt. Neehar Gururani last night, the IAF has lost its second pilot in a Mirage 2000 jet crash."

"Gururani's aircraft hit the ground about 80 kilometers (50 miles) from IAF Gwalior on Tuesday. With this crash, the IAF has lost six Mirage 2000 jets so far-- three of them during the past two months alone."

(Editor's Note: To say nothing of the IAF MiG-21 that went down in the western desert near Bikaner on Monday, November 1, 2004. See UFO Roundup, volume 9, number 46

for November 17, 2004, "A shutdown in India?" page 1.)

"IAF Vice-Chief Air Marshal S.K. Malik said today (Wednesday, November 10, 2004) that preliminary evidence shows the pilot may have been 'disoriented' due to the darkness, so there was no reason to suspect technical or engine failure. Initial reports Monday night had said the pilot was safe, but then the rescue teams reached the site and found Gururani's body."

(Editor's Comment: So India's Top Gun became 'disoriented,' eh? Riiiiight! And if you believe that, you probably think it happens to Chuck Yeager, too.)

"The IAF sent its Director-General of Flight Inspection and Safety, Air Marshal P.S. Ahluwalia, to probe the reason behind the recent series of Mirage crashes."

"The crashes have been surprising indeed. The Mirage continues to be our finest fighter," Malik said."

A spokesman for Dassault, the French firm that built the aircraft, said, "We are waiting for a final report from the IAF on the crash. From the information that we have received, it seems possible that the pilot was disoriented; which is why he may not have pushed the panic button."

Gururani was part of a two-plane formation that took off from IAF Gwalior. His wingman "sounded an alert when Gururani did not respond to radio inquiries and disappeared from the radar screen. When the second pilot failed to contact Gururani, he retraced his flight path to find a ball of fire on the ground."

"The dead pilot is the son of IAF Air Marshal S. Gururani, who retired in 1997 as the commander of IAF Maintenance Command."

"Malik said, 'We have seen his fitness reports. He was a good pilot and an enthusiastic boy. It is rather unnerving that this has happened.'"

"The IAF has ordered ten more Mirages to make up for the crash losses, and an additional squadron is expected to arrive by year's end. The Defence Ministry is also considering Qatar's offer of ten of its own Mirages."

"In the October 12 (2004) crash, (the engine's) turbine blades came loose. The pieces are now at the National Metallurgical Laboratory in Jamshedpur for tests. After this, they will be sent to the Dassault factory in France for examination."

Indian ufologists are questioning why Gururani's Mirage descended to 900 meters (3,000 feet) before disappearing from military radar.

Ufologist Daniel Wilson is now comparing UFO reports from India and Pakistan with news accounts of jet crashes in the subcontinent, to see if there's any correlation.

"Until Daniel brought it up, we had not considered the possibility of a clandestine air war. But India has lost six Mirages and one MiG-21," said Krishnari Bai Dharapurnanda, UFO Roundup correspondent in India. "A Mirage was lost on September 23 (2004). This was at the same time many UFOs were seen over Himachal Pradesh (the Himalayas--J.T.) and there were reports of aliens building a base in the mountains overlooking the upper Sutlej River valley."

Gwalior is in India's Madhya Pradesh state approximately 300 kilometers (180 miles) south-southeast of New Delhi. (See the newspaper Indian Express for November 10, 2004, "Another Mirage 2000 military jet crashes." Many thanks to Daniel Wilson and Krishnari Bai Dharapurnanda for this newspaper article.)

THREE LARGE UFOs SEEN OVER PAKISTAN'S CAPITAL

On Monday, November 8, 2004, at 5:10 p.m.--just a few hours before Flight Lt. Neehar Gururani's Mirage 2000 went down in central India--three large luminous UFOs were seen by a family in Islamabad, the capital of neighboring Pakistan.

The witness, a 41-year-old Pakistani woman, reported, "I noticed three moving objects in the sky as I sat in my house. I quickly ran outside onto my terrace and called my children, a 15-year-old and a 5-year-old. The three objects were gliding towards the east and going higher and higher. I ran and got a digital camera, but for some

reason I could not see the object through the (camera's) lens. Finally, I got a photo."

"The objects were brownish with protuberances but, as they got higher, they formed an L-shaped formation and became round in shape. When I zeroed in with the camera's telephoto lens, I saw that two of the objects were triangular in shape and one was egg-shaped. I am the 41-year-old mother of three children." (Many thanks to Daniel Wilson for this report.)

MYSTERIOUS JET CRASH AT AREA 51 IN NEVADA

A U.S. Navy jet crashed near Area 51 in Nevada in early November.

"A Virginia Beach-based F/A-18 Hornet crashed near Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada shortly after takeoff Tuesday," November 9, 2004.

"The pilot ejected and was rescued by a U.S. Air Force rescue crew. He is listed in good condition at the Nellis base hospital."

"His identification is not being released, the Navy said."

"The crash took place about 15 miles (25 kilometers) north of the sprawling base (just west of the Moapa River Indian Reservation--J.T.) just outside Las Vegas, Nev. (population 478,434). The aircraft impacted in a sparsely-populated (desert) area. No one on the ground was injured."

"The plane was assigned to the 'Wildcats' of Strike Fighter Squadron 131, based at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, Va., said Mike Maus, a spokesman for the Atlantic Fleet Naval Air Force in Norfolk, Va."

The crashed F/A-18 Hornet "was participating in an exercise with the Air Force Weapons School at Nellis, he said." (See the Virginia Pilot of Virginia Beach, Va. for November 10, 2004, "Pilot safe after Beach-based jet crashes in Nev." Many thanks to Daniel Wilson for this newspaper article.)

HEAVY UFO ACTIVITY REPORTED IN MEXICO

"A large UFO resembling an organic creature was recorded on video over Mexico City as it expelled strange spheres from several tentacles."

According to Mexican ufologist Jaime Maussan, "On (Wednesday) October 27 (2004), to be exact, a giant object was videotaped and photographed over Mexico City. It was very impressive and launched spheres."

"This is an inexplicable phenomenon," Maussan added, "It's as though it were an organic being with several tentacles, and some of these tentacles were putting forth spheres. We called in an expert to see if it could have been some sort of balloon, but he said no."

Maussan "revealed that an air traffic controller at the city's airport calculated that the object was flying at over 3,000 meters (10,000 feet), which means that, in order for it to be picked up by a (ground-based) camera, its diameter should have been between 300 and 400 meters (1,000 and 1,330 feet), making this a highly strange and extraordinary event."

"He added that the object made a series of impressive maneuvers, that it braided itself and stretched but was always surrounded by a series of red and blue spheres that appeared to be stuck to the (larger) object's sides."

"'If it's an organic being, where did it come from? How did it get here? That's inside the spheres that it is ejecting? Is this some sort of invasion? Or are we being monitored?'" Maussan asked.

"Maussan said that the images were supplied by Arturo Robles Gil, a professional photographer, who also managed to record it with a camcorder. For this reason, the images are very clear."

Robles Gil "revealed that at first they debated on whether it could be a balloon, but a considerable monetary investment would have been required, aside from the fact that it would have been necessary to assemble it at around 2 in the morning in order for it to be seen at 9 a.m."

"The video's duration is between 5 to 10 minutes, although the object was visible for 10 to 20 minutes," Maussan added.

On Saturday, November 20, 2004, at 4:45 p.m., three Mexican ufologists spotted four mysterious translucent objects in the skies over Tepoztlan, a town in the state of Morelos about 40 kilometers (25 miles) south of Cuernavaca.

Ufologist "Salvador Guerrero videotaped four translucent spheres in the town of Tepoztlan, state of Morelos. He was in the company of Amado Marquez and Eduardo Ortega and engaged in intensive skywatching. Guerrero has been an active ufologist since 1981."

"At approximately 4:45 p.m., the team became aware of a strange sphere of the size of a ping pong ball almost at ground level, and they approached it with videocameras to record evidence. They made videotapes with three different cameras."

"Subsequently, the object came out from behind a tree bough and remained surprisingly motionless, then moving up and down with intelligent movement, according to Salvador Guerrero. At one point, the object was close to his own body, scant centimeters (inches) away."

"It was then that he reached out and touched it. Upon contact with his skin, the sphere released a gelatinous fluid that caused harm and discomfort to the skin, leaving a red rash on his flesh."

"A total of four spheres were sighted with intervals of five minutes between each sighting."

During this time, "teachers and children from the Escuela Meztitla (school)" in Tepoztlan "joined the trio" and watched the diminutive UFOs.

According to Mexican ufologist Ana Luisa Cid Fernandez, who interviewed Guerrero after the sighting, "He still reports discomfort to his hand. He has been advised to see a physician to obtain a diagnosis as to what happened to his skin."

"Guerrero has recorded similar (UFO) phenomena before but never touched it."

The team's videotapes were aired Thursday, November 18, 2004, on The Omar Chaparro Show and on Jaime Maussan's TV show, Los Grandes Misterios de Tercer Milenio. (Translated: Great Mysteries of the Third Millennium--J.T.) (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Ana Luisa Cid Fernandes para estas historias de OVNI's.)

MYSTERY BOOMS HEARD IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

"The mysterious booms first heard on Richmond's north side are now being heard in other part of the area" surrounding the city, the state capital of Virginia, "including Henrico and Chesterfield counties."

"A city spokesman says Richmond's officials also have heard from officials in Indiana and Canada, where similar booms have also been felt."

"The booms started in Richmond on" Tuesday, November 2, 2004, "and have happened several times a week since. Most of them happened in the northern part of the city (Greendale, Lakeside and Regency Square--J.T.), and on Sunday," November 21, 2004, "authorities got 250 calls to report an afternoon boom."

"City officials have ruled out construction, railroads or factories, along with public utilities, military exercises and private activities."

"Advanced electronic equipment is being brought to the city to help pinpoint the source of the booms." (See the Richmond, Va. Times-Dispatch for November 23, 2004, "Mysterious booms now being heard elsewhere in the area." Many thanks to Robert Fischer for this newspaper article.)

UFOs SIGHTED IN CHESHIRE AND THE MIDLANDS, UK

On Sunday, October 31, 2004, at 7 p.m., the eyewitness, Eddie C., was driving in rural Cheshire about 15 miles (25 kilometers) south of Liverpool. Stopping in Wirral, he took some photographs. After these were developed, he was astounded to see a UFO in one image.

"The object didn't appear until the film was developed," said Eddie, who described himself as having a theatrical background but who was now studying "with a well-known spiritual medium in UK. The lights could not be seen with the naked eye--only with the development of the photos. I was very excited."

On Saturday, November 13, 2004, at 3:18 p.m., eyewitness Lloyd Bailey reported, "Travelling along Every Street" in Ancotes, a suburb of Manchester, "I was playing a game on my dad's phone when a dark shape caught my eye. I turned to look over to the field to it and saw a dark oval shape with what looked like wings sticking out of its sides. I had enough time to convert my dad's phone to camera (mode) and took a photo of the object."

"The object was just above the houses, maybe 150 to 200 feet (45 to 60 meters). It was travelling at an incredible rate of speed. After the initial sighting, it just disappeared." (Many thanks to Stefan Duncan of AUFON for the Cheshire report; the Ancotes report was an Email Form Report.)

GAMMA-RAY SPACECRAFT LAUNCHED BY NASA

"The fastest-swiveling space science observatory ever built rocketed into orbit Saturday," November 20, 2004, "to scan the universe for violent celestial explosions that astronomers believe represent the birth screams of black holes."

"NASA launched the observatory--named Swift for its speedy pivoting and pointing--following weeks of delays caused by hurricanes and a three-day postponement due to rocket trouble. The unmanned rocket climbed smoothly through a cloud-flecked midday sky" in Cape Canaveral, Florida "and delighted flight controllers wished the spacecraft a successful mission."

"Swift, a \$250 million collaboration by NASA, Italy and Britain, should begin its hunt for gamma-ray bursts by January (2005) and ease some of the mystery surrounding these explosions and black holes."

"Gamma-ray bursts are the most powerful events in the universe, exceeded only by the cosmic curtain-raising Big Bang itself. Lasting just a few seconds on average, the bursts appear out of nowhere like flashlight beams and are thought to signal the formation of black holes."

"Astronomers theorize the collapse or collision of massive stars is what produces black holes--so dense not even light can escape--and that the resulting gravitational energy sends gamma rays shooting out across time and space."

"We think that, perhaps, bursts are the birth cries of black holes and we're seeing these across the universe," said NASA's Neil Gehrels, principal scientist."

"A single gamma-ray burst releases more energy than the sun will emit in its entire lifetime at all wavelengths, Gehrels said."

To give our UFO Roundup readers some idea of how fantastically powerful a gamma-ray burst is, here's a brief list of energy comparisons.

(1) One nuclear power plant equals 10,000 campfires.

(2) Our sun equals one hundred million billion nuclear plants.

(3) One supernova (explosion caused by a dying star--J.T.) equals 100 million suns.

(4) One gamma-ray burst equals one trillion supernovae.

"Put another mind-blowing way, 'If you added together everything in the rest of the universe during that second, it would not be as bright as the gamma-ray burst,' said Pennsylvania State University astrophysicist John Nousek, director of mission operations."

"So far, astronomers have managed to identify only a couple dozen gamma-ray bursts, as close as a few million light-years and as far as 12 billion light-years" away. (Editor's Note: One light-year equals 5.9 trillion miles.)

"Swift should zero in on two gamma-ray bursts a week as far away as 15 billion light-years, representing the very first generation of stars, for a grand total of more than 200" to be surveyed "during the planned two-year mission."

"The spacecraft will scan one-sixth of the sky at any one time and thus see one-sixth of all gamma-ray bursts out there. The observations will help scientists learn more about what the bursts are, how black holes are formed, and how many are out there."

"As soon as Swift's gamma-ray burst-alert instrument spots an explosion, the spacecraft will quickly turn all by itself so that two other on-board telescopes can observe the X-rays and ultraviolet and optical light streaming from the afterglow."

"This swinging into position will take just one minute, lightning speed by astronomical standards because of Swift's six momentum wheels, double the number for a science satellite. Speed is crucial because once the ever-so-brief gamma-ray burst subsides, the afterglow is difficult to find and fades within hours or sometimes weeks."

"News of the gamma-ray burst and its precise location instantly will be relayed to astronomers everywhere by the mission control center at Penn State. Ground observatories can then be aimed to assist in the afterglow analysis."

"Deputy project manager Tim Gehringer calls Swift 'the Roadrunner of spacecraft, speeding from birth to birth as it advances mankind's knowledge of the most violent explosions in the universe.'"

"After chasing gamma-ray bursts for a year or two, Swift will expand its repertoire to other rapidly-occurring cosmic events." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for November 21, 2004, "Spaceship hunts for gamma-ray bursts," page 14A.)

READER FEEDBACK:

POINTED CHINS IN HOLLYWOOD

Concerning the feature story in UFO Roundup, volume 9, number 47, "2004: Prisoner of the Aliens," Terry Duckworth writes, "If that guy who was held prisoner in the underground base gets spooked by pointed chins, he'd better stay away from the tabloids. Check out all the pointed chins in the Globe for November 15th (2004), pages 58 and 59. Of the six celebs shown, Nicky Hilton is the only one without a pointed chin. Isn't that weird?" (Editor's Comment: A bit.)

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 next time!

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Re: Aykroyd Expounds On His Belief In UFOs - Heath

From: Gord Heath <gheath.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 13:15:24 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 09:50:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Aykroyd Expounds On His Belief In UFOs - Heath

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 15:49:16 +0200
>Subject: Re: Aykroyd Expounds On His Belief In UFOs

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscrbers ->
>>Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2004 2:49 PM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Aykroyd Expounds On His Belief In UFOs

>>You've been hearing of these sightings in Carmite Yukon with
>>these ships 200 feet across. Two to three hundred people have
>>seen them Mounties have seen them. There's huge, massive mother
>>ships going up to the Yukon. They've been filmed and are on
>>video. Fifty-four percent of the world believes that there's
>>something inter-dimensional or extraterrestrial going on here.
>>And the rest so we need sceptics. I invite you to go on the
>>website and look through the material.

>Can someone point me to a link to the 'Yukon sightings'?

Diana,

UFOBC hosts UFO Yukon Research Society on its website at the following URL:

<http://www.ufobc.ca/yukon/index.htm>

There are a number of very interesting "giant UFO" reports and abductions from the Yukon. Dan Aykroyd was possibly referring to the Dec 11, 1996 event where a giant UFO was observed by over 30 witnesses at three locations (Fox Lake, Carmacks and Pelly Crossing). Using triangulation from multiple witnesses, the estimated size of this UFO was as large as 1.7 kilometer (1.1 mile) diameter/length and 400 meter (1300 feet) height/thickness.

<http://www.ufobc.ca/yukon/22index.htm>

UFOBC sells a special report on this incident from its website.

<http://www.ufobc.ca/Store/giantufo.htm>

A second sighting of a giant cigar shaped UFO was made by twin sisters living in the gold fields near Dawson City in July 1996. This UFO appeared to disappear into the ground behind a mountain and based on the size of the mountain, was estimated to be over 500 meters long (>1500 feet).

<http://www.ufobc.ca/yukon/indian-river-ufo/irufu-page1.html>

Martin Jasek, a member of UFOBC who used to live in the Yukon, performed the research on these and other very incredible sightings including the abduction of a hunter from a road on the Yukon/Northwest Territories border in September 1987.

<http://www.ufobc.ca/yukon/n-canol-abd/index.htm>

UFOBC continues to assist the study and reporting of Yukon UFO and abduction events and maintains contact with the study group in the Yukon. The UFOBC/Yukon UFO website contains extensive reports on incredible events from the Yukon, BC and other locations as well. We also publish a quaterly journal that documents these and other incidents. We invite all interested persons to visit the site.

Gord Heath, UFOBC

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Re: The Bamboo Saucer - Nicolaides

From: Louise Nicolaides <Louise.Nicolaides.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 16:31:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 10:19:07 -0500
Subject: Re: The Bamboo Saucer - Nicolaides

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 10:59:22 EST
>Subject: The Bamboo Saucer

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>years ago about UFOs was called, The Bamboo Saucer.

>I'm sure it's out on VHS somewhere and if it comes out on DVD
>I'll buy it.

<snip>

Hi,

I thought you might like to know I found the movie on Ebay. Here
is the link with a description of the film:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&category=617&item=6343920755&rd=1&ssPageName=WDVW>

Louise

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Re: Chapala Jalisco Mexico Saucer-Shaped Craft -

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 17:48:26 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 20:04:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Chapala Jalisco Mexico Saucer-Shaped Craft -

>From: Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research <hbccufo.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 09:27:55 -0800
>Subject: Chapala Jalisco Mexico Saucer-Shaped Craft

>Chapala Jalisco, Mexico Saucer Shaped Craft

>Date: September 11, 2004
>Time: 3:30 p.m.

>Here is the anecdote:

>On sep/11/2004 Chapala Jalisco, Mexico at about 15:30 pm. My
>family and I went to dinner to the real Chapala Hotel (Ajijic
>Jalisco, Mexico). We ate and then went to table next to the
>pool, and I saw an object with a shape like a saucer with an
>American-ball inside. I said look an UFO and it moved up and down
>nearly of surface of the lake, we saw too an exhaust coming from
>the object and suddenly go down to the surface of the lake and
>it would navigate on the water for about 50 mts. then
>disappeared.

>Thank you to the witness for the interesting report and the
>photos.

>To view Photos:

><http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2102>

Hi Brian,

Unusually excellent photographs. I am very intrigued by the images, and the uniformity of the objects appearance across the images coupled with the eyewitness account dispels any bird or aircraft theory.

The closest approximation I can find of what might be in the images can be found here... and if you back up the URL you can see some other odd kite designs:

http://www.cit.gu.edu.au/~anthony/kites/rotor/photos/ufo_3.jpg

The difference being that your cited photos are backlit by the setting sun, which places the facing side of the object in shadow.

Nothing conclusive, but the reported erratic altitude behavior would fit the kite model, and the occasional *exhaust* reported could be the result of the kite lines intermittently reflecting the waning sunlight, Unfortunately, neither of the provided images includes this feature.

I can draw no firm conclusions from analysis of the images, but an untimely loss of wind would account for a kites sudden disappearance, into the body of water below. Contrast enhancement seems to reveal a multi-colored aspect, and perhaps a hard structure or framework, but this is mostly supposition when analyzing photos which are backlit.

Nice photos, at any rate.

For more interesting kite shots, check out this site... there are more kite designs out there than you could shake a stick at. Some of the photos look like shots from the Close Encounters *dark side of the moon* scenes:

<http://miztral.free.fr/miznet/miznet.htm>

Click the Galerie link on the left)

Best Regards,

Kyle

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Re: The Bamboo Saucer - Christol

From: Michael Christol <spachopr.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 18:41:06 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 20:05:28 -0500
Subject: Re: The Bamboo Saucer - Christol

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 10:59:22 EST
>Subject: The Bamboo Saucer

Hi Greg.

Yes, I have seen this movie. In fact, I have it on VHS video.

It is an interesting film. I first saw it back in the 50's, I think... (I may be wrong here.)

Perhaps it will come out on DVD in the near future. It is a good flick, well worth watching.

Mike

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Re: The Bamboo Saucer - Rudiak

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Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 20:07:32 -0500
Subject: Re: The Bamboo Saucer - Rudiak

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Never heard of it before. Here's the IMDB web site writeup:

<http://imdb.com/title/tt0062704/>

Mostly useless trivia: The film was made in 1968. This was the last film for special effects man John P. Fulton whose career spanned over 200 movies dating back to Frankenstein (1931). One of the writers, Alfred (Rip) van Ronkel helped write the screenplay (along with Robert Heinlein) for Destination Moon (1950) and later a failed TV pilot named Destination Space (1959).

One thing that caught my eye was the pilot (played by character actor Andy Romano) was named "Blanchard," of course, the base commander's name at Roswell in 1947. Coincidence? We Think Not!

David Rudiak

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Re: The Bamboo Saucer - Matteson

From: Gary Matteson <mystrius.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 21:37:45 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 20:08:37 -0500
Subject: Re: The Bamboo Saucer - Matteson

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>I'll buy it.

Greg Boone,

Do a search on Amazon.com, I did, found at least five copies
available as of 9:30 P.M. CST.

Kindest regards,

Gary Matteson

http://www.geocities.com/sparky_from_nebraska/Unofficial_MUFON-NE

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Re: A New Lie Detection Technology? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 01:42:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 20:14:27 -0500
Subject: Re: A New Lie Detection Technology? - Maccabee

>From: Michael Belanger <belanger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 12:19:33 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Scholar version of Google now open

>As of today, Google has opened a beta version of their scholar research
>engine that will allow academic science and research articles to be
>accessed (for free) by the public. This opens the research articles to
>the public. It will be useful for h&s and compensations purposes as well
>as some arbitration cases involving medical issues.

>The address is:

> <http://www.scholar.google.com/>

I tried this. It is really surprisingly comprehensive.

I put in "bruce + maccabee" and got 84 hits.

The first 20 or so actually are my work or references to it. The rest... I don't know why they were hits because they refer to other people.

I found reference to one of my papers that was so long ago I had forgotten about it (back in the 60's) Just putting in "maccabee" turned up 660 references, most of them not to me, but, oddly enough, it turned up some of my papers that were not included in the "bruce + maccabee" results. Therefore, when using the Google engine you should try several different related search terms if you want to locate 'everything'.

Using this search anyone interested can see some of what I have published in the 'legitimate' - non-UFO - literature starting with electric fish, and including zapping water with lasers, underwater sound, patents, books and even references to papers published in the Journal of Scientific Exploration.

Imagine my surprise in seeing the "Philip J. Klass collection" turn up in my search. He has deposited his voluminous files at the American Philosophical Society.

I immediately clicked on it to find out how I ended up in his collection.

The answer is in the correspondence and case files. His 36 linear feet of files includes a large amount of correspondence between him and me on McMinnville and especially on New Zealand (Dec 1978).

In fact, he explicitly states in the paragraph on "Series II. UFO Case Files," that he had an "extensive correspondence" with me and that the NZ case was his "most challenging and time consuming investigation."

I can vouch for that.

I estimate that we exchanged about 1200 single spaced letters on that case (a series of sightings) between 1979 and 1986.

Klass writes that he "eventually determined the object to be lights from a Japanese squid boat filmed through an improperly installed telephoto lens."

To which I respond: only in his own mind!

There is physical/optical evidence to prove that the light, to which he refers, could not have been a squid boat - unless the boat was fishing from an altitude of about 3000 ft or more.

This optical evidence is supported by testimonial evidence. Phil published this explanation in his book UFOs, The Public Deceived in which he, yes, deceived the public.

There is a discussion of the New Zealand case at my web site.

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Re: John Ford's Southaven Footage? - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 01:42:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 20:15:30 -0500
Subject: Re: John Ford's Southaven Footage? - Maccabee

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 28 Nov 2004 23:29:37 -0500
>Subject: John Ford's Southaven Footage?

>Dear List

>I'm currently in development of a paranormal television show
>potentially for The Discovery Channel, an episode of which we
>are considering focusing on The Brookhaven UFO Crash in Long
>Island. As such, I've been searching for some time now for a
>copy (for purchase, if necessary) of the VHS footage that was
>sent to John Ford and which allegedly depicts, in Ford's own
>words:

>"By one of the firemen you could see a small gray body. The
>strange thing about this body is that it had a huge head, twice
>the size of a person, only about five feet tall and could only
>weigh about 80 pounds. There were two more alien bodies at the
>scene. One sitting up against a tree the other lying on the
>ground, missing an arm. "

I do not have a copy of this footage. However, I reviewed it
several times ten or so years ago. If I recall correctly, my
impression is that the video showed a blurred or defocused tree
stump and "firemen"(?) sort of wandering around paying no
attention.

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Re: Ufology As A Science - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 03:24:52 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 20:17:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Ufology As A Science - Boone

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 28 Nov 2004 14:25:55 -0700
>Subject: Ufology As A Science

<snip>

>Built upon decades of databasing, trace collecting, on-site
>investigation, recordings, photographs and witness statements,
>from all professions and walks of life, that gives testament to
>the legitimacy to Ufology being a dedicated science. This
>massive knowledge base is always in flux as the science
>develops

Thanks Wendy!

Lots of questions and concerns arise from classifying UFOlogy as
a science or elevating it up to or down to a science.

Could be a good thing or a bad thing.

What I mean is, if it qualifies as a science then procedures and
protocols, ethics and standards come into play which would
probably disqualify the bulk of the common folk who are the
bullwark of this field of study. Not saying they're incompetent,
just saying the regimen of real scientific study and application
is too much for some folk.

Then come in the regulations and laws. Could be a good thing
wherein from that point forward doing bogus UFO reports could
end up with a fine or imprisonment. Sort of like making a claim
that Uncle Blumbley's moonshine soup can cure cancer. That's
agin' the law. I think that would wipe out a good chunk of the
UFO market as the snake oil salesmen would go out of business
overnight.

On the other antenna, it could mean that laws could come into
play or better yet the proper execution of existing laws to
protect witnesses, researchers from unlawful imprisonment in
psychiatric institutions or the confiscation of their property
without due process.

Nowadays ufology is in the open. If it became a science would it
go into closed doors with data in the hands of a chosen few?
Would we then be the ones creating a beurocratic new MJ-12?

As a science I don't see it being classified as such. A field of
research yes.

It's a tough call.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Lehmsberg

From: **Alfred Lehmsberg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 07:35:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 20:20:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Lehmsberg

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 19:14:25 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2004 17:02:50 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

<snip>

>Real alien life will be something biologically far more
>different from us than yeast or slime mold is. Its unlikely to
>be sufficiently physically or psychologically similar to us to be
>engaged on projects such as building radio telescopes or
>spaceships, which are very much the product of our own
>particular culture, let alone species.

How gratifying it is to have the cold hard hand of confident hubris still our troubled ufological waters with such deftness and easy confidence. It must be transparent proof of the effortless mastery one can achieve with regard to unknown sciences, xenobiology, philosophies forgotten or not yet worked out, and the ability to confuse individual reach with institutional grasp. And all of it as if these same observations and conclusions have not been made before, arduously debated, and then retired when one side (or the other) reaches it's advancing threshold of reactionary non- acceptance... These persons must be enviable on one level or another, one would think.

Me (?) ...I remember the small area covered by a grain of sand held at arms length, an area containing not millions of mere stars... but billions of galaxies containing trillions of stars. I think about all that 'time' and 'space' and 'surface area', where anything that can happen has happened... and all of it behind a grain of sand held before you, anywhere before you. My hubris dissolves, my confidence disappears, and any 'mastery' becomes the illusions of a spoiled child.

My knees buckle, too. Maybe I'm not holding my mouth right...

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 07:57:41 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 20:21:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - King

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 19:14:25 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2004 17:02:50 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

<snip>

>Real alien life will be something biologically far more
>different from us than yeast or slime mold is. Its unlikely to
>be sufficiently physically or psychologically similar to us to be
>engaged on projects such as building radio telescopes or
>spaceships, which are very much the product of our own
>particular culture, let alone species.

Hi Peter,

In light of the extremely small sampling of non-earthly bodies for which we have data, on what do you base this statement, if not inference and speculation? What qualifications make your inference and speculation more weighty than anyone else's?

At best, there is little evidence to suggest that your inference and speculation are more or less accurate than Eleanor's.

Unless you have information to the contrary, there are no experts on extra-terrestrial life, and certainly there is insufficient data on which to base your assertion.

It may bring you comfort to believe it, but it is not scientific. It is merely a belief.

While I do not share the view that SETI is necessarily the best method whereby to determine the existence of ET life, I am utterly unable to decry their efforts as a waste. Here I am at odds with many Listers who believe the opposite. But SETI may yet have the last laugh. Like you and Eleanor, all we can do is infer and speculate. To each his/her own.

If the field of Ufology has amassed any evidence at all of ET life, it would certainly seem to be roughly similar to human life, and their craft seem to reflect a recognition and manipulation of natural forces, physics and material.

If sentient ET life exists, how would you suspect their communication to evolve if not through manipulation of electromagnetic radiation, a natural phenomenon we can readily observe even light years away? Since we are merely speculating...

We all know how science has historically had the first laugh on many subjects, only to be found in error when better data became available.

Radio is not a human invention. Radio is a natural phenomenon which we are able to... through trial, error and time... discover, modulate and utilize, like electricity. That another species might discover this is not terribly farfetched, especially in light of the vast number of life- sustaining bodies out there coupled with the tenacity of life we observe here on earth even in the most inhospitable places. Are we the only monkeys capable of serendipitously producing the proverbial Shakespeare play?

I think Keyhoe had a good point in saying that the best *albeit inadvertent* method we might have for attracting the attention of ET is our nuclear detonations. While they might be large bomb blasts to us here, they would constitute a burst of *gasp* radio to a distant civilization, were it listening. Reason enough for a closer look at this blue marble. In this light, such detonations, or SETI, might even be the reason ET could come calling. Worth the effort even if fruitless. At least it is an effort.

I could be in error, but then it's just another case of inference and speculation. I simply believe the critical but open mind is more likely to divine the truth in the end, if history informs. Your assertion reflects a mind long on critical, but short on open, a decidedly unscientific state in my view.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 10:08:53 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 20:23:03 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 06:38:09 -0600
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2004 15:41:44 -0600
>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>We were born to capture these things like they were wooly
>>mammoths. We were made to steer these things around the sky like
>>beasts of heavy burden. In that noble pursuit we've nothing to
>>lose and everything to gain for our boldness... besides, our
>>boldness will likely bring mighty forces to our aid!

<snip>

>As Alfred points out, they could harbor a treasure trove of
>resources, and would require the combined efforts of
>astronomers, computational physicists, space engineers, and
>adventurous 'spelunkers'.

Capturing or moving such things around seems unlikely (although I have read papers proposing how to do it). The slight movement of these beasts seems feasible. Given enough years, I suppose they can move in orbit "fairly" significantly. The only reason to do this is collision avoidance. Tweeking such a beast into orbit around Earth seems impossible in our lifetimes.

Regarding the treasure trove of resources, I don't think so. Even if we knew the asteroid was made of platinum, it still doesn't make cost sense. If you add up all the costs of getting a vehicle to the asteroid and bringing the resource back to Earth, it will still be much cheaper to buy the resource from China through Walmart. Launch costs are hellishly expensive and even with Burt Rutan's genius, its going to add too much to the cost of the resource. Then consider the cost of human operation in near zero gravity (on the asteroid) for long periods of time. ISS crew hour costs are at least \$1000/hr (not their pay check, just the effective cost of them as a resource) and likely alot more.

The only real way to make a profit from resource in the near term (10-30 yrs) is energy related, such as fusion (if it ever works) fuel from the Moon or space solar power (presently still too costly to implement but Rutan-like genius could help).

Entertainment and prestige industries seem to be a more likely near term investment course for space. The Moon is far safer to do this at though, rather than an asteroid and its inherent risks/complexities.

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Re: The Bamboo Saucer - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 10:56:32 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 20:24:30 -0500
Subject: Re: The Bamboo Saucer - Boone

>From: Louise Nicolaides <Louise.Nicolaides.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 16:31:07 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Bamboo Saucer

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 10:59:22 EST
>>Subject: The Bamboo Saucer

>>Pardon if I've posted this before but an interesting flick I saw
>>years ago about UFOs was called, The Bamboo Saucer.

>>I'm sure it's out on VHS somewhere and if it comes out on DVD
>>I'll buy it.

><snip>

>Hi,

>I thought you might like to know I found the movie on Ebay. Here
>is the link with a description of the film:

<snip>

Thanks Louise,

I've however found a great review of the flick at:

<http://www.scifilm.org/reviews2/bamboosaucer.html>

I'm trying to find out if the rumor is true that the film was
banned or whatever.

Best,

Greg

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Filer's Files #50 - 2004

From: George A. Filer <majorstar.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 15:02:03 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 08:46:50 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #50 - 2004

Filer's Files #50 - 2004, Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern
Vice President of Skywatch International
December 1, 2004, Webmaster: Chuck Warren

Alexandria Found 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 as reported each week. Many people claim it is impossible for UFOs to visit Earth, I ask you only to keep an open mind and watch the evidence we accumulate each week. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists and my hypothesis is that of the over one hundred UFO reports each week many represent factual UFO sightings in our skies.

UFOs were seen over Arizona, California, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Sightings were also reported in Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, India, and the United Kingdom.

So let me turn the tables and humbly ask you, dear reader, to be truly open-minded. Adhere to the advice of T.H. Huxley, who wrote, "A wise man apportions his belief to the evidence." Keep your brains tucked safely inside your skulls. Be open but not gullible. And remember, it is better to think than to believe."

Alexandria - The New Face on Mars

Norman Bryden writes, "Here is another image from the same image I called Crystal Lake that adds to the evidence of humanoid structures. This one has a face that is even easier to see than the other statue like anomalies, and I think people would be interested in this structure. Thanks to Norman Bryden

Editor's Note: Norman has agreed to name the face "Alexandria" after the famous Egyptian city located on the Mediterranean Sea and my granddaughter. Around the edge of Crystal Lake there are many interesting structures that in my opinion represent intelligent life. There is also the face of a lion called "George," the writing points to the top of his head paw is at bottom right. The large script letter E, and the number 7.

Many of the structures appear to be square or rectangle. None of these cultural features occur naturally in nature. One has to conclude they were placed here deliberately to be seen from the air. We have also found the letter E carved in rocks on the ground. EL is the name by which God is called in the Old Testament and by the early Phoenicians. The number '7' is the letter V in the Phoenician alphabet that was later adopted by the Greeks, Romans and most of Europe. Finding recognizable faces, pyramids, animals, structures, and letters on Mars indicates a close connection between the two planets. []

Note to the right of the Alexandria's face is a '7' and also an 'X' with a closed loop on top that is an Egyptian Hieroglyphic Alphabet symbol for S. It is my opinion there is a message or

name plate with the face. We can assume communication has gone on between Mars and Earth for thousands of years.

New UFO Revelations: Cattle Mutilations.

On Monday, November 29, 2004 8-9 pm ET on the History channel Linda Howe and Jim Hickman gave an excellent television presentation on the mysterious murder of livestock known as Cattle Mutilations.

Congratulations on a great show. Jim is the Director of Skywatch International

Arizona - Disc-Like Object Caught on Video

PHOENIX -- In the second clip for November 25, 2004, at 1:39 to 1:42 p.m., one can clearly see two objects in the sky coming together. Both video clips are very interesting indeed and will be posted on the HBCC UFO Research website.

When we spoke a few days ago I was telling you how the last few weeks the sightings seem to come to a complete stop. That changed the other day as something streaked across the sky and caught my attention. I ran into the house to grab my camera but by the time I came out that object was gone but not for long. I saw a white disc-like object hovering to the south of me about 3-5000' high. The object was hovering in a horizontal position but turns on its side and flew straight up extremely fast. It moved behind the trees but eventually lost sight of it. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director www.hbccufo.com

California - Residents report UFOs

RIDGECREST -- Jessica Tamturk reports, "A bright circular-shaped flying object was seen soaring over the skies of the Indian Wells Valley late Saturday evening on November 6, 2004, startling at least five eyewitnesses. At around 10:45 PM, as each of three friends was returning home, a large object allegedly moving along the west side of the Valley caught their attention.

"It was neither a plane or a rocket," said long-time Ridgecrest resident Bonnie Mathis Tuesday evening. "It was very bright, and diffused colors within the object could be detected upon closer examination. Whatever it was, it scared the crap out of me." In the three days since the incident, Mathis said she has been able to rule out that a jet or rocket incident had occurred that night for the lack of flames or the absence of emergency support, nor did she suspect the object to be a meteor since it was moving too slowly.

"I've seen lots of meteor showers and this was too big and too slow to be a meteor," said Mathis, adding that the entire sighting lasted about a minute. "My husband was driving the car, so my attention was on this thing, whatever it was, for the entire time," she said. "Towards the end of its trajectory it just faded. It didn't lose its intensity it just got smaller, until it crossed the horizon and was out of sight."

UFO investigator Peter Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center based in Seattle, Wash. said in a telephone conversation Tuesday that over 100 UFO sightings from the North American continent and beyond had been reported to his organization. Among them was a report filed by a Newport Beach resident, which corroborated Ridgecrest eyewitness accounts.

The individual described that he had seen a large bright object moving low across the skies Saturday at 10:45 p.m., and rapidly made its way over the Pacific Ocean "at speeds no man made object could move," said Davenport. No reports from Ridgecrest, nor the greater Mojave area, were reported to NUFORC for Saturday evening. "It doesn't mean it didn't happen, it's just that as of yet we do not have a report filed," said Davenport. "Our belief is that out of 1,000 sightings, only one or two individual reports are filed. But if you have more than that, then perhaps several thousands have seen the object." Upon description, Davenport would not commit to any specific confirmatory statement, but that sightings in the Mojave area were quite frequent. Jerry Johnson, Mathis' friend, said Tuesday that she also had witnessed "a huge, bright light moving westward." Johnson added that she had perceived a greenish glow

around the object, a report that was corroborated by the third friend, who rendered a statement on condition of anonymity. "I've seen lots of meteors in my life, and at the time I didn't think it was one, but in hindsight I don't know what else it could be," said Johnson. Snip Thanks to Jessica Tamturk." jtamturk.nul and Skywatch-International Web Site <http://www.skywatch-international.org/>

SONORA -- Another low-flying, glowing object was videotaped over Sonora last night, November 16th. Two clips of this object have been posted here: <http://www.sonorasightings.com/63310.html> . This is the second glowing object that was observed last night. The first was very fast and disappeared quickly and, while videotaped, the second object was more spectacular, as it moved slowly and directly over Lyons Bald Mountain before disappearing behind the treeline to the Northeast. Thank you, and we hope you will continue to support our efforts to bring to you this strange and ongoing phenomenon by donating to the Sonora Sightings website. Your donations will help maintain our website as we attempt to document these sightings. Thanks to Mark A. Olson, D.M. www.sonorasightings.com

GARDENA -- It was the night of November 13, 2004, at 8:38 PM, My sister was having a birthday party for her daughter. My brother and I were outside talking and looking up at the stars. It was a clear evening, no clouds in sight. I saw something fly overhead, I wasn't sure I was seeing it, so I asked my brother to look. The object was in a V shape, and flew overhead as if it were gliding, it made no sound, very quite. This craft blended into the night sky, almost like camouflage. It had very faint glowing lights, three or four on each bottom side of the craft, with one at the tip of the V. With binoculars it was shaped like a "V", I had my brother take a look and he confirmed it.

DEPUTY SHERIFF says, "I have never been a believer in UFOs, I'm still not sure if I am." Let me tell you my story. I am a Deputy Sheriff in California. On October 30, 2004, at about midnight, I was on patrol driving down the main street of the city. I saw a faint golden glow in the western sky moving slowly. I pulled my vehicle into a dark parking lot to get a better look. I saw 4 to 6 lights almost diamond shaped traveling E/N in the sky. It didn't look any higher than the average aircraft would fly in the area (we live close to a large Navy Air Base). I noticed there was no sound from the aircraft, which seemed impossible for the altitude it was traveling. I watched it for about 15 minutes until it disappeared into the eastern sky. I wrote it off as something the Navy base was involved with, but it has bothered me since that time. I looked up a UFO website and located a UFO sighting report dated 10/30/04, at 11:00 a.m. from Phoenix AR. I chuckled when I read the report because it sounded like what I saw. I looked at the pictures. My heart almost stopped. The photographs were exactly what I saw. Thanks to Brian Vike www.hbccufo.com

North Carolina - Two Disc Shaped Objects

HIGH POINT -- Field Investigator Alan Caviness informed me that he and other investigators have been taking a series of images and video of UFOs in his general area. He has obtained an astounding amount of data indicating heavy concentration of UFOs in his area. He has provided me with numerous examples of these objects. Many are cylinder or disk shape and fly above Davidson County, and High Rock Lake, North Carolina. Thanks to Alan Caviness

GRANITE FALLS -- The witness was on his way to the local video store about 6:45 PM, on November 7, 2004, when he looked up and saw a disc shaped object with white lights similar to chasing lights on a Christmas tree going all the way around this object. There was a red light on either side of the object. The witness states, "The disc was moving faster than anything I've ever seen in a straight line across the sky."

On his way back home, he decided to investigate further and in a rural area with lots of hills and trees he found a UFO and another not too far from it that was identical to the first. They seemed to be communicating with one another by way of a white light that would come out of the side of one and the other would respond. This went on for about five seconds. One of the objects flew away quickly while the other hovered motionless for just a couple of seconds. They came back into close proximity

once but didn't seem to be communicating and appeared to be level with each other until one of them moved in a straight line vertically a short distance then just as quickly returned to a level position with the other one. Thanks to Brian Vike
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Michigan - Colorful And Brilliant Light

WESTLAND - The witness saw what looked like a helicopter with lights all over it on November 26, 2004, at 8:30 PM. He states, "This is not the first UFO I have seen and I have seen this same 'copter' before, but did not get a photo." This time I used my Cannon Digital Elph S400 to shoot the object a half to a mile away at about 500 feet. I have not done anything to the photo except enlarge it to 200% given it's small size. When you do so it becomes more strange. The sky was overcast, but it was not raining. The moon was full but well behind the overcast skies. The object traveled from the S.W. to the N.N.E. at the speed of a small plane, it even made a sound similar to a helicopter but different. It traveled almost overhead at a very steady pace.

A week ago I saw a white light non strobe, like a reverse spot light, in the clouds that came out of the west. There was no sound until it turned almost overhead to the south and I could hear a sound similar to a jet but no sonic boom. Given the apparent speed I thought I would have heard at least one sonic boom as the sound was far behind the object. Had I not been looking at the very spot I would have missed seeing it as it was visible for a few seconds. Followed by the sound, I also saw an object that appeared to be round at 10:30 PM with five white non strobe lights and one red light in the middle. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director www.hbccufo.com

Wisconsin - UFOs Seen Almost Daily

FREDERICK - Shawn and his wife called to tell me they are seeing UFOs near their home almost daily. As we talked they described seeing a UFO like a fallen rainbow at 12:48 PM, on November 29, 2004. He sent me some photos that I will bring to my readers. All the sightings started in July and continue. Often he and his family members can feel pressure in their ears as the craft pass over their home. Many of the UFOs blend into the background and appear to be camouflaged. Some look like a dragon and seem to be operating in the valley near their home. He uses digital type cameras and a Sony digital video camera with night vision to capture the objects. He observes objects that look like Lucite willow branches and little marble things of light. The family also sees objects over the treeline that look like Tinkerbelle fairies.

He recently saw an octopus like object similar to one seen in Mexico City. The UFOs have silent propulsion systems that have magnetized everything in the house. He recently saw a UFO shaped like a large T antennae adjusting itself. When in motion it was invisible, but when it stopped moving they could see the object. Thanks to Shawn

Editor's Note: It is interesting to note that Shawn is just southwest of Lake Superior in an area that was once covered by glaciers and has quartzite. George Ritter who lives in Fostoria, Ohio lives in a similar location near Lake Erie once covered by glaciers and having quartzite. These areas likely contain vast underground caverns that would be ideal for developing underground bases

Minnesota - Array of Lights

GLENWOOD -- At 5:30 AM, the witness saw unidentified lights in the southeastern sky on November. 9, 2004 in West Central Minnesota. She ran out to their driveway and snapped three pictures with her digital camera, an HP Photosmart 320. Each picture included the moon which was halfway between its last quarter and the new moon stage. Enhancement of two of the images and superposition revealed that there was an array of lights which were moving slowly to the right and rotating counter-clockwise. About 45 seconds elapsed between the second and third pictures which are superimposed here. Blue is frame 2, Red is frame 3. Purple is overlap. Movement is from Blue to Red. Investigation will continue. Thanks to Bill McNeff Minnesota MUFON

Ohio - UFO Videotaped

FOSTORIA -- George Ritter videotaped an apparent disc like UFO in his backyard with his RCA VHS camera. This object was captured last week flying above a nearby farm thirty miles from Lake Erie. Thanks to George Ritter

Washington - Nuclear Physicist Stanton Friedman Says UFOs Are Real

MT SHASTA NEWS reports, "During his lecture at the Kenneth Ford Theatre in Weed, sponsored by the College of the Siskiyou Associated Student Body, Friedman took a scientific approach by presenting facts and information from government files along with countless interviews he's conducted with civilians and military personnel since the early 1950s. Friedman presented his "anatomy of a cover-up" and provided a step-by-step trail of government issued paperwork which he says shows the absurdity of copious lies and deceit divulged to the public to cover-up the existence of UFOs. Friedman reviewed five major scientific studies with mountains of evidence to support his conclusion of alien visits to Earth, including the Roswell Incident, where the wreckage of two flying saucers and the recovery of several alien bodies from New Mexico were documented in a classified memo released by the US government in 1950.

Having worked under security while doing nuclear research for 14 years, Friedman said he knows how easy it is for governments to keep secrets. As the only civilian investigator on the Roswell incident, Friedman said he became aware of huge "black budgets" of UFO technology related research by top military officials and scientist, including the CIA and Operation Majestic 12, which was created for the purpose of researching UFO's. After 25 years of UFO research and many interviews, Friedman said he visited 20 archives and read the original Operation Majestic Five documents as well as Project Blue Book Special Report 14, which gives detailed accounts of physical evidence found since 1947. "The challenge for us all is to recognize that, while our future is in space, we are not alone," Friedman said. "Though we are clearly a primitive society whose major activity is tribal warfare, I hope we can qualify for admission to the 'Cosmic Kindergarten.'" Friedman noted the ignorance of data and the lack of research for the "noisy negatives" who he said aren't interested in facts and whose minds are made up. "They are simply unaware of the real, non-tabloid evidence," said Friedman. Snip Source: Mt Shasta News
<http://www.mtshastanews.com/articles/2004/11/24/news/11notalone.txt>

Washington - Loud Sounds

OLYMPIA -- Extremely loud sound like classic '50s movie flying saucer, flying low over house with bright flashing lights on November 3, 2004, at 10 PM. Just after going to bed, we heard an extremely loud sound rapidly coming from south to north directly over our house. It seemed to be just barely above the house. The sound was that of the typical movie flying saucer sound from a '50s outer space flick. It was an extremely loud, very high-pitched whoop, whoop, whoop sound...very rapid and very squeal or beep-like. We thing about 80 or 90 decibels.

The sound was accompanied by chaotic bright white flashing lights. The object flew over extremely fast...I jumped out of bed and ran outside - hoping to get a glimpse, but it was already gone...just a residual sound in the distance. A light fog was beginning to form outside, but I should have been able to see at least the flashing. I have never heard anything like this, except in the old flying saucer movies. We've lived here for the past 8 or 9 years, right near Fort Lewis, and within 30 miles of the McCord Air Force base, and see and hear many aircraft, but nothing like this...so loud, so close...and so strange. We are both college grads, and wide awake at the time. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

West Virginia - Red Fireball with Protrusions

My grandmother lived in rural Southern West Virginia near a small town nestled in the Appalachian foothills. There were very few cars in those days so most people walked to and from town or church often for miles along hilly paths or long stretches of isolated dirt roadways night or day. It was in the spring of

1932 or 1933 that grandma , who was in her 40's, was returning home from town near dusk when she found herself on an isolated stretch of road called "Water Tank Hill" where 'ghost lights' were seen. Evidently, these ghostly lights were seen by various people as "red, glowing fireballs" which would zig zag or bob along this hill and adjacent ridges. As mysteriously as they would appear, they would disappear. Grandma had just started down the gentle slope in the road when suddenly something shot out just in front and above her in the sky from a ridge near the "infamous" Water Tank Hill. She said it had so startled her that she actually "froze " in midstep and saw one of the red, glowing or fireball .'ghost lights' s." The next second she realized it had to be something other than a "ghost light" and that frightened her even more because she had no explanation at all for what she was seeing.

The red object hovered and she saw "protrusions" from the object. When she was asked just what she meant by that, her reply was 'well, like antennas or legs sticking out from it". It therefore in her mind was 'machine', not a 'ghost' and this defied any concept of any machine she knew about. I asked her if it somehow could've been an airplane, but she shook her head emphatically 'no'. She went on to say that once she saw these strange protrusions , she ran like "a scared rabbit" the rest of the way home. She didn't know if the object followed her for she was too afraid to look up. Once she got inside the house and bolted the door she wouldn't look out. My grandma was not the person who was easily frightened . But what she saw that spring night unnerved her for sometime. Thanks to Brian Vike
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Canada - UFO Sightings Increase

TORONTO, ONTARIO -- I've got another daylight sighting with another witness over Toronto, observed in Scarborough, Ontario. On Friday, November 12, 2004 at 12:20 PM,. Facing southwest on a perfect clear sky, I observed a small round bright object with binoculars. This object could only be seen with binoculars and not the naked eye, it was that much higher. It appeared like the other high sightings in the day that could have been a planet. This one moved after 5 minuets, very slowly to the north and as luck would have it while this was happening I grabbed another witness which I've never met before. As I sat watching the object and used a hydro pole as a marker. I asked the DHL courier driver if he had good eyes and his reply was "yes". Then asked him, "do you want to see a UFO?" He looked at me strangely and said "sure". I got up from sitting and instructed him to sit were I was. I gave him the binoculars, pointed at the hydro pole as the marker and "yes" he too could see it. He could see it moving very slowly in a northerly direction with it stopping and going. Then a minute later, he said it disappeared. He passed over the binoculars and he was right, nothing there. I had him call our local UFO hotline after the sighting. Then he gave me the envelop he was delivering and left shaking his head. When he left, of course, I was out there again viewing and found it again. The object was a full arm's length over to central western sky, viewed it for another 2-3 minutes. Thanks to Brian Vike.

CALEDON, ONTARIO -- On November 22, 2004, Ithought I would send this picture because this is the same UFO that I see quite often. I haven't had a camera for a couple of weeks, but you can be sure that this is what I saw again last night, it was in the south sky around 6:45 p.m. and it was slowly making its way toward the west, its movements were small, quick, circular patterns as it moved across the sky. There were many stars in the sky last night and as most would notice, these have rapidly flashing lights, not like a star. It appears there's still some action going on in Ontario and I know from my experiences that they visit throughout the winter as well. I'll keep watching. Thanks to Brian Vike www.hbccufo.com

VANCOUVER, B.C.-- I was looking at the Kat Kam on November 15, 2004, at last 5:20 PM, and noticed that cluster of lights was hanging in the sky again just to the south of the Planetarium and just over UBC. The lights were there from approx. Nov. 15, 04 - 17:20 until Nov. 16, 04 - 07:10. To me it just appears to be a reflection from some group of lights but although I scanned the whole photo I could not find anything which would account for them. I've noticed that I will sometimes get similar types of reflection since my windows have double panes and the inner

glass reflects onto the outer. But if this was the case that group of lights should be there every night. I tried checking back for the past two weeks and there was nothing, it appears to be a one night appearance. I also tried copying the shot and zooming in on the lights but it was inconclusive as to just what they are. There doesn't appear to be any structure around them.

Thanks to Brian Vike

TRANSCONA, WINNIPEG MANITOBA - From my backyard, I witnessed a large fireball descending rapidly in the North-West Sky on Wednesday November 3, 2004, at 6:30 AM. It was very bright and somewhat green in color, similar to a street signal light, but very bright. It lit up the sky even when it went behind low level clouds. I lost sight of it as it descended below houses on the street. Do you know what this was? A meteorite or space debris? Thanks to Brian Vike www.hbccufo.com

PUERTO RICO -- Sighting of UFOs near Aerostat

TORONTO -- Professor Reinaldo Rios and investigators took up watch near the environs of the base of the Aerostato Radar on November 14, 2004. The radar is a gigantic globe that attempts to detect drug traffic and conduct military experimentation. They made a nocturnal watch just off Highway 303 of the Sector Fajardo de Lajas, Puerto Rico. They were able to capture the image below on 35 mm film..

Approximated distance of 1000 feet of north to the south which circulated slowly changing the intensity of light. Many people in the area have seen similar lights. Police patrols were seen and communication was made but they did not pay attention to our allegations. An object moved downwards had the form of an eclipse with the plane. Thanks to Reinaldo Rios <http://groups.msn.com/CampamentosOvnisReinaldoRiosInternacional>

UK/Wales - Motorists See Gigantic UFO

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES -- On Thursday, October 14, 2004, at 10 p.m., Mark A. was driving about four miles west of Cardiff, when he had a most unusual encounter. "I was driving along a fairly busy road heading west just outside of Cardiff city," Mark reported, "Something caught my eye, so I pulled over. I also noticed that other people, about 15 other drivers, had done the same and were now outside their vehicles looking up at what I just couldn't believe. At about 3,000 feet was the largest flying object that I have ever seen. Something like, say, the new Airbus A380, not yet in service, or a Boeing 747, that would have been dwarfed by it. The crazy thing was--absolute silence!" "We stood dumbstruck as this thing moved slowly through the air almost directly above us. There was also complete silence from everyone observing this amazing event from the roadside. Other drivers were now stopping, and people were getting out of their cars to take a look."

"I am a pilot and have a fairly good idea of how motions of normal aircraft can 'trick' people into seeing a UFO. This was in no way normal. My next move was to telephone the Control tower at the local airport and ask if anything unusual had just taken off. Air traffic control- said that a (Boeing) 737 had just departed a few minutes ago. This object was too big and too silent to be a 737. I then asked if they had anything on radar. 'Nothing, 'they said.'" Mark then called the Cardiff RAF base. "Again, 'nothing.'" This thing was almost the size of a very large container ship. It didn't have any visible wings or any other way of showing how it could stay in the air. If I saw it on the ground, I would bet money that it was not able to fly."

"The weather was good with ten miles of visibility. There were light clouds at 500 feet (150 meters) and very light winds. I watched this object keep the same speed and height (altitude) and then it passed behind some mountains to the northeast of Cardiff."

Two days later, on Saturday, October 16, 2004, Mark added, "I saw a friend and told him about the sighting. He was almost speechless when I started to describe the same thing that he had seen moments after me. His account is identical to mine in the size and height of the object, speed (about 50 knots--M.A.)." Thanks to UFO ROUNDUP, Vol. 9, #47 11/24/04, Editor: Joseph Trainor Masinaigan.nul

UK/England

MARLBOROUGH - The witness was approaching the village on foot and noticed a bright orange ball, it appeared stationary at 7:30 PM on November 4, 2004. I went for a long walk yesterday, it was very dark but a beautiful evening, the stars were very clear. I had been walking for approximately 1 hour and was approaching the village of Vernhan Dean. This is a small village with a few street lights. I noticed a bright orange light that appeared stationary, it was partly shielded by a tree I assumed it was a light on top of a pole or mobile telephone mast. As I walked and got nearer the object, the tree no longer impaired my vision. It then began to catch my eye, the colour was bright orange and it glowed like a ball of flame. It had appeared stationary; however, it then began to move quickly vertical and horizontal passing overhead. It was difficult to tell how high or close it was, there was no noise associated with the object, and it appeared to travel very smoothly and without effort. I had a very powerful spotlight with me and decided to direct it at the object, to my amazement it instantly vanished.

Mexico - Tentacle UFO

MEXICO CITY -- A UFO most resembling an organic creature may have been recorded over Mexico as it expelled strange spheres from several tentacles, says Jaime Maussan: "On October 27, 2004, a giant object was photographed and videotaped over Mexico City. It was very impressive and it launched spheres" with regard to the latest evidence to feed his alien hypothesis. "This is an inexplicable phenomenon. It's as though it were an organic being with several tentacles, and some of these tentacles are putting forth spheres. We called in an expert to see if it could be some sort of balloon, but he said no."

An air traffic controller calculated the object was flying at over 10,000 feet, which means that in order to have been picked up by a camera, its diameter should have been between 300 and 400 meters, making it a highly strange and extraordinary event. He added that the object made a series of impressive maneuvers, like a knot. Then it braided itself and stretched, but always surrounded by a series of blue and red spheres that appeared to be stuck to the object's sides. "If it's an organic being, where did it come from? How did it get here? What is inside the spheres it is ejecting? Is there some sort of invasion or are we being monitored?" the journalist asked himself. He pointed out that this fact confirms the existence of a very intense presence of beings from another planet. "These beings are literally here, and unfortunately we aren't through realizing what all of this means. "Maussan said that the images were supplied by Arturo Robles Gil, a professional photographer, who also managed to record it with a camcorder. For this reason, the images are very clear. "If balloons are involved, we figure that some 57,000 of them would be required to form something similar, aside from the fact that it is forbidden to launch balloons in the Mexico City airspace which could jeopardize air travel. This would constitute an illegal act," said the Ufologist. He stated that this evidence is still being analyzed. "It was fortunate that this event took place at 9 a.m. and no infrared lights were needed to see it perfectly. "The video's total duration is between 5 -10 minutes. Translation (c) 2004. Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology.

India - Flying Triangles near Himalyas

DRANG DRUNG GLACIER -- Lara Mohani of the India Daily reports, "A little girl in Zanskar on the India China border - Indian side of the Himalayas reported a silent triangular high speed very large air ship in the sky.

Sources say, there is a concentration of Asia's largest number of nuke missiles from China and India hidden deep in the earth. Neither Chinese nor Indians allow any one to go close to these installations. These craft are similar to those seen in the US. Definitely these are frictionless anti-gravity propelled flying machines that are UFOs. The aircrafts are said to be either extra-terrestrial or secret advanced US Air Force planes. But when during Chemrey Angchok festival in Ladakh last week, several local villagers gathered to discuss these strange objects, Indian news reporters got curious. According to the

villagers these strange triangular objects have been visiting over the last five years and their numbers are increasing. They are silent and can move through the air extremely slowly, so slowly that any conventional aircraft would stall and crash. They can suddenly vanish at tremendous speed, far faster than any known machine built by man could ever possibly move. They are translucent; their flying beacons don't project light as would a normal earth-made stream of light, and so on. Are these 'extra terrestrial UFOs' or spy machines of some unknown country. The area is sensitive and it is possible that some countries are watching this area. Also, it is possible that the extra-terrestrials are watching the nuke installations of India and China. Thanks to India Daily = <http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/11-25g-04.asp>

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Chace

From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 23:45:32 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 09:31:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Chace

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 28 Nov 2004 18:02:08 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>Real alien life will be something biologically far more
>different from us than yeast or slime mold is. It's unlikely to
>be sufficiently physically or psychologically similar to us to
>be engaged on projects such as building radio telescopes or
>spaceships, which are very much the product of our own
>particular culture, let alone species.

That is an assumption of which we can have no certainty. The history of our own planet contains many striking examples of parallel and convergent evolution, and astronomical observations suggest that the laws of physics and chemistry are similar throughout the observable universe. It may well be that planets similar to the Earth are in fact quite common (at least among those that planets that actually support life) and that life on such planets tends to evolve along similar lines. Of course, that's also an assumption of which we can have no certainty.

Nevertheless, in the absence of knowledge all possibilities must be considered. We don't know, for example, whether there are any viable alternatives to DNA/RNA based life or how many possible forms of genetic code the laws of chemistry permit.

It may be that many different variations on life's basic mechanisms exist in the universe, or it may be that life as we know it is in fact the only kind of life that is physically and chemically possible.

With regard to radio telescopes and spaceships, let us also consider that there is a selection effect at work based on detectability.

Specifically, unless some alien species is either broadcasting signals or sending spaceships or probes to the vicinity of the Earth, we are not going to know about them.

Also consider that those life forms that have a propensity for interstellar colonization and migration are going to be much more abundant, cosmically speaking, than those that tend to just sit around until their star blows up and vaporizes them at the end of its main sequence life.

When we look at reports of UFOs, and specifically those cases of craft-like objects that seem to represent advanced technology, we must keep all of these things in mind.

In any case, there are no a priori grounds for believing that extraterrestrial beings or their probes do not visit the Earth from time to time, or do not operate here on a fairly regular basis.

David W. Chace

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Re: John Ford's Southaven Footage? - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2004 22:28:15 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 09:33:14 -0500
Subject: Re: John Ford's Southaven Footage? - Balaskas

>From: Scott Carr <sardonica.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 28 Nov 2004 23:29:37 -0500
>Subject: John Ford's Southaven Footage?

<snip>

>I'm currently in development of a paranormal television show
>potentially for The Discovery Channel, an episode of which we
>are considering focusing on The Brookhaven UFO Crash in Long
>Island. As such, I've been searching for some time now for a
>copy (for purchase, if necessary) of the VHS footage that was
>sent to John Ford and which allegedly depicts, in Ford's own
>words:

>"By one of the firemen you could see a small gray body. The
>strange thing about this body is that it had a huge head, twice
>the size of a person, only about five feet tall and could only
>weigh about 80 pounds. There were two more alien bodies at the
>scene. One sitting up against a tree the other lying on the
>ground, missing an arm. "

>If anyone has a copy of this footage which they'd be willing to
>share, or if anyone could point me in the direction of obtaining
>it, I'd be eternally grateful!

<snip>

Hi Scott!

I have a later generation video copy of the November 24, 1992
Long Island, New York UFO crash (19 1/2 minutes long). If I am
not mistaken, my copy came from Tom Theofanous, the Chair/
Director of Investigations for MUFON Ontario who once met and
spoke with John Ford regarding this incident.

Although this video is supposed to show firemen, alien bodies
and crashed UFO wreckage (looks more like crumpled aluminum foil
with dry ice "smoke" coming from the inside it to me), I
certainly could not see any evidence of these!

If you could provide me with your snail-mail address, I would be
happy to make and send a free copy of this video to you.
Included on the same video cassette is the alleged August 18,
1991 Carp, Ontario UFO crash (10 1/2 minutes) outside of Ottawa
which was investigated by Tom and other members of MUFON Ontario
who have reasons to suspect that this UFO is really Pavel
Farfara's pick-up truck. DND photoanalysts I spoke with
determined this UFO to be a five blade Commanche helicopter
(years before its official first flight) secretly being test
flown from the nearby Boeing plant, but that's another story...

Nick Balaskas

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From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 09:35:31 -0500
Subject: Selective Morals

Source: The News Hounds

http://www.newshounds.us/2004/12/02/selective_morals.php

12-02-04

Selective Morals

... The next segment which lasted for the rest of the show, was all about extra terrestrials. UFO activist and Washington lobbyist, Stephen Bassett discussed an ET "pattern of engaging" with earthlings going back to 1947. Many callers shared stories about seeing UFOs, ETs and being abducted. I'm not a believer but it was unsettling to hear about creatures appearing in bedrooms in the middle of the night, especially for an ex-New Yorker on a freezing cold, pitch-black night on a back-country road.

I have a feeling I'm going to have nightmares.

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First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2004 11:49:52 -0400
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 28 Nov 2004 15:52:56 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

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>>We all know that the closest planet to us in space is Venus,
>>the Earth's 'twin' planet. This very bright celestial object is
>>sometimes seen in the sky at dawn or dusk and is often mistaken
>>for a UFO.

>>Although the Earth has a large natural satellite, the Moon, and
>>at least two known asteroid companions, Cruithne and 2002 AA29
>>(both objects co-discovered by astronomers/near Earth asteroid
>>dynamicists at York University), Venus and the Mercury were
>>believed to be the only two planets in our solar system without
>>moons or asteroid companions, until now.

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>Any information regarding the size of 2002 VE68. How close to
>Earth's orbit does it come. I've often thought that someday we
>>would use asteroids for research, hitching free rides on - or
>in - them. Maybe others do.

Hi Don!

From NASA's asteroid radar research site I was able to find that this "Potentially Hazardous Asteroid" was about 13 times the distance of the Moon and fast receding from us when it was discovered in 2002. It's next closest approach to the Earth (and our chance to hitch a ride on it?) will be in 2010.

From preliminary optical observations only, this quasi-satellite of Venus, has been estimated to be anywhere between 150 and 600 meters across - several times larger than the \$100 billion plus and still incomplete International Space Station! Next week I fly to Las Vegas where I hope to visit Bigelow Aerospace (the same Robert Bigelow that funded research into UFOs) to learn more about his plans to built an inflatable but very tough space hotel (and possibly even a manned outpost for 2002 VE68?) as big or bigger than the space station but at a very, very much smaller cost.

Since you are fascinated with heavier-than-air manned flight, and are also a licensed pilot yourself, you will be interested to know of a historic flight that is planned in Toronto sometime very soon. If successful, it will be the realization of a dream to fly like a bird that mankind held since the time God created us without wings.

<http://www.physorg.com/news2150.html>

Of course, one of the original members of this ornithopter team is York University's Prof. Daphne Schiff who has previously taught the "Science of Flight" course at York and the "Physics of Flight" at our Glendon College campus. Daphne also has a company called "AIR-O-SOLS" which has done pollution-monitoring flights for the government so I suspect she would be someone who knows something about "contrails/chemtrails" controversy, but that's another interesting story...

Nick Balaskas

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Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - King

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>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 07:35:34 -0600
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>Me (?) ...I remember the small area covered by a grain of sand
>held at arms length, an area containing not millions of mere
>stars... but billions of galaxies containing _trillions_ of
>stars. I think about all that 'time' and 'space' and 'surface
>area', where anything that can happen has happened... and all of
>it behind a grain of sand held before you, anywhere before you.
>My hubris dissolves, my confidence disappears, and any 'mastery'
>becomes the illusions of a spoiled child.

>My knees buckle, too. Maybe I'm not holding my mouth right...

Hi Alfred,

While our respective missives reflect a difference in style, the
substance could not be more in tune.

Kudos,

Kyle

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Hi David,

I couldn't have said it better myself. <g>

Best Regards,

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Sex And Alien Abduction?

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Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 13:02:49 -0500
Subject: Sex And Alien Abduction?

Sort of related to my post requesting some "good" abduction outcomes - results - and I don't mean good books sales or appearance fees.

Has anyone done a study of the frequency of alien abduction reports in which there is voluntary sex with the aliens? Sure we all don't find greys very appealing, but I remember as a lad reading APRO reports (70's era) of stuff that sounded like it was out of Penthouse magazine and the aliens were not greys, but rather slightly non-human. The other interesting thing was that it seemed like most reports were from South America.

I know the Raelians seem to be promoting the sex for space concept but lets dismiss that cult in this discussion.

The interesting thing is that there seems to be an evolution in these cases. The 70's seemed to be the peak of the voluntary alien sex reports and they have declined up to this day - for some unknown reason - filtering by UFO researchers? Aliens afraid of HIV AIDS? Reduction in the promiscuous culture?

Indeed, it seems that more involuntary and clinical related/based sex type reports have occurred recently.

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Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 17:50:25 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
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Living in a capitalist society, I appreciate this point of view
however, is it not presumptuous of us to assume, given the
possibility there are space-faring peoples 'out there', that
money is necessarily an issue for them, just because we do? I
cannot accept that argument as valid.

Gary Matteson

http://www.geocities.com/sparky_from_nebraska/Unofficial_MUFON-NE

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Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 18:01:37 -0500
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Source: KATU TV 2 - Portland, Oregon

<http://www.katu.com/team2/story.asp?ID=73105>

12-02-04

Are You A Believer? Video Might Make You Wonder
By Dan Tilkin and KATU Web Staff

Trout Lake, Wash. - Mount Adams has become a hotbed for UFO believers who claim to have witnessed extraterrestrial travel there night after night.

The people are led by a man named James Gilliland who owns a retreat at the base of the mountain and has spent years capturing his encounters on video.

Gilliland says his window into another world opened 27 years ago when he nearly drowned, a near-death experience that he says allows him to receive extraterrestrial telepathic messages.

Throughout the years, he has drawn countless people to his retreat who are hoping to make alien contact, but around the town of Trout Lake, Gilliland is known as 'Cosmic Jim.'

"I've lived here 34 years and I've never seen anything out of the ordinary," says Andy Van Laar with Andy's Valley Service. "Just a beautiful mountain and beautiful country. That's about it."

"A long time ago, I transcended any need for acceptance or approval outside of myself," says Gilliland. "For them to say that I'm nuts and not look at the evidence, it's really inconsistent to make a statement like that."

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Re: Ufology As A Science - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Dec 2004 19:38:24 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 18:06:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Ufology As A Science - Rimmer

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 03:24:52 EST
>Subject: Re: Ufology As A Science

>Lots of questions and concerns arise from classifying UFology as
>a science or elevating it up to or down to a science.

>Could be a good thing or a bad thing.

>What I mean is, if it qualifies as a science then procedures and
>protocols, ethics and standards come into play which would
>probably disqualify the bulk of the common folk who are the
>bullwark of this field of study.

Hmmm, I can just see it: 'The Protocols of the Learned Elders of CUFOS'! But seriously, these protocols, ethics and standards should already be in place, and, to be fair, many UFO organisations have attempted to define some ethical standards for investigations. Certainly, the question of ethics and standards in mainstream science is a contentious one, and ufology would be no different. For example, BUFORA's on-going moratorium on the use of hypnotic regression is certainly not accepted by ufologists in the USA, or indeed, some in Britain.

>Not saying they're incompetent,
>just saying the regimen of real scientific study and application
>is too much for some folk.

This is certainly true.

>Then come in the regulations and laws. Could be a good thing
>wherein from that point forward doing bogus UFO reports could
>end up with a fine or imprisonment. Sort of like making a claim
>that Uncle Blumbley's moonshine soup can cure cancer. That's
>agin' the law. I think that would wipe out a good chunk of the
>UFO market as the snake oil salesmen would go out of business
>overnight.

Surely ufology in itself is not a science; rather it is the application of science to find solutions to puzzling events. The idea that the rightness or wrongness of a UFO-related claim should be tested in a court of law is intriguing, we would perhaps get a ruling once and for all as to whether uncorroborated personal testimony has any legal weight! But bogus claims are made in science, and they only come into court if anyone is harmed, physically or financially, as a result. There are plenty of barmy science books being written, and unproven claims being bandied around, but I don't see m'learned friends taking an interest in them!

One could draw a comparison between ufology and psychic research. Practitioners of the latter certainly consider their work to be a science, and have created a consistent form of scientific protocol involving carefully planned experiments, meticulous recording and record keeping, suitably boring-looking journals and all the rest of the paraphernalia of mainstream sciences. However, one must ask how much good it's done them in the past 130 years or so.

>On the other antenna, it could mean that laws could come into
>play or better yet the proper execution of existing laws to
>protect witnesses, researchers from unlawful imprisonment in
>psychiatric institutions or the confiscation of their property
>without due process.

I know of two instances of so-called "unlawful imprisonment" in relation to ufological claims, one in the USA and one in Britain and don't want to get involved in discussing them further, thank you very much. I do not think that there is any real instance of such imprisonment happening purely because of a person's views on UFOs or their claims to have seen one, but there have certainly been instances where a person imprisoned for unrelated crimes has found it useful to blame their ufological interests.

Proclaiming ufology to be a "science" is unlikely to make any difference to the legal position of ufologists or witnesses - a physicist or astronomer who breaks the law is no more or less likely to be punished than a ufologist or psychic researcher.

>Nowadays ufology is in the open. If it became a science would it
>go into closed doors with data in the hands of a chosen few?
>Would we then be the ones creating a beurocratic new MJ-12?

Well, according to most people on this List, a great deal of ufology is taking place behind closed doors, so no change there, then! I think a good analogy would be astronomy, where a vigorous and scientifically respectable amateur movement exists alongside and collaborating with the academic side of the study. Of course, the key words her are "scientifically respectable".

>As a science I don't see it being classified as such. A field of
>research yes.

If by "classified" you mean that, for instance, MUFON becomes affiliated to the main American scientific organisations, or BUFORA joins the British Association for the Advancement of Science... well, who's for a snowball fight in Hades?

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John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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>>>We were born to capture these things like they were woolly
>>>mammoths. We were made to steer these things around the sky like
>>>beasts of heavy burden. In that noble pursuit we've nothing to
>>>lose and everything to gain for our boldness... besides, our
>>>boldness will likely bring mighty forces to our aid!

><snip>

>>As Alfred points out, they could harbor a treasure trove of
>>resources, and would require the combined efforts of
>>astronomers, computational physicists, space engineers, and
>>adventurous 'spelunkers'.

>Capturing or moving such things around seems unlikely (although
>I have read papers proposing how to do it). The slight movement
>of these beasts seems feasible. Given enough years, I suppose
>they can move in orbit "fairly" significantly. The only reason
>to do this is collision avoidance. Tweeking such a beast into
>orbit around Earth seems impossible in our lifetimes.

>Regarding the treasure trove of resources, I don't think so.
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>Entertainment and prestige industries seem to be a more likely
>near term investment course for space. The Moon is far safer to
>do this at though, rather than an asteroid and its inherent
>risks/complexities.

Hi James,

Boy, you sure know how to quench the fire in a dream.

To borrow and mangle a well-turned phrase... 'You look at things that are and say why?', and I (and others) look at things that never were and say 'Why not?'.
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Were it not for impractical dreams, our world would be devoid of many of its most practical realities.

Besides, I believe neither of us placed a timetable on the idea Nor are we the first to suggest it.

I'm beginning to understand what Stan means when he talks about Noisy Negativists. <LOL>

Your points are all very well presented, and likely accurate in the main, but this is something that both Alfred and I believe not to be happening in our lifetimes, but on a timeline one might call ideal, where the thirst... no... the need for knowledge trumps any monetary imperative, where the quest for truth is judged by its potential rather than its cost alone, and where those who presume the preposterous are called innovators rather than spendthrifts.

But you're probably right. <g>

Regards,

Kyle

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Can you give a single example where this fate has befallen
someone for no other reason than reporting a UFO sighting, or
investigating UFO cases, excluding cases where someone claims
that the guys from Proyon V have told them to eat next door's
gerbil.

The risks to ufologists must be far less than to those who taken
up skunk farming as a hobby. or declare themselves to be founder
leader of either the Satanic Grotto of Baphomet, the Blood Red
Revolutionary Communist Party Marxist Leninist or the Islamic
Jihad Front.

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>Radio is not a human invention. Radio is a natural phenomenon
>which we are able to... through trial, error and time...
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>species might discover this is not terribly farfetched,
>especially in light of the vast number of life-sustaining
>bodies out there coupled with the tenacity of life we observe
>here on earth even in the most inhospitable places. Are we the
>only monkeys capable of serendipitously producing the proverbial
>Shakespeare play?

>I think Keyhoe had a good point in saying that the best albeit
>inadvertent method we might have for attracting the attention
>of ET is our nuclear detonations. While they might be large bomb
>blasts to us here, they would constitute a burst of *gasp* radio
>to a distant civilization, were it listening. Reason enough for
>a closer look at this blue marble. In this light, such
>detonations, or SETI, might even be the reason ET could come
>calling. Worth the effort even if fruitless. At least it is an
>effort.

>I could be in error, but then it's just another case of
>inference and speculation. I simply believe the critical but
>open mind is more likely to divine the truth in the end, if
>history informs. Your assertion reflects a mind long on
>critical, but short on open, a decidedly unscientific state in
>my view.

Sorry but the majority opinion of evolutionary biologists, which
is indeed just opinion, but at least its informed opinion, is
that if you ran the history of life on earth again and again it
would come out different each time. There is a minority most
notably Simon Conway Morris who disagree with this view. Time
will tell. However there seems no more reason to think the
universe will be full of humans that it would be full of
armadillos.

The development of radio wireless telephony was not a historical
inevitability, but a product of the economic and military needs
of the British Empire, especially the need to communicate with
the ships in the Navy. At a time when radio was only capable of
transmitting morse code, cable broadcasting in central Europe
was bringing concert performances into peoples homes, and
experiments with in-ground induction wireless in the USA were
transmitting reasonable quality speech. The willingness of
Britain to back Marconi eventually won out. Peter Rogerson

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Just about the last thing that one would expect an alien probe to resemble would be a medium sized ultra high performance aircraft buzzing round the earth's atmosphere. Ufos really represent 1950s images of what an advanced technology would look like. Much more likely would be nanotechnological probes which would just fit in with the general dust. These would be many orders of magnitude cheaper than anything large.

Objects carrying biological crews of roughly human size would be of necessity, colossal, as all interstellar journeys will be ones of permanent exile. To maintain a reliable breeding population over many generations of travel and building colonies would probably require a population of around 10,000 minimum, plus complete self sustaining biosphere Peter Rogerson

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>was out of Penthouse magazine and the aliens were not greys, but
>rather slightly non-human. The other interesting thing was that
>it seemed like most reports were from South America.

<snip>

I suspect if you claimed voluntary sex with aliens you might
suffer some of the side effects Greg Boone mentioned, and it
might even be considered bestiality and they would put you in
clink along with the sheep worriers.

Many of these stories seem to come from the 50s and 60s with AVB
and Elizabeth Klarer, and I suspect that the very first
abduction story, the apparently lost story of the salesman, the
nurse and the aliens in the desert featured sex somewhere, which
is why it never got into the ufo literature.

Today such stories must pass the abduction finders criteria, ie
be as nasty as possible, involve things walking through walls,
and have some group of outsiders that they can label as hybrids
and begin to persecute. Extraterrestrial romance a la Howard
Menger is definately off the menu.

Peter Rogerson

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Magonia Supplement 53

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Dec 2004 23:31:32 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 07:33:11 -0500
Subject: Magonia Supplement 53

All you Martin Kottmeyer fans will be glad to hear that his latest article appears in Magonia Supplement No.53. The html edition is now available at:

<http://magonia.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/ms53.htm>

John Harney

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Re: The Bamboo Saucer - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Dec 2004 23:00:11 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 07:43:08 -0500
Subject: Re: The Bamboo Saucer - Scheldroup

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 10:59:22 EST
>Subject: The Bamboo Saucer

><snip>

>Anyone recall this flick and it's history?

><snip>

Hi Greg and Listers,

When I came home from school around the third or fourth grade, in the early seventies, it was 3:00 pm or so on Friday that we had what was called the Friday Afternoon Matinee featured on ABC.

If I recall this movie correctly with not viewing it since, the flying saucer was stored in an Orthodox church which also served as barnyard for farm animals with hay and so forth.

The Russians and Chinese mentioned approached, but to gain access to the saucer either an American or Briton upon entering the craft caused the craft to make a humming sound with some effect of anti-gravity, which then hovered for a few moments inside the church before coming back down to rest.

When a door opened up they approached cautiously... closer and closer they came to the door then... a head of whatever dangled from the small doorslit with blood-snot draining from the nose.

That gave a younger guy quite the jitters, but I figured it must have been something like bends when a body comes to the surface from deep waters too quickly.

Late, the Russians and Chinese came closer, a fight ensued outside the church when one American man and possibly one British woman crawled into the saucer, locked the door. While inside the dome of the saucer, which seemed transparent to them, they could see out but nobody could see in.

Apparently someone punched buttons and some anti-gravity caused them to break free from the church, automatic control took over and they both went sight seeing through the transparent dome.

That's about what I recall of this story. I had completely forgotten the name of the movie until you mentioned it.

Or may it have been a childhood dream I had?

John

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Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 07:48:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 07:48:05 -0500
Subject: Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast

Source: BBC News

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/tyne/4061893.stm>

12-02-04

'Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast'

Shock from seeing an alien ship was one of a whole host of far-fetched excuses offered by speeding motorists trying to avoid penalty points and fines.

Bemused staff at the Northumbria Safety Camera Partnership say many drivers believe if they come up with an elaborate excuse they will be let off.

They have compiled a top 10 of the most ridiculous claims from speeding drivers including rushing to see dying pets.

But they also warned their message is serious and that speeding claims lives.

Staff at the Partnership, responsible for fixed speed cameras in the north-east of England, regularly receive letters from drivers hoping to avoid the =A360 fines and three points on their licence.

Manager Ray King said: "Some drivers seem to think that if they tell a good enough story, then they will get off, which unfortunately rarely works.

"But if there are genuine mitigating reasons, there is always the option of putting their case to a magistrate."

Everything from the wind behind the car to jets overhead and dying hamsters have been blamed by motorists, Mr King said.

But he added: "This is a light-hearted look at excuses for speeding, but it is a serious issue - we'd rather not be getting any letters at all because no one is breaking the speed limit and no one is receiving a ticket."

[UFO UpDates thanks Joe McGonagle for the lead]

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 07:34:09 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 19:29:55 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 2004 13:47:28 -0600
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 10:08:53 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 30 Nov 2004 06:38:09 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2004 15:41:44 -0600
>>>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

<snip>

>Hi James,

>Boy, you sure know how to quench the fire in a dream.

...and to what purpose, actually... and how effective, in the aggregate, that "wet blanket"? Who was instructed, educated, or otherwise elevated? Who was inspired? Who felt better? And finally, who acts just like that learned but forgettable spawn of dismissive scientism who proclaimed we'd never get on the moon because we'd never be able to generate enough power to leave the gravity well? He was an effective wet blanket, too. Thankfully, not effective enough. Moreover, my fire still roars. I suspect yours does, too, Sir.

>To borrow and mangle a well-turned phrase... 'You look at things >that are and say why?', and I (and others) look at things that >never were and say 'Why not?'

I think it entirely likely the gentleman is not asking anything he feels he might not have a 'safe' answer for. Another of those unfortunate souls who hasn't discovered it's answers, ultimately, that are the least important. It's always been the quality question has the superiority.

>Were it not for impractical dreams, our world would be devoid of >many of its most practical realities.

>>ding!<<>>ding!<<>>ding!<<

>Besides, I believe neither of us placed a timetable on the idea >Nor are we the first to suggest it.

In a way? We are.

What do we want? Reach and Grasp! When do we want it? ...Now. Anytime is always the first time because it might be the last time... more Zen... sorry.

>I'm beginning to understand what Stan means when he talks about
>Noisy Negativists. <LOL>

I'm not laughing. Friedman's noisome negativists transcended
laughter decades ago when they colluded to destroy (murder?)
James McDonald, confabulate history, and hijack the mainstream
to facilitate the psychopathic unelected. Moreover, a reality
that does not carry James McDonald around on a little three
cornered velvet cushion is not a reality I want to have any part
of, and a reality that I will work tirelessly to discredit,
deride, and eventually disgrace.

>Your points are all very well presented, and likely accurate in
>the main, but this is something that both Alfred and I believe
>not to be happening in our lifetimes,

Speak for yourself, Sir! I may be doomed to a disappointment
that is likely, but I expect the whole planet to start feeling
the affects [sic] of our accelerating 'propensity' well within
my lifetime; a lifetime, by the way, that might not have to end
as a result of a biological necessity... and that's Mr.
Lehmborg, Mr. King, remember. [g].

>but on a timeline one
>might call ideal, where the thirst... no... the need for
>knowledge trumps any monetary imperative, where the quest for
>truth is judged by its potential rather than its cost alone, and
>where those who presume the preposterous are called innovators
>rather than spendthrifts.

Gandhi said you had to be the changes you expected around you.
Mr. Smith might take your lesson. Hell, should take your
lesson.

>But you're probably right. <g>

No, Sir. He couldn't be more wrong - arrogantly in letter, in an
altogether meager paucity of facts and yet-to-be-discredited
conventional wisdoms, and certainly in spirit. Wet blankets
are a retrograde mechanism with little utility, usually an axe
to grind, and ultimately forgettable. I was unmoved, just
annoyed, and definitely not laughing.

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Re: Ufology As A Science - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 07:51:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 19:31:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Ufology As A Science - Lehmberg

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 21:04:28 +0000
>Subject: Re: Ufology As A Science - Boone

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 03:24:52 EST
>>Subject: Re: Ufology As A Science

<snip>

>Can you give a single example where this fate has befallen
>someone for no other reason than reporting a UFO sighting, or
>investigating UFO cases, excluding cases where someone claims
>that the guys from Proycon V have told them to eat next door's
>gerbil.

Pride goes before a fall, Mr. Rogerson.

John Ford. I don't believe he was accused of eating
gerbils... but given the oblique duplicity of of his
persecutors (?) I wouldn't rule it out.

>The risks to ufologists must be far less than to those who taken
>up skunk farming as a hobby. or declare themselves to be founder
>leader of either the Satanic Grotto of Baphomet, the Blood Red
>Revolutionary Communist Party Marxist Leninist or the Islamic
>Jihad Front.

Apples and oranges. Written like you had your mind made up, Sir.
And like someone new or someone who hasn't been paying
attention, too.

Smirks and sneers are a needless irritation, Mr. Rogerson, and
usually say more about the 'smirker' than the 'smirkee'.
Additionally, I suspect that many on this list are a little less
amused than you would think they are.

Be that as it may, you're here to leap hurdles, Sir, not make
them.

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Secrecy News -- 12/03/04

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Subject: Secrecy News -- 12/03/04

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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HOMELAND SECURITY

The Department of Homeland Security "needs to remember that the homeland whose security it is protecting is one in which democratic debate is supposed to be open and freewheeling," the Washington Post editorialized today.

The Post editorial today casts a much-needed spotlight on two extraordinary aspects of Homeland Security secrecy policy: a requirement that DHS employees sign non-disclosure agreements as a condition of access to certain unclassified information, and the secrecy imposed by the Transportation Security Administration on an entire body of security directives that govern interactions with the public.

See "Homeland Secrecy," Washington Post, December 3 (free reg. req'd): <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A30124-2004Dec2.html>

The problem of secret but legally binding security directives was explored in an article I wrote in Slate on November 18. See "The Secrets of Flight":

<http://slate.msn.com/id/2109922/>

FLYING BLIND: THE DECLINE OF SCIENCE POLICY ADVICE

The U.S. government is poorly configured to produce, receive and act upon scientifically literate and technically informed policy advice, according to a new report from the Federation of American Scientists.

"The need for effective science and technology advice continues to increase while the infrastructure for providing such help is in a state of crisis," the report begins.

Among other structural problems, "the gap created by the loss of the congressional Office of Technology Assessment in 1996 has not been filled." Meanwhile, science advice to the executive branch has declined with the effective demotion of the president's science advisor in the Bush Administration.

Furthermore, arbitrary and ill-considered controls on public access to certain scientific and technical information have

impeded policy formulation and public accountability.

The FAS study proposes a series of policy options for addressing these problems and reversing the decline in science advice to government, should there be a will to do so.

See "Flying Blind: The Rise, Fall, and Possible Resurrection of Science Policy Advice in the United States," by Henry Kelly, Ivan Oelrich, Steven Aftergood, and Benn H. Tannenbaum, December 2004 (117 pages, 355 KB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/pub/flyingblind.pdf>

WHITE HOUSE PANEL CRITICIZES CYBERSECURITY OVERCLASSIFICATION

Sometimes the act of classifying scientific or technical information can diminish national security instead of enhancing it.

Last month, a White House panel concluded that the growing classification of government research on computer security is not serving the nation well because it renders such research inaccessible outside of narrow military and intelligence channels.

"Classified cybersecurity R&D is, of course, needed for numerous purposes," observed F. Thomson Leighton, chair of the cybersecurity subcommittee of the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee.

"However, classified work tends not to benefit generic cybersecurity products--which are used throughout society (including the military and intelligence communities)," he said at a meeting last month.

In the future, he said, the government should "favor unclassified basic research" in cybersecurity.

Leighton's speech was first reported in the newsletter Inside the Pentagon on November 25.

See "White House Panel Blasts Pentagon's Cybersecurity R&D Policies" by John T. Bennett, Inside the Pentagon, reposted with permission and with a link to the underlying presentation here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2004/11/itp112504.html>

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE 108TH CONGRESS (CRS)

A wide spectrum of science and technology policy issues treated in the last Congress are surveyed and summarized in a recent Congressional Research Service report.

See "Science and Technology Policy: Issues for the 108th Congress, 2nd session," updated September 8, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/civil/crs/RL31846.pdf>

THE CLASSIFIED SILEX URANIUM ENRICHMENT PROJECT

An innovative technology for enriching uranium known as the Separation of Isotopes by Laser Excitation or SILEX process has the distinction of being the first and only privately generated information to be classified by the U.S. Government as Restricted Data under the Atomic Energy Act (Secrecy News, 06/26/01).

A critical assessment of the SILEX technology, which is under development in Australia, was presented in a new report by Greenpeace, which opposes the project.

See "Secrets, Lies, and Uranium Enrichment: The Classified SILEX Project at Lucas Heights," November 2004 (1.7 MB PDF file):

http://www.greenpeace.org.au/frontpage/pdf/silex_report.pdf

CIA YIELDS TO SOUTH KOREA IN SPELLING DISPUTE

Following months of quiet diplomacy as well as public controversy, the Central Intelligence Agency has yielded to persistent demands from the Republic of Korea that the Agency change the way it spells the name of the South Korean president.

Let no one say that the CIA is incapable of reform.

"The Web site of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) corrected the name of the South Korean president to Roh Moo-hyun from previously spelled No Mu-hyun," the Yonhap News Agency in Seoul reported this week, referring to the latest revision of the CIA World Factbook.

(See "South Korea to CIA: It's Roh Not No," Secrecy News, 07/14/04; and "A Lesson in Korean Linguistics," Secrecy News, 07/19/04).

But no matter how many concessions the CIA makes, there are some critics who will never be satisfied.

"Many references [in the CIA World Factbook] still remain wrong," the Yonhap article stated. "The CIA site spells the name of the North Korean leader Kim Jong-il as 'Kim Chong-il' and still applies the McCune-Reischauer system of romanization to spell South Korean provinces, such as 'Cheju' and 'Cholla,' rather than the government's official spelling, 'Jeju' and 'Jeolla'."

See "CIA Factbook Corrects Spelling of S. Korean President," Yonhap News Agency, November 30, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/11/yonhap112904.html>

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11 Goats Slain In Puerto Rican Petting Zoo

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Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 19:44:34 -0500
Subject: 11 Goats Slain In Puerto Rican Petting Zoo

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
December 3, 2004

Source: Primera Hora - Newspaper
Date: December 3, 2004

Puerto Rico: 11 Goats Slain In Petting Zoo

Horrible find in children's park

Eleven goats were found dead inside their wooden pen, which forms part of the petting zoo of the "Illusion" children's park on the premises of the Montehiedra Town Center in Rio Piedras (San Juan, PR).

The discover was made by Fausto Radaelli, the person in charge of the petting zoo and its owner.

According to the explanation given by Radaelli to Primera Hora, he took 11 goats to the kiddie park last Monday because he was attempting to recreate a manger scene for the Christmas holiday.

He placed them in a wooden pen in the open air so they could spend the night there. But they were found lifeless on Wednesday morning.

Three of the goats presented large bite marks, dismemberment and one of them had half of its body devoured; all of its internal organs, excepting its stomach, were gone.

The rest of the goats had bite marks and fang marks on the rear of their bodies. The marks resembled the ones found on animals allegedly attacked by the infamous "Chupacabras".

The goats had their necks twisted backward and rigor mortis had not set in 48 hours after their deaths.

According to biologist Ernesto Marquez, a specialist in exotic animals, the goats were attacked by "a wolf, a coyote, a hybrid (wolf-dog hybrid) or very large feral dogs."

Marquez says that these animals exist on the island and knows that they are trafficked and even advertised in newspaper classifieds.

The expert's theory is sustained by the carnivore's modus operandi. "These are regular fang marks. Canids kill animals by the rear, seizing them to hold them down and eat them."

Marquez dismissed the possibility that the goats may have been slain by a feline, since "these kill from the throat, strangling [their prey], dragging it off. This was a canid."

He added that "the animal leaped; it is an agile animal, attacking from the rear. It's astute and knows human beings. It came around when there was no one around and returned on the next day, when there was no one either. He explained that this animal has wild instincts and that not even animals in Africa,

at large in their own habitat, kill so much prey to eat only one.

"This is vicious. The animal isn't psychologically well," maintained the biologist, who also belongs to the SPCA.

Yesterday, the site was being examined by Marquez, Julio Diaz of the Animal Control Solutions company and veterinary technician Herman Sulsona of the San Juan Animal Control Center.

There were no signs of forcible entry. No prints nor hairs of any other animal were found.

Radaelli also has a pony, Dutch hens and sheep at the petting zoo; at his farm in Carolina, where he raises these animals, he has dwarf cows, a burro and other goats, which the occasionally brings to the park.

The park, which has been operating since May 8th and will remain until January 31st, has no security of any kind. Yesterday, after removing the dead goats, the park was reopened to the public after 6 pm. Specialists cautioned the park's custodians that the animal may return, and advised that the animals be kept inside a trailer, or else removed from the site.

Last night, Martinez and Radaelli were expected to authorize Diaz and Marquez to stay overnight at the location with the specialized equipment needed to hunt the predator. Diaz informed PRIMERA HORA that they have been given confidential information that in the vicinity of Caimito and Montehiedra there are "wealthy persons who traffic in exotic animals, and lions, tigers and pumas can also be found."

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 15:18:17 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 19:47:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Reason

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 21:30:39 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>Sorry but the majority opinion of evolutionary biologists, which
>is indeed just opinion, but at least its informed opinion, is
>that if you ran the history of life on earth again and again it
>would come out different each time. There is a minority most
>notably Simon Conway Morris who disagree with this view. Time
>will tell. However there seems no more reason to think the
>universe will be full of humans that it would be full of
>armadillos.

I think it's fair to say that this is, actually, the consensus among biologists. This conclusion is pretty much based on two lines of reasoning; the first is what might be called the "undersampling" principle, which is that generalizations from small samples tend to overestimate the homogeneity of the wider population. This is the line taken by Sewart and Cohen in their recent book "Evolving the Alien", and it is a good point, in my view. It does seem to be the case that when we construct theoretical models based on what we know, these models tend to overpredict the extent to which what we don't know looks like what we do.

The other line of reasoning might be called the "chain of probability" argument, which you have pretty much outlined here:

>The development of radio wireless telephony was not a historical
>inevitability, but a product of the economic and military needs
>of the British Empire, especially the need to communicate with
>the ships in the Navy. At a time when radio was only capable of
>transmitting morse code, cable broadcasting in central Europe
>was bringing concert performances into peoples homes, and
>experiments with in-ground induction wireless in the USA were
>transmitting reasonable quality speech. The willingness of
>Britain to back Marconi eventually won out.

If something is an outcome of a series of n events each of probability p(n), then as n increases the product $\prod p(n)$ will become increasingly small even if the individual p(n) are themselves large. However, this is problematic for a number of reasons. Firstly, although the number of events n involved in the evolution of intelligent life - call this p(int) - is almost certainly very large, we don't know exactly how large it is, and there are definite constraints on the size of the product $\prod p(int)$. In particular, there must be a clear relationship between the probability of life [p(life)], and the probability of intelligence given life [p(int|life)]. If p(life) is such as to make life very rare in the universe, then p(int|life) cannot also be very small. And yet we have no good theoretical reason to believe that life is common in the universe any more than we do to believe that intelligence is common. Like intelligence, life is the outcome of a long series of extremely idiosyncratic events.

Secondly, applying what we know about the evolution of life on earth to the evolution of life in the universe in general

overlooks one rather important fact - the evolutionary histories of life on the earth are not independent of each other. And we don't know what the effect this has on our analysis - for example, if we rephrase the question as "What is the probability that any individual ecosystem will generate a niche which can be exploited by intelligent life?" - then it's clear that not only does the problem look entirely different, but that our understanding of life on earth is of little use in answering the question.

And finally, a practical illustration of the problems with this line of thinking. In his 1978 book "Spacehips of the Mind", Nigel Calder presented a version of the "chain of probability" argument against extraterrestrial intelligence. He listed a number of points at which our evolution might have taken a very different turn, such as the following:

"Apes would not have evolved into upright-walking human beings if the tropical forests where they lived had not been thinned out and reduced to grassland."

The problem with this is that, as I'm sure you realize, it's now known to be almost certainly untrue. The evolution of upright-walking human ancestors appears to have preceded, not followed, the move from the forests to the grasslands. And if that isn't an illustration of the pitfalls associated with trying to establish the probability of an event from the history of a single instance, then I don't know what is.

Cathy

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 15:33:07 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 19:49:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Reason

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 21:47:52 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>Ufos really
>represent 1950s images of what an advanced technology would look
>like.

The problem with this sort of statement is that it's completely untestable. How would you establish if a UFO did not look like a 1950s image of what an advanced technology would look like? I have a book of illustrations dating from the 1930s to the 1950s which includes various renditions of imaginary spaceships. Most of them don't look to me much like UFOs.

>Much more likely would be nanotechnological probes which
>would just fit in with the general dust. These would be many
>orders of magnitude cheaper than anything large.

So why is this 2004 image of what advanced technology would look like any more to be relied upon than the images of the 1950s? This sort of argument depends on the assumption that we can predict the technology of the far future, which as you've already indicated is probably impossible.

>Objects carrying biological crews of roughly human size would be
>of necessity, colossal, as all interstellar journeys will be
>ones of permanent exile. To maintain a reliable breeding
>population over many generations of travel and building colonies
>would probably require a population of around 10,000 minimum,
>plus complete self sustaining biosphere

And how do we know that all interstellar journeys will be ones of permanent exile?

I do think you have a good point, that advanced alien technology might be something we would be utterly incapable of recognizing even if we saw it. Then again of course, some people think that is exactly what is happening.

A more interesting point, to me, is whether the whole notion of extraterrestrial life is itself an artifact of our current cosmological model which will one day be superseded. When Dante wrote his Commedia during the Middle Ages, he used the most accurate and up-to-date cosmological model of his time, and peopled the planets with angels and the spirits of the departed. Perhaps in years to come our present-day notions of alien beings will seem as quaint as Dante's planetary angels.

Cathy

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 10:37:48 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 19:50:47 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 2004 13:47:28 -0600
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>Boy, you sure know how to quench the fire in a dream.

Sorry,. My work puts me on the "Red Team" alot. My work has me deeply involved in space tech. I have enough years to be very cynical. How many great tech ideas have I seen get cancelled just prior to completion!

>To borrow and mangle a well-turned phrase... 'You look at things >that are and say why?', and I (and others) look at things that >never were and say 'Why not?'.</p></div>

You gotta have motivation to do something. For instance, I always liked the idea of space solar power platforms. This would truly do the world good. Its just not feasible with our current budget/launch costs.

Sure it would be nice to have Holiday Inns on all your major asteroids. But it would be nice to be God too.

>Were it not for impractical dreams, our world would be devoid of >many of its most practical realities.</p></div>

Don't know if you have enough data for that. All major inventions were based on motivation (money, fame, make life easier, etc).

>Besides, I believe neither of us placed a timetable on the idea >Nor are we the first to suggest it.</p></div>

>I'm beginning to understand what Stan means when he talks about >Noisy Negativists. <LOL></p></div>

I like to think of myself as a Reticent Realist. The only reason I respond to your posting is that you are talking about an area I work in and familiar with.

>Your points are all very well presented, and likely accurate in >the main, but this is something that both Alfred and I believe >not to be happening in our lifetimes, but on a timeline one >might call ideal, where the thirst... no... the need for >knowledge trumps any monetary imperative, where the quest for >truth is judged by its potential rather than its cost alone, and >where those who presume the preposterous are called innovators >rather than spendthrifts.</p></div>

Dreams are fine. I hope someday we can fulfil them as you desire. But we have alot of work to do to fix up Earth before we go wasting money on these kind of things. It amazes me that we do as much space exproation that we do given our screwed up planet/infrastructure. Focusing on exploration/utilization of space to better the lives of the average Joe should be our focus, not capturing pretty pictures with a space telescope or landing probes to poke at rocks with no hope whatever of using these results to help Mankind.

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 12:18:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 20:57:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Friedman

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 21:47:52 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 23:45:32 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

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>>In any case, there are no a priori grounds for believing that
>>extraterrestrial beings or their probes do not visit the Earth
>>from time to time, or do not operate here on a fairly regular
>>basis.

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Mr. Rogerson,

I trust you can provide some evidence to support your many
rather arrogant and pretentious claims about what UFOs are,
should be, how they work etc etc ad nauseum? Do you have a
pipeline directly to alien HQ? Or is it comedy central? Are you
trying out plot lines for a science fiction series?

Surely you are aware that there are many sightings of huge
"mother ships" as well as of the much smaller earth excursion
modules typically observed in the thousands of physical trace
cases that Ted Phillips has collected. Ever hear of the word
"Evidence"?

Stan Friedman

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 11:29:37 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 20:59:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - King

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 21:30:39 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 07:57:41 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

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>Sorry but the majority opinion of evolutionary biologists, which
>is indeed just opinion, but at least its informed opinion, is
>that if you ran the history of life on earth again and again it
>would come out different each time. There is a minority most
>notably Simon Conway Morris who disagree with this view. Time
>will tell. However there seems no more reason to think the
>universe will be full of humans that it would be full of
>armadillos.

<snip>

Hi Peter,

Informed opinion? Please explain. Informed opinion once held that Earth was the center of the universe, and was flat. Informed opinion once held that Jews, women, blacks, and Native Americans were inferior and something less than human, or at least unworthy of equality. Informed opinion might provide a comfort zone for some, but it does not represent truth. Merely opinion. Often informed opinion is used as a rationalization for the narrow-minded, uninformed and agenda-led. One must be reminded that evolution itself is just a guess. One can support it with terrestrial evidence, but to extrapolate that beyond earth is just smug self-congratulatory speculation. It remains unproven.

I'd enjoy hearing what evidence supports your informed opinion.

History and even current events show again and again that the majority opinion neither reflects truth, nor does it reflect an informed view. This is true regardless of the number of letters behind ones name, or how informed one might be.

Your position seems to be summed up in your penultimate paragraph. "...there seems no more reason to think the universe is full of humans than it would be full of armadillos."

On what evolutionary biological evidence do you base this odd assertion? If you are one of the informed majority, surely you can provide support for your position?

The only statement in your post that reflects an objective truth is *time will tell*.

On this we agree. But even on this, it is merely speculation. We may never find the answers, no matter how long we look. The search in and of itself does not assure success. Examples of

this abound.

If current events inform, the majority opinion is suspect at best, and reflective of our least noble traits at worst.

Of course, another point to be made is that if you take all the evolutionary biologists on earth, including those that do not agree with the majority opinion, they still represent a very small minority.

Why should I lend more weight to your opinion? What qualifications distinguish your opinions of extraterrestrial life and its nature?

I prefer to keep an open mind, and presume that life here is no more unique than anywhere else.

I think it is highly likely that life as we know it exists elsewhere, and life as we do not know it exists elsewhere. If we search for the former, we may very likely find the latter along the way. We may even learn that nature, on finding a trait that works, might apply that trait across the cosmos as it does across continents.

Perhaps this is accomplished through mechanisms we don't fully understand, like quantum entanglement.

Speculation indeed, but as valid and informed as any other in my view.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 11:49:17 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 21:01:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - King

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Hi Peter,

As unidentified aerial phenomena have been observed since antiquity, and have followed roughly similar descriptions, your assertion about the 1950s is a biased view based on a uniquely American popular culture, and not a review of history.

Your supposition that interstellar journeys will be ones of permanent exile is based on what? Our human limitations? I think that you are opining out of both hemispheres of your grey matter.

Is it not possible that an advanced intelligence might have a more effective means of interstellar travel than we mere humans have discovered to date? Is it not possible that time might be found to be mutable? Is it not possible that age is relative, and that for some species, an interstellar trip might be a weekend excursion rather than permanent exile?

What I find most interesting is that you think that extraterrestrial life would be vastly different than our own, but then you apply human conditions and limitations to them.

What exactly is your position again?

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Sex And Alien Abduction? - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 12:24:20 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 21:03:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Sex And Alien Abduction? - King

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 22:09:37 +0000
>Subject: Re: Sex And Alien Abduction?

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 2004 11:25:38 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>Subject: Sex And Alien Abduction?

<snip>

>I suspect if you claimed voluntary sex with aliens you might
>suffer some of the side effects Greg Boone mentioned, and it
>might even be considered bestiality and they would put you in
>clink along with the sheep worriers.

>Many of these stories seem to come from the 50s and 60s with AVB
>and Elizabeth Klarer, and I suspect that the very first
>abduction story, the apparently lost story of the salesman, the
>nurse and the aliens in the desert featured sex somewhere, which
>is why it never got into the ufo literature.

<snip>

Hi Peter and James,

Again I must comment on Peter's fixation with the 50s and 60s. Tales of alien abduction are as old as man. The incubus/succubus stories are little different than alien sex stories, except that the technology we achieved added more possibilities as to the source of the abductors.

Demonic possession is also a form of alien abduction, and while it can be named and treated as a psychological disorder, that is more an admission that we just don't understand it than a declaration of fact.

When an abductee is called "loony", it is based more on the abductees reaction to the event than on the event itself.

We condemn the Inquisition for rooting out witches, known to consort with demons and devils, through rigged tests.

Today we commit or at least ridicule people who say they've had sex with ETs or ghosts using equally ridiculous presumptions as to what is possible and what is impossible.

Progress? Well, they might just be crazy, and then again they might not. A matter of perspective and how the victim/participant reacts, more than an objective judgment of its validity.

Oh, and bestiality (not beastiality) as a crime is also in the eye of the beholder. It is a construct of religion and moral indignation. In the realities of life however, it is sometimes simply an expediency...a need fulfilled by what means are available at the moment. No different than sex with birth

control, or assisted masturbation, except in the minds of those that have the *normal* means, or a moral objection.

God might not like it, but it has been happening for as long as we've been here. And even the Bible doesn't say it's crazy, just not acceptable in a religious *read moral* context.

Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 13:24:36 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 21:11:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast - Boone

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 07:48:05 -0500
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast

>Source: BBC News

><http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/tyne/4061893.stm>

>12-02-04

>'Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast'

>Shock from seeing an alien ship was one of a whole host of far-
>fetched excuses offered by speeding motorists trying to avoid
>penalty points and fines.

As funny as this is, there's more importance than meets the eye.

Using an UFO for an excuse for something brought about chuckles
but what if it were true?

See the dilemma arising? If for some strange reason the world upped
out of fear of the subject think how many court cases would swamp
us with 'The UFOs made me do it' excuses.

In the U.S. where the majority are religious no one goes to court and
says 'The Devil made me do it' (pardons to the late great comedian
Flip Wilson as this was one of his gags) because they would be tossed
into a psychiatric facility. Yet the President himself will quote scripture
as reality. Even though the majority believe that spirits, demons
whatever influence their daily lives, the courts won't recognize it? Yet
those same courts won't shirk at accepting the billions of dollars of
charitable contributions to the population from these same people
they disregard. So now people have UFOs to engage in regarding
their daily goings on.

Couldn't make it to work because you were abducted? Can't get
pregnant because some alien screwed up the operation? Crops
won't grow because something the government says doesn't
exist just irradiated your field? Doesn't matter, it's all about your
money they're concerned with.

Whether you believe the ET hypothesis or not, whether it's real or
not, the legal issues are very important nonetheless.

It will be fascinating to see what comes from the legal community
in years to come.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Ufology As A Science - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 18:42:23 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 21:13:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Ufology As A Science - Dickenson

Hi,

Ufology is a field of study where, if the scientific method is used then it's a real discipline, just like archeology or any other discipline.

'Science' is the concept of a method - not a field of study.

Misusing concept words can be dangerous - here's example:

1) "love" is used to describe an infinite number of 'things'.

2) "country" is used to describe a non-existent 'thing'.

And what's the product of Infinity x Zero?

Downright silliness.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: The E.T. Equation Recalculated - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 15:26:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 09:22:46 -0500
Subject: Re: The E.T. Equation Recalculated - Friedman

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2004 8:36 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: The E.T. Equation Recalculated

>Source: Wired Magazine

><http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/12.12/life.html>

>Issue 12.12 - December 2004

>The E.T. Equation Recalculated
>By Frank Drake

>Fifty years ago, those of us who dreamed about finding
>extraterrestrials thought we knew where to look: planets with
>temperatures somewhere between the freezing and boiling points
>of water. Given warm little ponds, simple chemical reactions
>would produce life, and evolution might eventually produce
>intelligent creatures. While working at the National Radio
>Astronomy Observatory in the 1950s, I tried to estimate the
>number of planets in our galaxy with intelligent, technological
>civilizations.

<snip>

>Frank Drake (fdrake.nul) originated the idea of listening
>for life on other worlds with radio telescopes. He is senior
>director of the Center for the Study of Life in the Universe at
>the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California.

Once again we are treated to the dartboard physics of the cult
of SETI.

There is absolutely no basis for the original 10,000 figure.
(That would be only one in 20 million of the stars in the
galaxy).

We have data on one civilization of one solar system. There are
about 200 billion stars in the galaxy. Rather a large
extrapolation.

The Drake equation not only neglects the greenhouse effect. It
neglects colonization and migration and the development of more
sophisticated technology than ours.

Let's face it: all our "sophisticated" knowledge about
aeronautics, astronautics, electronics, nucleonics, genetics,
biology, etc began about 100 years ago.

The solar system is about 5 billion years old and the galaxy at
least 10 billion years old.

Technological progress comes from doing things differently in an
unpredictable way.

How could any reasonable scientist - as opposed to a SETI

cultist - assume none of the civilizations in the neighborhood are much more advanced than are we and are using our antiquated techniques for travel and communication. I doubt if Frank uses a slide rule much these days and he is only a few years older than I am.

Let's face it, just 39 light years away are 2 sunlike stars only 1/8th of a light year apart from each other and 1 billion years older than the Sun.

Surely beings on any planet around either star would have far greater incentives for interstellar travel and communication than do we since they could directly observe planets around the other and are 80 times closer than is the sun to the next sunlike star.

As I have noted before, SETI stands for Silly Effort To Investigate.

There is a "Challenge to SETI Specialists" on my website:

<http://www.stanfriedman.com>

Stan Friedman

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Joe Firmage & Stan Grof To Honor Dr John Mack

From: Will Beuche - John E Mack Institute <info.nul>
Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 15:32:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 09:25:41 -0500
Subject: Joe Firmage & Stan Grof To Honor Dr John Mack

San Francisco: January 16 Event in Remembrance of Dr. John Mack with speakers Joe Firmage, Stan Grof, James O'Dea, and many more.

An alliance of Bay Area organizations including the International Contact Support Network, the Insititute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), the Bay Area Consciousness Network (BACN), the Organization for Paranormal Understanding and Support (OPUS), California MUFON, Bay Area UFO Expo, and Friendly Favors, together with the Cambridge-based John E Mack Institute, are presenting a large-scale event in memory of Dr John Mack.

Speakers planned for this two-hour event include:

- * Joe Firmage
- * Stan Grof
- * James O'Dea
- * Kathy Vaquilar
- * June Steiner, and
- * Daniel Sheehan

Where: Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 9th Street, Oakland, CA

When: Sunday January 16th at 2:00 PM

Admission: Free. Donations to cover event expenses are welcomed; any excess will be donated to the John E. Mack Institute.

Merchandise: The hard-to-find hardcover edition of Dr. Mack's Passport to the Cosmos will be available for purchase, as will the DVD of "Touched". Please visit our website for RSVP details, and for other event info:

www.johnemackinstitute.org

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The UFO Guy Comes To Boise
by Nicholas Collias

Robert Hastings has an important news flash for Idahoans. "Our military", the speaker and researcher begins, "has not yet developed any aircraft that can go 2,000 miles an hour in one direction, stop on a dime and reverse direction." Not a surprise? This might be: thousands of craft with precisely those capabilities have been spotted, tracked and sometimes forcefully engaged while hovering surreptitiously around America=92s nuclear weapons bases. You may not believe in it, but your government does, and has for almost 50 years. Hastings can prove that part beyond any reasonable doubt.

For almost 25 years, Hastings has made a living that sounds almost too easy to be a real job. He relays, through lectures at colleges and universities, piles of government data that is free and easily available to any citizen with a home address and a sense of curiosity. He also calls the people in the documents, be they retired military personnel or FAA air traffic controllers, to verify their stories. That=92s it. Consider him the Matthew Lesko (that guy with the question marks on his suit) of UFOs. The passkey to his world is the Freedom of Information Act of 1966. This act allows Hastings, or anyone else, access to millions of pages of previously classified information from the CIA, FBI and all branches of the military=97and at least 10,000 of the pages relate, in no uncertain terms, to governmental encounters with aircraft straight out of War of the Worlds.

"I don=92t pretend to know the rhyme or reason of the sightings, or why a given area is more prone to them at a particular time than others," he promises. "But the fact remains that flying discs, or saucers or UFOs have demonstrated a decades-long interest in the U.S. nuclear weapons program." Hastings first experienced this phenomena in 1967, at the nuke stronghold of Malmstrom Air Force Base in western Montana, when only a 17-year-old self-described "Air Force brat." While hanging out in the air control tower one evening, he was shocked to learn that five nearby UFOs were being tracked on radar. Fighter jets were launched to intercept them, but the craft performed a vertical ascent at speeds beyond any human capability and escaped. From that moment, Hastings=92 path was clear.

At age 23, he began interviewing retired military personnel about UFOs, albeit merely "for my own curiosity." By age 30, he had compiled enough documents and witness accounts that his attitude had changed. "I began to conclude that this is a legitimate issue for public awareness, despite the ongoing position of the military intelligence and national security communities that the public should be kept in the dark about

it," he explains. Hastings has spent the ensuing years formulating and continually updating his lecture, "UFOs: The Hidden History," a 90-minute slide show about the most striking and undisputable UFO encounters from the 1950s to today=97and rest assured, there are many, many encounters still being reported today.

Attendees of Hastings=92 November 15 presentation at Boise State will come away with an excess of the most scintillating type of water cooler stories, including fighter/UFO dogfights, nuclear launch sequences that mysteriously start themselves and UFO crashes on government property. But even if you can=92t muster the \$1 entry fee, plan on hearing a lot more from Hastings and his contacts in the near future. Peter Jennings Productions is currently in production of a two-hour primetime documentary, set to broadcast on ABC in early 2005, exclusively about military UFO encounters and utilizing many of Hastings=92 interviewees.

[UFO UpDates thanks Greg Boone for the lead]

He wrote:

"Nice article about how Robert Hastings does the UFO thing.

Cool first hand account in the article that is amazing regarding what Mr. Hastings saw himself while at an Air Force control tower when he was young."

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The Threat From Life On Mars

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December 03, 2004

The Threat From Life On Mars
By Nigel Hawkes

Earth=92s defences may need to be boosted against risk of potentially deadly microbes returning on space probes

EARTH must take precautions to avoid contamination from lifeforms that must now be presumed to exist on Mars, leading scientists gave warning yesterday.

Potentially deadly microorganisms could be returned to Earth on a probe which is being planned to collect samples from the Martian surface.

The warning comes after a detailed scientific analysis of data sent back by the roving vehicle Opportunity which landed on Mars on January 25.

Jeffrey Kargel of the US Geological Survey said that protection of our own planet from alien forms of life requires the assumption that Martian life exists. =93Before proceeding with sample returns or human missions to Mars, we must review measures for planetary biological protection.=94

His warning appears in Science magazine in an article accompanying the first formal publication of the mass of data from Opportunity, which continues to operate on the Martian surface.

The search for life on Mars, now more than a century old, is still not finally resolved. But the odds that life existed there and may still exist are shortening, according to planetary experts, Dr Kargel said.

Nobody any longer expects Martian life forms to be anything like those on Earth. But there remains a possibility that bacteria or other microscopic organisms may survive in regions where there is still water. On Earth, almost every imaginable habitat, including deep underground, has specialised bacteria =97 called extremophiles =97 living and thriving.

The risks are twofold: probes sent from Earth may contaminate Mars with terrestrial bacteria, wrecking future studies of Martian life; or, more important, bacteria brought back from Mars may contaminate the Earth with unpredictable effects.

Similar precautions were taken at the time of the Apollo Moon landings. Astronauts returned to Earth were kept in quarantine after they landed for fear they might be infected with a lunar bug. None was.

Although the presence of water on the red planet can be considered proved, of life there are only hints. One is the presence of the gas methane, which might be produced by forms of life. On Earth, life can exist in areas as acidic and salty as Meridiani Planum, where Opportunity landed =97 examples are the ancient mines of Rio Tinto in Andalusia, Spain, or the salty Permian Basin in Texas. But few earthly species survive in environments that are at the same time very cold, very acidic, and very salty =97 and none that do survive in such conditions produce methane.

=93But maybe on Mars they do,=94 says Dr Kargel, the author of a recent book on the latest ideas about Mars. Or maybe, he suggests, the organisms that produced the Martian methane live in areas more hospitable than Meridiani Planum.

Analysing the data collected by Opportunity, a team led by the rovers=92 principal investigator, Dr Steve Squyres, of Cornell University, concludes that the sedimentary rocks found by Opportunity preserve a record of environmental conditions different from any on Mars today.

=93Liquid water was once present intermittently at the Martian surface at Meridiani, and at times it saturated the subsurface,=94 the team concludes. =93Because liquid water is a prerequisite for life, we infer that conditions at Meridiani may have been habitable for some period of time in Martian history.=94

Opportunity has explored two craters, Eagle and Endurance, near its landing site. In both areas, layers in the bedrock showed that it had been laid down as sediments, implying past oceans and voids in the rock were probably caused by the dissolution of salt.

Opportunity also found quantities of small spheres, named =93blueberries=94 =97 even though they are grey, not blue. These marbles consist of the iron-rich mineral haematite. Similar spheres have been found in the deserts of southern Utah, formed as iron-rich water seeped through sandstone.

The first idea that Mars might contain life came from the astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli, who thought that he saw canals when he looked at Mars through a telescope at the end of the 19th century. H.G.Wells popularised the idea in The War of the Worlds, published in 1898.

NATIVES OF THE RED PLANET

o Named after the Roman god of war for its angry red appearance, Mars is about half the size of the Earth and is one and a half times further from the Sun

o Mars has clouds, weather and winds. Its atmosphere is thin, consisting mainly of carbon dioxide

o The surface of Mars is a frozen, rock-strewn desert, with sweeping dunes and huge craters. Its craters and volcanoes are far larger than any found on Earth. The largest volcano, Olympus Mons, is 78,000 feet high

o In 1976, two Viking landers arrived on the surface of Mars looking for life. They found none

o A meteorite from Mars found in the Antarctic seemed to contain structures suggestive of life and reignited the possibility that Mars had once been home to life in a microscopic form

o A belief that Mars once contained water =97 and may still =97 was confirmed this year by the Opportunity and Spirit rovers. But Beagle 2, the British probe designed to search for life, disappeared without trace and is presumed to have crashed into the Martian surface

o Some time in the next decade Nasa plans to bring back samples from Mars that may answer questions about Martian life

[UFO UpDates thanks Stuart Miller for the lead]

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Pentagon Expanding Missile Shield

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Pentagon Expanding Missile Shield

Interceptor to be installed in California silo

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The military will install a long-range missile interceptor in a silo at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., next Tuesday, the Pentagon said.

The interceptor is part of the Bush administration's missile defense program, designed to shoot down incoming ballistic missiles fired from North Korea or elsewhere in eastern Asia.

It is the first interceptor to be placed at Vandenberg. Six other interceptors are already in place at the primary site in Fort Greely, Alaska; the Vandenberg site will receive a second missile this month.

The multibillion-dollar system is still being tested. The military has no date set to activate the missile defenses, but says it intends to put them on alert by the end of the year.

The system includes a tracking radar on the Aleutian island of Shemya in Alaska, an early warning radar at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., and command centers at Colorado Springs, Colo., and Fort Greely. It also will rely on early warning satellites to detect missile launches.

A Navy destroyer has begun patrolling the Sea of Japan with an upgraded Aegis radar capable of tracking North Korean missile launches and feeding information to the missile defense network.

Critics say the system has not been tested properly and has yet to prove it would work in a crisis. Military officials describe the system as still experimental but insist it will be ready to function in a crisis.

[UFO UpDates thanks Stuart Miller for the lead]

[Listen to:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.com/ufo/sdi/sdiarchive/sdi318victor.ra>

for Victor Viggiani's observations--ebk]

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Space Travelers Prepare For Alien Encounter

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<http://www.sunherald.com/mld/thesunherald/news/world/10326557.htm>

12-03-04

Scientists Advise Space Travelers To Prepare For Alien Encounter

By Robert S. Boyd
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - After studying thousands of images from Mars, scientists now are convinced that liquid water once flowed on the surface of the red planet, increasing the odds that life may have existed there in the distant past.

As a result, space travelers should act as if there once were, and perhaps still are, living creatures on Mars that must be protected from destruction or contamination, according to Jeffery Kargel, a senior planetary scientist at the U.S. Geological Survey in Flagstaff, Ariz.

In an article in this week's edition of the journal Science, which will be out today, Kargel also pointed out the risk that earthlings could be infected by alien microbes brought home from Mars.

"Planetary protection considerations require the assumption that Martian life exists until we learn otherwise," Kargel wrote. "Before proceeding with sample returns or human missions to Mars, all possible care must be taken to avoid cross-contamination between the Earth and Mars."

A specialist in planetary geology, Kargel is the author of a new book on the red planet, "Mars: A Warmer, Wetter Planet."

Proof that there used to be liquid water on our neighboring planet comes from pictures and chemical readings by a NASA robotic rover inside a crater near the Martian equator. Scientists said the new evidence removed any doubts and qualifications that marked previous claims of finding water.

"No hedging needed. There was liquid water on Mars. Case closed," Kargel wrote in an e-mail message.

"We're certain," agreed Steve Squyres, an astronomer at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., and lead investigator for the twin rovers that have been exploring Mars since January.

The recent discovery in the Martian atmosphere of traces of methane, a gas produced by plants and animals on Earth, also has raised hopes for finding signs of life. But nonliving chemical processes also generate methane, so its presence is inconclusive.

"Ponderings on the life issues remain highly speculative,"

according to Kargel.

The water finding, however, is solid, according to a batch of 11 reports in Science by several dozen astronomers, biologists, chemists and geologists.

The researchers based their conclusions on detailed analyses of images of exposed bedrock several yards down in a small crater, known as Eagle, on a broad plain called Meridiani Planum. As in the Grand Canyon, rocks below the surface provide a view of ancient conditions no longer visible from the top.

Squyres called images taken by the Mars rover Opportunity "the first close-up look at Martian bedrock." He said they supplied the "first clear geological and geochemical documentation of water on Mars."

The evidence included ripples in the rocks like those caused by flowing water on Earth, and salty chemicals like those found in dried-out lake beds or acid mine drainage.

"It may have been rather 'icky' water - highly acidic, very salty, maybe super-cold, but definitely just plain nasty water from any human perspective," Kargel said. "Maybe it was good enough for microbial life to enjoy."

In addition, the methane and salts "may provide humans with raw material for building a new civilization on Mars," he said.

In a report in the Sept. 9 issue of the journal Nature, based on satellite information, Brian Hynek, a planetary scientist at the University of Colorado's Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics, estimated that water may once have covered 127,000 square miles of the Meridiani Planum, an area comparable to all the Great Lakes combined.

"Liquid water, which our results show was once abundant at Meridiani Planum, is widely viewed as a key prerequisite for life," Squyres wrote in Science. "Therefore, we infer that surface conditions at Meridiani may have been habitable for some period of time in martian history."

The images in Science came from the first 90 days of observation by Opportunity, which landed on the Meridiani plain Jan. 25. Its sister rover, Spirit, which landed on the opposite side of Mars on Jan. 4, so far has detected no evidence of water.

Both rovers are continuing to function through the bitter Martian winter, although they've long surpassed their projected three-month life spans. Further scientific results are expected as they send data back to Earth. Opportunity left the Eagle crater last spring and is exploring a larger, deeper crater called Endurance.

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Britain's X-Files/The New X-Files

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/science/xfiles.shtml>

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Britain's X-Files/The New X-Files

In the post War years, RAF pilots and navigators began to report sightings of unidentified flying objects over the UK. The air crew were trained and rational observers, and their testimony was sounding alarm bells among military chiefs.

Programme 1:

The concern was not that Britain was about to be invaded by aliens, but that the Russians were gaining the upper hand in the Cold War and had developed a new fighter aircraft that could outpace anything the West had developed.

The evidence wasn't only coming from pilots. On a number of occasions, RAF radar stations tracked fast-moving objects over Southern and Eastern England.

A top-secret working party was established at the heart of Whitehall to investigate the threat these UFOs posed to our national security. For fifty years, the Ministry of Defence has denied the existence of a specialist team of UFO investigators. But social historians Dr. David Clarke and Andy Roberts have discovered hitherto classified documents that piece together Britain's military response to this strange aerial phenomena.

And while the concern of senior military commanders may have been the threat from the Eastern bloc, there were others in the British establishment who believed the UFOs were in fact other life forms trying to communicate with us on Earth.

Listen again to programme 1 Britain's X-Files:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/science/rams/xfiles.ram>

Programme 2:

Social historians David Clarke and Andy Roberts, whose research formed the basis of our previous programme, have unearthed lots more - both from the United States and from the Public Records Office here - on the secret Government inquiries into reports of suspicious sightings in the skies above England right up until the 1990s.

One story offers a flavour of the material. It concerns events at a US air base in East Anglia, where in 1981 there were reports that a UFO had in fact landed in woodland that bordered the airfield. The event was kept a closely guarded secret for

two years before details eventually leaked out, and there was press hysteria. The investigation by Clarke and Roberts shows a divergence of opinion between the Ministry of Defence and US base commanders who were unswerving in their belief that something strange had happened.

The deputy commander of the base wrote a report insisting they'd seen a metallic object with flashing lights. His report was passed to the MoD, where it remains a classified document. But a copy of it was released in the US two years later under the freedom of information act where it provided UFO enthusiasts with what they were waiting for - a confirmed sighting of a UFO. An RAF radar operator also came forward and said on the night of the UFO landing, strange radar blips had been picked up off the East Coast, and that US military police had seized the recordings of the radar trace.

Questions were asked in the House of Commons. But the MoD maintained that the events at Bentwaters-Woodbridge had not posed a threat to the security of the UK and therefore were of no interest. However it now emerges that the MoD did investigate. So what really happened that night? The MoD had seized on the evidence of two civilian police officers who had gone to the base on the night that the UFO had reportedly landed. They concluded that the only light they could see was that from the Orford Light House as it swept through the woods. A simple, and according to the MoD, plausible explanation - one that perhaps seemed too straightforward for the US base commanders... but typical of the rumours and conspiracy theories that fill the X-files.

Listen to programme 2:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/science/rams/xfiles2.ram>

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New *U* Statistics Display Online

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2004 14:31:39 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 10:05:09 -0500
Subject: New *U* Statistics Display Online

I just put up a new page of monthly histograms for UFO sightings, but this time all on the same page so people can compare continents.

What surprised me, is that the monthly distributions for North and South America are pretty much the same!

I was expecting a reversal, since most SA reports come from places well below the Equator where the seasons are reversed.

Instead, it is Europe with a different distribution, the busiest months later in the year. That mostly results from the great wave of 1954.

<http://www.larryhatch.net/MTHISTOS.html>

Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 06:35:58 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 10:06:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Hatch

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 15:33:07 -0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 21:47:52 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

<snip>

>>Objects carrying biological crews of roughly human size would be
>>of necessity, colossal, as all interstellar journeys will be
>>ones of permanent exile. To maintain a reliable breeding
>>population over many generations of travel and building colonies
>>would probably require a population of around 10,000 minimum,
>>plus complete self sustaining biosphere

>And how do we know that all interstellar journeys will be ones
>of permanent exile?

>I do think you have a good point, that advanced alien
>technology might be something we would be utterly incapable of
>recognizing even if we saw it. Then again of course, some people
>think that is exactly what is happening.

Hello Cathy and Peter:

I see a bias in the public perception of alien visitation, one
that I blame mostly on science fiction and the movie industry.

This bias is, simply, that aliens must come here in person.

Why? To scare the bejeezers out of the movie audience I suppose.
It makes no sense to me otherwise.

Wouldn't something less unrealistic have a deeper impact?

Just once, I'd like to see a sci-fi film based on robotic
entities, with intelligence equal or greater to ours, here on a
long-term mission of scientific exploration.

How about completely robotic and (nearly) autonomous probes sent
thousands of years ago to study life bearing planets? Is that
too ridiculous? I don't think so. It need not be dull. Some
'cyborg' or whatever could blow a fuse, get captured and reveal
a few of its secrets.

The downside is that the audience either wants aliens with the
wisdom of Solomon, or green slime attacking us from the drain
hole in the kitchen sink. Notice the disconnect?

I think its wrong to blame all of ufology for the sins of
Hollywood. Some of us sure, but count me out. Not all of us
require living alien beings with all the horrible mess and
luggage they would need. Dirty diapers? Ooof!

My personal opinion is that ET (assuming ET exists and found Earth) would be to send highly intelligent cybernetic probes to do their scientific legwork.

I can hardly guess what forms shapes and sizes they might take, but I'm tempted to bet on a variety, with the smallest ones coming in the most closely.

Just for fun, lets suppose that this idea has some merit.

Lets suppose ET's home is 150 light years away. The probes (probots?) are in our time-frame, but news from Earth gets back there 150 years late.

Its still 1854 here for all they can see. The Crimean war was making news (Turks vs Russians vs the British) .. cholera epidemics here and there, but still .. something new!

Telegraph lines are stretching rapidly in some places, unmistakable for their electrical clicks. Railroads connect more and more places, again unmistakable for their cuts, fills, iron and heat trails. Clearly the bipeds on Earth are entering a technological age.

If I were ET, I wouldn't miss a minute of the "Earth Show". I'd send more devices, better ones.

Good probes should be cheap and easy for any civilized and forward looking alien couch potato.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 11:16:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 16:46:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast - Ledger

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 13:24:36 EST
>Subject: Re: Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>>Date: Fri, 03 Dec 2004 07:48:05 -0500
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast

>>Source: BBC News

>><http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/tyne/4061893.stm>

>>12-02-04

>>'Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast'

>Shock from seeing an alien ship was one of a whole host of
>far-fetched excuses offered by speeding motorists trying to
>avoid penalty points and fines.

>As funny as this is, there's more importance than meets the eye.

Hi Greg,

And in fact seems to happen. I have a case in my book Maritime UFO Files - actually a few more related cases but not as direct as the case in question - that occurred in Richibucto, New Brunswick on October 3, 1976 around 3 o'clock in the morning. In this case the witness told an RCMP officer he was doing about 115 mph on the Highway 11 in that province while trying to get away from an object that was harrassing him.

The difference here is that the witness Rejean Emery Robichaud spotted a farmhouse and tore up the driveway and pounded on the door to the place. Once admitted he called the RCMP and a moutie came out to investigate where upon Robichaud then told the Moutie he had to go that fast while trying to get away from the thing. This was no mean feat considering that old winding, narrow highway.

I've other cases where UFOs harrass motorists as I'm sure others do.

Don Ledger

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UFO Clippings Booklet

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 16:48:54 -0500
Subject: UFO Clippings Booklet

In 1968 we gathered together some newspaper clippings for the years 1948 through 1968 and put them together in a booklet of 40 pages.

We resurrected the booklet pages a few months back and put the booklet for sale on eBay. (I'm not sure why exactly.) The price on eBay is a few dollars plus postage (\$1.50).

It has representative samples of press coverage, pro and con, plus articles with photos of many famous (Hynek) and infamous (Betherum) flying saucer folks.

And since many of the clippings are from the Michigan press, there are a few items about the Ann Arbor swamp gas fiasco, which I covered for some Michigan newspapers. The sightings were actually in Dexter, which is about 10 miles northwest of Ann Arbor, and Hillsdale, Michigan, 65 miles(!) from Dexter/Ann Arbor.

I met Dr. Hynek at a press conference he held, and saw him trying to pass the swamp gas scenario to skeptical reporters, most of whom, however, eventually printed his explanation as fact.

NICAP excoriated us for not including dates for the clippings, which is a justifiable criticism, but we only put the booklet together to give an idea, an overview, of what was going on with UFOs, not as a publication for UFO study.

While we shan't try to sell the book to UFO UpDates readers, we can offer the thing to those who might be interested in seeing it if they send us 4 U.S. stamps (or proper postage for a 6 ounce Media Mail envelope if it's slated for mailing outside the U..S.).

Yes, we'll bite the bullet for the booklet and envelope, but can't (or won't) expense the postage. Sorry. (We're somewhat frugal here.)

So, send your four 37 cent stamps (or a \$1.50) to:

InterAmerica, Inc.
PMB 150
619 E. Dupont Road
Fort Wayne
Indiana 46825

and we'll send the booklet your way, so long as supplies last.

Rich Reynolds
Fort Wayne MediaWatch

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Chace

From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 09:18:19 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 16:50:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Chace

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 21:47:52 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 01 Dec 2004 23:45:32 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

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>>In any case, there are no a priori grounds for believing that
>>extraterrestrial beings or their probes do not visit the Earth
>>from time to time, or do not operate here on a fairly regular
>>basis.

>Just about the last thing that one would expect an alien probe
>to resemble would be a medium sized ultra high performance
>aircraft buzzing round the earth's atmosphere. Ufos really
>represent 1950s images of what an advanced technology
>would look like. Much more likely would be
>nanotechnological probes which would just fit in with the
>general dust. These would be many orders of magnitude
>cheaper than anything large.

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>would be of necessity, colossal, as all interstellar journeys
>will be ones of permanent exile. To maintain a reliable
>breeding population over many generations of travel and
>building colonies would probably require a population of
>around 10,000 minimum, plus complete self sustaining
>biosphere Peter Rogerson

This is all assumption and speculation, and carries no more weight than that of subjective plausibility. In the absence of definitive knowledge regarding alien technological capabilities or their biological and psychological natures, we can not objectively evaluate the likelihood of any one of these scenarios as compared to any other.

David W. Chace

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Chace

From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 09:29:59 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 16:51:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Chace

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 21:30:39 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

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>Sorry but the majority opinion of evolutionary biologists,
>which is indeed just opinion, but at least its informed opinion,
>is that if you ran the history of life on earth again and again it
>would come out different each time. There is a minority most
>notably Simon Conway Morris who disagree with this view.
>Time will tell. However there seems no more reason to think
>the universe will be full of humans that it would be full of
>armadillos.

I suppose you are right to say that the majority opinion of evolutionary biologists is that if you ran the history of life on Earth again and again, it would come out differently each time. The real issue of debate is how differently? The majority of evolutionary biologists have never publicly expressed their views on this speculative question.

If you went back to the beginning of the Cambrian and then ran the clock forward again to the present, would the dominant (large) land animals be vertebrates? Would they be tetrapods? Would they physically resemble vertebrates or tetrapods?

Would you instead have six limbed creatures roaming the savannahs (assuming those ecosystems could still be called savannahs)? Would you have three limbed creatures? Would bilateral symmetry still predominate? While nature obviously allows for many variations, the basic truth of form follows function still holds. This is the underlying cause of convergent evolution, and the history of life teaches us that it should not be underestimated.

I think it's quite reasonable to speculate if that you ran the clock forward from the mid-Jurassic period again, you would find that reptilian looking humanoids were now exploring the Solar system and they would regard mammals as pets, pests or food. On the other hand, it is also quite possible that no technology-using species would have evolved and the Earth would still be a wilderness. There is no way to be certain of the likelihood of one of these scenarios versus the other. One simply has to keep an open mind. And so it is with the question of whether humanoid spaceship builders with radio telescopes are actually widespread in the universe, or are exceedingly rare. Look at the UFO data from a stance of humility, taking into account our ignorance on these issues.

David W. Chace

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Re: The E.T. Equation Recalculated - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Dec 2004 10:09:07 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 16:53:27 -0500
Subject: Re: The E.T. Equation Recalculated - Rudiak

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 15:26:53 -0400
>Subject: Re: The E.T. Equation Recalculated

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>>Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2004 8:36 AM
>>Subject: UFO Update: The E.T. Equation Recalculated

>There is absolutely no basis for the original 10,000 figure.
>(That would be only one in 20 million of the stars in the
>galaxy).

Of course it is an estimate based mostly on gut-level estimates of various probabilities in the Drake equation. Unfortunately different scientists have different gut-level estimates of the probabilities, some extremely conservative ones ending up with no other civilizations while more liberal ones ending up with millions of civilizations. 10,000 is something of a geometric mean. When I run the numbers with my own varying levels of fairly conservative probability estimates I end up with between 100 and 10,000 civilizations myself.

>The Drake equation not only neglects the greenhouse effect. It
>neglects colonization and migration and the development of more
>sophisticated technology than ours.

Yes, it's oversimplified. Basically it's a crude estimate of the number of independently evolved civilizations. One relentlessly colonizing Borg-type civilization could occupy billions of solar systems in only a few million years, rendering the Drake equation all but academic. On the other hand, other very conservative scientists (such as the "Rare Earth" folks) would argue that the habitable zone in the galaxy is much smaller than the SETI estimates and other civilizations are few in number or nonexistent.

>Let's face it: all our "sophisticated" knowledge about
>aeronautics, astronautics, electronics, nucleonics, genetics,
>biology, etc began about 100 years ago.

>The solar system is about 5 billion years old and the galaxy at
>least 10 billion years old.

>Technological progress comes from doing things differently in an
>unpredictable way.

>How could any reasonable scientist - as opposed to a SETI
>cultist - assume none of the civilizations in the neighborhood
>are much more advanced than are we and are using our antiquated
>techniques for travel and communication. I doubt if Frank uses a
>slide rule much these days and he is only a few years older than
>I am.

I got a pitch for money from Drake a few years back. His argument was that if we ever hoped to contact aliens we had to use radio waves because our best chemical rockets would take 80,000 years to reach the nearest star.

Basically he was arguing that our best propulsion (or the best propulsion of an alien civilization thousands or millions of years older than ours) would never advance beyond the chemical rocket stage. To claim that humanities current technical prowess is the best that can ever be attained is surely one of the dumbest arguments ever advanced.

NASA propulsion experts certainly do not agree. One of the goals of NASA director Dan Goldin was to launch an interstellar probe to Alpha Centauri in the next 40 years using a probe accelerated to 10% light speed. That journey would take less than 50 years, not 80,000. It's a daunting technical challenge, but not an impossible one, even at our own current level of technology.

Despite what the debunkers say, there is no current scientific theory that shows that interstellar travel is literally impossible - difficult, yes, from an technological, economic, and political standpoint, but not theoretically impossible. That is big distinction that needs to be drawn.

David Rudiak

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Rogerson

From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 18:28:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 16:56:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Rogerson

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 15:33:07 -0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 21:47:52 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>Ufos really
>>represent 1950s images of what an advanced technology would look
>>like.

>The problem with this sort of statement is that it's completely
>untestable. How would you establish if a UFO did not look like a
>1950s image of what an advanced technology would look like? I
>have a book of illustrations dating from the 1930s to the 1950s
>which includes various renditions of imaginary spaceships. Most
>of them don't look to me much like UFOs.

>>Much more likely would be nanotechnological probes which
>>would just fit in with the general dust. These would be many
>>orders of magnitude cheaper than anything large.

>So why is this 2004 image of what advanced technology would look
>like any more to be relied upon than the images of the 1950s?
>This sort of argument depends on the assumption that we can
>predict the technology of the far future, which as you've
>already indicated is probably impossible.

Images of 1940s and 1950s ideas of a superior technology only in
the sense that in order to insect the earth you would have to
send macroscopic, populated probes into the atmosphere, and not
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>>population over many generations of travel and building colonies
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>
>And how do we know that all interstellar journeys will be ones
>of permanent exile?

Because even if you could slow down crew time by hyper-
relativistic velocities (and there are more problems with that
than are usually considered such as the growing density of
cosmic dust and the blue shifting of incoming light due to
forshortening of the space ahead of the spaceship) huge amounts
of time would have passed back home. Of course we can imagine
vast conservative civilizations where language and mores don't
change over centuries and millennia, but these tend not to go in
for exploration

>I do think you have a good point, that advanced alien technology

>might be something we would be utterly incapable of recognizing
>even if we saw it. Then again of course, some people think that
>is exactly what is happening.

>A more interesting point, to me, is whether the whole notion of
>extraterrestrial life is itself an artifact of our current
>cosmological model which will one day be superseded. When Dante
>wrote his Commedia during the Middle Ages, he used the most
>accurate and up-to-date cosmological model of his time, and
>peopled the planets with angels and the spirits of the departed.
>Perhaps in years to come our present-day notions of alien beings
>will seem as quaint as Dante's planetary angels.

Yes. That puts a finger on one problem with the sort of
explanations that ufologists come up with. However exotic, they
are products of our own or past cultures.

An analogy I came up with some time ago was that someone in say
the 14th century might have argued that exotic objects in the
sky were visitors from the antipodes come to here the gospel
preached. They had to come to us with their superior technology
because our ships were unable to take missionaries past the
fiery regions which were known to exist in the equatorial
region. This explanation made perfect sense in terms of the
geographical and theological world view of the period.

All of this makes my point about the uselessness of the ETH as
an explanation for UFO reports. Explaining anomalous experiences
by referring to something we don't even know exists, let alone
what its properties and capacities are is pointless.

Peter Rogerson

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Re: Woman Wins Lawsuits Against Movies - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Dec 2004 15:39:58 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 16:58:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Woman Wins Lawsuits Against Movies - Boone

Woman Wins Lawsuits Against 'The Matrix' & 'The Terminator' Movies!!!

<http://www.slccglobelink.com/main.cfm/include/detail/storyid/785067.html>

I am so blown away at this story!

I got a call from my best friend that he'd met a woman who was in a fight in court because the movies 'The Matrix' and 'The Terminator' were based on her works. He told me what had happened and it was so unbelievable I had to see for myself.

Sure enough, she won the lawsuits with the help of the FBI.

Biggest settlement in Hollywood history and the story hasn't hit the big press and radio!

Then it all made sense. She's a young black woman who had been suppressed by the media because AOL/Time Warner own everything for a million miles except the wet on rain.

It pains me to see creative folks beaten down like that but in this case the good gal won.

I've read many a ufologist's research and they don't get the just due they deserved but sooner or later their stuff will end up in a big budget movie or tv show or comic book.

Makes ya' wonder what really goes on in the so-called 'Liberal Media'.

Shows you why the media suppresses stories. It's not in their best interest monetarily, socially to bring the truth to the people but they'll sure as heck hide behind the 1st Amendment.

I thought the 1st Amendment protected a free press, not a free mess.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Dec 2004 16:54:38 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 17:00:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast - Boone

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 11:16:43 -0400
>Subject: Re: Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 13:24:36 EST
>>Subject: Re: Aliens Made Me Drive Too Fast

<snip>.

>I've other cases where UFOs harrass motorists as I'm sure others
>do.

Don thanks! I should have remembered!

I can't believe I've been so absent minded! There were hundreds of such traffic related UFO situations back in the Hudson Valley when I was on staff at the newspaper there!

Gad! It was like every other day in it's hey-day!

We had police and fire and airport scanners in the newsroom that blared all day and night and quite often you'd get the cops or firemen discussing one of those ' Um, let's go to Code 2 on this one boys'. Then later I'd run into one of the boys and they'd whisper about UFOs.

Matter of fact, during the 'Unsolved Mysteries' episode about the Hudson Valley UFOs there's a scene where motorists turned off the road to avoid and observe one of the large boomerang craft!

There must be an enormous amount of reports and I'll bet the gang back home have a ton of them on file or at least some good stories to tell.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Dec 2004 16:04:37 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 09:59:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Clark

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 18:28:01 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 15:33:07 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 21:47:52 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

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>to send macroscopic, populated probes into the atmosphere, and
>not referring to any particular shape. Though the Childes-
>Whitted rocket ship clearly was derived from science fiction
>illustrations of the period.

Really dumb, Peter. First of all, it's Chiles, not Childes, and the statement means absolutely nothing.

>All of this makes my point about the uselessness of the ETH as
>an explan[ation] for UFO reports. Expla[i]ning anomalous
>experiences by referring to something we don't even know exists,
>let alone what its properties and capacities are is pointless.

This from the guy who once championed "birth trauma" -
"something [that] we don't even know exists" - as an
"explanation" for the abduction phenomenon.

Now it's time for Peter to take the gospel to all those SETI
types who are forever "referring to something [that] we don't
even know exists," speculating about its nature, and working on
strategies to contact it.

Jerry Clark

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Re: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 10:26:41 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 10:39:36 -0500
Subject: Re: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise - Allan

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
Date: Saturday, December 04, 2004 2:31 PM
Subject: UFO UpDate: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise

>Source: Boise Weekly

http://www.boiseweekly.com/more.php?id=4832_0_1_0_M

>11-10-04

>Saucer Bureaucracy

>The UFO Guy Comes To Boise
>by Nicholas Collias

>Robert Hastings has an important news flash for Idahoans. "Our
>military", the speaker and researcher begins, "has not yet
>developed any aircraft that can go 2,000 miles an hour in one
>direction, stop on a dime and reverse direction." Not a
>surprise? This might be: thousands of craft with precisely those
>capabilities have been spotted, tracked and sometimes forcefully
>engaged while hovering surreptitiously around America's nuclear
>weapons bases. You may not believe in it, but your government
>does, and has for almost 50 years. Hastings can prove that part
>beyond any reasonable doubt.

<snip>

Some comments:

1. Are there really 10,000 pages relating to government encounters with ETs?
(Why not produce just one such page for us to see)
2. Are there really "thousands" of cases where craft possessing such amazing characteristics have been "spotted, tracked and sometimes forcefully engaged" over US nuclear weapons bases?
(Aerial combat with ETs should be great fun!)
3. Is there even one authenticated case of UFOs "crashing on government property"? Which government property was lucky enough to experience this ET visit?

Mr Hastings clearly goes way beyond Stanton Friedman. Still, maybe I am taking both him (or the reporter) just a bit too seriously.

CDA

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 08:15:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 10:43:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 21:30:39 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Dec 2004 07:57:41 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

<snip>

>The development of radio wireless telephony was not a historical
>inevitabilty, but a product of the economic and military needs
>of the British Empire, especially the need to communicate with
>the ships in the Navy. At a time when radio was only capable of
>transmitting morse code, cable broadcasting in central Europe
>was bringing concert performances into peoples homes, and
>experiments with in-ground induction wireless in the USA were
>transmitting reasonable quality speech. The willingness of
>Britain to back Marconi eventually won out.

This is an oversimplification.

True, the needs of Britain were a '500 lb gorilla' driving the
development of the technology, but the development would have
happened anyway.

Tesla, in the USA, preceded Marconi in transmitting long range
Ground Wave, and J.P. Morgan was pushing Tesla to devise a
system so that Morgan could keep track of the stock market while
he was away from the USA - e.g. in Britain, on business.

After his death Tesla was granted the US patent on basic AM
radio circuitry.

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Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 07:14:54 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 10:46:51 -0500
Subject: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin

Source: The Australian - Sydney, NSW

http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5744,11599504%255E421,00.html

12-06-04

Even the sceptics are questioning the origins of a strange light that hovered over Darwin on Saturday night.

Several readers phoned the Northern Territory News late on Saturday night to describe the unidentified flying object that captured their attention.

But neither the RAAF or the airport were able to shed any light on the flashing green, blue and red lights witnesses saw.

Laboratory technician Julie Lynn was relaxing on the balcony with husband Nigel at their Leanyer home when they noticed the UFO about 8.30pm.

A self-described sceptic, Mrs Lynn believes there is a perfectly reasonable explanation for why the UFO hovered above Darwin - she just has no idea what it could be

"It was fascinating to watch," she said.

"I was quite looking forward to curling up on the couch and watching a movie but it had our attention until we went to bed after midnight.

"It hovered in the one place for at least two hours but had moved significantly when we checked on it again before we went to bed.

"I can't believe there are UFOs or little green men out there - there must be an obvious explanation.

"And we weren't drinking so it wasn't something we imagined."

The UFO was described as being shaped like three connected ball-shaped spheres that flashed blue, green and red from as many as six different light sources.

It first appeared in a south-easterly direction and was moving northeast.

Department of Defence spokeswoman Kelly Cooper said the UFO was definitely not a secret military aircraft or RAAF-related.

The airport also denied the UFO could have been a plane waiting to land in Darwin.

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Many Have Taken Interest In UFOs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 10:56:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 10:56:07 -0500
Subject: Many Have Taken Interest In UFOs

Source: The Lincoln Tribune - Lincoln, North Carolina

<http://www.lincolntribune.com/modules/news/article.php?storyid=371>

12-05-04

Letters to the Forum

Many Have Taken Interest In UFOs

A number of notable UFO advocates have passed on in 2004, among them have been former President Ronald Reagan, astronaut Gordon Cooper, social worker Betty Hill, Harvard University psychiatrist Dr. John Mack, millionaire Laurance Rockefeller, England's UFO Magazine publisher Graham W. Birdsall and diplomat and Flying Saucer Review Magazine publisher Gordon Creighton, also from England.

Ron and Nancy Reagan reported two UFO encounters, one while flying above California and one while driving down a California highway. President Reagan spoke on "the alien threat" in five of his last seven talks to various national and international organizations.

Astronaut Cooper chased UFOs while flying over Europe and later revealed movie films and still photographs taken of "a domed saucer with tripod landing gears" that landed in a restricted zone at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Cooper also testified on the reality of UFOs on a global scale during hearings on the subject before the United Nations (UN) in 1978.

Another key figure in ufology was Betty Hill, who was abducted and then given a physical examination, along with her husband Barney in the White Mountains of New Hampshire in 1961. A best selling book in twelve languages titled, "The Interrupted Journey" was followed by a NBC movie titled "The UFO Incident."

Dr. John Mack of Harvard University won the Pulitzer Prize in biography with his biography of T.E. Laurence (Laurence of Arabia) in 1977. Psychiatrist Mack began to research and investigate purported extraterrestrial abductions in many global countries, as well as in the USA. As a result, he published two books on the UFO topic. They were titled, "Abduction" in 1994 and "Cosmos: Human Transformation and the Alien Encounters" in 1999.

Millionaire Laurance Rockefeller invested much of his funding on scientific studies of the physical evidence for UFOs, peer group reviews of UFO reports worldwide and published "The Best Evidence Available" which was mailed to world leaders on a global scale.

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Date: December 4, 2004

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Re: New *U* Statistics Display Online - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 08:15:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 11:49:53 -0500
Subject: Re: New *U* Statistics Display Online - Maccabee

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>>
>Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2004 14:31:39 -0800
>Subject: New *U* Statistics Display Online

>I just put up a new page of monthly histograms for UFO
>sightings, but this time all on the same page so people can
>compare continents.

>What surprised me, is that the monthly distributions for North
>and South America are pretty much the same!

>I was expecting a reversal, since most SA reports come from
>places well below the Equator where the seasons are reversed.

I believe that this similar peak in the North and South, at the same time, was pointed out many years ago and used as an argument against the claim that saucer sightings were only a result of the summertime 'Silly Season' in the Northern hemisphere (when more people are out at night and available for seeing a UFO).

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Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 08:10:29 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 11:53:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin - Hatch

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 07:14:54 -0800
>Subject: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin

>Source: The Australian - Sydney, NSW

>http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5744,11599504%255E421,00.html

>12-06-04

>Even the sceptics are questioning the origins of a strange
>light that hovered over Darwin on Saturday night.

<snip>

Hello Frank:

Night lights cases may have many mundane explanations, but there's a new and interesting one for Darwin.

They have now completed the railway up from Adelaide SA, thru Alice Springs and now all the way to Darwin, NT. This makes the Port of Darwin an important one for import/export with the southeast Asian countries to the North.

Previously, Darwin was only accessible by road or air, as I understand it, costly and difficult for heavy freight and livestock.

Best wishes

- Larry

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 16:40:33 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 07:21:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Reason

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 18:28:01 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

I had previously asked Peter why he assumed that interstellar journeys would necessarily involve permanent exile. He replied:

>Because even if you could slow down crew time by hyper-
>relativistic velocities (and there are more problems with that
>than are usually considered such as the growing density of
>cosmic dust and the blue shifting of incoming light due to
>forshortening of the space ahead of the spaceship) huge amounts
>of time would have passed back home. Of course we can imagine
>vast conservative civilizations where language and mores don't
>change over centuries and millennia, but these tend not to go in
>for exploration

I'm afraid I don't find this argument very convincing. For one thing, it assumes that all space-traveling aliens will have more or less human lifetimes and human social organization, which, given your previous comments about cultural chauvinism, is rather odd. (Indeed, writings about ETs generally seem to assume the latter, even to the extent of assuming they will share our primate sense of social hierarchy - why else do we have the expression "Take me to your leader?")

More than that, though, you assume that the capabilities of any future technology can be delineated in terms of present-day knowledge, which seems to me a contradiction in terms. For example, the atom bomb could not have been determined to exist within the terms of nineteenth-century physics, because it violates what was then thought to be a physical law (the Conservation of Matter). Of course, as we unfortunately know all too well, nineteenth-century physics would have been wrong.

>Yes. That puts a finger on one problem with the sort of
>explanations that ufologists come up with. However exotic, they
>are products of our own or past cultures.

<snip>

>All of this makes my point about the uselessness of the ETH as
>an explanation for UFO reports. Explaining anomalous experiences
>by referring to something we don't even know exists, let alone
>what its properties and capacities are is pointless.

Always in science we proceed by postulating the existence of things we don't know - that's the nature of hypotheses. The question is whether the hypotheses can be meaningfully tested or not. I agree with you that the ETH fails this test at the moment. The problem is, so does every other hypothesis. They are all, by definition, products of our own and previous cultures. So you appear to be saying that UFOs are a metaphysical phenomenon beyond the capacities of current science. That may be so, but I hope we aren't going to give up trying.

Cathy

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Earth Rings?

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 09:59:50 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 07:23:46 -0500
Subject: Earth Rings?

Would it be desirable to contain particles from space flight projects, in a ring, around the Earth? Would such a ring remain stable?

<http://www.sandia.gov/news-center/news-releases/2002/earth-sci-fossil-fuel/ringworld.html>

http://uk.geocities.com/aa_spaceagent/restricted/earth-ring-dynamics.html

<http://www.science-frontiers.com/sf012/sf012p07.htm>

<http://www.orbitaldebris.jsc.nasa.gov/library/SatelliteFragHistory/13thEditionofBreakupBook.pdf>

Long, about satellite fragmentation

Terry W. Colvin

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 17:01:45 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 07:25:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Reason

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 08:15:34 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>True, the needs of Britain were a '500 lb gorilla' driving the
>development of the technology, but the development would have
>happened anyway.

>Tesla, in the USA, preceded Marconi in transmitting long range
>Ground Wave, and J.P. Morgan was pushing Tesla to devise a
>system so that Morgan could keep track of the stock market while
>he was away from the USA - e.g. in Britain, on business.

>After his death Tesla was granted the US patent on basic AM
>radio circuitry.

I think this illustrates very well how difficult it is to derive probability from history. If one regards the set of possible histories as a tree which branches randomly through an unconstrained, arbitrarily large parameter space, one will always conclude that the probability of any given individual history is remote. But often it is the case that historical branching is not unconstrained, but governed by various principles which determine the extinction of certain branches and the survival of others, and this is certainly the case in biology. This "forcing" of histories into certain regions of the parameter space gives rise to what is sometimes referred to as "convergent evolution", although personally I loathe that term for all sorts of reasons.

Of course, evolutionary biologists do not presume an unconstrained parameter space. But there is certainly no general theoretical framework for predicting what sorts of constraints will apply in what particular circumstances, nor how this will affect the evolution of histories, and in practice one is reduced to "reverse-engineering" from known histories. The whole notion of "counterfactual evolution" in biology is, unfortunately, something of a black art.

Cathy

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Re: Anyone Review The Smoking Gun Site's UFO

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 17:03:57 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 07:26:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Anyone Review The Smoking Gun Site's UFO

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Greg,

Not being a lawsuit or court case buff, I was not aware of this site.

A quick browse suggests that, like its parent company Court TV, it is into anything spectacular or sensational that titillates the public and sells. Since serious UFO research doesn't 'sell' and sensationalism does, the outcome is predictable.

- Dick

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 12:32:12 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 07:31:02 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 07:34:09 -0600
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 2004 13:47:28 -0600
>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>Boy, you sure know how to quench the fire in a dream.

>>...and to what purpose, actually... and how effective, in the
>>aggregate, that "wet blanket"? Who was instructed, educated, or
>>otherwise elevated? Who was inspired? Who felt better? And
>>finally, who acts just like that learned but forgettable spawn
>>of dismissive scientism who proclaimed we'd never get on the
>>moon because we'd never be able to generate enough power to
>>leave the gravity well? He was an effective wet blanket, too.
>>Thankfully, not effective enough. Moreover, my fire still roars.
>>I suspect yours does, too, Sir.

Realism, Sir... realism. Don't promise more than you can
deliver. If you wish to live in a dream world, fine. Opium dens
were popular in decades past, Sir.

>>To borrow and mangle a well-turned phrase... 'You look at things
>>that are and say why?', and I (and others) look at things that
>>never were and say 'Why not?'

>I think it entirely likely the gentleman is not asking anything
>he feels he might not have a 'safe' answer for. Another of those
>unfortunate souls who hasn't discovered it's answers,
>ultimately, that are the least important. It's always been the
>quality question has the superiority.

Dreams that cannot be translated into practical reality are
meaningless entertainment. Perhaps profitable if put into
books or TV shows though.

>>Besides, I believe neither of us placed a timetable on the idea
>>Nor are we the first to suggest it.

>What do we want? Reach and Grasp! When do we want it? ...Now.
>Anytime is always the first time because it might be the last
>time... more Zen... sorry.

Practicality rules. Feed the masses first, then move on to dream
entertainment spots off world.

>>I'm beginning to understand what Stan means when he talks about
>>Noisy Negativists. <LOL>

>I'm not laughing. Friedman's noisome negativists transcended
>laughter decades ago when they colluded to destroy (murder?)
>James McDonald, confabulate history, and hijack the mainstream
>to facilitate the psychopathic unelected. Moreover, a reality
>that does not carry James McDonald around on a little three
>cornered velvet cushion is not a reality I want to have any part

>of, and a reality that I will work tirelessly to discredit,
>deride, and eventually disgrace.

I'll pass since I cannot decode your meaning.

>>Your points are all very well presented, and likely accurate in
>>the main, but this is something that both Alfred and I believe
>>not to be happening in our lifetimes,

>Speak for yourself, Sir! I may be doomed to a disappointment
>that is likely, but I expect the whole planet to start feeling
>the affects [sic] of our accelerating 'propensity' well within
>my lifetime; a lifetime, by the way, that might not have to end
>as a result of a biological necessity... and that's Mr.
>Lehmberg, Mr. King, remember. [g].

Whooo! Downloading your brain into a computer eh? You may still
experience the "blue screen of death" though! It is somewhat
amusing to me to think we may be able to install Alfred Lehmberg
Verison 9.1 on our computers in the future and be regaled by a
fount of wisdom and obscurities.

>>but on a timeline one
>>might call ideal, where the thirst... no... the need for
>>knowledge trumps any monetary imperative, where the quest for
>>truth is judged by its potential rather than its cost alone, and
>>where those who presume the preposterous are called innovators
>>rather than spendthrifts.

>Gandhi said you had to be the changes you expected around you.
>Mr. Smith might take your lesson. Hell, should take your
>lesson.

Right. Well, I can really see that is working well. If you think
this a real Universe operating premise, then it seems the best
we can ever accomplish is a stalemate or stagnation because half
want one thing and half the other (unless you look at the
scenario of every one for themselves).

>>But you're probably right. <g>

>No, Sir. He couldn't be more wrong - arrogantly in letter, in an
>altogether meager paucity of facts and yet-to-be-discredited
>conventional wisdoms, and certainly in spirit. Wet blankets
>are a retrograde mechanism with little utility, usually an axe
>to grind, and ultimately forgettable. I was unmoved, just
>annoyed, and definitely not laughing.

Sorry to poke at your bubble, Sir. I am not writing
inspirational poetry/prose, such as yours. I operate in a hard-
edged real world of practicality. When I dream, I extrapolate a
path to implement the dream. If I am simply dreaming for
entertainment's sake, then the sky is the limit. But it is of
little use (except as I said you want to entertain the masses).

If you are annoyed at my lack of facts, I am sorry. I could
spend time doing all the calculations and digging out old
reports, but to what avail, Sir? Dream on... dream on!

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>From: Larry W. Bryant
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Why do you phrase your advertisements in such a deliberately
confrontational way? Is it because you actually *want* them to
be refused in order to provide confirmation for your theories on
government censorship? If fact, from the wording above, it's not
even clear what kind of information you are seeking that might
attract "whistleblowers".

I suspect that really you're just trying to wind-up the
authorities for your own satisfaction, and I think a more
neutrally phrased advertisement might produce more productive
results.

John Rimmer

Magonia Magazine

www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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Subject: Notice Of Imminent Legal Action Against The CIA

TO: Director
U. S. Central Intelligence Agency
ATTN: General Counsel
Washington, DC 20505

FROM: Larry W. Bryant
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Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: December 5, 2004

Your agency has had more than ample time to process and grant my Sept. 18, 2004, appeal of the CIA FOIA coordinator's Sept. 9, 2004, denial of my FOIA records-search-fee-waiver request of Aug. 9, 2004 (No. F-2004-01956 -- by which I'd sought the waiver on the grounds of my requester status as an independent writer researching background on the "McCarthy Saga").

Having included in that appeal certain concrete, persuasive evidence of my requester status (and having accumulated more of the same evidence since that time), I hereby serve notice upon you that I'm instructing my attorney, Mark S. Zaid, Esq., to file the appropriate complaint, on my behalf, circa Dec. 27, 2004, in U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

By snail-mail, I'm sending to you a signed printout of this e-formatted letter.

LARRY W. BRYANT

Copy furnished to: Mark S. Zaid, Esq. (Washington, D.C.)

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From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 17:22:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 08:25:02 -0500
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There are literally thousands of government UFO documents one can get from the government. Many are on the Web such as at John Greenewalt's Black Vault.

The cover statement from smoking gun is in error. The Nixon administration did not claim we are not being visited. Blue Book wasn't begun until after 1951 not in 1947. The USAF put out an annual summary sheet for many years.

Generally speaking it was quite deceptive, leaving out those cases still under investigation, and automatically putting the one-witness cases in the "Insufficient Information" category. The statement put out when Blue Book was closed in December, 1969, was equally misleading

Stan Friedman

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Re: Pentagon Expanding Missile Shield - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 20:54:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 08:42:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Pentagon Expanding Missile Shield - Ledger

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 09:44:42 -0500
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Pentagon Expanding Missile Shield

>Source: MSNBC

><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/6648208/>

>12-03-04

>Pentagon Expanding Missile Shield

>Interceptor to be installed in California silo

>The Associated Press

>WASHINGTON - The military will install a long-range missile
>interceptor in a silo at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., next
>Tuesday, the Pentagon said.

>The interceptor is part of the Bush administration's missile
>defense program, designed to shoot down incoming ballistic
>missiles fired from North Korea or elsewhere in eastern Asia.

<snip>

Just generally-and off topic. They should have one of these
systems installed to prevent another missile attack on the
Pentagon.

Don Ledger

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Jaime Maussan Visiting Los Angeles With New Videos

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 18:40:52 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 10:29:22 -0500
Subject: Jaime Maussan Visiting Los Angeles With New Videos

Hi folks,

Just got an email from Jaime Maussan. He'll be here in Los Angeles doing a three day seminar at the Orpheus Theatre from Fri-Sun 10-12th.

I'm waiting to hear about times and admission etc. but he says he has lots of new videos no one has seen yet. So anybody round these parts I may see you at the seminars.

Best,

Greg

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Good News For Causality

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 18:13:39 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 10:36:54 -0500
Subject: Good News For Causality

Hello all:

Recently there was some discussion about sending signals or information faster than light.

Here is a recent article that seems to dash that hope.

<http://physicsweb.org/articles/news/8/11/10/1>

Good News For Causality

18 November 2004

Physicists in Switzerland have confirmed that information cannot be transmitted faster than the speed of light.

Nicolas Gisin and colleagues at the University of Geneva have shown that the "group velocity" of a laser pulse in an optical fiber can travel faster than the speed of light but that the "signal velocity" - the speed at which information travels - cannot (N. Brunner et al. 2004 Phys. Rev. Lett. 93 203902).

Two types of velocity are used to describe the propagation of a wave in a dispersive medium: the phase velocity and the group velocity. The phase velocity is the speed at which light of a single wavelength moves. However, pulses of light contain a range of wavelengths, which all move at different speeds in a dispersive medium. The group velocity is the speed at which the pulse moves. In particular, the energy travels at the group velocity rather than the phase velocity.

In recent years, physicists have shown that both these velocities can exceed the speed of light in certain situations without breaking the laws of special relativity. This means, therefore, that neither the group nor the phase velocity can be used to describe the speed at which the information in the pulse travels, and we need to define it by another velocity - the "signal velocity". This is defined as the speed at which the "front" of the pulse travels.

According to relativity, this speed can never exceed the speed of light in a vacuum because, if it did, it would be equivalent to sending the signal backwards in time, which would violate causality.

More information at the URL above.

Best wishes

- Larry

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Russian UFO Documents

From: **Nikolay Subbotin - RUFORS** <info.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 10:26:22 +0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 19:01:21 -0500
Subject: Russian UFO Documents

New Russian research site open with military documents about
UFOs in Russia.

<http://setka-mo.narod.ru>

Regards,

Nikolay Subbotin,
Director RUFORS

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Re: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise - Chace

From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 00:03:35 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 19:04:37 -0500
Subject: Re: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise - Chace

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 10:26:41 -0000
>Subject: Re: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>>Date: Saturday, December 04, 2004 2:31 PM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise

>>Source: Boise Weekly

>>11-10-04

>>Saucer Bureaucracy

>>The UFO Guy Comes To Boise
>>by Nicholas Collias

>>Robert Hastings has an important news flash for Idahoans.
>>"Our military", the speaker and researcher begins, "has not
>>yet developed any aircraft that can go 2,000 miles an hour in
>>one direction, stop on a dime and reverse direction." Not a
>>surprise? This might be: thousands of craft with precisely
>>those capabilities have been spotted, tracked and sometimes
>>forcefully engaged while hovering surreptitiously around
>>America's nuclear weapons bases. You may not believe in
>>it, but your government does, and has for almost 50 years.
>>Hastings can prove that part beyond any reasonable doubt.

>><snip>

>>Some comments:

>>1. Are there really 10,000 pages relating to government
>>encounters with ETs? (Why not produce just one such page
>>for us to see)

In response to point one, the government certainly has a lot of documents relating to observations of UFOs, but whether those documents relate to "government encounters with ETs" is a different question.

>>2. Are there really "thousands" of cases where craft
>>possessing such amazing characteristics have been "spotted,
>>tracked and sometimes forcefully engaged" over US nuclear
>>weapons bases? (Aerial combat with ETs should be great fun!)

It depends on how you interpret the meaning of the sentence in the context of its grammar and sentence structure. The original statement was that thousands of such craft had been spotted, thousands had been tracked (or perhaps both spotted and tracked) and sometimes these craft had been forcefully engaged while hovering around nuclear weapons bases. The sentence does not necessarily imply that thousands of these exotic craft have been spotted over nuclear weapons bases or tracked over nuclear weapons bases. There are several different ways the sentence can be interpreted and I might humbly suggest that one does not have to automatically assume the most outlandish interpretation. Of

course, it may be that the statement was misleadingly or ambiguously worded, which justifies some confusion, and may constitute a reason for not taking it too seriously.

>3. Is there even one authenticated case of UFOs "crashing on
>government property"? Which government property was
>lucky enough to experience this ET visit?

I suppose it depends on who you believe, and what, exactly you mean by "authenticated".

David W. Chace

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Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 09:16:25 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 19:12:46 -0500
Subject: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

Fellow Listerions,

Having always been annoyed by the apparent hypocrisy that Astronomers exhibit (specically SETI folk)in regards to evidence/data towards Ufology, I posed the following question to Frank Drake:

Dear Mr. Drake,

Back in July a colleague of yours, Seth Shostak debated Stanton Friedman on the idea that some UFOs are indeed ET spacecraft; Friedman took the "pro position" and Shostak of course opposed the notion.

One thing the two men agreed upon was that they both adhered to the concept of =93intelligent life existing in the universe.=94 As the debate progressed Shostak took issue with the evidence that Ufologists in general present for their theorem=97this brings me to my question:

It would seem that most of the ideologies presented today from =93mainstream Astronomers=94 e.g., extra-solar planets, rogue planets, black holes etc., are based on =93circumstantial evidence=94; for example, the idea of =93extra-solar planets=94 is deduced by a =93star=92s wobble=94; my observation, as well as the question, is why the guidelines for Astronomers in regards to evidence is acceptable in =93their field=94 but they won=92t apply the same rules to Ufology.

I would certainly appreciate your thoughts on the =93evidence or data methodologies=94 used in Astronomy, and why said methodologies don=92t seem to be adequate for Ufology.

Thank You,
Respectfully,
Frank Warren

He replied:

Hi:

Well, it is hard to give a short answer to your query.

However, the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and UFOlogy are actually the same. In both cases we look for well-observed, calibrated data, which can be verified by repeat observations or experiments, best done by more than one observer.

All the astronomical claims of actual existence you mention are supported by such solid, repeatable evidence. The wobbles in stars are seen to repeat, and to follow a complicated pattern which fits precisely the wobble expected when a star is being pulled on by a planet moving with a changing speed in an elliptical orbit. This is a very definitive requirement, which

is met precisely by the observations. Furthermore, in some cases there is more than the wobble to go on -- the light of the star is decreased by just the right amount and with the complex time history expected if the planet passes in front of the star.

And it repeats as it should. So there is no doubt here.

Some things are still speculations, of course. Rogue planets are one. There are no observations of such a planet. But it is fair to speculate they exist from our growing modeling of what takes place as a planetary system is formed, and the prediction from this modeling that some planets will be ejected from the system. Indeed, it would be amazing if this did not occur.

When it comes to UFO reports, none of the evidence criterion are satisfied. No observations can be repeated. None has ever been definitively recorded. So the rigid standards of science are far from met. As Carl Sagan said, "Grand claims require grand evidence", and that evidence is not there.

Frank Drake

I replied:

FW: Dear Mr. Drake,

Thank you for you for your expeditious reply to my inquiry.

FD: Hi:

Well, it is hard to give a short answer to your query. Actually I was looking forward to a "detailed explanation." However, the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and UFOlogy are actually the same. In both cases we look for well-observed, calibrated data, which can be verified by repeat observations or experiments, best done by more than one observer.

FW: Allow me to play devil's advocate based on your affirmation of equality in regards to evidentiary protocol of Astronomy and UFOlogy.

FD: All the astronomical claims of actual existence you mention are supported by such solid, repeatable evidence. The wobbles in stars are seen to repeat, and to follow a complicated pattern which fits precisely the wobble expected when a star is being pulled on by a planet moving with a changing speed in an elliptical orbit. This is a very definitive requirement, which is met precisely by the observations. Furthermore, in some cases there is more than the wobble to go on - the light of the star is decreased by just the right amount and with the complex time history expected if the planet passes in front of the star. And it repeats as it should. So there is no doubt here.

FW: To be clear, (from a layman's [me] point of view) since we have "empirical evidence" of our own sun's orbit presumably being affected by the gravity (pull) of Jupiter (and other large planets in our own solar system), and the orbit (wobble) seems to be directly proportional to the mass of said planet; we therefore can presume the "same effect" takes place in other solar systems, with their stars, and although we cannot see the planets, we can observe the wobble, via "Doppler Shift" etc. Since the "wobble" is directly proportional to the "mass of a planet" (at least it appears to be here, in our solar system) we can determine the mass of said planet by mathematical equation.

In addition to the wobble of a distant star, going on the assumption that it is indeed a planet's gravity causing the wobble, one could assume that if said planet were to cross between the earth and the star being observed, the light from the star would be measurably diminished.

You finally, state, that "there is no doubt here." I take that to mean that this is going "beyond theory" and is accepted as fact... interesting.

First I'd like to state that the "circumstantial (indirect) evidence" put on the table for "extra-solar planets" is more than enough "for me," for validation of their existence; however, playing "Devil's Advocate":

1). Can we state emphatically that there aren't "other forces" in the universe that aren't currently known that would "mimic the pull" caused by gravity of a "Jupiter sized planet?" Could another "space borne" object of the same mass cause the wobble?

2). Are there other actions that could affect "Doppler Shift," or any other form of detection in the same manner that "star wobble" does, e.g., pulsations etc.?

3). Given the fact that the most detection methods of "extra-solar planets" is relatively new, (with technology expanding by leaps and bounds) and not without controversy, i.e., ("Barnard's Star and possible planetary bodies, David Gray's disputation of 51 Peg,") isn't possible that either "new information" could surface, or the interpretation of the data may change, and affect the current conclusions?

IMHO if the answers to any of the afore mentioned questions is "unknown" or "it's possible," then that would leave "some" doubt, albeit little to the "absolute existence" of extra-solar planets based on the current methodologies used for their reality; that said, what we're left with is strong "circumstantial evidence" in support of the "theory" of extra-solar planets."

FD: Some things are still speculations, of course. Rogue planets are one. There are no observations of such a planet. But it is fair to speculate they exist from our growing modeling of what takes place as a planetary system is formed, and the prediction from this modeling that some planets will be ejected from the system. Indeed, it would be amazing if this did not occur. Agreed. When it comes to UFO reports, none of the evidence criterion are satisfied. No observations can be repeated. None has ever been definitively recorded. So the rigid standards of science are far from met. As Carl Sagan said, "Grand claims require grand evidence", and that evidence is not there.

Frank Drake

FW: Here I have to respectfully disagree; you stated that the criterion for the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and UFOlogy are actually the same. In both cases we look for:

- 1). Well-observed, calibrated data.
- 2). Verification by repeat observations or experiments.
- 3). Multiple observers.

First let me clarify some points: The bulk of UFO reports over the last 60 years after thorough investigation, can be attributed to more conventional explanations, e.g., known aircraft, celestial bodies etc.; however, the ones addressed here are the smaller percentage that cannot be explained in a conventional manner.

The ones I speak of are of an "unknown airborne craft" that exhibit characteristics beyond man-made technologies. It is true, that this phenomena can't for the most part be repeated "on demand" it is a "transient uncontrollable unpredictable event"; however, it certainly does repeat, and observations are to numerous to count. It of course isn't the same as observing a "fixed celestial body" and doesn't have the same obvious advantages for scientific research. It does/has re-occurred, often, and can/has been recorded in a number of ways to allow for scientific investigation; for example:

- 1). In most cases involving a "craft" there is "direct evidence," i.e., "eye witnesses.
- 2). The craft "occupies space."
- 3). It moves as time passes.
- 4). It emits "thermal effects."
- 5). It exhibits light emission and absorption.
- 6). It effects the atmosphere.

- 7). It can be photographed.
- 8). It has left residual "after-effects," i.e., forensic evidence etc.
- 9). It has caused electric, magnetic and gravitational disorders.
- 10). It has been tracked by radar

The list goes on . . .

You've stated that none (UFOs) have been "definitively recorded." This is inaccurate. UFOs, in this instance "unknown craft" have been photographed, video taped, tracked by radar, and those readings recorded. In addition, they have been pursued by "our aircraft," and those of other countries.

Finally, "all" the criterion you cite for evidence have been met for Ufology with one more addition, "eye witnesses." One only need to look at the data. This is not to say that all the questions have been answered; in fact, it evokes this one--"why doesn't Ufology receive that attention it deserves from mainstream science?"

You quoted one of Carl Sagan's often used statements; I might add that he also said, " In physics, as in much of all science, there are no permanent truths; there is a set of approximations, getting closer and closer, and people must always be ready to revise what has been in the past thought to be the absolute gospel truth."

But back to the quote you mention, "grand claims require grand evidence." Is what Ufologists suggest so grand, so far out? By your own device, ("Drake's Equation") you suggest the number of planets in our galaxy with intelligent, technological civilizations. Is it so far out that one of these civilizations is far more advanced than we, and have mastered space travel; or travel in ways beyond our comprehension. Using our own technological advancement as a baseline we have progressed in a few generations to what only our ancestors could describe as "magic" given some examples; think what might and most assuredly would happen in thousands of years, or more! I've always found it odd that intelligent people admit to advance ETI, yet believe that when it comes to traveling to earth--they (ET) "played hooky" from that class!

Omitting the evidence, the data, for a moment (regarding Ufology) and agreeing on the common point(s) that there is "abundant intelligent life in the universe," the question is not "are they here," but "why wouldn't they be?"

I would like to hear your thoughts on what I've presented, as well as my last question if you would be so kind.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Frank Warren

I am still awaiting a response from Mr. Drake to my last e-mail.

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Pentagon Expanding Missile Shield

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 19:14:22 -0500
Subject: Pentagon Expanding Missile Shield

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 20:54:19 -0400
>Subject: Re: Pentagon Expanding Missile Shield

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>>Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 09:44:42 -0500
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Pentagon Expanding Missile Shield

>>The interceptor is part of the Bush administration's missile
>>defense program, designed to shoot down incoming ballistic
>>missiles fired from North Korea or elsewhere in eastern Asia.

>Just generally-and off topic. They should have one of these
>systems installed to prevent another missile attack on the
>Pentagon.

Generally, you don't want to use a ballistic missile to shoot
down a commercial aircraft (I assume this was the "another
missile attack on the Pentagon" you are referring to). I assume
if commercial aircraft are used again, then hopefully we shall
have our act together and shoot down the aircraft with
jets/antiaircraft missiles mounted on the Pentagon. Given the
proximity of D.C. airports, the latter will likely be required.

However, although the ballistic missile defense will help
protect the porn-belt (Calipornia), if such enemy ballistic
missiles are launched from ship near the East Coast then they
cannot be stopped.

[End of thread, please --ebk]

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Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB -

From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 07:23:09 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 19:18:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB -

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 17:40:37 +0000
>Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 08:13:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB

<snip>

>Why do you phrase your advertisements in such a deliberately
>confrontational way? Is it because you actually *want* them to
>be refused in order to provide confirmation for your theories
>government censorship? If fact, from the wording above, it's not
>even clear what kind of information you are seeking that might
>attract "whistleblowers".

>I suspect that really you're just trying to wind-up the
>authorities for your own satisfaction, and I think a more
>neutrally phrased advertisement might produce more productive
>results.

Exactly. I feel his effort, such as it is, creates the
impression that only lone cranks believe in such causes.

Beyond that, I've tried to criticise his evident lack of
familiarity with how to buy ad space, which needs to be
mentioned simply because it reveals exactly what you said - that
he has no intent of actually buying ad space, he just likes to
provoke editors and give editors the impression that the whole
subject of UFOs and alien entities is purely the province of
cranks, something to be dismissed.

So many other approaches would be more productive. He noted, in
one of his commentless-posts to this list (the lack of comments
being yet more evidence that he doesn't actually care to engage
the subject in a meaningful way), that he's only ever managed to
place one ad in all these years. So it seems to be an affordable
hobby for him.

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 10:45:12 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 19:28:36 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 07:34:09 -0600
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>I'm not laughing. Friedman's noisome negativists transcended
>laughter decades ago when they colluded to destroy (murder?)

Regarding my being considered a noisome negativist, I wish to clear up this matter. If I was a negativist then I would recommend that we not try any any space faring tricks until we (as humans) have gotten our house in order. How well do we create new technologies! But we have hardly made any advance regarding morality, ethics, spirit and soul! Why not? Because there is more money in tech than those other aspects of life.

Since we are likely to misuse any new tech (and moving asteroids around is definitely open to the possibility of them being used as weapons and for world-wide blackmail), then I say (if I was a "negativist") that we should not give the evil ones of our world another way to harm the innocents.

Data supporting such a negativist view would be the lack of concern in the Mars human mission community about harming Mars life forms and Earth life forms by having us go, in person, to Mars and back again. How can Martian life be protected from human life once we have humans there? We can't burn off or irradiate an astronaut; and containment of human cells/Earth cohabitating life forms cannot be guaranteed, I don't care what the technology is! If the astronauts don't land then there is some hope, but then the dreamers won't stand for that.

Visa versa, we have to bring the astronauts back, right? But then the problem exists of the astronauts having been exposed to dust/Martian life(?). The Apollo astronauts were covered with moon dust. Hopefully, since they did not die, then we can assume they did not bring back deadly life (although, did we know anything about the dormancy of such life or what its behavior pattern was?). The same can hold for Mars except that Mars actually might have life (the radiation on the Moon should have killed it off).

So if I was a negativist, I would say to stop work on Mars human missions. But rather, what I say is the realist's viewpoint, if there is some useful purpose to going to Mars or space (not science for science's sake) and it makes economic sense (food versus science) and we will not kill life (Mars or Earth), then lets do it!

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

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Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 09:58:35 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 19:31:45 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 12:32:12 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 07:34:09 -0600
>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 2 Dec 2004 13:47:28 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>>Boy, you sure know how to quench the fire in a dream.

>>>...and to what purpose, actually... and how effective, in the
>>>aggregate, that "wet blanket"? Who was instructed, educated, or
>>>otherwise elevated? Who was inspired? Who felt better? And
>>>finally, who acts just like that learned but forgettable spawn
>>>of dismissive scientism who proclaimed we'd never get on the
>>>moon because we'd never be able to generate enough power to
>>>leave the gravity well? He was an effective wet blanket, too.
>>>Thankfully, not effective enough. Moreover, my fire still roars.
>>>I suspect yours does, too, Sir.

>Realism, Sir... realism. Don't promise more than you can
>deliver. If you wish to live in a dream world, fine. Opium dens
>were popular in decades past, Sir.

One man's cheese is another man's rotted milk, Mr. Smith. I suspect that that 'realism' you too confidently define has a fuzzier definition than you would insist for it, and your, then fatuous, appeal for it is as constructive as you mocking my small insistence for a little formality in contention. The point, Sir, is that I'm not going to be confined by the little two-color dreamworld you don't cop to and to which you'd fallaciously refer to as a 'standard'. That 'standard' is in default.

Moreover - I'm forever bemused by a class of rigid ideologue who pirouettes around expressed points (however poetic, Sir) while they fill the opposition's mouth with words not their own, attack the opposition's character, mock respectful style, and reflexively label their opposition as misled, misleading, or mentally ill. Finally, I am the delivery on all my 'promises,' Mr. Smith. You might discover this to your consternation.

>>>To borrow and mangle a well-turned phrase... 'You look at things
>>>that are and say why?, and I (and others) look at things that
>>>never were and say 'Why not?'

>>>I think it entirely likely the gentleman is not asking anything
>>>he feels he might not have a 'safe' answer for. Another of those
>>>unfortunate souls who hasn't discovered it's answers,
>>>ultimately, that are the least important. It's always been the
>>>quality question has the superiority.

>Dreams that cannot be translated into practical reality are
>meaningless entertainment. Perhaps profitable if put into
>books or TV shows though.

I won't be leaving what constitutes a 'dream' up to you Mr. Smith. Nor what can be translated into 'practical reality and what 'meaningless' means. I think I'd rather poll a channeled Harry Anslinger on the morality of medical marijuana.

Forgetting for a moment that your response had nothing to do with what provoked it, and was a blurted empty rejoinder with the conversational power of an, "oh yeah," your too confident bravado demonstrates only that you are easy to rile and therefore not really all that confident about the correctness of your own less than supportable position... such as it is.

>>>Besides, I believe neither of us placed a timetable on the idea
>>>Nor are we the first to suggest it.

>>What do we want? Reach and Grasp! When do we want it? ...Now.
>>Anytime is always the first time because it might be the _last_
>>time... more Zen... sorry.

>Practicality rules. Feed the masses first, then move on to dream
>entertainment spots off world.

And now an appeal to 'practicality' thinly suggesting that your specious wet-blanket world-view must be the superior method to end even world hunger... when it might be observed that that is only additional evidence how far in default said worldview really is. Astonishing arrogance. Moreover, I suspect your 'practicality' has the same kind of self-involved definition that your 'realism' does above.

>>>I'm beginning to understand what Stan means when he talks about
>>>Noisy Negativists. <LOL>

>>I'm not laughing. Friedman's noisome negativists transcended
>>laughter decades ago when they colluded to destroy (murder?)
>>James McDonald, confabulate history, and hijack the mainstream
>>to facilitate the psychopathic unelected. Moreover, a reality
>>that does not carry James McDonald around on a little three
>>cornered velvet cushion is not a reality I want to have any part
>>of, and a reality that I will work tirelessly to discredit,
>>deride, and eventually disgrace.

>I'll pass since I cannot decode your meaning.

Uh-huh... That's the ususally cop-out... we could go word for word if you wanted to.

>>>Your points are all very well presented, and likely accurate in
>>>the main, but this is something that both Alfred and I believe
>>>not to be happening in our lifetimes,

>>Speak for yourself, Sir! I _may_ be doomed to a disappointment
>>that is likely, but I _expect_ the whole planet to start feeling
>>the affects [sic] of our accelerating 'propensity' _well_ within
>>my lifetime; a lifetime, by the way, that might not have to end
>>as a result of a biological necessity... and that's Mr.
>>Lehmborg, Mr. King, remember. [g].

>Whooo! Downloading your brain into a computer eh? You may still
>experience the "blue screen of death" though! It is somewhat
>amusing to me to think we may be able to install Alfred Lehmborg
>Verison 9.1 on our computers in the future and be regaled by a
>fount of wisdom and obscurities.

I was talking about genetics and stem cell research, Mr. Smith. Maybe you hadn't heard...

And forgetting for a moment I'm beyond surprise at what 'practical persons' such as yourself can suck up out of their avian thumbs (to place in the mouths of their opposition), one should remember that mocking insult falls decidedly short in any debate, Sir, says more about the insulting than the insulted, and is a great example of not working and playing well with others. In short, it lacks maturity, Mr. Smith.

>>>but on a timeline one
>>>might call ideal, where the thirst... no... the need for

>>>knowledge trumps any monetary imperative, where the quest for
>>>truth is judged by its potential rather than its cost alone, and
>>>where those who presume the preposterous are called innovators
>>>rather than spendthrifts.

>>Gandhi said you had to be the changes you expected around you.
>>Mr. Smith might take your lesson. Hell, should take your
>>lesson.

>Right. Well, I can really see that is working well.

Yes - it's obvious to the remotely sentient that the
aforementioned works exceptionally well. In fact, it has only
ever been the actions of individuals with efficacious
conviction or we'd still be living in caves and eating bushes.
It's the only thing keeping your 'science', 'realism', and
'practicality' alive, Mr. Smith.

>If you think
>this a real Universe operating premise, then it seems the best
>we can ever accomplish is a stalemate or stagnation because half
>>want one thing and half the other (unless you look at the
>scenario of every one for themselves).

I'm only astonished you don't see that yourself, Mr. Smith.
Moreover, everyone is alone and on their own, at the whim of
idiots, and a guarantee that the only justice they will ever see
around themselves is that which they insist upon. To prove that
for yourself just have an original idea of your own, sometime.

>>>But you're probably right. <g>

>>No, Sir. He couldn't be more wrong - arrogantly in letter, in an
>>altogether meager paucity of facts and yet-to-be-discredited
>>conventional wisdoms, and certainly in spirit. Wet blankets
>>are a retrograde mechanism with little utility, usually an axe
>>to grind, and ultimately forgettable. I was unmoved, just
>>annoyed, and definitely not laughing.

>Sorry to poke at your bubble, Sir.

...Sorry you've pulled back a nub, too?

>I am not writing
>inspirational poetry/prose, such as yours.

It inspires me, Mr. Smith. It's the only inspiration that's
required, after all. Those who hop on board for the ride are
welcome, of course. They'll get more respect from me than you, I
suspect, Sir.

>I operate in a hard-
>edged real world of practicality.

I think you operate in a world of self-defined edges, are
unmindful of the huge gaps in unsatisfactory and limited senses,
and are childishly threatened by intellectual diversity and
different ideas. I think you call all this 'practicality'
because you're scared, and whistling past your graveyard.

>When I dream, I extrapolate a path to implement the dream.

No - you just whistle louder, Sir.

>If I am simply dreaming for
>entertainment's sake, then the sky is the limit.

Everything you have, utilize, and think about was a discounted
dream once... where even the sky provided no limit, Mr. Smith.
You, yourself, stand on shoulders you don't recognize, you're
drunk on your own limited hubris, and you are unaware that
everything you think you know is likely wrong, Sir.

>But it is of
>little use (except as I said you want to entertain the masses).

And you ought to have a little more respect for the 'masses,'
too, Mr. Smith. We heat your water in ways I don't think you
recognize, accept, or even perceive.

>If you are annoyed at my lack of facts, I am sorry. I could

>spend time doing all the calculations and digging out old
>reports, but to what avail, Sir?

I was pretty clear regarding what makes your attitude an annoyance, Mr. Smith. You chose instead to insult my character, impugn my sensibility, and mock my style. 'Calculations' and 'Reports' notwithstanding, as these are likely canted mechanisms of the same type that 'proved' we'd never have the power to leave the gravity well... they won't a-vail because you don't pre-vail.

>Dream on... dream on!

Have a dream...Sir. Have a dream!

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Re: Good News For Causality - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 11:27:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 19:35:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality - Reynolds

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 18:13:39 -0800
>Subject: Good News For Causality

>Recently there was some discussion about sending signals or
>information faster than light.

>Here is a recent article that seems to dash that hope.

><http://physicsweb.org/articles/news/8/11/10/1>

>Good News For Causality

>18 November 2004

<snip>

But Larry:

Lots of variables here....

Laser light, fiber optics, "information," et cetera.

This limits possibilities for other "things" to move faster than
the speed of light.

There could be artifacts which are not comprised of "signal
velocities" or "phase velocities."

And isn't it possible for a single wavelength - which can
travel faster than light - to contain "information"?

In the spirit of some here at UFO Updates, lets leave open
possibilities and not be constrained by a few phycisists who
have a mind-set keeping them shackled to archaic views and a
misplaced homage to the great Einsten's theories.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 13:08:28 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 07:42:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Smith

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 06:35:58 -0800
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 3 Dec 2004 15:33:07 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 02 Dec 2004 21:47:52 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>>Objects carrying biological crews of roughly human size would be
>>>of necessity, colossal, as all interstellar journeys will be
>>>ones of permanent exile. To maintain a reliable breeding
>>>population over many generations of travel and building colonies
>>>would probably require a population of around 10,000 minimum,
>>>plus complete self sustaining biosphere

You cannot judge how such a design would look like or what the requirements are, based on advanced alien tech. Can you extrapolate human tech 1000 years advanced from ours? No. However, based on our primitive understanding of nanotechnology, we can hypothesize infinite lifespans, no need for breeding, near 100% energy efficiency (esp ecially in food). Who needs a biosphere? Nanotech can be used to convert energy to food.

As to the exile bit, there may not even be a sense of home other than the space ship. So they may not feel exiled. Also, again, although WE can't circumvent the speed of light limitation yet, you never know what 1000yr+ tech can do.

>How about completely robotic and (nearly) autonomous probes sent >thousands of years ago to study life bearing planets? Is that >too ridiculous? I don't think so. It need not be dull. Some >'cyborg' or whatever could blow a fuse, get captured and reveal >a few of its secrets.

You need some personality in your robots to make a good movie. Robots are generally dull. Note the Lost in Space series. When it started the robot was without personality and was boring. When it developed some personality it was more interesting. There have been a few movies with robot explorers with personality.

In reality, it may not be ridiculous, who can tell with infinitely long lived "species"?

>I think its wrong to blame all of ufology for the sins of >Hollywood. Some of us sure, but count me out. Not all of us >require living alien beings with all the horrible mess and >luggage they would need. Dirty diapers? Ooof!

For one thing, aliens, if they exist, may ooze or squirt in their own natural way, so why prejudice what is natural for them? Anyway, I suspect they would have used advanced tech to handle

all the messiness, especially of dealing with local viruses/bacteria (and visa versa), such that you can probably eat off them (not that you would of course).

>My personal opinion is that ET (assuming ET exists and found >Earth) would be to send highly intelligent cybernetic probes to >do their scientific legwork.

Possible. Or more simply, just transmit a signal containing a "life form" that uses our computers to live and take action.

>If I were ET, I wouldn't miss a minute of the "Earth Show". I'd >send more devices, better ones.
>Good probes should be cheap and easy for any civilized >and forward looking alien couch potato.

Possible. Saw this on South Park. Would be kind of disappointing that their concept of entertainment would be no more advanced than ours however.

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Rogerson

From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 18:57:27 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 07:44:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Rogerson

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 16:40:33 -0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 18:28:01 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>I had previously asked Peter why he assumed that interstellar
>journeys would necessarily involve permanent exile. He replied:

>>Because even if you could slow down crew time by hyper-
>>relativistic velocities (and there are more problems with that
>>than are usually considered such as the growing density of
>>cosmic dust and the blue shifting of incoming light due to
>>forshortening of the space ahead of the spaceship) huge amounts
>>of time would have passed back home. Of course we can imagine
>>vast conservative civilizations where language and mores don't
>>change over centuries and millennia, but these tend not to go in
>>for exploration

>I'm afraid I don't find this argument very convincing. For one
>thing, it assumes that all space-traveling aliens will have more
>or less human lifetimes and human social organization, which,
>given your previous comments about cultural chauvinism, is
>rather odd. (Indeed, writings about ETs generally seem to assume
>the latter, even to the extent of assuming they will share our
>primate sense of social hierarchy - why else do we have the
>expression "Take me to your leader?")

No Only those very very rare aliens sufficiently physically and
psychologically similar to us to be engaged on more or less the
same projects as us.

>More than that, though, you assume that the capabilities of any
>future technology can be delineated in terms of present-day
>knowledge, which seems to me a contradiction in terms. For
>example, the atom bomb could not have been determined to exist
>within the terms of nineteenth-century physics, because it
>violates what was then thought to be a physical law (the
>Conservation of Matter). Of course, as we unfortunately know all
>too well, nineteenth-century physics would have been wrong.

Only for the sake of making the ETH somehow definable. Explaining
things in terms of unknown wills possessing unknown powers and
having unknown motives just isn't science. We gave that up 300
years or so ago

>>Yes. That puts a finger on one problem with the sort of
>>explanations that ufologists come up with. However exotic, they
>>are products of our own or past cultures.

><snip>

>>All of this makes my point about the uselessness of the ETH as
>>an explanation for UFO reports. Explaining anomalous experiences
>>by referring to something we don't even know exists, let alone

>>what its properties and capacities are is pointless.

>Always in science we proceed by postulating the existence of
>things we don't know - that's the nature of hypotheses. The
>question is whether the hypotheses can be meaningfully tested or
>not. I agree with you that the ETH fails this test at the
>moment. The problem is, so does every other hypothesis. They are
>all, by definition, products of our own and previous cultures.
>So you appear to be saying that UFOs are a metaphysical
>phenomenon beyond the capacities of current science. That may be
>so, but I hope we aren't going to give up trying.

But that's the logic of your own argument, simply calling that
unknown metaphysical phenomenon an ET with a technology like
magic doesn't alter things at all.

My feeling is that we should simply ditch trying to explain
apparent anomalies by invoking non human intelligences of any
description whatever.

Peter Rogerson

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Secrecy News -- 12/06/04

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 07:46:47 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 12/06/04

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2004, Issue No. 108
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** ISOO: DECEMBER 2006 DECLASSIFICATION DEADLINE "AT RISK"
** LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE GUIDE
** LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH LIBRARY OF IRAN
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ISOO: DECEMBER 2006 DECLASSIFICATION DEADLINE "AT RISK"

A December 2006 deadline set by President Bush for the automatic declassification of most 25 year old classified documents may be missed by "a significant number of [executive branch] agencies," the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) said last week in a special report to the President.

"Based on this year's initial data, ... we estimate that there are 260 million pages of classified national security information that must be declassified, exempted, or referred to other agencies by December 31, 2006," the new ISOO report stated.

"We believe, for the most part, that the Executive branch is progressing toward fulfilling its responsibilities for these records by the initial deadline, although a significant number of agencies remain at risk of not meeting it."

"There is some concern that 2 agencies [Army and Navy], which together account for 33 percent of the total, will not be prepared. Both agencies have strong declassification programs, but require additional resources to guarantee that they will meet the deadline," ISOO said.

"There is significant risk that 4 agencies [Commerce, Energy, NASA and Treasury], which collectively account for 16 percent of the total, will not be prepared."

"Settings deadlines for declassification increases the potential release of formerly classified information to the general public and researchers, enhancing our knowledge of our democratic institutions and our history, while at the same time ensuring that information which can cause damage to national security continues to be protected. An agency's failure to fully implement the automatic declassification provisions of your Order undermines its ability to achieve these dual objectives," ISOO wrote in its report to the President.

The November 30 report was released on the ISOO web site (www.archives.gov/isoo) and a copy is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/isoo/2004declass.pdf>

"With the onset of automatic declassification just about 2 years

away, I thought it important to conduct an assessment with respect to where individual agencies are at in meeting their responsibilities in this area," said ISOO director William Leonard. "This special report attempts to do just that and provides a baseline from which we can measure future progress."

LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE GUIDE

The Justice Department Office of Community Policing Services has prepared a new Law Enforcement Intelligence Guide "to help law enforcement agencies develop or enhance their intelligence capacity."

The new Guide "should prove instrumental in fighting terrorism and other crimes while preserving hard-won community policing relationships," the Justice Department said.

The Guide covers the gamut of legal, operational, historical and other policy considerations governing the conduct of intelligence in support of law enforcement.

Authored by David L. Carter of Michigan State University, it displays somewhat greater awareness of the limitations of intelligence and the potential for abuse than is evident in some other government products.

The Guide also appears to go beyond current policy to advocate the broadest possible distribution of "intelligence" information consistent with protection of intelligence sources and methods:

"Intelligence reports, bulletins, and advisories must be broadly disseminated to all persons who can use the information effectively....Without effective dissemination, much of the value of intelligence is lost. All too often, patrol officers, private security, and citizens are excluded from dissemination." (p. 90)

Secrecy News is cited as one of a dozen or so "online newsletters of reliable organizations" that intelligence managers can use to monitor "emerging issues, technologies and trends." (pp. 103-4). The author prudently adds that "As is the case with any information, a newsletter will reflect the agenda of its sponsor."

A copy of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Guide, November 2004, is posted here (thanks to www.resourceshelf.com):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/lei/index.html>

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH LIBRARY OF IRAN

At a time when the governments of the U.S. and Iran are otherwise estranged, the Library of Congress has reached an unusual cooperative agreement with the National Library of Iran to engage in a mutual exchange of resource materials.

The agreement was signed during a recent visit to Tehran by Librarian of Congress James H. Billington, a trip that was instigated by the private group Catalytic Diplomacy (Secrecy News, 11/03/04).

The text of the agreement was published in a November 30 news release from the Library of Congress, copied here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/11/loc-iran.html>

DHS NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS STIR CONCERN

A drumbeat of concern continues to build over a Department of Homeland Security policy requiring employees to sign non-disclosure agreements for access to certain unclassified information.

The DHS policy "creates an environment exactly opposite, I think, [from] what we're trying to do in the name of information sharing," Information Security Oversight Office director William Leonard told Federal Times.

"It creates an environment of uncertainty. And in an environment of uncertainty, most people resort to a default position of 'Do not share, because otherwise I might inadvertently violate a rule or regulation or a regime that I'm not even familiar with'," he said.

See "Searches and gag orders: Homeland Security's unprecedented campaign cloaks unclassified info," by Eileen Sullivan, the lead story in this week's Federal Times, dated December 6:

<http://federaltimes.com/>

SAFEGUARDING SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION

The requirements for protection of "sensitive security information," which refers to transportation security-related information that may not be publicly disclosed, are set forth in a 2003 policy memorandum newly released by the Transportation Security Administration under the Freedom of Information Act.

See "Interim Sensitive Security Information (SSI) Policies and Procedures for Safeguarding and Control," TSA, October 8, 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/ssi-safeguard.pdf>

DATA MINING (CRS)

"Data mining is emerging as one of the key features of many homeland security initiatives," a recent report from the Congressional Research Service observes.

"Often used as a means for detecting fraud, assessing risk, and product retailing, data mining involves the use of data analysis tools to discover previously unknown, valid patterns and relationships in large data sets. In the context of homeland security, data mining is often viewed as a potential means to identify terrorist activities, such as money transfers and communications, and to identify and track individual terrorists themselves, such as through travel and immigration records."

"While data mining represents a significant advance in the type of analytical tools currently available, there are limitations to its capability. One limitation is that although data mining can help reveal patterns and relationships, it does not tell the user the value or significance of these patterns. These types of determinations must be made by the user."

See "Data Mining: An Overview," updated May 3, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL31798.pdf>

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NWSURC Recently Reported Sightings 12-06-04

From: Barb Campbell <nwsurc.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 14:23:56 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 07:54:30 -0500
Subject: NWSURC Recently Reported Sightings 12-06-04

Northwest Saskatchewan UFO Research Center (NWSURC)

Recently Reported Sightings 12-06-046

Twin Tailed Sphere Seen In Ellendale, Minnesota

Date: mid October 2004
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Ellendale, MN
Objects: 1
Witnesses: 1
Duration: 3 minutes

Report received via online form:

I was heading south towards Ellendale, MN. I was driving a Chevy Impala with tinted windshield. I looked up into the sky and noticed what I at first thought was a jet very high in the easterly sky. I looked again and thought that something about it wasn't right.

The part that should be the plane was huge for the height the object was. And the contrails were short and further apart than a regular jet.

I live in fly-over land, so I know a jet when I see one. The object that should have been the plane, looked like an oval or round shape and it was white. Until I saw the photo that was taken in Canada of a simiular object I thought what I had seen was an meteror.

Further information

Hi Barb,

Thank you for your quick response to my sighting. I would like to help you. I will try to answer your questions the best that I can remember.

I am referring to the same photo in Canada you sent me. The objects are very similar. The contrails were not quite as wide apart as the trails in your file photo, but the part that should have been a plane was definitely not. It was more like a round object. That's why I thought I had just seen a daytime meteor until I found your web site.

I re-thought my direction of travel. I was actually heading east towards Ellendale, MN. I looked up and saw the object heading in almost true north. It seemed to be moving faster than a jet would be traveling at that altitude. Also from where I was observing it was moving across the sky from the south. The time of day would be around 2:30pm in early October.

I pulled my car off to the side of the road and watched it for 2 to 3 minutes wishing I had my video cam with me. I finally lost site of it after clouds blocked my view.

I have one other similar object to report that I saw just 2 weeks ago. I did not take notice of it as much because I assumed it was another daytime meteor.

I was in Owatonna, MN in an Wal-Mart parking lot in my car waiting for my wife to pickup a couple of things. I was facing the west, time of day was roughly 4pm. I saw the same type of object with similar contrails, it caught my attention again because it was not shaped like a jet. It was round or oval bright white and very high in the sky heading straight east. I followed it for about 45 - 60 seconds, I remember looking away from it for just a second and it was gone. I got out of my car to find it, but it had vanished, no contrail signs, nothing. Then I looked around to see if anyone else had seen it, but I saw nobody looking up into the sky.

When I was a kid about 10, I remember playing with some motorized cars at the elementary school basketball court. The clouds were low and broken. I remember I looked up at the sky for just a few seconds and saw an oval shaped shiny object with two fins on the back and a box sitting between the two fins. No one else saw it. I was living in northern California at the time in a town called Grass Valley. It sits in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada's. It was one of those things you just never forget.

I hope I have been able to help you.

Please let me know if you are able to find anything out about these sightings. And I will be carrying a camera of some kind with me from now on.

Thank you

Thank you to the witness.

Barb's note: the Canadian photo the witness was referring to is NWSURC File# SSR-04-14

Link <http://www.nwsurc.com/ssr-04-14.htm>
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Thanks to Brian Vike for this report.

NWSURC UFO Hoax Photo Cleared Up

November 10, 2004 I received an email with a photo in question attached. The witness stated that an object appeared on the photo at the time of development, which was not seen at the time the photo was taken.

From all appearances the scanned photo looked suspicious. See original scanned photo:

<http://www.nwsurc.com/scan0003.jpg>

Upon closer examination I arrowed the edges that looked suspicious and circled areas in question. I forwarded the image to BJ Booth of UFO CaseBook and to Linda Moore of Rogue Sighting for further examination. Both results came back the same. The photo looked as though it had been tampered with.

NWSURC result:

<http://www.nwsurc.com/scan0003-1.jpg>

UFO CaseBook results #1:

<http://www.nwsurc.com/ShowLetter1.jpg>

#2:

<http://www.nwsurc.com/ShowLetter.jpg>

Rogue Sighting result:

<http://www.nwsurc.com/Image1.jpg>

The witness was contacted with the findings that the photo had been tampered with.

A few days ago, I received the original photo along with two other ones in the mail from the witness with a letter dated Thursday Nov 25, 2004:

To Barb Campbell,

I am writing to inform you I have enclosed the following three pictures that were taken of the shrine on August 2000 they have not been tampered with in any way by us they were developed at confed superstore one hour photo in Saskatoon and in the email we sent you I don't know why the scan photo did not turn out properly

We do not know what it was that we saw it was there only for a split second all three photo's were taken seconds of each other the first being with the image.

If you have any questions please phone me at (withheld) or email at (withheld)

p.s

We do appreciate you looking at the photo's that we enclosed you can keep the photo's as long as you need them but we need them back.

Thank you

(Witness)

I thank the witness for sending me the original photo along with another two, for further examination. This allows for a more thorough examination and now totally rules out the possibility of this photo being a hoax.

Here are my reasons why:

1) The original photo

- No manipulation present of any kind

- Suspicious edges were a result of the photo having had something stuck along the underside edge at one time. Whatever had attached itself to the photo on the underside, had been pulled apart from this photo and as a result, removed a small fraction of the photo paper. The suspicious thing I saw protruding from underneath the photo along the right hand side was in fact the partial remains of another photo or paper of some sort which had not been removed when the rest had been pulled away. This fact clears up the protrusion and folded right corner tip area.

- The object in the photo still does not appear to be a real object, but an artificial object. When I say real object, I mean it is not something floating in the air above the shrine. By artificial I mean it appears to be one of two things:

a) Debris caught on lens of the camera. This can be a small fly or some kind of small particle matter

b) Debris captured on film from the place of photo development

Debris is a high probability when looking at the original photo. There are traces of even smaller spots located through the sky... three of them.

The fact that none of this debris was captured on any of the other two photos taken seconds apart, could mean that the debris was present across the lens during the initial first shot and somehow removed itself from the lens when the other two were captured.

However, I have noticed something interesting when comparing all three photos.

Image 020 (original photo in question): Two small specks of light in the clouds about a third of the way down along the left hand side.

Image 021: Specks of light positioned themselves one above the other a little further down and near the pointed edge of that cloud. There is also another speck above the trees behind the shrine just below the bottom line of the star. Almost in line with the right side bottom end of the roof. Another two and possible three specks are noticeable in the upper right side within the dark blue sky.

Image 022: Seven specks are noticeable in the third image taken. In fact, one located just above the tip of the trees, off to the right of the bottom edge of the shrine's roof appears to have been captured in motion. The highest speck located in thin cloud mass near the upper mid to left side appears to be the brightest.

When I first noticed these I almost dismissed them to be debris as well. These specks could actually be orbs. And it's really interesting to see the one in motion. And this is in daylight too. They look like lights of some kind. Orbs captured on photos cannot be seen with the naked eye. The result is usually discovered after the photos are developed.

There also appears to be something foreign in the trees below the speck in motion. A miniature, short straight line, slightly tilted and is almost a light green in color. It really looks out of place and cannot be seen in any of the other two photos.

Again, there is no evidence of any tampering or manipulation of any kind with either of these three images. These specks cannot be found in the lower parts of the images where the ground is.

Next I wanted to see what happened if I scanned original photo in question to my computer to see if the image would look as though it had been tampered with. Click on image for full view. [In case you are wondering, what appears to be white specks on the grassy area is plant matter.]

Photo can be seen at <http://www.nwsurc.com/photo-quiry.htm>

Edges around the larger object don't appear to be as suspicious as in the original email sent on the 10th of November. See original below. Click on image for full view.

Photo can be seen at:

<http://www.nwsurc.com/photo-quiry.htm>

The differences between the two can depend upon the photo software one uses.

Again, I thank the witness for mailing me the original along with another two images captured only seconds apart from one another.

The dark objects in question are very likely the result of debris, particles or in the case of the larger object, possibly even a small fly which happened to travel across the lens, or attached itself to the lens - the instant the image was captured.

I did find the specks of light and foreign matter in the tree below speck in motion to be interesting. The colors were not the same throughout each photo, as brightness and intensity varied.

UFOs Chased Through Farm By Military Aircraft

Date: January 1974
Time: 5:00 - 6:00am
Location: Lucky Lake
Objects: 3
Witnesses: 3

Duration: 30 minutes

Report received via online form:

It was early in the morning, winter time and still very dark. I woke to find my sister and brother looking out the upstairs window of our two story farm house to the south. I saw a disk type object hovering approx 50 feet above the ground and 100 yards south of the house, above our cattle corals and haystacks and small pasture attached to our yard.

It seems to me that it was looking around and shining lights onto the ground (similar to search lights) or scanning in some way. The object did have some lights on it or on its perimeters, lights of some sort. After a few minutes I noticed another very similar ship or object, then another, three in total I believe, (I was about 10 years old and it was a long time ago, so my memory and description is a bit vague).

They did make some low humming sound, but not loud enough to wake us. We watched these objects for a few more minutes then they darted off to the west still staying very close to the ground.

We ran downstairs to tell our parents, as they got up and began to tell us we were imagining it all. We heard very loud jets approaching. My dad looked startled and went to the window to look out, and we saw about 3 military type jets blast through our yard (not over or around , but through, almost between our grainaries and haystacks). The sound booming almost loud enough to shatter windows. My parents told us that we probably saw helicopters, but I knew it wasnt.

For the next six months to a year we noticed many military aircraft flying through this area and began to believe that we were on a traffic area perhaps flying between Moose Jaw A.F.B to Wainwright A.B., but now I believe that what we saw was extra terrestrial and military jet chased them coming from Moose Jaw in the southeast and following them west.

I believe one of the objects was likely brought down and the air traffic in the following year was related to this sighting, please let me know if any others reported anything in this area at this time. Thank you

Thank you to the witness.

Barb's note: Please contact NWSURC if you have witnessed a similar incident around the area described by the witness above. You do not need to reveal your identity.

Mutilated Cow Report

A witness called to report that in Rockglen, a cow had been found dead with its udder surgically removed. No coyotes or any other predator would even touch the carcass. The absence of flies and maggots were also noted.

The witness believes the incident was not reported to RCMP. Date of this incident is unknown.

NWSURC asks if anybody knows any further information about this incident to please contact Barb at 1-306-893-4009. Your identity will not be revealed.

New site open:

<http://setka-mo.narod.ru>

Russian military document about UFO researching in Russia.

Thanks to Nikolay Subbotin, Director RUFORS

NWSURC is operating a fanastic linkable rotating banner exchange. Banners rotate without having to reload the page. Visitors can visit the sites directly, just by clicking on them.

All UFO related sites are welcomed to join the exchange. All that is required is that you place our banner on your site in exchange for placing yours on NWSURC. You don't need to store NWSURC's banner in your site's directory as it comes directly from NWSURC's own directory.

Details can be found at:

<http://www.nwsurc.com/banner.htm>

I am pleased to announce Bill Burt of Tall Dwarf Graphics Arts Studio will be illustrating for NWSURC's web site. Samples of Bill's artwork can be found on his very own page at:

<http://www.nwsurc.com/bill-burt.htm>

Bill is extremely talented with UFO and Sci-Fi Fantasy graphics. Check out his work, you won't be disappointed.

NWSURC is currently undergoing a color change, which should be completed within the next couple of days. And I am very pleased to announce that we've received well over 41,300 hits to the site since it opened October 21, 2004.

NWSURC's 2005 UFO Conference will take place August 2005 in Saskatoon. A venue has been contacted. I hope to have the details finalized within the next couple of weeks and have the final announcement ready by next reporting time.

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Re: Anyone Review The Smoking Gun Site's UFO

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 14:45:50 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 07:57:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Anyone Review The Smoking Gun Site's UFO

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 10:42:24 EST
>Subject: Anyone Review The Smoking Gun Site's UFO Results?

>I'm sure you've all heard of this website:

><http://www.thesmokinggun.com/archive/ufo.html>

>They obtained some documents in a brief reply when they inquired
>about UFOs from the government.

It's just the garbage Blue Book AF press release! Why is anyone
wasting time with this monotonous trash?

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Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin - Holman

From: Brett Holman <b.holman.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 15:35:26 +1100
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 08:01:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin - Holman

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 07:14:54 -0800
>Subject: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin

>But neither the RAAF or the airport were able to shed any light
>on the flashing green, blue and red lights witnesses saw.

>Laboratory technician Julie Lynn was relaxing on the balcony
>with husband Nigel at their Leanyer home when they noticed the
>UFO about 8.30pm.

<snip>

>"I was quite looking forward to curling up on the couch and
>watching a movie but it had our attention until we went to bed
>after midnight.

>"It hovered in the one place for at least two hours but had
>moved significantly when we checked on it again before we went
>to bed.

<snip>

>The UFO was described as being shaped like three connected ball-
>shaped spheres that flashed blue, green and red from as many as
>six different light sources.

>It first appeared in a south-easterly direction and was moving
>northeast.

Bright stars seen through an unusually unsteady atmosphere are good candidates for UFO reports involving a light flashing different colours, especially when it is stationary or moving slowly. This is called atmospheric dispersion or differential refraction, and is basically an extreme form of twinkling.

This one sounds like Sirius. On Saturday night, as seen from Darwin, Sirius rose at 8.20pm to the east-southeast. By midnight it had reached an altitude of 51 degrees and had moved slightly north. The "three connected ball-shaped spheres" could easily be a star distorted by the turbulent atmosphere, perhaps seen through binoculars. Estimates of the object's altitude would help to verify this identification, but unfortunately are not evident from this report. It would also be easy to rule out Sirius as the cause, if the witnesses happened to have seen it as well as the UFO.

Brett Holman

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If UFO Lands Call Him

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 08:05:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 08:05:27 -0500
Subject: If UFO Lands Call Him

Source: The Cincinnati Enquirer - Ohio

<http://news.enquirer.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20041207/NEWS01/412070354/1056>

12-07-04

If UFO Lands - Call Him
Fire trainer to be featured on TV

By David Eck
Enquirer contributor

DEERFIELD TWP. - As a Japanese TV audience will soon learn, Deerfield Township is ready for Unidentified Flying Objects.

Deerfield Township Fire Chief William Kramer will be featured on a Japanese game show in a segment about how firefighters should handle a UFO landing in their community.

Kramer, who also teaches firefighting courses at the University of Cincinnati and hosts fire education videos, covered the topic in a 1992 textbook, Fire Officers' Guide to Disaster Control.

Researchers for the Japanese television show "Fountains of Trivia" came across the information and suggested it for use on the show.

"We have an army of researchers in Japan," said Sam Onoda, a producer for "Fountains of Trivia." "They pitched the idea to me."

Onoda, who is based in Los Angeles, interviewed Kramer on Monday at the township's Snider Road fire headquarters in this southern Warren County community.

The show featuring Kramer is expected to run nationwide in Japan on New Year's Day.

During the interview, Kramer said that firefighters and emergency providers should be prepared to handle mass panic if a UFO landing is perceived.

An actual UFO landing should be treated with caution, he added, to safeguard against toxic substances and to not alarm possible extraterrestrial visitors.

"The key reason it is a part of the text is because whether UFOs ... or their alien occupants exist or not, the perceived existence of those things could cause a (significant) threat to some in our community," Kramer said.

"If an actual UFO were to make contact somehow, it's going to be up to the fire department to bring some kind of order out of the situation. There may very well come a need for fire officials to deal with mass panic."

If UFO Lands Call Him

While he stopped short of saying he believes in UFOs, Kramer said there might be other forms of life in the galaxy.

"I do believe there's intelligent life beyond this small planet," he said.

"Most people don't really want to discuss that publicly for fear of being ridiculed."

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Some Things Are Just Not Discussed

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 08:13:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 08:13:49 -0500
Subject: Some Things Are Just Not Discussed

Source: The Tri-Valley Herald - Pleasanton, California

<http://www.trivalleyherald.com/Stories/0,1413,86~10671~2581322,00.html>

12-07-04

Some Things Are Just Not Discussed

I ran into Don Hewitt recently in downtown Pleasanton and asked if he had a story for my column.

"Sure," he said, "but I don't expect you to believe it."

Don explained that only a handful of people had heard the story he was hesitant to tell.

In fact, what he finds interesting is not so much the story - which happened to him and two friends in 1991 - but how people like him and his friends will choose not to talk about an incident others won't believe.

"What the heck are you talking about?" I asked him.

Don told me that he and his buddies were up in Washington state driving at night along the Columbia River when something caught their attention.

"We pulled over, got out of the car, and watched what was clearly a UFO hovering brightly just across the river," Don said.

"After a few moments, it zipped away like a scene from a sci-fi movie. We just stood there and stared for a while."

Eventually, he and his friends got back in the car and drove on without saying anything.

"What could we do?" said Don, shrugging his shoulders. "When you discover we're not alone in the universe, you don't just start telling everyone."

People who know Don Hewitt, who works in the software industry, and whose wife, Frances, works for the Pleasanton Downtown Association, will tell you he's not the type to make up a story like this. And he's not the type to float conspiracy theories.

In the several years I've known him, he has never mentioned terms such as "UFO" or "Area 51" or even "Art Bell." And he's had plenty of opportunities, since our social calendars line up quite often.

"It's just human nature not to talk about that evening," Don said.

"It's easier than dealing with people who assume we're mistaken or who just can't believe us."

Jim Ott is the CEO of a community credit union and an English professor at Las Positas College. He welcomes your comments and interesting stories. Contact him at jott.nul

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Re: Good News For Causality? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 12:02:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 08:50:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Dickenson

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>To: Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 18:13:39 -0800
>Subject: Good News For Causality

>Physicists in Switzerland have confirmed that information
>cannot be transmitted faster than the speed of light.

Hello again Larry,

Having a second shot 'cos it seems someone may be trying to orchestrate a dumb-down (of joe public) over experimental results that have already been kept fairly quiet for some decades now.

It's all about "entanglement info" - which is shown to travel over arbitrary distances 'instantaneously' - no matter how far, with whatever intervening!

<http://online.itp.ucsb.edu/online/collog/aspect1/>

Clearly that "info" cannot be traveling via any form of radiation or energy known to modern science - unless someone is keeping a tight lid on it.

But there are simple experiments anyone can do to demonstrate that mysterious force, which the scientists cannot or will not explain.

What experiments?

Spin a coin on a table, or a spinning-top, or ride a bicycle or motor-bike.

Yup - all those have 'unexplained stability' - staying upright mainly - which science can't understand or explain (although you'll find many long "descriptions").

That stability obviously (IMHO) comes from the same force that gives 'inertia' - another unexplainable phenomenon - to mass (because that weird stability is merely 'added inertia').

And, almost as obviously, from the same "instantaneous force" which holds matter together and links all 'particle info' - universally.

Now that was fairly easy to grasp even for dumb clucks like us - so why is mainstream science acting so scared?

Ask about any of the above effects and you'll get a forced laugh - "Ha-ha You're not asking me about spinning-tops are you?" (or gyroscopes etc)

Repeat the question and you'll get a long thoughtful silence. (If your "scientist" isn't an instant BS merchant - If he is, ask him to write it down & sign it).

Why is this whole area off-limits to career scientists? (Check "badsci.txt")

Well, up-front implications (f.t.l comms/disruption/propulsion) and hidden implications (instantaneous energy-pattern transfer - i.e. induced `sights' `sounds' `thoughts') might be a little sensitive right now.

Spin that coin!

Cheers

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 49

From: John Hayes <John.nul>
Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 15:32:19 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 16:28:13 -0500
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 49

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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MORE UFOs SPOTTED IN THE HIMALAYAS

More UFOs have been spotted in the Himalayas, this time around Ladakh, about 160 kilometers (100 miles) east-southeast of Chini and the upper Suttlej River valley.

According to Indian journalist Lara Mohani, "A little girl of Zaskar, near the majestic Drang Drung glacier, reported a huge triangular object, very high speed, very large, sailing in the sky. This was in the area of the India-China border, on the Indian side of the Himalayas, a very strategic area for both India and China."

"Here is the concentration of a large number of nuclear missiles by both India and China, which are hidden in the earth."

Since late September 2004, Indian villagers around Chini and on the north slope of the Ladakh range have seen large triangular UFOs during daytime and night, plus mysterious lights on the mountaintop glaciers. In addition, seven jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF) have been lost in "unexplained" crashes.

Mohani added, "During the Chemrey Angchok festival in Ladakh last week, several local villagers gathered to discuss these strange objects," which they claim have been "operating for the past five years."

People in this region of northern Himachal Pradesh state believe that aliens are building a large underground complex in the high Himalayas.

"These wonders are increasing," Mohani reported, "They (the UFOs) are silent. They can move through the air extremely slowly though conventional aircraft would stall and crash. They can suddenly vanish at tremendous speed, far faster than any known vehicle built by man could possibly ever reach. They are translucent. Their flying beams do not produce light."

"Are they extraterrestrial UFOs or spy vehicles of some unknown country. The area is sensitive, and it's possible that some countries are monitoring the region. It is also possible that extraterrestrials are watching the nuclear installations of India and China, as well."

In other news, Pervez Musharraf, president of Pakistan, met with USA President George W. Bush on Saturday, December 4, 2004. Musharraf, "who has supported President Bush in the war on terrorism and against Al-Qaeda" was "expected to use the occasion to push Bush to allow U.S. companies to sell F-16 fighter jets to

Pakistan."

"'This meeting is about F-16s,'" said Michael Krepon, a South Asia specialist at the non-partisan think tank Stimson Center, "'F-16s prove that we love you.'"

Although Pakistan has sought to purchase American F-16 fighter jets since 1989, the need for those jets might have become more acute since Monday, November 8, 2004, when three large UFOs flew over Musharraf's capital, Islamabad.

(See the newspapers Indian Daily for November 25, 2004, "Close encounters and mysterious triangles on the Indian side of the Himalayas," and USA Today for December 3, 2004, "Musharraf coming to U.S. to visit Bush." Many thanks to Daniel Wilson, Lara Mohani and Krishnari Bai Dharapurnanda for these newspaper articles.)

UFO PHOTOGRAPHED OVER SAN GERMAN, PUERTO RICO

"A photo taken by Edgar Morales in the streets of San German," a town in southwestern Puerto Rico, located 14 miles (23 kilometers) southeast of Mayaguez, "shows an enormous UFO with blinking lights."

While taking photographs last week from the steps of San German's old Adventist church, Morales "looked upward and saw what he described as 'an enormous machine of blue and green color. I noticed a cupola on the top of it. It was silent, and I remained watching it for two to three minutes.'"

"Analysts who tested the Morales photo declared that 'it was a real photo,' not faked, and estimated that the strange object was at an altitude of 5,000 feet (1,500 meters) above the ground. They also estimated that the object was at least 1,000 feet (300 meters) wide."

Puerto Rican ufologist Reinaldo Rios reported, "The Morales photo was shown on Channel 2 in San Juan (Puerto Rico's capital--J.T.) and also on Channel 12 on a program called Our World." (Many thanks to Reinaldo Rios for this news story.)

CHUPACABRAS BLAMED FOR 11 GOAT DEATHS

"Eleven goats were found dead inside their wooden pen, which forms part of the petting zoo at Illuminated Children's Park at the Monte Hiedra municipal center in Rio Piedras," Puerto Rico, a suburb of San Juan.

"The discovery was made by Fausto Radaelli, the owner and the man in charge of the petting zoo."

"According to Radaelli's explanation, he took 11 goats to the kiddie park last Monday," November 29, 2004, "because he was attempting to create a manger scene for the Christmas holiday."

"He placed them in a wooden pen in the open air so they could spend the night there. But they were found lifeless on Wednesday morning," December 1, 2004.

"Three of the goats presented large bite marks, dismemberment, and one of them had half its body devoured. All of its internal organs, except the stomach, were gone."

"The rest of the goats had bite marks and claw marks on the rear of their bodies. The marks resembled the ones found on animals allegedly attacked by the mythical Chupacabras. The goats had their necks twisted backward, and rigor mortis had not set in 48 hours after their deaths."

"According to Ernesto Marquez, a specialist in exotic animals, the goats were attacked by 'a wolf or a coyote or a hybrid (wolf-dog hybrid--S.C.) or very large feral dogs.'"

"Marquez said these animals exist on the island and knows that they are trafficked (sold--J.T.) or even advertised in newspapers."

"The expert's theory is sustained by the canine's modus operandi. 'These are regular fang marks. Canids kill animals from the rear, siezing them to hold them down and eat them.'"

"Marquez dismissed the possibility that the goats had been killed by a feline, adding that 'these kill from the

throat, strangling their prey, dragging it off. This was a canid."

"He added that 'the animal lunged; it was an agile animal attacking from the rear. It's astute and knows human beings. It came around when there was no one around and returned on the next day, when there was no one, either.'"

"Yesterday (Thursday, December 2, 2004) the site was being examined by Marquez, Julio Diaz of Animal Control Solutions Co. and veterinary technician Herman Sulsona of the San Juan Animal Control Center."

"There was no sign of forcible entry. No prints or hairs of any animal were found."

"The park, which has been operating since May 8 (2004) and will remain open until January 31 (2005), has no security of any kind. Yesterday, after removing the dead goats, the park was reopened to the public after 6 p.m. Specialists cautioned the park custodians that the (predatory) animals might return and advised that the goats be kept within a trailer, or else removed from the site." (See the Puerto Rican newspaper Primera Hora for December 3, 2004, "Eleven goats slain in petting zoo." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Lucy Guzman para esto articulo de diario.)

SATELLITE SUFFERS WEIRD POWER FAILURE

"A major communications satellite serving the Americas suddenly and mysteriously shut down, knocking some customers off-line."

"The Intelsat Americas-7 satellite, operated by Intelsat Limited of Pembroke, Bermuda, suddenly lost power at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday," November 28, 2004. "No cause has been identified as yet."

"Our engineers and senior researchers are still working with the manufacturer to determine a cause," said Jodi Katz, a spokesperson for Intelsat in Washington, D.C. The failure has been classified as 'a sudden electrical distribution anomaly,' and Katz said it is unlikely that computer hackers caused the problem--a threat previously identified by the U.S. government."

"The satellite, which was launched in 1999, provided television broadcasting and high-speed Internet access to 20 businesses in North America, Central America, Hawaii and parts of South America."

"The company has transferred many of their customers to some of its 27 other satellites, but some are still without service."

"The Americas-7 satellite, formerly known as Telstar-7, operated in a geostationary orbit about 36,000 kilometers (21,600 miles) above the Equator. It was purchased with four other satellites for \$900 million earlier in 2004 from manufacturer Space Systems/Loral of Palo Alto, California. The satellite was uninsured." (See New Scientist for December 4, 2004, "Major satellite in mystery shutdown." Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for this news article.)

UKRAINIANS SAY UFOs VISITED CHERNOBYL

The current political turmoil in the Ukraine has led to the publication of reports of UFO activity around the destroyed nuclear power station at Chernobyl, which suffered a catastrophic accident in 1986.

"The collapse of the Chernobyl nuclear plant on April 26, 1986 sent dangerous levels of radiation into eastern Europe. But it could have been much worse. There could have been a nuclear explosion wiping out most of Europe."

"There are persistent stories in the Ukraine that the world was saved by UFOs" at the time of the Chernobyl disaster in 1986. "When the Chernobyl meltdown began to occur, witnesses saw a UFO hovering above the Fourth Generating Unit of the Chernobyl plant. The eyewitnesses say it was there for six hours and that hundreds of people saw it."

Eyewitness "Mikhail Veritsky says, 'I and other people from my (production) team went to the site of the

blast that night. We saw a ball of fire, and it was slowly flying in the sky. I would say that the fireball was 6 to 8 meters (20 to 24 feet) in diameter."

"There were two rays of crimson light stretching" from the UFO "towards the Fourth Generating Unit. The object was at least 300 meters (1,000 feet) from the reactor. The event lasted for three minutes. The lights on the object then went out, and it flew away in a northwesterly direction."

"Veritsky believes the UFO brought the radiation levels down and prevented a nuclear explosion."

"Three years later, on September 16, 1989, the Fourth Generating Unit emitted radiation into the atmosphere. Several hours later, a doctor saw an object in the sky above the Chernobyl plant. Dr. Gospina described it as 'amber-like' and said she could see the top and bottom of it clearly."

"In October 1990, V. Nauran, a reporter for the newspaper Echo of Chernobyl, was photographing the machine shop at the Chernobyl plant. He said, 'I photographed the top of it (ceiling--J.T.), including part of the sky above. I remember everything very well. I did not see any UFO at the time. However, when I developed the film, I clearly saw the object that was hovering above that hole in the (machine shop) roof. The object looked like the UFO Dr. Gospina saw.'" (Many thanks to Michel Heseman and Steve Wilson Sr. for this news story.)

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 next time.

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 10:51:31 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 16:30:10 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 09:58:35 -0600
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 12:32:12 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>You chose instead to insult my character,
>impugn my sensibility, and mock my style.

You get so offended when someone disagrees with you. Can't a person just have a different opinion than you and not get lambasted by your sometimes rude, insulting verbosity?

I don't think I insulted your character. I imagine you are sincere and intelligent and don't hurt small animals and likely give to the Salvation Army. What of it? But, if I have insulted your character then I apologize.

Regarding "impugning your sensibility", I cannot think how I did this. Impugn means (note: to confirm the meaning of the word for discussion, not that you don't know the meaning) "to challenge or to call into question", usually the integrity of truth of a person, but in this case you say sensibility (I assume mental responsiveness and awareness). If you are offended that I am challenging your awareness of the reality/practicality of the various proposed projects, then I suppose I am guilty. Doesn't seem like a big deal in a discussion. Sadly, you seem to take offense to a free discussion of ideas. What do you want? A choir of yes-men? Is the fabric of your dreams so delicate that it cannot withstand my non-aggressive remarks? It seems that viewpoint's like mine should provide less of a wet blanket to you than an incentive to figure out how to achieve your dream. Sure, on Star Trek someone dreamed up communicators weirdly like cell phones. Did this mean anyone did anything to make cell phones due to the Star Trek dream? No. It was based on market forces and independent realists who took an idea into the real world.

Regarding mocking your style, I think mocking is too aggressive a term. But I do think it is very hard to understand your opinion sometimes as derived from your prose. I, for some odd reason, cannot process mentally some of your paragraphs. An impressive feat I may say, but there is a law of diminishing returns and I reach that limit too often with your paragraphs. But then this may simply be my own limited mental ability, so I am sorry for being unable to understand what you are writing in those cases. Also, your liberal sprinkling of "Sirs" reminds me of an English manservant addressing his employer. You, in fact, dilute the meaning and power of "Sir" by its repetitive use which seems to be of no more importance, in context, than a colon or question mark. "Sir" should really be used when it is meant and I FEEL that you do not in most cases. But this is a personal decision in your style and I have no right to ask you to stop. I chime in with a Sir or two to try to make you feel comfortable. Sorry it did not work and you think I am mocking

you.

Finally, regarding our difference in viewpoints, I think dreamers are fine and realists are fine. It takes all kinds in this world. Both optimists and pessimists are needed. But there is no need for rancor, only for courteous debate and discussion!

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Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB -

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 11:22:16 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 16:34:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB -

>From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 07:23:09 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 17:40:37 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB 'Beam'

><snip>

>>Why do you phrase your advertisements in such a deliberately
>>confrontational way? Is it because you actually *want* them to
>>be refused in order to provide confirmation for your theories
>>government censorship? If fact, from the wording above, it's not
>>even clear what kind of information you are seeking that might
>>attract "whistleblowers".

>>I suspect that really you're just trying to wind-up the
>>authorities for your own satisfaction, and I think a more
>>neutrally phrased advertisement might produce more productive
>>results.

>Exactly. I feel his effort, such as it is, creates the
>impression that only lone cranks believe in such causes.

>Beyond that, I've tried to criticise his evident lack of
>familiarity with how to buy ad space, which needs to be
>mentioned simply because it reveals exactly what you said - that
>he has no intent of actually buying ad space, he just likes to
>provoke editors and give editors the impression that the whole
>subject of UFOs and alien entities is purely the province of
>cranks, something to be dismissed.

>So many other approaches would be more productive. He noted, in
>one of his commentless-posts to this list (the lack of comments
>being yet more evidence that he doesn't actually care to engage
>the subject in a meaningful way), that he's only ever managed to
>place one ad in all these years. So it seems to be an affordable
>hobby for him.

Wow, Mr. Bueche. Harsh.

Let's forget for the moment that a very collegiate approach has
made very little headway over the years because of the
mainstreams programmed reluctance to credit ufology in any
substantive way and continue to exist in its present
incarnation. Mr. Bryant's decidedly consistent approach reflects
an admirable passion for a cause we all share and should not be
dismissed derisively as a crank while you credit a cowardly
editorship and corporate media with a by because they've been
distracted by said cranks. I suspect cranks are a symptom not a
cause.

I think many of these 'editors' are very aware of what they
could be taking about and don't, not because the evidence
doesn't warrant it, we know it does, but because the guys who
hold their traces give unsubtle jerks on them. Whatever Mr.

Bryant lacks in tact he more than makes up for in consistency, focus, and perseverance. Bang on a big rock with a little hammer enough times and the rock cracks, Mr. Bueche, in a manner that the pointedly ignored collegiate just won't accomplish. Squeaky wheels get grease.

You allow above that other approaches are more productive. Could you refresh me regarding what they are?

Be that as it may, this was a disheartening drubbing on a guy who asked for feedback in the first place, when all that really needed to be said was an inclusive admonition that a little more tact might harden the point of his pick a little bit. I can understand Mr. Bryant's outrage, at any rate, and can admire his constructive and lawful approach in dealing with it. I admire his pluck and courage... why can't you?

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 13:00:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 07:47:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Ledger

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 18:57:27 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

<snip>

>But that's the logic of your own argument, simply calling that
>unknown metaphysical phenomenon an ET with a technology like
>magic doesn't alter things at all.

>My feeling is that we should simply ditch trying to explain
>apparent anomalies by invoking non human intelligences of any
>description whatever.

Well, the church has been getting away with it for years. And so
much for Santa Claus.

Don Ledger

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Re: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 14:05:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 07:51:45 -0500
Subject: Re: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise - Ledger

>From: David Chace <davidwchace.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 00:03:35 -0800
>Subject: Re: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 10:26:41 -0000
>>Subject: Re: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise

<snip>

>>3. Is there even one authenticated case of UFOs "crashing on
>>government property"? Which government property was
>>lucky enough to experience this ET visit?

>I suppose it depends on who you believe, and what, exactly you
>mean by "authenticated".

One question. Can we say it is safe to say, that the government
would/will/could and did cover these events up if they occurred?

That has to be addressed. Because if the government [take your
pick] does regularly cover up events to :

- 1) Maintain its power base and control.
- 2) Protect sensitive and power enhancing technology [see # one].
- 3) Avoid embarrassment

Then any of these events were possible

I don't expect an answer to this question because we've been
batting around these same questions for as long as I've been on
this list, which is at least 8 years. Different names, same
questions. This is not new ground.

Don Ledger

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Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Rogerson

From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 18:53:04 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 07:54:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Rogerson

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Dec 2004 16:04:37 -0600
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Clark

>>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 04 Dec 2004 18:28:01 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

<snip>

>>Images of 1940s and 1950s ideas of a superior technology only
>>in the sense that in order to inspect the earth you would have
>>to send macroscopic, populated probes into the atmosphere, and
>>not referring to any particular shape. Though the Childes-
>>Whitted rocket ship clearly was derived from science fiction
>>illustrations of the period.

>>All of this makes my point about the uselessness of the ETH as
>>an explanation for UFO reports. Explaining anomalous
>>experiences by referring to something we don't even know exists,
>>let alone what its properties and capacities are is pointless.

>This from the guy who once championed "birth trauma" -
>"something [that] we don't even know exists" - as an
>"explanation" for the abduction phenomenon.

>Now it's time for Peter to take the gospel to all those SETI
>types who are forever "referring to something [that] we don't
>even know exists," speculating about its nature, and working on
>strategies to contact it.

Sorry Jerry but I have never been a champion of the birth trauma hypothesis, and am very sceptical of it. To be fair however it did have some of the properties of a scientific theory. It failed because it was falsified by what we know (or think we know) about the organisation of the neonates brain and sensory abilities.

As I keep saying, the problem with the ETH and its more exotic brethren is that they are unfalsifiable infinitely elastic hypotheses.

Jerry has made this point on a number occasions about paranormal explanations but seems to have a slight difficulty realising that invoking a technology so advanced as to be like magic is only verbally different from a paranormal explanation.

Peter Rogerson

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Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 17:06:21 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 07:56:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Sparks

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 09:16:25 -0800
>Subject: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>Having always been annoyed by the apparent hypocrisy that
>Astronomers exhibit (specically SETI folk)in regards to
>evidence/data towards Ufology, I posed the following question to
>Frank Drake:

<snip>

>However, the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and
>UFOlogy are actually the same. In both cases we look for well-
>observed, calibrated data, which can be verified by repeat
>observations or experiments, best done by more than one
>observer.

Drake says best done by more than one observer, but not a rigid
rule, so it does not always have to be the case.

Drake should have been reminded of the various phenomena in
astronomy and astrophysics which are validly accepted one-shot
brief observations, not repeatable, and not repeated except in the
sense that something similar happens again at unpredictable
random times -- such as meteor fireballs, gamma-ray bursts,
and supernovas. These are like UFO incidents in that respect.

>FW: Allow me to play devil's advocate based on your affirmation
>of equality in regards to evidentiary protocol of Astronomy and
>Ufology.

<snip>

>1). Can we state emphatically that there aren't "other forces"
>in the universe that aren't currently known that would "mimic"
>the pull" caused by gravity of a "Jupiter sized planet?" Could
>another "space borne" object of the same mass cause the wobble?

>2). Are there other actions that could affect "Doppler Shift,"
>or any other form of detection in the same manner that "star
>wobble" does, e.g., pulsations etc.?

>3). Given the fact that the most detection methods of "extra-
>solar planets" is relatively new, (with technology expanding by
>leaps and bounds) and not without controversy, i.e.,("Barnard's
>Star and possible planetary bodies, David Gray's disputation of
>51 Peg,") isn't possible that either "new information" could
>surface, or the interpretation of the data may change, and
>affect the current conclusions?

>IMHO if the answers to any of the afore mentioned questions is
>"unknown" or "it's possible," then that would leave "some"
>doubt, albeit little to the "absolute existence" of extra-solar
>planets based on the current methodologies used for their
>reality; that said, what we're left with is strong
>"circumstantial evidence" in support of the "theory" of extra-
>solar planets."

<snip>

After Drake read this he no doubt came away confirmed in his mind once again that UFO activists are typical extremist fanatics who can't meet a scientific argument headon with solid scientific facts so they nitpick around the edges arguing for the most extreme positions, with special pleading "it's remotely possible ... it could be ... maybe" etc. Either you have solid scientific evidence of UFO's or you don't. He must conclude once again after 40 years of similar encounters with UFO enthusiasts that they don't have any solid scientific evidence, and furthermore they are too naive even to realize that they don't.

What they want to hear about is cases where top scientists have made the observations, multiple observers, triangulations, measurements, calibrations, instruments, quantitative data, error bars, etc.

Instead of the tired old repetitions of Arnold, Roswell, Rendlesham, and other controversial cases, let's hear more about cases like the world's leading meteoritics astronomer who with 3 other witnesses sighted a 200-foot white ellipsoidal object maneuvering at high speed in and out of clouds at known distance in broad daylight, with all the numerical data, date, time, azimuths, elevations, angular size, speeds, distance, error bars, etc. Or the Defense Dept.'s top R&D official who sighted a 600-foot metallic sphere hovering in broad daylight which shot up out of sight, and was witnessed in part by an airline pilot whose plane the official saw in the sky, and who provided a triangulation that confirmed the DOD official's distance estimate. Or the supersecret ELINT (Electronic Intelligence) aircraft on a training mission that tracked a radar-emitting UFO pacing and overtaking the jet at the same time that a known ground radar was also detected on the ELINT equipment, thus providing the world's first real-time "calibration" of a UFO instrumented measurement which proved the accuracy and working condition of the equipment, and which detection was further confirmed by the crew's visual sighting and ground and airborne radar tracking of the UFO. Or the Army and AF UFO tracking networks that obtained multiple triangulations of UFO's, etc.

It is typical of the UFO community to not have its act together, unable to cite the best scientific evidence for UFO's because it does not have the foggiest notion of what "best scientific evidence" looks like or what it means. Typically a UFO enthusiast thinks the "best" cases are simply his favorite pet cases, selected out of emotional sentimental attachment, without any rational scientific basis. A rational scientific set of criteria will prefer scientists and engineers as witnesses (prefer not exclude all others), sightings lasting 1 minute or more, multiple witnesses, angular size Full Moon or greater, and of course have all the damned date-time-location-azimuth-elevation data, too. If any of the criteria are to be relaxed in a given case then the rest of the case had better make up for it in some other way. Scientists who are genuine are not unreasonable and just want to have a reasonable case presented, and not something sloppy, ill-conceived, or scatter-brained.

Typically the UFO proponent in desperation will cite some big 500-page or 1,000-page tome and say "All the UFO proof is in there! Go read it!" Whereas in fact the huge tomes are hopeless hodge-podges of bad cases, good cases, mediocre cases, erroneous cases, all intermixed according to some order (maybe alphabetical or chronological) that has nothing whatsoever to do with selecting best cases according to any scientific or quasi-scientific criteria ("criteria" is plural by the way, and "criterion" is singular). Indeed those few books were not really written for the purpose of presenting the best scientific case for the UFO to scientists. They were written for other worthy purposes, but let's not kid ourselves, though, they were not specially designed to state the case to scientists.

Busy scientists want to read something in a familiar format with data presented in a familiar knowledgeable fashion, that does not run to hundreds and hundreds or thousands of pages. They're not going to read through huge books, multiple books, looking for something they don't even think is there, with not a clue as to what to look for. However if they saw a scientifically smartly presented case they would know it. If they were presented a list of scientific criteria for best UFO cases they

could assent to them and grasp the strength of the case made based on those criteria.

Another typical intellectually lazy tactic of the UFO community is to point to the 100,000 pages of AF UFO files and say "It's all in there! Go see for yourself. There's plenty of evidence of UFO's!" Drake is not going to set aside the better part of a year of his life going through 100,000 pages on a clunky microfilm reader! Let me tell you I've spent weeks doing that and after a while you literally get dizzy from the moving images across the screen. It's not good for your health.

But the UFO community has had these microfilms for almost 30 years now since their public release by the National Archives on July 12, 1976, and yet there has been almost nothing done to process and sift through these cases for what McDonald estimated could be about 3,000 to 4,000 Unknowns. With supposedly hundreds, maybe thousands, of UFO investigators and researchers there should have been plenty of manpower and money to systematically go through the 94 microfilm reels and pick out the best UFO cases for further study. But this was never done.

For my part I have been going through what AF files I can afford to go through with limited time and resources. I have started a Comprehensive Catalog of 1,500 Blue Book Unknowns which is available on various websites such as CUFOS, NICAP, NIDS, and at least one ripoff website, but note that the latest revision is Version 1.7 and anything earlier is out of date. I am working with the Blue Book Archive Project started by Will Wise, to try to get the entire BB files, both sanitized and unsanitized versions, online on the Web for easy access by researchers worldwide.

Ultimately this effort will enable a powerful scientific case for the UFO to be presented to the scientific community in a well-packaged readable format, where they don't have to be overloaded with too much data mixed in with so much noise, and won't be told to go read through 100,000 pages themselves.

>FW: Here I have to respectfully disagree; you stated that the >criterion for the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and >UFOlogy are actually the same. In both cases we look for:

- >1). Well-observed, calibrated data.
- >2). Verification by repeat observations or experiments.
- >3). Multiple observers.

See above where I've more than answered the above points.

>First let me clarify some points: The bulk of UFO reports over >the last 60 years after thorough investigation, can be >attributed to more conventional explanations, e.g., known >aircraft, celestial bodies etc.; however, the ones addressed >here are the smaller percentage that cannot be explained in a >conventional manner.
<snip>

Well first off that's just not true. The "bulk of UFO reports over the last 60 years after thorough investigation" have not been attributed to conventional explanations, IFO's, etc. The bulk of reports have not been thoroughly investigated or cursorily investigated. Most "UFO" cases are neither properly screened UFO cases under Hynek's screening protocol, nor definitely established IFO's, nor thoroughly investigated. They are in a limbo state.

In the early days of Blue Book, the IFO's and hoaxes were running at about only 11%. Let me repeat, there were only 11% IFO's and hoaxes. There were 27% Unknowns. Then they introduced a highly misleading statistical trick whereby all the Possible and Probable categories of IFO's were lumped all together as if they were definitely Known IFO's, and this inflated the IFO's by about another 40% quite dishonestly. And then they started shoving the 23% Insufficient Data cases into those Possible IFO's, and many of the Unknowns as well. Eventually they would say there were only a few percent Unknown or Unidentified, all based on dishonest statistical tricks. And we in the UFO community still fall prey to the same AF trick year after year repeating the same falsehood. We never learn.

Brad Sparks

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Subject: Re: Good News For Causality - King

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 11:27:36 -0500
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
>>To: Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 18:13:39 -0800
>>Subject: Good News For Causality

>>Recently there was some discussion about sending signals or
>>information faster than light.

<snip>

>In the spirit of some here at UFO Updates, lets leave open
>possibilities and not be constrained by a few phycisists who
>have a mind-set keeping them shackled to archaic views and a
>misplaced homage to the great Einsten's theories.

Hi Rich, Larry and List,

What is interesting to me in all this discussion of what is or
is not possible is the fact that to date we have learned that
more than 90% of the matter in the observable universe is of a
nature that we cannot accurately describe or understand.

Our more familiar form of matter is but a small subset of what
is.

Is it not possible that all our assumptions and observations
about our surroundings are likewise but a subset of the truth?
If so, the idea of faster than light travel might be a
constraint of our own creation, and not a constant at all.
Plato, Euclid, Einstein, Heisenberg, et. al. all have
contributed to our understanding and definitions of objective
reality. Yet none of them describe a whole. They only describe a
fleeting glimpse of a small subset of matter and energy that
exist in our narrow, visible spectrum.

Try to describe a tesseract to a person of Plato's time, or try
to describe General Relativity to a Maori warrior. Remember well
the blank stare you receive. In the distant future, you will be
that same Platonic innocent, and that Maori warrior, and you
would be the one with the blank stare. One fact is inescapable,
there is more that we do not know than we do.

In response to those that hold that impractical dreams and
flights of fancy are but a waste of time, I would ask, and what
exactly is time, and what exactly have we done so far that has
not been proven to be a waste? Our modern technology kills us,
destroys the planet, deforms our babies, and will eventually
lead to our extinction, unless some dreamer comes up with an
alternative.

When someone says, Yes, but no civilization can travel such vast
distances in a lifetime, I say, what does the ant think of us...
we live forever in their view, travel vast distances in seconds

that would take an ant infinite lifetimes to traverse. Is it not possible that we are the ants, and are basing our assumptions on a myopic, egocentric, and fatally flawed database of *facts* that describe nothing so much as our small, two-dimensional ant-farm?

We cannot communicate with ants, yet we observe them, analyze their social hierarchy, invade, mutilate and dissect them, yet we have no idea what they make of all this, nor do we really care. We assume a superiority that lends us the ability to do all of this and not lose any sleep over it.

Is it not possible that we are not so far removed from the ants, and are similarly observed, analyzed, invaded, mutilated and dissected by a form of life that considers us no different?

If so, would we not be stupefied by their technology, their ability to traverse vast distances in an eye-blink, and wince at their apparent lack of compassion, or inability to communicate?

Most of what is out there is unknown to us. To install blinders, and stick to what we know is ultimately a conceit in my view. It is no different than thinking that we are the only sentient life anywhere.

My guess is that whenever we reach that moment when we understand the universe around us... if we don't annihilate ourselves first... it will be the result of some ridiculous theory cooked up by a dreamer who did lousy in school, and who was roundly ostracized for his impractical, pie in the sky fantasies, and who probably died before his ideas were accepted.

Happy... and Hopeful... Holidays to all!

Kyle

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Latest On Bryant v. Rumsfeld et al

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <overtci.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 17:31:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 08:00:37 -0500
Subject: Latest On Bryant v. Rumsfeld et al

== Update on Bryant v. Rumsfeld et al ==

By Larry W. Bryant

On Dec. 6, 2004, counsel for the plaintiff and for the defendants met in Courtroom No. 11 of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Called there by the assigned judge in this case, they spent about 30 minutes responding to the judge's proposed schedule for the parties' submission of further pleadings - to include plans for discovery and prospective motions to bring the case to trial within the next few months.

A brief side discussion dealt with the prospect of my imminent filing of a follow-on lawsuit against Secretary Rumsfeld, the secretaries of Army/Air Force/Navy, and the commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps - contesting those officials' subordinates' out-of-hand rejection of several of my whistleblower-solicitation ads recently submitted to various military newspapers under their jurisdiction. The rejections cited the anti-political-ads provision of DoD Instruction 5120.4, a restriction that, in my view, will fail to pass constitutional muster.

At the hearing's conclusion, the judge mentioned the likelihood of the court's consolidating these two interrelated cases.

Welcome to Room No. 11 of Bryant's Bleak House.

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Re: UK National Archives On UFOs - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 22:36:16 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 08:01:56 -0500
Subject: Re: UK National Archives On UFOs - Pope

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2004 1:03 PM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: UK National Archives On UFOs

>Source: The National Archives - UK

><http://www.catalogue.nationalarchives.gov.uk/rdleaflet.asp?sLeafletID=389>

>11-05-04

>Research Notes 6

>Research notes have been compiled by staff in The National
>Archives and other government departments in the course of their
>work to assist staff and researchers. They have been created
>from a wide variety of sources and are related to specific
>queries. Research notes should not be considered comprehensive
>and it is likely that further information can be found by
>undertaking bibliographic research and searching the Catalogue
>(www.catalogue.nationalarchives.gov.uk).

>Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)

<snip>

The National Archives research notes on UFOs were adapted from
an article that Georgina Bruni and I wrote, documenting the
British Government's handling of the UFO issue up until the
Fifties.

A copy of the full article can be found at the following link:

http://www.nickpope.net/official_history.htm

This was not an official project undertaken in my capacity as an
employee of the Ministry of Defence. The article was written
after my tour of duty on the MOD's UFO project. The decision to
use this article as the basis of the official guidance issued by
the National Archives was not mine or the MOD's. It was a
decision taken solely by staff at the National Archives.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB -

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 22:40:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 08:03:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 11:22:16 -0600
>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 17:40:37 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB 'Beam'

>><snip>

>>Why do you phrase your advertisements in such a deliberately
>>confrontational way? Is it because you actually *want* them to
>>be refused in order to provide confirmation for your theories
>>government censorship? If fact, from the wording above, it's not
>>even clear what kind of information you are seeking that might
>>attract "whistleblowers".

>>I suspect that really you're just trying to wind-up the
>>authorities for your own satisfaction, and I think a more
>>neutrally phrased advertisement might produce more productive
>>results.

>Be that as it may, this was a disheartening drubbing on a guy
>who asked for feedback in the first place, when all that really
>needed to be said was an inclusive admonition that a little more
>tact might harden the point of his pick a little bit. I can
>understand Mr. Bryant's outrage, at any rate, and can admire his
>constructive and lawful approach in dealing with it. I admire
>his pluck and courage... why can't you?

Because it is pointless, ineffective, and makes ufologists look
like motivated cranks. I'm sure Larry Bryant knows this, but he
seems to have his own agenda in attempting to put these
unnecessarily provocative adverts into service newspapers, and
letting us all know about it when they are understandably
rejected.

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John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 16:48:52 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 08:06:37 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 10:51:31 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 09:58:35 -0600
>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 12:32:12 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

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>person just have a different opinion than you and not get
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>Finally, regarding our difference in viewpoints, I think
>dreamers are fine and realists are fine. It takes all kinds in
>this world. Both optimists and pessimists are needed. But there
>is no need for rancor, only for courteous debate and discussion!

Hi James,

In case you missed it, Alfred has made it quite plain that in his view, the time for courtesy is past, and he has taken the proverbial gloves off.

While I am certainly not a Lehmborg yes-man, there is cause for reflection on this.

We live in a time when ignorance is exalted, when an unsavory clinging to outmoded beliefs rules the day, when an errant boob revealed on a medium rightly called the *boob tube* is considered obscene while bombing, maiming and killing are called 'freedom on the march'.

We have leaders who are suspicious of intellect, and who gain high office by appealing to our fears and prejudices rather than our hopes and dreams, and then pack their team with like-minded drones who spout the party line because it is the party line.

We live in a Lewis Carroll world in which a good education is available only to those who detest it, and where religion dictates policy.

The feeble cries of Anarchy Now, dimmed from time and repetition, seem more fitting now than ever.

Your views are suspect because of their rigidity, and their adherence to something you call realism, when what is real is all too often based on nothing more than the popular viewpoint.

That it is the popular viewpoint is a danger sign to those who understand that majorities often rule, but they do not necessarily represent the truth.

In this light, I find much more comfort with Mr. Lehmborg's reactionary rhetoric, and even, I daresay, in his often labyrinthine prose.

Note... I am not defending Mr. Lehmborg, nor do I follow lockstep with his pronouncements. He is utterly capable of providing his own defense.

I am simply sickened by the developments we have become accustomed to calling progress, by what is considered just, and what is considered impossible, impractical and unrealistic.

So as we threaten other nations for their nuclear ambitions while we devise new and more insidious nuclear weapons, while we decry tainted elections elsewhere while claiming a mandate in our own, while we call tearing down forests conservation, describe polluting the air as making it clean, and call the death penalty justice while calling abortion murder, I am at a loss to find a practical, realistic meaning to it all.

Koyaanisqatsi, indeed.

I am not so much a dreamer as one who is simply ready to awaken from the nightmare.

Regards,

Kyle

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Betty Hill Autographed Alien

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 18:16:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 08:09:35 -0500
Subject: Betty Hill Autographed Alien

It's come to this... as I must pay bills and make space for more donated cryptozoological items coming in daily.

This is the ideal holiday gift for your favorite ufologist who has everything.

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=5542055628>

Thanks for looking,

Loren

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CCCRN News: Canadian Crop Circle Mapping Project

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 17:14:23 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 08:11:01 -0500
Subject: CCCRN News: Canadian Crop Circle Mapping Project

CCCRN NEWS
E-News from the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

December 7, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

CANADIAN CROP CIRCLE MAPPING PROJECT

A new mapping project by Paul Anderson is nearing completion, documenting for the first time the distribution of all known formation reports on both national and provincial/territorial maps (currently 269 from 1925-2004; see the Crop Circles in Canada Archives on the web site).

This is the the most comprehensive mapping done of Canadian formations to date, including historical reports from all available research resources (personal accounts, archives, databases, etc.), a significant number of which have been reported to CCCRN over the last several years.

Locations for each provincial/territorial map will also be numbered and listed alphabetically for easy reference. The maps will be posted to the web site once completed. These maps will then be later combined with geological maps to further evaluate any possible geological connections with formation locations.

The Crop Circles in Canada Archives have also been updated to include statistical breakdowns of formations by crop / vegetation as well as by province / territory and year. The format of the older archives is still in the process of being updated for consistency with more recent years. All reports are now also listed by individual year, instead of the previous "1950s, 1960s, etc." for older archives.

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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>>You chose instead to insult my character,
>>impugn my sensibility, and mock my style.

>You get so offended when someone disagrees with you.

Nonsense. I get offended when I perceive I'm being insulted, impugned, or mocked to any degree, by any person, and for any reason. To paraphrase a little Melville, Sir, I'd strike the sun if it offended me. I'm not one to turn the other cheek.

>Can't a
>person just have a different opinion than you and not get
>lambasted by your sometimes rude, insulting verbosity?

Of course, Mr. Smith, if a difference of opinion was all it was. But it was not. Don't insult the forum by suggesting it was. As to rude and insulting verbosity? Well -- there you go again...

Moreover, it's not a Lambaste, Mr. Smith, it's a "Lehm-baste" <LOL> - what's 'affectionately' known over here, for years now, as getting "Lehmberged". Thanks for helping to coin a term for it. It only happens to the richly deserving, usually some pompous dragon that comes strutting out of its CSICOPian cave, and actually, Sir, has yet to happen to you.

>I don't think I insulted your character.

Cheese and rotted milk, Mr. Smith. Your perceptions are not in line with your insights.

>I imagine you are
>sincere and intelligent and don't hurt small animals and likely
>give to the Salvation Army. What of it? But, if I have insulted
>your character then I apologize.

Perhaps I over-reacted to your veiled characterization of me as an automated dispenser of (inane?) obscurities, a man who can't stand and deliver, and an opium user?

>Regarding "impugning your sensibility", I cannot think how I did
>this. Impugn means (note: to confirm the meaning of the word for
>discussion, not that you don't know the meaning) "to challenge
>or to call into question", usually the integrity of truth of a
>person, but in this case you say sensibility (I assume mental

>responsiveness and awareness). If you are offended that I am
>challenging your awareness of the reality/practicality of the
>various proposed projects, then I suppose I am guilty.

Mr. Smith (a man who must call the kettle black regarding accusations of verbosity), you must be aware that human beings can do (and have done) anything they put their minds and hearts to. Lately we even re-create God in our own image, so we won't belabor that. Your manner in response (actually a lack of same) to my expressions regarding stepping stone asteroids has provided abundant cause for me to be offended. Offended by the assumptions you seem to make. Offended by your inappropriately pedantic manner. Offended by your reflex disrespect. Offended by your inability to step outside the box in a forum that typifies it... I could go on...

>Doesn't
>seem like a big deal in a discussion.

This could be something else you might be wrong about.

>Sadly, you seem to take
>offense to a free discussion of ideas.

I'd suggest you seem to take offense when your readership won't reflexively genuflect at your portentous arrogance, inflated hubris, and sneering manner.

>What do you want? A choir
>of yes-men?

I don't even want the choir. I demand respect, is all.

>Is the fabric of your dreams so delicate that it
>cannot withstand my non-aggressive remarks?

Astonishing! As a person who believes that if heaven can fall it probably should fall, I may be seen also as a person who won't have inordinate difficulty defending my dreams or giving up on them altogether when it's appropriate. Moreover, a sneer is an aggression, Sir.

>It seems that
>viewpoint's like mine should provide less of a wet blanket to
>you than an incentive to figure out how to achieve your dream.

Nonsense. I suspect that this was not your intention, Mr. Smith. Your manner is an impedance, Sir, and not an incentive. Besides, your conventional wisdoms about asteroid mining and transportation fall to pieces the moment we detect a planet-killer bearing down on us in fact. You know that to be true.

>Sure, on Star Trek someone dreamed up communicators weirdly like
>cell phones. Did this mean anyone did anything to make cell
>phones due to the Star Trek dream? No. It was based on market
>forces and independent realists who took an idea into the real
>world.

Independent realists inspired by 1930s pulp magazines, half a century of quality science fiction, and Star Trek, of course. Art Clark writes compellingly about communications satellites and they materialize into existence. It's almost that simple, Mr. Smith. Some dreamer had to have the idea first.

>Regarding mocking your style, I think mocking is too aggressive
>a term.

You might have another 'think' coming, Sir.

>But I do think it is very hard to understand your
>opinion sometimes as derived from your prose. I, for some odd
>reason, cannot process mentally some of your paragraphs.

We can take them word for word, Sir. Trouble is, they oftentimes get into areas that the respondent isn't comfortable getting into.

>An
>impressive feat I may say, but there is a law of diminishing
>returns and I reach that limit too often with your paragraphs.

The delete key may be appropriate, Sir, in as much as you seem to have a predilection for mocking and sneering, and I won't sit still for it. Antithetical to your (I think self-imposed) lack of understanding, other folks have reported that the communication becomes clearer on subsequent readings you intimate you're not up for. Pity.

>But then this may simply be my own limited mental ability, so I
>am sorry for being unable to understand what you are writing in
>those cases.

Unwilling more than unable, I'd suggest. Your mental ability is not in question, Sir. Neither is mine.

>Also, your liberal sprinkling of "Sirs" reminds me
>of an English manservant addressing his employer.

...And that's so ludicrous it must then be my insistence on a certain formality in contention.

>You, in fact,
>dilute the meaning and power of "Sir" by its repetitive use
>which seems to be of no more importance, in context, than a
>colon or question mark.

...or an expletive, Mr. Smith?

>"Sir" should really be used when it is
>meant and I FEEL that you do not in most cases.

I guess my definition of appropriate manners diverges from yours, considerably.

>But this is a
>personal decision in your style and I have no right to ask you
>to stop.

You think?

>I chime in with a Sir or two to try to make you feel
>comfortable.

That provoked a pronounced snort over here on this end, Mr. Smith, and like Wendy Connors wrote, required a little clean-up on CRT and keyboard.

>Sorry it did not work and you think I am mocking
>you.

Alone and without complication, this sentence would only have gained an apology accepted. Complicated as it was with all that has gone before I can only stand with arms akimbo and eyes askance.

>Finally, regarding our difference in viewpoints, I think
>dreamers are fine and realists are fine. It takes all kinds in
>this world. Both optimists and pessimists are needed. But there
>is no need for rancor, only for courteous debate and discussion!

No argument with any of that, Sir. Would that you had taken your own lesson. But that's all behind us now... <g>

So... ever see a UFO?

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>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

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>>To: Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>Physicists in Switzerland have confirmed that information
>>cannot be transmitted faster than the speed of light.

>Having a second shot 'cos it seems someone may be trying to
>orchestrate a dumb-down (of joe public) over experimental
>results that have already been kept fairly quiet for some
>decades now.

>It's all about "entanglement info" - which is shown to travel
>over arbitrary distances 'instantaneously' - no matter how far,
>with whatever intervening!

><http://online.itp.ucsb.edu/online/collog/aspect1/>

>Clearly that "info" cannot be traveling via any form of radiation
>or energy known to modern science - unless someone is keeping a
>tight lid on it.

>But there are simple experiments anyone can do to demonstrate
>that mysterious force, which the scientists cannot or will not
>explain.

"...demonstrate that mysterious force..." You mean demonstrate
the "force" that corresponds to "entanglement" or have you in
mind some other "force?"

>What experiments?

>Spin a coin on a table, or a spinning-top, or ride a bicycle or
>motor-bike.

>Yup - all those have 'unexplained stability' - staying upright
>mainly - which science can't understand or explain (although
>you'll find many long "descriptions").

>That stability obviously (IMHO) comes from the same force that
>gives 'inertia' - another unexplainable phenomenon - to mass
>(because that weird stability is merely 'added inertia').

So you explain one "unknown" - for example, why a spinning top
stays on its point - with another "unknown" - a force that
"creates" inertia?

Incidentally, you could ask the same question with regard to
linear motion without rotation: why does an air hockey puck keep
traveling in one direction after you push it (until it hits a
wall)? It's the same "spooky" inertia (which I call basic
Newtonian "memory"... see:

<http://brumac.8k.com/AbductionInLife/INTELLECTON.htm>

Perhaps the spookiest "force " around is memory; without it there would be no "existence"... or, if there were existence, no one would realize it.

>And, almost as obviously, from the same "instantaneous force" >which holds matter together and links all `particle info' - >universally.

Matter is generally held together by electromagnetic forces and when enough matter is collected in one "small" volume, gravity forces (whatever they are; warped spacetime with the amount of warp determined by the mass... whatever that is) become important.

>Now that was fairly easy to grasp even for dumb clucks like us - >so why is mainstream science acting so scared?

>Ask about any of the above effects and you'll get a forced laugh >- "Ha-ha You're not asking me about spinning-tops are you?" (or >gyroscopes etc)

Actually, the bottom line is, that we don't really have a clue as to what is really going on!

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Re: Anyone Review The Smoking Gun Site's UFO

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 22:52:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 08:19:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Anyone Review The Smoking Gun Site's UFO

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2004 14:45:50 EST
>Subject: Re: Anyone Review The Smoking Gun Site's UFO Results?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 10:42:24 EST
>>Subject: Anyone Review The Smoking Gun Site's UFO Results?

>>I'm sure you've all heard of this website:

>><http://www.thesmokinggun.com/archive/ufo.html>

>>They obtained some documents in a brief reply when they inquired
>>about UFOs from the government.

>It's just the garbage Blue Book AF press release! Why is anyone
>wasting time with this monotonous trash?

Obviously the 'naive people' at The Smoking Gun didn't get the
'rest of the story' from the FBI (1600 more pages!) which
includes some_really_interesting statements about the UFO
situation made by AF intelligence in 1952 and saved in the FBI
file - see the UFO FBI Connection.

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Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 08:17:01 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 13:08:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB -

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 22:40:01 +0000
>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 11:22:16 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB

<snip>

>>>I suspect that really you're just trying to wind-up the
>>>authorities for your own satisfaction, and I think a more
>>>neutrally phrased advertisement might produce more productive
>>>results.

>>Be that as it may, this was a disheartening drubbing on a guy
>>who asked for feedback in the first place, when all that really
>>needed to be said was an inclusive admonition that a little more
>>tact might harden the point of his pick a little bit. I can
>>understand Mr. Bryant's outrage, at any rate, and can admire his
>>constructive and lawful approach in dealing with it. I admire
>>his pluck and courage... why can't you?

>Because it is pointless, ineffective, and makes ufologists look
>like motivated cranks.

Canted Nonsense, Mr. Rimmer. You only demonstrate that you
either didn't hear a word I said, or you are deliberately making
selective commentary. And forgetting, Sir, that positive
mainstream regard for ufologists has not been demonstrated as
one of your major concerns and is patently ludicrous because the
discredit of ufologists and ufology seems an occupation with
you, your crocodile tears of concern, now, only wrap you in the
mantle of the biased ideologue. You play yourself false, Sir.
I'm certain I'm not the only one to notice.

You are not an arbiter in this discussion, Mr. Rimmer. You are
too obviously partisan.

>I'm sure Larry Bryant knows this, but he
>seems to have his own agenda in attempting to put these
>unnecessarily provocative adverts into service newspapers, and
>letting us all know about it when they are understandably
>rejected.

I suspect you don't have the slightest idea what Mr. Bryant
'knows', Mr. Rimmer. Moreover, his agenda is refreshingly plain,
forthright, and ethical whereas the agenda of the garden variety
'klasskurtzian' is decidedly less so. If we had more Larry
Bryant's and a soup'ce less Johann Rim'mar we might be a little
closer to getting our mainstream back, is my suspicion. Cranks
are not the cause, Sir. They are a symptom provoked by a disease
(an low pressure information void) facilitated by you and yours.

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Re: Good News For Causality? - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 08:33:27 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 13:10:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Lehmberg

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 22:52:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 12:02:01 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>>
>>>To: Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 18:13:39 -0800
>>>Subject: Good News For Causality

>>>Physicists in Switzerland have confirmed that information
>>>cannot be transmitted faster than the speed of light.

<snip>

>Actually, the bottom line is, that we don't really have a clue
>as to what is really going on!

My point exactly. When everything you 'know' is likely wrong,
maybe we could be a little more 'inclusive' regarding
extrapolation into an unknown with a known almost as unknown as
the unknown we'd pretend to attempt to identify.

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 08:08:59 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 13:17:49 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 17:23:55 -0600
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 10:51:31 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

Mr. Lehmborg,

I find it difficult to deal with your prose. Perhaps it is some failing in me. The thing is, it seems that whenever I make a remark it seems to offend you or insult you! (And I am sure that remark just did! And also that one!)

I am used to communicating to engineers/scientists. I have never come across someone like you before who seems to be very sincere but who takes offense at many statements I make! I feel like the kid in the classroom who doesn't raise his hand anymore because of being snapped at by the teacher.

If I wanted to be rude, believe me I can, but I don't think that accomplishes anything! It shows poor thinking and lack of argument.

>Perhaps I over-reacted to your veiled characterization of me as >an automated dispenser of (inane?) obscurities, a man who can't >stand and deliver, and an opium user?

Regarding "automated dispenser of obscurities" (Inane? don't put words in MY mouth!), you mentioned something (about prolonged life which I inferred meant downloading consciousness into computers. In that sense you would be automated, but alive! That you would behave in the same manner as in corporeal life and provide complicated prose (obscurities if you will), I think is a safe assumption.

That I was wrong in your desired method for prolonged life showed a lack of imagination and comprehensiveness on my part. Your concept of prolonging life using stem cells and such would SEEM possible within 50 years however I must point out to the dreamer that if this was made possible, it is highly unlikely that our civilization of only 50 years development is going to allow it to be used on any except the elite and rich. The reason is clear, there are too many people right now and too many old people who can no longer be productive. Increasing the life span of everyone will destroy our planet because of limited resources (people are not going to give up their right to have lots of babies). So it is clear that you or I will not get the nice drugs to live forever, only the guys at the top (unfortunately, in our world, the cream doesn't rise to the top, mainly the dregs). So we will end up with a world being controlled by people like the Supreme Court only more youthful, never retiring, making the world in their image, while we more ephemeral people come and go.

Did I say you were an opium user? No, I meant that dreamers in the past had opium dens to live in opium dream worlds! If you are offended, better to simply ask for clarification in a courteous manner rather than blaze an inferno at me!

>you must be aware that human beings
>can do (and have done) anything they put their minds and hearts
>to.

No. You are wrong. There is no world peace. There is no fusion reactor. There is no cancer vaccine. There is no population control (not War/Famine, but abstinence,etc).

>Your manner in response (actually a lack of same)
>to my expressions regarding stepping stone asteroids has
>provided abundant cause for me to be offended.

Actually, "stepping stone asteroids" is witty.

>...Offended by the
>assumptions you seem to make. Offended by your inappropriately
>pedantic manner. Offended by your reflex disrespect. Offended by
>your inability to step outside the box in a forum that typifies
>it... I could go on...

One man's "pedantic manner" is another man's straightforward prose. Disrespect? I can be disrespectful if you want some examples, but I have found it to be counter-productive. I can step outside the box better than most, but what you seem to really want is just a bunch of grinning yes-men to nod and wisely not comment (no comment is acceptance). All I do is point out technical considerations and practical realities, but you can't stand that! As I said before, we can dream about impossible things to no avail. But when you want to make them possible, you have to consider the practicalities!

>I'd suggest you seem to take offense when your readership won't
>reflexively genuflect at your portentous arrogance, inflated
>hubris, and sneering manner.

Incredible! I don't expect genuflection! How can you ever even reach these conclusions is amazing! Arrogance! Hubris! Sneering! Most ridiculous! My comments can be taken or left where they are. If you don't like them, simply ignore them Mr. Lehmberg! Maybe I should simply do the same with you.

>I don't even want the choir. I demand respect, is all.

But please tell me exactly how to show you respect. I could address you as Mr. Lehmberg. I can avoid calling you names. I can avoid criticizing your prose style.

>Moreover, a sneer is an aggression, Sir.

Well, I want you to know that in composing my responses I do not sneer. I simply use critical thought and as little emotionalism as possible. I am not banging the keyboard with my Pepsi or cursing or foaming at the mouth! As for textual sneering, this is more complicated and is apparently in the eye of the reader. If I am being aggressive in this way, I cannot filter it because it is not apparent.

>Nonsense. I suspect that this was not your intention, Mr. Smith.
>Your manner is an impedance, Sir, and not an incentive.

You don't know how engineering works apparently. To solve engineering problems you have to go out of the box but reality and practicality of funding/resources and time are needed to determine optimal solutions. Thus, my manner is a critical part of the problem solving process. And for you, it really should be an incentive to simply respond with appropriate counterarguments rather than attacking the messenger.

>Besides,
>your conventional wisdoms about asteroid mining and
>transportation fall to pieces the moment we detect a planet-
>killer bearing down on us in fact. You know that to be true.

It does not "fall to pieces". It is completely a part of my "practical manner". Specifically, if there is a known intersecting asteroid, then the damage calculations will show

the amount of money lost due to the damage. Then the world will weigh that against the cost of moving the asteroid. A trade study will be performed and a trade space searched for options and funding profiles/technology development scenarios and bottlenecks/critical paths. Then, when a reasonably costed program is determined, it will be implemented. But note that all these resources are being taken from other research programs or society sustenance programs. Someone will be on the losing end of the stick! Without an asteroid impact threat, such spending redistribution will not occur.

>Independent realists _inspired_ by 1930s pulp magazines, half a >century of quality science fiction, _and_ Star Trek, of course. >Art Clark writes compellingly about communications satellites >and they materialize into existence. It's almost that simple, >Mr. Smith. Some dreamer had to have the idea first.

I will agree that there IS something referred to as a "meme" that is the infusion into society of an accepted idea which can, somehow, influence future outcomes. How this works is unknown. I simply state that the dream is the easy part, while the practical implementation takes a long time. I can easily write a computer program that searches a large design space which is essentially "dreaming". But practical design solutions must meet development cost and time (and other) criteria or they will not be realized (at least given current physics or groundrules).

>>regarding prose difficulties<<

>We can take them word for word, Sir. Trouble is, they oftimes >get into areas that the respondent isn't comfortable getting >into.

Sorry, no. It is just that the sentence structure is either too complicated or apparently irrelevant. But don't worry, I feel the same about some of Ms. Rand's or Mr. Melville's books, so you are in good company.

>The delete key _may_ be appropriate, Sir, in as much as you seem >to have a predilection for mocking and sneering, and I won't sit >still for it. Antithetical to your (I think self-imposed) lack >of understanding , other folks have reported that the >communication becomes clearer on subsequent readings you >intimate you're not up for. Pity.

Well, if it was the Bible, I would wish to consider multiple readings, but I would not equate your prose with It's meaning.

>>But then this may simply be my own limited mental ability, so I >>am sorry for being unable to understand what you are writing in >>those cases.

>Unwilling more than unable, I'd suggest. Your mental ability is >not in question, Sir. Neither is mine.

Okay we are both smart. Perhaps, there is merit in your remark. I _am_ unwilling. But I think it due to laziness in trying to understand unusual concept formulations. Maybe I have a subconscious fear of such sentence structure due to too many English courses.

However, I would put the ball in the writer's court simply because if the writer has trouble getting his point across to his audience, what use is he? I have to write technical reports and presentations all the time. If I come across with some hard to understand work, I will get nailed for it!

>>Also, your liberal sprinkling of "Sirs" reminds me >>of an English manservant addressing his employer.

>...And that's so ludicrous it must then be my insistence on a >certain formality in contention.

Okay, so if you like the guy, you add no Sirs, but if you dislike him or are opposed to him you do add Sir. Interesting. Well, I will try to ignore them since they don't help or hurt the issue at hand.

>>You, in fact, >>dilute the meaning and power of "Sir" by its repetitive use >>which seems to be of no more importance, in context, than a

>>colon or question mark.

>...or an expletive, Mr. Smith?

I don't use expletives in my posts. Are you implying that you _mean_ "Sir" to be an expletive. That would be very subtle and clever of you if so... something I would not do.

>>"Sir" should really be used when it is
>>meant and I FEEL that you do not in most cases.

>I guess my definition of appropriate manners diverges from
>yours, considerably.

I suppose. It just seems that you scatter them like birdseed.
Whatever.

>>I chime in with a Sir or two to try to make you feel
>>comfortable.

>That provoked a pronounced snort over here on this end, Mr.
>Smith, and like Wendy Connors wrote, required a little clean-up
>on CRT and keyboard.

Really? Well, I must be more careful!

>>Sorry it did not work and you think I am mocking
>>you.

>Alone and without complication, this sentence would only have
>gained an apology accepted. Complicated as it was with all that
>has gone before I can only stand with arms akimbo and eyes
>askance.

Still, I mean it. It is hard to figure out how to react to your
comments. I shall omit the use of "Sir" to stop "mocking" you.

>>Finally, regarding our difference in viewpoints, I think
>>dreamers are fine and realists are fine. It takes all kinds in
>>this world. Both optimists and pessimists are needed. But there
>>is no need for rancor, only for courteous debate and discussion!

>No argument with any of that, Sir. Would that you had taken
>your own lesson. But that's all behind us now... <g>

>So... ever see a UFO?

Yes. Over D.C. A black disc in front of the Sun visible only
because of fog and sun glasses. Not a sun spot or helicopter.
Seen in the morning for 4 miles on Rt 66 going toward D.C..
Stayed in same spot relative to the Sun's surface. Angle implied
at stratospheric altitude (or somewhat below) over D.C.. Either
a military airship platform (but this was 3 yrs prior to 9/11)
or alien vehicle. Either option could use a relatively simple
camouflage technique to not be seen EXCEPT when in front of the
Sun. My guess is that our military had no such platform, indeed
they are funding work right now for such platforms.

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Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 10:14:52 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 13:21:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 18:53:04 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 4 Dec 2004 16:04:37 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Clark

>>This from the guy who once championed "birth trauma" -
>>"something [that] we don't even know exists" - as an
>>"explanation" for the abduction phenomenon.

>>Now it's time for Peter to take the gospel to all those SETI
>>types who are forever "referring to something [that] we don't
>>even know exists," speculating about its nature, and working on
>>strategies to contact it.

Peter lets this one go by. Gee, I wonder why. Well, folks, I'll
tell you: Peter loves to bash ufologists but knows his place
when it comes to authority figures.

>Sorry Jerry but I have never been a champion of the birth trauma
>hypothesis, and am very sceptical of it. To be fair however it
>did have some of the properties of a scientific theory. It
>failed because it was falsified by what we know (or think we
>know) about the organisation of the neonates brain and sensory
>abilities.

In reality, Magonia extolled the birth-trauma "hypothesis"
enthusiastically when Alvin Lawson first proposed it, and Peter
sang in the choir, that is, when he wasn't proposing the
Americans imagined abduction experiences because they fear
Hispanics. If it were worth my time, which it isn't, I'd dig
through old issues of the magazine for the appropriately
embarrassing quotes. Still, I'll take Peter's word for it that
he no longer believes it, and congratulate him for his good
sense, at least on this matter.

>As I keep saying, the problem with the ETH and its more exotic
>bretheren is that they are unfalsifiable infinitely elastic
>hypotheses.

If one holds falsifiability to be a criterion - a notion
generally now regarded by scientists as creaky and old-
fashioned, strongly disputed by Karl Popper's many critics - it
is true that only wreckage, machinery, and bodies are likely to
settle the issue. That's one reason, by the way, that I am
cautious in everything I've written about the ETH. Another
reason, of course, is that it's fun to drive pelicanists nuts.
Having nothing better to do with their time, they have devoted
many furious words to bashing me for my fence-sitting and
reading my thoughts. Out of that they've created a strawman, and
that's the one Peter now attacks.

Short of wreckage, machinery, and bodies, we're dealing with a
problem for which no solution is immediately in sight. But then
the other hypotheses - such as the ones Peter favors - haven't

exactly been falsifiable, either, and if anything less useful. I've yet to see a falsifiable version of the psychosocial hypothesis and/or the pelicanistic one - they are, of course, "unfalsifiable" and "infinitely elastic," as we learn with each "sceptic" posting on this List and with each issue of Magonia. If you're a pelicanist, you can just make it up as you go along, and if that weren't fun enough, you get to accuse everybody else of being irrational and pseudoscientific for doing exactly what you're doing. Golly, who wouldn't want to be a pelicanist?

>Jerry has made this point on a number occasions about
>paranormal explanations but seems to have a slight difficulty
>realising that invoking a technology so advanced as to be like
>magic is only verbally different from a paranormal explanation.

I have no idea what this is supposed to mean, except that pronouncements like these seem to give the likes of Peter great satisfaction as he goes about conjuring up ever more and more elastic, magical pelicans. Since it was Arthur Clarke who made the comparison of ETH technology to magic, I urge you to take your quarrel to him. Oh, wait a minute; he's an authority figure, isn't he? Sorry. Never mind.

Jerry Clark

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>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 16:48:52 -0600
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 10:51:31 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>Your views are suspect because of their rigidity, and their
>adherence to something you call realism, when what is real is
>all too often based on nothing more than the popular viewpoint.
>That it is the popular viewpoint is a danger sign to those who
>understand that majorities often rule, but they do not
>necessarily represent the truth.

As I said, a balance in dreaming and reality is needed. Dreams can provide "memes" into societal consciousness and culture that may influence reality. All I provides was considerations for the next step. All dreams can fit into what engineer's call the "design trade space" which is every conceivable way to do something. Then, the selection of the optimal dream or design is based on practical matters (cost, weight, reliability, safety or a complex combination). So I respect dreams. Realism is a tool to pick out the best approach. It may not even be related to popularity, although this could be one of the criteria to filter out dreams/designs.

>I am simply sickened by the developments we have become
>accustomed to calling progress, by what is considered just, and
>what is considered impossible, impractical and unrealistic.
>So as we threaten other nations for their nuclear ambitions
>while we devise new and more insidious nuclear weapons, while we
>decry tainted elections elsewhere while claiming a mandate in
>our own, while we call tearing down forests conservation,
>describe polluting the air as making it clean, and call the
>death penalty justice while calling abortion murder, I am at a
>loss to find a practical, realistic meaning to it all.

I sympathize with your feelings, I feel that way too (not that I am a liberal/Democrat). Its just that humanity's definition of progress is wrong. I am somewhat of a Luddite, oddly, based on the feeling that any tech we develop will find a way to cause negative results.

I mean, something like better medicine/drugs you would think is a no brainer. YES, that is good to do! But no, it causes a population problem. And it promotes reproduction of genetically inferior individuals. How about better food production? Same problem. Transportation/communication/ energy/chemistry all lead to us more easily destroying or torturing people.

But realism shows to me that this is the way humanity is. It has taken alot of time for humanity to reach this state. The efforts of us few disenchanteds souls to change it will not make a difference in the total outcome. You can't expect any practical, realistic meaning to reality other than what you make it. Whether you believe in an afterlife or not, the best policy

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still seems to be to help those around you as best you can and
to do no harm (unless they really deserve it ;).

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The Night Aliens Called On Lennon

They came in the darkness and had bug-like faces. Stranger still, they left a weird egg-shaped object behind. Uri Geller recalls his friend John Lennon's encounter with the unknown

There is an egg-like object in my pocket. It was given to me by John Lennon. And it was given to him by... well, I'll come to that.

We were eating in a restaurant in New York City. Yoko was with us, so this was after their big break-up and reconciliation. Yoko was expecting their child, Sean, and John was excited - he was going to love this baby day and night: feed him, change him, teach him to talk, teach him to love music.

He did all of that. And he was going to watch him grow into adolescence, through the tumbles from bicycles and terrors of schooldays, from reading to dating to college. He never got to do that. John started talking about UFOs.

He said he believed life existed on other planets, that it had visited us, that maybe it was observing us right now. He took me to a quieter, darker table, lit a cigarette and pointed its glowing tip at my face.

"You believe in this stuff, right?" he asked me. "Well, you ain't f---in' gonna believe this.

"About six months ago, I was asleep in my bed, with Yoko, at home, in the Dakota Building. And suddenly, I wasn't asleep. Because there was this blazing light round the door. It was shining through the cracks and the keyhole, like someone was out there with searchlights, or the apartment was on fire.

"That was what I thought - intruders, or fire. I leapt out of bed, and Yoko wasn't awake at all, she was lying there like a stone, and I pulled open the door. There were these four people out there."

"Fans?" I asked him.

"Well they didn't want my f---in' autograph. They were, like, little. Bug-like. Big bug eyes and little bug mouths and they were scuttling at me like roaches."

He broke off and stared at me.

"I've told this to two other people, right? One was Yoko, and

she believes me. She says she doesn't understand it, but she knows I wouldn't lie to her. I told one other person, and she didn't believe me.

"She laughed it off, and then she said I must have been high. Well, I've been high, I mean right out of it, a lot of times, and I never saw anything on acid that was as weird as those f---in' bugs, man.

"I was straight that night. I wasn't dreaming and I wasn't tripping. There were these creatures, like people but not like people, in my apartment."

"What did they do to you?" Lennon swore again. "How do you know they did anything to me, man?" "Because they must have come for a reason."

"You're right. They did something. But I don't know what it was. I tried to throw them out, but, when I took a step towards them, they kind of pushed me back. I mean, they didn't touch me. It was like they just willed me. Pushed me with willpower and telepathy."

"And then what?"

"I don't know. Something happened. Don't ask me what. Either I've forgotten, blocked it out, or they won't let me remember. But after a while they weren't there and I was just lying on the bed, next to Yoko, only I was on the covers.

"And she woke up and looked at me and asked what was wrong. I couldn't tell her at first. But I had this thing in my hands. They gave it to me."

"What was it?" Lennon dug into his jeans pocket. "I've been carrying it round ever since, wanting to ask somebody the same question. You have it. Maybe you'll know."

I took the metal, egg-like object and turned it over in the dim light. It seemed solid and smooth, and I could make out no markings. "I've never seen anything like it."

"Keep it." John told me. "It's too weird for me. If it's my ticket to another planet, I don't want to go there."

When we first met on November 28, 1974, almost exactly 30 years ago, he was suffering terribly from his separation from Yoko. His drug abuse and drinking, linked to the sorrow of Yoko's recent miscarriage, had driven them apart, and John desperately wanted to mend the relationship.

He just didn't know how to make the first move. The night Lennon and I were introduced, Elton John was playing at Madison Square Gardens. Elton was trying to persuade the ex-Beatle to get up on stage with him, and John was torn - he wanted to perform but he was scared.

Finally, he turned to me and offered a deal, as though I were a negotiator sent by God: "I'll sing," he said, "but you have to make Yoko call me."

Like all of John's jokes, this one was a plea from the heart, wrapped in a sardonic quip. Yoko phoned John out of the blue, 36 hours later. I think John always believed I had beamed a mind-control ray at her. For my part, I think that of all the synchronicities that have shaped my life, that was one of the strangest.

John Lennon was a compulsive doodler. The last autograph he ever signed, 15 minutes before Mark Chapman gunned him down outside his home at the Dakota Building, on December 9, 1980, features a double portrait of himself and his wife, Yoko Ono. The drawings are done in a couple of lines - the style is unmistakable and so are the faces.

I always marvelled at John's skill as an artist. There is no doubt that, if he'd been tone deaf and tuneless, the boy who created The Beatles could have become a successful painter or illustrator. During the last year of his life, we met most weeks to chat over a coffee in one of the hotels near our New York homes.

Sometimes John would bring Sean, who was about four years old then. The rocker had put his music career on hold while the child was small. John once told me how bitterly he regretted that while his first son, Julian, was a toddler, he himself was devoting his energies to the stage or the studio, or would be out partying with friends.

"You don't get those years back," he said. "I'm not going to miss a minute while Sean is growing up."

That is the greatest tragedy of my friend's death. He had finally learned what made him happy, and then he was robbed of it. What really interested me about John was not his incredible life, his fame or his talent, but his deep spirituality.

I too was working out what made me happy - I'd realised at last that buying watches and eating six helpings of dessert before making myself throw up was not the path to nirvana.

The shock of Lennon's murder was one of the powerful forces that drove me to quit New York and spend a year in Japan, undergoing a spiritual detox. John spoke with passion about Japanese views of life, and I am certain that Yoko's philosophies were at the core of his last years.

I was woken on the day John was shot by a call from a friend, Roland, a publisher who lived opposite the Dakota.

"He's dead," Roland sobbed. "They killed John." I dressed in a few seconds and ran across town: somehow I had to see the house to believe the news. The radio reports weren't enough.

If John really were dead, if this wasn't some sick media hoax, then there would be people outside his home with candles and prayer bells. They were there, in their hundreds already.

I didn't have to push my way through the crowd; I simply stood and stared across the road, and then walked away through Central Park with the tears running down my face.

Now, 24 years on, when I hold the cold, metal egg in my fist, I have a strong sensation that John knew more about this object than he told me. Maybe it didn't come with an instruction manual, but I think John knew what it was for.

And whatever that purpose was - communication? healing? a first-class intergalactic ticket? - it scared him. I wish I could have warned him... that however scary aliens seem, it's the humans you have to fear.

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Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

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Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

Previous research has shown that paranormal experiences can be achieved via electromagnetic stimulation of the temple lobe. Now scientists from Uppsala and Lund universities in Sweden are calling into question how the experiments were set up and therefore questioning the results. Their study involving identical magnetic field equipment produced no such relationship.

Previous research has reported that as many as 8 out of 10 individuals have religious or paranormal experiences when their brain's temporal lobe has been exposed to ultra weak, complex magnetic fields. Study participants have experienced a sensed presence of a sentient being, although the participant has been sitting all by him- or herself. Many participants have made religious interpretations of the sensed presence.

A conclusion that could be drawn from these findings is that religious experiences can be easily accomplished through electromagnetic stimulation of the temporal lobe. Accordingly, these sensational results have been given wide media attention. Such a magnetic field stimulator can also be purchased on the Internet. However, in the previous studies, it is unclear if participants and experimenters have known about research questions and experimental conditions, which is referred to as experimental "blindness".

For an experiment to yield credible results, it should be "double-blind". In this context, this means that neither the participant, nor the experimenter that interacts with him or her, knows whether the participant belongs to the experimental condition (magnetic fields activated) or control condition (no magnetic fields activated). The reason for this methodological rule is that any differences between the groups may otherwise have been caused by some irrelevant factors. For instance, participants in the experimental condition may unconsciously have been treated in such a way that the experiences have been induced for other reasons than the magnetic field exposure.

In a joint project, researchers from Uppsala and Lund University, Sweden, performed a double-blind experiment to test if results from previous studies could be reproduced. Approximately 90 undergraduate students in theology and psychology participated in the study. The magnetic field apparatus utilized was identical to that used in previous studies. Results showed that the magnetic fields did not cause religious or paranormal experiences. However, highly suggestible individuals had paranormal experiences to a larger extent, but this had nothing to do with the magnetic fields.

Paranormal experiences were particularly pronounced among participants with personality traits indicating openness to shifts in consciousness and a new age lifestyle orientation. Hence, our results show that the sensational conclusions about the effects of magnetic field exposure that were drawn in previous studies should be questioned.

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UFOs In The 1960s
From The Archives

Government Files On UFOs

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I mentioned a couple of weeks ago that I had in my files a whole range of UFO reports and encounters that I had never published and that I would begin to make available for the Phenomena audience on a regular basis. The following data all dates from a clearly defined period in the early 1960s in the UK and demonstrates the sheer scale and diversity of UFO reports that were investigated by the British Air Ministry at the time.

In mid-January 1963, the Wiltshire town of Corsham was the scene of a notable UFO encounter involving a retired Royal Air Force officer whose report attracted the attention of Air Intelligence at the MoD. And it may not be without significance that Corsham, Wiltshire, is the home of RAF Rudloe Manor - a British Royal Air Force base that was for years the location for classified UFO investigations undertaken by the RAF.

On the morning of 15 January 1963 Mr. J.E. Hipkin of Chippenham telephoned the Station Adjutant (S.A.) at RAF Colerne to report an unusual experience that had occurred the previous afternoon. Following established guidelines, the S.A. at Colerne asked him to submit a report in writing. It was at shortly after 5.30 p.m. on 14 January 1963, Mr. Hipkin said, when something decidedly unusual caught his eye in the sky over the town. He began:

"The object was a dull orange glow terminating with a tail of light of considerable length; the tail being for the best part parallel but ending in a point. As the point source of the orange glow appeared to be the rear of the vehicle and therefore an outlet, it was perhaps significant that I could not see any shape whatever ahead of the glow. There was no audible sound whatever."

Mr. Hipkin elaborated further: "I estimated that I held the object in view for approximately five seconds during which it passed through an arc at a steady altitude and a phenomenal speed. My estimate of the altitude is certainly not more than three hundred feet and I place the nearest point of passing at some two thousand yards distant. The course of the object was

almost due north; perhaps a few degrees east of north.

"Upon reflection one point comes to mind, as the object moved towards the point where it passed from sight I did not observe any change in intensity of light as one may possibly expect when the rear of the motor is presented to the eye. This I find odd in itself when considering the character of the subject."

Mr. Hipkin then made a highly significant point: "Perhaps I should say that I have served almost fifteen years in the RAF as a S.N.C.O. [Author's Note: Senior Non-Commissioned Officer] and have no small experience of aircraft. Whatever the object was I feel quite sure it was not an aircraft in the accepted senses nor was it debris entering the earth's atmosphere.

"Living in this area I am accustomed to seeing a large amount of Air Traffic and I cannot relate this sighting to any normal flying machine." He concluded: "I have been careful not to colour my story with exaggeration or wishful thinking and look forward to hearing more of this matter."

From RAF Colerne, Mr. Hipkin's report found its way to the Ministry of Defense at Whitehall and ultimately to Air Intelligence. The witness, it concluded, had merely been mistaken by nothing more sinister than the Echo II space satellite.

Of course, it is quite true that people do mistake satellites in earth orbit for something potentially far more exotic; however, it should not be forgotten that in this case, the witness was a trained observer with the Royal Air Force of fifteen years standing. Not only that, he was adamant that the object was at a height of no more than three thousand feet and at one point came within two thousand yards of his location. It goes without saying that if a satellite were to come within two thousand yards of British soil, a calamity of unprecedented proportions would occur microseconds later when it would inevitably slam into the ground!

Whatever the truth of the matter, Mr. Hipkin was informed of the MoD's conclusion and the report was quietly filed away in the Ministry's archives.

Eight months after the incident at Corsham, Wiltshire an event occurred at Beckenham, Kent, that bore all the hallmarks of an encounter with one of the fabled Foo Fighters of the Second World War. And as with the previous case, the witness had a military background: he had served during the hostilities of 1939-45 with an anti-aircraft detachment and until 1961 was attached to a territorial unit of the British Army.

As Mr. W. Hooper informed the Air Ministry: "At 0150 hrs on Tuesday the 27th August I was awakened by my wife to see what appeared to be something in flames falling from the sky, slightly N.W. of my house. This object appeared to be a ball of incandescent gas, red and black and was about a foot in diameter, and gave the impression of intense heat. It dropped like a stone from approximately 1000 ft to 500 ft, then stayed still for about 2-3 seconds, then started moving at an incredible speed in a Northerly direction and was out of sight in a matter of about 4 seconds. As it went away the wind brought a slight humming sound to us and the red and black appearance turned slightly yellow.

"I would be grateful if you could throw any light on the matter for me and would like especially to know if you had anything showing on your radar screens at the time I have stated. I am convinced that the object was powered as it travelled against the wind, and think what we saw may have been some sort of exhaust gas or flame."

Possibly anticipating that Whitehall would offer a totally down-to-earth explanation for what occurred, Mr. Hooper closed his letter thus: "I hope you will not try and persuade me that the object was a meteorological balloon as these as far as I know could not possibly travel against the wind."

In this particular case, Air Intelligence once again asserted that a solution had been found. Mr. Hooper, came back the conclusion, had been fooled by a "fireball." That the UFO had hovered in the air for two to three seconds was ignored by Air

Intelligence; as was the fact that Mr. Hooper's anti-aircraft work during the Second World War would have given him first-class observational skills. UFOs have been in our public consciousness for six decades.

Three weeks later, on 16 September 1963, Flight Lieutenant A.J. Brown of RAF Middleton St. George, near Darlington, received details of an encounter with an unidentified aerial intruder reported by one O. Filon of County Durham. Undercover of a Restricted memorandum forwarded to Whitehall, Flt. Lt. Brown mailed a copy of Mr. Filon's report, which read thus:

"At approximately 10.25 p.m. last night (sun. 15th) my son called me into his bedroom. He pointed out a light looking exactly like a star. It was moving towards us in what appeared a very slow fashion. I at first took it to be a plane but the light was too bright and it appeared to be at a great height. The light then appeared to be zig-zagging. Not as an aircraft would, i.e. with a bank or curve at each new leg of flight but with an immediate change of direction.

"When almost overhead the light underwent a course change of approx. 90 degrees. The line of flight was again constant and it headed away in an E.S.E. direction. After a short time it appeared stationary. This was for maybe three to four minutes. The light suddenly appeared to go out, then just for a fraction of a second it seemed to be dark blue, then it was gone. The only conclusion I can make out is that it was moving outwards! The whole thing lasted for approx. 15 mins. and was seen by my wife, my son and myself."

And again, there was the crucial factor so present in the overwhelming majority of those cases discussed thus far: "I would like to point out that during the war I was a radar operator, a trained supervisor, one of six selected for the whole of the M.E. Command." Needless to say, the Air Ministry again dismissed the case. "The man saw a satellite," Air Intelligence informed the office at Whitehall that handled UFO reports from the general public.

Barely a week after, a UFO incident took place at Peterborough that involved both civilian and military witnesses. The facts were set forth in a two-page Restricted report from Sergeant T.G.M. Kendall at RAF Wittering Northants., who graphically relayed to the Air Ministry what took place; and since this particular report is of some significance, I reproduce its contents in total:

"Sir, I have the honour to report the following facts for your consideration. I was NCO in charge [of the] Operations Room at 2240 hours on 26th September, 1963 when I received a telephone call from Mr. STRICKSON of [witness's address] who, in company with Mr. QUANTRELL of the same address, saw what he considered to be two unidentified flying objects. The objects were in view in the first instance from 2000-2100 hours. During that time two orange coloured balls of light travelled from the South to the East in a zig-zag fashion, then were seen again moving from West to East. They were then seen to orbit overhead for some ten minutes during which time three or four objects left the two first mentioned and then rejoined them. Mr. Strickson was not able to estimate the range or the altitude of the sightings, but considered them to be 'higher than an aeroplane but lower than a star'.

"I received a further call from Mr. Strickson at 2250 hours reporting two objects blue in colour, higher than the previous sighting, and travelling very quickly. At 2320 hours Mr. Strickson informed me of two sightings which had taken place at 2305 hours when two objects were seen to move west to east in close formation one behind the other, the one in front being appreciably brighter than the one behind.

"At 2330, 2340 and 2350 hours, I received calls from S.A.C.W. [Author's Note: Senior Aircraftswoman] Marshall, the Duty PBX Operator, who had seen a bright orange light moving north to south which had turned south in the first instance and subsequently orbited overhead. At one time she thought that she had heard engines but was not sure. As a result of these calls, I joined S.A.C.W. Marshall outside the PBX building and saw at 0010 and 0020 hours two orange lights approx. 30 seconds apart which appeared from W.S.W. at a constant altitude heading

approx. 100 degrees, flying what I considered to be a left hand race track pattern. I lost sight of the objects as they described a descending left hand turn onto the reciprocal of the visible leg. The sightings were exactly 10 minutes apart and speed, direction and altitude appeared to be constant.

"Flying Officer Gastrell was Duty Operations Officer when these sightings were reported. On his instructions I informed the Duty Operations Officer No.3 Group of the various reports. He in turn contacted the Duty Operations Officer at Air Ministry. The Duty Operations Officer at Air Ministry required a full report to be submitted to Air Ministry D.D.I. Tech [Author's Note: Deputy Directorate of Intelligence, Technical] giving full particulars of all witnesses. A met. Report giving the conditions at two specimen times during the period of sightings is attached to this report. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant, T.G.M. Kendall, Sergeant."

{IMG4L}Once again the Air Ministry quickly came up with a solution. All of the witnesses (including trained military observers) had been fooled by an air-to-air refuelling operation. However, an examination of the files pertaining to the case show that, in reality, this was simply the Ministry's best "guesstimate," as no such refuelling operation was ever officially confirmed as having taken place.

Stay tuned for more reports from the archives.

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Last Rocketeers Set Sights On Mars

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - Four men and one woman, all around 90 years old, gather in a conference room and pour themselves coffee - rocket fuel for the last of the original rocketeers.

Just outside, in Rocket Park, looms some of their handiwork: Gemini and Mercury rockets, a lunar lander and a gigantic rusting Saturn V from the Apollo program.

These five people were among 118 German rocket scientists bundled up and brought to the USA after World War II. Working for the Nazis, the rocket scientists had made Hitler's deadly V-2s. Reconstituted in Huntsville, the group vaulted U.S. rocket technology ahead by a decade and developed the rockets that allowed their adopted country to win the space race.

The group's inspirational leader, Wernher von Braun, helped persuade President Kennedy to make his famous commitment to put a man on the moon by the end of the 1960s.

Today, only 12 of that group are still living, including the five gathered here recently to help raise money to restore the Saturn V outside. Even as the remaining rocketeers fade away, they are suddenly relevant again to a new generation. For almost 30 years after Apollo, the American public seemed indifferent to space. But now, technology entrepreneurs - members of a generation raised on Star Trek and Star Wars - are again making space sexy.

Microsoft billionaire Paul Allen funded SpaceShipOne, which this fall won the X Prize for boosting civilian space travel. Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos has started a private company that will work toward putting people on Mars. Elon Musk, who founded online bill-paying service PayPal, has started a space company. Mogul Richard Branson is aiming to be the first to put hotels in space.

To this new generation, the German rocketeers are an inspiration. For the rocketeers, the techies are reviving their dearest hope: that man will go to Mars.

"If private industry takes tourists into space, it might uplift the whole program again," says Konrad Dannenberg, 92, a propulsion expert on Apollo. "I'm very hopeful."

Ernst Stuhlinger, 92, who was von Braun's right-hand man, twinkles when asked about the new generation's dreams of Mars flights. "We old-timers have been thinking that way for a very

long time."

Forced to make missilesThe rocketeers have long been haunted by their earlier lives.

In the 1930s, Germany was a hotbed of research into the new idea of launching rockets into space. A young von Braun took the lead, launching his first rockets in 1934. As World War II approached, the Nazis created a rocket team under von Braun at a secret base on an island at Peenemunde, Germany. They were ordered to make military missiles, not spaceships.

The team developed the V-2, which killed 2,500 British civilians. The rockets were built by concentration camp labor in tunnels.

The rocketeers have always said they had no choice. They say they wanted to build rockets to go to the moon and Mars, not to carry explosives. "We couldn't even talk about space flight," Dannenberg says. "Von Braun was at a party and talked about it with some people, and the Nazis found out and put him in jail." He was later released, but the message was clear.

As Germany's defeat seemed certain in 1945, the rocketeers made a calculated move. "It was clear nothing was going to happen in Germany in space after the war," Dannenberg says. If the rocketeers wanted to pursue their dream, they would have to go elsewhere. The group decided they'd have their best shot with the Americans. They hid their research papers in a mine shaft, forged travel documents, and as many as 500 people - scientists and their families - moved toward the approaching American Army - avoiding the Gestapo, who might have arrested or shot them. They holed up in an abandoned fortress in the Alps.

Von Braun sent his younger brother, Magnus, off on a bicycle to try to find the Americans. He stumbled across Pvt. Fred Schniekert of Sheboygan, Wis., and tried to explain that a whole team of rocket scientists wanted to surrender. Schniekert said, "I think you're nuts," but relayed the message to his superiors, who recognized the value of the rocketeers.

The Army raced to Peenemunde to get there before the Soviets. The rocketeers' papers and every project and spare V-2 part were loaded on 300 rail cars that were shipped to the USA. And then the U.S. government took its own calculated risk: It transferred the 118 former enemy rocket scientists and their families to Fort Bliss, Texas, and eventually to an abandoned military base in Huntsville.

Beating Russia to the moonOver the next decade, the rocketeers didn't have much to do. "We called ourselves PoPs - prisoners of peace," Stuhlinger quips. John F. Kennedy was elected president in 1960 and soon after fell from grace with the failed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. A few years before, the USSR had beaten the USA to space with its Sputnik satellite.

"Kennedy wanted to do something to regain America's prestige," Stuhlinger recalls. Kennedy asked Vice President Lyndon Johnson to write letters seeking advice. One went to von Braun.

Stuhlinger has copies of memos that bounced between von Braun and the White House. Von Braun laid out everything he knew about the capabilities of U.S. and Soviet rockets. He concluded that the USA would have little chance of beating the Soviets to a manned space lab, but would have a "sporting chance" of beating them to an orbit of the moon and "an excellent chance" of beating them to a moon landing.

In other words, the USA didn't go to the moon because it was there. We went because we could get there first.

In a speech in May 1961 Kennedy laid out one of history's great mission statements: "This nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the Earth."

It could not happen without the German rocketeers.

"The irony is that in the 1960s, we went from nothing to landing a person on the moon in eight years," says space entrepreneur Musk. "Today it would take two or three times as long, and

that's crazy."

Astronaut Walter Schirra, 81, who flew three space missions, was one of the seven original Mercury astronauts when he heard about Kennedy's speech. "I couldn't believe we'd made that commitment," he recalls. "So many things happened so fast. I'd just flown Mach 2 for the first time in 1958." To get to the moon would require speeds of Mach 25, which would take engines 60 to 70 times more powerful. "That's a big leap."

The von Braun team numbered 400 in 1961. It quickly swelled to 8,000. But the Germans were the leaders, and von Braun was the star. "That was important," Stuhlinger says. "We had a von Braun. There is no von Braun today."

"If the Germans had not been here, the technology would've been delayed by 10 years, 15 years," says Mark Smith, who knows the Germans from his years as CEO of Adtran, a Huntsville tech company. "No group of people is indispensable, but they shrank the time frame."

Rules about federal contracts and processes were tossed. "We could make decisions in almost no time," says Walter Haussermann, who led development of guidance controls. He remembers talking with IBM about supplying the mission's computers. He was able to say yes in two days. "Today, it would take years," he says.

Thanks to the Germans' experience, glitches rarely slowed the project. The only disaster: a fire in the Apollo 1 that killed the three-man crew. Manned flights were delayed for nearly two years to make sure it didn't happen again. Ask the Germans how they accomplished so much so quickly, and they struggle for an answer. They note the commitment from Kennedy, the military and the American public - all pulling toward a single goal. Schirra, who often worked closely with the Germans, says the space race was like a years-long adrenaline rush. "It was a competition with Russia, and we had to beat them," he says.

Mostly, though, the Germans seem nonchalant, as if it were easy to put a man on the moon in eight years. "We all believed it could be done," Dannenberg says with a shrug.

New generation takes over So now comes a new age.

Interest in space dropped after the first moon landings. Travel to Mars seemed unlikely. Discouraged, the Germans dropped out of NASA. Von Braun died in 1977.

But a young generation at NASA has put two robot rovers on Mars and wowed the public. President Bush has talked of Mars missions. Mostly, though, entrepreneurs have picked up where the rocketeers left off.

"We need to exceed where we were with the Apollo program," says Musk, whose company, SpaceX, plans its first orbital launch next year. "We have to go to Mars with people. A lot of people take for granted that that's the direction we're heading in, but unless there's a dramatic reduction in cost, there won't be anything like that. Somebody has to try to step in and try to save the day."

Musk made a fortune from PayPal, which he sold to eBay for \$1.5 billion. He's pumping much of it into SpaceX. He also helped fund the X Prize.

The public might be ready for Apollo-like excitement again. SpaceShipOne is on the cover of Time as 2004's most amazing invention. The cover of the December issue of Wired proclaims "The New Age of Exploration." Bezos' secretive space start-up, Blue Origins, says on its Web site that it's "developing vehicles and technologies that, over time, will help enable an enduring human presence in space."

To do so is the enduring last wish of the rocketeers.

Source: USA TODAY

[UFO UpDates thanks Stuart Miller for the lead]

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Secrecy News - 12/08/04

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 14:08:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 07:59:47 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News - 12/08/04

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INTELLIGENCE REFORM BILL APPROVED IN HOUSE

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 is on its way to becoming law, having been passed by the House of Representatives on December 7 by a vote of 336-75.

The full ramifications of the intelligence reform package are unknown and perhaps unknowable, given the enormous size of the legislation and its frequent opacity.

With respect to secrecy policy, there were several notable developments.

The Act's rejection of intelligence budget disclosure - despite the unanimous recommendation of the 9/11 Commission and the endorsement of the full Senate - is a setback that tends to reinforce the arbitrary and excessive secrecy that the 9/11 Commission found in the intelligence bureaucracy.

On the more positive side, the Act revivifies the dormant Public Interest Declassification Board, formally established four years ago but never convened, and assigns it the additional task of "reviewing" congressional requests for declassification of particular records. Though the Board will have no independent authority to speak of, it may turn out to serve as a useful forum for adjudicating classification disputes.

Perhaps the most important secrecy-related feature of the Intelligence Reform Act is what is not in it: the authority to create an entirely autonomous new classification system for intelligence. As noted by Kate Martin of the Center for National Security Studies, previous versions of the Act appeared to grant such authority to the Director of National Intelligence, with potentially fearful consequences.

But with the assistance and timely intervention of Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), that bullet has been dodged:

"The conference report does not expand authority under which information is classified, which is pursuant to Executive Order or other Presidential directive, but rather directs the DNI to establish and implement guidelines for the intelligence community for the purpose of such classification of information," according to the conference report explanatory statement.

The text of the conference report on the intelligence reform bill (House Report 107-796, 770KB) is here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_rpt/h108-796.html

A 26-page summary of the conference report prepared by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee is here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_rpt/s2845-summ.pdf

The December 7 House floor debate and vote on the measure is here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_cr/h120704.html

2005 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION CONFERENCE REPORT

The conference report on the intelligence authorization for fiscal year 2005 (which began October 1) has finally been completed. A copy of the document (House Report 108-798) is posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_rpt/h108-798.html

Senators Rockefeller, Levin, Wyden and Durbin declined to sign the conference report because they objected to "continued funding of a major [classified] acquisition program that they believe is unnecessary and the cost of which they believe is unjustified," the report notes obliquely at the end.

SOME NEW CRS PRODUCTS

"Port and Maritime Security: Potential for Terrorist Nuclear Attack Using Oil Tankers," December 7, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS21997.pdf>

"Intelligence Community Reorganization: Potential Effects on DOD Intelligence Agencies," updated December 6, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32515.pdf>

"Homeland Security Advisory System: Possible Issues for Congressional Oversight," updated November 12, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/RL32023.pdf>

"Emergency Communications: The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and All-Hazard Warnings," updated November 12, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32527.pdf>

"Continuity of Operations (COOP) in the Executive Branch: Background and Issues for Congress," updated November 8, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/RL31857.pdf>

"Potential Military Use of Airships and Aerostats," updated November 11, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RS21886.pdf>

ISLAMIC RULINGS ON WARFARE

A new study published by the US Army War College identifies central themes pertaining to war in Islamic theology, argues that they have been misinterpreted by Islamist militants, and proposes an interpretation of key texts that the authors say could serve to inform an ideological opposition to Islamist militancy.

See "Islamic Rulings on Warfare" by Youssef H. Aboul-Enein and Sherifa Zuhur, US Army War College Strategic Studies Institute, October 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/eprint/islamic.pdf>

GLENDIA JACKSON, MP CONFRONTS IRAQ WAR SECRECY

Official investigation into the decision to go to war in Iraq seems to have fizzled out in the United States, along with such other inconvenient matters as Bush Administration policy on torture. But in the United Kingdom, at least, the origins of the Iraq war are still something of a live issue.

According to a recent article in the New Statesman, British Attorney General Lord Goldsmith was pressured by the US government in 2003 to advise the British government that unilateral military action in Iraq would be legal even without specific authorization from the United Nations.

Lord Goldsmith had initially been a skeptic on this point, the Statesman article said, but his mind was changed by a February 2003 meeting with John B. Bellinger III of the National Security Council. The White House telephone directory identifies Mr. Bellinger as Senior Associate Counsel to the President and NSC Legal Adviser.

See "The law chief who bowed to Blair" by John Kampfner, New Statesman, November 22:

<http://www.jkampfner.net/articles/ns221104.html>

Exactly what did Mr. Bellinger of the NSC tell Lord Goldsmith in 2003 to change his mind?

That's what Glenda Jackson, the brilliant actress who is now a Member of Parliament for the Labour Party, wanted to know.

She posed the question to the UK Solicitor General on November 30.

The answer came back: "These were confidential Government to Government discussions and their content is covered by legal professional privilege." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2004/11/glenda113004.html>

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Re: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 14:23:27 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 08:01:46 -0500
Subject: Re: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise - Sparks

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 10:26:41 -0000
>Subject: Re: The UFO Guy Comes To Boise

<snip>

>3. Is there even one authenticated case of UFOs "crashing on
>government property"? Which government property was
>lucky enough to experience this ET visit?

You are missing the point of the third-hand account of the lecture:
The "one" case was simply Roswell.

You are adding a lot of extra verbiage and making a big mystery
out of a very standard UFO subject these days, regardless of
what truth if any there is in the Roswell "case" (it depends on
whose "case" it is).

It does turn out the Roswell crash site is on US Govt property,
overseen by the Bureau of Land Mgt. Whether it has always been
BLM land or not, I do not know.

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Re: Good News For Causality? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 21:24:18 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 08:03:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Dickenson

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 22:52:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>So you explain one "unknown" - for example, why a spinning
>top stays on its point - with another "unknown" - a force that
>"creates" inertia?

Bruce,

I know how you must feel.

Maybe I should've put a health-warning on that message, for anyone who's been taught formal physics in last half-century. Why? - Because I say, along with Lee Smolin, that "there is at least one good reason not to believe the physics that is taught in most courses... It's not true."

Present day physics is in a mess. Like you said "we don't really have a clue as to what is really going on".

In the last twenty years or so all the confident ideas of "Standard Models" (including your electromagnetic cause of matter), of "Gas Laws", of "Black Hole Theory" (actually Singularity Theories), of "Quantum Theory" and "Relativity Theories", have all been discovered to be "flawed" or "incomplete" (see "Blind Science").

That is, they're not true.

And the top physicists know the rules aren't true - but they aren't encouraged to say so, outside of a very small circle of "experts".

Why are those rules still being taught in most colleges? Mainstream science hasn't anything to put in their place, and our "leaders" think there'll be a panic if everyone finds out.

I'll say again - mainstream science doesn't know reason or cause of a) matter, b) mass, c) inertia (and lots of other things but those three are basic and interdependent).

Which of course means they haven't a clue where the extra inertia of a spinning coin or a "top" or even a bike comes from (because they don't know where 'ordinary' inertia comes from - but it's got to be the same source).

And mainstream science similarly can't say how "entanglement info" is transmitted at far FTL speed, thru all obstacles, apparently linking particles instantaneously throughout the universe.

<http://online.itp.ucsb.edu/online/collog/aspect1/>

Here's two summations - "Physics is in all sorts of trouble" - Hilary Lawson - (21st Cent.) and "What the scientists say now is likely to be false" - Nigel Calder - NOW, quoted in Blind Science.

Spin that coin!

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB -

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 16:24:18 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 08:08:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB -

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 22:40:01 +0000
>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 11:22:16 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 5 Dec 2004 17:40:37 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB 'Beam'

<snip>

>>>Why do you phrase your advertisements in such a deliberately
>>>confrontational way? Is it because you actually *want* them to
>>>be refused in order to provide confirmation for your theories
>>>government censorship? If fact, from the wording above, it's not
>>>even clear what kind of information you are seeking that might
>>>attract "whistleblowers".

>>>I suspect that really you're just trying to wind-up the
>>>authorities for your own satisfaction, and I think a more
>>>neutrally phrased advertisement might produce more productive
>>>results.

>>Be that as it may, this was a disheartening drubbing on a guy
>>who asked for feedback in the first place, when all that really
>>needed to be said was an inclusive admonition that a little more
>>tact might harden the point of his pick a little bit. I can
>>understand Mr. Bryant's outrage, at any rate, and can admire his
>>constructive and lawful approach in dealing with it. I admire
>>his pluck and courage... why can't you?

>Because it is pointless, ineffective, and makes ufologists look
>like motivated cranks. I'm sure Larry Bryant knows this, but he
>seems to have his own agenda in attempting to put these
>unnecessarily provocative adverts into service newspapers, and
>letting us all know about it when they are understandably
>rejected.

He has completely ignored the "feedback" telling him to tone it
down if he wanted to get the ads accepted and, instead of
listening to the friendly advice, he comes back with ever more
hostile and confrontational proposed ads for "feedback" which
will be ignored again. So no wonder the "feedback" is getting
more outraged and less 'friendly'.

Nick Pope on Nov 28 even drafted out for him a smartly worded ad
that might have had a better chance of being accepted and
published, but he chose to stonewall Pope and not even give
him the courtesy of a response. See Pope's post:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/nov/m28-005.shtml>

And he complains about official "stonewalling"! How about

responding to Nick Pope, Sir! And I don't mean you in Canada either.

Furthermore the complaints against the government are not even about withholding of UFO documents anymore but about an entirely secondary issue of SEARCH FEES being waived. The actual core issues of UFO documents and coverup are receding farther and farther into the background, Sir.

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Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 13:43:30 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 08:20:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 17:06:21 EST
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 09:16:25 -0800
>>Subject: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>Having always been annoyed by the apparent hypocrisy that
>>Astronomers exhibit (specically SETI folk)in regards to
>>evidence/data towards Ufology, I posed the following question to
>>Frank Drake:

>><snip>

>>However, the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and
>>UFOlogy are actually the same. In both cases we look for well-
>>observed, calibrated data, which can be verified by repeat
>>observations or experiments, best done by more than one
>>observer.

Brad,

Thanks for 'chiming-in' - your opinion is very much respected:

>Drake says best done by more than one observer, but not a rigid
>rule, so it does not always have to be the case.

>Drake should have been reminded of the various phenomena in
>astronomy and astrophysics which are validly accepted one-shot
>brief observations, not repeatable, and not repeated except in the
>sense that something similar happens again at unpredictable
>random times - such as meteor fireballs, gamma-ray bursts,
>and supernovas. These are like UFO incidents in that respect.

I made the point when I said, "it is a "transient uncontrollable
unpredictable event" in reference to UFO sightings, opposed to
observing a "fixed celestial body."

>>FW: Allow me to play devil's advocate based on your affirmation
>>of equality in regards to evidentiary protocol of Astronomy and
>>Ufology.

>><snip>

>>1). Can we state emphatically that there aren't "other forces"
>>in the universe that aren't currently known that would "mimic
>>the pull" caused by gravity of a "Jupiter sized planet?" Could
>>another "space borne" object of the same mass cause the wobble?

>>2). Are there other actions that could affect "Doppler Shift,"
>>or any other form of detection in the same manner that "star
>>wobble" does, e.g., pulsations etc.?

>>3). Given the fact that the most detection methods of "extra-
>>solar planets" is relatively new, (with technology expanding by
>>leaps and bounds) and not without controversy, i.e.,("Barnard's

>>Star and possible planetary bodies, David Gray's disputation of
>>51 Peg,") isn't possible that either "new information" could
>>surface, or the interpretation of the data may change, and
>>affect the current conclusions?

>>IMHO if the answers to any of the afore mentioned questions is
>>"unknown" or "it's possible," then that would leave "some"
>>doubt, albeit little to the "absolute existence" of extra-solar
>>planets based on the current methodologies used for their
>>reality; that said, what we're left with is strong
>>"circumstantial evidence" in support of the "theory" of extra-
>>solar planets."

><snip>

>After Drake read this he no doubt came away confirmed in his
>mind once again that UFO activists are typical extremist
>fanatics who can't meet a scientific argument headon with solid
>scientific facts so they nitpick around the edges arguing for
>the most extreme positions, with special pleading "it's remotely
>possible... it could be... maybe" etc. Either you have solid
>scientific evidence of UFO's or you don't. He must conclude once
>again after 40 years of similar encounters with UFO enthusiasts
>that they don't have any solid scientific evidence, and
>furthermore they are too naive even to realize that they don't.

First let me say that I don't think my correspondence with Drake confirmed anything for him - his mind is/was made-up, and he doesn't want to be bothered with the evidence. Very much like Carl Sagan.

I posed the questions about "extra-solar planets," in particular, because I feel that is what we get from them - nitpickism, if you will. When the subject of "evidence" was brought up in the debate between Stan and Seth, Seth nitpicked what Stan brought to the table, he clearly didn't want to hear what Stan had to say, and there was nothing "scientific" about his criticism.

Brad, I think you misunderstood the reasoning behind my questions in regard, in this instance to "extra-solar planets," or better, the "evidence" for ESPs - the idea was to show the hypocrisy that Astronomers exhibit in relationship to how they perceive evidence to support their ideologies, and how those rules change apparently, for Ufology.

Drake himself said: "...some things are still speculations, of course. Rogue planets are one. There are no observations of such a planet. But it is fair to speculate they exist from our growing modeling of what takes place as a planetary system is formed, and the prediction from this modeling that some planets will be ejected from the system. Indeed, it would be amazing if this did not occur."

He says, "it's fair to 'speculate' they exist from our growing modeling"; yet he certainly isn't that lax with regard to anything Ufological.

>What they want to hear about is cases where top scientists have
>made the observations, multiple observers, triangulations,
>measurements, calibrations, instruments, quantitative data,
>error bars, etc.

As I pointed out to Drake, although there are obvious advantages in "scientific study" for a "fixed celestial body" this doesn't negate the fact that there is "ample scientific evidence" to study in regards to Ufology.

>Instead of the tired old repetitions of Arnold, Roswell,
>Rendlesham, and other controversial cases, let's hear more about
>cases like the world's leading meteoritics astronomer who with 3
>other witnesses sighted a 200-foot white ellipsoidal object
>maneuvering at high speed in and out of clouds at known distance
>in broad daylight, with all the numerical data, date, time,
>azimuths, elevations, angular size, speeds, distance, error
>bars, etc. Or the Defense Dept.'s top R&D official who sighted a
>600-foot metallic sphere hovering in broad daylight which shot
>up out of sight, and was witnessed in part by an airline pilot
>whose plane the official saw in the sky, and who provided a
>triangulation that confirmed the DOD official's distance
>estimate. Or the supersecret ELINT (Electronic Intelligence)

>aircraft on a training mission that tracked a radar-emitting UFO
>pacing and overtaking the jet at the same time that a known
>ground radar was also detected on the ELINT equipment, thus
>providing the world's first real-time "calibration" of a UFO
>instrumented measurement which proved the accuracy and working
>condition of the equipment, and which detection was further
>confirmed by the crew's visual sighting and ground and airborne
>radar tracking of the UFO. Or the Army and AF UFO tracking
>networks that obtained multiple triangulations of UFO's, etc.

I never mentioned specific cases to Drake, only "evidence in general," and the fact that there is more than enough for "scientific investigation."

>It is typical of the UFO community to not have its act together,
>unable to cite the best scientific evidence for UFO's because it
>does not have the foggiest notion of what "best scientific
>evidence" looks like or what it means. Typically a UFO
>enthusiast thinks the "best" cases are simply his favorite pet
>cases, selected out of emotional sentimental attachment, without
>any rational scientific basis. A rational scientific set of
>criteria will prefer scientists and engineers as witnesses
>(prefer not exclude all others), sightings lasting 1 minute or
>more, multiple witnesses, angular size Full Moon or greater, and
>of course have all the damned date-time-location-azimuth-
>elevation data, too. If any of the criteria are to be relaxed
>in a given case then the rest of the case had better make up for
>it in some other way. Scientists who are genuine are not
>unreasonable and just want to have a reasonable case presented,
>and not something sloppy, ill-conceived, or scatter-brained.

Whether or not the "UFO community has it's act together" is irrelevant. The question posed to Drake was why he and other Astronomers like himself, seem to have "different rules" in regards to "their" methodologies used concerning evidence presented for their theorems about Astronomical related items, and that of Ufology.

>Typically the UFO proponent in desperation will cite some big
>500-page or 1,000-page tome and say "All the UFO proof is in
>there! Go read it!" Whereas in fact the huge tomes are hopeless
>hodge-podges of bad cases, good cases, mediocre cases, erroneous
>cases, all intermixed according to some order (maybe
>alphabetical or chronological) that has nothing whatsoever to do
>with selecting best cases according to any scientific or quasi-
>scientific criteria ("criteria" is plural by the way, and
>"criterion" is singular). Indeed those few books were not really
>written for the purpose of presenting the best scientific case
>for the UFO to scientists. They were written for other worthy
>purposes, but let's not kid ourselves, though, they were not
>specially designed to state the case to scientists.

>Busy scientists want to read something in a familiar format with
>data presented in a familiar knowledgeable fashion, that does
>not run to hundreds and hundreds or thousands of pages. They're
>not going to read through huge books, multiple books, looking
>for something they don't even think is there, with not a clue as
>to what to look for. However if they saw a scientifically
>smartly presented case they would know it. If they were
>presented a list of scientific criteria for best UFO cases they
>could assent to them and grasp the strength of the case made
>based on those criteria.

>Another typical intellectually lazy tactic of the UFO community
>is to point to the 100,000 pages of AF UFO files and say "It's
>all in there! Go see for yourself. There's plenty of evidence of
>UFO's!" Drake is not going to set aside the better part of a
>year of his life going through 100,000 pages on a clunky
>microfilm reader! Let me tell you I've spent weeks doing that
>and after a while you literally get dizzy from the moving images
>across the screen. It's not good for your health.

>But the UFO community has had these microfilms for almost 30
>years now since their public release by the National Archives on
>July 12, 1976, and yet there has been almost nothing done to
>process and sift through these cases for what McDonald estimated
>could be about 3,000 to 4,000 Unknowns. With supposedly
>hundreds, maybe thousands, of UFO investigators and researchers
>there should have been plenty of manpower and money to
>systematically go through the 94 microfilm reels and pick out
>the best UFO cases for further study. But this was never done.

>For my part I have been going through what AF files I can afford
>to go through with limited time and resources. I have started a
>Comprehensive Catalog of 1,500 Blue Book Unknowns which is
>available on various websites such as CUFOS, NICAP, NIDS, and at
>least one ripoff website, but note that the latest revision is
>Version 1.7 and anything earlier is out of date. I am working
>with the Blue Book Archive Project started by Will Wise, to try
>to get the entire BB files, both sanitized and unsanitized
>versions, online on the Web for easy access by researchers
>worldwide.

>Ultimately this effort will enable a powerful scientific case
>for the UFO to be presented to the scientific community in a
>well- packaged readable format, where they don't have to be
>overloaded with too much data mixed in with so much noise, and
>won't be told to go read through 100,000 pages themselves.

Your work and thoughts are (personally speaking) very much
appreciated and respected Brad; however, I think your response
has "morphed into something else beyond the topic posed to
Drake.

It shouldn't have to be up to Ufologists to present anything to
any scientific body - the phenomena itself dictates that! The
very essence of science mandates investigation! One of two
things is going on with Drake et al., either he/they are not
being forthright in the public arena, or he/they are negligent
in their responsibilities as scientists when it comes to
Ufology; specifically those involved with SETI, as they have the
mindset that there is advanced ETI, they just apparently believe
that ETs are stuck at our level of technology when it comes to
getting from point A to point B.

>>FW: Here I have to respectfully disagree; you stated that the
>>criteria for the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and
>>UFOlogy are actually the same. In both cases we look for:

>>1). Well-observed, calibrated data.

>>2). Verification by repeat observations or experiments.

>>3). Multiple observers.

>See above where I've more than answered the above points.

>>First let me clarify some points: The bulk of UFO reports over
>>the last 60 years after thorough investigation, can be
>>attributed to more conventional explanations, e.g., known
>>aircraft, celestial bodies etc.; however, the ones addressed
>>here are the smaller percentage that cannot be explained in a
>>conventional manner.

><snip>

>Well first off that's just not true. The "bulk of UFO reports
>over the last 60 years after thorough investigation" have not
>been attributed to conventional explanations, IFO's, etc. The
>bulk of reports have not been thoroughly investigated or
>cursorily investigated. Most "UFO" cases are neither properly
>screened UFO cases under Hynek's screening protocol, nor
>definitely established IFO's, nor thoroughly investigated. They
>are in a limbo state.

For sake of argument, I was trying to stay on course about UFOs
that were seemingly 'structured craft' as opposed to just a
light in the sky, etc.

>In the early days of Blue Book, the IFO's and hoaxes were
>running at about only 11%. Let me repeat, there were only 11%
>IFO's and hoaxes. There were 27% Unknowns. Then they introduced
>a highly misleading statistical trick whereby all the Possible
>and Probable categories of IFO's were lumped all together as if
>they were definitely Known IFO's, and this inflated the IFO's by
>about another 40% quite dishonestly. And then they started
>shoving the 23% Insufficient Data cases into those Possible
>IFO's, and many of the Unknowns as well. Eventually they would
>say there were only a few percent Unknown or Unidentified, all
>based on dishonest statistical tricks. And we in the UFO
>community still fall prey to the same AF trick year after year
>repeating the same falsehood. We never learn.

In the end, Drake's answer to my main question was that the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and Ufology are actually the same. He further stated, "In both cases we look for well-observed, calibrated data, which can be verified by repeat observations or experiments, best done by more than one observer." He concluded by stating, "when it comes to UFO reports, none of the evidence criterion are satisfied. No observations can be repeated. None has ever been definitively recorded. So the rigid standards of science are far from met."

I took issue with that and addressed his declaration, point by point. I didn't use specific case studies although I was prepared to, and had the dialogue continued it seems to me that it would have been only natural for him to ask for examples. That of course hasn't happened - yet.

In my view, a good portion of Astronomers, in particular SETI folk, are biased with regard to how they measure evidence between Astronomy and Ufology; what is good for the goose should be good for the gander. A good many of their claims are based on circumstantial evidence; in fact, Drake goes beyond theory and says there is "no doubt" even though there is argument among his own peers, and many major Astronomical discoveries, and/or theories in support thereof are relatively new, as well as the technologies to discover them.

The point is that undoubtedly, as what has happened in the past, i.e., mindsets changing with new discoveries and improved technologies, this will again re-occur, and the theories will change. As Sagan said, "In physics, as in much of all science, there are no permanent truths; there is a set of approximations, getting closer and closer, and people must always be ready to revise what has been, in the past, thought to be the absolute gospel truth."

When entering the scientific arena all bias should be left at the door, and that doesn't seem to be the case with Drake and many of his colleagues.

Respectfully,
Frank Warren

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

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>>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>Mr.Lehmborg,

>I find it difficult to deal with your prose. Perhaps it
>is some failing in me. The thing is, it seems that whenever
>I make a remark it seems to offend you or insult you!
>(And I am sure that remark just did! And also that one!)

I find your prose mawkishly insinuating, confiningly judgmental,
and inappropriately sarcastic. I don't consider my kind
assessment a failing at all. Moreover, you made at least one
comment last response that was almost inoffensive. <g> I had
begun to entertain some hope for you. I trust this was
understandable enough?

>I am used to communicating to engineers/scientists. I have never
>come across someone like you before who seems to be very sincere
>but who takes offense at many statements I make!

Yes - there are many different kinds of people on the planet -
persons with all manner of constructive sensibility, folks who
are offended by officiousness and by persons protesting too
loudly when they're expected to take what they're dishing out...

Hey - you're a wet blanket... get used to it or dry out.

>I feel like the
>kid in the classroom who doesn't raise his hand anymore because
>of being snapped at by the teacher.

Funny - if we can ride the classroom metaphor a little more, I
would have said you're doing a great impersonation of a kid
standing on his desk throwing a tantrum because a fellow student
doesn't mind parsing his paradigm for him. I suspect the real
headmaster's going to stick his head in here momentarily. LOL!

>If I wanted to be rude, believe me I can, but I don't think that
>accomplishes anything! It shows poor thinking and lack of
>argument.

Wow - please be rude! I want to see if I can detect a difference!

>>Perhaps I over-reacted to your veiled characterization of me as
>>an automated dispenser of (inine?)obscurities, a man who can't
>>stand and deliver, and an opium user?

>Regarding "automated dispenser of obscurities" (Inane? don't put
>words in MY mouth!), you mentioned something (about prolonged
>life which I inferred meant downloading consciousness into
>computers. In that sense you would be automated, but alive!
>That you would behave in the same manner as in corporeal life
>and provide complicated prose (obscurities if you will), I think
>is a safe assumption.

>That I was wrong in your desired method for prolonged life
>showed a lack of imagination and comprehensiveness on my part.
>Your concept of prolonging life using stem cells and such would
>SEEM possible within 50 years however I must point out to the
>dreamer that if this was made possible, it is highly unlikely
>that our civilization of only 50 years development is going to
>allow it to be used on any except the elite and rich.

Remember you said that, sir. I suspect it's going to come up
again...

>The reason
>is clear, there are too many people right now and too many old
>people who can no longer be productive.

How Malthusian of you.

>Increasing the life span
>of everyone will destroy our planet because of limited resources
>(people are not going to give up their right to have lots of
>babies). So it is clear that you or I will not get the nice
>drugs to live forever, only the guys at the top (unfortunately,
>in our world, the cream doesn't rise to the top, mainly the
>dregs). So we will end up with a world being controlled by
>people like the Supreme Court only more youthful, never
>retiring, making the world in their image, while we more
>ephemeral people come and go.

The irony is that you were accusing me of verbosity. But
seriously, I'm more amused at how far afield you can attempt to
wander on this given it was you, at the start, who intimated in
your thinly veiled criticism of me, and I paraphrase, that I was
a drug addicted dreamer with a relevancy problem. <g>

>Did I say you were an opium user? No, I meant that dreamers in
>the past had opium dens to live in opium dream worlds! If you
>are offended, better to simply ask for clarification in a
>courteous manner rather than blaze an inferno at me!

Better to be a little more clear at the start and preclude the
"blazed inferno" in the first place, I should think.

>>you must be aware that human beings
>>can do (and have done) anything they put their minds and hearts
>>to.

>No. You are wrong.

No Sir. It's you living an irrationality... here's how:

>There is no world peace.

You think a rabid corporate military industrial complex is
remotely interested in facilitating world peace? We don't
want world peace.

>There is no fusion reactor.

You think petro-chemical corporations are remotely interested in
providing us cheaper power? We don't want fusion... hot, cold,
or cosmic.

> There is no cancer vaccine.

...But there is a medical system and pharmaceutical mega corps
who treat Cancer like a cash cow, along with Diabetes, heart
disease and a plethora of others. You think these companies are
remotely interested in removing their hands from the teats of
that cow? We don't want a cure of most diseases. We'd rather
'manage' them for a profit.

>There is no population

>control (not War/Famine, but abstinence,etc).

...But there is an un-elected class who has discovered that the more human beings you have on habd the less you have to pay any one of them a simple respect. You think this class is remotely interested in controlling the size of our population. We, the aggregate and manipulated we... don't want population control.

Who's it really living in a fantasy land, Mr. Smith.

>>Your manner in response (actually a lack of same)
>>to my expressions regarding stepping stone asteroids has
>>provided abundant cause for me to be offended.

>Actually, "stepping stone asteroids" is witty.

I'm a paragon of easy mirth and grace, too, Mr. Smith.

>>...Offended by the
>>assumptions you seem to make. Offended by your inappropriately
>>pedantic manner. Offended by your reflex disrespect. Offended by
>>your inability to step outside the box in a forum that typifies
>>it... I could go on...

>One man's "pedantic manner" is another man's straightforward
>prose.

Your straightforwardness carries a barb you'd have break of in the conversational wound, Sir, and I point out that you moan the loudest (and the longest) when these barbs are returned to you with a little english.

>Disrespect? I can be disrespectful if you want some
>examples, but I have found it to be counter-productive.

Oh please do! In as much as we have already achieved the counter-productiveness, I'd like to see how far you're will to go to press your point... which has by now wandered way off topic.

>I can
>step outside the box better than most, but what you seem to
>really want is just a bunch of grinning yes-men to nod and
>wisely not comment (no comment is acceptance).

Pity... I've found them remarkably hard to find at the UpDates forum... or maybe you're making some more accusations of what you might, yourself, be guilty.

>All I do is point
>out technical considerations and practical realities, but you
>can't stand that!

I can stand that with alacrity, Sir. It's you seems to be the person most upset by criticism. You're a wet blanket; get over it. As you've already admitted by virtue of your warm and fuzzy worldview example above... it's you living in the dream world.

>As I said before, we can dream about
>impossible things to no avail. But when you want to make them
>possible, you have to consider the practicalities!

That's not the bone of contention here, Sir. But you do demonstrate a propensity to wander vast fields of self generated explication in an ongoing quest to whistle past your graveyard. The cracks between your meager senses are wide, Mr. Smith.

>>I'd suggest you seem to take offense when your readership won't
>>reflexively genuflect at your portentous arrogance, inflated
>>hubris, and sneering manner.

>Incredible! I don't expect genuflection!

You likely have a different word for it?

>How can you ever even
>reach these conclusions is amazing! Arrogance! Hubris! Sneering!
>Most ridiculous!

Only perhaps, Mr. Smith.

>My comments can be taken or left where they
>are. If you don't like them, simply ignore them Mr. Lehmborg!

...Can't... it's my job <g>

>Maybe I should simply do the same with you.

You can quit any time you want to.

>>I don't even want the choir. I demand respect, is all.

>But please tell me exactly how to show you respect.

I've been pretty clear, Sir.

>I could
>address you as Mr. Lehmborg. I can avoid calling you names. I
>can avoid criticizing your prose style.

I suspect you refuse to get it at all. You're a wet blanket...
deal with it.

>>Moreover, a sneer is an aggression, Sir.

>Well, I want you to know that in composing my responses I do not
>sneer.

You might have a different word for it.

>I simply use critical thought and as little emotionalism
>as possible.

With a measure of pedantic sarcasm, a pinch of intellectual
abusiveness, and a dollop of arrogant pride. Or please otherwise
explain the length, breadth, and girth of your ongoing riposte
in this thread.

>I am not banging the keyboard with my Pepsi or
>cursing or foaming at the mouth! As for textual sneering, this
>is more complicated and is apparently in the eye of the reader.
>If I am being aggressive in this way, I cannot filter it because
>it is not apparent.

Well, I guess we'll just have to "keep on keeping on," in the
vernacular.

>>Nonsense. I suspect that this was not your intention, Mr. Smith.
>>Your manner is an impedance, Sir, and not an incentive.

>
>You don't know how engineering works apparently.

My father was an engineer. He worked for a time around Stanton
Friedman on Nuclear propulsion at AeroJet General (another thing
we could have if we wanted it), I think it likely I understand
engineers and engineering a little better than you'd think.

>To solve
>engineering problems you have to go out of the box but reality
>and practicality of funding/resources and time are needed to
>determine optimal solutions.

Oh come on, Mr. Smith. How far afield do you feel you have to
wander to prove a point that has not in any way being contested.
I said you're a wet blanket and I stand by it.

>Thus, my manner is a critical part
>of the problem solving process. And for you, it really should be
>an incentive to simply respond with appropriate counterarguments
>rather than attacking the messenger.

But you don't have a message, so much, Mr. Smith. You only have
agenda... presently one to 'win' a discussion you suspect you're
out of your depth on, and so all this literary sturm and drang
to cover for it.

>>Besides,
>>your conventional wisdoms about asteroid mining and
>>transportation fall to pieces the moment we detect a planet-
>>killer bearing down on us in fact. You know that to be true.

>It does not "fall to pieces". It is completely a part of my

>"practical manner". Specifically, if there is a known
>intersecting asteroid, then the damage calculations will show
>the amount of money lost due to the damage. Then the world will
>weigh that against the cost of moving the asteroid. A trade
>study will be performed and a trade space searched for options
>and funding profiles/technology development scenarios and
>bottlenecks/critical paths. Then, when a reasonably costed
>program is determined, it will be implemented. But note that all
>these resources are being taken from other research programs or
>society sustinence programs. Someone will be on the losing end
>of the stick! Without an asteroid impact threat, such spending
>redistribution will not occur.

Right! All your practicalities fall to pieces, and new
practicalities evolve at a speed necessary to counteract the
threat. Tomato ... to-mah-to, Mr. Smith.

>>Independent realists _inspired_ by 1930s pulp magazines, half a
>>century of quality science fiction, _and_ Star Trek, of course.
>>Art Clark writes compellingly about communications satellites
>>and they materialize into existence. It's almost that simple,
>>Mr. Smith. Some dreamer had to have the idea first.

>I will agree that there IS something referred to as a "meme"
>that is the infusion into society of an accepted idea which can,
>somehow, influence future outcomes. How this works is unknown.

Snort - that's easy. We, in the aggregate, want it ... and it
happens. It's really that simple in the long alien view.

>I
>simply state that the dream is the easy part,

No sir - that's the hard part... everything else is in a descent
from the idea. Everything else is a corruption of it. Everything
else is an approximation of it. I think you owe creativity a
little more respect, Sir.

>while the
>practical implementation takes a long time. I can easily write a
>computer program that searches a large design space which is
>essentially "dreaming". But practical design solutions must meet
>development cost and time (and other) criteria or they will not
>be realized (at least given current physics or groundrules).

Now you're starting to sound like the adults in a Peanuts
cartoon. Maybe that's why the adults sounded that way in them, I
suppose. They really were missing the point and their
explications so much yadda-yad, as a result.

>>>regarding prose difficulties<<<

>>We can take them word for word, Sir. Trouble is, they oftimes
>>get into areas that the respondent isn't comfortable getting
>>into.

>Sorry, no. It is just that the sentence structure is either too
>complicated or apparently irrelevant.

Ok... here's what's going on so you can't say it wasn't said...

It is done, simply, the way it is done out of respect for the
language, and in extension, the reader, Sir. I'm not going to
talk down to the reader, no, or poke teasingly and forgettablyly
at the reader's lowest common denominator! NO!

Expect an intelligence, and many times _get_ an intelligence.
Expect Homer Simpson and get him _every_ time.

I am going to use, arguably, the best word available, in my
estimation, _regardless_, Mr. Smith! They aren't words that will
be used only one time, good Sir, they will be used again and
again, in all my pieces fore and aft, for good reason. They are
words that open up new dimensions in time and space for the
individual who goes to the trouble of finding out what they mean
that _first_ time... a simple cut and paste into "Google" on the
internet for instant gratification and an expansion to the
interior of a reader's intellectual bubble! Grasp closer to
reach! Take a step up on a new definition and see farther than
you did before! Finally, I write the best, most considered, and
most respectful kind of language I am capable of producing.

It's a song, Mr. Smith. Songs meant to be sung again and something wrung from them on every singing.

I can do no less in as much as there are persons reading it! I must respect that. Moreover, different words put the reader's head in different places, and with the fact of that dwindling commodity (of diversity) evaporating rapidly in a contrived global homogenization of slothful mediocrity as you read, the reader needs all the difference she can get her sweaty little cognitive hands on, whether he knows it or not!

The kind of language I'm talking about (and trying to employ here) has an appreciation imbued by the user to treat the language as if it were a box of verbal paint. In it are aspirations to make every word a picture, every sentence a portrait, and every collection of sentences a virtual holograph. All things being equal I'd write in a language that begs to be revisited, like a song, or like classic words of yore. That's what I aspire to here, with no shame, no embarrassment, and no guile, either. I would be of respected service, as would any sociophile.

Words are paints and magics and tools and weapons! They travel in time, and are as eternal as they are made and preserved. They are teachers, leaders, and entertainers. They are efficiency. They are efficacy. They are immortality! I would be immortal... how about you?

Decidedly, words are the very COIN and FABRIC of cultural memory! In as much as they paint better, more durable and longer lasting pictures, they are the ART of primary expression! Our culture will survive much, much longer than those of antiquity because (outside the threat of idea [and therefore book!] burning CSICOPians, or the electricity stops working), the consolidation of it is going to be very hard to forget. Believe it!

Finally, enough people do get it, and have acquired a taste for it so that it is not required that you do. too.

>But don't worry, I feel
>the same about some of Ms. Rand's or Mr. Melville's books, so
>you are in good company.

Now there's too little too late, Mr. Smith. Besides, I don't feel your being entirely sincere with the comparison.

>>The delete key may be appropriate, Sir, in as much as you seem
>>to have a predilection for mocking and sneering, and I won't sit
>>still for it. Antithetical to your (I think self-imposed) lack
>>of understanding, other folks have reported that the
>>communication becomes clearer on subsequent readings you
>>intimate you're not up for. Pity.

>Well, if it was the Bible, I would wish to consider multiple
>readings, but I would not equate your prose with It's meaning.

It's an ongoing letter to my fellow humans, Mr. Smith.

>>>But then this may simply be my own limited mental ability, so I
>>>am sorry for being unable to understand what you are writing in
>>>those cases.

>>Unwilling more than unable, I'd suggest. Your mental ability is
>>not in question, Sir. Neither is mine.

>Okay we are both smart. Perhaps, there is merit in your remark.

Wow! How much nicer this would have gone for both of us had you couched its like, closer to the front of our shared consternation.

>I am unwilling. But I think it due to laziness in trying to
>understand unusual concept formulations.

Seems to me 'real' engineers have had to overcome 'similar' problems...

>Maybe I have a
>subconscious fear of such sentence structure due to too many
>English courses.

>However, I would put the ball in the writer's court simply
>because if the writer has trouble getting his point across to
>his audience, what use is he?

I've had some small indication that I have been of use to
persons in a literary sense, Mr. Smith. Maybe they'd have been
more acceptable had they sung your praises initially instead of
pointing out your conjectured need for them.

>I have to write technical reports
>and presentations all the time. If I come across with some hard
>to understand work, I will get nailed for it!

UpDates is decidedly bereft of the reports and presentations you
allude to, Mr. Smith. It might be one of the reason you are
here.

>>>Also, your liberal sprinkling of "Sirs" reminds me
>>>of an English manservant addressing his employer.

>>...And that's so ludicrous it must then be my insistence on a
>>certain formality in contention.

>Okay, so if you like the guy, you add no Sirs, but if you
>dislike him or are opposed to him you do add Sir. Interesting.

It's manners, Sir.

>Well, I will try to ignore them since they don't help or hurt
>the issue at hand.

How good of you. Thanks.

>>>You, in fact,
>>>dilute the meaning and power of "Sir" by its repetitive use
>>>which seems to be of no more importance, in context, than a
>>>colon or question mark.

>>...or an expletive, Mr. Smith?

>I don't use expletives in my posts. Are you implying that you
>_mean_ "Sir" to be an expletive. That would be very subtle and
>clever of you if so... something I would not do.

We went to different highschools together, Mr. Smith... then I
went to war. I would imagine we've traveled some pretty
disparate paths.

>>>"Sir" should really be used when it is
>>>meant and I FEEL that you do not in most cases.

>>I guess my definition of appropriate manners diverges from
>>yours, considerably.

>I suppose. It just seems that you scatter them like birdseed.
>Whatever.

Yes, Sir - I'm ready to give discussion of them up when you are.

>>>I chime in with a Sir or two to try to make you feel
>>>comfortable.

>>That provoked a pronounced snort over here on this end, Mr.
>>Smith, and like Wendy Connors wrote, required a little clean-up
>>on CRT and keyboard.

>Really? Well, I must be more careful!

Too late - after this engagement my monitor and keyboard look
like a splatter-guard. <g>

>>>Sorry it did not work and you think I am mocking
>>>you.

>>Alone and without complication, this sentence would only have
>>gained an apology accepted. Complicated as it was with all that
>>has gone before I can only stand with arms akimbo and eyes
>>askance.

>Still, I mean it. It is hard to figure out how to react to your

>comments. I shall omit the use of "Sir" to stop "mocking" you.

Ok - but you gotta drop the "quotes" too.

>>>Finally, regarding our difference in viewpoints, I think
>>>dreamers are fine and realists are fine. It takes all kinds in
>>>this world. Both optimists and pessimists are needed. But there
>>>is no need for rancor, only for courteous debate and discussion!

>>No argument with any of that, Sir. Would that you had taken
>>your own lesson. But that's all behind us now... <g>

>>So... ever see a UFO?

>Yes. Over D.C. A black disc in front of the Sun visible only
>because of fog and sun glasses. Not a sun spot or helicopter.
>Seen in the morning for 4 miles on Rt 66 going toward D.C..
>Stayed in same spot relative to the Sun's surface. Angle implied
>at stratospheric altitude (or somewhat below) over D.C.. Either
>a military airship platform (but this was 3 yrs prior to 9/11)
>or alien vehicle. Either option could use a relatively simple
>camouflage technique to not be seen EXCEPT when in front of the
>Sun. My guess is that our military had no such platform, indeed
>they are funding work right now for such platforms.

..._Do_ tell! UFOs _are_ a puzzle. Nest ce' pas? They are a
neat end-run around too much 'practicality' or at least a
different flavor of it... so says Dolan and Jabobs and Mack and
Friedman. They are an ongoing epiphany for me, Mr. Smith,
sincerely.

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<snip>

You mentioned meteors and meteorites.

I do believe that the lack of actual UFO hardware is the biggest obstacle to scientific acceptance.

Meteorites were in a similar position for many decades. It took several large falls, culminating in the L'Aigle fall in 1803, to finally convince the scientific academy (in France) that Chladni's ideas were correct and that meteorites actually fell from the sky, and came from outer space.

I feel UFOs (assuming they are nuts & bolts spacecraft) will never be accepted until & unless real hardware is found and produced. If this proves very elusive, too bad: we shall have to wait until such hardware, preferably in abundance, turns up. Then, and only then, will there be a chance of finally proving UFO reality to the scientific establishment. There is no clear alternative.

It is useless to give the oft-repeated response that the authorities already possess this hardware but are keeping it top secret. This standard ufological rejoinder will cut no ice with the scientific establishment (or the media), and you cannot really blame them for poking derision at it. Ufology is too world-wide for this 'buck passing' to be valid.

Hardware is needed, and sooner rather than later.

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>Whether you believe in an afterlife or not, the best policy
>still seems to be to help those around you as best you can and
>to do no harm (unless they really deserve it ;).

Hi James,

As I expected, we agree more than we disagree. In your final paragraph we find the meeting of the minds.

To repeat...

"... the best policy still seems to be to help those around you as best you can, and to do no harm..."

This List is a forum for those that do not accept the party line. We are tasked with... and provided space for... discussing the UFO question in a free-form and decidedly theoretical context. Dreamers are not only welcome, but it is darned near a requirement.

When we discuss, and find argument, the goal is to 'help those around us as best we can', and this is accomplished by pointing out the flaws in logic that stem from accepting the status quo as the benchmark whereby to measure validity, or to show the error of a flatly incorrect technical interpretation, vis a vis Dr. Maccabee or Mr. Sparks.

But there's more... there is an emotional context for the discussion as well.

While Dr. Maccabee can expound on the technical minutiae that often prove a case, and while Brad Sparks can reflect on the technical aspects of radar returns and decry the ignored pile of hard data that is already available, and while Dick Hall can recite chapter and verse a long list of very compelling cases, and Stan Friedman can lecture ad infinitum on issues of saucer crashes in the desert southwest, we all share an emotional connect with the field.

Mr. Lehmberg is less bashful about it than most, and he has made it plain that he no longer feels that casual dismissal is innocent. That you and your comments represent what constitutes

the 'enemy' is not a result of his incivility, but a decided policy of engagement. He no longer politely accepts the status quo view, if he ever did. As he might himself comment, I admire his pluck.

You might see Alfred, Bruce, Brad, Dick and Stan as disparate, diverse voices. I see instead a unified front. Diverse in expertise, disparate in writing styles, but all working to the same purpose... to help those around them and do no harm.

The funny thing is, when dreamers dream, they harm no one. But when a realist pooh-poohs a dreamer, the dreamer is cast aside as so much detritus, until perhaps a later date when the dreamer is vindicated. For the more passionate among us, your comments literally mean war.

Like Roy Neary, we share a passionate belief in something we know many do not. We seek to help those around us to see a more expansive view, and to avoid the harm done... when we remain silent. Like Roy Neary, many of us likely don't know exactly why we are so... nor do we care.

When an argument is made, like yours, that bases progress on practical realities, you are essentially advocating against that passion as well as the opposing argument.

This is why you receive a response you find emotional. It is.

For decades these fine folks and many others have given much to (in their minds)help those around them. I look at UFO photos to find the good ones, and I let loose on the bad ones when I feel strongly that it is a bad one. But I also keep looking, because I believe very strongly that we do not know it all, and that our mysteries are becoming more numerous and not less, and I believe that most of us would agree that keeping this to ourselves... not talking about it... would violate your rejoinder to 'do no harm'.

I hope to help people see through the obvious fakes, the easily identified, and the repetitively misinterpreted because those pollute the channel of good evidence. I question and I argue, not because I think the argument is weak but because only through testing an argument can its strength be known. But saying an argument here isn't real or practical is not constructive, it is deconstructive, and in this forum, that reads as destructive. Why? Because it doesn't help anyone understand it, and it does harm to the debate, which is what we have to work with in this forum.

If you want to help others and do no harm, perhaps you would do well to take a step outside the box of engineering, cost/benefit analysis, and idea space management, and question things more. Perhaps your feeling that things cannot change would be found to be in error. Perhaps if more and more reasonable practical people like you dreamed more, what is practical and real might begin to take on a different hue entirely.

The point of all this is to remind you that these are uncharted waters... by design... and he that finds that 'here there be monsters' should not be surprised to find so. He should also not be surprised when his clearly demarked 'map' is considered suspect out of hand.

Mr. Lehmborg is motivated by it, Mr. Hall and Mr. Sparks are discouraged by it, Dr. Maccabee is unmoved by it, and Stan is nothing if not resigned to it, but they all share a disdain of it. The it is the assured expert opinion that labels their efforts as outlandish, or that presumes a reality over which we have demonstrated an infinite capacity to remain ignorant.

For my part, I think it is time indeed to stand for the 'other' way of thinking, not because it is ridiculous and maybe wrong, but because the reality in which I find myself today is all too ridiculous, and in my view decidedly wrong. Acceptance is no help, and does plenty of harm.

If we help you as best we can to convince you to make the leap, to push the envelope, to dream for the sake of the dream, and the sake of a possibly better future, we will have certainly done no harm.

If you help as best you can to convince us to remain safely in the box, to accept a reality we find inadequate at best, the harm done is not easily measurable, if not altogether incalculable.

The discussion here is not just talk. There are careers and even lives at stake over this 'silliness'. You must accept that as dispassionate as your posts may be intended, they are met with a passionate retort because the passion is borne of years of scorn, ridicule and dismissal. This is a burden which you have not had to bear, comfort zones being what they are.

Please help as best you can, and do no harm.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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Re: Alien Abductions - Rogerson

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>>Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 18:53:04 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 4 Dec 2004 16:04:37 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions & Coffee Enemas - Clark

>>>This from the guy who once championed "birth trauma" -
>>>"something [that] we don't even know exists" - as an
>>>"explananon." for the abduction phenomenon.

>>>Now it's time for Peter to take the gospel to all those SETI
>>>types who are forever "referring to something [that] we don't
>>>even know exists," speculating about its nature, and working on
>>>strategies to contact it.

>Peter lets this one go by. Gee, I wonder why. Well, folks, I'll
>tell you: Peter loves to bash ufologists but knows his place
>when it comes to authority figures.

You obviously haven't been reading the last few UpDates. I
thought I had made it clear that I am unimpressed by the SETI
project and its anthropomorphic outlook. Quite a few ufologists
look really sophisticated in comparison. As for Frank Drake with
his idea of sending messages into the skies in the hope that the
God like aliens will give us the secret of peace on earth, with
immortality thrown in for good measure, the religious symbolism
is obvious

>>Sorry Jerry but I have never been a champion of the birth trauma
>>hypothesis, and am very sceptical of it. To be fair however it
>>did have some of the properties of s scientific theory. It
>>failed because it was falsified by what we know (or think we
>>know) about the organisation of the neonates brain and sensory
>>abilities.

>In reality, Magonia extolled the birth-trauma "hypothesis"
>enthusiastically when Alvin Lawson first proposed it, and Peter
>sang in the choir, that is, when he wasn't proposing the
>Americans imagined abduction experiences because they fear
>Hispanics. If it were worth my time, which it isn't, I'd dig
>through old issues of the magazine for the appropriately
>embarrassing quotes. Still, I'll take Peter's word for it that
>he no longer believes it, and congratulate him for his good
>sense, at least on this matter.

Magonia devoted one issue to an article by Lawson years back,
and I doubt if we ever referred to it since. I see that Jerry is
still going on about Hispanics. That was a throw away piece
about Dark Side ufology and the idea of aliens doing nasty
things in hangers in the desert. The piece never even mentioned

the word abduction. But if you want to go down that road just look at what David Jacobs and Budd Hopkins are now saying about the hybrids. Racial fears or what?

Presumably the fact that IUR published article after article on the Roswell nonsense means Jerry was promoting it. Or was he just publishing articles as they came along.

>>As I keep saying, the problem with the ETH and its more exotic >>bretheren is that they are unfalsifiable infinitely elastic >>hypotheses.

>If one holds falsifiability to be a criterion - a notion >generally now regarded by scientists as creaky and old- >fashioned, strongly disputed by Karl Popper's many critics - it >is true that only wreckage, machinery, and bodies are likely to >settle the issue. That's one reason, by the way, that I am >cautious in everything I've written about the ETH. Another >reason, of course, is that it's fun to drive pelicanists nuts. >Having nothing better to do with their time, they have devoted >many furious words to bashing me for my fence-sitting and >reading my thoughts. Out of that they've created a strawman, and >that's the one Peter now attacks.

>Short of wreckage, machinery, and bodies, we're dealing with a >problem for which no solution is immediately in sight. But then >the other hypotheses - such as the ones Peter favors - haven't >exactly been falsifiable, either, and if anything less useful. >I've yet to see a falsifiable version of the psychosocial >hypothesis and/or the pelicanistic one - they are, of course, >"unfalsifiable" and "infinitely elastic," as we learn with each >"sceptic" posting on this List and with each issue of Magonia. >If you're a pelicanist, you can just make it up as you go along, >and if that weren't fun enough, you get to accuse everybody else >of being irrational and pseudoscientific for doing exactly what >you're doing. Golly, who wouldn't want to be a pelicanist?

Its up to those who propose that there are dramatically anomalous phenomena out there to prove the point, its not up to sceptics to demonstrate otherwise. Of course if anyone like Andy Roberts or Dave Clark get out of their armchairs and investigate these cases and come up with answers Jerry doesn't like he damns them too.

>>Jerry has made this point on a number occasions about >>paranormal explanations but seems to have a slight difficulty >>realising that invoking a technology so advanced as to be like >>magic is only verbally different from a paranormal explanation.

>I have no idea what this is supposed to mean, except that >pronouncements like these seem to give the likes of Peter great >satisfaction as he goes about conjuring up ever more and more >elastic, magical pelicans. Since it was Arthur Clarke who made >the comparison of ETH technology to magic, I urge you to take >your quarrel to him. Oh, wait a minute; he's an authority >figure, isn't he? Sorry. Never mind.

It means that a _magical_ technology = magic. Can I make it plainer than tha?

As for Arthur C Clarke, well the guy deserves the credit for making a life time career out of one succesful prediction, but have you read what was forcast for 2000 in say is 1961 Profiles of the Future. I could go on about how his ideas were influenced by being brought up in the days of the British Empire and reading things like Boys Own comic in which plucky English public schoolboys confounded the _natives_ by their display of white man's technology etc. That's where the magical technology comes from.

Peter (Pelican) Rogerson

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HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 12-08-04

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HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings

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Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan Shiny Metallic Cigar Shaped Object

Date: July-August 1969 ?
Time: ??

Message: Back in 1969, several members of my family and some neighbors across the street saw a shiny metallic cigar shaped object in the sky over the southwest area of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. It hovered in the sky for several minutes and then shot off. I was nearly 5 years old at the time and cannot personally remember the incident. However, several calls were placed to the airbase regarding the sighting and it was reported in the Moose Jaw Times Herald. It was reported sometime in July-August, I think.

Also, back in 1947 when my mom was a girl, she and a number of students during recess at Westmount school in Moose Jaw saw several strange objects in formation hovering and moving in the sky above the school yard.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

Fulton County, New York Orange Cigar Shaped Object

Date: October 30, 1969
Time: 9:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 2
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Orange cigar shaped.

Full Description of event/sighting: A friend and myself stopped outside the city. We got out of my car and I looked up into the sky as it was a clear night with many stars visible.

I saw an orange cigar shaped object moving slowly from the northwest. I told my friend to look at this. The object eventually stopped and a piece of the same color fell from it. We watched as the piece fell and then it burst into flames. The object then moved off in the same direction it came from.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Sudbury, Ontario Circular Shaped Object

Date: August 1975
Time: Evening

Number of witnesses: 5
Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Circular (distant)

Full Description of event/sighting: With friends in a row boat near Sudbury Ontario I saw what I thought was a satellite. After showing my friends this object we observed it for several minutes. After a short time this object seemed to ricochet across the night sky, we followed it. It stopped for a short time then appeared to glow or seemingly smaller objects appeared around the main one. Then in an instant it "skipped" or "accelerated" itself out of our sight. I never reported this and am not sure if any of my friends did.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

St. Louis River, Cloquet Craft Shoots Laser-Type White Light

Date: May 5, 1984

Time: 10:00 p.m. to 11:55 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 5

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Like an upside-down ice cream cone.

Full Description of event/sighting: My son and his friend saw it first, I was just coming home from having coffee at a local restaurant. My son and his friend saw it go right over our house, at an approximate altitude of 50 feet. The two boys, aged 9, were in my son's bedroom, and when they first saw it, it scared them really bad, as they thought it was a "tornado" which is what they told me it was, at first, when I found them jumping up and down on the kitchen chairs after I first got home. Their 16 year old babysitter was on the other side of our house, (a long rambler) and did not see it at all until my friend and I saw it.

The object had landed on the river bank, which we had a good view of, and it was a red blinking light, at first. It blinked in a really random order. Where it had landed is very inaccessible to any person as it was on the very edge of a small town, and the area was very swampy and inaccessible. So five of us sat at my dining room table, and we had an excellent view of it. We were looking down at it as our house was atop a hill near the river bank. The dining room had a sliding glass door, so we watched the object from our dining room table.

At first, it just sort of "sat there." But after about an hour, it rose up suddenly, and shot to the center of the St. Louis River. I say shot, because that's how fast it moved! Right before it shot to the center of the river, it changed colors, from red, to a lime green, and then a dull white. We watched it hover over the center of the river for about ten minutes, and as we watched, it shot down a laser-type white light, down onto the river.

The light was white, and it looked like a laser. We could not see the effect it had on the river, however. It was dark out, and although the light was very bright we could not see the effect on the river, if any. I had my binoculars out, but they were old and not very powerful.

So we sat and tried to figure out just what this thing could possibly be.

After about ten minutes, the object shot back to the spot where we first saw it on the riverbank. Then after the biggest share of another hour, it rose up, and shot over the far hill, stopping as it did so, to shine a brilliant white light on the neighbor's house across the river from us. It moved west, then east, then north.

Now the neighbors had gone to bed, apparently, as their lights were all off. But when this object stopped right over their house at a low altitude, well, all the lights came on in their house!

So they must have seen the object right over the top of their home.

I think my house was about 1/4 mile from the object when it

landed on the river bank. And the neighbor's house was about a half mile from us. The St. Louis River is quite wide in that spot, I'd say about 100 feet. It seems kind of weird that we and those neighbors are the only ones who had a view of the object, but I'm sure that is the case. The neighbor's house had just been built that summer, it used to be wilderness. We had a very exclusive view of that spot on the river.

The light it shone upon the neighbor's house was a brilliant, white light, like a spotlight. Then all their lights came on!

After about five minutes, the object shot over the far hill and I told the kids to go to bed as they would never see anything like that object again as long as they lived. I no more than got the words out of my mouth, and back "it came! It shined the brilliant light right onto my house and then shot away to the north and out of view.

It seemed as though the object could hear what I was saying to the kids!

During the sighting, the kids got the idea of shining our floodlights to see if it would respond. It did. It blinked at us three times, the same amount of times the kids put the lights on and off. So I told them to not repeat that, as it kind of scared me to think that it might come closer to us.

The main thing that came through to me was the speed with which this object moved. It was unbelievable. If we had blinked our eyes we would have missed the motion. So it was super fast, and super "unknown".

I did not call the police until after the sighting as I thought the object would up and leave, and leave me with egg on my face. Now, of course, I wish I had called them during the sighting.

The following day I did call the police, and they said they had no other reports of anything in the area. The neighbors had not called either and I never went over to talk to them. I wish I had now.

But I knew the neighbor was the clerk of our local court. So it was too embarrassing for me to call him, in case they did not all see the object, like we did.

I am sorry this was so wordy, but it was a very complicated sighting, to be sure.

In any event, I am now a believer in UFOS. What we witnessed that night, with blinking lights, was out of this world for sure.

Also, during the sighting, the red light seemed to "pulsate." Larger, then smaller, then larger, etc.

I am sorry I have waited so very long to report it, but it was not until I got onto the internet, that things were accessible to me.

Thank you.

Additional Information:

The weather: about 70 degrees F.

Sky conditions: CLEAR

Moon: No visible moon in that part of the sky that night.

Wind: No discernible wind.

My nine year old son saw it up close and he said it looked like old pitted metal. The color of it was like old metal, kind of dark grey or metal that has seen better days. It was light enough outside for them to see it; it was just about dusk.

The boys at first dove under my son's bed as they were so startled. I had them draw separate pictures of it, in different rooms. They both drew a very good likeness of a spinning metal object, with lights on the center, and top and bottom of it.

They both said it made a kind of "whooshing" sound.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Dallas, Texas Black Triangle Sighting

Date: 2002 ?

Time: Approximately around 3:00 - 4:00 a.m.

Hi, I came across your site and saw the video clips of that triangular shape outside of Dallas. I'm not sure what that particular thing is, but my daughter and I have witnessed a flying craft of pretty good size, black, triangular with lights flying east towards the Dallas skyline. This was about 2 years ago when we started noticing this, we used to have to travel interstate 30 every morning around 3:00-4:00 a.m.. We'd drive super slow to watch it, but it always stayed behind clouds so we'd only get a glimpse now and then. So, I wouldn't be a bit surprised if what he has in these clips is something...Strange.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

Apex, North Carolina Formation Of Lights

Date: Mid November, 2003

Time: Approx: 9:00 p.m..

Number of witnesses: 1

Shape of objects: Formation.

Full Description of event/sighting: I have taken a photo of what I thought was 3 planets lined up, (although they had a red tint to them). In the middle of November, 2003, I was coming home after dark and noticed them above my head because I was closing the sunroof on my car and just happened to look straight up. I saw 3 lights the same distance apart, so I came in the house and got my camera, but only took one shot, because I didn't think that much of it because planets line up all the time. I put in my computer and left it there until I had time to check it out. I had forgotten about having it, and was cleaning out my files this summer and found it. That's when I used the features on my camera software and found anomalies. I have the simplest, most inexpensive Kodak (CX 4200), but it makes good night shots without the flash. The features I have are - brighten, enhance, contrast, color-adjust, red-eye, darken, lighten. Those are the ones I've used on this photo. And I can 'trim' (crop) a picture.

There are somewhat famous Ufologists in this country but two of them seemed to brush off my report? One did, however, state if I could pinpoint a certain date, he could verify if it is an official star formation, or it isn't. I don't know the exact date, although I'm sure it was in November of 2003 and it was around 9:00 p.m..

I have several drafted emails waiting to send, with the pictures if you'd like to see them; the original, as well as the ones I used my camera features on.

I tend to think the others I've contacted think I'm trying to present a hoax of some kind; This photo is all TOO clear. But I am an average person with a cheap Kodak camera. I am a 54 year-old female who's "seen things" all my life. I have always believed UFO's existed and may come from elsewhere other than this blue planet. The strangest thing is I don't remember at what point I started believing that. I have always.

If it was a ship of some sort, what was it doing sitting over my house? I live in the country, about 20 miles from the RDU airport in Morrisville, and a long way from any military bases. I think Fort Bragg would be the closest and it's hundreds of miles, I'm not sure. We do have a nuclear power plant within 10 miles of my home. Shearan Harris (spelling?). I get their notices each year in the mail; where the evacuation routes are and all that other info.

Please let me know if you want to see the pictures. I hope so, because I'd love for someone knowledgeable to tell me what this

was. If it moved, I don't know because I didn't go outside again that night, but it wasn't moving when I took the shot

Thank you to the witness for the report and pictures.

The photos are going to be looked at and some answers hopefully found for the witness.

Chapala Jalisco, M=E9xico Saucer Shaped Craft

Date: September 11, 2004
Time: 3:30 p.m.

Here is the anecdote:

On Sep/11/2004 Chapala Jalisco, M=E9xico at about 15:30 pm. My family and I went to dinner to the real Chapala Hotel (Ajijic Jalisco, Mexico). We ate and then went to table next to the pool, and I saw an object with a shape like a saucer with an American-ball inside. I said look an UFO and it moved up an down nearly of surface of the lake, we saw too an exhaust coming from the object and suddenly go down to the surface of the lake and it would navigate on the water for about 50 mts. then disappeared.

Thank you to the witness for the interesting report and the photos.

Guadalajara Jalisco, M=E9xico

Date: October 16, 2004
Time:6:53 p.m.

Brian Vike:

On 10/16/04 Guadalajara Jalisco, M=E9xico,at about 18:53 pm. I was walking in the street and I saw 1 glowing orb moving slow in to the clouds. I had, my camera nearly to me because is not the first time than I saw UFOs and I took 7 photos. I think it is the same UFO Jeff Willes saw.

Additional Information.

Hi Brian, hope all is well:

The UFO was moving from east to west and the velocity was vary. it has metallic texture in red and oval shape, the distance was about 800 mts. The sight it was not near to the airport of any kind military base. I didn't see any aircraft in the area or any type of exhaust coming from the object.

Thank you to the witness for the report and photos.

San Francisco, California Unknown Object

Date: November 12, 2004
Time: 4:15 a.m.

The sighting occurred on 11/12/2004. My girlfriend and I were on the train, emerging from the subway to above ground, (we were coming from the airport on the BART) and I was kind of spacing out at the sky, when I noticed a black thing hovering near some low clouds. It looked like a bird, but it wasn't moving at all, and it was kind of far so it was hard to tell exactly how large it was. I saw it for like 3 seconds, and I pointed it out to my girlfriend, but when she look it disappeared behind the clouds. Then 30 seconds later I saw it again and I pointed it out to her.

We looked at it for another 15 seconds, but then the train kept going and it either disappeared behind some clouds or a building we went by. (I don't remember exactly) There were other people on the train, but they seemed to keep to themselves as I was pointing it out to my girlfriend. They might have noticed me pointing it out but nobody else looked up to see as far as I

know. There were only a couple people by us who would have noticed. San Francisco has a lot of hills, so I contemplated it being the top of a very tall light or electric post on a hill, but I saw nothing under it, and it was pretty high up, in front of the clouds, I would estimate 500ft? But I am really bad at estimating, so I could be wrong. I also would like to stress that they were clouds, and not the fog San Francisco is so commonly used to.

Additional Information:

I said it was around 500 ft high, but my estimation is really bad. It was probably more 1000 or 5000, wherever low flying clouds usually are. Also, a airline pilot made a report a few days before mine that was remarkably similar. I also saw some pictures that looked a lot like the UFO I saw. The more I think about it there is no way it could have been a electric pole or anything like that, I just doubted myself a lot more in the beginning.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

Westland Michigan Colorful And Brilliant Light

Date: November 26, 2004
Time: 8:30 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Looked like a helicopter with lights all over it.

Full Description of event/sighting: This is not the first UFO I have seen. In fact I have seen this and other UFOs before. I have seen this same "copter" before but did not get a photo. I used my Cannon Digital Elph S400. I estimate the object was 1/2 to mile away at approx. 500 feet. I have not done anything to the photo except enlarge it to 200% given it's small size. When you do so it becomes more strange. If you would like a copy of the photo let me know.

Additional Information:

To answer your questions about the photo. The sky was overcast, not raining and clear. The moon would have full but well behind the overcast which is average for Michigan. The object traveled from the S.W. to the N.N.E. at the speed of a small plane or real copter, it even made a sound similar to a helicopter but different. It traveled almost overhead at a very steady pace.

A week or so ago I saw a white light non strobe, like a reverse spot light, in the clouds that came out of the west. There was no sound until it turned almost overhead to the South and I could hear a sound similar to a jet but no sonic boom. Given the apparent speed I thought I would have heard at least one sonic boom as the sound was far behind the object. Had I not been looking at the very spot I would have missed seeing it as it was visible for a few seconds. Followed by the sound. I also saw an object that appeared to be round at approximately 10:30 pm with five white non strobe lights and one red light in the middle.

Thank you to the witness for the report and photo.

Photos can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2098>

Garden Bay, British Columbia, Object Caught On Film

Date: November 27, 2004
Time: Approx: 6:00 a.m.

I returned a fellows telephone call today as he called to make a report and to inform me that he had taken some photos and notice a strange light in them. The man stressed that the object had to be a long ways off when he filmed it.

He said there was a beautiful sun rise coming over the Victoria area. The man said he could clearly see the lights from Nanaimo,

B.C. across the straight. Seeing it was a gorgeous morning with the sun coming up he thought he might try to get a few shots of the sun rise. The man set his camera up on his tripod so to make sure he would have a steady shot.

He took one picture, then zoomed in a little, took that picture and zoomed in a little more and took the last of three shots with his camera. Nothing was seen other than the wonderful sunrise at that time.

Later that afternoon he looked over the photos that were taken that morning and noticed he captured something rather unusual on film and it was moving. The three photos were taken over approximately a one minute time span. In each of the pictures we can easily see how the object had moved from one position to another.

The fellow stated the object had to have been at a great distance away, but still very bright. He estimates the object to be over the inland of Vancouver Island.

On picture number GB4, or the very last photo posted here, the fellow placed into the picture the object and it's position over the one minute in which shows the moment of it. He has numbered it's movements 1, 2, and 3.

Thank you very much to the person for the report and photos.

=A92004 GBBC Photography, Garden Bay, B.C.
<http://www.garden-bay-bc.com>

Photos can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2099>

Saanichton British Columbia Unknown

Date: November 28, 2004
Time: 12:00 p.m.

I do not think this is a UFO, but the sight of it does puzzle me. It is either the brightest star in the sky. a planet. or a moon from another planet. I am talking about this bright object that is mostly green with flickers of red and it has that white star sparkle (the sparkle being white in color) and it moves very, very slowly. last Sunday at around 12:00 p.m., It was in the area of the big dipper.

It was sitting a little less than half way between the horizon and straight above me, but silly me, I forgot to see if the other stars were moving this slow as well. But it still is peculiar, the color of it and its movement, thanks again for the speedy reply

Thanks for reading,

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Honolulu, Hawaii Football Shape (Oval)

Date: November 28, 2004
Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location of Sighting: Above Waikiki Beach (During morning)
Number of witnesses: 2
Number of objects: 3
Shape of objects: Football shape (Oval)

Full Description of event/sighting: Around 10:30, My friend (name removed) and I saw three mysterious looking objects gliding literally right above the Waikiki beach. Now I can definitely tell the difference between commercial airline planes and funny oval shaped orange light. The three objects were approximately a mile away from the beach/coast for about few minutes gliding back and forth. It looked as if they were creating an arc. The objects then gradually gained altitude as they were still moving back and forth (Left and right in my

view). Eventually, those three objects got high enough to hide behind the clouds. After the clouds cleared up, I realized that they disappeared. I've sat there for almost half an hour in hope of seeing "them" again, frankly, there were no more fancy ritual dances from those three unknown objects. And if the government says something about a weather balloon, ITS BS.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

Mount Cobb, Pennsylvania Orb Sighting

Date: November 29, 2004
Time: 11:19 a.m.

Today 11/29/04, at 11:19 a.m., partly sunny, Mount Cobb, PA. While observing a strange chemtrail (northwest) left by a military plane (it started off white in color then to a smoky gray color) I spotted an orb type of object, color white heading south away from the chemtrail at great speed and it went behind a cloud and did not reappear. So fast I didn't have time to reach for my binoculars.

Thanks

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Cochrane, Alberta Two Tear Drop Shaped Objects

Date: December 1, 2004
Time: Dusk

Number of witnesses: 2
Number of objects: 2
Shape of objects: Tear drops

Full Description of event/sighting: Good evening Brian. To try to cut to the chase I recorded in my opinion a monumental video I am so exited from Cochrane Alberta. The sighting I recorded is amazing without a doubt. I need to be able to get it from a Sony handcam to CD. The news showed a video that evening and dismissed it as airplanes after 5 minutes and some blurry video on TV (Same in many ways to some of the video I videotaped, but, Brian mine has so much more. It has two white fireballs streaking slowly across the sky one behind the other. It has a snake like totally enormous curled at one end something floating motionless without breaking up at all or changing, other than one end of it, even after several minutes of taping. This vid has a huge black rod shoot through it in two frames. My girlfriend and I both saw it and dismissed it as a bird but when looking over the tape again I realize its thin long and large considering its almost two blocks away. This video has everything.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Coquitlam, B.C. Over Burke Mountain

Date: December 1, 2004
Time: Vary

Dec. 01 - approximately 08:30 AM -Beautiful clear sunny morning, was just looking at all the snow on the mountains when I saw a white streak flash across the south slope of Burke Mountain. Object was moving so fast it was just a blur but there appeared to be a white object about the size of a 737 at the head of the streak. Object was about midway up the side of the Mountain. and flew into a thick cloud which was hanging partly down the mountain. I expected to see it come out the other side but nothing appeared

11:00 AM. - Mainly sunny still, some overcast and fairly thick layer of clouds along the mountain. tops. I noticed what appeared to be a corkscrew shaped vapor trail suddenly appear descending from the overcast down to near the top of Burke Mountain. It reminded me of that cloud I saw last Jan. which had

the UFO at the bottom end of it and grabbed my binoculars but didn't see anything. But as I was watching the vapor trail suddenly extended itself in a big figure S towards the east. At no time did I see anything thing which might be causing it. It just seemed to materialize all in one piece which extended for miles.

11:20 AM. - Still heavy cloud just touching the Mountain. tops in places. I was looking at the top of Burke through my binoculars, when all of a sudden a dark object shot out of the cloud and flew a zig zaggy course around the peaks in a westerly direction. Object was moving so fast it was just a dark blur so I have no idea what it actually looked like but must have been about the size of a commercial jet. Pretty sure no human being could have been making turns that sharp and fast.

17:00 - Sky black intermittent overcast, Observed what appeared to be a two engine commercial jet flying well below the normal flight path. It appeared to be about Mission when I first saw it. I looked through the binoculars and it just appeared to be a normal jet. Single landing light on its nose and the green and red marker lights on its wing tips. I glanced at my TV for just a second and then looked back and it was gone. Waited for a while to see if it reappeared but never saw it again. 17:20 -Saw what appeared to be a standard jet heading westbound approximately. 8000 ft. Watched it flying through a layer of thin cloud and noticed the light pattern appeared to be changing, the red and green wind tip lights went out and a single large red light appeared on what I assumed was the fuselage. I grabbed my binoculars again and started watching as the plane flew out from the clouds and into a clear area the big red light went out and the bottom of the entire wing lit up a kind of yellowy orange colour, making it appear to be just a large flying wing. The wing did not appear to be glowing internally but I could not see any source for the light and although it had what appeared to be flaps and spoilers, I could not see any engines. If it was making any noise I didn't notice it. Also the lights on the nose and fuselage could no longer be seen. It then flew into a thicker layer of cloud and I didn't see it again.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Surrey, B.C. Glowing Yellow Egg Shaped Object

Date: December 2, 2004
Time: Approx: 9:00 p.m.

Hi Brian, saw what appeared to be the same glowing yellow egg shaped object again yesterday Dec. 2, at approx. 19:00 and again at approx. 21:00. It was heavily overcast at the time and both times the object appeared to rise almost vertically from the area of the Fraser River almost directly north from my position. Object doesn't leave any trail as it rises and climbs about the speed of a ball of fire from a Roman candle. Both time it climbed right up into the overcast. Approx. 2000 to 3000 ft. before disappearing.

As for size about the same as a car headlight viewed from about two city blocks. Some of those reports from India, regarding their Fighters going down are getting rather interesting. I wonder just what the heck is going on. Same with around the Great Lakes and South of us.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Calgary, Alberta Large Silver Streak In Sky

Date: December 03, 2004
Time: 4:25 p.m.

Hi,

About 4:25 p.m. AB time I saw a large silver streak in the sky west of the city of Calgary heading SW. Not to sure what it was but watched it for a bit and at some points it looked like it stops then starts up again. I know that there was a report

yesterday on the news about something similar and they said it was an airplane? Ummmm I don't think so! In all the years I have been alive I don't believe that. Wondering if you have any explanation.

Thanks.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Santa Ana, California Unusual Sighting

Date: December 03, 2004
Time: 6.30 a.m.

Hi Brian I saw something today toward the mountain area. I was going south on the freeway and I saw a very high cloud formation no lights and two trails that looked like fighter jets escorting it. I want to know if you saw these trails also it was about 6:30 a.m. in the morning they were far off in the distance if you want to I will draw you a picture of it tonight and try to email it to you this weekend. Thank you so much it had to be about 35,000 feet it was clear and windy this morning.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Sonora, California Object Slowly Pulsated A Bluish Glow

Date: December 5, 2004
Time: 5:24 and 5:44 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1
Number of objects: 2
Shape of objects: Glowing Object and Pulsating Object

Full Description of event/sighting: I was sitting outside watching the clouds roll in. The clouds were still just a light haze, and the stars were dimly shining through, when a bright light appeared almost directly above me. The light grew brighter and brighter until it shone almost as brightly as the moon. As it dimmed out, it began to move slowly to the Northwest, passing one of the stars that I could still see through the haze. Twenty minutes later, at 5:44 PM another light appeared to my Northeast, heading North. This object slowly pulsated, dim then bright, with a bluish glow at its brightest. As it moved North, it began dimming out, while still pulsating. Both objects were recorded on my Sony Camcorder.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Johnstone, A. K

Dr. Johnstone's book was selected by The Anomalous Book List, as one of the ten best UFO books of 2002.

Description: The existence of UFOs is a phenomenon that intrigues and captivates, yet it generates more skepticism than acceptance. Witnesses of unconventional craft are often disbelieved and even ridiculed. Belief in the existence of UFOs is obviously not yet mainstream, but that may one day change. Over the past few decades, reports of UFO sightings have dramatically increased in North America. Further, these sightings have been observed to be more blatant and even menacing. Some reports even imply that these craft are monitoring our planet.

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Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 09:25:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 09:02:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>Date: Thursday, December 09, 2004 8:33 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

>Source: News-Medical.Net...

><http://www.news-medical.net/?id=6732>

>12-007-04

>Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

>Previous research has shown that paranormal experiences can be
>achieved via electromagnetic stimulation of the temple lobe. Now
>scientists from Uppsala and Lund universities in Sweden are
>calling into question how the experiments were set up and
>therefore questioning the results. Their study involving
>identical magnetic field equipment produced no such
>relationship.

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><http://www.uu.se/>

Anybody out there speak Swedish? Judging by the abstract, this justifiably should make everybody who hasn't already done so reject the 'scientific' work of Michael Persinger and bandwagon jumping of Susan Blackmore.

Michael Persinger also drew a nonsensical connection between earthquakes and UFO sightings, if they were within hundreds of miles and months of each other!

Sounds like excellent work done by the Swedes.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 07:05:15 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 09:04:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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On presumption... Ah-ha_!

...And lo, the skies were filled abruptly with the flailing
forms of portentously petulant pelicanists, and those free-
thinkers without a minimum cover were showered with the effusium
of their energetic explication... I say unto ye, yea and
verily... Eminem...

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Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 08:13:31 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 09:29:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB -

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 16:24:18 EST
>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 22:40:01 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 11:22:16 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Ad-Review Submission For The Bolling AFB

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>He has completely ignored the "feedback" telling him to tone it
>down if he wanted to get the ads accepted and, instead of
>listening to the friendly advice, he comes back with ever more
>hostile and confrontational proposed ads for "feedback" which
>will be ignored again. So no wonder the "feedback" is getting
>more outraged and less 'friendly'.

Steaming monkey paffle from high in an elitist canopy, Mr.
Sparks. That is not remotely a justification for the
criticism's escalation, which I think is a result of another
underlying process (we can get into if you wanna) and otherwise
comes from some suspect sources, besides. Moreover, ignored or
not, Mr. Bryant has your attention, Sir.

>Nick Pope on Nov 28 even drafted out for him a smartly worded ad
>that might have had a better chance of being accepted and
>published, but he chose to stonewall Pope and not even give
>him the courtesy of a response. See Pope's post:

With all respect to a very even handed Mr. Pope, who did
provide a reasonable response or feedback based on the most
conventional of shopworn conventional wisdoms (no criticism to
Mr. Pope) Mr. Bryant might have thought, as I would have, that
that advice hasn't really moved us along substantively on the
ufological path for all its sterling collegiality, placating
calmness, and superior rationality. The opposition, Mr. Sparks,
is not predicated on following the same gentility or honoring
the same law. Perhaps, as a result of the shine-on we've all had
to endure for 50 freakin' years, Mr. Bryant would use what
remains of dwindling due process and evaporating rule of law as
a 'pick' to more forcibly pry at the lid we, every one of us,
know is there... ..roll up some legal paper into a few tight
tubes and poke out a few eyes. They grow back.

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/nov/m28-005.shtml>

>And he complains about official "stonewalling"! How about
>responding to Nick Pope, Sir! And I don't mean you in Canada
>either.

You don't know that he didn't, Mr. Sparks, in the first place,
and where is it written that he has to demonstrate a touch-back

to you... an obviously hostile individual, in the second... and hostile for reasons which could otherwise be explored for some intellectual profit, I would think. One guy shooting off his mouth to assorted government agencies shouldn't bother you so much, given that he's been doing actionable things for years now without a comment from you thus far, I recall. And please don't say he discredits the field with his efforts. He wouldn't even be doing what he is doing (...me either, for that matter) if the ufological "knowledge void" contained any 'quality' information, at all, and was catalogued there by data following science, forthcoming government, and progressive philosophy/religion. Mr. Bryant, and myself, are symptoms of a condition, Sir, and not its cause.

>Furthermore the complaints against the government are not even
>about withholding of UFO documents anymore but about an entirely
>secondary issue of SEARCH FEES being waived.

Which in no way is non-pertaining, Mr. Sparks. Why should Mr. Bryant pay too much money for information we should, all of us, have for free anyway... especially when the cost is made prohibitive so you can't get the information out.

>The actual core
>issues of UFO documents and coverup are receding farther and
>farther into the background, Sir.

...And on that largely inaccurate note, Mr. Sparks, allow me to admonish you for hiding behind Mr. Rimmer's very suspect response and not communicating with me directly. The "Sirs" were the tell tale on who you're really addressing, Sir... and Mr. Rimmer 'shan't' save you.

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Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 09:15:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 09:31:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow? - White

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 07:54:38 -0500
>Subject: Last Rocketeers Set Sights On Mars

>Source: JPL Labs/NASA

>http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/press/opportunity/20040524a/site_B115_navcam_180_cyl_L-B118R1_br2.jpg

>05-24-04

I look forward to NASA's explanation as to how that is a "camera lens artifact".

Eleanor White

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Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow? - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 14:41:34 +0000 (GMT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 09:52:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow? - Miller

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 09:15:52 -0500
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>"camera lens artifact".

Eleanor,

Further, look into the background of the picture.

Notice the little white dot in the distance?

Stuart

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Smith & Rogerson

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 09:53:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 10:01:34 -0500
Subject: Smith & Rogerson

James Smith and Peter Rogerson bring a sobriety to UFO UpDates that I enjoy, and this despite the fact that I'm a fan of Alfred Lehmborg, Kyle King, and Jerry Clark in particular.

Practicalities and tempered 'belief' about UFOs are rational and the way of the world. That's why UFO buffs are seen as fringe by the hoi polloi, and media (which is one level up from the great unwashed).

While there is a kind of civility here at UFO UpDates, which I've followed for a few years now, there is often a palpable hostility amongst Listers. But the back-and-forth, the colloquies, are usually stimulating, and often enlightening.

But that aside, there is a point to be made: capitalistic enterprises are favored by government agencies (even during "liberal" administrations, here and abroad) and businesses obviously.

If UFO studies/investigations had a "raison d'etre" that was seen as potentially profitable, everyone, unbelievers also, would jump on board.

This is where James Smith hits his stride... he understands that.

And Peter Rogerson opens the door to a number of scenarios which may or may not be related to UFOs.

I've never understood why UFO aficionados don't work together to establish a central facility and authority which could accumulate funds and expertise to address the practicalities, the science of "flying saucers" and the extracurricular aspects that attend to the phenomenon.

How much trouble would it be to create a non-profit - not like those which have been tried or started by those not fully committed to the UFO mystery but, rather, inclined to self-aggrandizement - which would gather funds and equipment and make it available to whomever comes credentialed to the table: those who are identified, legitimately, with UFO study? (Need I name them?)

The non-profit facility would not exclude James Smith or Rogerson surely, and would certainly include the visionaries like King and Lehmborg, plus the bonafide UFO studiers, Friedman, Hall, Clark, Maccabee, et al.

If persons are truly interested in resolving the UFO question, because it would be beneficial or satisfy the insatiable curiosity of those who hate unresolved mysteries, they would gather their monies and wherewithal and make it happen, rather than discoursing ad infinitum, ad eternum, ad nauseum.

But that's just my mundane rumination for today.

(I think I've been infected by the Lehmborgian verbosity, which is quite wonderful, is it not?)

Rich Reynolds
Fort Wayne MediaWatch

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Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 08:58:22 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 10:06:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 23:13:24 -0000
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 17:06:21 EST
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 06 Dec 2004 09:16:25 -0800
>>>Subject: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

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>You mentioned meteors and meteorites.

>I do believe that the lack of actual UFO hardware is the biggest
>obstacle to scientific acceptance.

>Meteorites were in a similar position for many decades. It took
>several large falls, culminating in the L'Aigle fall in 1803, to
>finally convince the scientific academy (in France) that
>Chladni's ideas were correct and that meteorites actually fell
>from the sky, and came from outer space.

>I feel UFOs (assuming they are nuts & bolts spacecraft) will
>never be accepted until & unless real hardware is found and
>produced. If this proves very elusive, too bad: we shall have to
>wait until such hardware, preferably in abundance, turns up.
>Then, and only then, will there be a chance of finally proving
>UFO reality to the scientific establishment. There is no clear
>alternative.

>It is useless to give the oft-repeated response that the
>authorities already possess this hardware but are keeping it top
>secret. This standard ufological rejoinder will cut no ice with
>the scientific establishment (or the media), and you cannot
>really blame them for poking derision at it. Ufology is too
>world-wide for this 'buck passing' to be valid.

>Hardware is needed, and sooner rather than later.

Christopher,

It appears you've missed the crux of the thread; if hardware,
i.e., 'physical evidence' is needed for acceptance with the
scientific establishment with regard to Ufology, does that same
rule apply to Astronomy; if not why?

Frank Warren

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 10:23:09 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 10:39:01 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 17:47:40 -0600
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 08:34:11 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

Kyle,

Good post and it did help me understand more of your viewpoint
(and perhaps even Mr. Lehmberg's).

>The funny thing is, when dreamers dream, they harm no one. But
>when a realist pooh-poohs a dreamer, the dreamer is cast aside
>as so much detritus, until perhaps a later date when the dreamer
>is vindicated. For the more passionate among us, your comments
>literally mean war.

Point taken. I will be more careful. I admit that I have a
really difficult time with emotional (irrational?) thought, both
the understanding of it or the creation of it by myself. Because
of this failing in me, I will confine my remarks to meaningful
posts directly related to UFOs because I do not want to tread on
toes of those with more time invested in this forum.

In the case of my response to your original email, there was
really nothing to be gained by anyone by my post. It was not
necessary for anyone to know the practicalities. And while I
would not go as far to think of myself as a wet blanket, I think
in retrospect that it missed the entire point of your original
post, which was mainly the crafting of an inspirational dream.

I think you are right that we need such dreams to motivate us, I
lost mine a while ago when I discovered how deadly dangerous
space was and how stupid it would be to go there, especially if
you want McDonalds and warm baths.

Regards,

James

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Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 10:38:15 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 10:45:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 09:25:13 -0400
>Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

>Anybody out there speak Swedish? Judging by the abstract, this
>justifiably should make everybody who hasn't already done so
>reject the 'scientific' work of Michael Persinger and bandwagon
>jumping of Susan Blackmore.

>Michael Persinger also drew a nonsensical connection between
>earthquakes and UFO sightings, if they were within hundreds of
>miles and months of each other!

>Sounds like excellent work done by the Swedes.

Mr. Friedman,

As you know, duplicating experiments is dashed difficult in every field. One contradictory report does not disprove a positive report. Although it sounds like excellent work, one cannot judge it without knowledge of the test protocol, controls, equipment, calibrations, subject profiles, etc. And then you have the aspects that were not reported (or even dreamed of) which may be fundamentally different between the two tests and require a knowledgeable outside party to witness/evaluate.

Given the vast number of tests Dr. Persinger has performed and published, I would not so readily discount him.

Like cold fusion, we need more attempts at replication.

Also, look at how many parapsychological tests have been replicated many times, with still a difficult time "proving" the phenomena.

I don't support all of Dr. Persinger's theories, but at least he is doing hard testing in a very controversial field.

Respectfully,

James

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Filer's Files #51 - 2004

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar.nul>
Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 07:06:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 11:15:30 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #51 - 2004

Filer's Files #51 - 2004, Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern
Vice President of Skywatch International
December 8, 2004, Webmaster: Chuck Warren

Discs and Flying Triangles Seen

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 as reported each week. Many people claim it is impossible for UFOs to visit Earth, I ask you only to keep an open mind and watch the evidence we accumulate each week. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists and my hypothesis is that of the over one hundred UFO reports each week many represent factual UFO sightings in our skies.

UFOs were seen over Arizona, California, Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Sightings were also reported in Australia, Canada, India, Netherlands, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom.

"When the long awaited solution to the UFO problem comes, I believe that it will prove to be not merely the next small step in the march of science, but a mighty and totally unexpected quantum jump."--Dr. J. Allen Hynek Northwestern University

Geminids Meteor Shower Monday

The best meteor shower of 2004, the Geminids, peaks on December 13th. It's the Geminids. The best time to look is Monday night, around midnight when you can expect to see dozens of shooting stars.

Mars - Structures Found

John E. Combest, Inspection Engineer writes, this Mars photo distinctly shows the remains of a large square building along with what may be the "concrete" foundations of destroyed adjacent buildings. It seems readily apparent to me that what is shown is a large building which has a tall structure (chimney or tower) adjacent to (or part of) the "south" wall of the building. An interior rectangular structure is evident. It looks as if you can see down inside the building to view some interior structures - as if the roof has been destroyed by whatever force removed the outlying buildings from their foundation. The original photo seems to be slightly out-of-focus. Below the structured areas are a small group of possibly domed structures.

Thanks to JPL and John E. Combest, Inspection Engineer
jecombest.nul

Mars - Billions of dollars are pumped into extraterrestrial exploration each year in the search for the ultimate prize - the discovery of life on other planets. But are we looking in all the right places? Prof Steven A Benner, who is working with NASA on the design of the next generation of Mars probes, believes

that life could flourish without any need for water. In the December issue of Current Opinion in Chemical Biology, he and his colleagues at the University of Florida describe how organisms could survive in exotic environments such as on Saturn's moon Titan.

Editor's Note: The question is: "Why do our group of Mar's researchers without funds see hundreds of structures, and strong evidence of intelligent life, while NASA/JPL refuses to acknowledge anything but water on Mars?" I would be interested in the scientific explanation of how natural forces produce square structures and pyramids.

According to a Gallup Poll conducted in November, only 35 percent believe that Darwin's theory of Evolution is supported by evidence. Forty-five percent believe that God created man in present form, while 38 percent believe "man developed with God guiding. Only 13 percent say man developed with no help from God. Evolutionists have dominated text books for decades yet most people disagree with the scientists. "Now we have better evidence that intelligent life once existed on Mars, than for the evolutionary theory that we came from primordial soup."

Mars - Rovers Report Wet Martian History

The most dramatic findings so far from NASA's twin Mars rovers - telltale evidence for a wet and possibly habitable environment in the arid planet's past - passed rigorous scientific scrutiny for publication in a major research journal.

Eleven reports by 122 authors in Friday's issue of the journal Science present results from Opportunity's three-month prime mission, fleshing out headline discoveries revealed earlier. Opportunity bounced to an airbag-cushioned landing on January 24, 2004. It is exploring a region called Meridiani Planum, halfway around Mars from where its twin, Spirit, landed three weeks earlier. They have driven a combined 5.75 kilometers (3.57 miles), nearly five times their mission-success goal. Sedimentary rocks Opportunity examined, "clearly preserve a record of environmental conditions different from any on Mars today," report 50 rover-team scientists led by Dr. Steve Squyres of Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

"Liquid water was once intermittently present at the Martian surface at Meridiani, and at times it saturated the subsurface. Because liquid water is a key prerequisite for life, we infer conditions at Meridiani may have been habitable for some period of time in Martian history."

Several characteristics of the rocks suggest water came and went repeatedly, as it does in some shallow lakes in desert environments on Earth. That fluctuation, plus the water's possible high acidity and saltiness, would have posed challenges to life, but not necessarily insurmountable ones, according to researchers. If life ever did exist at Meridiani, the type of rocks found there could be good preservers of fossils, according to Squyres,

Dr. John Grotzinger of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

http://www.nasa.gov/vision/universe/solarsystem/mer_main.html

Thanks to Jim Hickman Executive Director Skywatch International Inc. <http://www.skywatch-international.org>

Arizona - Three Disks Spotted

TUCSON =96 Three disks were seen hovering in the sky on November 29, 2004, at 11:47 PM. The witness states, "They were flying in formations that I have never seen before and they hovered, then started to circle each other slowly, then they started to fly faster until one by one they dropped straight down and vanished." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com California =96 UFO Photographed

MODESTO =96 R. David Anderson took this picture in the fall of 2004 and these pictures show a variety of unusual light formations created by the movement of what appears to be UFOs. I have determined that most of these types of UFOs tend to change shapes, so it is difficult to stipulate a specific shape (with

the exception of the UFO at the bottom), which seems to have a permanent shape of two cylinders connected by an extended armature.

Thanks to R. David Anderson

SAN FRANCISCO =96 The witness said, "My girlfriend and I were riding the train and noticed a black thing hovering near some low clouds on November 12, 2004, at 4:15 PM." It looked like a hovering bird and I pointed it out to my girlfriend, but when she looked it disappeared behind the clouds. Thirty seconds later we both saw it. We looked at it for another 15 seconds, but then the train kept going and it disappeared behind some clouds. It was pretty high up, in front of the clouds, I would estimate 500 feet, but too big to be a bird? Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Florida - Sphere of Light and Possible Abduction

ORLANDO - At 5:30 AM on November 21, 2004, I noticed an object in the sky the size of a pea. It was a clear night but was still dark out. I thought this was an aircraft possibly in trouble due to the speed and angle of descent compared to aircraft that are approaching Orlando's airport. Then, the object came to a sudden halt and hovered for about three seconds before separating into three pieces. The original object kept its size and shape, but two objects broke off the sides of the sphere. The movement of both side objects was very symmetrical and they left a weird trail of smoke. It reminded me of booster rockets off the shuttle. I knew that all shuttle launches during take off execute a pitch and roll immediately out into the Atlantic so as to be far from land in the event of an emergency. The two objects that broke off did not emit any light but the light from the original object was enough to see these two objects separate from the original and leave a trail of white smoke. Then a very bright light lit up the whole sky, brighter than the sun like a nuclear blast shining for about 35 to 40 seconds. Then the light had shrunk back to its source in the sky in about five seconds. The object still hovering in the same spot in the sky.

Then within a second, this object shot right back up into the atmosphere at like light speed in an eastward angle. According to local radio stations and the local CBS TV affiliate, (www.local6news.com) hundreds of people in Orlando that were traveling to work or on the road reported the blinding light. Some drivers were running through traffic lights because they couldn't tell if the lights were green or red. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com BOCA RATON =96 The witness went to bed with his wife about 1:15 AM while watching TV on November 20, 2004. He remembers turning off the TV, and quickly falling into a deep sleep. He states, "In what seemed an instant I was awakened by my wife who asked, 'Where were you?' My immediate response was "in our bed". My wife then explained to me that she awoke and I was not in bed with her, so she searched the whole house and even walked to the guard house of our community to see if the guard had seen me. Nobody had come into the community. Upon her return, she burst into the room and found me in our bed. She stated that my car was in our driveway, and that my wallet, cell phone and money was just as I had left it which further upset her. The covers in our bed on my side looked exactly as if I had pushed them down and left. I glanced at the clock and it was about 2:30 AM, when she stormed into our bedroom and awoke me.

I tried to comfort her and confirmed that I had not left our bed, not even to use the bathroom. In the morning, I asked her to confirm what had happened during the night and she confirmed I had been missing. I am willing to have this event investigated. I am not sure what really happened, but the evidence suggests I was some how physically missing from my home for 45-60 minutes without my knowledge. I was told to examine myself for any marks, and did not find any. However, from the base of my throat to the middle of my chest it is mildly red like a sunburn. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Kentucky =96 Disk

LOUISVILLE =96 The witness reported, "My wife and I were sitting on our balcony when a strange green aurora or haze that was with

a big disk in the middle floated past. It kept hovering for about half an hour. It floated past inside a haze on November 16, 2004, at 10 PM. It then disappeared into the mist that had formed after thirty minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Massachusetts - Sphere

HANCOCK =96 There was a bright blue sky, with no cloud covers in sight. The witnesses were driving on a tree lined road and above the tree line was a bright shining globe on November 13, 2004, at 10:20 AM. It was stationary, but looked to be glimmering. My sister also saw it and after about seven seconds it just disappeared. A shimmering globe appeared stationary for 7-10 seconds then just vanished. The view we had was unobstructed as it was very high. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Maryland =96 UFO Sighting

WOODLAWN - Bill Bean reports, "I just wanted to report a major sighting that I had at 9:10 PM, from my home on November 29, 2004. I observed a very large white disc shaped UFO hovering and tilted downward in the southeast. It was about 5,000 feet in altitude. I watched it for nearly a minute and could not take my eyes off it. This thing was very big and the white part was very bright with black edges. I was in awe of this amazing craft and didn't move. I initially thought the object to be the moon, as I could see the light through a thin layer of clouds. But as the clouds passed, I saw the entire shape of the UFO. Suddenly, the stationary object swiftly moved away to the south and it seemed to ride on the clouds and was descending. It was like watching a speedboat on the water. I've drawn a rough sketch of it on my site. Thanks to Bill Bean "http://ufoman104.tripod.com

Michigan =96 Flying Triangle

CLIO =96 The witness reports seeing a flying triangle with three white lights on each side on November 22, 2004, at 7:30 PM. He states, "My Radio in my car cut out and my phone didn't have a signal in a place where it should always have one." All it did was hover over the intersection like a bobber floating in a lake. I parked my car and watched it for about five minutes. I reached for a pen and paper to draw the object, and when I looked back up, it was gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Minnesota =96 Cylinder

MINNEAPOLIS =96 The witness reports, "On November 12, 2004, at 1:15 PM I was traveling east on Hwy 55 and as I approached 46th Street, I saw a silver cylinder shaped object without any tail and wings traveling very slowly. At times it was hovering without motion above Walgreen's Drug Store. Then the silver metallic cylinder moved slowly from east to west. I turned the car around at 50th Street and by the time I reached 46th it was gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director North Carolina =96 Saturn UFO

I was looking at Filer's Files #44, today, and noticed a resemblance between the first photo showing an object near Saturn and one of my images. My photo, # 02219 is one of two photos in a sequence. We had a large UFO, and a small companion heading straight toward us.

Image #02218 shows the main object at a moderate distance and #02219 shows the object ten seconds later approaching us on a direct course. I saw the first image in the back of the camera, then the second one. We looked up into the sky but they were totally invisible to the naked eye. We had been steadily shooting flash shots and knew they were checking us out probably right over our heads at close range.

Thanks to Alan Caviness

New Mexico =96 Flying Triangle

BETWEEN CUBA and SAN ISIDRO =96 A flying triangle moving around 20

MPH, passed right in front of me heading north on State Highway 44 about 9:30 PM on November 17, 2004. The triangle was flying very low and heading west from the Jemez Mountains. It had a triangle shape with lights and was the size of a small air plane. It was so close to me that I could throw a golf ball and hit it since it was only 150 feet off the ground. When I rolled down my window to watch as it passed right in front of me without noise. The triangle kept heading west over a small hill and disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director
www.UFOCenter.com

New Jersey - Oval

RIDGEWOOD =96 The witness reports, "Our 8 year old son noticed "UFO's" and called us out to witness four oval shaped lights flying in formation; they were flying and going around in circles (like a dance) on November 16, 2004, at 6 PM. There were three others that joined in, so a total of seven oval shaped lights flew in formation for ten minutes maneuvering overhead. They may have left trails since there were contrails in the sky, but these may not be related. They, then, disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director MENDHAM =96 On November 18, 2004, a lawyer stopped to get the mail at 6 PM, and noticed four separate round lights in sort of a circle formation flying well below an airplane. They moved counterclockwise incredibly fast and then moved in, toward each other and then away. She says, "I then noticed another set of lights over my neighbor's house and drove down my road two-tenths of a mile and noticed the left set of lights following right above my car causing me to panic." I turned around and sped back to the top of the driveway and tried to dial the police on my cell phone, but I was not able to get it to work." I went to my neighbor who is also a lawyer and asked her to come outside. She was in disbelief as she saw the lights. There was nothing we could think of that could explain what we were seeing. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

New York - Thick Saucer Seen

ENDICOTT-VESTAL =96 A medical professional, while driving across the Route 26 bridge to Vestal in upstate New York, saw a silver metallic craft similar to a Mylar balloon flying on it's side heading south on November 15, 2004, at 6:50 PM. It was coming in and out of the cloud cover and covered about 1/3 of the sky in under less than a minute. It appeared to be about a mile up, and about thirty feet wide. It did not fly exactly straight and at times changed course. Many craft have been seen in this area, but this is the first early morning one that I have seen. The object was basically this shape: {_____}. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director Ohio =96 Light

DUBLIN =96 The witness reports on December 1, 2004, "It was like something out of a movie; an egg shaped craft actually landed 500 yards away off in a field at 9 AM." I am at work and can't talk, but give me a call and I will give you the rest of the story. You've got to hear this. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

WARREN - The witness was driving with his Dad, and they saw an unusually large number of jets flying over on November 13, 2004, at 5:25 PM. We counted at least nine jets and were joking, "Hey, I bet there's a UFO or something?" Out of the sunset sky there glowed an intense bright red orb that slowly faded away and disappeared. Then, it slowly brightened to an intense light, then slowly faded away again. When the light faded, there was no object visible like any craft, it was just like an orb slowly brightening and fading away. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director CLEVELAND =96 Around 3:15 PM on November 12, 2004, the witness noticed several fighter jets in a perfectly clear sky and asked co-worker to come outside and look at the fighter jets making contrails. They counted eight fighter jets and the coworker asked, "What is that?" I looked up and saw a perfect silver circle going very, very fast - probably 3 or 4 times faster than the jets. It flew across the sky taking only about 20 seconds to fly over head and into the distance where we could no longer see it. My co-worker and I agree we had never seen anything like it before. It didn't have wings, and it didn't leave a contrail like the fighter jets. The eight fighter jets seemed to exquisitely change course shortly after it passed by. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

FOSTORIA =96 George Ritter has captured another UFO that appears to be a disc behind power lines. It may be reforming as it moves from one point to another and gaining altitude. The area where the UFOs are videotaped is limestone with large underground caverns. It is speculated that the UFOs can pass through relatively solid earth. This advanced technology could be accomplished much like a television signal is transmitted from one point to another. Aliens have often been seen coming through walls. We have video of small balls of light videotaped in abductees rooms passing through walls. The technology is apparently similar to the Star Trek series where they are able to beam people and objects from one place to another. "Beam me up Scotty" may be a reality. Thanks to George Ritter

Oregon - Disk

TERREBONE =96 The witness watched spinning circles of light above his car that followed him for about 15 minutes at 10:30 PM, on November 14, 2004. A couple driving into town noticed some circling lights right above them and above the cloud cover and they were spinning in opposite directions of each other. The lights made up one big disk like shape and followed right above their car. The witness says, "I got scared and said that it was following us, so I pulled over into a parking lot and it was still right above us lingering in the clouds. I got so scared I took off, and left town driving driving at 80 mph and it was still following us. My boyfriend said that he saw something black flying in front of it, but couldn't make out what it was. It stopped following us as soon as there was no more cloud cover. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Pennsylvania - Chevron

MONTGOMERYVILLE =96 The observer noticed a chevron-like object fly into the Cassiopeia Constellation that was then joined by three or four others that circled briefly, then, flew west on November 13, 2004, at 11:20 PM. The objects flew in from different compass points to join the first. They formed up and flew west and disappeared. It was difficult to see any lights as they moved quickly, but a red light on the first craft might have been visible, although very dim. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Puerto Rico - Huge UFO

MAYAG=DCEZ - The witness was outside sweeping the porch at 7 PM, when he looked towards the long mountain on the horizon and saw a blue light on November 15, 2004. It flew in a straight line really fast. The blue light was pretty far away and the object was very big as it crossed over the mountain. It disappeared when it flew behind a low cloud. The witness reports having other sightings. Thanks to www.UFOCenter.com

SAN GERMAN - Edgar Morales 14 miles southeast of Mayaguez, photographed an enormous UFO with blinking lights of blue and green color with a cupola on the top of it. Analysts who tested the Morales photo declared that 'it was a real photo,' not faked, and estimated that the strange object was at an altitude of 5,000 feet and was at least 1,000 feet (300 meters) wide." Thanks to Reinaldo Rios and Joseph Trainor Editor of UFO ROUNDUP Vol.9, # 49 12/8/04

North Carolina - Fast Flying Disk

RAEFORD =96 Two witnesses saw a gray color disk that kind of lit up in the night sky and twirled around for about one minute on November 18, 2004, at 12:34 AM. It seemed to spin and hum as it flew through the sky. It was perfectly flat and little lights on the side blinked out of control. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

South Carolina - Cylinder

AIKEN =96 The observer noticed a cylinder shaped object flying in straight-line flight towards the southeast on November 18, 2004, at 11:30 PM. The cylinder was silver; and had no visible wings or contrail. It flew beneath the dispersed contrail of a higher

jet at about 12,000 feet. The cylinder was 9 times longer than wide. It was flying at a speed similar to a jet airplane. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Tennessee - Metallic Cylinder

KINGSPORT - Kim Shaffer MUFON reports that on November 28, 2004 at 9 PM, a witness stated he nearly wrecked his car as he watched a large orange illuminated object as it slowly passed over the highway. It dispelled a smaller object which took off. Two witnesses saw a slow moving reflective metallic, cylinder-shaped object flying below lots of commercial aircraft. They insisted this was not an aircraft.

CHUCKEY =96 On November 26, 2004, at 9 PM, a trained observer and his wife reported a large slow moving triangular craft as it moved to the southwest at 10,000 feet. The object was followed by three small white lights that both witnesses described as shaped like a comma. Below these lights were four smaller star like multi-colored lights. All moved in unison across the sky for some 15 minutes.

TRI CITIES - Mysterious sonic booms were heard on November 21, 2004, but the Air Force's 4th Fighter Wing at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina states there were no flights of fighter aircraft from that base over this area that day. The liaison officer stated, that supersonic flight is strictly prohibited by regulations. Supersonic flight is allowed over the ocean and out west over training areas. Since "stealth" aircraft are incapable of supersonic flight, this sonic event in which no aircraft were present on radar, remains a mystery. www.mufontennessee.org

Wisconsin - Lights

FREDERICK - A series of lights of lights and craft are being photographed over this northwest Wisconsin location. This one was taken at 5:01 AM this summer. Thanks to Shawn.

Canada =96 Sightings Continue

HOUSTON, BC =96 Brian Vike reports, "On November 24, 2004, starting at 6:15 PM, the sky came alive with numerous objects being witness by multiple witnesses." A lady telephoned us that she and her husband were watching an extremely bright, fast moving light traveling east over the top of Mount Harry Davis. It was seen dropping in altitude and then rising back up again repeatedly, as it flew. It was traveling much faster than a low flying aircraft, but not as fast as a meteor. It was white, red and orange and due to its brilliance no structure could be seen. As it faded, two other extremely bright lights began to move at a high rate of speed in opposite directions and vanished within seconds. A second witness phoned at 7:20 PM, stating he watched a craft with five lights fly southwest from the micro wave tower on top Mount Harry Davis and over top their home just off Highway 16 at a high rate of speed. The witnesses stressed the craft moved so fast they had no chance to see any detail.

Brian turned off some of the lights in his home and sat watching the mountain with his wife and a friend. At 7:40 PM, flying low over Mount Harry Davis was a large, bright orange light which was dropping in altitude rapidly and changing direction slightly as it followed the top contour of the mountain. Eventually it dropped down behind the mountain and disappeared. This was not an aircraft.

Brian states, "At 7:50 PM, off to the right of the micro wave tower, I was able to see a bright white beam of light which shone upwards from an area where there are no roads." At 8 PM, my wife and friend give out a yell as a bright white light was observed shooting skyward from the back side of the mountain. The light went to a high altitude before it was gone. Thanks to Brian Vike www.hbccufo.com

Australia - Flashing Lights

DARWIN - On December 6, 2004, Laboratory technician Julie Lynn was relaxing on the balcony with husband Nigel at their Leanyer home when they noticed the UFO about 8.30 PM. "It was fascinating to watch," she said "It hovered in the one place for at least two hours but had moved significantly when we checked on it again before we went to bed. The UFO was described as

being shaped like three connected ball-shaped spheres that flashed blue, green and red from as many as six different light sources. Department of Defence spokeswoman Kelly Cooper said the UFO was definitely not a secret military aircraft or RAAF-related. The airport also denied the UFO could have been a plane waiting to land.

http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5744,11599504%255E4_21,00.html Thanks to Jim Hickman, BMET Director Skywatch International <http://www.skywatch-international.org>

India - Sphere

PUNE - On November 12, 2004 at 7 PM I saw an aircraft like a sphere in shape. I can't explain what it was, but surely it was not a plane from earth. It was something like a sphere flying in the sky. It was so clear with some different colors of light rays. A ray came from it and hit the roof of my home. Then, I remembered that some time ago I installed a huge magnet on my house roof. Apparently, some current was flowing through it due to a power leak, so it was generating magnetic rays.

Netherlands - Strange Lightned Circles

HELLEVOETSLUIS - My mother was driving in her car on November 20, 2004, at 8 PM,, she had just brought my brother to a friend. While driving, she looked up in the sky and saw strange 'circle lights' moving around. Lights were shining through the clouds. She could not identify the object. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Portugal - Oval

VILA NOVA DE GAIA =96 When arriving home at 9:10 PM, on November 13, 2004, the witness saw a very big blue and white object near his house falling from the sky very fast. At first he thought it was a plane crashing. Then, it suddenly reduced velocity and when it was only a 100 meters above the ground it disappeared behind the trees. There was no noise or the sound of a crash. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

Sweden - Diamond Shaped Vessel

NYBRO - It was a cold rainy night on November 15, 2004, at 12:02 AM, when two friends were out walking when we saw a diamond shaped vessel light up the sky. It came nearer as we watched it and after a few minutes we could see that it was many small lights in the shape of a diamond. After ten minutes it flew away. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

UK - UFO Sightings

THANKERTON, Scotland - A large round object was seen flying very low over a small village on November 18, 2004, at 7 PM. The object had many white lights all around and red flashing lights on top. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

LONDON =96 The observer was out jogging, when he saw three lights going back and forth constantly and at a very quick rate above the scattered clouds on November 21, 2004, at 10:14 PM. The lights flew a mile per second or more and stopped instantly. They would go back, split into three and merge and play with each other. A police car with flashing lights tried to go through some red traffic lights, and the lights in the sky noticed and came directly above the police car and stopped, and flashed as quickly as the police cars lights. They seemed to mock the police car lights until they drove off. Then the three lights continued their back and forth movement. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director www.UFOCenter.com

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From the NICAP records
by
Major Donald E. Keyhoe

It was early in '59 when I learned of this hidden report - a startling encounter with a UFO. The lead came in a brief message from Admiral Delmar S. Fahrney, former Navy missile chief, whom I had known for years.

"Captain James Taylor, USN, Ret., has an important UFO sighting made by a naval pilot and his crew. Call him at Spacetrronics, Inc., in Washington, District 7-9481."

That night, when Captain Taylor gave me this dramatic Navy report, I could see why it had never been released to the public. Later, Admiral Fahrney and I met at the Army-Navy Club and discussed the details. Fahrney knew, as well as I did, of other hidden UFO cases - some of them highly significant. But this one stood out in importance.

It had happened in 1956. Cruising at 19,000 feet, a Navy R7V-2 transport - a four-engine Super-Constellation - was flying west across the Atlantic Ocean. The next stop was Gander, Newfoundland. Final destination, Naval Air Station, Patuxent, Maryland.

The night was clear, visibility unlimited. In the senior pilot's seat, Commander George Benton was checking the dim-lit instruments. At thirty-four, Benton had a decade of Navy flying behind him. He had made the Atlantic crossing more than two hundred times. Back in the cabin were two extra Navy air crews, en route home from foreign duty. Most of these men were asleep. Including Benton's regular and relief crews, there were nearly 30 airmen-pilots, navigators and flight engineers aboard the Constellation.

As Commander Benton finished his cockpit check, he glanced out at the stars. Then he leaned forward, puzzled. A few minutes before, the sea below had been dark. Now there was a cluster of lights, like a village, about twenty-five miles ahead.

Benton looked over at his co-pilot, Lieutenant Peter W. Mooney. "What do you make of those lights?" Mooney peered down, startled.

"Looks like a small town!"

"That's what I thought." Benton quickly called the navigator, Lieutenant Alfred C. Erdman. "We must be way off course. There's land down there." "It can't be land." Erdman hurried forward from his map table. "That last star sight shows..." He broke off, staring down at the clustered lights. "Well?" said Benton. "They must be ships," said Erdman. "Maybe a rendezvous for some special operation."

Giant Flying Saucers

"They don't look like ships," said Benton. He called Radioman John Wiggins. No word of any unusual ship movements, Wiggins reported. And no signals from the location of the lights. If they were ships, they were keeping radio silence. "Wake up those other crews," Benton told Erdman. "Maybe somebody can dope it out." In a few moments, two or three airmen crowded into the cockpit. Benton cut off the automatic pilot, banked to give them and the men in the cabin a better view.

As the transport began to circle, the strange lights abruptly dimmed. Then several colored rings appeared, began to spread out. One, Benton noticed, seemed to be growing in size. Behind him, someone gave an exclamation. Benton took another look. That luminous ring wasn't on the surface - it was something rushing up toward the transport.

"What the devil is it?" said Mooney. "Don't know," muttered Benton. He rolled the Constellation out of its turn to start a full-power climb. Then he saw it was useless. The luminous ring could catch them in seconds.

The glow, he now saw, came from the rim of some large, round object. It reached their altitude, swiftly took shape as a giant disc-shaped machine.

Dwarfing the Constellation, it raced in toward them. "It's going to hit us!" said Erdman. Benton had known normal fear, but this was nightmare. Numbed, he waited for the crash.

Suddenly the giant disc tilted. Its speed sharply reduced, it angled on past the port wing. The commander let out his breath. He looked at Mooney's white face, saw the others' stunned expressions. Watching out the port window, he cautiously started to bank. He stopped as he saw the disc.

It had swung around, was drawing abreast, pacing them at about one hundred yards. For a moment he had a clear glimpse of the monster. Its sheer bulk was amazing; its diameter was three to four times the Constellation's wing span. At least thirty feet thick at the center, it was like a gigantic dish inverted on top of another. Seen at this distance, the glow along the rim was blurred and uneven. Whether it was an electrical effect, a series of jet exhausts or lights from opening in the rim, Benton could not tell. But the glow was bright enough to show the disc's curving surface, giving a hint of dully reflecting metal.

Though Benton saw no signs of life, he had a feeling they were being observed. Fighting an impulse to dive away, he held to a straight course. Gradually, the strange machine pulled ahead. Tilting its massive shape upward, it quickly accelerated and was lost against the stars.

Commander Benton reached for his microphone, called Gander Airport and identified himself. "You show any other traffic out here?" he asked the tower. "We had something on the scope near you," Gander told him. "But we couldn't get an answer."

"We saw it," Benton said grimly. "It was no aircraft." He gave the tower a concise report, and back at Gander teletype messages were rushed to the U.S. Air Defense Command, the Commanding Officer, Eastern Sea Frontier, the Director of Air Force Intelligence and the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

When the Constellation landed at Gander, Air Force intelligence officers met the transport. From the start, it was plain they accepted the giant disc sighting as fact. For two hours, Benton and the rest were carefully interrogated[debriefed], separately and together: How close did the object come? What was its size... estimated rate of climb... any electrical interference noted... what happened to the other luminous rings?

From the answers to scores of questions, the majority opinion emerged. The flying disc was between 350 and 400 feet in diameter, and apparently metallic. No interference with ignition noted; instruments not observed and radio not operating during this brief period. Time for the giant disc to climb to the transport's altitude, between five and eight seconds, indicated speed between 1,400 and 2,200 knots; the disc had accelerated above this speed on departure.

Not all the men in the cabin had seen the luminous rings. Of those who had, most were watching the huge disc approach and did not see the "rings" disappear. If they, too, were flying discs, in a rendezvous as some suggested, they apparently had raced off while the other one was checking on the Constellation.

At one point, an Intelligence captain asked Benton if he had seen any indication of life aboard the disc.

Intelligently Controlled

"No, but it was intelligently controlled, that's certain. Benton looked at him closely. "That size, it would hardly be remote-controlled, would it?" "I couldn't say," replied the Air Force man. Nor would he tell what the Gander Airport radar had shown about the disc's speed and maneuvers. "What's behind all this?" demanded Mooney. "Up to now, I believed the Air Force. You people say there aren't any flying saucer..."

"Sorry, I can't answer any questions," said the captain. "Why not? After a scare like that, we've got a right to know what's going on." The Intelligence officer shook his head. "I can't answer any questions," he repeated.

As quickly as possible, intelligence reports with full details were flashed to the four Defense commanders already notified, with an extra message for the Director of Naval Intelligence. After the Constellation reached Patuxent, the air crews were interviewed[debriefed] again, by Navy order. Each man made a written report, with his opinion of what he had seen.

Five days later, Commander Benton had a phone call from a scientist in a high government agency. "I'm informed you had a close-up UFO sighting. I'd like to see you."

Benton checked, found the man was cleared by the Navy. Next day, the scientist appeared, showed his credential, listened intently to Benton's report. Then he unlocked a dispatch case and took out some photographs.

"Was it like any of these?" At the third picture, Benton stopped him. "That's it!" He looked sharply at the scientist. "Somebody must know the answers, if you've got photographs of the things." The other man took the pictures. "I'm sorry, Commander." He closed his dispatch case and left.

At the time when I (Donald Keyhoe) learned of this case, I had served for two years as Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

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Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 11:41:05 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 13:01:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

>Source: News-Medical.Net...

><http://www.news-medical.net/?id=6732>

>12-007-04

>Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

>Previous research has shown that paranormal experiences can be
>achieved via electromagnetic stimulation of the temple lobe. Now
>scientists from Uppsala and Lund universities in Sweden are
>calling into question how the experiments were set up and
>therefore questioning the results. Their study involving
>identical magnetic field equipment produced no such
>relationship.

<snip>

>In a joint project, researchers from Uppsala and Lund
>University, Sweden, performed a double-blind experiment to test
>if results from previous studies could be reproduced.
>Approximately 90 undergraduate students in theology and
>psychology participated in the study. The magnetic field
>apparatus utilized was identical to that used in previous
>studies. Results showed that the magnetic fields did not cause
>religious or paranormal experiences. However, highly suggestible
>individuals had paranormal experiences to a larger extent, but
>this had nothing to do with the magnetic fields.

<snip>

><http://www.uu.se/>

Okaaaaay...

Now we've a study that invalidates the widely publicized 'magnet hat' experiments. In addition we have the conclusions of the late Dr. Mack that demolished the notion that abductees, in general, suffered from some pathological source. That was one of his conclusions.

So now it appears through real science that the nullification of previous experiments and assumptions put to rest the 'duh' factor.

Although I think Susan Blackmore is a babe, her presentations bothered me as they came across as curt and lack objectivity. She's super smart and I don't know what her latest conclusions are so I'll have to brush up on her latest research.

I'm sure the public will be happy to hear that belief in God and the Spirit don't categorize them as a candidate for a rubber room, especially if members of the Christian Right who have tons of money and won't get picked up with a giant butterfly net.

Perhaps this latest study will get out to the mainstream and let the folks out there who have encountered the paranormal and can then have peace of mind.

Which makes me think if the word paranormal is really applicable. What's outside the norm in one point of history is normal in another. Those old Biblical and other religious stories of old may well be true, just that nowadays we've replaced ghost with 'photonic intelligences' and angels with 'ETs' and miracles with 'mind over matter'.

Best,

Greg

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 12:56:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 13:04:16 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 10:23:09 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 17:47:40 -0600
>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 08:34:11 -0800 (PST)
>>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>Good post and it did help me understand more of your viewpoint
>(and perhaps even Mr. Lehmborg's).

>>The funny thing is, when dreamers dream, they harm no one. But
>>when a realist pooh-poohs a dreamer, the dreamer is cast aside
>>as so much detritus, until perhaps a later date when the dreamer
>>is vindicated. For the more passionate among us, your comments
>>literally mean war.

>Point taken. I will be more careful. I admit that I have a
>really difficult time with emotional (irrational?) thought,

James,

As well you should since it seems to cause more than enough
grief in this world. Another name for it might be fanaticism. In
all it's forms, religions being the chief among them, it is a
scorge to be stamped out.

Having digressed I exit.

Don Ledger

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 11:12:49 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 13:05:45 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

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Wow... an erg less testosterone and I might even squeeze out a joyful tear. Every once in a while someone does something that surprises me in a good way. This time it's you. Good _show_, dude! I'm reshuffling your cards.

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Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 13:46:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 13:11:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Ledger

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 23:13:24 -0000
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 17:06:21 EST
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

<snip>

>You mentioned meteors and meteorites.

>I do believe that the lack of actual UFO hardware is the biggest
>obstacle to scientific acceptance.

>It is useless to give the oft-repeated response that the
>authorities already possess this hardware but are keeping it top
>secret. This standard ufological rejoinder will cut no ice with
>the scientific establishment (or the media), and you cannot
>really blame them for poking derision at it. Ufology is too
>world-wide for this 'buck passing' to be valid.

We often throw around the term "scientific community" which is
as valid a term as "ufology" and too broad based.

Which "scientific community" are we referring to? The
pharmaceutical scientific community, the scientific research
divisions of the military complex, NASA's cloistered, federally
funded community [until they retire] the universities',
federally funded scientific communities, the medical scientific
community [i.e. the psychiatric field-which is no more exact
than ufology when it comes down to it and probably less so].

The point is each scientific community has its own vested
interest and sacred cow to protect - not to mention its funding.
An example of this is Physics versus Egyptology re the age of
the Sphinx. These communities fight amongst themselves.

This is too large a subject to get into for one person but I'm
sure most have had experiences where the co-called scientific
community has impacted their belief systems and not just where
it concerns the UFO phenomenon.

There is one common denominator to all of them and that is the
possible impact of the UFO phenomenon on their own communities
and it seems to filter through all of them.

Does anyone else feel that we are being sold a bill of goods by
those more interested in maintaining the status quo rather than
'what is'?

Don Ledger

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 14:07:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 13:17:00 -0500
Subject: Re: This Navy Sighting Was Dynamite - Ledger

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>Maryland.

This is the Lt. US Naval Reserve, pilot Graham Bethune case.
Keyhoe used Benton to disguise his name.

Don Ledger

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Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 12:27:49 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 13:37:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 00:10:05 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 10:14:52 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>You obviously haven't been reading the last few UpDates. I
>thought I had made it clear that I am unimpressed by the SETI
>project and its anthropomorphic outlook. Quite a few ufologists
>look really sophisticated in comparison. As for Frank Drake with
>his idea of sending messages into the skies in the hope that the
>God like aliens will give us the secret of peace on earth, with
>immortality thrown in for good measure, the religious symbolism
>is obvious

At last, we have something on which to agree. As non-ufologist
SETI critics have observed from time to time, at least the
ufologists base their hypotheses on a body of perceived
evidence. If you want evidence-free speculation about ETI, I
refer interested Listfolk to just about any book or other
monograph by a SETI enthusiast.

>Magonia devoted one issue to an article by Lawson years back,
>and I doubt if we ever referred to it since.

I think you could call this historical revisionism. The
Magonians were enchanted for a time with Lawson's silly ideas,
and they are discussed prominently - with straight face and
without giggling, treated in other words as entirely serious -
in a 1984 book written by Magonia's longtime editor John
Rimmer, *The Evidence for Alien Abductions*. If it were worth my
time (it isn't), I have no doubt that I'd find that birth trauma
figured in more than one long-ago article in Magonia. I'm sure
Peter is simply citing the longest and most focused of them. If
Rogerson and Rimmer want to tell us that they no longer feel as
they did 20 years ago, that's fine - neither do I on a number of
issues, ufological and otherwise - and even healthy. But the
fact that they once took serious heed of birth traumas as
abduction generators is a matter of record.

>I see that Jerry is
>still going on about Hispanics. That was a throw away piece
>about Dark Side ufology and the idea of aliens doing nasty
>things in hangers in the desert.

One of Magonia's many "throw away pieces," I'm afraid, and goofy
fantasies, drawing on nothing of empirical consequence, about
what Americans are supposed to think.

>The piece never even mentioned
>the word abduction. But if you want to go down that road just
>look at what David Jacobs and Budd Hopkins are now saying about
>the hybrids. Racial fears or what?

And on what do you make that leap? Evidence? Of course not.

Assertion and mind-reading? Of course. The hybrid stuff is curious, and while I resist a literalist interpretation, for which the evidence is nowhere sufficient, I see no easy explanation in sight. Unlike Magonians, I have no trouble with those three little words "I don't know." My suspicion is that we are dealing with anomalies of consciousness about which we know too little to speak of too airily.

But of one thing I'm confident: the unsupported guesswork of a non-American about the deepest secrets of the American psyche is worth no serious person's time.

>Presumably the fact that IUR published article after article on
>the Roswell nonsense means Jerry was promoting it. Or was he
>just publishing articles as they came along.

Whatever it may or may not be, Roswell is not "nonsense" - though that unflattering characterization certainly describes much that has been written about it, of course - but Roswell itself remains an interesting historical event and a continuing mystery. Though I am inclined these days to doubt it was an ETI-related event (I have my own ideas, but since I can't produce evidence to support them, I don't publish them; therefore, I guess, I am not a Magonian), there seems no doubt that many interesting, unanswered questions remain. Further research may lead us to new discoveries, perhaps some unexpected ones which may cut through the stale current debates.

I look forward to continuing developments with interest, as I would with any historical controversy. And yes, I think IUR has done a good job of covering the unfolding story. Certainly, our articles were based overwhelmingly on direct - and considerable - investigation, as opposed to Peter's remarks above.

>Its up to those who propose that there are dramatically
>anomalous phenomena out there to prove the point, its not up to
>sceptics to demonstrate otherwise. Of course if anyone like
Andy >Roberts or Dave Clark get out of their armchairs and investigate >these cases and come up with answers Jerry doesn't like he damns >them too.

This is the same lazy, intellectually witless argument we too often hear from thoughtless "sceptics." In fact, the only persons who have no obligation to prove anything are those who say nothing and who live their lives oblivious to, ignorant of, or indifferent to the controversy in question. If they choose to enter the debate, they have an obligation to employ logical argument and to offer actual evidence in support of their position. I take this, however, to be Peter's back-handed admission that since in his estimation UFOs don't exist as extraordinary anomalies, he can't be bothered with logical argument or actual evidence - at this stage, alas, an acknowledgement of the obvious.

Here is the late sociologist of science Marcello Truzzi, the man who coined the phrase (which in his last years he rejected as effectively without meaning) "extraordinary claims demand extraordinary evidence." (No, Carl Sagan, usually credited, did not invent the maxim. Basically, Truzzi concluded that the twice-used "extraordinary" is largely a question-begging, subjective judgment and that, moreover, the maxim has serious flaws as a description of how science actually judges truth claims. I know this from my many personal conversations with Marcello, a close friend, who died, sad to say, before he could write a paper or book elucidating his revised thinking.) Anyway:

"If a critic asserts that there is evidence for disproof, that he has a negative hypothesis... he is making a claim and therefore also has to bear a burden of proof. Sometimes, such negative claims by critics are also quite extraordinary... in which case the negative claimant also may have to bear a heavier burden of proof than might normally be expected.

"Critics who assert negative claims but who mistakenly call themselves 'skeptics' often act as though they... have no burden of proof placed on them at all... [But] if a critic asserts that the result was due to artifact X, that critic then has the burden of proof to demonstrate the artifact X can and probably did produce such results under such circumstances.... Alas, most critics seem happy to sit in their armchairs producing post hoc counterexplanations."

>>>Jerry has made this point on a number occasions about
>>>paranormal explanations but seems to have a slight difficulty
>>>realising that invoking a technology so advanced as to be like
>>>magic is only verbally different from a paranormal explanation.

>>I have no idea what this is supposed to mean, except that
>>pronouncements like these seem to give the likes of Peter great
>>satisfaction as he goes about conjuring up ever more and more
>>elastic, magical pelicans. Since it was Arthur Clarke who made
>>the comparison of ETH technology to magic, I urge you to take
>>your quarrel to him. Oh, wait a minute; he's an authority
>>figure, isn't he? Sorry. Never mind.

>It means that a magical technology = magic. Can I make it
>plainer than tha[t]?

Huh? Are you suggesting, then, that advanced technology would be based on magic? Or is it your view that technological development has reached its end, and that any testimony concerning an ostensible technology beyond present understanding can be discarded as delusional because, being hard to comprehend, that technology would seem magical, and since magic doesn't exist, therefore superior technology can't exist, either?

Keep in mind, too, gentle and patient Listfolk, that Peter and his fellow Magonians like to poke fun at technically trained ufologists (e.g., Stan Friedman) who have gone to some length to demonstrate how extensions of current technological principles may explain how interstellar travelers could develop propulsion and other systems which may enable them to get here.

Talk about unfalsifiable: Anybody who thinks a far superior technology might look like magic to the naive, early 21st-century observer is a fool. Meantime, those who argue that UFO-extraterrestrial technology may not be so advanced, after all, and that from current physical knowledge we can draw reasonable inferences about otherworldly spacecraft propulsion... well, those guys are fools, too.

As usual, with the Magonian/pelicanist school of rhetoric, it's always a heads-you-lose, tails-we-win proposition.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 10:39:32 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 13:45:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 09:25:13 -0400
>Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>>Date: Thursday, December 09, 2004 8:33 AM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

>>Source: News-Medical.Net...

>><http://www.news-medical.net/?id=6732>

>>12-007-04

>>Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

>>Previous research has shown that paranormal experiences can be
>>achieved via electromagnetic stimulation of the temple lobe. Now
>>scientists from Uppsala and Lund universities in Sweden are
>>calling into question how the experiments were set up and
>>therefore questioning the results. Their study involving
>>identical magnetic field equipment produced no such
>>relationship.

>Anybody out there speak Swedish? Judging by the abstract, this
>justifiably should make everybody who hasn't already done so
>reject the 'scientific' work of Michael Persinger and bandwagon
>jumping of Susan Blackmore.

>Michael Persinger also drew a nonsensical connection between
>earthquakes and UFO sightings, if they were within hundreds of
>miles and months of each other!

>Sounds like excellent work done by the Swedes.

Persinger's work has always struck me as crackpot stuff. He was
claiming that incredibly weak, fluctuating magnetic fields could
induce all sorts of things, from religious experiences and alien
abduction scenarios to making his laboratory mice drop dead.

In another life I was an experimental scientist involved in
stimulating the brain with magnetic stimulators. In the real
world it is actually quite difficult to stimulate the sensory
brain with these devices. To get even crude sensory responses,
such as flashes of light, we were using magnetic fields and
frequencies that delivered stimuli 10 to 100 million times
greater than what Persinger said he was using to get much more
profound reactions (complex hallucinations).

Persinger was claiming to get results with a firecracker that
other scientists couldn't get with an A-bomb. He was using
fields and frequencies on the order of what the average person
might experience cooking over an electric stovetop, or using an
electric shaver or hair drier. Anybody out there had any
religious experiences or been abducted by aliens while doing any
of these activities?

Thus it comes as no great surprise to me that Persinger's results cannot be duplicated. The work was always deeply suspect. But Persinger probably got a free ride because his highly questionable claims could be marketed as "scientific" explanations by pseudoscientific skeptics and the mass media and then used to debunk things like UFOs and alien abductions.

David Rudiak

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Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 13:51:37 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 13:55:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 10:39:32 -0800
>Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

<snip>

>Persinger's work has always struck me as crackpot stuff. He was
>claiming that incredibly weak, fluctuating magnetic fields could
>induce all sorts of things, from religious experiences and alien
>abduction scenarios to making his laboratory mice drop dead.

That's too funny!

What's extra funny is that if magnetism or electromagnetism
could cause these events then everyone who uses a cell phone
would be calling aliens, God, Dr. Zachary Smith and Buddha.

Best,

Greg

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Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 08:52:51 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 06:32:30 -0500
Subject: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

Fellow Listarians,

As you know I offered to accompany Ed Gerhman to the alleged site of a crash/retrieval near Socorro, NM, he feels corresponds to the description given by the cameraman of the infamous Alien Autopsy film. I have prepared a preliminary report, which I promised UFO UpDates denizens and it can be found at:

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/gehrman.htm>

Thank you to Geoff Richardson of the Why Files for posting my report. I hope readers find it of interest.

Unfortunately, I will be unavailable for further comments on the matter and will be visiting the site several more times in the coming year.

Wendy Connors
www.fadeddiscs.com

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Is It Time To Scrap SETI?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 06:38:51 -0500
Subject: Is It Time To Scrap SETI?

Source: ABC News

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/DyeHard/story?id=3D311101&page=3D1>

12-09-04

Commentary by Lee Dye

Is It Time To Scrap SETI?

Researchers Claim Listening For Signals From ET Is Futile

For all those folks out there who are counting the days until we hear from some intelligent creature on another planet, researchers now say we're not going to be able to eavesdrop on the space alien equivalent of the "I Love Lucy" show.

During the few decades that scientists have searched systematically for life elsewhere in the universe there has been some hope that electromagnetic "leakage" from communications systems on other planets =97 such as television broadcasts =97 might be detectable from Earth. If that's the case, then radio telescopes sweeping the sky might pick up those signals, giving us a window onto other worlds, and finally answering that increasingly overworked question, "Are we alone?"

Don't count on it, say researchers from three institutions. Any advanced civilization would likely encode and compress their communications to make their systems more efficient, just as your computer compresses files that you send over the Internet, the researchers argue in a report in a recent issue of the "American Journal of Physics."

And that, they say, would make those signals indistinguishable from the thermal radiation of stars, and thus impossible to detect because it would seem like part of the universe's background noise.

Even if we did somehow capture such a signal, we wouldn't know it, says physicist Mark Newman of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"If you don't know how to decode it, then you can't make out what's going on," Newman says.

The Decompression Issue

A computer can't show a picture that has been compressed by another computer unless it knows how to decompress it, and likewise we couldn't decode a television signal that had been compressed unless we already knew the code. And, Newman and his colleagues argue, any advanced civilization which has used wireless communications for even a few decades would surely have figured out that it makes sense to encode.

We're already doing it, and we're just barely in the communications age.

"This is something we already do in many of our transmissions," Newman says. "We encode (compress) them so they take up less space and we can send them faster and send more messages."

To be fair, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, or SETI as it has come to be known, has never been wedded to the idea that we could somehow tune in to alien television broadcasts. Astronomer Frank Drake, who many consider the father of the current effort, told me years ago that any such signal would probably be far too weak to detect on Earth.

Thus the primary aim is to find signals that are intentionally sent in our direction by another life form, and thus designed to be easily detected by us. Newman has been informed of that by many irate readers of his report who maintain that the search is viable because no one is really listening for Lucy.

Yet much of the SETI literature does suggest that ordinary communications signals might be detectable.

And that's what compelled Newman and biologist Michael Lachmann of the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig, Germany, and computer scientist Christopher Moore of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque to take a closer look.

The three built on the pioneering research of Claude Shannon, an electrical engineer with Bell Labs who published two seminal papers in the 1940s on information theory. Shannon demonstrated that it is possible to compress data and thus distribute far more information than would otherwise be possible. That work is the foundation for much of today's communication technology.

Compressed data, however, looks like just a jumble of junk unless it is decoded, and the researchers wondered if that would apply to radio signals as well.

"In our paper we proved that there's an equivalent result for radio messages," Newman says. "The most information-rich radio message looks like thermal radiation, which is the standard kind of radiation that we see in the sky. So that would make it difficult to tell the difference between an intentional transmission that was very efficient and just natural phenomena."

Not a Peep in 10 Years

But what if someone out there really is trying to contact us? That message would not likely be encoded because they =97 whoever "they" might be =97 would want us to understand it.

"Then, of course, you could easily see it," Newman admits.

Which takes me back about a dozen years to a time when I sat on the porch of Frank Drake's California home and listened to this eloquent scientist talk about the passion in his life, somehow finding ET.

He said all those years ago that routine signals from another planet would spread out as they passed through space, weakening as their footprint grew ever larger. And just as a flashlight grows dimmer with distance, they would probably be far too weak to detect by the time they reached Earth.

But what if someone is beaming a very tightly focused, high-powered transmission directly at us? Surely we could find that pretty easily.

Drake's enthusiasm has always been infectious, but I wondered out loud how long that enthusiasm would last. With trillions of stars out there, how long would he be willing to search? When might he decide that perhaps he was on the wrong track, that perhaps ET is illusive, or isn't interested in our primitive society?

I don't have the notes from that meeting, and couldn't reach Drake for this column, but I remember what he said. Picking a number out of the air, he said if scientists hadn't found

anything in about 10 years, perhaps they would have to rethink their program.

The SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif., which Drake helped found, has now grown into a large organization of more than 100 scientists and staffers, due largely to the largess of a number of folks with very deep pockets.

It is more than 20 years old now.

And in all those years of searching, not a single signal has turned out to mean anything at all. If ET is trying to reach us, she must not be trying very hard.

Lee Dye's column appears weekly on ABCNEWS.com. A former science writer for the Los Angeles Times, he now lives in Juneau, Alaska.

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Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow? - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 13:23:11 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 06:42:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow? - King

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 14:41:34 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow?

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 09:15:52 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow?

>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->
>>>Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 07:54:38 -0500
>>>Subject: Last Rocketeers Set Sights On Mars

>>>Source: JPL Labs/NASA

>>>http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/press/opportunity/20040524a/site_B115_navcam_180_cyl_L-B118R1_br2.jpg

>>05-24-04

>>I look forward to NASA's explanation as to how that is a
>>"camera lens artifact".

>Eleanor,

>Further, look into the background of the picture.

>Notice the little white dot in the distance?

>Stuart

Hi Stuart and Eleanor,

This is a most intriguing photo. The impression I get is that this is a look back at the way the rover came. Note the apparent tread tracks.

If that is the case, the white dot would be the rovers landing pod.

The path also however would indicate that the rover rolled over the rather odd rectangular object. I find that odd, as well, because it is obvious from the photo that the object could have been avoided.

There is an interesting 'twist' along the top edge of the object, almost directly in line with the wheel track path. I don't know what to make of that, either.

My first reaction was indeed that it appears to be wood, which of course would be in itself something, but with it's regular edges and clearly sharply cleaved edges, the allusion to a railroad tie or sleeper is apt to say the least. On further examination, it seems that it could also be a stony formation, as we've seem lots of squared corners and parallel striations or

fractures in photos of other areas on Mars.

But this is a very compelling image, and a good explanation should be easy to produce, particularly if the rover in fact drove over the thing.

Best,

Kyle

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Central Research Facility [was: Smith & Rogerson]

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 15:10:04 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 06:45:59 -0500
Subject: Central Research Facility [was: Smith & Rogerson]

>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 09:53:21 -0500
>Subject: Smith & Rogerson

<snip>

>I've never understood why UFO aficionados don't work together to
>establish a central facility and authority which could
>accumulate funds and expertise to address the practicalities,
>the science of "flying saucers" and the extracurricular aspects
>that attend to the phenomenon.

I don't understand this either. I had thought in the 70's that MUFON or APRO or NICAP would have been in a position to add legitimacy to this research. But it seems that they were either corrupted by human foibles/personality or outright absconded/sabotaged by a murky blend of government/industry(?)/academia.

>How much trouble would it be to create a non-profit - not like
>those which have been tried or started by those not fully
>committed to the UFO mystery but, rather, inclined to self-
>aggrandizement - which would gather funds and equipment and
>make it available to whomever comes credentialed to the table:
>those who are identified, legitimately, with UFO study? (Need I
>name them?)

It is hard. You require a talented, energetic leader that people will listen to, who is open minded and pragmatic. This is a very valuable resource and hard to find in the world. Sure you can create an organization easily enough (fill out the forms, create a web site), but the leadership, organizational skills needed by the management of the organization cannot be underestimated. It baffles me how to go about this. I think we really need a good salesman who can sell the idea to a potential leader, either in the corporate or academic realm. I am not saying Donald Trump is a great leader, but he has shown a willingness to pursue rather different part time work (his TV show). The leader need not be full time but must somehow provide the saavy in creating a self-sustaining/flourishing organization. A good salesman should be easier to get, although they are rare gems.

>If persons are truly interested in resolving the UFO question,
>because it would be beneficial or satisfy the insatiable
>curiosity of those who hate unresolved mysteries, they would
>gather their monies and wherewithal and make it happen, rather
>than discoursing ad infinitum, ad eternum, ad nauseum.

Well, I think its about time we stop paying for all the UFO research. It really is not fair that UFO researchers have to be driven into poverty because of their desire to answer the UFO question. Using the non-profit organization, fund raising activities can be generated and self sustaining mechanisms created.

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Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 14:54:20 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 06:49:46 -0500
Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered -

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 10:23:09 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 17:47:40 -0600
>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>>>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 08:34:11 -0800 (PST)
>>>Subject: Re: First Quasi-Satellite Of Venus Discovered

>Kyle,

>Good post and it did help me understand more of your viewpoint
>(and perhaps even Mr. Lehmborg's).

<snip>

>I think you are right that we need such dreams to motivate us, I
>lost mine a while ago when I discovered how deadly dangerous
>space was and how stupid it would be to go there, especially if
>you want McDonalds and warm baths.

Hi James,

We indeed, reach. Very civil and sincere response... and very much appreciated.

It is a rare and cool moment when a discussion here ends with an 'up' note.

A nice point at which to lay this thread to rest, perhaps.

Merry Christmas and God bless us, every one.

And a nod to Mr. Lehmborg and ebk... thank you.

Kyle

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Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 16:55:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 06:54:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 10:39:32 -0800
>Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

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>we were using magnetic fields and frequencies that delivered
>stimuli 10 to 100 million times greater than what Persinger said
>he was using to get much more profound reactions (complex
>hallucinations).

I've never looked, in detail, into Persinger's setup, but his work was of some interest to our electronic harassment group, and several years ago, I spoke at length with Persinger's technician, Stan Koren about his setup, a fellow ham radio operator, VE3PSE.

Early on in Persinger's work, he used Radio Shack reed-style 5-volt relays, with the reed contacts removed and a rounded-off nail slipped through the relay core and more or less resting against the test subject's skull.

A double-ended 5-volt power supply was throttled through a pulse generator that for at least some of the experiments caused a sharp pulse of current, I'm guessing here but maybe 100-200 milliamps in one direction immediately followed by a second pulse in the opposite direction.

These sharp pulse pairs were tried at varying spacings in time, and number in sequence.

I don't know what magnetic field intensities that might have involved, but perhaps these setup details might mean more to Mr. Rudiak.

When I spoke with Stan Koren, he was looking into replacing the steel nails with powdered iron rods to sharpen up the pulses.

A year or so ago, I found the helmets for sale on the web, as 'The Stan Koren Helmet', for people to try for themselves.

Eleanor White

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Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 14:06:28 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 06:55:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow? - Hatch

>Source: JPL Labs/NASA
>http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/press/opportunity/20040524a/site_B115_navcam_180_cyl_L-B118R1_br2.jpg
>05-24-04

>Very Strange Martian Artefact
>Click image to zoom in

>[UFO UpDates thanks Stuart Miller for the lead]

Interesting!

Are we referred to the large 'log' lying left and right near the Rover, or to the small white 'tombstone' way up and away near the horizon?

Both are on the left half of the image. The techno-clutter at bottom must be the Rover itself.

- Larry

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Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow? - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 14:28:43 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 06:57:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow? - Tonnies

>Source: JPL Labs/NASA

http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/press/opportunity/20040524a/site_B115_navcam_180_cyl_L-B118R1_br2.jpg

>05-24-04

>Very Strange Martian Artefact

>Click image to zoom in

>[UFO UpDates thanks Stuart Miller for the lead]

The bright object near the horizon is Opportunity's heat-shield.

The "rail tie" really does look like wood. I wish they'd take a close look with the Rock Abrasion Tool.

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Mac Tonnies (macbot.nul)

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com>

New book: After The Martian Apocalypse

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/074348293X>

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Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow? - Holman

From: **Brett Holman** <b.holman.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 10:26:34 +1100
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 06:59:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow? - Holman

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 14:41:34 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow?

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 09:15:52 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Mars Rail Tie/Sleeper/Shadow?

>>I look forward to NASA's explanation as to how that is a
>>"camera lens artifact".

Why wouldn't they argue that it is what it looks like - a rock?

>Eleanor,

>Further, look into the background of the picture.

>Notice the little white dot in the distance?

That's just Opportunity's backshell and parachute, jettisoned during descent - I guess a breeze must have been blowing through.

<http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/press/opportunity/20040209a.html>

By the way, there's a higher resolution version here:

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From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 00:34:57 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 07:05:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 12:27:49 -0600
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Peter Rogerson <progeron.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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Re: Good News For Causality? - Holman

From: **Brett Holman** <b.holman.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 17:24:17 +1100
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 07:15:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Holman

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2004 21:24:18 +0000
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 22:52:12 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>>So you explain one "unknown" - for example, why a spinning
>>top stays on its point - with another "unknown" - a force that
>>"creates" inertia?

>Bruce,

>I know how you must feel.

Maybe you do, but you've also avoided Bruce's question. Why do you think you've achieved something by invoking one unknown to explain another?

>Maybe I should've put a health-warning on that message, for anyone who's been taught formal physics in last half-century.

Please excuse my directness, but have you ever been taught "formal physics" yourself? It's unclear to me why you think you know better than the people actually doing this stuff for a living.

>Why? - Because I say, along with Lee Smolin, that "there is at least one good reason not to believe the physics that is taught in most courses... It's not true."

That's some pretty impressive support you've got there - Lee Smolin is a very smart guy, and a leading physicist. The only trouble is, you have partially quoted him in a way which makes it sound as though he is condemning physics as a whole. He isn't, as the full quote shows:

"There is at least one good reason not to believe the physics that is taught in most courses FOR NONSCIENTISTS. It isn't true."

Emphasis added; from "Life of the Cosmos", see:

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/booksearch/isbninquiry.asp?ean=9780195126648&displayonly=CHP>

He is criticising the physics that is taught to 'laypeople'. That is a very different thing to criticising the physics taught to 'physicists'. It hardly means that modern physics is a house of cards, as you imply.

>Present day physics is in a mess. Like you said "we don't really have a clue as to what is really going on".

In fact, we have many clues. And we have figured out a lot of what is really going on. The rest is a work in progress, but you seem to think that's somehow shameful, or a conspiracy, or

something.

>In the last twenty years or so all the confident ideas of
>"Standard Models" (including your electromagnetic cause of
>matter), of "Gas Laws", of "Black Hole Theory" (actually
>Singularity Theories), of "Quantum Theory" and "Relativity
>Theories", have all been discovered to be "flawed" or
>"incomplete" (see "Blind Science").

This is not news. Quibbles over the precise contents of your list aside, I was taught about the incompleteness of current theories as a baby physicist over a decade ago. It's an 'opportunity', not a threat. It's why physicists bother to get up in the morning.

>That is, they're not true.

They are partial descriptions of some aspects of nature, more accurate than any previous such descriptions. Perhaps that's not "true", but it's extraordinarily useful, all the same.

>And the top physicists know the rules aren't true - but they
>aren't encouraged to say so, outside of a very small circle of
>"experts".

Firstly, as I said, nobody pretends we have a complete theory of everything. Secondly, only somebody who has had little contact with real, live physicists could possibly think there was some sort of conspiracy of silence going on. Or that one was even possible. Physicists actively attempt to undermine current theories. It's what they do! Anyone coming up with a new paradigm-busting theory or observation that can withstand scrutiny will have made their career. But maybe this is harder to achieve than you think.

>Why are those rules still being taught in most colleges?

Because they are useful.

>Mainstream science hasn't anything to put in their place, and
>our "leaders" think there'll be a panic if everyone finds out.

What is your basis for this assertion? Most people don't even know what (eg) inertia is, so why would there be a panic if the shocking truth of scientific ignorance about its origins were revealed?

>I'll say again - mainstream science doesn't know reason or
>cause of a) matter, b) mass, c) inertia (and lots of other
>things but those three are basic and interdependent).

>Which of course means they haven't a clue where the extra
>inertia of a spinning coin or a "top" or even a bike comes from
>(because they don't know where 'ordinary' inertia comes from -
> but it's got to be the same source).

It's not "extra" inertia, it's simply a different form of inertia. Is conservation of angular momentum really that puzzling? No, we don't know where it "comes from", but then we don't know where any physical law "comes from". But we know they are there, we observe them, we describe them, we use them. That's physics - the rest is metaphysics. And if we want to get into that, then to me it's far more curious that inertial mass and gravitational mass are the same, than that there is such a thing as rotational inertia. That's very odd - inertial mass could just as easily be a completely different property altogether.

>And mainstream science similarly can't say how "entanglement
>info" is transmitted at far FTL speed, thru all obstacles,
>apparently linking particles instantaneously throughout the
>universe.

><http://online.itp.ucsb.edu/online/colloq/aspect1/>

Yes, we knew that. But as has been shown previously (and as Aspect himself says in the above presentation), to the best of our knowledge, no useful information can be transmitted this way. Perhaps this will change, but clearly Seth Shostak did not deserve the scorn that was heaped upon him by several listmembers for saying that no messages can travel faster than

light.

>Here's two summations - "Physics is in all sorts of trouble" -
>Hilary Lawson - (21st Cent.)

Who is Hilary Lawson that I should care what he thinks? I've never heard of him, but upon googling, he appears to be a postmodernist philosopher, which in fact makes me even less inclined to care.

>and "What the scientists say now
>is likely to be false" - Nigel Calder - NOW, quoted in Blind
>Science.

Now Nigel Calder, at least, is a respected science journalist. But he seems to have gone off the deep end. The above quote comes from here:

<http://books.guardian.co.uk/hay/story/0,14559,1230380,00.html>

where he makes a couple of claims that are simply stupid.

"In any branch of science there are only two possibilities. There is either nothing left to discover, in which case, why work on it, or there are big discoveries yet to be made, in which case, what the scientists say now is likely to be false"

This is a ludicrous dichotomy. In fact, there is a third possibility, that there are 'small' discoveries yet to be made, which is what most scientific research is in fact concerned with. Moreover, even if there are big discoveries yet to be made, that does not mean that 'everything' "scientists say now is likely to be false", because it does not follow that all previous knowledge has to be discarded or even revised.

For example, the previously unsuspected existence of dark energy, now theorised to be responsible for the accelerating expansion of the Universe, does not mean that astronomers are wrong about the structure of the Milky Way, say, or the composition of the Sun. There's no doubt that astronomers are wrong about a lot things. But they are right about many more other things. The same goes for physicists in general.

Calder also says:

"The vast number of scientists are not even trying to do research that could lead to a Nobel prize because they don't want to rock the boat."

Again, this is stupid. Most scientists know they are never going to win a Nobel. Not every piece of research can be of Nobel quality. That doesn't mean it's not interesting, useful or important. I guess he wouldn't ever consider eating at a restaraunt unless it had three Michelin stars, either.

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Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 09:42:47 +0000 (GMT)
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Quite obviously a Mars Bar deposited there by the Mars Bunnies
to block the path of the Rover :-)

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Re: Central Research Facility - Cammack

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 14:08:55 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 07:33:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Central Research Facility - Cammack

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 15:10:04 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Central Research Facility [was: Smith & Rogerson]

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 09:53:21 -0500
>>Subject: Smith & Rogerson

><snip>

>>I've never understood why UFO aficionados don't work together to
>>establish a central facility and authority which could
>>accumulate funds and expertise to address the practicalities,
>>the science of "flying saucers" and the extracurricular aspects
>>that attend to the phenomenon.

>I don't understand this either. I had thought in the 70's that
>MUFON or APRO or NICAP would have been in a position to add
>legitimacy to this research. But it seems that they were either
>corrupted by human foibles/personality or outright
>absconded/sabotaged by a murky blend of
>government/industry(?) /academia.

>>How much trouble would it be to create a non-profit - not like
>>those which have been tried or started by those not fully
>>committed to the UFO mystery but, rather, inclined to self-
>>aggrandizement - which would gather funds and equipment and
>>make it available to whomever comes credentialed to the table:
>>those who are identified, legitimately, with UFO study? (Need I
>>name them?)

>It is hard. You require a talented, energetic leader that people
>will listen to, who is open minded and pragmatic. This is a very
>valuable resource and hard to find in the world. Sure you can
>create an organization easily enough (fill out the forms, create
>a web site), but the leadership, organizational skills needed by
>the management of the organization cannot be underestimated. It
>baffles me how to go about this. I think we really need a good
>salesman who can sell the idea to a potential leader, either in
>the corporate or academic realm. I am not saying Donald Trump is
>a great leader, but he has shown a willingness to pursue rather
>different part time work (his TV show). The leader need not be
>full time but must somehow provide the saavy in creating a self-
>sustaining/flourishing organization. A good salesman should be
>easier to get, although they are rare gems.

>>If persons are truly interested in resolving the UFO question,
>>because it would be beneficial or satisfy the insatiable
>>curiosity of those who hate unresolved mysteries, they would
>>gather their monies and wherewithal and make it happen, rather
>>than discoursing ad infinitum, ad eternum, ad nauseum.

>Well, I think its about time we stop paying for all the
>UFO research. It really is not fair that UFO researchers have to
>be driven into poverty because of their desire to answer the UFO
>question. Using the non-profit organization, fund raising
>activities can be generated and self sustaining mechanisms

>created.

As a development professional I have been close to a number of NGOs started up by driven individuals, with good intentions. Writing a proposal for funds (if you have a good idea) is the least of the problems these organisations face. One, relevant to this discussion, is the founder's syndrome, where the organisation's founder is unable to give up his/her 'baby' to anyone else, and continues to think that his/her input is the most legitimate and worthwhile. These individuals set agendas, micro-manage, exasperate newcomers, and block outsiders' new ideas about what should be done or how to improve things. Certainly they oppose anyone who threatens them and their position. So, the problems you outline in UFO organisations are not unique to them. What is needed (rather than a charismatic individual) to establish a group is a bureaucracy, such as a council, that can start the organisation and set/judge agenda, activities, new material etc, based on an agreed and changable standards, bringing in new people regularly.

Good luck!

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I left this unsnippeted because I'd like evidence handy that for
all the graceful leaping of Mr. Rimmer's practiced literary
erudition he did not depart, by a scintilla of a measurable
amount, from Mr. Clark's too kind response in this thread. In
the military it would have been rhetorically asked, "Yeah,
Rimmer's pretty... but can he fight?"

With regard to authority? Well - lets look at the authorities
being appealed to, and the manner in which that appeal is
applied. Mr. Rimmer would have us believe that there is no
appreciable difference between apples and oranges as Truzzi,
Swords, and McDonald easily trump, on any level one cares to
debate, the best that an opposition could, remotely, throw up
against them.

It remains that the easy rubric of "extraordinary claims
requiring extraordinary evidence," is crap. It is, paraphrasing
Jean Van Gemert, a 'think cloak' employing a duplicitous
mechanism of an ever retreating evidentiary horizon, to preclude
thinking - not to validate it! In other words, in Mr. Rimmer's
bizarro world, the evidence - to suit a corrupted status quo -
is never good enough for the claim.

This is wrong, and offensively dogmatic in its wrongness.

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Brett,

You'll have to forgive (or not) my refusal to debate your page of defensive quibbles. On analysis they're either specious, mutually contradictory or attempts to put words in my mouth (like "explain").

More constructively, here's a recap:

1) Mainstream science doesn't know reason or cause of a) matter, b) mass, c) inertia (which is also momentum), the three basic, vital foundations of the 'material' - protonic - universe and all its particles. Therefore 'science' hasn't a clue where extra inertia of a spinning top or coin comes from, altho' it must have same source as 'ordinary' inertia (Occam's Razor).

That's an unknown 'Force' in the universe.

2)

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/oct/m31-007.shtml>

gives details of NASA's noisily previewed 1999 test of "Allais Effect" - of total eclipses on Foucault pendulums.

After the eclipse (which also 'produced/caused' waves of earthquakes from Greece, Turkey to Taiwan, Japan with thousands of fatalities) there was one 'wait and see' article from NASA:

http://science.nasa.gov/newhome/headlines/ast12oct99_1.htm

then deafening silence!

I'll ignore subsequent claims of "atmospheric cooling causing gravity change" or "ground cooling causing tilt" 'cos either would take too long (not instantaneous) and produce only tiny effects - nowhere near actual results.

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3) Einstein Podolsky & Rosen experiment, reset by Bell's Theorem and tested by Alain Aspect gave these results:

<http://online.itp.ucsb.edu/online/collog/aspect1/>

click on last slide for review.

Aspect himself says/asks - on last slides - "Instantaneous change! Faster than light signalling?"

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There you are Brett - it's easy. No defensiveness, no hawering, no quibbles, no personal remarks.

Just three clear positive statements.

Cheers,

Ray D

"There is no law of nature yet known to us but may be apparently
contravened by the action of more recondite laws or forces"
-Alfred Russel Wallace

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Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 09:06:29 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 15:57:52 -0500
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>>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 12:27:49 -0600
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>>>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 00:10:05 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

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>>Here is the late sociologist of science Marcello Truzzi, the >>man who coined the phrase (which in his last years he rejected >>as effectively without meaning) "extraordinary claims demand >>extraordinary evidence." (No, Carl Sagan, usually credited, did >>not invent the maxim. Basically, Truzzi concluded that the >>twice-used "extraordinary" is largely a question-begging, >>subjective judgment and that, moreover, the maxim has serious >>flaws as a description of how science actually judges truth >>claims. I know this from my many personal conversations with >>Marcello, a close friend, who died, sad to say, before he could >>write a paper or book elucidating his revised thinking.) Anyway:

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These are "authority figures," huh? My, my, the strange, closed, provincial world of the Magonian. I'll have to tell Mike Swords what you said about him next time I see him; he'll be amused. I'm sure that wherever they are now, Truzzi and McDonald are smiling wistfully and murmuring, "If only...."

Jerry Clark

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Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 15:15:37 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 15:58:58 -0500
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>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 15:10:04 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Central Research Facility [was: Smith & Rogerson]

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 09:53:21 -0500
>>Subject: Smith & Rogerson

>>I've never understood why UFO aficionados don't work together to
>>establish a central facility and authority which could
>>accumulate funds and expertise to address the practicalities,
>>the science of "flying saucers" and the extracurricular aspects
>>that attend to the phenomenon.

>I don't understand this either. I had thought in the 70's that
>MUFON or APRO or NICAP would have been in a position to add
>legitimacy to this research. But it seems that they were either
>corrupted by human foibles/personality or outright
>absconded/sabotaged by a murky blend of
>government/industry(?) / academia.

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Wrong! NICAP was very successful as long as it lasted (the track record is there to see if people would only look, for example, at www.nicap.org). We added a hell of a lot of legitimacy. The problem all along was lack of financial support. Running a successful organization requires a fairly large amount of money. As I recall, we never had a six-figure annual budget and often very much less than that. Also, NICAP didn't make it far into the 1970s. It was pretty well burnt out by 1970 as far as practical effectiveness. - Dick (Former Assistant Director and Acting Director of NICAP).

P.S. I am still looking for someone with legitimate historian/scholarly/journalistic credentials to do a history of NICAP and the early UFO years. I have all the relevant information and will cooperate fully with the right person.

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Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 15:29:50 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 15:59:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 07:01:37 -0600
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

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>>and James McDonald.

>I left this unsnippeted because I'd like evidence handy that for
>all the graceful leaping of Mr. Rimmer's practiced literary
>erudition he did not depart, by a scintilla of a measurable
>amount, from Mr. Clark's too kind response in this thread. In
>the military it would have been rhetorically asked, "Yeah,
>Rimmer's pretty... but can he fight?"

>With regard to authority? Well - lets looks at the authorities
>being appealed to, and the manner in which that appeal is
>applied. Mr. Rimmer would have us believe that there is no
>appreciable difference between apples and oranges as Truzzi,
>Swords, and McDonald easily trump, on any level one cares to
>debate, the best that an opposition could, remotely, throw up
>against them.

In terms of educational background, experience, and intellectual
acuity, that's a potent trio indeed.

>It remains that the easy rubric of "extraordinary claims
>requiring extraordinary evidence," is crap. It is, paraphrasing
>Jean Van Gemert, a 'think cloak' employing a duplicitous
>mechanism of an ever retreating evidentiary horizon, to preclude
>thinking - not to validate it! In other words, in Mr. Rimmer's
>bizarro world, the evidence - to suit a corrupted status quo -
>is never good enough for the claim.

>This is wrong, and offensively dogmatic in its wrongness.

I like Budd Hopkins' variation on this theme, which throws it
back in the faces of the skeptibunkers: "Extraordinary events
require extraordinary investigation" (as opposed to glib and
facile rejection).

-- Dick

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Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 12:03:14 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 16:03:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 16:55:35 -0500
>Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 10:39:32 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Magnetism Does Not Cause Paranormal Experiences

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Eleanor,

Thanks for the information. I once wrote a 50 page paper on the many variables involved in optimizing magnetic neuro-stimulation. To try to boil a very complex subject down to the simplest terms, two key points of comparison between commercial mag stimulators and Persinger apparatus are the power output and the coil size

The power through the coils of the Persinger apparatus is seemingly on the order of 0.5 to 1 watt (5V x .1 or .2 Amp). In contrast, the most potent commercial mag stimulator when I was working dumped about 500 joules of energy into a 100 microsecond pulse for a peak power output of about 5 million watts!

Thus the difference in power outputs is on the order of 5 to 10 million!

Coil size is important because the magnetic field generated by the coil falls off rapidly below the coil. What counts is how much is left by the time one gets down to the cerebral cortex (about 1.5 to 2 cm below the scalp) or even deeper. (We found, e.g., that visual phosphenes were actually being generated below the cortex in the white matter, about 4 cm deep.)

My calculations showed that flat coils about 10-12 cms in diameter were optimal for stimulation at cortical depths. Approximately 80-90% of the surface field strength remains at these depths for coils of these sizes.

A relay solenoid is probably about 1/10th this diameter and nonflat. The combination contributes approximately another factor of 10 (or more) decrease in stimulus strength at the required depths.

Overall the ratio of stimulus strength of a commercial magstim to the Persinger apparatus is at least 50 million to 100 million to one. That's like comparing a million dollars to a penny. Yet Persinger is claiming to get more kick for his penny (complex hallucinations like alien abductions) than other scientists are getting for their million dollars. I don't buy it.

"Electronic harrassment," as I understand it, involves beaming microwaves at people. It's not the same as magnetic neurostimulation. For one thing, microwaves are in the gigahertz frequency range, and the physiological effects have to do with the electric field component of the electromagnetic field, not

the magnetic. At least some of the physiologic effects (such as induced hearing) have to do with tissue heating rather than direct nerve stimulation.

Persinger, in contrast, was claiming direct brain stimulation with extremely weak magnetic fields in the low frequency wall socket range (~60 Hz). It's like comparing apples and oranges.

David Rudiak

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Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin - Harrison

From: Diane Harrison <aufor.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 07:05:19 +1000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 22:57:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin - Harrison

Hi everyone,

I was in Darwin the night of the sighting, I guess I was in the right place at the right time.

I've spoken to the witnesses Nigel & Julie Lynn and am presently compiling a report. I have placed an enlarged colour image of the object on the AUFORN web page for viewing:

<http://www.hypermax.net.au/~aufor/Darwin.html>

Nigel said at first he thought it might be a helicopter but there was no noise and it didn't move. Nigel took a picture of the object through his binoculars with his digital camera set at 6.1 mp.

The object was first sighted at approximately 20:30 hrs EST, in a East South East direction at about 45 deg above the horizon.

Nigel & Julie watched the object for about 2 hours in which they said in that time it did not appear to move in any direction.

The objects lights continually alternated red, green and blue Nigel said they appeared like port and starboard lights on a plane. Nigel said it appeared there were also 6 points of light which he could see with his naked eye.

Approximately 2 hours later at 00:30 hrs on Sunday it had moved to a position approximately 60 deg to the north of the first position.

They did not see it move they just came outside at that time to look again prior to going to bed.

Nigel said he would appreciate any help in identifying the object. Nigel said, what it is he certainly does not know and obviously there is an answer.

I will keep you posted - still under investigation

Regards Diane Harrison
The Australian UFO Research Network

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Re: Is It Time To Scrap SETI? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 16:39:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 07:27:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Is It Time To Scrap SETI? - White

>Source: ABC News

><http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/DyeHard/story?id=311101&page=1>

>12-09-04

>Commentary by Lee Dye

>Is It Time To Scrap SETI?

>Researchers Claim Listening For Signals From ET Is Futile

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>Don't count on it, say researchers from three institutions. Any
>advanced civilization would likely encode and compress their
>communications to make their systems more efficient, just as
>your computer compresses files that you send over the Internet,
>the researchers argue in a report in a recent issue of the
>"American Journal of Physics."

Compressed data signals still have a degree of regularity, at least data packet separator strings which would appear regularly. I suspect that even though we might have a very tough time decoding the packets, we would still see enough regularities that compressed data would stand out against thermal noise. I can't prove that, but if conventional electromagnetic transmission were used, odds are pretty good the compressed data would be sent using pretty well fixed length packets, even by ETs.

Eleanor White

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Geminids

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 15:48:06 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 07:32:00 -0500
Subject: Geminids

On Fri, 10 Dec 2004, The Norm wrote:

>Posted December 10, 2004
>at the space.com website

>"Strong Meteor Shower Peaks Monday Night"

>http://www.space.com/spacewatch/041210_geminid_meteors.html

>This article is also posted at the NBC website with the title
>"Your guide to a 'gem' of a meteor show"

><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/6692779>

>Quote from article:

>"Geminids rank as the year's most reliable display, and viewing
>conditions are ideal this year"

>-----

>Comment:

>I suspect that report "UFO sightings" probably increase
>substantially during meteor showers when there are conditions
>of good visibility. Chris Rutkowski may have already
>statistically analyzed his national UFO data to determine if
>such a relationship exists.

I have discussed the problem of meteors and bolides with Geoff Dittman and he will likely do a p-test or some other correlative analysis of UFO data for the 2004 reports.

Informally, I have noted that while we do get some UFO reports around peaks of meteor showers, some showers come and go without any UFO reports, but we do get reports of bolides that are not recorded by meteor observing sites and we also get many UFO reports that do not occur anywhere near peaks of meteor showers.

So, while people do see brilliant meteors during meteor showers and sometimes report them as UFOs, the number of UFO sightings does not appear to peak with meteor shower peaks, at least not from a look at the data. A more rigorous statistical study will be done to address this issue.

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Doesn't sound too much like the "enchantment" and cheer-leading
you accuse Peter Rogerson of - a person who, as far as I can
recall, made no contribution at all to the debate in Magonia.
BTH was an idea put forward by someone who had actually done
some ufological experiments and had published the results. Yes -
it was worth taking seriously, and it was worth discussing, as
is any novel theory that is put forward in a rational way.
Discussing such a theory - even perhaps saying that it is worthy
of further research - seems to me quite reasonable.

There was no further research into the BTH, people pointed out
the problems inherent in it, and the idea seems to have run into
the ground, but I make no apology for raising the topic in
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Does this sentence make any sense?

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>These are "authority figures," huh? My, my, the strange, closed,
>provincial world of the Magonian. I'll have to tell Mike Swords
>what you said about him next time I see him; he'll be amused.
>I'm sure that wherever they are now, Truzzi and McDonald are
>smiling wistfully and murmuring, "If only...."

A couple of other people responding to my comment, including the
ineffable Mr Lehmborg, certainly do regard them as authority
figures, and if you do not regard them as authority figures, why
does their wit and wisdom feature so often in your postings?

"Authority: [...] book, quotation considered to settle a
question, evidence, declaration that may be cited in support of
a statement, person whose opinion is accepted [...] on a
subject." Concise Oxford Dictionary.

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John Rimmer,
from the strange, closed, provincial world of Magonia Magazine.
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 21:54:10 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 07:38:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <UFOUpdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 08:52:51 -0700
>Subject: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>Fellow Listarians,

>As you know I offered to accompany Ed Gerhman to the alleged
>site of a crash/retrieval near Socorro, NM, he feels corresponds
>to the description given by the cameraman of the infamous Alien
>Autopsy film. I have prepared a preliminary report, which I
>promised UFO UpDates denizens and it can be found at:

><http://www.thewhyfiles.net/gehrman.htm>

>Thank you to Geoff Richardson of the Why Files for posting my
>report. I hope readers find it of interest.

>Unfortunately, I will be unavailable for further comments on the
>matter and will be visiting the site several more times in the
>coming year.

>Wendy Connors
>www.fadeddiscs.com

I guess I am just hopelessly dumb, since I can't find any link
to click on to read Wendy's report as the instructions tell us
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- Dick

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Re: Central Research Facility - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 18:34:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 07:43:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Central Research Facility - Maccabee

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 15:10:04 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Central Research Facility [was: Smith & Rogerson]

>>From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 09:53:21 -0500
>>Subject: Smith & Rogerson

><snip>

>>I've never understood why UFO aficionados don't work together to
>>establish a central facility and authority which could
>>accumulate funds and expertise to address the practicalities,
>>the science of "flying saucers" and the extracurricular aspects
>>that attend to the phenomenon.

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>Well, I think its about time we stop paying for all the
>UFO research. It really is not fair that UFO researchers have to
>be driven into poverty because of their desire to answer the UFO
>question. Using the non-profit organization, fund raising
>activities can be generated and self sustaining mechanisms
>created.

The Fund for UFO Research was set up for this in 1979. Since then it has disbursed over half a million dollars for UFO related research - much of that went into the Roper about 10 years ago. However, there is no well-funded "institute of ufology" or something comparable.

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Fire Chief Prepares For UFOs

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 18:34:48 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 07:48:30 -0500
Subject: Fire Chief Prepares For UFOs

Source: The Pulse-Journal - Liberty Township, Ohio

<http://www.pulsejournal.com/news/content/news/2004/12/09/pj1209japantv.html>

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Deerfield Twp. prepared for UFO sightings
Deerfield Twp. fire chief interviewed by Japanese TV show

Thursday, December 09, 2004

Residents can feel at ease knowing if an Unidentified Flying Object landed in the area, the Deerfield Twp. Fire Rescue would be prepared for the situation.

Deerfield Twp. Fire Rescue Chief Bill Kramer is the co-author of a 1992 manual that serves as a guide for fire departments in disaster control. Along with Charles Bahme, Kramer penned a chapter in the manual Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control on how fire departments should react if a UFO lands.

The chapter intrigued producers of the Japanese game show "Fountain of Trivia," which is based on 'useless knowledge', independent California-based producer Sam Onoda said. On Monday, producers from the show interviewed Kramer about the chapter in the manual.

Kramer said fire rescue personnel would be the first called if a UFO lands. Although there have not been any real encounters with UFOs, Kramer said the chapter essentially deals with panic control. He said there have been a number of incidents over the years that have induced panic.

He said the chapter can be used if panic is induced in other sightings, such as a few years ago in Cold Springs, Ky., with a religious sighting. Kramer said the book was on hand with a fire department in upstate New York when there were calls to the fire department of flames in the sky over a field. Kramer said investigators the next day saw burned circles in the field.

"They were prepared to use it, but didn't," he said.

The chapter directs firefighters to approach real or perceived UFOs the same way as if they were approaching a hazardous materials call =97 passively. Kramer said if an unknown situation like this arises, a firefighter doesn't want to do anything that could make the situation worse.

Onoda said the chapter on UFOs is fascinating to the Japanese culture because, although some believe in UFOs, the majority of the culture doesn't think much of it. The show will appear in Japan on New Year's Day.

Kramer believes there is other intelligent life than on Earth, and said he had, what he called, somewhat of a close encounter.

"I encountered things that were totally unexplainable," said Kramer, a private pilot. "I believe there is life beyond what we

have on this planet. The closest thing I have seen were high speed lights flying, faster than anything I have seen."

Kramer said the manual will be revised in about two years.

The show is re-aired in the United States under Hey! Spring of Trivia on Spike TV, but Onoda is uncertain if the episode Kramer will appear in a rebroadcast.

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Man Made UFOs, Kentucky Style

From: William H Bolt <AB5SY.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 19:23:20 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 07:51:16 -0500
Subject: Man Made UFOs, Kentucky Style

Space the final frontier.
Today your back yard.
Tomorrow the rubber rub
courtesy of the wife.....

Disclaimer: I know nuttin' about this guy, in fact you did not
receive this from me. You do have to admit he appears to be
enjoying himself.

<http://www.geocities.com/~kentuckymufon/lifters.html>

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Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 01:05:58 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 07:54:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin - King

>From: Diane Harrison <aufor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 07:05:19 +1000
>Subject: Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin

>I was in Darwin the night of the sighting, I guess I was in the
>right place at the right time.

>I've spoken to the witnesses Nigel & Julie Lynn and am presently
>compiling a report. I have placed an enlarged colour image of
>the object on the AUFORN web page for viewing:

><http://www.hypermax.net.au/~auforn/Darwin.html>

<snip>

Hi Diane,

The image is interesting. If the photo was framing a subject 45 degrees up from the horizon, and the object is in the center of the frame top to bottom, as it appears to be, the image should include the Pleiades, which at 8:30pm on Dec. 4, 2004 would have been in the ENE sky in the near vicinity, certainly in view of this photographer's camera.

While the Pleiades don't hover in place for 2 hours and then move north in an instant, they do move slowly to the north and further up the sky, and by 12:30AM would have covered the approximate distance if the viewer intended to say that the object had moved to a position of 60 degrees from its 45 degree position. I can't say without further information. I don't think he meant it moved laterally 60 degrees because he said it moved north. and from ENE you don't have 60 degrees to the north...it becomes west.

I found several images of the Pleiades which appear similar to the image...

<http://tinyurl.com/6od5e>
<http://tinyurl.com/62hx5>
<http://tinyurl.com/3w75f>

This last image closely resembles the pattern of lights in the UFO image. Factoring the unconventional camera to binoculars setup, some distortion could be expected. Again more information is required as to the specific equipment and configuration involved.

Based on the absence of the Pleiades, the brightest objects in the vicinity of the UFO position, and since the Pleiades are visible even to the naked eye, I tentatively suggest that the image is of the Pleiades. With more information on the conditions... weather, camera specs, binocular specs, camera/binoc interface method, etc.

The image as shown reveals the object as little more than a pinpoint. The viewer said the camera was 'set to 6.1 MP'. I'm not sure if this is a resolution indicator or not. If it is, then I suspect that it is an interpolated 'hi-res' image. The extreme magnification of the inset, coupled with this

interpolated (artificial) hi-res, if used, would render the inset of little value in judging the appearance of the object itself. Interpolated hi res is akin to digital zoom, where image quality is sacrificed for a larger or seemingly closer subject. The two are not directly related, but their deleterious effects on very small subjects in digital photos is painfully well-known.

When taking digital photos of aerial phenomena, the best setup is to have the camera set to its native resolution, with the finest grain setting possible. The camera should be on a tripod, and if you have a telephoto add-on lens, add it on. See if your camera will export RAW format images. This will result in a file that you can send elsewhere that represents the very closest representation of what the camera actually recorded. Any good photo analyst will be able to open the RAW file. Viewer software is available on the web, so you can view them as well. You may have to have PSP or Photoshop, though.

The camera RAW image will avoid the inevitable re-pixelization of the JPG process, and will provide a pristine specimen for analysis.

I realize that a typical UFO sighting would not afford the time for the preparations I described. In the case of this sighting however, there was ample time to acquire good images with the camera alone, and time to compare size and shape over time. That would have been excellent additional evidence.

Just my preliminary thoughts.

Kyle

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1952 Military Engagement With UFOs Myth Or Mystery?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 07:59:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 07:59:13 -0500
Subject: 1952 Military Engagement With UFOs Myth Or Mystery?

Source: Florida Today

<http://www.floridatoday.com/!NEWSROOM/peoplestoryL1211UFO0.htm>

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1952 Military Engagement With UFOs Myth Or Mystery?

Port Orange man details the day in 1952 when Air Force took on UFOs

By Billy Cox
Florida Today

In an account of a military engagement sure to leave critics scoffing, a UFO investigator claims more than a dozen U.S. Air Force jet fighters were destroyed by flying saucers on a single day in 1952. But not before their guns and rockets crippled several UFOs that wound up making emergency landings in rural West Virginia.

"I know how it sounds," says Frank Feschino, the Port Orange artist whose new book attempts to reconstruct what would be the biggest dogfight since the Marianas Turkey Shoot in 1944. "But I think it's going to come out real soon. There's a lot of guys out there who know what happened but are too scared to talk."

Feschino's book - "The Braxton County Monster: The Cover-Up of the Flatwoods Monster Revealed" (Quarrier Press, \$29.95) - revisits a mystery that has been a part of West Virginia lore for more than half a century.

At its core are a dozen eyewitnesses to a strange, robotic creature that appeared on a hilltop following the crash of an alleged meteor on the evening of Sept. 12, 1952. But following an investigation that took 14 years to research and write, Feschino claims the beginning of the incident involved a UFO air battle that began in Florida, shifted to the Eastern seaboard and ended in an Air Force whitewash.

Thirty five years ago this month, the USAF officially terminated its UFO study, called Project Blue Book, by concluding there were no national security aspects to the phenomenon. Arguably the most hectic phase of Blue Book's 22-year existence was 1952, when a record 1,501 reports were logged. July was the busiest month. Warplanes were scrambled to chase nocturnal UFOs that buzzed Washington, D.C., on consecutive weekends.

Even Patrick Air Force Base got splashed by the wave on July 18 of that year, when seven on-base airmen observed a series of silent amber-red objects approaching restricted air space late one evening. One UFO passed directly overhead before pulling a 180-degree U-turn and disappearing to the west. According to the Blue Book reports, none of the objects were spotted on radar and no planes were dispatched to confront them.

Blue Book ruled the avalanche of UFO sightings across the southeast on Sept. 12, 1952, could be attributed to a meteor.

But no meteor showers were scheduled for that night, and the Harvard Meteor Project, which tracked 2,500 cosmic fireballs from 1952 to '54, recorded no activity on that date.

Feschino also quotes Indian Harbour Beach astronomer Hal Povenmire, author of "Fireballs, Meteors and Meteorites," as dismissing the meteor explanation. Povenmire declined to comment on Feschino's book, but he reiterated his stance for FLORIDA TODAY: "It definitely wasn't a meteor."

Retired Air Force Col. William Coleman, chief spokesman for Blue Book in the 1960s and head of the USAF's Public Information Office from 1969 to '74, wasn't around for the 1952 investigation, and could only speculate on the meteor theory. "Occasionally, you'll get a loner when you're not passing through a belt," he says from his home in Indian Harbour Beach. "It'll come in on a flat trajectory, which means it'll be exposed to a longer burn in the atmosphere and leave a longer trail."

But Coleman is emphatic about one thing: No military aircraft were ever destroyed during UFO encounters.

"Of all the (12,618) reports we collected, only 105 cases were what we'd call 'worrisome,' from a military point of view," says Coleman, who chased a UFO in a bomber in 1955. "These might involve pilots seeing things in the air that also showed up as solid objects on radar. Sometimes they'd pace our planes, sometimes they'd depart abruptly. But we never lost anything to hostile activity."

Speaking during a book-signing tour in Charleston, W.Va., where sales are brisk, Feschino says he began looking into the Flatwoods Monster case in 1990. Ten local kids and an adult, Kathleen May, were alerted when a flaming, low-flying object apparently went down early one Friday evening on a hilltop outside rural Flatwoods. After hiking to investigate, they stumbled upon a "monster," reported to be 12 feet tall, lurking in a tree. It glided away upon an apron of flames, but not before dribbling what appeared to be an oily fluid onto the ground and their clothing.

Feschino says he grew more intrigued when he read scores of old newspaper clippings about other UFO activity that night, from Pennsylvania to Florida. Many reported objects trailing tails of fire, following three separate westward trajectories from the Atlantic Ocean. Especially compelling were newspaper reports concerning the loss of an F-94 Sabrejet fighter over the Gulf of Mexico earlier in the day.

Flying out of Tyndall AFB near Panama City with three other jets, Lt. John Jones, the pilot, and radar operator Lt. John DelCurto apparently got separated during bad weather, were ordered to land at Moody AFB in Georgia before losing radio contact, and presumably crashed after running out of fuel. Their bodies were never recovered. Feschino doesn't buy that story.

When he attempted to locate official records of the incident through military archives, Feschino says he got a bureaucratic runaround and was informed paperwork on those pilots doesn't exist. (Feschino interviewed DelCurto's brother in Oregon, and took a photo of Jones' memorial marker in Ocala.) Upon matching additional air defense activity that day with the numerous UFO reports, Feschino began assembling time lines, integrating them into maps, and produced a unified field theory that "as many as 20" American planes attacked, and were shot down by, UFOs.

"The Braxton County Monster" goes into exhaustive - not to mention inferential, unsourced and highly speculative - detail to support Feschino's other premise, that multiple sightings over the Flatwoods area on Sept. 12 was a "rescue mission" to salvage a damaged spacecraft.

"Of course you could cover this up," insists the Connecticut native. "They do it all the time. Look at all the planes that got shot down during the Cold War on missions that didn't supposedly exist. They made up cover stories and told the families back home all sorts of lies."

That's true, says historian William E. Burrows. But the author of "By Any Means Necessary: America's Secret Air War" doubts UFOs were in the mix.

The director of New York University's graduate program for science and environmental reporting says up to 166 U.S. servicemen were shot down over Russia, China and North Korea in 16 attacks between 1950 and 1969.

"They would always attribute it to navigational errors or typhoons, because they had to say something to the wives and kids," Burrows says. "It always bothered me, because these guys were brave men who were made to look like nitwits. But I don't believe in UFOs. And as soon as the Cold War ended, the UFO sightings ended."

Feschino says Flatwoods had nothing to do with the Cold War. He interviewed retired Army colonel Dale Leavitt who, on Sept. 12, 1952, said he got an order from the Air Force to investigate the West Virginia crash site. Then with the National Guard, Leavitt said he led a 30-man detachment to the area, where they found minor debris and burned vegetation, which they forwarded to the USAF. Before his death, Leavitt told Feschino he never learned the results.

"I find it very strange that the military would send troops out to investigate a meteor," Feschino says. "That doesn't make any sense."

Feschino's efforts notwithstanding, the Flatwoods case will likely remain the stuff of legend, pending military eyewitness testimony. But that may not happen soon. Despite Blue Book's assertion that the military is no longer interested in the phenomenon, UFOs continue to fall under the cloak of national security, according to John Greenewald.

A television producer who posts UFO-related government documents on his Web site - www.blackvault.com - Greenewald showcases Air Force manuals instructing pilots on how to report unidentified flying objects. The system is called Communications for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings (CIRVIS), and reports are forwarded to the North American Aerospace Defense Command, which tracks unidentified objects entering U.S. and Canadian air space.

"They're hard to get," says Greenewald, "because NORAD says they're exempt from FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests."

Contact Cox at 242-3774 or bcoc.nul

Available online

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Debate On Secret Program Bursts Into Open

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'Space Warfare' Technology?

Source: Truth Out - Sherman Oaks, California

http://www.truthout.org/docs_04/121104X.shtml

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Debate On Secret Program Bursts Into Open
By Douglas Jehl
The New York Times

Washington - An intense secret debate about a previously unknown, enormously expensive technical intelligence program has burst into light in the form of scathing criticism from members of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

For two years, the senators have disclosed, Republicans and Democrats on the panel have voted to block the secret program, which is believed to be a system of new spy satellites. But it continues to be financed at a cost that former Congressional officials put at hundreds of millions of dollars a year with support from the House, the Bush administration and Congressional appropriations committees.

Senator John D. Rockefeller IV of West Virginia, the ranking Democrat on the panel, denounced the program on Wednesday on the Senate floor as "totally unjustified and very, very wasteful."

Senator Ron Wyden, Democrat of Oregon, later called it "unnecessary, ineffective, over budget and too expensive."

Neither senator would say much more about what he was referring to. Even in private on Thursday, most Congressional and intelligence officials who were asked refused to comment about the name, purpose or cost of the program. But former Congressional and intelligence officials who oppose it said it would duplicate capabilities in existence or in development, as part of the country's vast network of satellites, aircraft and drones designed for eavesdropping and reconnaissance.

Among the possibilities suggested by private experts, including John Pike of GlobalSecurity.org, a research organization in Alexandria, Va., were that the system might be a controversial unproven program to launch a reconnaissance satellite that adversaries could not detect. Former Congressional officials said they would discount speculation that the debate had to do with any antisatellite space warfare capability.

A number of satellite programs in development, including a Future Imaging Architecture system that Boeing is developing, have been the subject of considerable public controversy, because of technical problems and cost overruns. But current and former government officials said they did not believe that the Boeing program was the subject of the new dispute.

In addition to Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Wyden, two other Democratic senators made their opposition public on Wednesday, saying the money dedicated to the acquisition program could better be transferred to other intelligence gathering as part of what is widely understood to be the \$40 billion intelligence budget.

The program being disputed by the senators is to be financed this year, but current and former government officials said Republicans as well as Democrats intended to redouble their efforts to block it.

The White House and the Central Intelligence Agency did not respond to a request for comment about the dispute. The Republican chairman of the House military appropriations subcommittee, whose support for the program has been instrumental in keeping it alive, also did not respond to a request for comment.

The most specific public hints on the program were by Mr. Wyden, who said on the Senate floor, "This issue must be highlighted, because it is not going away."

"Numerous independent reviews," he said, "have concluded that the program does not fulfill a major intelligence gap or shortfall, and the original justification for developing this technology has eroded in importance due to the changed practices and capabilities of our adversaries. There are a number of other programs in existence and in development whose capabilities can match those envisioned for this program at far less cost and technological risk."

The Senate Intelligence Committee first expressed concern about the program three years ago, and it has voted to block it for the last two years, Congressional officials said. A former Defense Department official said of the program: "This is something that does not pass muster and is indicative of the inability of intelligence agencies to prioritize or make decisions. There are billions of dollars of waste in the intelligence budget."

A former Congressional official said that "hard decisions should have been made to make choices" when Congress first authorized and appropriated the money several years ago.

"Instead," the former official said, "the decision was made to just go ahead with go with everything."

Even the \$40 billion figure attached to the current intelligence budget remains no more than an estimate, because spending figures remain classified by law. But much of the budget is widely understood to be devoted to the design, construction and operation of satellites and other platforms used to collect images, signals and other forms of technical intelligence.

Many critics have long complained that human intelligence programs remain underfinanced, at least in relative terms. In a directive last month, President Bush asked the C.I.A. to spell out a plan and a timetable to increase its clandestine service by 50 percent.

A compromise negotiated between the House and Senate this week provides authorization for continued financing for the disputed program. It was approved by 13 of the 17 senators on the Intelligence Committee and all of their House counterparts.

Because the financing had been approved in a military appropriations bill, Congressional officials said, the authorizing committees did not have the power to transfer the money to other intelligence programs.

But an unclassified version of the conference report released on Wednesday reported that Senators Carl Levin of Michigan and Richard J. Durbin of Illinois, both Democrats, along with Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Wyden, had refused to sign the compromise.

The report said the senators believed that the money dedicated for what was described only as "a major acquisition program" ought to be "expended on other intelligence programs that will make a surer and greater contribution to national security."

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Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 12:59:30 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 08:36:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 21:54:10 +0000
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>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
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There is a paragraph at top of the page which provides access to
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Geoff Richardson

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Re: Alien Abductions - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 08:43:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 23:21:15 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 09:06:29 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 00:34:57 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>If you thought it was worth your time to search out back issues
>>>of Magonia, and your (I believe personally inscribed) copy of
>>>Evidence for Alien Aductions, you might spare yourself writing
>>>nonsense like the above paragraph. It's clear that you could
>>>conduct your own masterclass in historical revisionism. Lesson
>>>one: never bother to walk over to a bookcase to check your
>>>assumptions.

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>>I said, rather more succinctly, but it does give John the chance
>>to say "nonsense" yet again, and I suspect that's what it's all
>>about.

>Actually, it does refute what you said, which is why I wrote
>it, and I must assure Jerry that in the field of ufology I am
>seldom short of excuses to say 'nonsense'.

Astonishing performance and a wonderful demonstration that while
it is obvious that you can fight after a fashion, Sir, your
tools are sleight of literary-hand and well-oiled verbal pre-
stodigitation. These confident sounding but mal-applied tools are
a mechanism of distraction, only. They depend on too narrow a
focus, too complacent a philosophy, and too canted a world view
- rigid attitudes not remotely cognizant of "near endless time,
unguessed at space, and near infinite surface area" extant
around us. And not really 'interested' either. You don't suggest
answer to anything, Mr. Rimmer, you only ridicule question.

I trust this was "ineffable" enough for you, Sir, forgetting the
irony that I suspect you find me abundantly enough, if not
distressingly utterable.

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From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 14:30:17 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 09:33:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 12:59:30 -0000
>Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 21:54:10 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <UFOUpdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 08:52:51 -0700
>>>Subject: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>>><http://www.thewhyfiles.net/gehrman.htm>

>>I guess I am just hopelessly dumb, since I can't find any link
>>to click on to read Wendy's report as the instructions tell us
>>to do.

>There is a paragraph at top of the page which provides access to
>the report. Just click on PDF format or Word format.

Ah, so! I was interpreting "below" to mean down the page
somewhere and skipped right over the obvious. Thanks.

Very interesting report and well worth further investigation on
the merits of the evidence presented.

- Dick

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British TV Program - Are We Alone

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 09:41:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 11:03:50 -0500
Subject: British TV Program - Are We Alone

One of our fellows captured a video from a web-site which provides esoteric, arcane, or foreign TV programs about things which might interest Listers here at UFO UpDates.

Below is the link to a program titled, Are We Alone - from Britain. The BBC? It can be viewed on your computer if you have Real Player, WinAmp, or Windows Media Player (or some other video-watching program):

<http://www.reasonablehosting.com/rrrgroup/wwsdk01.html>

Rich Reynolds

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From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 10:33:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 11:22:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 14:30:17 +0000
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I'm not sure interesting is the right word.

She uses the wrong year, 1948 instead of 1947, and refers to drawings "made by the cameraman", which do not exist. Ray Santilli had a professional artist make those drawings from vague descriptions from the cameraman, so expecting them to resemble the real site is rather silly. These two things and others in her "report" betray an unfamiliarity with this case, which could have been easily remedied with a little reading.

I am the one originally given the directions to the site, and I tried several times to locate it. The road which leads to Ed's site is only about four miles from Socorro's town limits and the cameraman made it clear that they drove some distance from Socorro before turning onto a "dirt track" which went to the site.

Following his directions precisely at several different assumed travel speeds always gets you up onto the Plains of St Agustin, and an area with a number of dry lake beds, a specific feature he made much of.

BLM personnel at Magdalena told me that this was the only area they knew of with any dry lake beds, and showed them to me on maps.

Personally, I don't think anyone has yet come near the real site.

Beyond that, I am still convinced that the AA film was actually shot in 1947, although I still don't have a clue as to the nature or origin of the things it depicts.

Bob Shell
(returning to lurk mode.)

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Re: Alien Abductions - Rogerson

From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 16:19:59 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 14:21:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Rogerson

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 12:27:49 -0600
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 00:10:05 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 10:14:52 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

<snip>

>>But if you want to go down that road just
>>look at what David Jacobs and Budd Hopkins are now saying about
>>the hybrids. Racial fears or what?

>And on what do you make that leap? Evidence? Of course not.
>Assertion and mind-reading? Of course. The hybrid stuff is
>curious, and while I resist a literalist interpretation, for
>which the evidence is nowhere sufficient, I see no easy
>explanation in sight. Unlike Magonians, I have no trouble with
>those three little words "I don't know." My suspicion is that we
>are dealing with anomalies of consciousness about which we know
>too little to speak of too airily.

A point Magonia has been making for years. However most of the
hybrid stuff seems to be little more than a reflection of
peoples fear of the other. The people being denounced as hybrids
seem to be just folks who have various forms of physical, or
social disabilities whose lives are probably damned difficult
already, without Hopkins and Jacobs trying to turn them into
agents of a sinister conspiracy. The idea of mysterious
foreigners possessed of supernatural powers trying to infiltrate
society is an ancient motif, and one very much encountered in
anti-semitic fantasies. But I think you know that already.

>But of one thing I'm confident: the unsupported guesswork of a
>non- American about the deepest secrets of the American psyche
>is worth no serious person's time.

Actually several American cultural commentators have touched on
this. I suspect you think that Brits are as ignorant of America
as Americans are of Europe. A read through our papers would show
otherwise

>>Presumably the fact that IUR published article after article on
>>the Roswell nonsense means Jerry was promoting it. Or was he
>>just publishing articles as they came along.

>Whatever it may or may not be, Roswell is not "nonsense" -
>though that unflattering characterization certainly describes
>much that has been written about it, of course - but Roswell
>itself remains an interesting historical event and a continuing
>mystery. Though I am inclined these days to doubt it was an

>ETI-related event (I have my own ideas, but since I can't
>produce evidence to support them, I don't publish them;
>therefore, I guess, I am not a Magonian), there seems no doubt
>that many interesting, unanswered questions remain. Further
>research may lead us to new discoveries, perhaps some unexpected
>ones which may cut through the stale current debates.

The Mogul balloon story or something very like looks the best explanation for the sequence of events surrounding the initial publicity. Marcel finds something which doesn't look like a high tech thing which might be either a Soviet or American secret of some sort, thinks he can get brownie points by providing a nice safe answer to the flying disk question (flying disk not equally spaceship in July 1947), only to find that it was a secret after all, and is made to look a fool. Even worse when flying saucers become equated with spaceships he becomes they guy who was so dumb that he couldn't tell the difference between a spaceship and a balloon. No wonder he wanted to get his own back

>I look forward to continuing developments with interest, as I
>would with any historical controversy. And yes, I think IUR has
>done a good job of covering the unfolding story. Certainly, our
>articles were based overwhelmingly on direct - and considerable
>- investigation, as opposed to Peter's remarks above.

>>Its up to those who propose that there are dramatically
>>anomalous phenomena out there to prove the point, its not up to
>>sceptics to demonstrate otherwise. Of course if anyone like
>Andy >Roberts or Dave Clark get out of their armchairs and
>investigate >these cases and come up with answers Jerry doesn't
>like he damns >them too.

>This is the same lazy, intellectually witless argument we too
>often hear from thoughtless "sceptics." In fact, the only
>persons who have no obligation to prove anything are those who
>say nothing and who live their lives oblivious to, ignorant of,
>or indifferent to the controversy in question. If they choose to
>enter the debate, they have an obligation to employ logical
>argument and to offer actual evidence in support of their
>position. I take this, however, to be Peter's back-handed
>admission that since in his estimation UFOs don't exist as
>extraordinary anomalies, he can't be bothered with logical
>argument or actual evidence - at this stage, alas, an
>acknowledgement of the obvious.

>Here is the late sociologist of science Marcello Truzzi, the man
>who coined the phrase (which in his last years he rejected as
>effectively without meaning) "extraordinary claims demand
>extraordinary evidence." (No, Carl Sagan, usually credited, did
>not invent the maxim. Basically, Truzzi concluded that the
>twice-used "extraordinary" is largely a question-begging,
>subjective judgment and that, moreover, the maxim has serious
>flaws as a description of how science actually judges truth
>claims. I know this from my many personal conversations with
>Marcello, a close friend, who died, sad to say, before he could
>write a paper or book elucidating his revised thinking.) Anyway:

>"If a critic asserts that there is evidence for disproof, that
>he has a negative hypothesis... he is making a claim and
>therefore also has to bear a burden of proof. Sometimes, such
>negative claims by critics are also quite extraordinary... in
>which case the negative claimant also may have to bear a heavier
>burden of proof than might normally be expected.

While there might be a lot of disagreement on what extraordinary means the general principle still holds. Here's an example, suppose a correspondent from Canby emails me with one of three claims;

A Last night I met Jerry Clark in Canby, we went to a local bar and talked about a local ufo case and some of the latest country music releases

B Last night I met Jerry Clark in Canby. He was wearing a ballerina's tutu and fishnet tights and was out walking his pink poodle Fifi

C Last night Im met Jerry Clark in Canby. He turned into a grizzly bear and nearly bit my arm off

I'd say they were examples of an ordinary, extraordinary and

impossible claim. Is Jerry seriously saying that I shouldn't need much much better evidence for the second proposition than the first, and that I am wrong to say that virtually no evidence could convince me of the truth of the third. Or that if a second correspondent tells me in the second case, that that would have been on the night of the Canby High School Alumni Outrageous Fancy Dress Dance which regularly raises \$50,000 for cancer research, I should be as sceptical of that _rational explanation_ as the original claim.

>"Critics who assert negative claims but who mistakenly call themselves 'skeptics' often act as though they... have no burden of proof placed on them at all... [But] if a critic asserts that the result was due to artifact X, that critic then has the burden of proof to demonstrate the artifact X can and probably did produce such results under such circumstances.... Alas, most critics seem happy to sit in their armchairs producing post hoc counterexplanations."

<snip>

>Keep in mind, too, gentle and patient Listfolk, that Peter and his fellow Magonians like to poke fun at technically trained ufologists (e.g., Stan Friedman) who have gone to some length to demonstrate how extensions of current technological principles may explain how interstellar travelers could develop propulsion and other systems which may enable them to get here.

>Talk about unfalsifiable: Anybody who thinks a far superior technology might look like magic to the naive, early 21st-century observer is a fool. Meantime, those who argue that UFO-extraterrestrial technology may not be so advanced, after all, and that from current physical knowledge we can draw reasonable inferences about otherworldly spacecraft propulsion... well, those guys are fools, too.

>As usual, with the Magonian/pelicanist school of rhetoric, it's always a heads-you-lose, tails-we-win proposition.

That, dear friends, is what we on this side of the puddle say is the pot calling the kettle black. For the record Jerry has just conceded that the ETH is an infinitely elastic hypothesis which means different things to different people.

Peter Rogerson

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Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 23:21:15 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 09:06:29 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 00:34:57 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

Sigh, John,

>>What follows is a long elucidation which in no way refutes what
>>I said, rather more succinctly, but it does give John the chance
>>to say "nonsense" yet again, and I suspect that's what it's all
>>about.

>Actually, it does refute what you said, which is why I wrote
>it,

Uh, no, it doesn't, in point of fact. But if the resultant
huffing and puffing were something you needed to express, for
health or other reasons, I'm glad I gave you the chance.

>and I must assure Jerry that in the field of ufology I am
>seldom short of excuses to say 'nonsense'.

Sadly, though, it doesn't seem to make you feel any happier.
Perhaps you really ought to retire to some field which doesn't
require constant denunciation of those who aren't lucky enough
to be as smart as you are.

>BTH [birth-trauma hypothesis] was an idea put forward by
>someone who had actually done
>some ufological experiments and had published the results. Yes -
>it was worth taking seriously, and it was worth discussing, as
>is any novel theory that is put forward in a rational way.
>Discussing such a theory - even perhaps saying that it is worthy
>of further research - seems to me quite reasonable.

You've made my point for me, John, for which I thank you.

I can't, however, resist another observation: If some theorist/
experimenter had used comparably flimsy evidence and dubious
reasoning to argue for an abduction-as-literal-event hypothesis,
the explosive Rimmerian exhalation of the epithet "nonsense"
would have thundered through the land and deafened all in
hearing range. What you object to, it appears, is not nonsense
as such, but the nonsense that you don't like.

>There was no further research into the BTH, people pointed out
>the problems inherent in it, and the idea seems to have run into
>the ground, but I make no apology for raising the topic in

>Magonia.

>>One has [no] trouble imagining what you'd do with a UFO
>>proponent who did the same.

>Does this sentence make any sense?

No, it doesn't, because I typed "on" when I meant to type "no."
The sentence is corrected above. Sorry for the confusion.

>>>Strange that Jerry should attack Peter Rogerson for allegedly
>>>being in awe of authority figures, when virtually every post he
>>>makes to this List contains an appeal to one of his regular
>>>trinity of authority figures: Marcello Truzzi, Michael Swords
>>>and James McDonald.

>>These are "authority figures," huh? My, my, the strange, closed,
>>provincial world of the Magonian. I'll have to tell Mike Swords
>>what you said about him next time I see him; he'll be amused.
>>I'm sure that wherever they are now, Truzzi and McDonald are
>>smiling wistfully and murmuring, "If only...."

Yes, if only the world even knew who they were. If only their
word, like - say - Carl Sagan's or Elizabeth Loftus's or Stephen
Jay Gould's or whomever's, were regarded as near-definitive by
elite opinion.

If "authority" and "authority figure" were synonymous, the
latter phrase would not have needed to come into the language.

I have never personally met - outside anomalist circles (or
students, department colleagues, or family) - persons who have
heard of Truzzi, McDonald, and Swords (authorities, not mere
authority figures), much less been familiar with their
intellectual judgments. I doubt that you have, either. If I may
bring myself into the discussion briefly, I believe I am
something of an authority on the UFO controversy. If I may
judge, however, from my interactions with elites (e.g., major,
serious print and electronic media), I may safely conclude that
I am not an "authority figure." Nor, while you no doubt know a
lot about UFOs, are you. On our best days those quarters regard
as just another couple of guys with another couple of opinions.
Essentially, our job is not to provide answers, just quotes with
which to fill column or air space.

In their lifetimes Sagan in astronomy, Gould in evolutionary
biology, and (the still living) Loftus personified (or
personify) the sorts of authority figures to whom elites go for
the final word on contentious controversies (while remaining
oblivious to what these scientists' actual colleagues, those
best suited to hold an informed opinion of it, think of their
work). Truzzi et al. knew/know far more about anomalies-related
issues than the authority figures. But T/McD/S's assessments,
though based on considerable experience, hard thinking, and
mastery of a vast, often confusing literature, remain on the far
fringes of mainstream discourse and have affected it not at all.
The authority figures are those who get to define it, even if
all they know about it is that they don't like it.

But you know all this, John, and you're being, as always,
disingenuous, a quality that seems part of the pelicanist's job
description. Still, I can't resist:

To conflate Gould, Sagan, and Loftus with Truzzi, McDonald, and
Swords is to spout - oh, you know it's coming, and here it is -
nonsense.

Jerry Clark

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>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 10:33:54 -0500
>Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

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Bob,

By your own admission you didn't use a four-wheel drive vehicle and therefore didn't really investigate during the times you perambulated around looking to no avail, since the site located is off-road.

I have given photographic and sample evidence (submitted to those who have the expertise to evaluate) of a site to be considered and issuing a preliminary report that clearly states that there is no evidence, as yet, that proves anything except the site abnormalities that I have presented by evidentiary methods. Driving around and looking, by itself, denotes nothing of consequence when brought to the table.

Find the site you believe exists. Gather samples and photographic nomenclature of the site. Submit samples for independent review. Perhaps, then, you will be in a position to at least present a preliminary report of findings rather than (paraphrased) "I drove around and found nothing."

Perhaps a re-read of the preliminary report will show that I actually claim nothing, including a complete review of all data accumulated regarding the AA claims. I reiterated more than once that it was accomplished solely as an historical exercise. You must have unfortunately glossed over that factuality, among others.

I will look forward to your preliminary report with interest, if and when, you locate what you claim is a site worthy of more investigation. However, you'll need to leave the safety of the roads to accomplish such a research mission here in New Mexico.

Wendy Connors
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Re: Good News For Causality? - Holman

From: **Brett Holman** <b.holman.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 04:17:13 +1100
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 14:31:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Holman

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 14:06:05 +0000
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>You'll have to forgive (or not) my refusal to debate your page
>of defensive quibbles. On analysis they're either specious,
>mutually contradictory or attempts to put words in my mouth
>(like "explain").

I'm surprised - your webpages say that "comment & criticism is welcome". Well, listmembers will make up their own minds as to whether your refusal to answer direct questions is justified or merely evasive. I will say that the only time I used the word "explain", I was repeating Bruce Maccabee's question - where he used precisely the same word, and you didn't accuse *him* of putting words into your mouth. But looking back at what you originally wrote, I can't see why you would object to my (or Bruce's) use of the word "explain" in reference to what you said:

>That stability obviously (IMHO) comes from the same force that
>gives 'inertia' - another unexplainable phenomenon - to mass
>(because that weird stability is merely 'added inertia').

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/dec/m08-013.shtml>

Looks like an attempted "explanation" of inertia, of sorts, to me.

But if you ignore everything else in my previous post (or this one, for that matter), please at least tell me why you insist on quoting Lee Smolin in such an outrageously partial fashion? Or at the VERY least, then tell me how my pointing this out is either specious, mutually contradictory or an attempt to put words in your mouth?

>More constructively, here's a recap:

>1) Mainstream science doesn't know reason or cause

But you do, naturally.

>of a) matter,
>b) mass, c) inertia (which is also momentum),

No. Inertia and momentum are related concepts, but are not the same thing. They are not even measured in the same units (inertia has units of mass, momentum has units of mass times velocity).

>the three basic,
>vital foundations of the 'material' - protonic - universe and
>all its particles. Therefore 'science' hasn't a clue where extra
>inertia of a spinning top or coin comes from, altho' it must
>have same source as 'ordinary' inertia (Occam's Razor).

I have already responded to an almost identical spiel of yours; as you refused to reply to that, I don't see much point in trying again. I will add that many physicists think that mass

"comes from" the (as yet, undetected) Higgs boson, but I doubt you'd accept that as an answer. I'm not sure what sort of answer you'd accept though.

>That's an unknown 'Force' in the universe.

What do you mean by "Force"? It has two distinct (but related) usages in physics. One is to describe that which causes objects to accelerate (and by extension move). It's easy enough to find an "unknown 'Force'" in this sense - such as the force that caused my keys to mysteriously move from the bench to the top of the microwave the other day! But ultimately, all such forces are the result of one or more of the fundamental forces - strong and weak nuclear, electromagnetism, and gravity. An "unknown 'Force'" in this sense would be big news indeed - but why you think the mere existence of matter/mass/inertia might require a new fundamental force puzzles me. Such a vague argument makes no sense. As Wolfgang Pauli once said, "This isn't right. This isn't even wrong."

>2)

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/oct/m31-007.shtml>

>gives details of NASA's noisily previewed 1999 test of "Allais Effect" - of total eclipses on Foucault pendulums.

A press release or two on a website is hardly a noisy preview.

>After the eclipse (which also 'produced/caused' waves of earthquakes from Greece, Turkey to Taiwan, Japan with thousands of fatalities)

Oh, I nearly missed that. Evidence? I mean, you've done the statistical legwork needed to prove this, haven't you?

>there was one 'wait and see' article from NASA:

>http://science.nasa.gov/newhome/headlines/ast12oct99_1.htm

>then deafening silence!

>I'll ignore subsequent claims of "atmospheric cooling causing gravity change" or "ground cooling causing tilt" 'cos either would take too long (not instantaneous) and produce only tiny effects - nowhere near actual results.

>That's an unknown "FORCE" in the universe.

See above. The Allais results are interesting, and I'd like to see the NASA results too. (I doubt they are being suppressed as you imply - one of the two people involved left NASA in the following year to start a company; see

http://www.mobular.com/news/modules.php?op=modload&name=FAQ&file=index&myfaq=yes&id_cat=25&categories=Mobular+Executive+Team&parent_id=0#156

This may have delayed publication of the results. Or perhaps there was some other problem. But 5 years is still a long time.)

Anyway, I'd think a modification of gravity-as-we-know-it would be a more likely result of any confirmation of the Allais effect, than a whole new fundamental force. Occam's razor, yeah?

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that in order for observer b to work out that the probability has in fact changed, she will need to compare her results with those of observer a (because it is a quantum and therefore probabilistic system), but - this is the crucial part - that can only be done classically, ie no faster than the speed of light. So, faster than light signalling is not possible. Aspect reiterates this conclusion in the quant-ph paper referenced on that page - see p. 30 of

<http://arxiv.org/pdf/quant-ph/0402001>

where he says that "It is important to note that such a non-locality has a very subtle nature, and in particular that it cannot be used for faster than light telegraphy." Again, in the audio recording of his talk,

<http://online.itp.ucsb.edu/download/collog/aspect1.rm>

at about 53 minutes 30 seconds in, Aspect says: "But at this point, in case there are some journalists in the room, or it goes on the air, I would like to insist that even with such a strange property of the real world, we cannot signal faster than light, and if you give me two minutes, I like [sic] to show it." Does he need to be any clearer? Nonlocality - yes! FTL signalling - no! As I said ... we knew that. Continually repeating that URL proves nothing.

>That's an unknown 'Force' in the universe.

>There you are Brett - it's easy. No defensiveness, no havoring, >no quibbles, no personal remarks.

>Just three clear positive statements.

I don't know about that. But yes, words are easy - unfortunately, physics is hard (one reason why I got out!), and you'll have to master it if you want to overturn it.

Brett Holman

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Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 18:44:25 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 14:33:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 10:33:54 -0500
>Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 14:30:17 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>>>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates <UFOUpdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 08:52:51 -0700
>>>>Subject: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>>>><http://www.thewhyfiles.net/gehrman.htm>

>>Very interesting report and well worth further investigation on
>>the merits of the evidence presented.

>I'm not sure interesting is the right word.

>She uses the wrong year, 1948 instead of 1947, and refers to
>drawings "made by the cameraman", which do not exist. Ray
>Santilli had a professional artist make those drawings from
>vague descriptions from the cameraman, so expecting them to
>resemble the real site is rather silly. These two things and
>others in her "report" betray an unfamiliarity with this case,
>which could have been easily remedied with a little reading.

>I am the one originally given the directions to the site, and I
>tried several times to locate it. The road which leads to Ed's
>site is only about four miles from Socorro's town limits and the
>cameraman made it clear that they drove some distance from
>Socorro before turning onto a "dirt track" which went to the
>site.

>Following his directions precisely at several different assumed
>travel speeds always gets you up onto the Plains of St Agustin,
>and an area with a number of dry lake beds, a specific feature
>he made much of.

>BLM personnel at Magdalena told me that this was the only area
>they knew of with any dry lake beds, and showed them to me on
>maps.

>Personally, I don't think anyone has yet come near the real site.

>Beyond that, I am still convinced that the AA film was actually
>shot in 1947, although I still don't have a clue as to the
>nature or origin of the things it depicts.

Bob,

With all due respect, it's a hell of a lot more interesting than
a non-site that you haven't found! You seem to believe a priori
that it can't be important because it doesn't fit the
theoretical site that others claim exists. The point here is
that Gehrman has found a site containing some very interesting

features and evidence suggestive of a crash and some burning of something from the top down, as it were.

I have personally never believed the cameraman's story at all, but that is beside the point. This site is real, not theoreticall; it exists, its location is known, Wendy has done some important initial onstite documentation, and it deserves open-minded investigation. What that investigation might determine no one knows at this point. There could be a mundane explanation. But if you examine Wendy's report you find features for which there is no immediate and obvious explanation.

- Dick

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Re: Good News For Causality? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 19:56:48 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 09:10:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Shough

>From: Brett Holman <b.holman.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 04:17:13 +1100
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 14:06:05 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

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>those of observer a (because it is a quantum and therefore
>probabilistic system), but - this is the crucial part - that can
>only be done classically, ie no faster than the speed of light.
>So, faster than light signalling is not possible.

Brett

You are probably wasting your time, just as I wasted mine back
on Nov 15 right at the start of this thread:

"Quantum entanglement shouldn't be misunderstood as indicating
faster-than-light displacement of mass, or FTL signalling
either. The correlation of entangled states at A and B does not
carry information from A to B because whether particle B is
spin-up or spin-down is only the difference between two random
outcomes. The entanglement of remote spin states is only
"information" for an imaginary observer who already has
knowledge of *both* A and B states, and this is why entanglement
does not conflict with special relativity: Knowledge of states
at A and B cannot be simultaneous for any real observer who is
constrained by the speed of light."

There's no point. Give up and stay home.

Best wishes,

Martin Shough

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UFO Clipping Booklet [Redux]

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 15:48:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 09:15:29 -0500
Subject: UFO Clipping Booklet [Redux]

We are pleased to tell UFO UpDates readers who sent stamps for our little UFO Clipping booklet that we've mailed (via Media Mail) booklets, so far, to Carrie C., Laura C., Jean W., Carlton W., Frank W., and Gary M.

(Those who sent \$2 instead of 4 stamps will find a returned dollar inside the booklet. We'd be remiss in taking that extra 50 cents from Listers here, all fine people.)

We have a few booklets left, if anyone wants one.

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Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 15:09:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 09:29:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 16:19:59 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 12:27:49 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 00:10:05 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 10:14:52 -0600
>>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

Peter and patient and gentle Listfolk:

>>>But if you want to go down that road just
>>>look at what David Jacobs and Budd Hopkins are now saying about
>>>the hybrids. Racial fears or what?

>>>And on what do you make that leap? Evidence? Of course not.
>>>Assertion and mind-reading? Of course. The hybrid stuff is
>>>curious, and while I resist a literalist interpretation, for
>>>which the evidence is nowhere sufficient, I see no easy
>>>explanation in sight. Unlike Magonians, I have no trouble with
>>>those three little words "I don't know." My suspicion is that we
>>>are dealing with anomalies of consciousness about which we know
>>>too little to speak of too airily.

>>>A point Magonia has been making for years.

No, it hasn't. Magonia has evolved into a conventionally, safely
"sceptical" journal, and more and more its editors define
themselves (sometimes in childish boastful terms, as if they
were adopting a position that had never occurred to anybody
else, being less clever than they) as "sceptics." There was a
time, long ago, when Magonia, though it dissented from nuts-and-
bolts approach, presented the UFO phenomenon as raising
questions beyond current knowledge's capacity to answer. Now,
sadly, it takes conventionalist approaches which wouldn't be out
of place in the pages of Skeptical Inquirer.

As a longtime observer and onetime investigator of it, I doubt
that the abduction phenomenon is susceptible to explanation via
current knowledge. It is my impression that something strongly
anomalous is going on, that it takes its surface features from
the culture in which it is experienced but is not at its core
culturebound, and that the problem we have with explaining it is
that we know little - probably nothing - of the forces that may
be generating it. Facile, Magonia-style talk about its meaning
is, well, meaningless.

When I talk about "anomalies of consciousness," I mean _anomalies_, not just dramatic manifestations of psychological phenomena you can look up in any clinical textbook.

Beyond that, in my opinion, we may even lack a functional vocabulary to describe anomalous experiences of the sort of which abductions may be a subset. My thoughts on this are developed in a long essay published in Stacy/Huyghe's journal The Anomalist in 2000.

>However most of the
>hybrid stuff seems to be little more than a reflection of
>peoples fear of the other.

And on what do you base that? That's a sentence, expressing an opinion resting on no demonstrable empirical evidence. It is no more or less than a statement of faith. It doesn't say, as I do, I don't know what's going on because so far no proposed explanation seems to work; it says, to the contrary, that the causes are fairly self-evident. So if they are that easily discerned, where's the evidence?

One could as plausibly argue as follows: Your effort to domestic abduction testimony into something that causes you no discomfort and which does not challenge your orthodox worldview betrays your own fear of the "other". Psychosocial ufologists amusingly act as if they themselves are immune from psychosocial forces (such as academic and lay disbelief traditions, not to mention their own anxieties and hopes) which shade and distort their thinking and presumption in ways of which they are often not even consciously aware.

If I were willing to pontificate on as little evidence as you customarily employ, I would pretend to read your mind, and declare that you have a profound phobia against the notion of otherworldly visitation and thus go to great lengths to deny what you secretly are terrified is true. I could then go on to pronounce that this is only to be expected, since it is a British cultural trait to feel that way.

And if you say that's crap, hey, I won't argue with you. At least maybe you will gain some sense from it of how your arguments strike the rest of us.

>The people being denounced as hybrids
>seem to be just folks who have various forms of physical, or
>social disabilities whose lives are probably damned difficult
>already, without Hopkins and Jacobs trying to turn them into
>agents of a sinister conspiracy.

Who is being "denounced" as a hybrid? Names, please. I mean, besides George W. Bush and Dick Cheney.

>The idea of mysterious
>foreigners possessed of supernatural powers trying to infiltrate
>society is an ancient motif, and one very much encountered in
>anti-semitic fantasies. But I think you know that already.

Your point being that abductees, besides being racists, are anti-Semites, too?

>>But of one thing I'm confident: the unsupported guesswork of a
>>non-American about the deepest secrets of the American psyche
>>is worth no serious person's time.

>Actually several American cultural commentators have touched on
>this. I suspect you think that Brits are as ignorant of America
>as Americans are of Europe. A read through our papers would show
>otherwise

You don't know anything about America and Americans, do you? All I have to do to determine that is simply to read what you write about us.

Though I know more about Britain, its culture, its history, its politics, and its folklore than most of my fellow citizens (and, for what it's worth, I am of English ancestry, once nearly married a London woman, and am friends with an Englishwoman who lives in our town [my wife and I had dinner with her and her husband last evening, in fact]), it would never even occur to me to make sweeping pronouncements about the psyches of British

people, or to concoct wacky "theories" about what goes on secretly inside their heads.

To any of my fellow Americans on this List:

If you're aware that you and your fellow citizens are frantic with fears of interracial/interethnic/intercultural marriage, please speak up. And especially do so if you have reason to believe that this fear is so overwhelming that susceptible Americans are undergoing horrifying hallucinations about it.

It hadn't occurred to me till this moment that I guess I can use my own family as an example of the real America. As I was typing these words, it came to me suddenly that Peter could be talking about me.

My daughter, who teaches in France, has a boy friend with whom she has a very serious relationship. He happens to be a French Muslim Arab. It hadn't occurred to me because relationships over cultures, ethnicities, religions, and races are so common in early 21st-Century America that (except among a few bigots on the fringes) they scarcely raise eyebrows and not many give them a whole lot of thought. (This was not true earlier in my lifetime, but it is one of the profound and positive changes that America, for all its shortcomings, has undergone in recent decades.) In Nabil's case our extended family has never regarded his background as anything but detail, irrelevant to our concern, as it would be with any boy friend, that he treat her right (and he does; he's a splendid young man).

Living in a small, conservative town, I am often subjected to discourse that strikes me as idiotic, narrow, ignorant, or poorly considered. Fear of interracial/intercultural marriage has figured in no rant that I can remember. These are the sorts of things you would know, Peter, if you actually lived among Americans and thus had an actual understanding of how we think.

>While there might be a lot of disagreement on what extraordinary means the general principle still holds.

Yes, it's "extraordinary" if you say it is. Not helpful, Peter.

To use one example: the ETH is not inherently extraordinary. It depends on how you look at it. If, as some astronomers guess, the galaxy is thinly populated (or devoid of intelligent civilizations other than our own), the ETH is more likely to be extraordinary than it would be if, as other astronomers guess, the galaxy is teeming with intelligent civilizations. In the latter case, the absence of ET visitors would be arguably the extraordinary claim. In fact, as we all know, anti-SETI scientists have actually used the alleged nonpresence of ETs on earth (or easily observable from it) as evidence that intelligent life is scant elsewhere.

I'm clipping your silly remarks, which don't address the simple, obvious point - graspable to every non-Magonian on this List, I'm sure - that only those who say nothing, who proceed as if conventional opinion were correct and move on accordingly, have nothing to prove. Science does not advance when only one side of an argument has an obligation to speak accurately, to criticize insightfully, and to provide the proper evidence to support its position.

If you want to assert that some Americans are regularly falling victim to incredibly vivid, science-fictional hallucinations based on widespread (though undemonstrated) fear of mixed-race marriage and children, you are making what would strike just about any onlooker as an extraordinary claim. You have an obligation to produce actual evidence, not further statements of faith. And since you profess to believe in falsifiability and don't want to be accused of hypocrisy, you surely must present that hypothesis in falsifiable form.

>>"Critics who assert negative claims but who mistakenly call >>themselves 'skeptics' often act as though they... have no burden >>of proof placed on them at all... [But] if a critic asserts >>that the result was due to artifact X, that critic then has the >>burden of proof to demonstrate the artifact X can and probably >>did produce such results under such circumstances.... Alas, most >>critics seem happy to sit in their armchairs producing post hoc >>counterexplanations."

>>Keep in mind, too, gentle and patient Listfolk, that Peter and
>>his fellow Magonians like to poke fun at technically trained
>>ufologists (e.g., Stan Friedman) who have gone to some length to
>>demonstrate how extensions of current technological principles
>>may explain how interstellar travelers could develop propulsion
>>and other systems which may enable them to get here.

>>Talk about unfalsifiable: Anybody who thinks a far superior
>>technology might look like magic to the naive, early 21st-
>>century observer is a fool. Meantime, those who argue that UFO-
>>extraterrestrial technology may not be so advanced, after all,
>>and that from current physical knowledge we can draw reasonable
>>inferences about otherworldly spacecraft propulsion... well,
>>those guys are fools, too.

>>As usual, with the Magonian/pelicanist school of rhetoric, it's
>>always a heads-you-lose, tails-we-win proposition.

>That, dear friends, is what we on this side of the puddle say is
>the pot calling the kettle black. For the record Jerry has just
>conceded that the ETH is an infinitely elastic hypothesis which
>means different things to different people.

Uh, your point being? Yes, there are different ET hypotheses,
just as there are different "sceptical" or otherwise non-ET
hypotheses. Why would one expect otherwise? As to the
"infinitely elastic," I don't know where that comes from; if
anything, published ET hypotheses in my estimation are so
similar in general contour (and so conservative) as to suggest a
failure of EThers' collective imagination. You've made the same
point yourself. Are you just conjuring up criticisms when
convenient at the moment?

Unlike you, I am careful about what I say concerning the
ultimate nature of the UFO phenomenon because I appreciate, as
you don't, the difficulty of making meaningful hypotheses at
this stage of our massive ignorance. (After all, as Brad Sparks
astutely observed on this List a few weeks ago, in all of UFO
history, no more [at a generous estimate] than six months of
actual focused scientific investigation has been devoted to this
fantastically complicated problem.) In the meantime, we get
Magonians, pelicanists, and "sceptics," making it up as they go
along, as if - I am being generous here - it were all just
literary criticism. In their hands, in any event, it isn't
science.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Central Research Facility - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 16:11:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 09:32:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Central Research Facility - White

>From: Jim Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 16:25:07 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 15:15:37 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

<snip>

You know, be it a board operating a central research facility, or even a single senior UFO researcher at first, I think both would benefit from an effort to search for people who are recognized as mainstream scientists who would be willing to help out.

Help out by _anonymously_ drafting a procedure document for either the central facility or even the senior researcher. This procedure document would be set up to govern how UFO data should be collected and analyzed for total, undeniable, compliance with "the scientific method".

Odds are you would find a few mainstream scientists who would be willing to do this anonymously.

With such procedures in hand, the central research facility, and perhaps many individual researchers could then start immediately turning out work which undeniably qualifies as "real science". Other senior researchers could do the peer review.

There is no article in the scientific method I know of that requires a scientist have a PhD.

The procedures themselves could be published for all the world to see, and would include anonymized CV's of the anonymous scientists who set it up.

This idea should be quite doable, and without much delay. It should provide a major credibility boost for the field, and I doubt if existing data would have to be excluded - mainly the peer review and analysis phases would be where the new procedures would kick in.

Eleanor White

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Crooked Bush Saskatchewan

From: **Barb Campbell** <nwsurc.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 17:25:09 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 09:52:44 -0500
Subject: Crooked Bush Saskatchewan

Northwest Saskatchewan UFO Research Center

NWSURC File# SSR-04-19

I received a call regarding a curious site near Hafford, Saskatchewan a few weeks ago. It piqued my curiosity so I have arranged to visit the site sometime in April or May of 2005.

Apparently the site has drawn attention of others and no one seems to know why this section of [aspen trees] bush is so crooked. Bush surrounding the affected area seems to have grown without the 'deformation'. I was told soil samples were also taken and the results revealed nothing.

I am interested in hearing from individuals or other research groups who may have information regarding this site.

Photo can be viewed at:

<http://www.nwsurc.com/ssr-04-19.htm>

[See also: <http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~remphre/crooked.shtml>

http://www.umanitoba.ca/manitoban/20011031/features_3.shtml

http://www.virtualsk.com/current_issue/crooked_trees.html

--ebk]

I am also interested in hearing from anyone who may have witnessed any unusual sightings in the past.

I would also appreciate hearing from area farmers if:

- an animal was found mutilated on your property - even if you did not report the incident to local authorities
- you have observed unusual markings on your property
- you have observed unusual behavior in your animals
- a change in crop reproduction occurred after a certain period
- anything strange or unusual has occurred

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Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 11:46:12 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 09:55:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 18:44:25 +0000
>Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 10:33:54 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

<snip>

>With all due respect, it's a hell of a lot more interesting than
>a non-site that you haven't found! You seem to believe a priori
>that it can't be important because it doesn't fit the
>theoretical site that others claim exists. The point here is
>that Gehrman has found a site containing some very interesting
>features and evidence suggestive of a crash and some burning of
>something from the top down, as it were.

>I have personally never believed the cameraman's story at all,
>but that is beside the point. This site is real, not
>theoretical; it exists, its location is known, Wendy has done
>some important initial on-site documentation, and it deserves
>open-minded investigation. What that investigation might
>determine no one knows at this point. There could be a mundane
>explanation. But if you examine Wendy's report you find features
>for which there is no immediate and obvious explanation.

I agree with you Dick... I would be one of the only other people
that has a sample of the said rock face. From corresponding with
Ed Gehrman and receiving first-hand photos as well as the sample
I also am of the opinion Ed has come across something pretty
special, well worth a closer examination.

My sample of the blue material most definitely looks "melted"
onto the rock itself.. The photographs also show an area of
this cliff face covered with the same material.

Just because this hints of alien autopsy doesn't mean it should
be trashed.

William

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Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

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Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 19:13:53 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 09:59:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 10:33:54 -0500
>Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>>><http://www.thewhyfiles.net/gehrman.htm>

><snip>

>>Very interesting report and well worth further investigation on
>>the merits of the evidence presented.

>I'm not sure interesting is the right word.

>She uses the wrong year, 1948 instead of 1947, and refers to
>drawings "made by the cameraman", which do not exist.

Hi Bob,

You are correct that the year is 1947; I meant to correct
Wendy on this mistake but it slipped my mind. Sorry.

>Santilli had a professional artist make those drawings from
>vague descriptions from the cameraman, so expecting them to
>resemble the real site is rather silly.

As you and I have discussed several times, the actual process
that went into the making of the two site drawings is not at all
clear.

While it is true that the drawings were fashioned by an artist
other than the cameraman, their accuracy indicates to me that
they were not created from "vague descriptions" but from
photographs that must have been taken at the site by the
cameraman during his adventures there. They do not just
"resemble" the site, but depict its terrain and blue material
exactly as it is.

An artist could never reach this level of precision by hearing
vague descriptions and could never accomplish this feat by
chance.

<snip>>

>I am the one originally given the directions to the site, and I
>tried several times to locate it. The road which leads to Ed's
>site is only about four miles from Socorro's town limits and the
>cameraman made it clear that they drove some distance from
>Socorro before turning onto a "dirt track" which went to the
>site.

The cameraman made it clear that the dirt track he traveled was
the last road to the south before the Magdalena Mountains. That
is where I began my search.

He reported that he also drove by the red pillars which are
now called Box Canyon. Once on that dirt track there are only
a few options since this was only road into that back country in
1947.

The cameraman also drew a map showing the general location of the site and this map is very accurate when compared with the actual site. It definitely eliminates any notion that the site is somewhere in the plains of San Augustine.

>Following his directions precisely at several different assumed
>travel speeds always gets you up onto the Plains of St Agustin,
>and an area with a number of dry lake beds, a specific feature
>he made much of.

It was my impression that the trip from Socorro to the crash site took one hour and that is the same time it takes to get from Socorro to the site I've described.

>BLM personnel at Magdalena told me that this was the only area
>they knew of with any dry lake beds, and showed them to me on
>maps.

I don't know what they were thinking because the site I'm researching is an old lake bed and there is no disputing this fact.

>Personally, I don't think anyone has yet come near the real site.

I think one brief visit to the site will change your mind.

>Beyond that, I am still convinced that the AA film was actually
>shot in 1947

Yes, we've always agreed about that.

Ed

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Re: Alien Abductions - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 10:10:46 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 10:16:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Gonzalez

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 23:21:15 +0000
>Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 07:38:35 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 09:06:29 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>I found my old review just to be sure my memory of the
>>favorable treatment of birth trauma was accurate. At one point,
>>to your credit, you do admit the obvious, that BT is "far from
>>being proved," while apparently still good enough to take
>>seriously.

>Doesn't sound too much like the "enchantment" and cheer-leading
>you accuse Peter Rogerson of - a person who, as far as I can
>recall, made no contribution at all to the debate in Magonia.
>BTH was an idea put forward by someone who had actually done
>some ufological experiments and had published the results. Yes -
> it was worth taking seriously, and it was worth discussing, as
>is any novel theory that is put forward in a rational way.
>Discussing such a theory - even perhaps saying that it is worthy
>of further research - seems to me quite reasonable.

>There was no further research into the BTH, people pointed out
>the problems inherent in it, and the idea seems to have run into
>the ground, but I make no apology for raising the topic in
>Magonia.

>>One has no trouble imagining what you'd do with a UFO
>>proponent who did the same.

Oh, my God! Beating old dead horses again!

The peculiar BTH, a potentially good idea stretched beyond its
boundaries, as is usual in Ufology (I am thinking of Meaden's
vortexes or Albert Budden's EM allergies). At least, Lawson
offered some predictions to falsify his theory, that nobody
bothered to verify.

Nevertheless, I prefer the earlier Lawson, his study of
imaginary abductees, also never followed up by others (I only
remember something similar by Jenny Randles in Britain). Let me
point to a crucial difference with "normal" Ufology, worth
pondering:

Some years later, Lawson himself published in his own web page,
the transcriptions of all his imaginary abductees' tapes.

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Vault/6521/>

Will be ever see something similar from the "pro" side? For
instance, from MUFON's Abductions Transcriptions Project?

Luis R. Gonz=Ellez Manso

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Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 23:27:07 -1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 10:19:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site' -

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 10:11:47 -0700
>Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 10:33:54 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 14:30:17 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>><snip>

>>>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates <UFOupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 9 Dec 2004 08:52:51 -0700
>>>>Subject: Preliminary Report On Socorro 'Crash Site'

>>>><http://www.thewhyfiles.net/gehrman.htm>

>><snip>

>>>Very interesting report and well worth further investigation on
>>>the merits of the evidence presented.

<snip>

>>I'm not sure interesting is the right word.

<snip>

>I have given photographic and sample evidence (submitted to
>those who have the expertise to evaluate) of a site to be
>considered and issuing a preliminary report that clearly states
>that there is no evidence, as yet, that proves anything except
>the site abnormalities that I have presented by evidentiary
>methods. Driving around and looking, by itself, denotes nothing
>of consequence when brought to the table.

>Find the site you believe exists. Gather samples and
>photographic nomenclature of the site. Submit samples for
>independent review. Perhaps, then, you will be in a position to
>at least present a preliminary report of findings rather than
>(paraphrased) "I drove around and found nothing."

>Perhaps a re-read of the preliminary report will show that I
>actually claim nothing, including a complete review of all data
>accumulated regarding the AA claims. I reiterated more than once
>that it was accomplished solely as an historical exercise. You
>must have unfortunately glossed over that factuality, among
>others.

<snip>

Hi Wendy,

Whether the site Ed led you to has anything to do with the alleged saucer landing or not, it seems you have found some genuine anomalies at the site.

I know next to nothing about the geology of New Mexico.

You found and photographed burn mark patterns and what you described as mineral deposit patterns.

That evidence intrigues me.

You mentioned possible analysis of a sample of the alleged mineral. How and when will it be tested and who will pay for the analysis? You stated that you will be making return visits and taking further photographs. Do you plan to make a site map and outline the pattern of burns and mineral deposits? I am not sure just what you meant by you would not be discussing it further. I would just like to know what your plan is to determine what that site represents.

Thank you,

Josh Goldstein

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Recommended New Spanish Language UFO Books

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 14:22:12 +0100 (CET)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 10:29:43 -0500
Subject: Recommended New Spanish Language UFO Books

Two new UFO books recently published in Spain:

Humanoides En Conil (Humanoids at Conil)
by Angel Carretero Olmedo
<http://www.anomalia.org/e000.htm#bcf>

Luces En Los Cielos (Lights in the Skies)
by Ricardo Campo Perez (Foreword by V.J. Ballester Olmos)
editorialbenchomo.nul

Other books in Spanish still available:

Ovnis Y Ciencias Humanas (UFOs and Human Sciences), by Ignacio Cabria
<http://www.anomalia.org/e000.htm>>

Expedientes Insolitos (The Anomalous Files)
by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
<http://www.anomalia.org/g009.htm>

Regards,

V-J

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Re: Alien Abductions - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 13:20:42 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 07:17:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 10:31:05 -0600
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 23:21:15 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>Sigh, John,

5 points in Jerry Clark Bingo!

<A lot of to-ing and fro-ing snipped>

>>BTH [birth-trauma hypothesis] was an idea put forward by
>>someone who had actually done
>>some ufological experiments and had published the results. Yes -
>>it was worth taking seriously, and it was worth discussing, as
>>is any novel theory that is put forward in a rational way.
>>Discussing such a theory - even perhaps saying that it is worthy
>>of further research - seems to me quite reasonable.

>You've made my point for me, John, for which I thank you.

So what point was this Jerry? That discussing novel theories,
even if they ultimately prove to be flawed, is worthwhile? I
couldn't agree with you more ...

>I can't, however, resist another observation: If some theorist/
>experimenter had used comparably flimsy evidence and dubious
>reasoning to argue for an abduction-as-literal-event hypothesis,
>the explosive Rimmerian exhalation of the epithet "nonsense"
>would have thundered through the land and deafened all in
>hearing range. What you object to, it appears, is not nonsense
>as such, but the nonsense that you don't like.

... but now it seems you are you saying that no-one should even
have discussed Lawson's theories when he published them; that
Magonia should have checked with you to see whether or not we
should have polluted our pages (about ten pages in over thirty
years of publication) with a presentation of them, and that you
could have saved as a lot of bother by simply declaring them
"nonsense"?

>>There was no further research into the BTH, people pointed out
>>the problems inherent in it, and the idea seems to have run into
>>the ground, but I make no apology for raising the topic in
>>Magonia.

>>>One has [no] trouble imagining what you'd do with a UFO
>>>proponent who did the same.

>>Does this sentence make any sense?

>No, it doesn't, because I typed "on" when I meant to type "no."
>The sentence is corrected above. Sorry for the confusion.

Even the corrected version makes no sense (I had assumed the 'on' was a typo, but was naturally cautious of adding a [sic] into the words of the Great Proofreader), mainly because I can't think of anyone who's come along with a testable version of the "abduction as literal event" hypothesis.

>>>>Strange that Jerry should attack Peter Rogerson for allegedly
>>>>being in awe of authority figures, when virtually every post he
>>>>makes to this List contains an appeal to one of his regular
>>>>trinity of authority figures: Marcello Truzzi, Michael Swords
>>>>and James McDonald.

>>>These are "authority figures," huh? My, my, the strange, closed,
>>>provincial world of the Magonian. I'll have to tell Mike Swords
>>>what you said about him next time I see him; he'll be amused.
>>>I'm sure that wherever they are now, Truzzi and McDonald are
>>>smiling wistfully and murmuring, "If only...."

>Yes, if only the world even knew who they were. If only their
>word, like - say - Carl Sagan's or Elizabeth Loftus's or Stephen
>Jay Gould's or whomever's, were regarded as near-definitive by
>elite opinion.

>If "authority" and "authority figure" were synonymous, the
>latter phrase would not have needed to come into the language.

>I have never personally met - outside anomalist circles (or
>students, department colleagues, or family) - persons who have
>heard of Truzzi, McDonald, and Swords (authorities, not mere
>authority figures), much less been familiar with their
>intellectual judgments. I doubt that you have, either. If I may
>bring myself into the discussion briefly, I believe I am
>something of an authority on the UFO controversy. If I may
>judge, however, from my interactions with elites (e.g., major,
>serious print and electronic media), I may safely conclude that
>I am not an "authority figure." Nor, while you no doubt know a
>lot about UFOs, are you. On our best days those quarters regard
>as just another couple of guys with another couple of opinions.
>Essentially, our job is not to provide answers, just quotes with
>which to fill column or air space.

Oops, I seem to have tripped over the chip on your shoulder!

John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 18:39:38 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 07:21:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 15:09:46 -0600
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 16:19:59 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>The people being denounced as hybrids
>>seem to be just folks who have various forms of physical, or
>>social disabilities whose lives are probably damned difficult
>>already, without Hopkins and Jacobs trying to turn them into
>>agents of a sinister conspiracy.

>Who is being "denounced" as a hybrid? Names, please. I mean,
>besides George W. Bush and Dick Cheney.

Two that come to mind: the young student identified as "Raechel"
in the case reported in recent issues of MUFON UFO Journal, and
the family friend, Mr Paige, described in Bud Hopkins "Sight
Unseen" - possibly borderline autistic or suffering from
Asperger's Syndrome, but seen by Hopkins as a sinister hybrid.

>>The idea of mysterious
>>foreigners possessed of supernatural powers trying to infiltrate
>>society is an ancient motif, and one very much encountered in
>>anti-semitic fantasies. But I think you know that already.

>Your point being that abductees, besides being racists, are
>anti-Semites, too?

The point is that all these "antis" are aspects of a generalised
fear of "the Other" which is common to human societies,
worldwide. They are not exclusively American, as Jerry seems to
be implying.

>>>But of one thing I'm confident: the unsupported guesswork of a
>>>non-American about the deepest secrets of the American psyche
>>>is worth no serious person's time.

See above.

>>Actually several American cultural commentators have touched on
>>this. I suspect you think that Brits are as ignorant of America
>>as Americans are of Europe. A read through our papers would show
>>otherwise

After a previous discussion on UpDates (vide Archives) a number
of Americans wrote to me agreeing with me that this is a live
issue.

<snip>

>If you're aware that you and your fellow citizens are frantic
>with fears of interracial/interethnic/intercultural marriage,
>please speak up. And especially do so if you have reason to
>believe that this fear is so overwhelming that susceptible

>Americans are undergoing horrifying hallucinations about it.

Oh, now whose being disingenuous?

>It hadn't occurred to me till this moment that I guess I can use
>my own family as an example of the real America. As I was typing
>these words, it came to me suddenly that Peter could be talking
>about me.

>My daughter, who teaches in France, has a boy friend with whom
>she has a very serious relationship. He happens to be a French
>Muslim Arab. It hadn't occurred to me because relationships over
>cultures, ethnicities, religions, and races are so common in
>early 21st-Century America that (except among a few bigots on
>the fringes) they scarcely raise eyebrows and not many give them
>a whole lot of thought. (This was not true earlier in my
>lifetime, but it is one of the profound and positive changes
>that America, for all its shortcomings, has undergone in recent
>decades.) In Nabil's case our extended family has never regarded
>his background as anything but detail, irrelevant to our
>concern, as it would be with any boy friend, that he treat her
>right (and he does; he's a splendid young man).

So Jerry Clark's family is the epitome and model of American
society, is it? You may not wish to comment on the inner psyche
of the British, but credit us with some intelligence. I'm sure
the Clark family is the very model of racial tolerance,
inclusiveness and diversity, but despite your paen of praise to
the lovely town of Canby (see below), I'm sure that not everyone
in America are such paragons you may be an example of Real
America, but not the only one, surely?

>Living in a small, conservative town, I am often subjected to
>discourse that strikes me as idiotic, narrow, ignorant, or
>poorly considered. Fear of interracial/intercultural marriage
>has figured in no rant that I can remember. These are the sorts
>of things you would know, Peter, if you actually lived among
>Americans and thus had an actual understanding of how we think.

Thank you for assuring us that America is the one society on
Earth that has managed to eliminate racial hostility - or is it
just Canby? As a noted English jurist one said, "Chuck it,
Smith".

John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm

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From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 07:23:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Harney

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 15:09:46 -0600
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

<snip>

>As a longtime observer and onetime investigator of it, I doubt
>that the abduction phenomenon is susceptible to explanation via
>current knowledge. It is my impression that something strongly
>anomalous is going on, that it takes its surface features from
>the culture in which it is experienced but is not at its core
>culturebound, and that the problem we have with explaining it is
>that we know little - probably nothing - of the forces that may
>be generating it. Facile, Magonia-style talk about its meaning
>is, well, meaningless.

>When I talk about "anomalies of consciousness," I mean
>_anomalies_, not just dramatic manifestations of psychological
>phenomena you can look up in any clinical textbook.

Of course all anomalies of consciousness can't be looked up in
any clinical textbook, as there is so much work to be done on
this subject. The abduction phenomenon can't be entirely
explained with reference to present knowledge for the same
reason. Talk of mysterious "forces" does nothing to advance our
knowledge, only carefully planned and executed scientific
experiments and observations can do that.

Yet when scientific experiments are carried out they are
invariably attacked by ufologists for producing the "wrong"
answers, i.e. not mysterious enough.

<snip>

>Unlike you, I am careful about what I say concerning the
>ultimate nature of the UFO phenomenon because I appreciate, as
>you don't, the difficulty of making meaningful hypotheses at
>this stage of our massive ignorance. (After all, as Brad Sparks
>astutely observed on this List a few weeks ago, in all of UFO
>history, no more [at a generous estimate] than six months of
>actual focused scientific investigation has been devoted to this
>fantastically complicated problem.) In the meantime, we get
>Magonians, pelicanists, and "sceptics," making it up as they go
>along, as if - I am being generous here - it were all just
>literary criticism.

Bingo! (Look it up in archives if you don't know what I mean.)

John Harney

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Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin - King

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 15:33:11 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 07:26:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin - King

>From: Diane Harrison <aufor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 21:52:30 +1000
>Subject: Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 01:05:58 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin

<snip>

>One problem I'm having here Kyle is working out why if the star
>Electra, 17 Tauri one of the stars in the Pleiades constellation
>located at right ascension 3h 44.875m and declination 24=B0
>6.800'. Why if Electra a relatively dim star with a magnitude of
>4 (3.70) why was it so bright.?

Hi Diane,

One thing to keep in mind is that even a digital camera has to resolve stars through the atmosphere, and any single shot of the night sky might not record even a few bright stars. Since stars twinkle, a camera that can resolve stars without an extended exposure might catch a particular star at the moment it's light is scattered. This camera obviously was taking short exposures since there is no smear or tracking lines. While this idea of missing stars would be unlikely to involve the brightest object(s) in the sky, some very visible ones might be lost to the camera in a single shot. This could explain both the absence of one or more landmarks, but also could explain a star being much brighter than it actually is. If the camera imaged at the precise moment that one of the dimmer stars was at 'max twinkle', it could appear much brighter than in a series of shots. This effect could explain your findings in aligning the object image with the image of the Pleiadian cluster. I'll leave it to our more astronomically inclined Listers to say whether a 4 out of 7 match is indicative of identification, under the circumstances as described.

>Kyle I think I may have found the Pleiades in this image,
>however, not being an expert in astronomy I could be wrong, and
>again I have superimposed a different image which I found and
>again I have come up with almost the same positioning as the
>first image I superimposed.

>Kyle have a look at the images and let me know what you think?

><http://www.hypermax.net.au/~auforn/Darwin1.html>

>Please note Nigel & Julie saw the object in an ESE position not
>ENE,?

I must be getting old and senile. After re-reading your initial post, I realized I had mis-read. If the object was first sighted in the ESE sky, then it plainly would not be the Pleiades... unless the photographer had his time and position off by a little.

Your new images of the object are much more revealing than the one I saw initially, and with my handy copy of Starry Night Backyard, I was able to get a screenshot of the night sky over Darwin for the time and date in question, for use as a base, to see if the object in overlay corresponds to a known astronomical object.

Your posted overlay experiment is intriguing, and certainly seems compelling, and we need to reconcile the eyewitness report as to time and direction.

To attempt to duplicate your overlay experiment, I imported my Starry Night screenshot and your image into Photoshop, and tried overlaying your image over the screenshot. I did note while running the clock forward in Starry Night from 8:30PM to 12:30AM that from the ESE view, the stars seem to move further *up* the sky moreso than to the north. I don't think the witness would have described the movement of the stars in his view as toward the north, but that's supposition alone. If this supposition is correct however, then the movement of the object as described is indeed interesting and unexpected for a known celestial object in his view to the ESE.

As always, more information is needed for definitive analysis. Time of photo would be good.

Approximate field of view...e.g., how big is moon when shot with the camera in a similar setup? Or try re-imaging a known constellation with similar setup. Knowing the scale would provide easier cross-referencing with sky charts, etc. It would also be interesting to know how much spherical aberration might be expected from the camera/binocular setup. Perhaps the image is more of a *fisheye* view or the opposite. It doesn't seem logical that such a setup would provide an optically accurate view, but again more information is needed. Is it a manufactured interface for this purpose? Are there specs available?

Another thing I noticed in your image was a small smudge to the upper right of the object. Starry Night notes a comet Machholz that would have risen at 6:15PM on the 4th of Dec., would have traversed the sky from the ESE, and set at 7:05am on the 5th. It is possible that the camera caught this comet, and I'm using this smudge as a point of beginning assuming it is the comet. Of course, it may be just a smudge, but you gotta start somewhere.

If I use the smudge as the comet Machholz, and rescale, the star in the upper right corner of the object image corresponds somewhat with the star Acamar. If I use these two points as a reference, the object in question appears to coincide with Rigel...in Orion, but this seems unlikely in the absence of the belt stars. I'm beginning to get a little dizzy. I don't envy planet and asteroid hunters... this is eye-fatiguing work.

Based on Starry Night's orientation of the Pleiades, I would now suggest that the object in question is actually Atlas and Pleione. This is impossible to confirm without more information to place it, 'the object', in some kind of context. If you rotate your overlay 90 degrees or so counter-clockwise and reduce it's size, you'll see what I'm seeing. This places the Atlas/Pleione pair very close to the object, which definitely appears to be 2 objects very nearly superimposed in the original image. It also provides a near match on 6 stars if you count Atlas and Pleione separately, the others being Alcyone, Maia, Electra, and Merope. But this again is in contradiction to the eyewitness report.

Diane, if you have a copy of the original digital photo, I'd be interested in seeing what I can pull out of it. I'll honor any restrictions on use. I'm just curious about this one. While the digital process produces numerous spurious pixels, it is possible to resample the image at a higher dot pitch, and then you can better see the pixels that are truly square as an artifact would be, and which are still *fuzzy*, indicating that it is something other than artifact. This is because a bad pixel will resolve as a perfectly focused square, while stars are diffuse and indistinct even when in focus. The key is resampling, because any other resizing process increases artifact, and creates halos around even square pixels that make distinguishing them from the rest all but impossible.

With this in mind, I think you have a good case for the

Pleiades, if the discrepancies with the eyewitness report can be resolved.

Otherwise, I think further work on the original image might yield a better overlay with which to compare known constellations.

Excellent analysis. And good questions. You've got me very curious about this image.

Thanks, and please forward a copy of the original if possible.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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>From: Diane Harrison <aufor.nul>
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Hi Diane,

Thanks for the additional information.

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Yes, assuming the Lynns know their azimuth from their elbows, it can't be the Pleiades, which at the time of the first sighting were closer to NE (51 degrees), and at an altitude of 31 degrees, as opposed to the reported 45 degrees. At the time of the second sighting, it had shifted "60 deg to the north" which I interpret to mean 112.5 degrees (ie ESE) - 60 degrees = 52.5 degrees. At this time, though, the Pleiades were at an azimuth of 340 degrees, ie NNW. But the report is ambiguous, and I may not be interpreting it correctly - a clear estimate of the azimuth and altitude at the time of the second sighting would help.

Another problem with Kyle's suggestion is that the photo was supposedly taken through binoculars, and leaving aside all the problems of focus and stability without a proper setup, I would expect the Pleiades to take up much more of the field of view. See, eg

http://www.davidmalin.com/fujii/source/af7-01_72.html
http://www.davidmalin.com/fujii/source/af7-02_72.html
<http://www.stargazing.net/urban/binocs.html>

It also can't be Sirius as I suggested earlier; at the time of the first sighting it would have been far too low (just above the horizon), although in terms of azimuth it's a good fit. I can't find any other bright stars that match the first position, and at any rate an altitude of 45 degrees is a bit high for atmospheric dispersion to be in effect, though not impossible. Of course, one way to check if it is a star or planet would for the eyewitnesses to go outside and have a look at the sky at the same time, and see if they can see anything at the same position as the UFO. (They could even try to find the Pleiades, and take a photo.) But if the additional data you have provided is correct, I don't think it was a star.

Brett Holman

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UFO Spotted In China

From: **Terry Groff** <terry.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 05:24:31 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 07:31:23 -0500
Subject: UFO Spotted In China

Source: Mid Day News - Mumbai, India

<http://ww1.mid-day.com/news/world/2004/december/99305.htm>

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Alien Twin Link For UFO Capital

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 05:27:35 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 07:34:20 -0500
Subject: Alien Twin Link For UFO Capital

Source: The Daily Record - Glasgow, Scotland

http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/tm_objectid=14972255&method=full&siteid=89488&headline=alien-twin-link-for-ufo-capital-name_page.html

12-13-04

Alien Twin Link For Ufo Capital

The UFO capital of Scotland is set to be twinned with Roswell in America.

Bonnybridge wants to link up with the New Mexico city where it is claimed a flying saucer crashed in 1947.

The Stirlingshire town, known for hundreds of reported sightings of strange objects in the skies, already plans to cash in on its status by building a UFO visitor centre.

And councillors feel they can learn from Roswell's experience.

Since UFO--hunters claims of aliens' bodies being recovered from the crash site, the city has become world famous and has a UFO museum and research centre.

Falkirk Council's deputy provost, Billy Buchanan, the councillor for Bonnybridge, will lead the Scots eight-strong delegation.

He said: 'Roswell has a population of just 50,000 but it is a draw for thousands of tourists interested in the UFO phenomenon.

'That pumps millions into the local economy.

'However, we want to emphasise both places have more to offer than UFOs and we hope to take along people with tourism and business links to promote more general commercial tie-ups.'

Roswell Mayor Bill Owen said: 'We welcome the the twinning idea.

'It would appear to be an interesting possibility that would benefit both our communities.'

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Re: Good News For Causality? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 07:53:36 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 07:44:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Dickenson

>From: Brett Holman <b.holman.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 04:17:13 +1100
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

Brett,

Let's get a couple of things straight - for us laity (I don't like use of loaded words like "lay" - reeks of exclusivity, false pride and even hubris).

1) Quotes -

If one quotes <<in most courses ... It's not true>> the three dots indicate words in between that don't change the literal or factual or statistical sense. Which is exactly true of that quote. However you shouted "quoting ... outrageously partial". That's specious my friend, next thing to deceit.

2) Momentum -

Brett, I hesitate to tell you, but everything we know is moving - we don't know of anything that's really "at rest". But for Newtonian convenience we pretend some things are not moving and just have inertia (of mass); we say other things are moving (it's all relative) and so have momentum, i.e. mass x velocity (relative to us).

In reality we know that everything in the universe is moving and really has full momentum - hence inertia = momentum. The use of two different words is partly historical and partly avoidance of inconvenient questions from the class smart-alec.

[Actually, when I was teaching the obligatory math/physics to some - highly qualified - military/other folk, I always found the argumentative ones a real boon, moving things along in a lively way. Conversely I knew we'd have to start further back with those addicted to jargon & buzz-words - no grasp of basic principles. All physics is expressible in short words - else it's waffle.]

Please, no more talk of science "high priests" alone fit for "inner secrets" kept from "lay" folk.

If physics is true then everyone can and should understand it and be taught it.

For background to this exchange (shall we call it "Unknown Force in the Universe" - or "Failure of Physics"?) you can try -
<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/dec/m07-009.shtml>
<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/dec/m09-008.shtml>
<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/dec/m10-015.shtml>

There's clearly some way to go.

Cheers

Ray D

"matter is essentially force, and nothing but force" - Alfred
Russel Wallace

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: Central Research Facility - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:28:55 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 07:47:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Central Research Facility - Allan

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 16:11:43 -0500
>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

>>From: Jim Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 16:25:07 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 15:15:37 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

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>You know, be it a board operating a central research facility,
>or even a single senior UFO researcher at first, I think both
>>would benefit from an effort to search for people who are
>recognized as mainstream scientists who would be willing to help
>out.

>Help out by anonymously drafting a procedure document for
>either the central facility or even the senior researcher.
>This procedure document would be set up to govern how UFO data
>should be collected and analyzed for total, undeniable,
>compliance with "the scientific method".

>Odds are you would find a few mainstream scientists who would be
>willing to do this anonymously.

You probably would, but is anonymity really a good thing when
trying to promote credible UFO research? See below.

>With such procedures in hand, the central research facility, and
>perhaps many individual researchers could then start immediately
>turning out work which undeniably qualifies as "real science".
>Other senior researchers could do the peer review.

>There is no article in the scientific method I know of that
>requires a scientist have a PhD.

>The procedures themselves could be published for all the world
>to see, and would include anonymized CV's of the anonymous
>scientists who set it up.

>This idea should be quite doable, and without much delay. It
>should provide a major credibility boost for the field, and I
>doubt if existing data would have to be excluded - mainly the
>peer review and analysis phases would be where the new
>procedures would kick in.

Is a central research facility not the very thing Hynek tried to
create when he launched CUFOS in 1974? Scientists and
technologists were expected to contribute and CUFOS was to be a
laboratory to study & investigate UFO reports.

Where is CUFOS now?

As for anonymous scientists, if ufology is to have any credibility, that is the last thing we want.

CDA

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Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:29:20 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 07:51:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Allan

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 13:46:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 23:13:24 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>I do believe that the lack of actual UFO hardware is the biggest
>>obstacle to scientific acceptance.

>>It is useless to give the oft-repeated response that the
>>authorities already possess this hardware but are keeping it top
>>secret. This standard ufological rejoinder will cut no ice with
>>the scientific establishment (or the media), and you cannot
>>really blame them for poking derision at it. Ufology is too
>>world-wide for this 'buck passing' to be valid.

>We often throw around the term "scientific community" which is
>as valid a term as "ufology" and too broad based.

>Which "scientific community" are we referring to? The
>pharmaceutical scientific community, the scientific research
>divisions of the military complex, NASA's cloistered, federally
>funded community [until they retire] the universities',
>federally funded scientific communities, the medical scientific
>community [i.e. the psychiatric field-which is no more exact
>than ufology when it comes down to it and probably less so].

>The point is each scientific community has its own vested
>interest and sacred cow to protect - not to mention its funding.
>An example of this is Physics versus Egyptology re the age of
>the Sphinx. These communities fight amongst themselves.

>This is too large a subject to get into for one person but I'm
>sure most have had experiences where the co-called scientific
>community has impacted their belief systems and not just where
>it concerns the UFO phenomenon.

>There is one common denominator to all of them and that is the
>possible impact of the UFO phenomenon on their own communities
>and it seems to filter through all of them.

>Does anyone else feel that we are being sold a bill of goods by
>those more interested in maintaining the status quo rather than
>'what is'?

The 'scientific community' (I actually wrote 'scientific
establishment') in the case of UFO acceptance is mainly
astronomers & biologists. I am assuming here that UFOs
eventually turn out to be alien spacecraft.

It may well be that there is substantial argument & debate if &
when hardware is finally produced. Therefore UFO reality (as ET
craft) will likely not be accepted at once even if such hardware
turns up.

But such hardware is a necessary start. As for "maintaining the status quo" I am positive that when the physical evidence comes, and in sufficient quantity, all those scientists who previously derided the subject will be so 'over the moon' that they will rapidly forget whatever they said in the past.

Another thing: No government on earth will be able to suppress this fact, if & when it happens.

CDA

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From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 12:40:12 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 08:09:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 13:20:42 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

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>mainly because I can't
>think of anyone who's come along with a testable version of the
>"abduction as literal event" hypothesis.

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John,

I disagree with others on this List who keep suggesting that the ETH is not testable. It certainly is in principle, though the test will never happen as long as people assume that UFOs are all nonsense because it would cost a lot of money. If real, physical, ET beings are coming and going in real, physical craft, that would be detectable by satellite cameras, special detection equipment placed on the moon, etc. Some would argue that they have been so detected, but inevitably written off as errors in the equipment because they don't fit current belief. Of course, if UFOs are something else (like other dimensional visitors) all bets are off.

Similarly, if abductions are real, physical events they should be detectable by instruments. It won't do to say that the aliens clouded the cameras, or whatever. In fact a major scientific program to attempt to capture evidence of abductions on instruments has recently been completed (I was in on its planning and origination years ago) and the data are now being analyzed. It was a carefully planned, double-blind study. A report will be forthcoming sooner or later from the UFO Research Coalition.

- Dick

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Some day, on some distant planet, in some parallel universe,
people will begin to recognize the obvious descriptions of
fireball meteors, and news services will stop contaminating the
UFO database by labeling them 'UFOs'.

- Dick

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"Crows As Clever As Great Apes, Study Says"

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 13:29:49 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 08:23:38 -0500
Subject: "Crows As Clever As Great Apes, Study Says"

I've written before that reasoning intelligence has likely evolved on this planet many times, giving some indication to the open minded how prevalent intelligence might be in even the 'local' universe. This includes all the cetacean examples, some hive animals, vulpine occurrences, bonobo chimps - being taught to talk/sign and reason, by the way - and three species of humankind we 'know' about... withered away in the historically recent past. Comes one more reasoning being perhaps.

We don't live in the universe we think we do. It's much, much grander than that, and our individual salvation, I suspect. Regardless, if it could be said that we're smarter than crows, what might be smarter than us... and as consumed with its own hubris?

alienview.nul -:|:-
www.AlienView.net

Source: National Geographic

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/12/1209_041209_crows_apes.html

12-11-04

National Geographic News

Crows As Clever As Great Apes, Study Says...
By James Owen in London

Anyone who has watched crows, jays, ravens and other members of the corvid family will know they're anything but "birdbrained."

For instance, jays will sit on ant nests, allowing the angry insects to douse them with formic acid, a natural pesticide which helps rid the birds of parasites. Urban-living carrion crows have learned to use road traffic for cracking tough nuts. They do this at traffic light crossings, waiting patiently with human pedestrians for a red light before retrieving their prize.

Yet corvids may be even cleverer than we think. A new study suggests their cognitive abilities are a match for primates such as chimpanzees and gorillas.

Furthermore, crows may provide clues to understanding human intelligence.

Published tomorrow in the journal Science, the study is co-authored by Nathan Emery and Nicola Clayton, from the departments of animal behavior and experimental psychology at Cambridge University, England.

They say that, while having very different brain structures, both crows and primates use a combination of mental tools, including imagination and the anticipation of possible future events, to solve similar problems. They base their argument on

existing studies.

Emery and Clayton write, "These studies have found that some corvids are not only superior in intelligence to birds of other avian species (perhaps with the exception of some parrots), but also rival many nonhuman primates."

Increasingly, scientists agree that it isn't physical need that makes animal smart, but social necessity. Group living tends to be a complicated business, so for individuals to prosper they need to understand exactly what's going on. So highly social creatures like dolphins, chimps, and humans tend to be large-brained and intelligent.

'Large Brains'

The study notes that crows are also social and have unusually large brains for their size. "It is relatively the same size as the chimpanzee brain," the authors said.

They say that crows and apes both think about their social and physical surroundings in complex ways, using tool use as an example.

Like apes, many birds employ tools to gather food, but it isn't clear whether chimps or crows appreciate how these tools work. It may be that they simply discover their usefulness by accident. However, studies of New Caledonian crows, from the South Pacific, suggest otherwise.

New Caledonian crows manufacture two very different types of tool for finding prey. Hooks crafted from twigs are used to poke grubs from holes in trees, while they also cut up stiff leaves with their beaks, carefully sculpting them into sharp instruments for probing leaf detritus for insects and other invertebrates.

A New Caledonian crow in captivity learned how to bend a piece of straight wire into a hook to probe for food. (Watch a video of the crow doing this.)

Such sophisticated tool manufacture and use is unique in non-human wild animals, according to Jackie Chappell, a UK-based zoologist who has studied the birds.

Emery and Clayton compare the crow's handiwork to minor human technological innovations. And because different New Caledonian crow populations make these tools to slightly different designs, some scientists take this as evidence of some form of culture, as has been suggested in chimpanzees.

Other corvids may use memories of past experiences to plan ahead.

In the case of Western scrub jays, a previous study by Emery and Clayton suggests jays with past experience of pilfering food caches collected by other jays can then use this knowledge to protect their own caches.

Lab experiments showed that if a habitual thief was observed while burying its own cache, it would later go back and move it when no other bird was looking. Meanwhile, "innocent" jays did not exhibit the same cunning.

Imagination?

The researchers also argue that such behavior suggests Western scrub jays are able to second guess another's intentions, or, to put it another way, get into another bird's mind. In which case, this could be evidence for imagination.

Emery and Clayton write, "Western scrub jays may present a case for imagination because the jays needed to have remembered the previous relevant social context, used their own experience of having been a thief to predict the behavior of a pilferer, and determined the safest course of action to protect the caches from pilferage."

Studies to assess similar cognitive abilities in apes have been inconclusive, according to John Pearce, professor of psychology at Cardiff University in Wales.

"[The Western scrub jay study] is some of the best evidence going that one animal can understand what another is thinking," he added.

Pearce believes we can gain insights into the basic mechanisms of human intelligence through the study of animals. He says language is generally considered to be one of the major divisions between human and animal intelligence, which makes Western scrub jays especially noteworthy.

He said, "What's so interesting is that while Western scrub jays may not have language, the research shows they've got many of the intellectual abilities that humans have. This suggests that many of our intellectual abilities which we think we need language for perhaps we don't in fact need language for. That then makes us try to understand these abilities in a different way."

If we're as smart as we think we are, perhaps we need to keep an even closer eye on those clever old crows.

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Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 08:01:53 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 19:41:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 13:20:42 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 10:31:05 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>5 points in Jerry Clark Bingo!

Sigh. Once again, the Magonian nine-year-old's idea of wit.

>>>BTH [birth-trauma hypothesis] was an idea put forward by
>>>someone who had actually done
>>>some ufological experiments and had published the results. Yes -
>>>it was worth taking seriously, and it was worth discussing, as
>>>is any novel theory that is put forward in a rational way.
>>>Discussing such a theory - even perhaps saying that it is worthy
>>>of further research - seems to me quite reasonable.

>>You've made my point for me, John, for which I thank you.

>So what point was this Jerry? That discussing novel theories,
>even if they ultimately prove to be flawed, is worthwhile? I
>couldn't agree with you more ...

Uh huh.

>>I can't, however, resist another observation: If some
>>theorist/ experimenter had used comparably flimsy evidence and
>>dubious reasoning to argue for an abduction-as-literal-event
>>hypothesis, the explosive Rimmerian exhalation of the epithet
>>"nonsense" would have thundered through the land and deafened
>>all in hearing range. What you object to, it appears, is not
>>nonsense as such, but the nonsense that you don't like.

>... but now it seems you are you saying that no-one should
>even have discussed Lawson's theories when he published them;
>that Magonia should have checked with you to see whether or not
>we should have polluted our pages (about ten pages in over
>thirty years of publication) with a presentation of them, and
>that you could have saved as a lot of bother by simply declaring
>them "nonsense"?

Uh huh. As a hypothesis addressing the abduction phenomenon,
birth trauma has as much utility as other curious notions to
which Magonia has devoted pages and discussion, such as
Americans' fear of mixed-race offspring, Hispanics, or whatever.

Since the rest of John's post is of even less substance or
relevance, I am snipping the rest of it. Those who want to see
it, or don't recall it (which is understandable), are referred
to his original.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Alien Abductions - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 08:40:54 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 19:42:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Lehmberg

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 13:20:42 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Jerome Clark <jklark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 10:31:05 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Dec 2004 23:21:15 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>>Sigh, John,

>5 points in Jerry Clark Bingo!

How convenient for the progressively thinking! When Mr. Clark gets justifiably if not minimally exasperated with on going and rankly duplicitous 'leaping verbal fandango' of reflexive pelecianistic ideologues... he gets points. Wonderful!

><A lot of to-ing and fro-ing snipped>
>

...and all of it yours, Sir.

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>>>someone who had actually done
>>>some ufological experiments and had published the results. Yes -
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>>You've made my point for me, John, for which I thank you.

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>So what point was this Jerry? That discussing novel theories,
>even if they ultimately prove to be flawed, is worthwhile? I
>couldn't agree with you more ...

What a richly appointed and conversely appropriated mask to thrust over actual demonstrations of your cant, Mr. Rimmer! You only hope to baffle the distracted fence-sitter, salve your fellow pelicanists with a retort that only sounds considered, and assume the proud countenance of open-minded intelligence with this paragraph. You hint in it that you are, and have ever been, a balanced clearing house of novel theories and new ideas, across the board, when nothing departs further from the truth, Sir. You are a biased, completely partisan, hack, Mr. Rimmer, and a creator of your own opposition.

>>I can't, however, resist another observation: If some theorist/
>>experimenter had used comparably flimsy evidence and dubious
>>reasoning to argue for an abduction-as-literal-event hypothesis,
>>the explosive Rimmerian exhalation of the epithet "nonsense"

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>should have polluted our pages (about ten pages in over thirty
>years of publication) with a presentation of them, and that you
>could have saved as a lot of bother by simply declaring them
>"nonsense"?

But this (your immediately preceding) is the patent nonsense,
Mr. Rimmer. You know, in completeness and totality, that this is
not what Mr. Clark is saying. Mr. Clark is saying that you are
an ideologue who would not credit even an obvious correctness
if it offended your hubris, challenged your dearth of
intellectual courage, disrespected your shallow world view, or
invalidated your ardent homocentricity. Moreover, he thinks
you'll cherry-pick from the knowledge base or data set that
which supports your 'kasskurtzian' position or erodes, however
fallaciously, the position of your opposition. He thinks you
drive data, Mr. Rimmer, and avoid following it.

Accordingly, your Magoonian pages are polluted with a lot more
canted duplicity than just what's referenced here. You perform a
disservice, Sir, in my opinion to suggest that your publication
is remotely balanced, even minimally authoritative, or is in
any way reflective of the most benignly unbiased. Your
publication grinds, decidedly, a less than perspicacious axe,
Mr. Rimmer.

>>>There was no further research into the BTH, people pointed out
>>>the problems inherent in it, and the idea seems to have run into
>>>the ground, but I make no apology for raising the topic in
>>>Magonia.

>
>>>>One has [no] trouble imagining what you'd do with a UFO
>>>>proponent who did the same.

>>>Does this sentence make any sense?

>>No, it doesn't, because I typed "on" when I meant to type "no."
>>The sentence is corrected above. Sorry for the confusion.

>Even the corrected version makes no sense (I had assumed the
>'on' was a typo, but was naturally cautious of adding a [sic]
>into the words of the Great Proofreader),

Well -- this was just uncalled for. Mocking insult usually is.
It's an indicator of the weakness of the employer's position,
usually. Transparently, it was an opportunity to distract the
casual reader, only, with a talking-momentum-breaking 'dodge',
when meaning is understood only too well and a distracting
literary device is used deflect a reader attention. Besides if
you knew it was a typo, as you admit, why call attention to it,
at all... except as a device.

>mainly because I can't
>think of anyone who's come along with a testable version of the
>"abduction as literal event" hypothesis.

Still -- Is there quality information with regard to UFOs that
is 'hidden' from the rank and file individual? Almost certainly!
The huge volume of extant evidence is of a quality that cannot
be forever ignored... even by Mr. Rimmer and his coterie of
constipated 'klasskurtzian' cronies.

Yes, 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 more real than
not... 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 some, like Mr. Rimmer, to face the highly
strange music that just cannot be forever ignored and
marginalized... Does the information available justify attention
by the mainstream to perform a more 'in depth' investigation of

UFOs and an abduction phenomena? Absolutely!

But in Mr. Rimmer's self-skewed view, none of any-of-that is happening because it can't be happening - a priori. Data is injudiciously plucked from complementary trees to support his self-consoling contentions. Mainly, because of intellectual cowardice, convenient institutional preservation, or pompous hubris, his reflections are a duplicitous collage of literary feints, verbal twists, and artful dodges to extend the life of a world view that has outlived its usefulness... if it ever had any, at all.

<snip>

>>I have never personally met - outside anomalist circles (or >>students, department colleagues, or family) - persons who have >>heard of Truzzi, McDonald, and Swords (authorities, not mere >>authority figures), much less been familiar with their >>intellectual judgments. I doubt that you have, either. If I may >>bring myself into the discussion briefly, I believe I am >>something of an authority on the UFO controversy. If I may >>judge, however, from my interactions with elites (e.g., major, >>serious print and electronic media), I may safely conclude that >>I am not an "authority figure." Nor, while you no doubt know a >>lot about UFOs, are you. On our best days those quarters regard >>as just another couple of guys with another couple of opinions. >>Essentially, our job is not to provide answers, just quotes with >>which to fill column or air space.

>Oops, I seem to have tripped over the chip on your shoulder!

No Sir. You tripped over a well explicated paragraph demonstrating how real authority must trump an authority 'figure' even as that authority 'figure' gets more column space and corrupted mainstream attention. There's blood on your knee, Mr. Rimmer, and your admonished "oops" is there only to distract from the fact that you had your conversational hull breached yet one more time.

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Re: Central Research Facility - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <rrrgroup.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 09:48:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 19:48:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Central Research Facility - Reynolds

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:28:55 -0000
>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

>Is a central research facility not the very thing Hynek tried to
>create when he launched CUFOS in 1974? Scientists and
>technologists were expected to contribute and CUFOS was to be a
>laboratory to study & investigate UFO reports.

>Where is CUFOS now?

>As for anonymous scientists, if ufology is to have any
>credibility, that is the last thing we want.

When I first broached the subject of a central UFO facility - a topic which has strayed from my original intention - I was suggesting a centralized facility with equipment and pertinent data which could be shared and used by those in the UFO community who are seen as credentialed, by those in the UFO community... many seen here at UFO UpDates.

For some reason Eleanor White (and others) have brought in members of the establishment, the very people who have squelched UFO studies out of fear for their jobs or because they are mainstream individuals who don't want to rock any scientific, theological, or political boats.

The facility I envisioned would be run by those - many here, right now - who are respected, even when they hold diverse views.

I named Jim Smith, Peter Rogerson, Alfred Lehmborg, Jerry Clark, Richard Hall, Stan Friedman (of course), Brad Sparks, Kyle King, and others as holders of the keys to a facility which would centralize data and technology for use by those they deem serious... not antagonistic to various UFO theories and hypotheses.

How Listers here keep getting back to outdated arguments about CUFOS, NICAP, and other organizations baffles me.

(I could name the persons who post here who flummox the ideas of others, for whatever reason, but I won't. They and you know who they are.)

Rich Reynolds
Director
Fort Wayne MediaWatch

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Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 08:58:39 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 19:49:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 21:10:10 -0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 15:09:46 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>Of course all anomalies of consciousness can't be looked up in
>any clinical textbook, as there is so much work to be done on
>this subject. The abduction phenomenon can't be entirely
>explained with reference to present knowledge for the same
>reason. Talk of mysterious "forces" does nothing to advance our
>knowledge, only carefully planned and executed scientific
>experiments and observations can do that.

I am glad to read that Magonia now backs leading American ufologists who are doing the same, and not just talking about it by constructing "theories" out of thin air. One hopes that John Harney will now join the call for full funding for serious research into abductions, UFO sightings, and related matters, and not just by researchers who share his views and who can be counted upon to tell him what he already believes.

Meantime, we can do what we can, based on what ideas and resources are available to us. And it is essential that we do so. For one specific, see Dick Hall's recent posting on the abduction-monitoring project. Of course, all scientific inquiry proceeds on the basis of what is possible (both within current understanding and within available technical and financial resources), and there is no guarantee that our technology and intellectual imagination -- and cash -- are equal to the task. But one has to start somewhere.

>Yet when scientific experiments are carried out they are
>invariably attacked by ufologists for producing the "wrong"
>answers, i.e. not mysterious enough.

As of course do debunkers/pelicanists/"sceptics" (not "un-mysterious enough") when results fail to validate their favored beliefs. (See, for but one example, pelicanist hero Philip J. Klass's furious, booklength disputation of the unknowns in the Condon report.) And so do scientists with competing views. It happens every day, and here is the good news: We're all better off for it. The process serves truth, which is seldom so simple as the Magonians would have it be. It elucidates issues by demanding closer attention to the many variables that define phenomena and affect outcomes of research and experimentation. Anyone who claims that certainty is easily obtained via some magical formula (such as falsification) is not serving the pursuit of truth.

As is always, however, the case in the provincial worldview of the Magonian, only ufologists are guilty of what is in fact

innocent and common, not to mention arguably positive. Harney's charge betrays, once again, the fundamentally polemical, as opposed to scientific or scholarly, nature of the Magonia project.

In the real world of competing scientific claims, it is no intellectual or moral error to question a claim of falsification. The ostensibly simple concept of "falsification" is in reality highly complicated, even fluid, and often anything but conclusive. That's one big reason why, though it is certainly not entirely useless, it was largely abandoned as an infallible characteristic of the scientific process after criticism from a host of scientists and philosophers (e.g., William Quine, Pierre Duhem). Nature, like the UFO question, is too complex, the numbers of variables too high and often confounding. As one scholar, not writing about ufologists, observes:

"A major problem [with falsification] is that it is often difficult to get agreement on whether or not a result is truly a falsification. Adherents of a theory often reinterpret negative results to avoid damage to their theory. In practice, establishing falsification can be as difficult as establishing verification."

Jerry Clark

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New News On Roswell Fragment?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 10:26:20 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 19:50:53 -0500
Subject: New News On Roswell Fragment?

Was listening to Dr. Roger Leir and Whitley Streiber give a chilling series of accounts on C2C with Art Bell.

I know many of you listened in as well to Dr. Leir covering the latest data on alleged UFO debris samples and witnesses etc.

I was at the 50th Anniversary of the Roswell Incident with about 30 staff members from Parascopes Magazine and I videotaped every day and the big debris analysis conference which Dr. Leir covered on last night's C2C show.

Quite startling update by he and Whitley Streiber! Had all the pieces of a good movie, yet it's not funny when reports of threats and ruined lives arise from UFO research. We've all read or witnessed ourselves this nonsense going on for the past 50 years.

So what do we do now?

Best,

Greg

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Re: Alien Abductions - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 10:44:48 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 19:51:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Smith

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 12:40:12 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>I disagree with others on this List who keep suggesting that the
>ETH is not testable. It certainly is in principle, though the
>test will never happen as long as people assume that UFOs are
>all nonsense because it would cost a lot of money. If real,
>physical, ET beings are coming and going in real, physical
>craft, that would be detectable by satellite cameras, special
>detection equipment placed on the moon, etc. Some would argue
>that they have been so detected, but inevitably written off as
>errors in the equipment because they don't fit current belief.
>Of course, if UFOs are something else (like other dimensional
>visitors) all bets are off.

The problem with satellites is that they normally use sensors and not cameras. Thus when the sensor accumulates a data file (image) it takes a substantial amount of time which reduces its value as an indicator of UFOs. Video or camera snapshots would be preferred. Examining ISS/Shuttle video has shown alot of odd lights. Meteors (at least what LOOKS like meteors) are visible. Flashing lights on the surface of the Earth are visible too (one such flasher has been identified as a searchlight by visiting the site). In addition to these sources, there are a number of flashers or steady lights in orbit (not "near" the Earth surface). These cannot be resolved to be ET craft, but rather are more likely debris.

I had hoped that since a number of UFOs are bright or flash that this method would be useful. But unfortunately, without useful stereo video imaging, the orbiting lights are likely to always be attributable to debris. Also, ISS/Shuttle video imagery is infrequent and costly and covers only a part of the Earth surface to only a certain level of resolution. To get Earth coverage at the required resolution will require an expensive constellation. Hopefully, it would be possible to piggyback on LEO communication satellites.

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Re: Alien Abductions - Gonzalez

From: Luis R. Gonzalez <lrgm.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 16:57:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 19:53:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Gonzalez

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 12:40:12 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

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>Similarly, if abductions are real, physical events they should
>be detectable by instruments. It won't do to say that the aliens
>clouded the cameras, or whatever. In fact a major scientific
>program to attempt to capture evidence of abductions on
>instruments has recently been completed (I was in on its
>planning and origination years ago) and the data are now being
>analyzed. It was a carefully planned, double-blind study. A
>report will be forthcoming sooner or later from the UFO Research
>Coalition.

We have been hearing about these kinds of experiments (I even
suggested something similar a couple of years ago) for years.

One thing I wonder about the "carefully planned, double-blind
study" is if they contacted skeptics for help and/or
suggestions.

Can you offer names?

I can wait for the results, but surely you can give us some more
details about the design and objectives of the experiment, can't
you?

Luis R. Gonzalez Manso

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Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 19:54:04 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China - Smith

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 12:49:36 +0000
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>Some day, on some distant planet, in some parallel universe,
>people will begin to recognize the obvious descriptions of
>fireball meteors, and news services will stop contaminating the
>UFO database by labeling them 'UFOs'.

While I agree that they are not too useful from a UFO research standpoint, these cases are still UFOs using the strictest definition and unless we have a global meteor radar network reporting system which I am not aware of (NORAD does have some such service, but I doubt it is a world wide service), then we MUST be left with calling it a UFO (with a fairly high probability of being a fireball meteor).

As to contamination of the UFO database, that has already been accomplished with Venus, various stars, airplanes, balloons, etc.

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Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

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>>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
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>>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>>I do believe that the lack of actual UFO hardware is the biggest
>>>obstacle to scientific acceptance.

>>>It is useless to give the oft-repeated response that the
>>>authorities already possess this hardware but are keeping it top
>>>secret. This standard ufological rejoinder will cut no ice with
>>>the scientific establishment (or the media), and you cannot
>>>really blame them for poking derision at it. Ufology is too
>>>world-wide for this 'buck passing' to be valid.

>>We often throw around the term "scientific community" which is
>>as valid a term as "ufology" and too broad based.

>>Which "scientific community" are we referring to? The
>>pharmaceutical scientific community, the scientific research
>>divisions of the military complex, NASA's cloistered, federally
>>funded community [until they retire] the universities',
>>federally funded scientific communities, the medical scientific
>>community [i.e. the psychiatric field-which is no more exact
>>than ufology when it comes down to it and probably less so].

>>The point is each scientific community has its own vested
>>interest and sacred cow to protect - not to mention its funding.
>>An example of this is Physics versus Egyptology re the age of
>>the Sphinx. These communities fight amongst themselves.

>>This is too large a subject to get into for one person but I'm
>>sure most have had experiences where the co-called scientific
>>community has impacted their belief systems and not just where
>>it concerns the UFO phenomenon.

>>There is one common denominator to all of them and that is the
>>possible impact of the UFO phenomenon on their own communities
>>and it seems to filter through all of them.

>>Does anyone else feel that we are being sold a bill of goods by
>>those more interested in maintaining the status quo rather than
>>'what is'?

Christopher, Don, Et Al.,

>The 'scientific community' (I actually wrote 'scientific
>establishment') in the case of UFO acceptance is mainly
>astronomers & biologists. I am assuming here that UFOs

>eventually turn out to be alien spacecraft.

First the fact that "some UFOs" are "ET craft," and the eventual "acceptance" of that fact will "ripple" through "all the sciences," and change "everything" as we now know it. (and in my view, that's why Ufology is in the state it's in-suppression).

>It may well be that there is substantial argument & debate if & >when hardware is finally produced. Therefore UFO reality (as ET >craft) will likely not be accepted at once even if such hardware >turns up.

History has shown us that most "major discoveries, theories and advancements" in science, as well as the people who proposed them "went against the status quo" and were not initially widely "accepted" (putting it mildly) by "mainstream science," e.g., Copernicus, Galileo, Bruno etc.; of course this is the case with ETH, and will be no matter what degree of evidence is put on the table; however, as with previous "mind-changing events" Science (itself) has, and will be, the factor to "advance the status quo."

>But such hardware is a necessary start. As for "maintaining the >status quo" I am positive that when the physical evidence comes, >and in sufficient quantity, all those scientists who previously >derided the subject will be so 'over the moon' that they will >rapidly forget whatever they said in the past.

A "necessary start" for theorem or fact that changes how science looks at things i.e., "status quo," is the observation of a phenomena, i.e., UFO sightings, followed by a recording of the event; hardware, i.e., "physical evidence" is not "necessary." Today, it is widely "accepted" that there are "133 extra-solar planets" - "There is no 'physical evidence' to support this theorem!" I might add "there is" indeed "physical evidence" in regard to Ufology. (And I don't mean what is in possession of the military).

>Another thing: No government on earth will be able to suppress >this fact, if & when it happens.

>CDA

"Propaganda" and it's brother "censorship" are as much part of government (particularly ours) as are "humps to a camel!" To think that "a government" in this case ours, can't suppress a major event, or keep a secret is the ultimate in naivety.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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More Correspondence With Frank Drake

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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Subject: More Correspondence With Frank Drake

Fellow Listerions,

Here is my most recent correspondence to Frank Drake after not getting a response back from him to my last e-mail:

Dear Mr. Drake,

I am resending my previous e-mail to you in the hopes that perhaps you overlooked it, or just haven't had time to respond in kind. I do appreciate your thoughts to date and respect your opinion, albeit in my view, an unformed one. (In regards to Ufology).

I would be happy to offer you "case histories" in support of the points I made in my previous e-mail; I feel, if you looked at the available data/evidence you would certainly change your mindset about the criterion "being met" in support of ETH; however, if your "mind is made up" and you don't want to be bothered with the evidence/data, please do me the courtesy of saying so, and I won't bother you with any further correspondence.

Thank You,

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

Dear Mr. Drake,

Back in July a colleague of yours, Seth Shostak debated Stanton Friedman on the idea that some UFOs are indeed ET spacecraft; Friedman took the "pro position" and Shostak of course opposed the notion.

One thing the two men agreed upon was that they both adhered to the concept of "intelligent life existing in the universe." As the debate progressed Shostak took issue with the evidence that Ufologists in general present for their theorem "this brings me to my question:

It would seem that most of the ideologies presented today from "mainstream Astronomers" e.g., extra-solar planets, rogue planets, black holes etc., are based on "circumstantial evidence"; for example, the idea of "extra-solar planets" is deduced by a "star's wobble"; my observation, as well as the question, is why the guidelines for Astronomers in regards to evidence is acceptable in "their field" but they won't apply the same rules to Ufology.

I would certainly appreciate your thoughts on the "evidence or data methodologies" used in Astronomy, and why said methodologies don't seem to be adequate for Ufology.

Thank You,

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

He replied:

Hi:

Well, it is hard to give a short answer to your query.

However, the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and UFOlogy are actually the same. In both cases we look for well-observed, calibrated data, which can be verified by repeat observations or experiments, best done by more than one observer. All the astronomical claims of actual existence you mention are supported by such solid, repeatable evidence. The wobbles in stars are seen to repeat, and to follow a complicated pattern which fits precisely the wobble expected when a star is being pulled on by a planet moving with a changing speed in an elliptical orbit. This is a very definitive requirement, which is met precisely by the observations. Furthermore, in some cases there is more than the wobble to go on -- the light of the star is decreased by just the right amount and with the complex time history expected if the planet passes in front of the star. And it repeats as it should. So there is no doubt here.

Some things are still speculations, of course. Rogue planets are one. There are no observations of such a planet. But it is fair to speculate they exist from our growing modeling of what takes place as a planetary system is formed, and the prediction from this modeling that some planets will be ejected from the system. Indeed, it would be amazing if this did not occur.

When it comes to UFO reports, none of the evidence criterion are satisfied. No observations can be repeated. None has ever been definitively recorded. So the rigid standards of science are far from met. As Carl Sagan said, "Grand claims require grand evidence", and that evidence is not there.

Frank Drake

I replied:

FW: Dear Mr. Drake,

Thank you for you for your expeditious reply to my inquiry.

FD: Hi:

Well, it is hard to give a short answer to your query. Actually I was looking forward to a "detailed explanation." However, the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and UFOlogy are actually the same. In both cases we look for well-observed, calibrated data, which can be verified by repeat observations or experiments, best done by more than one observer.

FW: Allow me to play devil's advocate based on your affirmation of equality in regards to evidentiary protocol of Astronomy and Ufology.

FD: All the astronomical claims of actual existence you mention are supported by such solid, repeatable evidence. The wobbles in stars are seen to repeat, and to follow a complicated pattern which fits precisely the wobble expected when a star is being pulled on by a planet moving with a changing speed in an elliptical orbit. This is a very definitive requirement, which is met precisely by the observations. Furthermore, in some cases there is more than the wobble to go on -- the light of the star is decreased by just the right amount and with the complex time history expected if the planet passes in front of the star. And it repeats as it should. So there is no doubt here.

FW: To be clear, (from a layman's [me] point of view) since we have "empirical evidence" of our own sun's orbit presumably being affected by the gravity (pull) of Jupiter (and other large planets in our own solar system), and the orbit (wobble) seems to be directly proportional to the mass of said planet; we therefore can presume the "same effect" takes place in other

solar systems, with their stars, and although we cannot see the planets, we can observe the wobble, via "Doppler Shift" etc. Since the "wobble" is directly proportional to the "mass of a planet" (at least it appears to be here, in our solar system) we can determine the mass of said planet by mathematical equation.

In addition to the wobble of a distant star, going on the assumption that it is indeed a planet's gravity causing the wobble, one could assume that if said planet were to cross between the earth and the star being observed, the light from the star would be measurably diminished.

You finally, state, that "there is no doubt here." I take that to mean that this is going "beyond theory" and is accepted as fact . . . interesting.

First I'd like to state that the "circumstantial (indirect) evidence" put on the table for "extra-solar planets" is more than enough "for me," for validation of their existence; however, playing "Devil's Advocate":

1). Can we state emphatically that there aren't "other forces" in the universe that aren't currently known that would "mimic the pull" caused by gravity of a "Jupiter sized planet?" Could another "space borne" object of the same mass cause the wobble?

2). Are there other actions that could affect "Doppler Shift," or any other form of detection in the same manner that "star wobble" does, e.g., pulsations etc.?

3). Given the fact that the most detection methods of "extra-solar planets" is relatively new, (with technology expanding by leaps and bounds) and not without controversy, i.e., ("Barnard's Star and possible planetary bodies, David Gray's disputation of 51 Peg,") isn't possible that either "new information" could surface, or the interpretation of the data may change, and affect the current conclusions?

IMHO if the answers to any of the afore mentioned questions is "unknown" or "it's possible," then that would leave "some" doubt, albeit little to the "absolute existence" of extra-solar planets based on the current methodologies used for their reality; that said, what we're left with is strong "circumstantial evidence" in support of the "theory" of extra-solar planets."

FD: Some things are still speculations, of course. Rogue planets are one. There are no observations of such a planet. But it is fair to speculate they exist from our growing modeling of what takes place as a planetary system is formed, and the prediction from this modeling that some planets will be ejected from the system. Indeed, it would be amazing if this did not occur. Agreed. When it comes to UFO reports, none of the evidence criterion are satisfied. No observations can be repeated. None has ever been definitively recorded. So the rigid standards of science are far from met. As Carl Sagan said, "Grand claims require grand evidence", and that evidence is not there.

Frank Drake

FW: Here I have to respectfully disagree; you stated that the criterion for the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and UFOlogy are actually the same. In both cases we look for:

- 1). Well-observed, calibrated data.
- 2). Verification by repeat observations or experiments.
- 3). Multiple observers.

First let me clarify some points: The bulk of UFO reports over the last 60 years after thorough investigation, can be attributed to more conventional explanations, e.g., known aircraft, celestial bodies etc.; however, the ones addressed here are the smaller percentage that cannot be explained in a conventional manner.

The ones I speak of are of an "unknown airborne craft" that exhibit characteristics beyond man-made technologies. It is true, that this phenomena can't for the most part be repeated

"on demand" it is a "transient uncontrollable unpredictable event"; however, it certainly does repeat, and observations are to numerous to count. It of course isn't the same as observing a "fixed celestial body" and doesn't have the same obvious advantages for scientific research. It does/has re-occurred, often, and can/has been recorded in a number of ways to allow for scientific investigation; for example:

- 1). In most cases involving a "craft" there is "direct evidence," i.e., "eye witnesses.
- 2). The craft "occupies space."
- 3). It moves as time passes.
- 4). It emits "thermal effects."
- 5). It exhibits light emission and absorption.
- 6). It effects the atmosphere.
- 7). It can be photographed.
- 8). It has left residual "after-effects," i.e., forensic evidence etc.
- 9). It has caused electric, magnetic and gravitational disorders.
- 10). It has been tracked by radar

The list goes on . . .

You've stated that none (UFOs) have been "definitively recorded." This is inaccurate. UFOs, in this instance "unknown craft" have been photographed, video taped, tracked by radar, and those readings recorded. In addition, they have been pursued by "our aircraft," and those of other countries.

Finally, "all" the criterion you cite for evidence have been met for Ufology with one more addition, "eye witnesses." One only need to look at the data. This is not to say that all the questions have been answered; in fact, it evokes this one--"why doesn't Ufology receive that attention it deserves from mainstream science?"

You quoted one of Carl Sagan's often used statements; I might add that he also said, " In physics, as in much of all science, there are no permanent truths; there is a set of approximations, getting closer and closer, and people must always be ready to revise what has been in the past thought to be the absolute gospel truth."

But back to the quote you mention, "grand claims require grand evidence." Is what Ufologists suggest so grand, so far out? By your own device, ("Drake's Equation") you suggest the number of planets in our galaxy with intelligent, technological civilizations. Is it so far out that one of these civilizations is far more advanced than we, and have mastered space travel; or travel in ways beyond our comprehension. Using our own technological advancement as a baseline we have progressed in a few generations to what only our ancestors could describe as "magic" given some examples; think what might and most assuredly would happen in thousands of years, or more! I've always found it odd that intelligent people admit to advance ETI, yet believe that when it comes to traveling to earth--they (ET) "played hooky" from that class!

Omitting the evidence, the data, for a moment (regarding Ufology) and agreeing on the common point(s) that there is "abundant intelligent life in the universe," the question is not "are they here," but "why wouldn't they be?"

I would like to hear your thoughts on what I've presented, as well as my last question if you would be so kind.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Frank Warren

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Faster Than The Speed Of Light?

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Subject: Faster Than The Speed Of Light?

Going through by Quality Paperback Book Club Review for December, I see a book entitled "Faster than the Speed of Light? The Story of a Scientific Speculation" by Joao Magueijo (called a brilliant young maverick with an heretical new theory). 288 pages.

This might be must reading for all those (myself included) who are tangled up in entanglement and the Quantum mystery.

Rich Reynolds

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Re: Alien Abductions - Rogerson

From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 12:40:12 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 13:20:42 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

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>>mainly because I can't
>>think of anyone who's come along with a testable version of the
>>"abduction as literal event" hypothesis.

><snip>

>John,

>I disagree with others on this List who keep suggesting that the
>ETH is not testable. It certainly is in principle, though the
>test will never happen as long as people assume that UFOs are
>all nonsense because it would cost a lot of money. If real,
>physical, ET beings are coming and going in real, physical
>craft, that would be detectable by satellite cameras, special
>detection equipment placed on the moon, etc. Some would argue
>that they have been so detected, but inevitably written off as
>errors in the equipment because they don't fit current belief.
>Of course, if UFOs are something else (like other dimensional
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>be detectable by instruments. It won't do to say that the aliens
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>planning and origination years ago) and the data are now being
>analyzed. It was a carefully planned, double-blind study. A
>report will be forthcoming sooner or later from the UFO Research
>Coalition.

Dick

You may be able to test your particular version of the ETH, but
if say 10 years go by and no such anomalies are detected, I
doubt many ETH ufologists will hold up their hands and say they
were wrong all along. They will either claim the evidence has
been suppressed, or will go from your version of the ETH to some
other such as Aime Michel's or invoke Budd Hopkins's invisible
spaceships. But at least your proposal, even if doesn't detect
the spaceships, stands a reasonable chance of uncovering a
variety of interesting and poorly documented atmospheric and sub
space phenomena and would be worth undertaking for that alone.

If the abduction study shows some massive anomaly like abductees
disappearing or the grays materialising in front of fraud proof
CCTV cameras in a locked room, and this is confirmed by a

several detailed critical studies by non ufologists then us
pelicanists will have been proved wrong.

Peter Rogerson

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Re: Central Research Facility - White

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>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:28:55 -0000
>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

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>As for anonymous scientists, if ufology is to have any
>credibility, that is the last thing we want.

Well, I've read many posts in which UFO researchers have lamented the fact that mainstream scientists "won't touch" the field of Ufology.

Please note carefully: My proposal was not that the scientists would do any of the data handling and analysis. Merely that they would take into account the data types available, and write their procedures on how to handle it so that the procedures would conform to the scientific method.

Such procedures would be made fully public, so anyone could either challenge the procedures, or, could examine the procedures and apply whatever confidence level they felt was appropriate to the future efforts of UFO researchers.

I don't personally, in a matter like ufology, see anything wrong with anonymity. After all, at least some peer review in mainstream science is also done anonymously, according to what I've heard and read. Anonymity is a work-around which takes into account how human beings think and do things.

I'm suggesting this is way better than nothing.

Eleanor White

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>visitors) all bets are off.

The other possibility, of course, is that their non-appearance
does not fit other peoples' current belief, so some explanation
has to be found for it!

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>planning and origination years ago) and the data are now being
>analyzed. It was a carefully planned, double-blind study. A
>report will be forthcoming sooner or later from the UFO Research
>Coalition.

This is fascinating. Just yesterday Peter Rogerson and I had
been discussing the possibility of testing claimed abduction
'repeaters' in a sleep laboratory with suitable monitoring
instruments, and a double-blind system of the instruments being
active and inactive without the subjects or experimenters
knowledge. I certainly look forward to seeing the results of
this experiment. Are you able, at this stage, to give any
indication of its nature?

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John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine

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NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe Resigns

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NASA ADMINISTRATOR SEAN O'KEEFE RESIGNS

Administrator Sean O'Keefe, who over the past three years led the National Aeronautics and Space Administration through an aggressive and comprehensive management transformation and helped the agency through one of its most painful tragedies, resigned today.

In his resignation letter to the President the Administrator wrote, "I will continue until you have named a successor and in the hope the Senate will act on your nomination by February."

"I've been honored to serve this President, the American people and my talented colleagues here at NASA," said Administrator O'Keefe. "Together, we've enjoyed unprecedented success and seen each other through arduous circumstances. This was the most difficult decision I've ever made, but it's one I felt was best for my family and our future."

O'Keefe, 48, is NASA's tenth administrator. Nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, he was sworn into office Dec. 21, 2001. It was the Administrator's fourth Presidential appointment.

After joining NASA, Administrator O'Keefe focused his efforts on successfully bringing financial credibility to the agency and eliminating a \$5 billion budget shortfall for the International Space Station program. He introduced a number of innovative management and budget reforms. He led all federal agencies in the implementation of the President's Management Agenda, which is designed to make government more responsive and efficient. In three of the original five categories on the Agenda, NASA's performance is at the highest standard.

The tragic loss of seven astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia as it re-entered the Earth's atmosphere during STS- 107 on Feb. 1, 2003, focused the nation's attention on the future of America's space program.

Administrator O'Keefe directed significant changes in the Space Shuttle's safety and management programs. He was a key architect of the President's new Vision for Space Exploration, announced in January during a historic speech at NASA Headquarters in Washington.

The new Vision for Space Exploration led a transformation of NASA and has positioned the agency to meet the challenges of safely returning the Space Shuttle to flight, completing the International Space Station, exploring the complexities of our home planet, and going back to the moon, on to Mars and beyond.

"The President and Congress have demonstrated their faith in us. We need to seize this opportunity," added Administrator O'Keefe.

"NASA has a new direction that will push the boundaries of technology, science, space flight and knowledge, and will inspire new generations of explorers for years to come and secure this great nation's future."

Encouraging students to study mathematics, science and technology has been a priority for the Administrator. In April 2002, he unveiled a new Educator Astronaut Program, in which a select few of the most outstanding teachers would be chosen to join NASA's Astronaut Corps. The new Educator Astronaut candidates were introduced in May on Space Day and are in training at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

During his tenure, Administrator O'Keefe realized a number of significant mission triumphs, including Cassini's exploration of Saturn and its moons, the recent successful hypersonic test flights of the X-43A and the historic landing of the twin Mars Exploration Rovers Spirit and Opportunity on the Red Planet in January.

"NASA is the only agency in the world where its people are allowed to dream big and then work to make those dreams come true. Who wouldn't treasure the opportunity to be a part of pioneering history?" added the Administrator. "I'm humbled by the dedication and determination of the NASA Family and their commitment to the future of exploration. I wish each of them the very best. I am confident in their ability to carry out what we've started," Administrator O'Keefe concluded.

Administrator O'Keefe first joined the Bush Administration as the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, overseeing the preparation, management and administration of the Federal budget and government wide- management initiatives.

"The extraordinary opportunities you have permitted me to assume these last four years have been experiences of a lifetime," the Administrator wrote in his resignation letter. "In the most challenging moments during my service I have drawn considerable strength, resolve and determination to do what's right by the standards you set every day."

>From 1989 to 1992, Administrator O'Keefe served as Comptroller and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Defense. President George H. Bush appointed him as the Secretary of the Navy in July 1992.

Before joining then Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's Pentagon management team, he served on the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations staff for eight years, and was Staff Director of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

His public service began in 1978 when he was selected as a Presidential Management Intern.

Administrator O'Keefe is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration; a member of the Committee on Climate Change Science and Technology; and a Fellow of the International Academy of Astronautics.

During his academic postings, he was a Visiting Scholar at the Wolfson College of the University of Cambridge, England; a member of the Naval Postgraduate School's civil-military relations seminar team; and conducted seminars for the Strategic Studies Group at Oxford University.

Administrator O'Keefe served on the national security panel to devise the 1988 Republican platform and was a member of the 1985 Kennedy School of Government program for national security executives at Harvard University.

In 1993, President Bush and Secretary Cheney presented him the Distinguished Public Service Award. He was the 1999 faculty recipient of the Syracuse University Chancellor's Award for Public Service; recipient of the Department of the Navy's Public Service Award in December 2000; and has been awarded honorary doctorate degrees from several prestigious educational institutions. In March 2003 and 2004, he was recognized and honored by the Irish American Magazine as one of the Top 100 Irish Americans.

He is the author of several journal articles and contributing

author of "Keeping the Edge: Managing Defense for the Future," released in October 2000. In 1998 he co-authored "The Defense Industry in the Post-Cold War Era: Corporate Strategies and Public Policy Perspectives."

Administrator O'Keefe earned his Bachelor of Arts in 1977 from Loyola University in New Orleans and his Master of Public Administration degree in 1978 from The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, N.Y.

For more additional information about Administrator O'Keefe and NASA, visit:

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Professional Amateurs

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
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12-12-04

Professional Amateurs
By Clive Thompson

In January, a man named Jay McNeil peered into his telescope and discovered a nebula - a developing young star - out near the Orion constellation. Professional astronomers worldwide hailed the discovery. But McNeil himself is no credentialed scientist; he installs TV satellite dishes for a living. Today's backyard skygazers, it seems, use equipment so sophisticated that they can beat out the world's biggest, well-financed observatories.

And that, according to Charles Leadbeater, a social critic, should be no surprise. In a report titled "The Pro-Am Revolution," published by the London-based Demos policy center, Leadbeater argued that a new breed of demi-expert is evolving, collapsing the distinction between an expert and a tinkerer. Cheaper technology offers amateurs increasingly powerful tools; the Internet allows them to collaborate globally and train themselves more rapidly. The upshot is that amateurs are increasingly holding themselves to professional standards and producing significant innovations and discoveries. The Linux computer system was created by geeks working without pay in their spare time, yet it now rivals Microsoft's best products. Patients arrive at hospitals sometimes better informed about their diseases than their doctors. And amateur lobbyists promoted the Jubilee 2000 campaign, which helped persuade Western nations to cancel more than \$30 billion in third-world debt.

In a way, pro-ams represent a return to our past: until the 20th century, much science was conducted by amateur societies. But the rise of pro-ams also reflects recent social changes. We're living longer, which gives us more time to grow bored with our cubicle jobs and to hunger for a richer life. "You find people in their 40's and 50's going back to the things they always wanted to do in their youth," Leadbeater says. "So they're becoming musicians, gardeners, astronomers. Normally, we regard leisure just as 'nonwork.' But these people treat their leisure very seriously. They want to get things out of it."

Leadbeater says that governments ought to find ways to encourage the higher amateurism. After all, he claims that pro-ams live healthier, more satisfied lives - to say nothing of all the cool stuff they create. Professionals, too, should get used to sharing the stage. Because if Leadbeater is right, the future belongs not to the pros, but to the weekend warriors.

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Re: Alien Abductions - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 20:43:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Reason

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 21:10:10 -0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>Of course all anomalies of consciousness can't be looked up in
>any clinical textbook, as there is so much work to be done on
>this subject.

Wow, John, that just has to be the understatement of the day.

What exactly is an "anomaly of consciousness"? At the very least, I should think, it presupposes some notion of what constitutes non-anomalous consciousness. But at present we don't even have a working definition of consciousness which everyone can agree on, which pretty much makes "anomalies of consciousness" a non-starter as an explanatory hypothesis.

Or to put it another way, "anomalies of consciousness" is about as sensible an explanation as "anomalies of shopkeeping". It's scientifically meaningless.

>The abduction phenomenon can't be entirely
>explained with reference to present knowledge for the same
>reason. Talk of mysterious "forces" does nothing to advance our
>knowledge, only carefully planned and executed scientific
>experiments and observations can do that.

Would you like to suggest some?

>Yet when scientific experiments are carried out they are
>invariably attacked by ufologists for producing the "wrong"
>answers, i.e. not mysterious enough.

Really? I hope you'll tell me about them some time. I've subscribed to UFO UpDates for a couple of years now, and I certainly don't recall any such experiments being described or referred to here.

Cathy

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And Speaking Of Anal Probes

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 20:47:32 -0500
Subject: And Speaking Of Anal Probes

I've always thought that should be 'rectal probes', BTW, but then I've also always thought that people usually mean 'vulva' when they teach their kids to say 'vagina')...

...a nicely rational and infuriated 1994 piece by James Gleick on the egregious and late Dr. John Mack:

Source:

<http://www.around.com/abduct.html>

[excerpts:]

Though he is in all the machinery surrounding his book as true a believer as can be, still, in the actual text, he engages in a slippery form of rhetoric - as if somehow he still wanted to hedge his bets. He writes of "the actual experience (whatever the source of these experience may ultimately prove to be)." What does John Mack really believe (assuming that the whole thing isn't just a calculated scam)? Does he have any curiosity about the technology of this species, on the one hand capable of passing through walls and beaming people about on rays of light, and on the other hand, sometimes reduced to flagging down cars? Does he believe that creatures from another planet are grabbing our fellow humans, pinning them down, and engaging in weird sex with them? Literally?

Well, yes - and no. Certainly he writes as though he does, but he also manages to avoid answering such tacky direct questions. Sometimes he switches over to writing in terms of "the abduction phenomenon" (Smartspeak) instead of "abductions" (Markspeak). Mack says, "Our use of familiar words like 'happening,' 'occurred,' and 'real' will themselves have to be thought of differently, less literally perhaps" - it's a sickeningly corrupt style of hiding behind language. His writing is full of phrases drained of all meaning: "the collapse of space/time"; "the alien being opened Ed's consciousness." And there is always the ultimate hedge: "the problem of defining in what reality the abductions occur."

We know some realities they aren't occurring in. They aren't occurring in the reality Mack calls "the ontological framework of modern science."

This is the reality where we might be tripped up by things like "accepted laws of physics and principles of biology." They aren't occurring in "the Judeo-Christian tradition" - Jews and Christians have become such stick-in-the-muds compared to (no surprise here) "Eastern religions, such as Tibetan Buddhism, which have always recognized a vast range of spirit entities in the cosmos..." Things that, after all, could not have really happened, are constantly happening in "converging time frames" or "another dimension." The game of let's-find-another-reality turns someone like me into such a party-pooper, having to fall back on the common-sense idea that reality is in fact... reality.

But it's not just a game. Mack is a practicing psychiatrist, and

he's toying with real people. There is "Ed," who first got in touch with Mack in 1992 and "recalled" having been abducted, raped (not Mack's word), and lectured to about "the way humans are conducting themselves here in terms of international politics, our environment, our violence to each other, our food, and all that" - all this having supposedly occurred 31 years earlier, in 1961, though Ed didn't begin to recall it until 1989.

In a chilling aside, Mack writes that Ed and his wife, "Lynn", have had "a number of fertility problems, which may or may not be abduction-related, including three or four spontaneous terminations of Lynn's pregnancies." It's a reminder: This man is practicing medicine. He is telling patients that their miscarriages may be due to imaginary aliens. Why do the medical licensing boards permit this?

<snip>

We are not fully rational creatures.

Our minds are not computers. We see people, we hear voices, we sense presences that are not really there. If you have never seen the face of someone you know, in broad daylight, clear as truth, when in reality that person was a continent away or years dead, then you are unusual.

Our memories cannot be trusted - not our five-minute-old memories, and certainly not our decades-old memories. They are weakened, distorted, rearranged, and sometimes created from wishes or dreams. With or without hypnosis, we are susceptible to suggestion.

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Re: UFO Spotted In China - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 20:49:16 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China - Hatch

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 12:49:36 +0000
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 05:24:31 -0600
>>Subject: UFO Spotted In China

>>Source: Mid Day News - Mumbai, India

>><http://ww1.mid-day.com/news/world/2004/december/99305.htm>
>>12-13-04

>>UFO spotted in China: Report
>>By: AFP

>>Beijing: An unidentified flying object, or UFO, passed across
>>the large northwestern Chinese city of Lanzhou and apparently
>>exploded in the suburbs, state media said today.

<snip>

>Some day, on some distant planet, in some parallel universe,
>people will begin to recognize the obvious descriptions of
>fireball meteors, and news services will stop contaminating
>the UFO database by labeling them 'UFOs'.

Hi Dick:

Complete agreement here, with some confusion: AFP (Agence
France-Presse) is given as source, but they are usually more
cautious.

I'm wondering if the Mumbai Midday News juiced up an otherwise
dull account for the sake of circulation. UFO sightings a
something of a buzz in India recently.

Best

- Larry

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A Guide Into The UFO Wilderness

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 20:55:32 -0500
Subject: A Guide Into The UFO Wilderness

Source: The Star - Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

<http://star-techcentral.com/tech/story.asp?file=3D/2004/12/14/itfeature/9559=513&sec=3Ditfeature>

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A Guide Into The UFO Wilderness
By Ahmad Sayuthi

The subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and close encounters with extraterrestrial beings never fails to create a lot of interest and controversy. Believers and sceptics are equally passionate, with each having their own references to either advocate or contradict a given cause =96 with neutrals in between not knowing who or what to believe.

With the advent of the Internet, even more material is now made available for everyone to analyse in the hope of gaining a better understanding of the subject. But there is a problem: The researcher is usually left dazed and confused with so much raw information swamping him. A guide is needed to show him the way through the complicated world of the UFO phenomenon.

The World Internet UFO Directory (ISBN 89-5563-057-3) might do just that.

Published by South Korea-based Lingua Franca (e-mail: info.nul), it is the product of a project team that spent countless hours sifting through and evaluating the resources available. Those selected were then compiled to provide a concise and convenient reference to several hundred reference points for the phenomenon.

Project leader David Ritchie, from the United States, said the large amount of new information about UFOs was the main reason for producing the book. Despite the enormous task of sifting through all the material, the team decided to take up the challenge. "We thought there was a real need for an overview of this information and to show Internet users where to find it, =94 he said.

Getting an overview does not mean simply selecting anything that sounds interesting. Hoaxes are plenty when it comes to UFOs and anyone can put up just about anything on the Internet.

Ritchie said the information had to be authenticated with different sources before being selected. However, he readily agreed it was not a bulletproof method in the hotly-debated subject.

"It =92s a challenge to compile a factual reference about a mysterious phenomenon where the difference between information and misinformation may be impossible to establish, =94 he said.

The best that the team could do was to try.

The book was also compiled to counteract a perceived bias toward reports and case studies from a small number of countries such as the United States and Canada as well as west European nations. In many UFO compilations, the rest of the world apparently does not exist. UFO Directory plans to change that, with reports coming from all over the world, including Malaysia.

Readers here might be flattered to know that Malaysia is regarded as "outstanding in the field of UFO studies...=94

This comes about due to the activities of the little-known Centre for Malaysian UFO Studies (CENMYOFUS, www.geocities.com/cenmyufos), which is highly regarded by its peers.

The book also points out something interesting and unique about Malaysia =96 the high number of sightings involving tiny humanoids of around 15cm since 1953. The descriptions of these Awang Kenit are also consistent despite coming from different locations.

The case in Kampung Gobek, Kelantan, is also mentioned. It is of significance due to the statements of multiple witnesses and the physical evidence from an alleged UFO landing site in 2000.

The topics covered in UFO Directory are certainly wide-ranging. The reference points are convenient and helpful for different audiences, whether they are dedicated students of the UFO phenomenon or a general audience seeking leisure reading.

For example, under Humanoids, it is explained that this term refers to alleged aliens having the same basic bodily structure as humans (head, trunk, legs and arms) but different in other respects, such as the length of limbs and proportion of head size to body size. Descriptions of close encounters follow, with discussions and speculations of what they are, where they came from and why they came here.

Other relevant reference points like the Adamski Case, Men In Black, Montauk Project, Malaysia, Hallucinations and Hoaxes are highlighted for further followup for readers to gain a deeper understanding.

UFO Directory is not limited to just sightings of UFOs and extraterrestrial life forms. It excels by also providing articles and bibliographic references that introduce readers to other facets of the phenomenon which were previously unknown to many. Readers will feel a sense of breadth and complexity where the book also involves subjects that include astronomy and astrophysics, physiology, religion, psychology, history and folklore.

And the entertainment world is not given a miss either as the book looks at the material on radio, television and in the movies that were inspired by the phenomenon over the years. Among them are 2001: A Space Odyssey, The X-Files and Independence Day, to name just a few. For many people, the entertainment world has been their main source of influence when it comes to interest in the UFO phenomenon.

UFO Directory is certainly not a one-sided sympathiser aiming to convince readers of the existence of UFOs and extraterrestrial life forms, as one might suspect at first. Although the book is heavy with accounts of UFO and encounters with humanoids and such, it comes with its fair share of UFO critiques too. Hoaxes and fakes are revealed and articles expressing scepticism and suspicions of some sightings and encounters are also included to provide balance.

Ritchie said the editors had avoided taking sides in specific controversies and have attempted to include a broad range of opinions.

He is well aware that different groups and individuals have different beliefs and can be passionate and emotional about them. Debates can sometimes get acrimonious as a result. This he blames on individuals having a poor understanding of the UFO phenomenon.

According to Ritchie, this will only change when people get more acquainted with the different viewpoints, which the book

attempts to do by providing a diverse range of topics and opinions.

Closet UFO buffs who have kept their interest hidden for fear of being mocked and ridiculed will be encouraged to know that it is now accepted as a legitimate field of study. Ritchie said the phenomenon of UFOs runs deeper than simply being the exclusive domain of people who are generally regarded as weird.

"It is no longer viewed entirely as a preoccupation of eccentrics and fantasists. Ufology has become part of mainstream culture and is acceptable to millions," he said.

And with UFO Directory serving as a guide, their search for the truth which is said to be "out there" might yield an encounter which is out of this world.

Sample links from UFO Directory:

UFO Cults
religiousmovements.lib.virginia.edu/nrms/ufos.html

UFO/Aliens: Malaysia
ufos.about.com/library/bldata/bl5mala.htm

Humanoid Encounters In Malaysia
www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc1038.htm

Kidnapped by UFOs? Interview with Carl Sagan
www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc19.htm

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<http://www.abc.net.au/centralvic/stories/s1264916.htm>

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UFO Over Sunraysia?

Reporter: Jonathan Ridnell, Simon Wallace and Jo Printz

Frank McCormack is adamant that the objects he and his family saw in the sky over Mildura did not come out of a beer bottle.

"We were having a barbecue, I was busy cooking the barbecue," he says.

"Yes, we were having refreshments, but it was far too early to be seeing double, seeing things that were not there."

It was 7pm, with a clear sky, and still daylight when Frank's daughter in law spotted an odd object in the sky. The rest of the family sighted it as well.

"We finally spotted this shiny white object, coming in from the east to come across towards Mildura," Frank says.

"We continued to look at it to see if we could establish what it was, and then it became stationary. It stopped over Mildura. So, while we were watching it, two similar objects came in from the west. They just manoeuvred around like a rendezvous with the stationary one, then they just departed and went back west - then the other one that was stationary then started to move back towards the east."

Nobody who saw them could work out what they were, but Frank is certain of what they weren't.

"It wasn't an aircraft, it wasn't a balloon, it wasn't a helicopter - there was quite a bit of glare...from the sun, we actually looked at them through binoculars but we still couldn't define what they were.

"I think they were a long way up; I think they were too high for a helicopter. If they had have continued in a straight line across the sky, we'd have possibly thought they were satellites."

Doug Moffert, from UFO Research, New South Wales, says Frank's encounter is typical in some ways - especially in the 'round table discussion' afterwards of 'could it be this, could it be that', seeking an explanation.

While typical in that way, Frank is unusual in his willingness to come forward and talk about what he saw.

To listen to the interviews, click the links below.

Listen via Real Player to: Frank McCormack relates what he and his family saw in the skies over Mildura:

<rtsp://media.abc.net.au/milduraswanhill/m989016.rm>

Doug Moffert from UFO Research NSW talks to the ABC's Jonathan Ridnell:

<http://www.abc.net.au/milduraswanhill/stories/m989012.ram>

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Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 00:20:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:40:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 18:39:38 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 15:09:46 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: Peter Rogerson <progerson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 11 Dec 2004 16:19:59 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>>>The people being denounced as hybrids
>>>seem to be just folks who have various forms of physical, or
>>>social disabilities whose lives are probably damned difficult
>>>already, without Hopkins and Jacobs trying to turn them into
>>>agents of a sinister conspiracy.

>>Who is being "denounced" as a hybrid? Names, please. I mean,
>>besides George W. Bush and Dick Cheney.

>Two that come to mind: the young student identified as "Raechel"
>in the case reported in recent issues of MUFON UFO Journal, and
>the family friend, Mr Paige, described in Bud Hopkins "Sight
>Unseen" - possibly borderline autistic or suffering from
>Asperger's Syndrome, but seen by Hopkins as a sinister hybrid.

Budd, not Bud, Hopkins. (Not a typo, as John will claim; this is
in fact a fairly common error in Magonian discourse.) Why are
Magonians so resistant to the correct spelling of names?
Christopher Allan is "Christopher Allen," and I've long been
"Jerry Clarke," while David Clarke is, ironically and amusingly,
"David Clark." To cite just four instances that come immediately
to mind.

Perhaps there is some psychosocial hypothesis which addresses
this mystery. Perhaps it is some British-specific cultural
pathology diagnosable only by Americans who have never resided
in the United Kingdom.

In any event:

"Raechel" and "Mr. Paige" are about as nebulous as "Ashtar" and
"Orthon," in other words not much different from the names one
conjures up in dreams, and neither to the point nor to the
question. Since here you're being a literalist and assuming (as
I, being more skeptical than you, am not) that these individuals
actually exist in event-level reality, let's have some specific
human beings with real names and addresses - you know, living,
breathing fellow homo sapiens whose suffering can be documented
and thus shown not to be endured only in the always fervent,
self-righteous imaginings of Magonians. Then we can settle the
issue and not have to rely merely on Rimmer's sinister

inferences. If we can find a "Raechel" with an actual last name like a normal human being, we can look her up, and those who have exploited her can be dealt with as sternly as they deserve. Likewise with "Mr. Paige."

Speaking generally from my point of view: The hybrid claims I've seen, while certainly curious, do not persuade me. In other words, I am skeptical in the way that any sensible person who has not been persuaded would be. At the same time, like anybody else, I don't know much of anything with certainty, given claims that so far apparently resist convincingly demonstrated (ostensibly) orthodox and heterodox explanations, and about which persons who prefer to confine their pronouncements to what they can reasonably document tend not to make sweeping statements. Like the overwhelmingly majority of my fellow Americans and earthlings, I live my life on the implicit assumption that alien hybrids do not walk among us and that, while I occasionally encounter strange individuals, they are probably not entities in whom unearthly blood courses.

Of course I will be interested in further developments which, let us hope, shed more light on the issue than has heretofore been shone. My suspicion is that the ultimate answer will not be the one that either abduction literalists or Magonians espouse, but one that may tell us something, if only about human experience and perception, that we didn't know before. I expect that in one way or another we will be surprised and fascinated.

>>>The idea of mysterious
>>>foreigners possessed of supernatural powers trying to infiltrate
>>>society is an ancient motif, and one very much encountered in
>>>anti-semitic fantasies. But I think you know that already.

>>Your point being that abductees, besides being racists, are
>>anti-Semites, too?

>The point is that all these "antis" are aspects of a generalised
>fear of "the Other" which is common to human societies,
>worldwide. They are not exclusively American, as Jerry seems to
>be implying.

If John read his own magazine, which I gather he doesn't, he would know that Magonians are talking specifically about Americans, with whom Magonians are obsessed and whose heterodox views of abductions, UFOs, and anomalies in general occasion much huffing, puffing, and outraged bloviating. Even Peter Rogerson had the good grace and intellectual honesty not to pretend otherwise in our recent exchange.

In any event:

John's point being that abductees, besides being racists, are anti-Semites, too?

>After a previous discussion on UpDates (vide Archives) a number
>of Americans wrote to me agreeing with me that this is a live
>issue.

Always better, of course, to cite (alleged) anonymous sources than have to produce actual evidence of widespread panic and attendant extraordinary hallucinations about interracial children disguised as ETs.

>>If you're aware that you and your fellow citizens are frantic
>>with fears of interracial/interethnic/intercultural marriage,
>>please speak up. And especially do so if you have reason to
>>believe that this fear is so overwhelming that susceptible
>>Americans are undergoing horrifying hallucinations about it.

>Oh, now whose being disingenuous?

Who's, not whose. And as usual the ever-disingenuous John evades the question, which would be a perfectly reasonable one to anybody not blinded by Magonianism.

Of course I, too, would want to dodge the question if I had no evidence, beyond faith statement, to support a hypothesis which frankly borders (I am being kind) on the crankish.

>So Jerry Clark's family is the epitome and model of American
>society, is it?

And what would John know about American families? Nothing to speak of, it appears, since the point of my remarks has sailed over the point on his head. As was surely clear to all non-Magonians on this list, my point was:

The Clarks are neither an epitome nor a model of an American family, just a fairly typical one. Got that, John? Let me repeat, with capital letters so that you don't miss them this time: WE CLARKS ARE PRETTY AVERAGE AMERICANS. THERE ARE MILLIONS OF FAMILIES LIKE OURS.

>You may not wish to comment on the inner psyche
>of the British, but credit us with some intelligence.

So you're not all Magonians?

>I'm sure
>the Clark family is the very model of racial tolerance,
>inclusiveness and diversity, but despite your paen of praise to
>the lovely town of Canby (see below), I'm sure that not everyone
>in America are such paragons you may be an example of Real
>America, but not the only one, surely?

If we want to talk about psychosocial expression, here we have the usual Old World, condescending treatment of the rude colonials, who sadly lack the wisdom - even about our own lives, culture, and history - to heed the superior insights of their onetime masters. Let's put it this way:

Chuck it, Colonel Blimp.

>>Living in a small, conservative town, I am often subjected to
>>discourse that strikes me as idiotic, narrow, ignorant, or
>>poorly considered. Fear of interracial/intercultural marriage
>>has figured in no rant that I can remember. These are the sorts
>>of things you would know, Peter, if you actually lived among
>>Americans and thus had an actual understanding of how we think.

>Thank you for assuring us that America is the one society on
>Earth that has managed to eliminate racial hostility - or is it
>just Canby?

I take it that John is denying the growing occurrence of interracial/interethnic/interreligious marriage in America, the facts notwithstanding (and facts should never, of course, get in the way of a good Magonian "theory"), and the diminishing instance of public and private racism in American life (not, as he preposterously would have it, its total extinction; racism, sad to say, will be, like any number of other social ills, a long time getting to that happy place) - also evident to anyone who cares to educate himself.

(For an example of what I'm talking about, consider the observations of respected terrorism expert Peter Bergen. In the Los Angeles Times for December 12, Bergen remarks that another major terrorist attack on America would likely not be plotted on our soil, but would be hatched within the growingly alienated Muslim population of Britain and Europe. America's Muslims have, Bergen writes, "rejected Osama bin Laden's ideas" because they are better integrated into our society and more accepted here than Europe's Muslim immigrants and citizens are in European societies. Maybe, if you really believe that alien-hybrid experiences are rooted in terror of foreigners and nonwhite races, you should be wondering why your part of the world isn't inundated with horrifying science-fictional hallucinations about menacing hybrids.)

I would wager that I know a great deal, from decades' concentrated reading, involvement in liberal political movements, and personal observation and experience, about the dynamics of American racism than John ever will. But then, it's true, I'm only a colonial, and John's so much smarter than we are.

John is also asserting implicitly (in defense of Magonians' goofy guesswork about alien-hybrid claims) that 21st-Century Americans are so panicked about their racial purity that the very notion is triggering ultravivid science-fictional nightmares routinely mistaken for waking experiences. I take it that John believes all of modern America is the 1950s Deep

South. When and where, one might as well note, there was and is zero - let me repeat, zero - evidence of a rash of science-fictional hallucinations about hybrid human-alien children. This in an apartheid culture obsessed with what was then called "race mixin'," considered the ultimate cultural horror and resisted legally, then (following the 1954 Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education* and the rise of a powerful civil-rights movement) illegally and often violently.

By denying the demonstrable and proclaiming the dubious, John proves himself a true pelicanist. He has indeed earned his wings. He gets extra points for, once again, mentioning the name of the town in which I live - always a sure sign, as well, of Magonian desperation. (Is anybody else's hometown mentioned so often - or ever - in the postings of non-Magonians? Is the mention of my place of residence supposed to be an insult? How old are Magonians, anyway? Is theirs a children's crusade?) Anyway, next time I see a pelican floating on the waters of our local lake - named, I'm proud to say, after my late father - I promise to think of John.

>As a noted English jurist one said, "Chuck it, Smith".

I guess we Americans are an inferior species, not knowing, or caring much, who the above-mentioned Mr. Smith is. Let's hope, however, that whoever he is, he has better sense than Mr. Rimmer possesses.

Jerry Clark

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NORAD & Fastwalkers [was: UFO Spotted In China]

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 07:31:17 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:45:08 -0500
Subject: NORAD & Fastwalkers [was: UFO Spotted In China]

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:10:37 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 12:49:36 +0000
>>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>>Some day, on some distant planet, in some parallel universe,
>>people will begin to recognize the obvious descriptions of
>>fireball meteors, and news services will stop contaminating the
>>UFO database by labeling them 'UFOs'.

>While I agree that they are not too useful from a UFO research
>standpoint, these cases are still UFOs using the strictest
>definition and unless we have a global meteor radar network
>reporting system which I am not aware of (NORAD does have some
>such service, but I doubt it is a world wide service), then we
>MUST be left with calling it a UFO (with a fairly high
>probability of being a fireball meteor).

<snip>

From AOO #24

Fastwalkers

That's a word that just drips incongruity and high strangeness,
isn't it?

"Fastwalker" is a term NORAD (North American Air Defense
Command) invented to categorize objects that approach from
space, enter our atmosphere, maneuver strangely about, and then
leave the atmosphere again in a manner that is... not consistent
with the aforementioned boosters, birds, and bolides! It is a
word also used to describe trans-lunar phenomena (tlp's):
anomalous objects with the particularly peculiar flavor of
things ufological... moving quickly across the face of the
full moon and filmed through quality telescopes on Earth... or
on shuttle flights... or on radar screens...

The Air Force NORAD facility, it has been convincingly reported,
observes these "fastwalkers" from its subterranean facility deep
inside Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, and tracks a rough average
of 500 of them (UFOs for the uninitiated) each YEAR as they
enter the Earth's atmosphere from deep space, maneuver around,
and then leave again. This is not a fiction. It corroborates a
similar report from AeroJet General engineers Lee Graham and Ron
Regehr, who have revealed to the well respected UFO researcher
Don Ecker documents indicating that AeroJet's DSP satellite
system, alone, routinely detects UFOs flying into Earth's
atmosphere from deep space... up to two to three times per
month.

But these ironically well cited stories can be dismissed as
fatuous fluff from "Philip's fabled foggy fringe of facile
fools..." until one stumbles, quite inadvertently (you

understand), upon corroborating evidence from an unlikely source in an unlikely place and at an unlikely time. MY corroborating evidence was picked up like a winning lottery ticket found in the commode stall of a Baptist Church lavatory...

Here are the details.

As a function of my long military experience at Fort Rucker, Alabama, I have a few enjoyable privileges left that come as a result of it. One of these privileges is an invitation to the annual "October Fest" that the German aviation Officers put on every year (towards the end of September, oddly), for their American allies, et al. At this fest (gonzo party!) there is polka music, traditional German fest fare, and the best beer in the known universe (imported deliciously unpasteurized (YUM!) from the genuine breweries of the Fatherland. FREE! Life is indeed GOOD at these (by invitation only) Teutonic soirees... but I digress...

Towards the midpoint of the party my wife and I sat down at a table with a woman she knew from the Fort Rucker German club. The conversation got very lively, all the male participants were abundantly sloshed and feeling expansive while expressing themselves similarly with all guards well down. The females graciously indulged us that - given how messy we are to both tolerate AND clean up after... (after an abundant sloshing ...) anyway...

One of the participants at this little ad hoc collection of retired and active duty aviation officers was a very senior Army lieutenant colonel who was just coming from a very interesting, on topic, and unusual military assignment. He was a senior Army liaison officer to the Airforce's facility at Cheyenne mountain... NORAD, mentioned earlier. I sobered up pretty fast.

"How about those fastwalkers," I asked him in a lull of his oration regarding NORAD. The broad smile came off his face like I'd slapped him. UFOs ARE serious business, it seems.

"NORAD is not set up to see things like that," he admitted astonishingly with a focused and too narrow tightness. "Like... see what exactly?" I asked with an evil grin.

"That's classified," he said frostily, all expansiveness in retreat and guards coming up like fists.

The other guys and their wives noticed the immediate frost and fell silent. What's the matter? Someone asked. What happened?

The good colonel just gave me an indication how weird things really are... without violating any security oaths, I thought to myself, but allowed, OUT loud, to the beleaguered colonel that I didn't mean to put him on the spot about security issues, just that I found the subject very interesting myself (and shouldn't everyone?). The conversation went (too gratefully) back to party talk, and the colonel and his wife were the first to leave.

Does anyone else see the veiled admission here? Does anyone else see the incongruity of the exchange between the colonel and I? Why the quick frost; why the terse (and blundering) reminder of top level classification; why was he so put off? Maybe if he told me he'd have to kill me, not as funny as it sounds, and what's up with that?

Fastwalker... It's just a word, isn't it? That fascination of facile fools mentioned earlier? Be that as it may, it was a word that one very slightly ambushed colonel knew and apparently knew, very well. It was also a word that held a lot of jaw clenching import for him - forgetting that it was enough of a word for one stranger to be abruptly and reflexively terse, tensed up, and tight-mouthed with another. It was certainly enough of a word to inject ill will into the encounter - when seconds earlier good will flowed from fountains and a good time was being had by all! Perhaps it's more than just a word at our cultural denouement. Nest ce' pas?

As regards the absence of my own observed fastwalkers? They've been absent for so long now that I could begin to wonder if I had ever seen them at all... but that I can review the previous twenty-four pieces in this series (you're presently reading) for evidence (and a personal record) of something indeed seen in

starry skies all over North America, points north AND south, and overseas. But for this series I wouldn't (couldn't!) be so sure. They've been veritably squeegeed from the after-midnight sky THAT well, of late.

So I did see something, my testimony is a matter of public record, and "fastwalker" IS a real word... indirectly, but convincingly confirmed by one of the *players*.

UFOs _are_ real.

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Re: Professional Amateurs - Cammack

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 15:49:11 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:47:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Professional Amateurs - Cammack

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 15:30:49 -0700
>Subject: Professional Amateurs

>Source: The New York Times

><http://www.nytimes.com/2004/12/12/magazine/12PROFESSIONAL.html?ex=1103890101&ei=1&en=9f4deafcf7d045a3>

>12-12-04

>Professional Amateurs
>By Clive Thompson

>In January, a man named Jay McNeil peered into his telescope and
>discovered a nebula - a developing young star - out near the
>Orion constellation. Professional astronomers worldwide hailed
>the discovery. But McNeil himself is no credentialed scientist;
>he installs TV satellite dishes for a living. Today's backyard
>skygazers, it seems, use equipment so sophisticated that they
>can beat out the world's biggest, well-financed observatories.

>And that, according to Charles Leadbeater, a social critic,
>should be no surprise. In a report titled "'The Pro-Am
>Revolution,'" published by the London-based Demos policy center,
>Leadbeater argued that a new breed of demi-expert is evolving,
>collapsing the distinction between an expert and a tinkerer.

<snip>

>Leadbeater says that governments ought to find ways to encourage
>the higher amateurism. After all, he claims that pro-ams live
>healthier, more satisfied lives - to say nothing of all the
>cool stuff they create. Professionals, too, should get used to
>sharing the stage. Because if Leadbetter is right, the future
>belongs not to the pros, but to the weekend warriors.

This is not a new idea. Whatever you think of his politics, Karl
Marx put it well some time ago:

"as soon as the distribution of labour comes into being, each
man has a particular, exclusive sphere of activity, which is
forced upon him and from which he cannot escape. He is a hunter,
a fisherman, a shepherd, or a critical critic, and must remain
so if he does not want to lose his means of livelihood; while in
communist society, where nobody has one exclusive sphere of
activity but each can become accomplished in any branch he
wishes, society regulates the general production and thus makes
it possible for me to do one thing today and another tomorrow,
to hunt in the morning, fish in the afternoon, rear cattle in
the evening, criticise after dinner, just as I have a mind,
without ever becoming hunter, fisherman, shepherd or critic."

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Re: A Guide Into The UFO Wilderness - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 08:11:39 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:48:21 -0500
Subject: Re: A Guide Into The UFO Wilderness - Groff

<snip>

Some of the links were broken and I fixed them here.

>Sample links from UFO Directory:

>UFO Cults

<http://religiousmovements.lib.virginia.edu/nrms/ufos.html>

>UFO/Aliens: Malaysia

<http://ufos.about.com/library/bldata/bl5mala.htm>

>Humanoid Encounters In Malaysia

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc1038.htm>

>Kidnapped by UFOs? - Interview with Carl Sagan

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc19.htm>

Please note on the "UFO Cults" link above that they have Kenneth Arnold listed as the founder.

Terry

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Re: UFO Over Sunraysia? - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 08:37:17 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:50:14 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Over Sunraysia? - Lehmborg

>Source: ABC Radio News - Central Victoria, Australia

><http://www.abc.net.au/centralvic/stories/s1264916.htm>

>12-14-04

>UFO Over Sunraysia?

>Reporter: Jonathan Ridnell, Simon Wallace and Jo Printz

>Frank McCormack is adamant that the objects he and his family
>saw in the sky over Mildura did not come out of a beer bottle.

<snip>

We need to stop thinking in terms of these bogus conventional wisdoms. You see, beer doesn't make you see paranormal objects, bigfoot or UFOs, especially, in the context of a friendly back yard bar-b-q, even if it might hide the paranormal object, bigfoot, or UFO actually there, or facilitate the easy 'forgetting' of these things. Beer, all by itself, does not seriously degrade a "good observational instrument" Case in point:

>From an essay on 'reverse' hypnotism...

~~~~~  
Hypnosis has a strange history shrouded in chicanery, humbuggery, and a little something extra one can't put a finger on. That little something extra is what keeps it around, makes it useful, and justifies a harder look by science...

Sometimes it works.

One hears the word "hypnosis" and is overcome by images of stage personalities suggesting to people that they can be transformed into barnyard animals, dance a grand fandango, or be compelled to quit smoking... but the program can be more insidious than that...

If two thirds of the population can be effected by phenomena that science can quantify (if not qualify) this seems to be a ready mechanism for control by manipulative suggestions delivered via a daily bombardment from a very tightly controlled media - news print, radio, and television.

An individual buying in to the unceasing manipulations of the contrived, distorted, and corrupted mainstream might even take the next step in their "control" by hypnotizing themselves! In effect, rendering themselves incapable of perceiving what is there, plainly, to be perceived, and NOT, conversely, seeing what is not there to be seen...

An illustration...

While on active duty years ago, and before I developed any substantive interest in the ufological, I had a barbeque at my home, one evening, with five or six couples in raucous

attendance. I was standing away from the group with two other men - one AH-64 (Apache) instructor pilot, and a fixed-wing driver who was an Army candidate for the astronaut program. The sun had just gone down and dusk was washing out to the blackness of night.

There was a lull in the conversation, and one of the men looked up and said, "That's odd..." Pointing at the sky with his beer hand, we all looked up at a black strip about as wide as a little fingernail held at arm's length and flying diagonally through the air! As it flew, one of the men remarked that the craft had very peculiar position lights. These lights were white strobes that ran from wing-tip to wing-tip, and then back again... there was no evidence of the required red and green, and no flashing anti-collision light...

"Well - it's got to be something..." someone said... so, with that the object was forgotten, and all three of us returned to the party. More beer was had by all, and the party continued into the usual drunken mini-brawl that Army rotary-wing aviators USED to be famous for...

I didn't remember this occurrence again for almost a decade, and was reminded of it only by seeing a similar object in California after I had developed an interest in UFOs. I would suggest that my two fellow aviators and I followed the programming hypnosis of "polite" society and ignored a sighting that should have been VERY interesting to two professional instructor pilots and a candidate astronaut!

But we were less than interested, and we ignored a genuine UFO as a non-event - behavior on this end that now seems inexplicable to me. We hypnotized ourselves (followed our social programming) and rejected the unsettling enigmatic for the comforting mundane. We ignored what our eyes were reporting to us and replaced it with an "accepted" routine. We turned our back on the unexplained, likely occurring around us all the time (unseen), and made it fit into what we are trained to find culturally tolerable...

I've watched this process of denial (through self hypnosis) at work twice now. At a rubber model airplane meet in Northern California dozens of us watched a UFO fly by five times with fewer and fewer people looking up to watch it fly with each succeeding pass that it queerly made! ...Tell yourself enough times that something's not there - and it's not there.

The article that I comment on, above, gives every indication that science believes the human brain is capable of convincing itself to perceive what is -not- there to be perceived. I would suggest that it can also do the inverse of that. It can also mask what is there to be seen, as plain as shining day. We won't pay enough attention to that - given that we have to overcome so much programming from our myopically conflicted culture.

But we must, ultimately, if we ever expect to see anything really there, at all.

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## Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light? - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 08:42:16 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:52:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light? - King

>From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 14:13:26 -0500  
>Subject: Faster Than The Speed Of Light?

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>a brilliant young maverick with an heretical new theory). 288  
>pages.

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>are tangled up in entanglement and the Quantum mystery.

Hi Rich,

I hope that more books by mavericks with heretical ideas on this  
subject are published.

For those of us that accept that some things are real because we  
believe them to be, the more on this subject the better.

I remember learning about relativity from an excellent Time/Life  
book as a child, Murder On The Relativity Express, was the title  
of the story used to illustrate the theory. That  
faster-than-light travel is impossible was a given in the story.  
Even so, while watching Star Trek I was never compelled to smirk  
at the thought of hyper-light travel. I figured we just didn't  
know then what we'd know in the 23rd century. Based on the  
changes I've seen in the time since, I cannot believe we will  
still be arguing over faster-than-light travel for another two  
hundred years.

Imagine what physicists of the late 19th century would have made  
of super-string theory.

Hope springs eternal, and I hope this book... laudable or  
laughable... is but a small sample of the heretical new theories  
to come.

I'll hunt for a hardback version, as my sig-oth claims I'm way  
too hard on paperbacks.

Perhaps you'd provide a review? <g>

Best Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 14:54:27 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 17:43:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light? - Shough

>From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>are tangled up in entanglement and the Quantum mystery.

It's an interesting and entertaining read, partly because of  
Magueijo's acerbic attitude to many of his elders in the physics  
community, whom he seems to regard as basically a bunch of  
reactionary old farts defending outmoded institutions. However,  
the variable-speed-of-light or VSL cosmology that he advocates  
(the basic idea is not new and there is a spectrum of related  
theories) does not have anything directly to do with quantum  
entanglement. Information is a VSL universe still propagates at  
the speed of light, but the speed of light in vacuo is allowed  
to change over cosmic time.

Best  
Martin Shough

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## Re: Central Research Facility - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 09:01:36 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 17:45:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Central Research Facility - King

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 16:30:56 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:28:55 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

><snip>

>>As for anonymous scientists, if ufology is to have any  
>>credibility, that is the last thing we want.

>Well, I've read many posts in which UFO researchers have  
>lamented the fact that mainstream scientists "won't touch" the  
>field of Ufology.

>Please note carefully: My proposal was not that the scientists  
>>would do any of the data handling and analysis. Merely that  
>they would take into account the data types available, and write  
>their procedures on how to handle it so that the procedures  
>>would conform to the scientific method.

>Such procedures would be made fully public, so anyone could  
>either challenge the procedures, or, could examine the  
>procedures and apply whatever confidence level they felt was  
>appropriate to the future efforts of UFO researchers.

>I don't personally, in a matter like ufology, see anything wrong  
>with anonymity. After all, at least some peer review in  
>mainstream science is also done anonymously, according to what  
>I've heard and read. Anonymity is a work-around which takes into  
>account how human beings think and do things.

>I'm suggesting this is way better than nothing.

Hi Eleanor,

Anonymity in peer review is necessary to prevent authors of  
papers from lobbying or attempting to influence individual  
members of a peer review jury, and to combat the prospect of  
collusion.

The authors of papers are rarely anonymous, since the chief goal  
of peer-reviewed papers is to garner funding. It's hard to  
provide funding to anonymous researchers.

While I agree with you that developing a scientifically  
unassailable methodology for UFO research is a requirement,  
perhaps it is best not to rely on 'mainstream science' to  
provide it.

Science does not require a mainstream. In fact, the very idea of  
a scientific mainstream is a construct of a protectionist  
establishment, rather than a collection of scientists who  
represent what is right or true.

Mainstream science is almost an oxymoron. Since mainstream science does not have all the answers, obviously the answers lie outside the mainstream. Yet the funding for research is often withheld and deemed a waste if it is outside the mainstream. And funding for mainstream science moves ahead based on a presumed legitimacy proffered by... mainstream science. Tautological at best. Ludicrous at worst.

We must not rely on the government-funded scientific mainstream for our methodology, since we'd be relying on our worst enemy. Can a level playing field even be possible under this scenario?

We need a maverick with heretical new ideas more than ever.

Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: NORAD & Fastwalkers - Smith

From: James Smith <[zeus001002.nul](mailto:zeus001002.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 17:46:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: NORAD & Fastwalkers - Smith

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 07:31:17 -0600  
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>"Fastwalker" is a term NORAD (North American Air Defense  
>Command) invented to categorize objects that approach from  
>space, enter our atmosphere, maneuver strangely about, and then  
>leave the atmosphere again in a manner that is... not consistent  
>with the aforementioned boosters, birds, and bolides! It is a  
>word also used to describe trans-lunar phenomena (tlp's):  
>anomalous objects with the particularly peculiar flavor of  
>\*things\* ufological... moving quickly across the face of the  
>full moon and filmed through quality telescopes on Earth... or  
>on shuttle flights... or on radar screens...

Well, I always thought "TLP" was transient lunar phenomena  
and typically was a flashing or odd light patterns on the Moon's  
surface.

>The Air Force NORAD facility, it has been convincingly reported,  
>observes these "fastwalkers" from its subterranean facility deep  
>inside Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, and tracks a rough average  
>of 500 of them (UFOs for the uninitiated) each YEAR as they  
>enter the Earth's atmosphere from deep space, maneuver around,  
>and then leave again. This is not a fiction. It corroborates a  
>similar report from AeroJet General engineers Lee Graham and Ron  
>Regehr, who have revealed to the well respected UFO researcher  
>Don Ecker documents indicating that AeroJet's DSP satellite  
>system, alone, routinely detects UFOs flying into Earth's  
>atmosphere from deep space... up to two to three times per  
>month.

The DSP satellite is what I think you mean to be the DMSP  
satellite. I will have to review their sensors, but it seems  
hard to imagine how their optical data can capture a fast moving  
bolide or UFO. Perhaps they have other sensors I am not aware  
of. I do know that I have seen NORAD bolide reports which are  
infrequent.

Also, regarding the oddity of bolides(meteors) going back out  
into space, this is a frequent occurrence simply based on the  
trajectory of the object. Bolides (meteors) have also been known  
to change course based on their odd shapes, composition,  
trajectory and atmospheric density. Corliss lists some good  
examples.

Whatever NORAD data has, its not going to give it up unless it  
is in their interest.

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## Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light? - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 10:48:57 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 17:48:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light? - Reynolds

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 08:42:16 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light?

>>From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 14:13:26 -0500  
>>Subject: Faster Than The Speed Of Light?

>>Going through by Quality Paperback Book Club Review for  
>>December, I see a book entitled "Faster than the Speed of Light?  
>>The Story of a Scientific Speculation" by Joao Magueijo (called  
>>a brilliant young maverick with an heretical new theory). 288  
>>pages.

>>This might be must reading for all those (myself included) who  
>>are tangled up in entanglement and the Quantum mystery.

>I hope that more books by mavericks with heretical ideas on this  
>subject are published.

>For those of us that accept that some things are real because we  
>believe them to be, the more on this subject the better.

>of the story used to illustrate the theory. That  
>faster-than-light travel is impossible was a given in the story.  
>Even so, while watching Star Trek I was never compelled to smirk  
>at the thought of hyper-light travel. I figured we just didn't  
>know then what we'd know in the 23rd century. Based on the  
>changes I've seen in the time since, I cannot believe we will  
>still be arguing over faster-than-light travel for another two  
>hundred years.

>Imagine what physicists of the late 19th century would have made  
>of super-string theory.

>Hope springs eternal, and I hope this book... laudable or  
>laughable... is but a small sample of the heretical new theories  
>to come.

>I'll hunt for a hardback version, as my sig-oth claims I'm way  
>too hard on paperbacks.

>Perhaps you'd provide a review? <g>

Kyle...

So I goes to QPB to order the book... lo and behold, it doesn't  
show up at the web-site, using every search parameter extant.

I'm going back in (wish me luck) to see if it's there today.  
Otherwise I'll have to call QPB, go through the place's damnable  
phone menu and talk with a customer service representative... if  
any are still there, and haven't been abducted or entangled  
elsewhere.

(A little "review" will forthcome, should the book do so.)



Rich

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 50

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 05:51:50 -0500  
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December 15, 2004  
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NIGHT SAUCER SIGHTED IN  
HAMPTONS BAY, N.Y.

On Wednesday, December 8, 2004, at 7:23 p.m., Sandra Bilinski reported, "I was in my hot tub watching the skies for shooting stars. Very pretty at night to see them, as the stars are very bright to the east" of her home in Hamptons Bay, N.Y. (population 5,500), a town on Long Island 60 miles (100 kilometers) east of the borough of Queens in New York City.

"As I was looking up, I saw the stars above me disappear," Sandra added, "I then realized there was an object in the sky above me. It was dark with no lights. I thought it was some space debris that was falling out of the sky, but it was moving slowly with no signs of friction and it wasn't falling. It traveled over my house for two or three seconds, and then disappeared when the trees blocked my view."

"While it moved over my house, and over me, it rotated, but I saw no signs of an engine. It was shaped like a radar dish, the one with antennas and concave in the middle. It was dark grey or bluish and lighter at the edges. It appeared to be only 60 to 70 feet (18 to 21 meters) above my house and the size of a small car. It had no lights, no signs of hearing an engine of any type."

"If it made any sound, I didn't know it because I had the (water) jets on in the hot tub. After it passed by, I turned off everything in the tub and stayed in the water as I was afraid."

"I went in the house and called the state police."

"Today I called the (New York) Air National Guard and told them about it. I am a very sane person. I have never seen anything like this before, and now I can't get it off my mind. No one seems to be able to tell me what it was." (Email Form Report)

THREE UFOs SPOTTED IN  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CAL.

On Tuesday, November 30, 2004, at 6:30 a.m., Kimberlee Schultz was driving on Interstate Highway 405, the San Diego Freeway in Huntington Beach, California (population 185,594) when she spotted something unusual in the morning sky.

"They appeared to be traveling from a southwesterly to a northeasterly direction," Kimberlee reported, "After traveling on another freeway, I couldn't see them any more. I was facing east, and they were southwest of my car. The sky was bright and clear. I noticed airplanes all over the sky, and the reflection of the sun would make them appear as a little speck, and some had a small trail behind them."

"This craft was large compared to the airplanes, and it also had a trail. There were also two smaller crafts side by side in front of the large craft. The larger craft was at least 50 times bigger in size. The smaller crafts were also leaving trails of light, so I could tell they were moving. The smaller crafts were 100 times larger than the airplane specks. But seeing as how they appeared to hover in the sky, maybe this is why they appeared to be much larger."

"Somewhat of a triangular shape on the large craft. But the outlines were not well-defined. It was almost a little blob-like. The two (smaller) crafts in front looked more round. This was rush hour in southern California on a very busy freeway."

"I was telling a co-worker about it, and she was about 45 minutes northeast of where I was at the time, and then she saw it at around the same time. But she didn't see the two lights leading the larger craft. She thinks she may have seen it from the back, and I was seeing it from the side."

Huntington Beach is about 20 miles (32 kilometers) southeast of City Hall in Los Angeles. (Email Form Report)

#### FIVE DARK UFOs SEEN IN LIBERTY, INDIANA

On Sunday, December 5, 2004, at 3 p.m., Timothy Bowman was driving to Brookville Lake, four miles (7 kilometers) west of Liberty, Indiana (population 2,061) to take some photographs when he spotted a cluster of strange objects approaching from the northwest.

"I was driving down to take some photos of a lake, which is about three miles or so southwest of Liberty on Route 101," Timothy reported, "I turned right on the Fearfield Ramp road, went one mile south. Five strange, funny-shaped black dots appeared in the sky. I got a picture of it. Looked like round objects up there. I got some more pics in a different location at the same place."

The UFOs "were 16,000 feet (4,800 meters) up and at a standstill. No speed until departure...then zip, gone! Never seen anything like them in my pics."

Liberty, Ind. is on Routes 27 and 44 in Union County, about 75 miles (120 kilometers) east of Indianapolis. (Email Form Report)

#### BAT-WINGED UFO RETURNS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

On Wednesday, December 8, 2004, at 11 p.m., Patrick Schirmer was walking down Harrison Street N.W. in the Friendship Heights section of Washington, D.C. when he saw a strange object approaching from the north.

"It approached from the north and headed due south," Patrick reported, "It was very low in the sky. Completely silent. Dark in color and definitely NOT round. It was a large, bat-winged craft, flat and about 20 to 30 feet (6 to 9 meters) across. It was slow-moving, too, almost like a glider. It went right overhead, without making a sound, and continued south. It was almost like a silent glider." (Email Form Report)

#### INDIA'S SECRET AIR WAR AGAINST THE UFOs

Has India been fighting a clandestine air war against UFOs since February 2004?

Ufologist Daniel Wilson thinks so. And he claims to have found proof in the pages of the newspaper Times of India.

Wilson says there is a definite correlation between the "unexplained" crashes of Indian Air Force (IAF) fighter jets and UFO events in the subcontinent reported in the media. He cites the crash of an IAF Jaguar on Thursday, February 26, 2004 as an example.

That same evening, a UFO crossed the border from India into Pakistan and landed just outside the village of Chann Kalan. Three aliens were seen leaving the strange object by an Indian sentry, Constable Jagdish Parasad, who was at the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) Post Fatehpur at the time of the landing. Patrols by the Pakistani Rangers failed to find the three aliens. (For more on this case, see UFO Roundup, volume 9, number 9 for March 3, 2004, "UFO lands in Pakistan; three aliens sighted," page 5.)

The same evening that UFO landed on the Pakistani side of the border, an IAF fighter jet crashed in India's Rajasthan state, Wilson reported.

According to the Times of India, "The spate of crashes of IAF fighter aircraft continues unabated. In yet another incident, a deep-penetration strike Jaguar crashed in the Pokhran (mountain) range in Rajasthan on Thursday," February 26, 2004.

"The pilot, Wing Commander Ravi Khanna, died in the crash."

"The crash came soon after a MiG-21 crashed in the Jamnagar area on (Friday) February 20, 2004, killing four people on the ground."

"The IAF has dispatched a special investigative team to Pokhran because this is the second such crash within 20 days. An IAF jet crashed in the same mountain range on (Saturday) February 7, 2004."

"Both the Jaguar and the MiG-21 were practicing 'live bombing missions' ahead of India's biggest air power demonstration at the Pokhran range, (Operation) Millenium Vayu Shakti scheduled for March 14 (2004)."  
(Editor's Note: Elements of the U.S. Air Force also participated in these maneuvers over Gwalior as part of Operation Cope India 2004.)

"In both crashes, as per eyewitness accounts, 'two flashes' were seen before both mishaps."

"Both crashes are being attributed to technical malfunction. One reason could be that the live ammunition being carried by the planes exploded accidentally, but the (IAF) courts of inquiry will be able to provide the exact reason," said a source."

"Wing Commander Khanna, who had got airborne from the IAF Nal air base, was flying close to the ground for the bombing maneuver. He apparently tried to eject safely, but his parachute apparently failed to open over the target," he added."

"Fighter jets in the IAF include Sukhoi Su-30s, Mirage 2000s, Jaguars, MiG-21s, MiG-23s and MiG-29s."  
(See the Times of India for February 27, 2004, "Technical snag attributed to Jaguar crash." Many thanks to Daniel Wilson for this news story.)

#### SPARKLING GREEN UFO SEEN IN SWITZERLAND

On Wednesday, December 1, 2004, at 9:15 p.m., the two eyewitnesses were standing on a bridge in the south side of Lausanne, Switzerland, overlooking Lake Geneva, when they spotted an unusual green object in the night sky.

"Me and my friend were walking on a city bridge in Lausanne. Suddenly, we both had an impulse to look south, towards the lake. About 30 degrees above the lake we saw what appeared to be a kind of green firework."

"We weren't much impressed, but this light continued to show a comet's shape, flying from east to west. It was big, green and glowing and left some kind of (light) trail. The object was silent and slow. It was unlike anything I had ever seen."

"My friend said, 'Is it a rocket or a satellite?'"

"But I had seen them before, and it didn't look like either of them."

"A few days later (Saturday, December 4, 2004) I met another witness who described the same arc or (flight) path, the same colour and shape, and time. Our local

newspaper didn't write a line about this. Whatever it was, it disappeared behind a building. Vanished! Evian (the city of Evian-les-Bains, in France's department of Haute-Savoie--J.T.) is on the other side of the lake and saw nothing. Now I am even more convinced that we are not alone. If you have any pictures of it, please contact me by email." (Many thanks to Jim Hickman, executive director of Skywatch International, for this news story.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us next week 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: UFO Spotted In China - Boone

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>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 05:24:31 -0600  
>Subject: UFO Spotted In China

>Source: Mid Day News - Mumbai, India

><http://ww1.mid-day.com/news/world/2004/december/99305.htm>

>12-13-04

>UFO spotted in China: Report  
>By: AFP

>Beijing: An unidentified flying object, or UFO, passed across  
>the large northwestern Chinese city of Lanzhou and apparently  
>exploded in the suburbs, state media said today.

>The unusual sighting of two bright trails of light, reported by  
>several witnesses, took place Saturday shortly before midnight,  
>the China Times reported.

>Police, working on the theory that it was a meteorite, went to  
>investigate the matter, but as of today they had found no  
>evidence of what caused the nightly phenomenon, an officer said.

It's good that the folks in China are letting a story like this  
out without the usual sloppy reporting done in the west.

No snide remarks or references to the silly. It's just a report.

Plain and simple.

One might figure that by now some other government, friend or  
foe, would have as much trouble with UFOs as the U.S. has.  
Crashed UFOs or whatever to call them, abductions, weird  
critters and gizmos wandering about interfering with televisions  
and frightening the blue collar folks and farmers.

One might figure that our foes would have taken advantage of the  
widely known fact that the U.S. and it's allies are blatantly  
hostile and elusive to UFO reports and that those same foes  
could disrupt the entire western world with just one public  
tongue lashing about the issue.

But no go.

Why? Because there is no global overwhelming conspiracy going  
on. No way in heck you could shut up everybody all the time  
everywhere as some have espoused. Nowadays it only takes a  
matter of seconds for news to spread via the web. Just think  
what would happen if Castro or that guy with the big glasses in  
N. Korea or the Iranian president or any number of world  
leaders, ex leaders, cabinet ministers or cowering henchmen of  
note were to send just one danged email that they had seen  
documents or had been at a meeting where the U.S. or Britain  
sent menacing figures in drab clothing threatening retaliation

if the subject of UFOs were to leak into the public's hands.

Doesn't happen. Why? Are they getting subsidies from the U.S. to shut up? Bribes, extortion/black mail?

I saw a list of possible UFO crashes

<http://www.cseti.org/crashes/crash.htm>

If you notice there are a handful prior to 1900 AD and then they just pile in up to present day. Could be reporting is better or just more people or whatever. Yet let's hypothesize and say just 10 UFOs crashed every 100 years since year 1 BC. That'd be about 200 crashed objects spread throughout the world. Probably most in the ocean but still leaves some on land. Maybe some of these remnants are in collections or to be discovered. Remote regions too.

That's a teasing amount of debris. Yet it still doesn't explain this so called massive coverup. Especially nowadays.

If Castro or any number of the foreign big shots were to stand up and announce that the U.S. threatened them about UFO stuff we'd be all over that story. Sure, 10 years ago he'd be called a kook but with the web in full swing we wouldn't have the myopic view from the askewed few determining what we had better believe and speak about.

Just one. I'd like just one other government to come forward and speak it's piece. Just up and say it is under pressure not to talk about UFOs because the U.S. is some hovering bully afraid to let the secret out.

Ain't gonna happen cause there ain't no wolf in grandma's bed.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Professional Amateurs - Kaeser

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 05:54:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Professional Amateurs - Kaeser

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 15:49:11 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Professional Amateurs

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>>Subject: Professional Amateurs

>>Source: The New York Times

>><http://www.nytimes.com/2004/12/12/magazine/12PROFESSIONAL.html?ex=1103890101&ei=1&en=9f4deafcf7d045a3>

>>12-12-04

>>Professional Amateurs  
>>By Clive Thompson

>>In January, a man named Jay McNeil peered into his telescope and  
>>discovered a nebula - a developing young star - out near the  
>>Orion constellation. Professional astronomers worldwide hailed  
>>the discovery. But McNeil himself is no credentialed scientist;  
>>he installs TV satellite dishes for a living. Today's backyard  
>>skygazers, it seems, use equipment so sophisticated that they  
>>can beat out the world's biggest, well-financed observatories.

>>And that, according to Charles Leadbeater, a social critic,  
>>should be no surprise. In a report titled "'The Pro-Am  
>>Revolution,'" published by the London-based Demos policy center,  
>>Leadbeater argued that a new breed of demi-expert is evolving,  
>>collapsing the distinction between an expert and a tinkerer.

>><snip>

>>Leadbeater says that governments ought to find ways to encourage  
>>the higher amateurism. After all, he claims that pro-ams live  
>>healthier, more satisfied lives - to say nothing of all the  
>>cool stuff they create. Professionals, too, should get used to  
>>sharing the stage. Because if Leadbetter is right, the future  
>>belongs not to the pros, but to the weekend warriors.

>This is not a new idea. Whatever you think of his politics, Karl  
>Marx put it well some time ago:

>"as soon as the distribution of labour comes into being, each  
>man has a particular, exclusive sphere of activity, which is  
>forced upon him and from which he cannot escape. He is a hunter,  
>a fisherman, a shepherd, or a critical critic, and must remain  
>so if he does not want to lose his means of livelihood; while in  
>communist society, where nobody has one exclusive sphere of  
>activity but each can become accomplished in any branch he  
>>wishes, society regulates the general production and thus makes  
>it possible for me to do one thing today and another tomorrow,  
>to hunt in the morning, fish in the afternoon, rear cattle in  
>the evening, criticise after dinner, just as I have a mind,  
>without ever becoming hunter, fisherman, shepherd or critic."



In a practical sense, most Near Earth Objects (NEOs) are discovered by amateur astronomers in their back yards, and not by professional astronomers at the major telescopes they have available to them. The fact that the "tinkerers" have a voice is nothing new and that's where a lot of revolutionary technology started out. The fact that there are so many amateur astronomers helps to provide coverage of the immense sky to be examined, and their findings can be quickly verified, so they're in a unique situation to garner respect from professionals.

But in a very real sense, the days of garage development of new technologies is becoming more distant with the high cost of the development process. Unless one is dealing with a completely new technology that is easily manufactured with common materials, it's almost impossible to build it in the garage anymore.

That's not to say that ideas won't be developed everywhere from the garage to the boardroom, but the ability to actually test them and put them into practical use will likely take financing and involves investors and bureaucracy.

Steve

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>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:10:37 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 12:49:36 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>>Some day, on some distant planet, in some parallel universe,  
>>people will begin to recognize the obvious descriptions of  
>>fireball meteors, and news services will stop contaminating the  
>>UFO database by labeling them 'UFOs'.

>While I agree that they are not too useful from a UFO research  
>standpoint, these cases are still UFOs using the strictest  
>definition and unless we have a global meteor radar network  
>reporting system which I am not aware of (NORAD does have some  
>such service, but I doubt it is a world wide service), then we  
>MUST be left with calling it a UFO (with a fairly high  
>probability of being a fireball meteor).

>As to contamination of the UFO database, that has already been  
>accomplished with Venus, various stars, airplanes, balloons,  
>etc.

Yes, those too. Why must we call fireballs UFOs when they  
obviously are not, even provisionally? These things are very  
easy to screen out in any systematic investigation. We used to  
do so routinely at NICAP.

If anything, the labeling should work the other way around:  
Highly probably a fireball on the basis of the reported  
phenomenology, and only a UFO if more data comes in that  
indicates otherwise.

- Dick

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JASON PANEL CALLS FOR "RADICAL CHANGE" OF CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

The present system of classifying national security information "is unnatural, far from optimal, and... ought to be radically changed," according to a startling new report prepared for the Department of Defense by the secretive JASON scientific advisory panel.

The JASON report presents a penetrating theoretical critique of classification policy from the military point of view, and proposes an alternate new construct.

The flaws in the current classification system are so great that some military users are opting out of the system altogether, according to the JASON report.

"Users are dissatisfied with the present system [and] are electing to avoid entering the system entirely. For example, Predator [unmanned aerial vehicle] imagery in Iraq is considered Unclassified, but is protected by an ad hoc system of operational practices."

"Underclassification of documents - often quietly justified as necessary for ease in transporting documents between meeting sites - is a well known practice."

At the same time, "the status of sensitive information outside of the present classification system is murkier than ever... 'Sensitive but unclassified' data is increasingly defined by the eye of the beholder."

A copy of the JASON report was obtained by Secrecy News.

What is most interesting about the report is that it goes beyond critique to present the outlines of an alternate, idealized information security policy.

Among the first steps, the authors say, is to define an acceptable level of risk.

"As a nation we can afford to lose X secret and Y top secret documents per year. We can afford a Z probability that a particular technical capability or HUMINT source is compromised."

Clearly, X, Y, and Z must be more than zero. Otherwise, "all operations stop, because all operations entail some nonzero

risk."

The next step is to \*increase\* information distribution "all the way up to the acceptable risk level."

"We have been living with systems that try to minimize risk," the JASONS note. "That is the wrong metric! We actually want to maximize information flow," subject to the maximum acceptable risk.

"Instead of minimizing risk, we actually want to ensure that it is increased to its tolerable maximum (but no higher)."

The JASON authors then describe a notional information security system that embodies this and other related principles.

The report does not consider the ways in which the existing classification system serves the political and bureaucratic interests of government agencies. Nor does it include an analysis of the obstacles to change that would have to be overcome to permit adoption of a new, risk-based system.

But the bottom line remains the same: "The present system of classification, clearances, and access protection is broken."

A copy of the December 2004 JASON report, which is far more interesting than its title - "Horizontal Integration: Broader Access Models for Realizing Information Dominance" - is available here (60 pages, 300 KB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/jason/classpol.pdf>

A selection of other JASON reports, which are not normally made public even when unclassified, may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/jason/index.html>

#### REFLECTIONS ON THE MYSTERY SPY SATELLITE PROGRAM

The unidentified intelligence program that aroused the public opposition of several Senators last week because of its high cost and questionable utility illustrates the inadequacy of closed-door oversight of intelligence and its apparent susceptibility to advocacy from corporate interests.

The secret program was pegged as a low-observable stealth satellite reconnaissance program by John Pike of GlobalSecurity.org. The projected program cost has nearly doubled to \$9.5 billion, Dana Priest of the Washington Post reported on December 11, probably making it the largest single item in the U.S. intelligence budget.

The whole episode "point[s] to a weakness in the whole [intelligence oversight] process," Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) told George Stephanopoulos on ABC News This Week December 12.

"It takes a leak to understand that billions of taxpayers' dollars are being wasted that could be spent to make America safer," he said.

"Do you think the public has a right to know more about this program if it's so expensive?" Mr. Stephanopoulos asked Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME).

"I do," she replied. "Obviously we have to protect national security, but I think there are ways to have a debate."

"And one reason that I wanted the overall intelligence budget declassified, that top number, is I think it would help foster more public scrutiny and debate," said Sen. Collins, "and I think that's been one of the problems."

"It's something I'm going to pursue in the future," she said regarding budget declassification.

#### SOME NEW CRS PRODUCTS

A new report from the Congressional Research Service "provides background data on United States arms sales agreements with and

deliveries to its major purchasers during calendar years 1996-2003."

See "U.S. Arms Sales: Agreements with and Deliveries to Major Clients, 1996-2003," December 8, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RL32689.pdf>

Another new CRS report examines cooperation between the U.S. and China on counter-terrorism policy and its impact on bilateral relations between the two countries.

See "U.S.-China Counter-Terrorism Cooperation: Issues for U.S. Policy," December 7, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS21995.pdf>

#### REVISITING THE OSIRAQ ATTACK

The 1981 attack by Israel on Iraq's Osiraq nuclear reactor complex has become an archetype of "counterproliferation," the use of force to prevent or reverse the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction.

The Osiraq attack is reviewed in a recent Masters thesis based on interviews with Israeli officials and a study of some more or less unfamiliar source documents.

The author concludes generally that the attack did indeed slow down the Iraqi WMD program, but that it had other less favorable unintended consequences, had no deterrent effect, and is unlikely to serve as a useful model for similar actions in the future.

See "Israel's Attack on Osiraq: A Model for Future Preventive Strikes?" by Peter Scott Ford, Naval Postgraduate School Masters Thesis, September 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/eprint/ford.pdf>

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>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 07:31:17 -0600  
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>Don Ecker documents indicating that AeroJet's DSP satellite  
>system, alone, routinely detects UFOs flying into Earth's  
>atmosphere from deep space... up to two to three times per  
>month.

Sorry, I wrote without checking. There is DMSP and DSP with DMSP  
able to image a spot twice a day versus DSP 10 second rate!  
That's very cool and just what is needed for UFO spotting!

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:01:52 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 06:07:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

>From: Luis R. Gonzalez <[lrgm.nul](mailto:lrgm.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 16:57:21 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 12:40:12 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>Similarly, if abductions are real, physical events they should  
>>be detectable by instruments. It won't do to say that the aliens  
>>clouded the cameras, or whatever. In fact a major scientific  
>>program to attempt to capture evidence of abductions on  
>>instruments has recently been completed (I was in on its  
>>planning and origination years ago) and the data are now being  
>>analyzed. It was a carefully planned, double-blind study. A  
>>report will be forthcoming sooner or later from the UFO Research  
>>Coalition.

>We have been hearing about these kinds of experiments (I even  
>suggested something similar a couple of years ago) for years.

>One thing I wonder about the "carefully planned, double-blind  
>study" is if they contacted skeptics for help and/or  
>suggestions.

Luis,

Are you suggesting that only self-styled skeptics understand proper research procedures? I formally studied scientific method at the university level and graduated with a degree in Philosophy with emphasis on scientific philosophy. The researchers include(d) PhD scientists and others with experience in experimental science. I am not a spokesperson for the project or a researcher on it; just someone who played a role in helping to plan and organize it, administratively.

I think it is common knowledge that some of those on the project were/are (the data gathering phase is now complete) Dr. Michael Swords and Dr. Mark Rodeghier (social and physical sciences, respectively), and Thomas P. Deuley, E.E. I doubt that they are ready to talk about it yet because they are still in the data analysis phase. When the study is completed, there will be a full public report on it that includes a full description of the methodology.

By mentioning the project, I was merely responding to this thread about abduction research as I thought the information was relevant and might be of interest.

- Dick

P.S. Please excuse any typos; I am still recovering from the 'eye-opening' eye drops given to me today by an optometrist.



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## Re: Alien Abductions - Harney

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:03:51 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 06:11:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Harney

>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 22:38:09 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 21:10:10 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>Of course all anomalies of consciousness can't be looked up in  
>>any clinical textbook, as there is so much work to be done on  
>>this subject.

>Wow, John, that just has to be the understatement of the day.

>What exactly is an "anomaly of consciousness"? At the very  
>least, I should think, it presupposes some notion of what  
>constitutes non-anomalous consciousness. But at present we  
>don't even have a working definition of consciousness which  
>everyone can agree on, which pretty much makes "anomalies of  
>consciousness" a non-starter as an explanatory hypothesis.

>Or to put it another way, "anomalies of consciousness" is about  
>as sensible an explanation as "anomalies of shopkeeping". It's  
>scientifically meaningless.

"Anomalies of consciousness" was Jerry Clark's phrase. I suppose  
one could say abnormal mental states, but I'm sure you will know  
the appropriate terminology. And it was obviously not intended  
as an explanation, but as a description.

>>The abduction phenomenon can't be entirely  
>>explained with reference to present knowledge for the same  
>>reason. Talk of mysterious "forces" does nothing to advance our  
>>knowledge, only carefully planned and executed scientific  
>>experiments and observations can do that.

>Would you like to suggest some?

Some have already been carried out and I'm sure we are all  
eagerly awaiting the results of the experiments briefly  
mentioned by Dick Hall.

>>Yet when scientific experiments are carried out they are  
>>invariably attacked by ufologists for producing the "wrong"  
>>answers, i.e. not mysterious enough.

>Really? I hope you'll tell me about them some time. I've  
>subscribed to UFO Updates for a couple of years now, and I  
>certainly don't recall any such experiments being described or  
>referred to here.

You could try looking in the archives of this List. A number of  
experiments have been described and there have been some lively  
arguments. You took part in a recent thread concerning the  
Goldsmith's College (London) abductee study.

John Harney

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## Exopolitics & The Methodological Bias Of Ufology

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Exopolitics and the Methodological Bias of Ufology

Greetings All, I wish to respond to some of the comments made towards Exopolitics by members of this forum. The study of the UFO phenomenon has long been dominated by researchers whose primary backgrounds have been in the natural sciences such as Astronomy, Physics, Engineering, Aviation, etc. Donald Keyhoe, Allen Hynek, Edward Ruppelt, and Stanton Friedman are some examples of distinguished UFOlogists whose competence in these fields have been a chief characteristic of their careers and have won the admiration of many in the field of Ufology. The methodologies used by =91Ufologists=92 in general has been to rigorously use their professional training to work through UFO reports, photographic evidence, FOIA documents, witness testimonies, archival records, etc., to reach some agreement as to what can be known with reasonable certainty regarding UFO related evidence and the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH).

Ufologists view their research as consistent with natural scientific standards which they aggressively defend against the skepticism and dismissive attitudes thrown towards them by the scientific community in general. Winning the respect of mainstream scientists by using methodologies appropriated from the natural sciences to produce top quality research that stands the scrutiny of critics and skeptics has been an important goal of Ufologists. In adhering to this high standard of natural science methodology, Ufologists tend to be parsimonious and in turn are dismissive of controversial sources of evidentiary material or evidence that can=92t be substantiated using the scientific standards promoted by Ufologists. This can be lauded since gaining scientific acceptance for the rigorous research of anomalous phenomena that substantiates the ETH is a desirable goal. Yet on the other hand one can question what is the cost of maintaining a rigorous natural sciences methodology that very parsimonious in its approach to various evidentiary sources that allegedly substantiate the ETH? There is also a bias here as to what is scientific and what isn=92t.

The cost in my view is unnecessarily large which is why I=92m appealing to Ufologists to move beyond the myopic focus of gaining acceptance from scientific colleagues by using methodologies appropriated from the natural sciences, and to more seriously consider an exopolitical approach to the ETH. There are many reasons that can be cited for why an exopolitical approach is warranted in dealing with the UFO phenomenon and the ETH.

One, the ETH behind the UFO phenomenon was never an exclusively technical problem that required a natural scientific methodology in addressing. There was also a very clear political and national security dimension behind the UFO phenomenon and the ETH. This is made very clear in events such as General Voyt Vandenberg rejecting the initial

Estimate of the Situation presented by the Project Sign team in 1948 on grounds that were political and national security related rather than technical - see:

<http://www.ufoscience.org/history/swords.pdf>

This and many other examples drawn from the national security dimensions of the UFO phenomenon merits political analysis of the ETH by researchers using methodologies derived from political science. This necessarily requires breaking free of an exclusive technical analysis by Ufologists using political science methodologies, and moving into the arena of exopolitics. Thus exopolitics focuses on the study of the key actors, institutions and processes behind the UFO phenomenon and the ETH.

Two, the general public overwhelmingly believe that the ETH is true and that a political cover-up is underway. A 2002 Roper poll confirmed that almost 70% of the US public support the ETH and believe that a government cover up is underway:

<http://www.scifi.com/ufo/roper/04.html>

While it is legitimate to point out the science is not conducted by public opinion polls, it is equally legitimate to point out that public policy/national security policies are influenced by public opinion. So while the natural sciences may dismiss the relevance of public opinion in conducting pure science, this approach is not shared by political science where public opinion is any important factor in the formulation and implementation of public policy and national security policy.

Three, the testimony of numerous whistleblowers that has been compiled by the Disclosure Project ([www.disclosureproject.com](http://www.disclosureproject.com)) points to the extensive national security cover up of evidence validating the ETH. Steven Greer=92s work in gaining the testimony and/or commitment of up to 400 whistleblowers for possible disclosure before a US congressional committee has brought into the public arena a wealth of information that has great exopolitical significance.

Finally, the overwhelming evidence provided by UFO sightings, alleged extraterrestrial abductions/contacts, remote viewers, and other evidentiary sources is overwhelming in scope and details concerning the ETH. These reasons all contribute to the central premise of exopolitics that evidence supporting the ETH is overwhelming and we need to start thinking about the political implications of the cover-up that has been underway for more than five decades.

As far as criticisms of my own exopolitics research is concerned, let me set the record straight by saying that I don't consider myself to be a UFO researcher or Ufologist in search of evidence proving the existence of the UFO phenomenon, but a political scientist using qualitative analysis of the various sources of evidence pertaining to non-disclosure of an extraterrestrial presence. I rely heavily on the testimonies of a variety of whistleblowers in drawing my exopolitical analyses of various issues relevant to the ETH. The criteria I have used in assembling these sources for my exopolitical analysis in have included the following:

Coherence =96 testimony is marked by absence of conflicting statements and internal contradictions;

Consistency =96 testimony is consistent with two or more independent sources;

Motivation =96 individual is motivated to disseminate information for legitimate purposes rather than out of a desire for recognition, monetary compensation, or political advantage;

Integrity =96 individual displays high degree of principle in responding to intimidation, harassment or other negative behavior;

Independence =96 individual is not unduly influenced by government intelligence agencies and/or extraterrestrial races;

Evidence =96 is there physical evidence to substantiate the claims of witness/whistleblower/remote viewer;

The above criteria are helpful guides for any competent researcher in determining the validity of a particular category of testimony or evidence concerning the ETH. Due to these

criteria having a mix of objective and subjective features, there is a need for the competent researchers to deal with the available material using an inclusive or broad disciplinary approach. A parsimonious approach as to what constitutes credible evidence/testimony for extraterrestrial researchers is untenable due to the inherent difficulty of making conclusive statements about the range of testimonies that witnesses/contactees/whistleblowers make available. The subject matter is often so exotic and government interference with evidence, witnesses and whistleblowers is so pervasive that excluding some categories of evidence is untenable and methodologically unsound. While the above criteria may not satisfy the parsimonious researcher seeking a restricted pool of data from which to draw reliable conclusions that might impress colleagues in the natural sciences, the above criteria provide a safety net for ensuring reliable and accurate information for research into the ETH.

Furthermore, there has also been criticism of my exopolitics research in terms of my using "material from the internet" rather than presumably reports, interviews and analysis gained from field research, laboratory analysis and archival research favored by 'serious Ufologists'. This is what was actually said in a Washington Post interview by Peter Carlson where I referred to my use of the internet to support my exopolitics research on the alleged Eisenhower-extraterrestrial meeting: 'he [Salla] says, he found evidence of ET visitations -- including the Ike encounter -- on the Internet. "There's a lot of stuff on the Internet," he says, "and I just went around and pieced it together"'

<http://www.exopolitics.org/Wash-Post-Ike%20and%20ETs.htm> ).

Now the quote refers primarily to extraterrestrial visitations and the Eisenhower-Extraterrestrial encounter where most of the material for that meeting was found using sources available on the internet. It should be pretty clear that evidence of an Eisenhower-extraterrestrial meeting is not going to be readily available using

FOIA requests, archival research, and involves citing some of controversial whistleblower sources whose work is freely available on the internet. In addition, I conducted a number of interviews with various individuals with information on the alleged Eisenhower meeting which I did not disclose in the Washington Post article. While I see no problem in using internet sources for building a case for an undisclosed extraterrestrial visitation that resulted in a series of secret agreements with the U.S. government, I was never claiming that this was exclusive and sufficient for exopolitics research, and I did use additional sources of information such as confidential interviews to support this research.

The sources of evidence for the exopolitics research I conduct are wide ranging and the internet is an acceptable though not exclusive source of evidence for exopolitics. Part of the problem with internet research is that there is an inherent bias in Ufology which uses primarily methodologies appropriate to the natural sciences, rather social sciences. The qualitative methodologies I use involve analyzing the credibility, coherence, consistency and clarity of whistleblowers whom I cite and who I have interviewed in a number of cases. Ufologists would instead focus on credentials and empirical evidence that can be validated which in the case of controversial whistleblowers.

The justification I use for the different exopolitical sources I cite is found in an online study paper I published in January 2003:

<http://www.exopolitics.org/Study-Paper1.htm>

which was revised for the first chapter of my book, Exopolitics (Dandelion Books, 2004). Many sources of whistleblower, abductees/contactees, remote viewing and other information are found on the internet. Some of the whistleblowers I cited gave lectures/interviews or released material that is widely available and in some cases ONLY available on the internet. While the internet is an important source for gaining evidence of the extraterrestrial visitations, this does not make it exclusive, nor does it obviate the need for field work,

interviews, archival research and laboratory analysis when appropriate. There is some sort of balance in qualitative and quantitative methodologies required here and while elusive, this is something worth exploring when it comes to the ETH.

Exopolitics is gaining popularity because the general public have tired of Ufologists debating ad nauseum technical information validating the ETH. The public are seeking objective political analysis of the ETH which is substantiated by an overwhelming body of evidence that validates the ETH, and how and why government authorities are not disclosing information. I hope that members of this discussion group giving exopolitics research more serious attention rather than simply promoting Ufology as a discipline that is based on the methodological biases drawn from the natural science backgrounds of most Ufologists. The cost for not taking exopolitics more seriously is that Ufology risks losing touch with what most concerns the general public about what evidence overwhelmingly points to as an undisclosed extraterrestrial presence. The long term cost to Ufology for not taking exopolitics seriously is Ufology risks becoming an irrelevant hobby, or at worst, a complicit actor in suppressing evidence supporting the ETH.

In peace

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>Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>>Of course all anomalies of consciousness can't be looked up in  
>>any clinical textbook, as there is so much work to be done on  
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>>knowledge, only carefully planned and executed scientific  
>>experiments and observations can do that.

>I am glad to read that Magonia now backs leading American  
>ufologists who are doing the same, and not just talking about it  
>by constructing "theories" out of thin air. One hopes that John  
>Harney will now join the call for full funding for serious  
>research into abductions, UFO sightings, and related matters,  
>and not just by researchers who share his views and who can be  
>counted upon to tell him what he already believes.

>Meantime, we can do what we can, based on what ideas and  
>resources are available to us. And it is essential that we do  
>so. For one specific, see Dick Hall's recent posting on the  
>abduction-monitoring project. Of course, all scientific inquiry  
>proceeds on the basis of what is possible (both within current  
>understanding and within available technical and financial  
>resources), and there is no guarantee that our technology and  
>intellectual imagination - and cash - are equal to the task.  
>But one has to start somewhere.

<snip>

Which brings to mind one of my favorite Charles Fort quotes,  
which I used to have on a T-shirt along with his image:

"One measures a circle, beginning anywhere."

- Dick



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## Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:25:08 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 06:18:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 22:12:49 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 12:40:12 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>I disagree with others on this List who keep suggesting that the  
>>ETH is not testable. It certainly is in principle, though the  
>>test will never happen as long as people assume that UFOs are  
>>all nonsense because it would cost a lot of money. If real,  
>>physical, ET beings are coming and going in real, physical  
>>craft, that would be detectable by satellite cameras, special  
>>detection equipment placed on the moon, etc. Some would argue  
>>that they have been so detected, but inevitably written off as  
>>errors in the equipment because they don't fit current belief.  
>>Of course, if UFOs are something else (like other dimensional  
>>visitors) all bets are off.

>The other possibility, of course, is that their non-appearance  
>does not fit other peoples' current belief, so some explanation  
>has to be found for it!

Sorry, I don't understand what you are saying here.

>>Similarly, if abductions are real, physical events they should  
>>be detectable by instruments. It won't do to say that the aliens  
>>clouded the cameras, or whatever. In fact a major scientific  
>>program to attempt to capture evidence of abductions on  
>>instruments has recently been completed (I was in on its  
>>planning and origination years ago) and the data are now being  
>>analyzed. It was a carefully planned, double-blind study. A  
>>report will be forthcoming sooner or later from the UFO Research  
>>Coalition.

>This is fascinating. Just yesterday Peter Rogerson and I had  
>been discussing the possibility of testing claimed abduction  
>'repeaters' in a sleep laboratory with suitable monitoring  
>instruments, and a double-blind system of the instruments being  
>active and inactive without the subjects or experimenters  
>knowledge. I certainly look forward to seeing the results of  
>this experiment. Are you able, at this stage, to give any  
>indication of its nature?

I just added a few comments in reply to Luis Gonzalez, but do not wish to say much more about this, which would be premature at this time. It is fair to say that broad spectrum detection equipment of a very sophisticated nature was put into play with a number of 'repeater' abductees. Safeguards against cheating (in the fullest sense) were incorporated; no further comment at this time. I am not one of the researchers and am not a spokesperson for them, but am generally informed about what is going on.

I am glad to see you and Peter thinking along such logical and

sensible lines. Too bad that more professional scientists are not involved, but given the lack of funding for hardcore science research about UFOs and abductions it is understandable why this is not happening.

- Dick

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From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:49:03 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 06:24:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 22:38:09 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 21:10:10 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>Of course all anomalies of consciousness can't be looked up in  
>>any clinical textbook, as there is so much work to be done on  
>>this subject.

>Wow, John, that just has to be the understatement of the day.

>What exactly is an "anomaly of consciousness"? At the very  
>least, I should think, it presupposes some notion of what  
>constitutes non-anomalous consciousness. But at present we  
>don't even have a working definition of consciousness which  
>everyone can agree on, which pretty much makes "anomalies of  
>consciousness" a non-starter as an explanatory hypothesis.

>Or to put it another way, "anomalies of consciousness" is about  
>as sensible an explanation as "anomalies of shopkeeping". It's  
>scientifically meaningless.

To stick in my 2-cents worth, I have always liked the expression  
'altered states of consciousness', which is subject to similar  
definitional doubt, but the general idea can be understood. Lots  
of things alter consciousness (whatever that is to begin with,  
as Cathy points out): sleep, alcohol, LSD, cannabis, brain  
damage, sleep deprivation, etc.

Over my many years of studying UFO reports and trying to analyze  
their meaning, the idea has definitely occurred to me more than  
once that some of the 'altered appearance of the environment'  
cases, and some aspects of abduction reports, are suggestive of  
altered consciousness as a (partially) explanatory hypothesis as  
opposed to other hypotheses.

The thought has occurred to me that some exterior Intelligence  
has been playing games with our minds, causing us to think weird  
things are happening that, in an objectively observable sense,  
really are not happening. Talk about a non-falsifiable  
hypothesis! It's just a speculation really. Then along came  
Alexander D. Mebane. Lex, who died recently, was one of the most  
intelligent, gifted thinkers I have ever known. After many  
years of accepting the straight ET visitor interpretation, he  
came to believe that the entire UFO phenomenon, including  
abductions, was staged by "Daemons" who were playing mind games  
with us and deliberately leading us to think (falsely) that an  
invasion was occurring.

Though I do not accept his interpretation entirely, his  
arguments for this view are fascinating. I will be publishing  
some excerpts of his letters in the next Journal of UFO History  
in honor of Lex.

- Dick

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 15:51:07 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 07:02:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - King

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 10:09:50 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:29:20 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

<snip>

>A "necessary start" for theorem or fact that changes how science  
>looks at things i.e., "status quo," is the observation of a  
>phenomena, i.e., UFO sightings, followed by a recording of the  
>event; hardware, i.e., "physical evidence" is not "necessary."  
>Today, it is widely "accepted" that there are "133 extra-solar  
>planets" - "There is no 'physical evidence' to support this  
>theorem!" I might add "there is" indeed "physical evidence" in  
>regard to Ufology. (And I don't mean what is in possession of  
>the military).

>>Another thing: No government on earth will be able to suppress  
>>this fact, if & when it happens.

>"Propaganda" and it's brother "censorship" are as much part of  
>government (particularly ours) as are "humps to a camel!" To  
>think that "a government" in this case ours, can't suppress a  
>major event, or keep a secret is the ultimate in naivety.

Hi Frank,

I'm sure that Ray Stanford, Stan Friedman, Dick Hall, Brad Sparks and several others on this List would heartily agree. What cannot be hidden can be easily propagandized into fraud or kookiness.

It is amazing what can be hidden when national security is at risk, and particularly today, when just about anything can be considered a risk to national security. If someone came up with a free energy device today, wouldn't that threaten our national interests, and thereby our security? Same as aliens and UFOs, and any faster-than-light stuff, too.

It's a topsy turvy world, and the maintenance of the status quo is no longer adequate. No, the clock apparently needs to be wound backward at every turn, to not only protect our interests, but to bring our godforsaken culture back to the way things used to be, when things were... better? The whole exercise sickens me.

Things like life on Mars, UFOs from outer space, alien abductions, and free energy are concepts just too uncomfortable these days. Too threatening to the status quo, and not old-fashioned common sense. I am hopeful that this too shall pass. But not today.

We cannot afford the naivete to which you allude, Frank. We will

be paying the price for it for some time, however.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Professional Amateurs - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 16:00:27 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 07:05:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Professional Amateurs - King

>From: Diana Cammack <[cammack.nul](mailto:cammack.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 15:49:11 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Professional Amateurs

>>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 15:30:49 -0700  
>>Subject: Professional Amateurs

>>Source: The New York Times

>><http://www.nytimes.com/2004/12/12/magazine/12PROFESSIONAL.html?ex=1103890101&ei=1&en=9f4deafcf7d045a3>

>>12-12-04

>>Professional Amateurs  
>>By Clive Thompson

<snip>

>>Leadbeater says that governments ought to find ways to encourage  
>>the higher amateurism. After all, he claims that pro-ams live  
>>healthier, more satisfied lives - to say nothing of all the  
>>cool stuff they create. Professionals, too, should get used to  
>>sharing the stage. Because if Leadbetter is right, the future  
>>belongs not to the pros, but to the weekend warriors.

>This is not a new idea. Whatever you think of his politics, Karl  
>Marx put it well some time ago:

>"as soon as the distribution of labour comes into being, each  
>man has a particular, exclusive sphere of activity, which is  
>forced upon him and from which he cannot escape. He is a hunter,  
>a fisherman, a shepherd, or a critical critic, and must remain  
>so if he does not want to lose his means of livelihood; while in  
>communist society, where nobody has one exclusive sphere of  
>activity but each can become accomplished in any branch he  
>>wishes, society regulates the general production and thus makes  
>it possible for me to do one thing today and another tomorrow,  
>to hunt in the morning, fish in the afternoon, rear cattle in  
>the evening, criticise after dinner, just as I have a mind,  
>without ever becoming hunter, fisherman, shepherd or critic."

Hi Diana,

Very observant, and certainly applicable to the cited article.

Unfortunately, the United States has a very bad habit of  
ignoring good ideas, or accepting them begrudgingly, when they  
are perceived as being related to words like Communism.

Universal health care does not exist in this richest nation on  
earth, because it's socialism... read Communism. (here in the US  
they are the same thing). No matter if it is the right thing to  
do.

Heck, we threaten boycotts of even our allies when they don't

agree with us.

Cultural humility is not something often exhibited in this country, although its original architects certainly had it in mind.

America has rightly garnered a perception abroad that we once, and still do, apply to Soviet Russia.

That Marx made such a statement is no surprise, but that that alone would make it harder for Americans to accept is not.

Regarding the pro/amateurs, the internet and cheap high-tech together form the most revolutionary incubator for ideas the world has yet produced. From astronomy to high-voltage \*lifters\* to computer operating systems, collaboration between far-flung but intimately connected \*regular Joes\* around the world is changing the world faster than governments can contain it.

There's a lot that can be done outside the mainstream. Sometimes the best ideas come from the most unexpected places, and the least likely persons. Remember that relativity was thought up by a crummy student who worked as a civil servant, not a physicist with several degrees and tenure... and not an American.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 17:04:02 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 07:06:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - King

>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 22:38:09 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 21:10:10 -0000  
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>Would you like to suggest some?

>>Yet when scientific experiments are carried out they are  
>>invariably attacked by ufologists for producing the "wrong"  
>>answers, i.e. not mysterious enough.

>Really? I hope you'll tell me about them some time. I've  
>subscribed to UFO Updates for a couple of years now, and I  
>certainly don't recall any such experiments being described or  
>referred to here.

Hi Cathy,

I think John is referring to the examples like a photograph sent to Mufon or NUFORC, and posted here. Often the object in the photograph is to some a very mundane object perhaps photographed in such a way as to lend it an apparent anomalous quality. To others of course, it is more than this.

When these images are questioned, scrutinized, scientifically analyzed and ultimately identified, there are parties which tend to resist the interpretation, or ridicule the interpreter. This leaves such cases solved in one person's book, and utterly unexplained in others'. And yet both parties still believe in ET craft.

Since we can never know for sure if a blur on a photo is bird or Borg, there is never a true resolution.

Designing experimental protocols for handling UFO research and data is problematical for just this reason, and anyone who proposes such a thing must be cognizant of this dichotomy or be doomed from the outset.

The UFO community must learn to agree that some photos are not ET craft, and must agree that \*Our best guess\* is sometimes the right thing to say, even if \*Our best guess\* is balloons, planes or even \*gasp\* pelicans. We all must find enough common ground to form a common front. Only then can we begin that culling process, separating the wheat from the chaff, and begin to attract thinkers from outside who can truly begin to effect change in the perceived validity of the research.

You are spot on regarding anomalies of consciousness. Hard to know what constitutes an anomaly of something we don't understand to begin with. Psychology today is little different than voodoo. The words are just a lot bigger. And it costs more than a goat. <g>

Psychology alone cannot account for the abduction experience. While I am unable to say that all abductions are real experience, I am convinced that many are. I'm not sure that psychology can adequately explain even the few that are not. Of course, for all its big words, psychology has a far smaller vocabulary than a voodoo priest on these kinds of subjects.

Pity, that. Seems there's more to relearn than to learn, in the end.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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### Re: Alien Abductions - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 00:56:22 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 07:09:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 00:20:46 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 18:39:38 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>Who is being "denounced" as a hybrid? Names, please. I mean,  
>>>besides George W. Bush and Dick Cheney.

>>Two that come to mind: the young student identified as "Raechel"  
>>in the case reported in recent issues of MUFON UFO Journal, and  
>>the family friend, Mr Paige, described in Bud Hopkins "Sight  
>>Unseen" - possibly borderline autistic or suffering from  
>>Asperger's Syndrome, but seen by Hopkins as a sinister hybrid.

>Budd, not Bud, Hopkins. (Not a typo, as John will claim; this is  
>in fact a fairly common error in Magonian discourse.) Why are  
>Magonians so resistant to the correct spelling of names?  
>Christopher Allan is "Christopher Allen," and I've long been  
>"Jerry Clarke," while David Clarke is, ironically and amusingly,  
>"David Clark." To cite just four instances that come immediately  
>to mind.

It is of course part of a sinister Magonia conspiracy to confuse  
and confound our opponents by inducing an identity crisis in, as  
Jerry so nicely puts it, "the point on the top of their heads."

>In any event:

>"Raechel" and "Mr. Paige" are about as nebulous as "Ashtar" and  
>"Orthon," in other words not much different from the names one  
>conjures up in dreams, and neither to the point nor to the  
>question. Since here you're being a literalist and assuming (as  
>I, being more skeptical than you, am not) that these individuals  
>actually exist in event-level reality, let's have some specific  
>human beings with real names and addresses - you know, living,  
>breathing fellow homo sapiens whose suffering can be documented  
>and thus shown not to be endured only in the always fervent,  
>self-righteous imaginings of Magonians. Then we can settle the  
>issue and not have to rely merely on Rimmer's sinister  
>inferences. If we can find a "Raechel" with an actual last name  
>like a normal human being, we can look her up, and those who  
>have exploited her can be dealt with as sternly as they deserve.  
>Likewise with "Mr. Paige."

So having, as you requested, identified two people named in  
published reports as being "hybrids", Jerry moves the goalposts  
and asks for their real names, addresses and, probably, social  
security numbers.

Jerry, if you want to find out "Raechel's" real name I suggest  
you ask Joan Bilodeaux who wrote her story in MUFON UFO Journal;  
and if you want to find out who "Mr Paige" really was, I'm sure  
your friend Budd Hopkins will be happy to give you full details.



Of course another way of reading your paragraph above, is that the two people named do not actually exist - oh, sorry, "exist in event-level reality" - and that someone has imagined them. This may well be the case, but spreading the idea that some, perhaps socially marginalised, individuals may be alien-human hybrids has considerable dangers.

>Speaking generally from my point of view: The hybrid claims I've  
>seen, while certainly curious, do not persuade me. In other  
>words, I am skeptical in the way that any sensible person who  
>has not been persuaded would be. At the same time, like anybody  
>else, I don't know much of anything with certainty, given claims  
>that so far apparently resist convincingly demonstrated  
>(ostensibly) orthodox and heterodox explanations, and about  
>which persons who prefer to confine their pronouncements to what  
>they can reasonably document tend not to make sweeping  
>statements. Like the overwhelmingly majority of my fellow  
>Americans and earthlings, I live my life on the implicit  
>assumption that alien hybrids do not walk among us and that,  
>while I occasionally encounter strange individuals, they are  
>probably not entities in whom unearthly blood courses.

You might make that assumption Jerry, but I do not think you can speak for others.

>>>>The idea of mysterious  
>>>>foreigners possessed of supernatural powers trying to infiltrate  
>>>>society is an ancient motif, and one very much encountered in  
>>>>anti-semitic fantasies. But I think you know that already.

>>>Your point being that abductees, besides being racists, are  
>>>anti-Semites, too?

>>The point is that all these "antis" are aspects of a generalised  
>>fear of "the Other" which is common to human societies,  
>>worldwide. They are not exclusively American, as Jerry seems to  
>>be implying.

>If John read his own magazine, which I gather he doesn't, he  
>would know that Magonians are talking specifically about  
>Americans, with whom Magonians are obsessed and whose heterodox  
>views of abductions, UFOs, and anomalies in general occasion  
>much huffing, puffing, and outraged bloviating. Even Peter  
>Rogerson had the good grace and intellectual honesty not to  
>pretend otherwise in our recent exchange.

The abduction narrative is one that is dominant in today's ufology, and it is largely - though of course by no means exclusively - an American phenomenon. Naturally most discussion of it in Magonia (and I think there is rather less about it in our pages than you might be leading List readers to believe) has concentrated on American cases. However we have also discussed other related instances of phenomena involving deviant social attitudes to outsiders. I would refer you, for instance, to the articles we published some time ago about the "Satanic Abuse" panics. Although many of these cases were reported from America, most of the discussion in Magonia concerned cases in Britain, and the social, political and psychological context in which they occurred in this country.

>In any event:

>John's point being that abductees, besides being racists, are  
>anti-Semites, too?

>>After a previous discussion on UpDates (vide Archives) a number  
>>of Americans wrote to me agreeing with me that this is a live  
>>issue.

>Always better, of course, to cite (alleged) anonymous sources  
>than have to produce actual evidence of widespread panic and  
>attendant extraordinary hallucinations about interracial  
>children disguised as ETs.

Jerry, if you think I'm lying about this, please just say so.

As no-one is talking about widespread panic about interracial children disguised as ETs, and your attempt to pretend otherwise smacks of desperation.

I am well aware of the racial and ethnic tensions within British

society, and I come into contact with some of them during the course of my work. These tensions do have effects in broader society, and do give rise to a variety of irrational beliefs. I refuse to believe that this does not happen in America as well.

>I take it that John is denying the growing occurrence of  
>interracial/interethnic/interreligious marriage in America, the  
>facts notwithstanding (and facts should never, of course, get in  
>the way of a good Magonian "theory"), and the diminishing  
>instance of public and private racism in American life (not, as  
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>sad to say, will be, like any number of other social ills, a  
>long time getting to that happy place) - also evident to anyone  
>who cares to educate himself.

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However, as Magonia has never claimed that racial tensions "cause" abductions or that millions of Americas are suffering from "horrificing science fictional hallucinations" as a result, any further discussion on this topic would probably be better conducted on a political or sociological discussion group than a ufological one.

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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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From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 05:51:42 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 07:28:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: NORAD & Fastwalkers - Lehmborg

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>of. I do know that I have seen NORAD bolide reports which are  
>infrequent.

That was my take, and this was the report. I'm open to  
correction on the point. On point, I got an e-mail from another  
stating:

"There is a funny story DP witness John Maynard\* tells of being  
in NRO Radar sat monitor room and noticing half the radar sats  
were pointed into deep space.He asked regarding [them], [and]  
was told, "you figure it out".

Ray Fowler tells of [a] GTE source, [reporting] objects repeatedly arriving from cislunar space at 100km/sec slowing to suborbital velocity.

So much for no ETH evidence folk[s]."

[\* Disclosure Project witness - lg]

>Also, regarding the oddity of bolides(meteors) going back out  
>into space, this is a frequent occurrence simply based on the  
>trajectory of the object. Bolides (meteors) have also been known  
>to change course based on their odd shapes, composition,  
>trajectory and atmospheric density. Corliss lists some good  
>examples.

Yeah - I understand many of these 'linger' to some extent.  
Moreover, there's a multilevel evidentiary audit trail that this  
is so, abundantly, if fractionally reflected in some 1.35  
million posts right here at UpDates.

>Whatever NORAD data has, its not going to give it up unless it  
>is in their interest.

Uh-huh... Increasingly? More reason to change the aggregate  
rules... would you agree?

Respectful of your commentary, Mr. Smith, when it's all said and  
done? The bizarre behavior of the Senior Army Liaison to NORAD  
I'd referenced remains to give me righteous pause.

[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul) -:|:-  
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From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 04:38:34 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 20:12:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China - Hatch

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 19:06:14 +0000  
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>>From: James Smith <[zeus001002.nul](mailto:zeus001002.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:10:37 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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<snip>

>>>Some day, on some distant planet, in some parallel universe,  
>>>people will begin to recognize the obvious descriptions of  
>>>fireball meteors, and news services will stop contaminating the  
>>>UFO database by labeling them 'UFOs'.

>>While I agree that they are not too useful from a UFO research  
>>standpoint, these cases are still UFOs using the strictest  
>>definition ...

>>As to contamination of the UFO database, that has already been  
>>accomplished with Venus, various stars, airplanes, balloons,  
>>etc.

>Yes, those too. Why must we call fireballs UFOs when they  
obviously are not, even provisionally? These things are very  
easy to screen out in any systematic investigation. We used to  
do so routinely at NICAP.

>If anything, the labeling should work the other way around:  
Highly probably a fireball on the basis of the reported  
phenomenology, and only a UFO if more data comes in that  
indicates otherwise.

> - Dick

Hi Dick:

Personally, I wouldn't dream of calling something like this a  
UFO, and wouldn't waste a second on it w/r to my database.

The only reason I chime in, is that this same discussion seems  
to arise every so many months/years.

Yes, anyone can call a ballistic fireball a UFO, if there's some  
need to split semantic hairs. I prefer a more useful  
terminology.

best

- Larry

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 12:42:18 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 20:14:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Reason

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:03:51 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>"Anomalies of consciousness" was Jerry Clark's phrase. I suppose  
>one could say abnormal mental states, but I'm sure you will know  
>the appropriate terminology.

I realize from previous experience that it takes a hammer and chisel to get through to you, John, but you might have discerned that I'm not much interested in the terminology. I'm interested in the concepts which underly the terminology and whether those concepts have been rigorously thought out or whether the terminology is simply an excuse for lazy thinking.

"Abnormal mental states" may be a slight improvement over "anomalies of consciousness", but not by much. If a person is abducted into a flying saucer by aliens and whisked off to Outer Andromeda or somewhere, then they're by definition in an abnormal mental state because they're experiencing something which our society does not consider normal. If a person experiences abduction imagery as a result of organized seizures in the temporal lobe then they're also by definition in an abnormal mental state, for the same reason. Both abnormal mental states have a physical cause - aliens on the one hand, "abnormal" firing in the temporal lobe in the latter. In which case the explanation for the abnormality has to be found at the physical level.

However, if someone experiences PTSD as a result of war, rape, disaster or abuse, then arguably it makes no sense to regard the causal mechanism of that person's mental state as physical, even though the proximate cause undoubtedly is physical. In this case we are more likely to look for direct causes at the psychological level. If you want to get involved in this area then the first thing you have to do is start examining your own Cartesian preconceptions. The real problem with your choice of terms is that it obscures the level you actually want to look at.

Then you need to define the mechanism of your explanation. You need to specify what the mechanism does, how it operates, and why it exists. You need to show that your mechanism is functionally plausible and that it isn't blatantly ad hoc (this last criterion, by the way, is one where purely psychological explanations have a tendency to fall down badly). And then you need to derive testable predictions from your model which clearly discriminate it from other possible models.

Not that this is what necessarily happens - in fact in the social sciences it hardly ever happens like this - but if "carefully planned and executed experiments" means anything at all, then this is surely it.

>And it was obviously not intended  
>as an explanation, but as a description.

Albeit a description which presupposed an explanation, a point you appear to have overlooked.

>Some have already been carried out and I'm sure we are all  
>eagerly awaiting the results of the experiments briefly  
>mentioned by Dick Hall.

Indeed. But one can hardly fail to note the results aren't even in yet and already we've seen an outbreak of defensiveness from the usual suspects. Mr Rogerson even went so far as to impose an additional condition in advance, that the results should be replicated by "non-Ufologists". Presumably he believes that Ufologists are more likely to produce positive results, from which it presumably follows that Non-Ufologists are more likely to produce negative results. Apart from the implications of having researchers vetted for "ideological soundness", this has the interesting effect that if his own premise is actually correct, he's hedged himself into a position which is completely unfalsifiable.

In any case, I will use my uncanny paranormal powers to predict the following - whatever the outcome of the study, it will lead to an almighty argument over methodology, after which everyone will go back to believing what they believed already.

>You could try looking in the archives of this List. A number of  
>experiments have been described and there have been some lively  
>arguments. You took part in a recent thread concerning the  
>Goldsmith's College (London) abductee study.

Yes, sorry, I'd forgotten about the Goldsmith's study. As I recall though, that is primarily a data-gathering exercise, rather than a specific test of a clearly defined hypothesis. As for the Archives, it's true that experiments get cited from time to time. But none that could honestly be described as "carefully planned and executed".

Cathy

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Thanks Martin..

And this is more information than I'm going to get  
from the book, since QPB is out of stock.

(I'll try Amazon, Powells, and our local library...  
or ask Santa to leave a copy under my Xmas  
tree.)

Rich

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From: **Cathy Reason** <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 13:51:06 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 20:16:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Reason

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 00:56:22 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

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Heavens, you really must tell me who authored these remarkable documents. Most contributors to Magonia who've aired their views here couldn't even define a psychological context, let alone discuss one.

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I correspond with Ron Regehr who worked on the DSP satellite as  
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See: <http://members.fortunecity.com/prisyural/dsp.html>

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he wrote on VSL in PDF format, then use this link...

<http://www.cvil.wustl.edu/~dawei/life/astromy/vsl/9811018.pdf>

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>Michael E. Salla, PhD  
>[www.exopolitics.org](http://www.exopolitics.org)  
>[drsalla.nul](mailto:drsalla.nul)

<snip>

Dr. Salla...

Your exopolitical approach to the UFO mystery/problem is quite wonderful, intensely thorough, and unique.

But I have one quibble: the "general public" you refer to, and seem to need, is comprised of dolts who can barely get through a day without a slug of coffee, their soaps, or golfing.

I can see 'ufologists' gathering sightings and information from the great unwashed, but to cater to what your approach suggests - the general public's concerns with UFOs - would be a waste of time, would it not?

The study of the UFO phenomenon (or phenomena) should be conducted by curious, honest fanatics who see the mystery as something more than the general public does (which is as odd occurrences in the sky that momentarily baffle them as they hot-tub or guzzle beer at backyard BBQ parties).

Anything slated for serious scrutiny, whether it's art, biology, astronomy, cooking, roof repair - anything - should be indulged in with a fevered passion that some here at UFO UpDates have mustered for many years.

To bring in those people, represented by the likes of America's Funniest Home Videos, would becloud an already confusing phenomenon. And to try and set up a clarification of the UFO mystery for the masses seems, to me, to be counter-productive.

As a neo-elitist, I'm thinking that the study of UFO should not be left to the government (which is suppose to be us but isn't) or so-called scientists but rather to people who have integrity, open-minds, and a common bond of seeking the truth about our existentiality.

And those people are all over the UFO UpDates landscape.

Nonetheless, your sociological parameters are grist for those who differ with me, and see the public as one way to get those in power to give up the hidden information they hold or, at least, allow an unencumbered look at UFOs without besmirching those who've encountered one, or wish to understand the things.

Rich Reynolds

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 14:45:01 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 08:28:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Allan

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 10:09:50 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:29:20 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Thu, 09 Dec 2004 13:46:31 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>The 'scientific community' (I actually wrote 'scientific  
>>establishment') in the case of UFO acceptance is mainly  
>>astronomers & biologists. I am assuming here that UFOs  
>>eventually turn out to be alien spacecraft.

>>First the fact that "some UFOs" are "ET craft," and the eventual  
>>"acceptance" of that fact will "ripple" through "all the  
>>sciences," and change "everything" as we now know it. (and in my  
>>view, that's why Ufology is in the state it's in-suppression).

>>It may well be that there is substantial argument & debate if &  
>>when hardware is finally produced. Therefore UFO reality (as ET  
>>craft) will likely not be accepted at once even if such hardware  
>>turns up.

>>History has shown us that most "major discoveries, theories and  
>>advancements" in science, as well as the people who proposed  
>>them "went against the status quo" and were not initially widely  
>>"accepted" (putting it mildly) by "mainstream science," e.g.,  
>>Copernicus, Galileo, Bruno etc.; of course this is the case with  
>>ETH, and will be no matter what degree of evidence is put on the  
>>table; however, as with previous "mind-changing events" Science  
>>(itself) has, and will be, the factor to "advance the status  
>>quo."

>>>But such hardware is a necessary start. As for "maintaining the  
>>>status quo" I am positive that when the physical evidence comes,  
>>>and in sufficient quantity, all those scientists who previously  
>>>derided the subject will be so 'over the moon' that they will  
>>>rapidly forget whatever they said in the past.

>>A "necessary start" for theorem or fact that changes how science  
>>looks at things i.e., "status quo," is the observation of a  
>>phenomena, i.e., UFO sightings, followed by a recording of the  
>>event; hardware, i.e., "physical evidence" is not "necessary."  
>>Today, it is widely "accepted" that there are "133 extra-solar  
>>planets" - "There is no 'physical evidence' to support this  
>>theorem!" I might add "there is" indeed "physical evidence" in  
>>regard to Ufology. (And I don't mean what is in possession of  
>>the military).

>>>Another thing: No government on earth will be able to suppress  
>>>this fact, if & when it happens.

>"Propaganda" and it's brother "censorship" are as much part of  
>government (particularly ours) as are "humps to a camel!" To  
>think that "a government" in this case ours, can't suppress a  
>major event, or keep a secret is the ultimate in naivety.

You cannot expect 'physical evidence' in the case of extra-solar planets! You are surely not suggesting that we have to physically handle one of these in order to verify their existence?

There are some discoveries in science for which physical evidence, i.e. hardware, is impossible to produce. (Has anyone ever handled a single electron or an electromagnetic wave).

If ETs are visiting this earth in nuts & bolts spacecraft, we would expect, sooner or later, to be able to lay our hands on one of them. If this has been going on for thousands of years they may be so perfect in their travels that they never leave any trace of their existence. In this case we on earth will never know they came here; and we can only conjecture.

If, on the other hand, they are fallible and on occasion leave hardware behind we ought to discover it. Maybe we have overlooked it in the distant past, but we certainly ought not to have missed it were it happening today .

If and when we do really lay our hands on the hardware, it may still be a matter for long and acrimonious debate in scientific circles, but ultimately the truth will out. See my argument on meteorites.

To suggest that the US government, or any other, could or would suppress such valuable scientific knowledge for decade after decade is absurd. UFOs are a worldwide phenomenon. It would be a great prestige discovery for any country to be the first to announce it.

The truth is that the hardware simply is not there. Despite this, people continue to insist that it is there but that certain authorities, for some nefarious reason, are withholding it. That is not the scientific method.

Likewise the vital documents 'are there' (but withheld). The alien corpses 'are there' (but also withheld), so we are told.

The awful truth is that we are nowhere near to proving ETH, and until abundant hardware is produced, and verified by the scientific establishment (e.g. National Academy Of Sciences in the US or the Royal Society in the UK or a suitable academy in another country) we never will be.

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 10:05:07 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 08:29:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Reynolds

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:49:03 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>Over my many years of studying UFO reports and trying to analyze  
>their meaning, the idea has definitely occurred to me more than  
>once that some of the 'altered appearance of the environment'  
>cases, and some aspects of abduction reports, are suggestive of  
>altered consciousness as a (partially) explanatory hypothesis as  
>opposed to other hypotheses.

>The thought has occurred to me that some exterior Intelligence  
>has been playing games with our minds, causing us to think weird  
>things are happening that, in an objectively observable sense,  
>really are not happening. Talk about a non-falsifiable  
>hypothesis! It's just a speculation really. Then along came  
>Alexander D. Mebane. Lex, who died recently, was one of the most  
>intelligent, gifted thinkers I have ever known. After many  
>years of accepting the straight ET visitor interpretation, he  
>came to believe that the entire UFO phenomenon, including  
>abductions, was staged by "Daemons" who were playing mind games  
>with us and deliberately leading us to think (falsely) that an  
>invasion was occurring.

>Though I do not accept his interpretation entirely, his  
>arguments for this view are fascinating. I will be publishing  
>some excerpts of his letters in the next Journal of UFO History  
>in honor of Lex.

Richard...

Aren't the musings of Lex the very same that Jacques Vallee  
presented in several enlightening books?

Rich Reynolds

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## Re: UFO Spotted In China - Smith

From: James Smith <[zeus001002.nul](mailto:zeus001002.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 10:11:16 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 08:30:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China - Smith

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 19:06:14 +0000  
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>>From: James Smith <[zeus001002.nul](mailto:zeus001002.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:10:37 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>>As to contamination of the UFO database, that has already been  
>>accomplished with Venus, various stars, airplanes, balloons,  
>>etc.

>Yes, those too. Why must we call fireballs UFOs when they  
>obviously are not, even provisionally? These things are very  
>easy to screen out in any systematic investigation. We used to  
>do so routinely at NICAP.

Well, the "we" you refer to is the media and it is in the  
business to sell papers, thus any hype they can generate or spin  
to make the story interesting or worthy of buying the paper is  
likely to fall in favor of mystery, unknown or controversy. So  
you can't hope for the media to get it "right".

If the media contact UFO researchers, then the problem is  
whether the researcher is wanting to make himself or his  
position more important by classifying the phenomena as UFO, as  
opposed to the more appropriate, scientific way you recommend.

Obviously, "we", the UFO researchers, have more sophisticated  
filters and can with higher probability classify the probable  
cause of a sighting. This is a calibration that comes with  
experience so is very different from person to person. Since  
there are so many UFO reports, this is a time saver, but we may  
be losing some REAL UFO reports in the process. That's too bad,  
but since there are so many it makes little difference.

>If anything, the labeling should work the other way around:  
>Highly probably a fireball on the basis of the reported  
>phenomenology, and only a UFO if more data comes in that  
>indicates otherwise.

Well, we have gone to the other extreme in the media where in  
the old days they used to assume the prosaic explanation for  
everything odd in the skies.

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## Re: UFO Spotted In China - Smith

From: James Smith <[zeus001002.nul](mailto:zeus001002.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 10:33:02 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 08:31:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China - Smith

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 11:47:27 EST  
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>If you notice there are a handful prior to 1900 AD and then they  
>just pile in up to present day. Could be reporting is better or  
>just more people or whatever. Yet let's hypothesize and say just  
>10 UFOs crashed every 100 years since year 1 BC. That'd be about  
>200 crashed objects spread throughout the world.

>That's a teasing amount of debris. Yet it still doesn't explain  
>this so called massive coverup. Especially nowadays.

>Just one. I'd like just one other government to come forward  
>and speak it's piece. Just up and say it is under pressure not  
>to talk about UFOs because the U.S. is some hovering bully  
>afraid to let the secret out.

>Ain't gonna happen cause there ain't no wolf in grandma's bed.

Yes, it has always seemed unlikely to me that any technology capable of travelling between stars would be so incompetent as to crash. I imagine it probably happened once or twice (on SOME planet) and then they said "oops! we should have designed it to not do that!" Consider an evolving technology where the designers have had 1000s of years to perfect their "art". It ain't going to crash (unless they are battling it out for some reason with our military-yeah right- or some alien military/etc). Even in these cases, I would assume that it is a fundamental design parameter to make sure the tech does not fall into primitive hands, so would have some self-destruct feature making it impossible to use or impossible to back engineer/make.

However, if there were crashed UFOs in the hands of a foreign government, don't think they are going to blab about it. If they have any idea that it IS a alien craft, then they will keep it under their hats hoping to reap some benefit from it. Publicity is likely not enough to justify blabbing. If they don't know that its an alien craft, then it may just be buried somewhere or put in a museum or in boxes in a warehouse.

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## Re: UFO Spotted In China - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 11:37:17 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 08:35:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China - Friedman

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 11:47:27 EST  
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 05:24:31 -0600  
>>Subject: UFO Spotted In China

>>Source: Mid Day News - Mumbai, India

>><http://ww1.mid-day.com/news/world/2004/december/99305.htm>

>>12-13-04

>>UFO spotted in China: Report  
>>By: AFP

>>Beijing: An unidentified flying object, or UFO, passed across  
>>the large northwestern Chinese city of Lanzhou and apparently  
>>exploded in the suburbs, state media said today.

>>The unusual sighting of two bright trails of light, reported by  
>>several witnesses, took place Saturday shortly before midnight,  
>>the China Times reported.

>>Police, working on the theory that it was a meteorite, went to  
>>investigate the matter, but as of today they had found no  
>>evidence of what caused the nightly phenomenon, an officer said.

>It's good that the folks in China are letting a story like this  
>out without the usual sloppy reporting done in the west.

<snip>

>Just one. I'd like just one other government to come forward  
>and speak it's piece. Just up and say it is under pressure not  
>to talk about UFOs because the U.S. is some hovering bully  
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Surely we all recognize that all governments have a vested  
interest in not publicizing the reality of alien visitations?  
People would think of themselves as earthlings instead of Brits,  
Chinese, Peruvian and all the other nationalistic labels  
currently in vogue. No country wants its citizens to owe their  
allegiance to the planet instead of to that government.  
Nationalism is the only game in town so far as I can see.

There is a ton of eyewitness testimony, radar info,  
pictures, videos, physical trace cases... one might say all  
circumstantial. So was the evidence against Scott Peterson  
concerning his murder of his wife and unborn child. He just got  
the death penalty.

Remember that during the cold war both the USSR and the US kept



quiet about all the airmen lost to intervention by the other. The Soviets knew U-2 spy planes were flying over their country. They said nothing publicly until Gary Powers' plane was shot down.

All this talk about wanting scientists involved.. I would rather have people accustomed to dealing with witness testimony, physical traces etc, like cops, detectives, forensic investigators. Is an astronomer or an artist better at describing a bank robber? The problem with astronomers, physicists, chemists etc. is that they are accustomed to being able to control the variables or at least to be sure that an intelligence isn't involved. How about the NTSB investigators when it comes time to evaluating testimony and traces??

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 09:39:05 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 08:37:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 15:51:07 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 10:09:50 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:29:20 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

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>>government (particularly ours) as are "humps to a camel!" To  
>>think that "a government" in this case ours, can't suppress a  
>>major event, or keep a secret is the ultimate in naivety.

Good Day Kyle,

>I'm sure that Ray Stanford, Stan Friedman, Dick Hall, Brad  
>Sparks and several others on this List would heartily agree.  
>What cannot be hidden can be easily propagandized into fraud or  
>kookiness.

Hmmm.... good company to be in IMHO. Sometimes things can be  
hidden right out in the open as well.

>It is amazing what can be hidden when national security is at  
>risk, and particularly today, when just about anything can be  
>considered a risk to national security. If someone came up with  
>a free energy device today, wouldn't that threaten our national  
>interests, and thereby our security? Same as aliens and UFOs,  
>and any faster-than- light stuff, too.

Most people when they hear or use the term of "National Security  
and any "threat to it" they envision a military attack or  
espionage etc.; however, the powers-that-be have "bound us to" a  
finite crude (no pun intended) resource, i.e., oil. One can  
argue that any effect on the "oil industry" would be a "threat  
to our National Security." (Obviously the "powers-that-be think  
so, since we have procured our very own oil producing country).

>It's a topsy turvy world, and the maintenance of the status quo  
>is no longer adequate. No, the clock apparently needs to be  
>wound backward at every turn, to not only protect our interests,  
>but to bring our godforsaken culture back to the way things used  
>to be, when things were... better? The whole exercise sickens  
>me.

Pass the barf bag please . . .

>Things like life on Mars, UFOs from outer space, alien  
>abductions, and free energy are concepts just too uncomfortable  
>these days. Too threatening to the status quo, and not old-  
>fashioned common sense. I am hopeful that this too shall pass.  
>But not today.

"Between the people and the government today lies a double  
standard of morality." -Frank Scully 1950

>We cannot afford the naivete to which you allude, Frank. We will  
>be paying the price for it for some time, however.

So true!

Cheers,

Frank

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Adams

From: **Brian Adams** <[ufosource.nul](mailto:ufosource.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 13:26:55 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 08:38:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Adams

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:25:08 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 22:12:49 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 12:40:12 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>I disagree with others on this List who keep suggesting that the  
>>>ETH is not testable. It certainly is in principle, though the  
>>>test will never happen as long as people assume that UFOs are  
>>>all nonsense because it would cost a lot of money. If real,  
>>>physical, ET beings are coming and going in real, physical  
>>>craft, that would be detectable by satellite cameras, special  
>>>detection equipment placed on the moon, etc. Some would argue  
>>>that they have been so detected, but inevitably written off as  
>>>errors in the equipment because they don't fit current belief.  
>>>Of course, if UFOs are something else (like other dimensional  
>>>visitors) all bets are off.

<snip>

What happened to the supposive evidence of a unusual looking  
microscopic dust that was found in the bedrooms of abductees?  
Didn't I read about this a few years ago where microscopic glass  
beads were discovered by sampling dust accumulating in corners  
and on doorway or window frames of abductees?

Maybe that's where the interdimensional doorway or  
electromagnetic light beam reacted with regular room  
dust/particulates or the paint/stain on surfaces. I wonder if  
it's possible to tell difference from older lead-based  
wall/window paint to a lead-free painted room?

A simple sticky tape sample of room corners and wall/frame  
surfaces of the affected room and the next door rooms as control  
then conduct microscopic analysis of the particulate matter.

Brian

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## Re: Central Research Facility - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 16:30:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 08:39:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Central Research Facility - White

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 09:01:36 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 16:30:56 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

<snip>

>We must not rely on the government-funded scientific mainstream  
>for our methodology, since we'd be relying on our worst enemy.  
>Can a level playing field even be possible under this scenario?

>We need a maverick with heretical new ideas more than ever.

My thought is: Bring the stiffest critics into the procedure making.

Then: They can't really complain about their own procedures, can they?

Kind of like in the military, the officer chosen to administer the officers' mess is usually the one who complains loudest about the food.

Eleanor White

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## The Chinese Take UFOs Seriously!

From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 16:37:40 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 08:41:01 -0500  
Subject: The Chinese Take UFOs Seriously!

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc524.htm>

This webpage is chock full of very solid UFO documents and news stories that cannot be denied coming from China.

Even an account from a top Chinese official!

I guess the press over here and the 'mysterious men in black' don't wander over to China and insult and threaten the good folks over there because with over a billion cousins it would be a task to tough for them.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Central Research Facility - Adams

From: **Brian Adams** <[ufosource.nul](mailto:ufosource.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 15:55:53 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 08:42:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: Central Research Facility - Adams

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 09:01:36 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

>>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 16:30:56 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

>>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 11:28:55 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Central Research Facility

>><snip>

>>>As for anonymous scientists, if ufology is to have any  
>>>credibility, that is the last thing we want.

>>Well, I've read many posts in which UFO researchers have  
>>lamented the fact that mainstream scientists "won't touch" the  
>>field of Ufology.

><snip>

>Mainstream science is almost an oxymoron. Since mainstream  
>science does not have all the answers, obviously the answers lie  
>outside the mainstream. Yet the funding for research is often  
>withheld and deemed a waste if it is outside the mainstream. And  
>funding for mainstream science moves ahead based on a presumed  
>legitimacy proffered by... mainstream science. Tautological at  
>best. Ludicrous at worst.

>We must not rely on the government-funded scientific mainstream  
>for our methodology, since we'd be relying on our worst enemy.  
>Can a level playing field even be possible under this scenario?

>We need a maverick with heretical new ideas more than ever.

We're an X-Science field of research. Like new home buyer  
inspectors or environmental specialists doing a "phase I or II"  
assessment except we're not bondable. Thus, we're still outside  
any accepted business-like entity.

But like a CSI, we can perform some type of pseudo-scientific  
activity that is treated as anecdotal research. Having access to  
a NIST lab would be a big step forward.

Brian

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## Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin - Holman

From: **Brett Holman** <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 11:20:55 +1100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:21:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin - Holman

>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 07:46:38 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Flashing Lights Hover Over Darwin

>As I've said I'm not an astronomer but I do have an interest in  
>it. I have noticed you're at one of Melbourne's university in  
>the physics department. Is this correct? If so, what is your  
>expertise in the area of physics? Just interested.

I have a master's degree in astrophysics, but I'm not an  
astrophysicist! I currently work in IT (sometimes for the  
astrophysics group here, which is why I still have the physics  
email address) and am studying history (with a tangential  
interest in phantom airships).

>Brett, Nigel has informed me:

>"We have looked on nights without cloud and have not seen the  
>same image since."

Thanks for following this up. However, if what they saw was a  
star distorted by atmospheric dispersion (which I now think is  
unlikely), then on following nights they wouldn't necessarily  
see the same image - as the dispersion would probably not be  
present - but just a normal, bright star, in the same location  
as the UFO had been.

Brett Holman

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## Re: NORAD & Fastwalkers - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 19:53:23 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:22:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: NORAD & Fastwalkers - Maccabee

>From: James Smith <[zeus001002.nul](mailto:zeus001002.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 10:44:23 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
>Subject: Re: NORAD & Fastwalkers

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 07:31:17 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>>"Fastwalker" is a term NORAD (North American Air Defense  
>>Command) invented to categorize objects that approach from  
>>space, enter our atmosphere, maneuver strangely about, and then  
>>leave the atmosphere again in a manner that is... not consistent  
>>with the aforementioned boosters, birds, and bolides! It is a  
>>word also used to describe trans-lunar phenomena (tlp's):  
>>anomalous objects with the particularly peculiar flavor of

<snip>

>>and then leave again. This is not a fiction. It corroborates a  
>>similar report from AeroJet General engineers Lee Graham and Ron  
>>Regehr, who have revealed to the well respected UFO researcher  
>>Don Ecker documents indicating that AeroJet's DSP satellite  
>>system, alone, routinely detects UFOs flying into Earth's  
>>atmosphere from deep space... up to two to three times per  
>>month.

>The DSP satellite is what I think you mean to be the DMSP  
>satellite. I will have to review their sensors, but it seems  
>hard to imagine how their optical data can capture a fast moving  
>bolide or UFO. Perhaps they have other sensors I am not aware  
>of. I do know that I have seen NORAD bolide reports which are  
>infrequent.

>Also, regarding the oddity of bolides(meteors) going back out  
>into space, this is a frequent occurrence simply based on the  
>trajectory of the object. Bolides (meteors) have also been known  
>to change course based on their odd shapes, composition,  
>trajectory and atmospheric density. Corliss lists some good  
>examples.

>Whatever NORAD data has, its not going to give it up unless it  
>is in their interest.

True.

The DSP (Defense Satellite Program) I believe is for detecting  
launches of missiles and has good resolution, fast sensors. It  
primarily views the "limb" of the earth.

The DMSP (Defense Meteorological Satellite Program) is for  
determining weather. The DMSP program uses a "slow" method to  
create pictures, as described at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/DMSP/DMSP.html>

where I have reported on the analysis of strange DMSP image that  
looks like a jet powered car flying above the clouds.

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### Re: Professional Amateurs - Holman

From: **Brett Holman** <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 11:58:28 +1100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:24:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Professional Amateurs - Holman

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 12:11:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Professional Amateurs

>In a practical sense, most Near Earth Objects (NEOs) are  
>discovered by amatuer astronomers in their back yards, and not  
>by professional astronomers at the major telescopes they have  
>available to them. The fact that the "tinkerers" have a voice  
>is nothing new and that's where a lot of revolutionary  
>technology started out. The fact that there are so many amatuer  
>astronomers helps to provide coverage of the immense sky to be  
>examined, and their findings can be quickly verified, so they're  
>in a unique situation to garner respect from professionals.

This used to be the case, but not any more. Professional surveys now discover the majority of NEOs - amateurs just can't match the computing and telescope power available to professional astronomers, who can analyse, in near-real time, gigabytes of data from automated telescopes.

<http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/stats/>

[http://www.bitnik.com/mp/alpo/program\\_introduction.html](http://www.bitnik.com/mp/alpo/program_introduction.html)

The LINEAR project has seems to be the front runner at the moment, with 1622 confirmed NEO discoveries so far, over half the known total.

<http://www.ll.mit.edu/LINEAR/index.html>

But amateurs still have important roles to play in following up these discoveries, and as you say, their sheer numbers (relatively speaking) makes them an invaluable resource for astronomers interested in minor planets, supernovae and variable stars. Astronomy has long been unusual in that regard - there are few sciences where amateurs can still make a real contribution. So it's be a bit misleading to hail an amateur astronomer's discovery of a new nebula (as the article does) as evidence of a "pro-am" revolution - it's nothing new in astronomy.

Having said that, a new nebula is pretty rare in and of itself, and how cool it must have been for Jay McNeil to discover it! There's some background on it here:

[http://spacsun.rice.edu/~has/jay\\_mcneil.htm](http://spacsun.rice.edu/~has/jay_mcneil.htm)

>But in a very real sense, the days of garage development of new  
>technologies is becoming more distant with the high cost of the  
>development process. Unless one is dealing with a completely new  
>technology that is easily manufactured with common materials,  
>it's almost impossible to build it in the garage anymore.  
>That's not to say that ideas won't be developed everywhere from  
>the garage to the boardroom, but the ability to actually test  
>them and put them into practical use will likely take financing  
>and involves investors and bureaucracy.

NEO astronomy is a good example of this! A shame for the

amateurs; though science benefits, obviously.

Brett Holman

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## Re: Professional Amateurs - Holman

From: **Brett Holman** <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 12:23:35 +1100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:24:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Professional Amateurs - Holman

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 16:00:27 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Professional Amateurs

>There's a lot that can be done outside the mainstream. Sometimes  
>the best ideas come from the most unexpected places, and the  
>least likely persons. Remember that relativity was thought up by  
>a crummy student who worked as a civil servant, not a physicist  
>with several degrees and tenure... and not an American.

That's a common misconception. Einstein certainly didn't have  
tenure, but he *was* a physicist with several degrees: a  
teaching diploma awarded in 1900 and, more importantly, his  
doctorate in physics from the University of Zurich, awarded in  
1905, during his annus mirabilis. Well, technically he didn't  
yet have his doctorate when he came up with special relativity -  
but he had already submitted his thesis ("A New Determination  
of Molecular Dimensions", revolutionary in its own right), and  
it was passed before his special relativity paper was published.  
Einstein was certainly something of an outsider, but not quite  
as much as he is sometimes made out to be.

<http://www.aip.org/history/einstein/chron-1905.htm>

Brett Holman

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## Re: Good News For Causality? - Sawers

From: William Sawers <[ufsyntax.nul](mailto:ufsyntax.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 14:23:02 +1000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:26:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Sawers

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 8 Dec 2004 08:33:27 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2004 22:52:12 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 07 Dec 2004 12:02:01 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>>>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>>  
>>>>To: Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 18:13:39 -0800  
>>>>Subject: Good News For Causality

>>>>Physicists in Switzerland have confirmed that information  
>>>>cannot be transmitted faster than the speed of light.

><snip>

>>Actually, the bottom line is, that we don't really have a clue  
>>as to what is really going on!

>My point exactly. When everything you 'know' is likely wrong,  
>maybe we could be a little more 'inclusive' regarding  
>extrapolation into an unknown with a known almost as unknown as  
>the unknown we'd pretend to attempt to identify.

If I may add a little more confusion to this discussion and it  
may not be exactly relative, but I remember reading about a  
unifying theory of interconnectivity which, in its own right  
gives us the very real possibility of "parallel universes"

Called the "String Theory"(?). It looks at small strings, some  
with ends others joined but all vibrating, making the universe  
interconnected with the vibrations like a gigantic orchestra.  
These "strings" are what are between the molecules of all atoms.

Please excuse my ignorance on this matter but it did sound as if  
it was worthy of this thread.

Regards,

William

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## Strange Microwave & Radio Signals In Himalayas

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:35:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:35:38 -0500  
Subject: Strange Microwave & Radio Signals In Himalayas

Source: India Daily

<http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/12-14b-04.asp>

12-14-04

Strange Microwave And Radio Signals Around The Glacier At  
Kailash In India-China Himalayas - Extra Terrestrial Signals?

Lara Mohani  
Special Correspondent

People in deep Himalayas in Chinese territory have recently reported strange microwave and radio signals. The signals are most prominent around a region called Kailash regarded by Hindus for thousands of years as the door to heaven and home of God Shiva. According to tourists and pilgrims the signals are real and no one knows where they are coming from. The region is beautiful and is a difficult place to go. China provides special permission to Indian Hindu pilgrims or the Western tourists.

There is no reason for satellite monitoring in the area. This area is not known as Chinese depository of intercontinental missiles or nuclear arsenals. Some say the strange signals have recently been more prominent due to availability of advanced receivers.

Some say these signals come from below the lake at Kailash. Some say they come from above in the heaven. The natural beauty is so prominent rarely any one wants to come back inspite of lack of oxygen and chilling cold. Other than Antarctic and Arctic regions, this is probably the coldest area of the world. In the middle of that stands a crystal clear lake frozen most of the year.

Around this time there is not much out there. The severe cold makes it impossible for tourists or pilgrims go to Kailash. But some scientists did visit the area earlier in December and reported the strange signals.

It is possible the strange signals are from some kind of hidden Chinese military or space installations. According to local people, Chinese military is silently very active there.

Are these signals from the extra terrestrials. Is there something paranormal going on there? Only more studies and Chinese cooperation can tell us that. But when we talk to Hindu sages and rishis, they smile and say all the unknown to human beings are out there - this is place of spirituality. Kailash, Kedarnath, Badrinath are all Hindu pilgrimages like Mecca for the Muslims.

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## Only White People See Aliens

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:41:16 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:41:16 -0500  
Subject: Only White People See Aliens

Source: The Sun-Sentinel - Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

<http://www.southflorida.com/news/sfl-eslozq3dec15,0,5004712.story?coll=sfe-guide-headlines>

12-15-04

Xzibit: Only White People See Ghosts, Aliens

Hip-hop star Xzibit has a unique theory on the existence of ghosts or aliens - "only white people" encounter such supernatural beings.

The rapper and Pimp My Ride host claims blacks are too busy with other issues to make wild claims about UFOs or spooks.

"Black people don't really see ghosts or aliens. People who see aliens ... they never see them in urban settings. Aliens don't [expletive] with the hood, you never see some brother saying, 'Oh man, and then there were some lights, and it just came down.'"

"[Blacks] don't see aliens, [blacks] don't never see ghosts, either. Black people are dealing with too much.

"I lived in South Central (Los Angeles) and none of them [expletive] dare come this way."

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 08:35:19 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:42:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Groff

>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 14:45:01 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

<snip>

>You cannot expect 'physical evidence' in the case of extra-solar  
>planets! You are surely not suggesting that we have to  
>physically handle one of these in order to verify their  
>existence?

<snip>

Within the context of comparing Astronomical and Ufological  
methodologies, yes.

Physical evidence is what mainstream Astronomy is demanding from  
Ufology yet they do not demand it of themselves.

What's good for the goose.....

Terry

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## Re: Only White People See Aliens - Cammack

From: Diana Cammack <[cammack.nul](mailto:cammack.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 16:47:57 +0200  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 10:04:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Only White People See Aliens - Cammack

>Source: The Sun-Sentinel - Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

><http://www.southflorida.com/news/sfl-eslozq3dec15,0,5004712.story?coll=sfe-guide-headlines>

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<snip>

List,

Someone ought to send him copies of Cynthia Hind's books. And John Mack looked at one of her cases - school kids in rural Zimbabwe. Maybe Africans don't count as 'black' in his scheme of things?

Diana  
Cape Town

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.miller4.nul](mailto:stuart.miller4.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 15:20:25 +0000 (GMT)  
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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 14:45:01 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 10:09:50 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

<snip>

>To suggest that the US government, or any other, could or  
>would suppress such valuable scientific knowledge for decade  
>after decade is absurd. UFOs are a worldwide phenomenon. It  
>would be a great prestige discovery for any country to be the  
>first to announce it.

>The truth is that the hardware simply is not there. Despite  
>this, people continue to insist that it is there but that  
>certain authorities, for some nefarious reason, are  
>withholding it. That is not the scientific method.

One of the novelties and down right amusing side issues of this  
subject is the abject naivete of many on the scientific side.  
Never more succinctly does a message to this List underline the  
complete lack of any awareness of the actual day to day reality  
of the Human condition.

It's absurd that the US government would withhold such valuable  
scientific knowledge? You're English are you not CDA so you'll  
understand sarcasm then.

"OK, lets tell everybody about it and bugger the consequences.  
Possible economic collapse? Rocketing suicide rate? Massive  
increases in mental dysfunction as faith in religion crumbles?  
Deep deperession within the scientific community as it realises  
it knows nothing and now won't be able to discover anything new  
by itself? Terror at the prospect of an invasion? Terror at the  
prospect of malevolent bacterial invasion? The trauma that many  
will feel at the realization that far from being at the top of  
the tree that they're the gallactic equivalent of an ant? Who  
cares!! At least we've got the prestige of announcing all this  
to the world. Wow. Folk will be real grateful."

Forget the test tubes CDA and get in touch with what you are. A  
human being.

Stuart Miller

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## Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light? - Reynolds

From: **Rich Reynolds** <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 10:27:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 11:33:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light? - Reynolds

>From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22.nul](mailto:skyman22.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 06:24:10 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light?

>>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 14:54:27 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Faster Than The Speed Of Light?

>>>From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 14:13:26 -0500  
>>>Subject: Faster Than The Speed Of Light?

>>>Going through by Quality Paperback Book Club Review for  
>>>December, I see a book entitled "Faster than the Speed of Light?  
>>>The Story of a Scientific Speculation" by Joao Magueijo (called  
>>>a brilliant young maverick with an heretical new theory). 288  
>>>pages.

>>It's an interesting and entertaining read, partly because of  
>>Maguijo's acerbic attitude to many of his elders in the physics  
>>community, whom he seems to regard as basically a bunch of  
>>reactionary old farts defending outmoded institutions. However,  
>>the variable-speed-of-light or VSL cosmology that he advocates  
>>(the basic idea is not new and there is a spectrum of related  
>>theories) does not have anything directly to do with quantum  
>>entanglement. Information is a VSL universe still propagates at  
>>the speed of light, but the speed of light in vacuo is allowed  
>>to change over cosmic time.

>I have Joao's book in my home library. If you want to read a paper  
>he wrote on VSL in PDF format, then use this link...

><http://www.cvil.wustl.edu/~dawei/life/astronomy/vsl/9811018.pdf>

Bill:

Thanks very much for the PDF of Albrect's and Majueijo's  
"varying light speed" article.

(I love this stuff.)

Rich Reynolds

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## Re: Good News For Causality? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 15:44:39 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 12:08:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Dickenson

>From: William Sawers <[ufsyntax.nul](mailto:ufsyntax.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 14:23:02 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>If I may add a little more confusion to this discussion and it  
>may not be exactly relative, but I remember reading about a  
>unifying theory of interconnectivity which, in its own right  
>gives us the very real possibility of "parallel universes"

>Called the "String Theory"(?)...

>Please excuse my ignorance on this matter but it did sound as  
>if it was worthy of this thread.

Hi William,

Glad you brought that up. In a way it illustrates how little we  
\_actually\_ know for sure.

Half-ashamed to say I'd carelessly put 'String Theory' in bag of  
"math theories which can't be real" along with Singularity  
("black hole") Theories.

But some good minds are still working on it last time I heard,  
among them Lee Smolin who struck me as having a sharply truthful  
view of the Universe's workings.

In almost total ignorance of the details, so waiting for their  
results - but hopefully in only one of the suggested sixteen or  
so dimensions.

Cheers

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>
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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:56:28 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 12:11:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 14:45:01 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 10:09:50 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

<snip>

Good Day Christopher,

>You cannot expect 'physical evidence' in the case of extra-solar  
>planets! You are surely not suggesting that we have to  
>physically handle one of these in order to verify their  
>existence?

Bingo! Not at all; in fact we don't even have to "see one" for  
Astronomers to "say" they exist. Likewise the same rules apply,  
or at least "should" for "any phenomena" including ET craft.

>There are some discoveries in science for which physical  
>evidence, i.e. hardware, is impossible to produce. (Has anyone  
>ever handled a single electron or an electromagnetic wave).

Exactly my point!

>If ETs are visiting this earth in nuts & bolts spacecraft, we  
>would expect, sooner or later, to be able to lay our hands on  
>one of them.

Although there is ample "evidence we have," the question still  
remains "Why?" How can we deduce "anything alien" using "human  
logic?"

>If this has been going on for thousands of years  
>they may be so perfect in their travels that they never leave  
>any trace of their existence. In this case we on earth will  
>never know they came here; and we can only conjecture.

Any trace!?! Christopher, where have you been?

>If, on the other hand, they are fallible and on occasion leave  
>hardware behind we ought to discover it. Maybe we have  
>overlooked it in the distant past, but we certainly ought not to  
>have missed it were it happening today .

Again, although there is "ample evidence" to suggest that we are  
in possession of "ET crafts" my point is we "don't need  
'hardware,' i.e., 'physical evidence'" to prove it; just as we  
don't need it to "prove the existence of extra-solar planets";  
however, fortunately, opposed to "extra-solar planets" we do  
infact "have physical evidence" in regards to UFOs. (Again I  
don't mean what the military has recovered either).

>If and when we do really lay our hands on the hardware, it may  
>still be a matter for long and acrimonious debate in scientific

>circles, but ultimately the truth will out. See my argument on  
>meteorites.

That argument has been made now for almost 60 years.

>To suggest that the US government, or any other, could or would  
>suppress such valuable scientific knowledge for decade after  
>decade is absurd. UFOs are a worldwide phenomenon. It would be a  
>great prestige discovery for any country to be the first to  
>announce it.

Aye yi yi. Yes, and there was no holocaust, we never left POWs  
behind, Oswald shot Kennedy, we faked the moon landing, we never  
used our own soldiers as test dummies with nuclear  
experiments/explosions, we never tested chemical weapons on our  
own people, the CIA has never plotted against other governments,  
Nixon was true blue, Hoover liked women, we're sending our  
children to Iraq in the name of democracy, and Clinton didn't  
get a blow job in the White House.

I don't mean to be rude Christopher, but I'm beginning to wonder  
if you've just come out of a coma, were/are living on some  
deserted desert island, or all of the above.

>The truth is that the hardware simply is not there. Despite  
>this, people continue to insist that it is there but that  
>certain authorities, for some nefarious reason, are withholding  
>it. That is not the scientific method.

Hmmm... I don't think one can "state what the truth is" unless  
that person has looked at the evidence in support of the fact  
that the "powers-that-be" have "covered-up" information  
pertaining to UFOs--it would seem that you haven't done that yet.  
Separately, as with extra-solar planets or other phenomenon, one  
doesn't have to have it in one's hands for it's validity.

>Likewise the vital documents 'are there' (but withheld). The  
>alien corpses 'are there' (but also withheld), so we are told.

I would suggest you read the "Security Act of 1947" but, oh  
that's right the bulk of it is classified, so you can't read it.  
Although what has been released via FOIA requests is mind  
boggling, what hasn't is even more so; e.g., CAUS's lawsuits,  
and the end result was "heavily redacted documents" and the  
"powers-that-be" initially said they had no information  
pertaining to UFOs- an obvious lie; then after the fact they  
still said, with a "straight face" that there is is no cover-up.  
Oy!

>The awful truth is that we are nowhere near to proving ETH, and  
>until abundant hardware is produced, and verified by the  
>scientific establishment (e.g. National Academy Of Sciences in  
>the US or the Royal Society in the UK or a suitable academy in  
>another country) we never will be.

>CDA

Hardware need not be produced to prove an ETH. An investigation  
by any respected scientific establishment would prove that,  
using the same criterion they would use for any other  
reoccurring "transient phenomena." The only requirement is  
"action!"

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 16:11:51 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 12:13:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

>From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 10:05:07 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:49:03 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>Over my many years of studying UFO reports and trying to analyze  
>>their meaning, the idea has definitely occurred to me more than  
>>once that some of the `altered appearance of the environment'  
>>cases, and some aspects of abduction reports, are suggestive of  
>>altered consciousness as a (partially) explanatory hypothesis as  
>>opposed to other hypotheses.

>>The thought has occurred to me that some exterior Intelligence  
>>has been playing games with our minds, causing us to think weird  
>>things are happening that, in an objectively observable sense,  
>>really are not happening. Talk about a non-falsifiable  
>>hypothesis! It's just a speculation really. Then along came  
>>Alexander D. Mebane. Lex, who died recently, was one of the most  
>>intelligent, gifted thinkers I have ever known. After many  
>>years of accepting the straight ET visitor interpretation, he  
>>came to believe that the entire UFO phenomenon, including  
>>abductions, was staged by "Daemons" who were playing mind games  
>>with us and deliberately leading us to think (falsely) that an  
>>invasion was occurring.

>>Though I do not accept his interpretation entirely, his  
>>arguments for this view are fascinating. I will be publishing  
>>some excerpts of his letters in the next Journal of UFO History  
>>in honor of Lex.

>Aren't the musings of Lex the very same that Jacques Vallee  
>presented in several enlightening books?

Rich,

I don't think so; at least I never got that impression from his  
writings. But then, I found his writings rather murky and  
hyperbolic in latter years. For one thing (out of many), I  
recall that Vallee was strong on the belief that contactee  
groups were being manipulated by sinister forces that were never  
really defined. His views seemed to be very conspiratorial in  
the Earth-based sense.

There may be some overlap, but I don't think it would be to a  
very large degree. Lex's speculations were, I think, far more  
fundamental. Anyway, I hope to publish some of his letters and  
writings some day. Then people can make up their own minds.

- Dick

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 10:27:17 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 12:16:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Lehmberg

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 00:56:22 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 00:20:46 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 18:39:38 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>>Who is being "denounced" as a hybrid? Names, please. I mean,  
>>>>besides George W. Bush and Dick Cheney.

>>>>Two that come to mind: the young student identified as "Raechel"  
>>>>in the case reported in recent issues of MUFON UFO Journal, and  
>>>>the family friend, Mr Paige, described in Bud Hopkins "Sight  
>>>>Unseen" - possibly borderline autistic or suffering from  
>>>>Asperger's Syndrome, but seen by Hopkins as a sinister hybrid.

>>Budd, not Bud, Hopkins. (Not a typo, as John will claim; this is  
>>in fact a fairly common error in Magonian discourse.) Why are  
>>Magonians so resistant to the correct spelling of names?  
>>Christopher Allan is "Christopher Allen," and I've long been  
>>"Jerry Clarke," while David Clarke is, ironically and amusingly,  
>>"David Clark." To cite just four instances that come immediately  
>>to mind.

>It is of course part of a sinister Magonia conspiracy to confuse  
>and confound our opponents by inducing an identity crisis in, as  
>Jerry so nicely puts it, "the point on the top of their heads."

You're the one to say so, Sir, notwithstanding the difficulty  
one experiences in searching for a way with which to disagree.

>>In any event:

>>"Raechel" and "Mr. Paige" are about as nebulous as "Ashtar" and  
>>"Orthon," in other words not much different from the names one  
>>conjures up in dreams, and neither to the point nor to the  
>>question. Since here you're being a literalist and assuming (as  
>>I, being more skeptical than you, am not) that these individuals  
>>actually exist in event-level reality, let's have some specific  
>>human beings with real names and addresses - you know, living,  
>>breathing fellow homo sapiens whose suffering can be documented  
>>and thus shown not to be endured only in the always fervent,  
>>self-righteous imaginings of Magonians. Then we can settle the  
>>issue and not have to rely merely on Rimmer's sinister  
>>inferences. If we can find a "Raechel" with an actual last name  
>>like a normal human being, we can look her up, and those who  
>>have exploited her can be dealt with as sternly as they deserve.  
>>Likewise with "Mr. Paige."

>So having, as you requested, identified two people named in  
>published reports as being "hybrids", Jerry moves the goalposts

>and asks for their real names, addresses and, probably, social  
>security numbers.

In the manner of an increasingly 'falstaffian' swordsman, there are the usual fatuously clever 'Stramazones' and defeated 'Punta Riversas', finished up with a distracting and feeble 'Imbrocatta' of disingenuous sarcasm as pointless as the preceding irrelevant feints and blunted parries. Your power to carry on in the swordplay despite the copious bleeding from thousands of wounds is inspiring, Sir.

>Jerry, if you want to find out "Raechel's" real name I suggest  
>you ask Joan Bilodeaux who wrote her story in MUFON UFO Journal;  
>and if you want to find out who "Mr Paige" really was, I'm sure  
>your friend Budd Hopkins will be happy to give you full details.

A not unclever 'Botta Dritta', Sir, despite its lack of even a paper-edged relevancy. Your preceding languishes into an over-extending 'Botta Lunga' you thought was for effect (and might pay for), then followed by the ineffectual 'Botta Segrete' of sarcastic irrelevancy. Falstaff should stay away from swordplay with Flynn, despite the fact that the best Falstaff can hope for is amusing side-kick. Better grasp that brass ring if it comes around, Sir.

>Of course another way of reading your paragraph above, is that  
>the two people named do not actually exist - oh, sorry, "exist  
>in event-level reality" - and that someone has imagined them.  
>This may well be the case, but spreading the idea that some,  
>perhaps socially marginalised, individuals may be alien-human  
>hybrids has considerable dangers.

The point was is that you won't be the one pronouncing on it, anyway, 'your hack-man-ship'. Seriously, you make it pretty clear how unaware you are of "more to heaven and Earth than is dreamt of in your philosophy" to paraphrase our bard, and more to the point, try to encourage others to your shallow-end-of-the-experiential pool ridiculing those not so larded with outmoded tradition and outdated conventional wisdom that they are comfortable treading in the deeper water.

>>Speaking generally from my point of view: The hybrid claims I've  
>>seen, while certainly curious, do not persuade me. In other  
>>words, I am skeptical in the way that any sensible person who  
>>has not been persuaded would be. At the same time, like anybody  
>>else, I don't know much of anything with certainty, given claims  
>>that so far apparently resist convincingly demonstrated  
>>(ostensibly) orthodox and heterodox explanations, and about  
>>which persons who prefer to confine their pronouncements to what  
>>they can reasonably document tend not to make sweeping  
>>statements. Like the overwhelmingly majority of my fellow  
>>Americans and earthlings, I live my life on the implicit  
>>assumption that alien hybrids do not walk among us and that,  
>>while I occasionally encounter strange individuals, they are  
>>probably not entities in whom unearthly blood courses.

>You might make that assumption Jerry, but I do not think you can  
>speak for others.

That's what "Speaking generally from my point of view..." means, Mr. Rimmer! There is no reason to suspect Mr. Clark of what you would suggest or accuse here. That you do suggest it is a transparent device to put a wedge where there is no justification for a wedge, at all. I know for a fact that Mr. Clark knows credible persons (at least one person) who evaporates your duplicitous intimations and baseless implications with intelligence and alacrity, Sir.

>>>>The idea of mysterious  
>>>>foreigners possessed of supernatural powers trying to infiltrate  
>>>>society is an ancient motif, and one very much encountered in  
>>>>anti-semitic fantasies. But I think you know that already.

>>>>Your point being that abductees, besides being racists, are  
>>>>anti-Semites, too?

>>>The point is that all these "antis" are aspects of a generalised  
>>>fear of "the Other" which is common to human societies,  
>>>worldwide. They are not exclusively American, as Jerry seems to  
>>>be implying.

>>If John read his own magazine, which I gather he doesn't, he

>>would know that Magonians are talking specifically about  
>>Americans, with whom Magonians are obsessed and whose heterodox  
>>views of abductions, UFOs, and anomalies in general occasion  
>>much huffing, puffing, and outraged bloviating. Even Peter  
>>Rogerson had the good grace and intellectual honesty not to  
>>pretend otherwise in our recent exchange.

>The abduction narrative is one that is dominant in today's  
>ufology, and it is largely - though of course by no means  
>exclusively - an American phenomenon.

I think Dr. Mack, Mr. Hopkins, and Dr. Jacobs (et sig al) are  
\_quite\_ clear and in \_ready\_ agreement that \_that\_ is, just, not  
so, Mr. Rimmer, even if it \_is\_ Americans who are  
overrepresented in print. What ever would compel you to \_say\_  
such a thing?

>Naturally most discussion  
>of it in Magonia (and I think there is rather less about it in  
>our pages than you might be leading List readers to believe)

>has concentrated on American cases.

Ha! Mr. Clark points up a single grain of sand on a narrow strip  
of polluted beach, Sir! Moreover, Mr. Clark is  
characteristically and of needs more understated than he needs  
to be, with you, whatever the points of his considered  
implications. As to myself, I'm not restricted to the same kind  
of genteel collegiality. [g].

>However we have also discussed  
>other related instances of phenomena involving deviant social  
>attitudes to outsiders. I would refer you, for instance, to the  
>articles we published some time ago about the "Satanic Abuse"  
>panics. Although many of these cases were reported from America,  
>most of the discussion in Magonia concerned cases in Britain,  
>and the social, political and psychological context in which  
>they ocured in this country.

Even the devil takes a day off from his devilments, Sir.

>>In any event:

>>John's point being that abductees, besides being racists, are  
>>anti-Semites, too?

>>>After a previous discussion on UpDates (vide Archives) a number  
>>>of Americans wrote to me agreeing with me that this is a live  
>>>issue.

>>Always better, of course, to cite (alleged) anonymous sources  
>>than have to produce actual evidence of widespread panic and  
>>attendant extraordinary hallucinations about interracial  
>>children disguised as ETs.

>Jerry, if you think I'm lying about this, please just say so.

Just a little more of that collegiate understated-ness, Mr. Rimmer, no  
worries. Besides, even the devil tells the truth when it suits him, it's  
just "easier to quote anonymous sources" as Mr. Clark very plainly wrote.

...You're likely not a bad man, Mr. Rimmer. You just do bad things. [g].

>As no-one is talking about widespread panic about interracial  
>children disguised at ETs, and your attempt to pretend otherwise  
>smacks of desperation.

The desperation is only in the immediately preceding, Sir. As a  
ready user of sarcasm yourself it is remarkable that you would  
refuse to see its use by another who might even use it a little  
better than you do.

>I am well aware of the racial and ethnic tensions within British  
>society, and I come into contact with some of them during the  
>course of my work. These tensions do have effects in broader  
>society, and do give rise to a variety of irrational beliefs. I  
>refuse to believe that this does not happen in America as well.

I don't see that \_that\_ is readily implicated in your  
opposition's discourse in the first place, Mr. Rimmer, and  
suspect that Mr. Clark feels that aspects of the British social

experience are superior to an equivalent American one, in the second.

>>I take it that John is denying the growing occurrence of  
>>interracial/interethnic/interreligious marriage in America, the  
>>facts notwithstanding (and facts should never, of course, get in  
>>the way of a good Magonian "theory"), and the diminishing  
>>instance of public and private racism in American life (not, as  
>>he preposterously would have it, its total extinction; racism,  
>>sad to say, will be, like any number of other social ills, a  
>>long time getting to that happy place) - also evident to anyone  
>>who cares to educate himself.

>I am not denying the growing occurrence of interracial,  
>interethnic, and interreligious marriage in America. In fact I  
>think statistically Britain has one of the highest rates of such  
>marriages in Europe. However it is naive in the extreme to  
>assume that this is by itself a significant indicator of a  
>reduction in racial tensions within a society.

So you say. A dilettante social scientist in my own right, my  
experience is that it is, indeed, a significant indicator. Your  
glib assessment to the contrary seems ludicrous.

>Indeed, in some  
>cases, it may be the cause of a growth in racial hostility -  
>this is certainly the case in some Asian communities in  
>Britain.

...Gotta look for ways to make love, not war, Mr. Rimmer, which  
is what most persons will do given the opportunity... for all  
your accusations that they might cause the conflict they  
actually erode with their increasing numbers, and decidedly  
not exacerbate, Sir.

>However, as Magonia has never claimed that racial tensions  
>"cause" abductions or that millions of Americas are suffering  
>from "horrificing science fictional hallucinations" as a result,  
>any further discussion on this topic would probably be better  
>conducted on a political or sociological discussion group than a  
>ufological one.

Ha! It was likely only a matter of time! LOL! Besides, relevancy  
is relevant wherever it occurs.

Returning to our lighthearted metaphor of duels and  
swordsmanship, Sir, you debate with an ornamental foil carrying  
an overlarge tip-button. Mr. Clark, on the other hand is  
proficient with a saber, a weapon with a few more moves, layered  
metals, more weight, and (decidedly!) a decisive edge. In other  
words, you're bringing a hat pin to a gun fight, Mr. Rimmer.  
That would be the difference between an authority and an  
authority 'figure', Sir. I'll leave it to you which is which.

Swallow what remains of your honor, and step off the field.

"Ineffable" enough for you?

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## Re: Only White People See Aliens - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 16:33:19 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 12:23:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Only White People See Aliens - Hall

>From: Diana Cammack <[cammack.nul](mailto:cammack.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 16:47:57 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Only White People See Aliens

>>Source: The Sun-Sentinel - Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

>><http://www.southflorida.com/news/sfl-eslozq3dec15,0,5004712.story?coll=sfe-guide-headlines>

>>12-15-04

>>Xzibit: Only White People See Ghosts, Aliens

>>Hip-hop star Xzibit has a unique theory on the existence of  
>>ghosts or aliens - "only white people" encounter such  
>>supernatural beings.

>>The rapper and Pimp My Ride host claims blacks are too busy with  
>>other issues to make wild claims about UFOs or spooks.

>List,

>Someone ought to send him copies of Cynthia Hind's books. And  
>John Mack looked at one of her cases - school kids in rural  
>Zimbabwe. Maybe Africans don't count as 'black' in his scheme of  
>things?

Yes, Mr. Rapper should stick to rapping, or get out in the 'hood  
more often.

I can recall at least four Black abductees that I interviewed in  
past years. (By the way, this came up before and the Archives no  
doubt contain past messages about it.) First off, I don't have  
any special access to Black populations; they sought me out. One  
was a college-educated and very articulate athlete at the  
University of Maryland; one I think was a nurse or nurse's aide;  
one was a poor, terrified inner city girl.

Then, of course, there was Barney Hill.

- Dick

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## Re: UFO Spotted In China - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 11:51:03 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 12:25:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China - Boone

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 11:37:17 -0400  
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 11:47:27 EST  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted In China

>>>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 05:24:31 -0600  
>>>Subject: UFO Spotted In China

>>>Source: Mid Day News - Mumbai, India

>>><http://ww1.mid-day.com/news/world/2004/december/99305.htm>

>>>12-13-04

>>>UFO spotted in China: Report  
>>>By: AFP

>>>Beijing: An unidentified flying object, or UFO, passed across  
>>>the large northwestern Chinese city of Lanzhou and apparently  
>>>exploded in the suburbs, state media said today.

>>>The unusual sighting of two bright trails of light, reported by  
>>>several witnesses, took place Saturday shortly before midnight,  
>>>the China Times reported.

>>>Police, working on the theory that it was a meteorite, went to  
>>>investigate the matter, but as of today they had found no  
>>>evidence of what caused the nightly phenomenon, an officer said.

>>>It's good that the folks in China are letting a story like this  
>>>out without the usual sloppy reporting done in the west.

><snip>

>>Just one. I'd like just one other government to come forward  
>>and speak it's piece. Just up and say it is under pressure not  
>>to talk about UFOs because the U.S. is some hovering bully  
>>afraid to let the secret out.

>>Ain't gonna happen cause there ain't no wolf in grandma's bed.

>Surely we all recognize that all governments have a vested  
>interest in not publicizing the reality of alien visitations?  
>People would think of themselves as earthlings instead of Brits,  
>Chinese, Peruvian and all the other nationalistic labels  
>currently in vogue. No country wants its citizens to owe their  
>allegiance to the planet instead of to that government.  
>Nationalism is the only game in town so far as I can see.

I dunno about that. That's painting every world leader and  
government with a broad brush and categorizing them in a role of



flunky or henchmen to the U.S. That's a bit degrading to them I'm sure and I for one wouldn't say that to them in a crowded bar. To assume such a disclosure would unite humanity is, just that. Unless there's something you know you've yet to disclose to us :) It's been tens of thousands of years and to this day no one wants to be friends with one another. I don't think we'd have a knee-jerk reaction to suddenly start making with the Coka Cola "I'd like to teach the world to sing..." holding hands and singing commercial thing. People don't like each other. Plain and simple. None of the governments today agree on anything without a fight or lengthy debate. If some brave soul did come forward and admitted the coverup, I'm sure the various factions of the world would claim ownership to the aliens and use that as a motivator to hate some more. I can see it now, the Palestinians say the aliens are their ancestors. The Israelis counter claiming descendency. Then comes in the religions as if things weren't bad enough. Next sports teams will claim alien divinity. Probably end up with a donnybrook to really validate Darwin.

>There is a ton of eyewitness testimony, radar info,  
>pictures, videos, physical trace cases... one might say all  
>circumstantial. So was the evidence against Scott Peterson  
>concerning his murder of his wife and unborn child. He just got  
>the death penalty.

Sure there's a ton of evidence. More than a ton I'd say. I wouldn't say circumstantion to all, I'm willing to give the benefit of the doubt to ever changing technologies of investigation and validation. As for that nonsensical Scott Peterson trial, it's typical of the California legal system. A review of ethics and standards are long overdue. Hint :)

>Remember that during the cold war both the USSR and the US kept  
>quiet about all the airmen lost to intervention by the other.  
>The Soviets knew U-2 spy planes were flying over their country.  
>They said nothing publicly until Gary Powers' plane was shot  
>down.

Yes, many secrets were kept but not 'all' secrets were kept. something as supposedly widespread and long term as the UFO issue is either the worst kept secret of all time yet as unvalidated by official sources or it's the best case of mental illness since people reported seeing pink elephants. There's no way in heck every government, news agency, police agency, military, doctors, lawyers, ex-wives, hookers, jilted beaus, our grandmas could all shut up equally globally! There's no way you nor anyone can convince me of this most efficient duplicity for 50 years? That's gotta be the best kept secret since the recipe for Col. Sanders' extra crispy chicken! And he wasn't even a real colonel! I'd shudder to think a fast food franchise has better security than our own military. Keeping some secrets are a given. Keeping all secrets is just not realistic. Keeping this so-called UFO thing a super tight secret for 50 years is the most absurd thing I've been asked to engage in.

>All this talk about wanting scientists involved.. I would rather  
>have people accustomed to dealing with witness testimony,  
>physical traces etc, like cops, detectives, forensic  
>investigators. Is an astronomer or an artist better at describing  
>a bank robber? The problem with astronomers, physicists,  
>chemists etc. is that they are accustomed to being able to  
>control the variables or at least to be sure that an  
>intelligence isn't involved. How about the NTSB investigators  
>when it comes time to evaluating testimony and traces??

I'm all for that! Getting real people involved and professionals. Reminds me of the science programs of the 60's and early 70s when scientist's got in there with us kids and adults and we had a ball having fun with science. Law enforcement is spread thin. Their priorities right now are keeping us away from each other's throats. Since far too many UFO stories involve the alleged misuse of technologies, airspace, seaspace and homespace invasion the cops had better be hatted and equipped. Yet I know far too many a cop who has to pay for his or her own gear! Can you imagine that? We can arm millions of foreign troops but our own flesh and blood and neighbor who decides to serve their community has to buy their own gear?

We've got to look at what stages we're at with this UFO stuff.



There are levels of progression, gradients that must be achieved so that there's some solid ground to stand on til the next step.

Is there something being reported? Yes.

Is it continuing to be reported despite investigation? Yes.

Are the demographics of the reporting widespread? Yes.

Is there resistance by those appointed or elected to investigate and represent the people? Yes.

What level of resistance is this? Does it manifest itself in threats, violence, murder? Yes.

How widespread is this resistance?

In all fairness I'd say we're near the top of this pyramid but we still lack physical evidence of magnitude. So in all fairness we can't espouse resistance of magnitude.

Sure, there's something going on, people get threatened, but to say it's a global cabal of the highest efficiency is nonsense squared.

We're too ready to accept if a government or official were to blab out that aliens exist etc. but when they counter 'nothing unusual, probably some U.S. secret project' we won't believe them no matter how extensive and professional their investigation.

There are far too many people and means of communication today than ever before. Somebody somewhere is going to spill the beans.

Either in favor of or in contrary to.

Best,

Greg

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>Source: The Sun-Sentinel - Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

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Oh so I guess this guy never heard of 'Barney Hill'.

I guess all those people from Africa who starred in all those  
biblical texts were just having flashbacks from reading too many  
comic books.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Sandow

From: "Greg Sandow" <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 12:38:44 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 15:16:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Sandow

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 00:56:22 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 00:20:46 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

<snip>

>I am well aware of the racial and ethnic tensions within British  
>society, and I come into contact with some of them during the course of  
>my work. These tensions do have effects in broader society, and do give  
>rise to a variety of irrational beliefs. I refuse to believe that this  
>does not happen in America as well.

<snip>

>However, as Magonia has never claimed that racial tensions "cause"  
>abductions or that millions of Americas are suffering from "horrrifying  
>science fictional hallucinations" as a result, any further discussion  
>on this topic would probably be better conducted on a political or  
>sociological discussion group than a ufological one.

But skeptics have often used social problems to "explain"  
widespread UFO and abduction reports.

If you ask me, the whole thing is - to use hiphop talk, in honor  
of our rapper ufologist - wack. Sure, there are racial tensions  
in America (and elsewhere). Sure, these are involved with fear  
of the "other." Sure, this all plays into anti-semitism, and  
other uglinesses. Sure, it also may affect attitudes to aliens,  
real or imaginary.

But at the same time, there can be real threats from outside.  
Americans may - and in fact do - have irrational fears of dark-  
skinned outsiders. But some outsiders really did attack us on  
9/11. This doesn't validate the irrational fears. But it does  
show that irrational fears, and the social trends wrapped up in  
the them, are one thing, and that real events are nonetheless  
real. We might have all kinds of irrational fears and fantasies  
involving aliens - and in spite of that, real aliens might very  
well be here.

Happy holidays, everyone.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 19:51:24 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 15:20:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Allan

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 08:40:54 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 12 Dec 2004 13:20:42 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>Still -- Is there quality information with regard to UFOs that  
>is 'hidden' from the rank and file individual? Almost certainly!  
>The huge volume of \_extant\_ evidence is of a quality that cannot  
>be forever ignored... even by Mr. Rimmer and his coterie of  
>constipated 'klasskurtzian' cronies.

>Yes, 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 more real than  
>not... 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 \_some\_, like Mr. Rimmer, to face the highly  
>strange music that just cannot be \_forever\_ ignored and  
>marginalized... Does the information available justify attention  
>by the mainstream to perform a more 'in depth' investigation of  
>UFOs and an abduction phenomena? Absolutely!

So we have the following quoted evidence:

1. Quality anecdotal evidence
2. Vetted photographic evidence
3. Documented historical evidence
4. Serious artistic evidence
5. Available physical evidence
6. Conclusively personal evidence (compellingly buttressing 1 to 5)

This would indeed constitute unassailable proof of UFO reality,  
if they all existed. I don't dispute any of items 1, 3, 4, 6,  
apart from the word "compellingly".

But I am particularly interested in item 5.

Please quote which UFO case provides "available physical  
evidence". I presume you mean actual hardware, available for  
scientists to study. (Physical evidence allegedly held in  
custody, e.g. under wraps, does not constitute "available"  
evidence).

Also examples of item 2 would be useful. Which ones did you have  
in mind? And who did the vetting? Please, no Mexican camcorder  
stuff!

"Klasskurtzian"? Isn't this (almost) the name of a Russian  
composer?

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## Part 2 Of Are We Alone?

From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 14:38:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 15:22:43 -0500  
Subject: Part 2 Of Are We Alone?

Our guy Shane has put Part 2 of the BBC show "Are We Alone?" online for UFO UpDaters (with broadband, preferably) - saying that his server-site has gotten and is still getting lots of hits (viewers) of Part 1, which was provided earlier...

Here's the link for Part 2:

<http://www.reasonablehosting.com/rrrgroup/wsdk02.html>

Rich Reynolds

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## Secrecy News -- 12/16/04

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 15:51:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 08:50:00 -0500  
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### CIA REMOVES RECORDS FROM NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The Central Intelligence Agency has been unilaterally removing records from public collections in the National Archives, according to the minutes of a September 2004 meeting of the State Department Historical Advisory Committee that were approved for release this week.

The Advisory Committee oversees the production of the official State Department publication Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS).

A State Department official noted that "the practice of submitting an entire FRUS manuscript to the CIA [for review] had resulted in the reclassification of documents located at the National Archives...."

"CIA reviewers... claimed the right to remove documents from the open files that, in their view, had never been 'properly declassified'."

The meeting minutes include a number of other notable historical nuggets, such as: "The CIA History staff will soon publish [sic] a classified study on DCI John McCone."

A copy of the minutes of the September 2004 meeting of the State Department Historical Advisory Committee is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/advisory/state/hac0904.html>

### COURT: HABEAS CORPUS EXTENDS TO U.S. DETAINEES ABROAD

A federal court today delivered a firm rebuff to the Bush Administration, rejecting its claim that a U.S. citizen detained abroad but under some measure of U.S. control cannot invoke habeas corpus to challenge the legality of his detention.

"The position advanced by the [Bush Administration] is sweeping," the court declared.

"The authority sought would permit the executive, at his discretion, to deliver a United States citizen to a foreign country to avoid constitutional scrutiny, or, as is alleged and to some degree substantiated here, work through the intermediary of a foreign country to detain a United States citizen abroad."



"The Court concludes that a citizen cannot be so easily separated from his constitutional rights," wrote Judge John D. Bates in the case Omar Abu Ali v. John Ashcroft. Abu Ali is an American citizen held in Saudi Arabia on suspicion of terrorist ties.

The December 16 ruling by Judge Bates is posted here:

<http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/04-1258.pdf>

#### JUSTICE DEPT INSPECTOR GENERAL ON POLYGRAPH USE

The Justice Department Office of Inspector General elaborated a bit on its review of polygraph testing in the Department, which has led to an ongoing "extensive evaluation" of the practice.

See "Department's Use of Polygraph Examinations" in the latest Semi-Annual Report to Congress on this page:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/semiannual/0411/multi.htm>

Elsewhere in the new Report, the IG referred to a Secret 100-page report on allegations by FBI contract linguist Sibel Edmonds and said: "We are currently working with the Department in an attempt to produce an unclassified version of the report that can be publicly released."

See "Allegations Raised by Contract Linguist" on this page:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/semiannual/0411/fbi.htm>

#### PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM AWARDED

Pope John XXIII. Rosa Parks. Martin Luther King, Jr. Certainly. But George Tenet? Tommy Franks? Paul Bremer?

All of them are recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award the nation has to offer.

The last three were selected by President Bush, who honored them this week in what appears to be a preemptive political strike in defense of the war in Iraq.

All that remains to be said is that if the three new awardees deserve the highest possible praise for implementing the President's war in Iraq, then the President himself must be beyond all praise.

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

#### SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION FROM THE COAST GUARD

It may be that there is a practical limit to the amount of information that the government can effectively control -- a sort of law of conservation of secrecy -- and that beyond that limit the would-be secret information simply dribbles out.

That possibility is suggested by a Coast Guard document on maritime security regulations which may be protected by law but that is also available to anyone on the world wide web.

Each page of the document is marked "Sensitive Security Information" (SSI) and states that it is "controlled under 49 CFR parts 15 and 1520."

In fact, the document is not sensitive, and several specific items of SSI have been removed from the online version.

But arguably the remainder may still constitute SSI -- who is to say it doesn't? -- and the warning on each page insists: "No part of this record may be disclosed to persons without a 'need to know'."

Furthermore, "Unauthorized release may result in civil penalty or other action."

Read it here (thanks to RT):

<http://www.uscg.mil/d7/units/mso-jax/AMS/4000.pdf>

or here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/marsec.pdf>

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>>constipated 'klasskurtzian' cronies.

>>Yes, 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 more real than  
>>not... 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 \_some\_, like Mr. Rimmer, to face the highly  
>>strange music that just cannot be \_forever\_ ignored and  
>>marginalized... Does the information available justify attention  
>>by the mainstream to perform a more 'in depth' investigation of  
>>UFOs and an abduction phenomena? Absolutely!

>So we have the following quoted evidence:

- >1. Quality anecdotal evidence
- >2. Vetted photographic evidence
- >3. Documented historical evidence
- >4. Serious artistic evidence
- >5. Available physical evidence
- >6. Conclusively personal evidence (compellingly buttressing 1 to 5)

>This would indeed constitute unassailable proof of UFO reality,  
>if they all existed. I don't dispute any of items 1, 3, 4, 6,  
>apart from the word "compellingly".

Somehow, Sir, I don't suspect you'd be significantly compelled  
by a UFO blowing its honey-sump into the boot of your weekend  
runabout.

>But I am particularly interested in item 5.

Particularly?

>Please quote which UFO case provides "available physical  
>evidence". I presume you mean actual hardware, available for  
>scientists to study. (Physical evidence allegedly held in  
>custody, e.g. under wraps, does not constitute "available"  
>evidence).

Your definition of 'physical' is decidedly narrow Mr. Allan,  
perhaps even conveniently so. Thin as tissue paper pressed in a

buxom hooker's cleavage, Sir. I don't think you have a proper grasp on what physical evidence is at all.

But, as there seems a deepening dearth of available beamships, hyperdrives, and atomic disruptor pistols ongoing at present, I can only suggest you contact the "A" list researchers you likely already know about, and read up more on the subject yourself. That ground has been, abundantly, well trod by:

Ted Phillips  
Stanton Friedman  
Richard Hall

This short list of persons can take you well down the road to more intelligent questions, Sir. Others may chime in to answer your exceptionally sincere concerns. There seems to be abundant trace evidence, Mr. Allan. Thousands of cases. I promise not to get excited if you don't get excited.

>Also examples of item 2 would be useful. Which ones did you have  
>in mind? And who did the vetting? Please, no Mexican camcorder  
>stuff!

[slapping knee] Ah mirth, eh? Besides, [s] I know just how 'undependable' those Mexicans can be [/s].

>"Klasskurtzian"? Isn't this (almost) the name of a Russian  
>composer?

Yes. [slapping knee again]

That dry British humor... subtle as a hot kiss at the end of a dusty fist, or a fresh peach in a bucket of dehydrated meat. Dry as droll troll droppings. There are, almost, tears in my eyes. They must have already evaporated in the dessicant of your old-world wit.

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### Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 23:05:30 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 08:57:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Allan

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:56:28 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 14:45:01 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>To suggest that the US government, or any other, could or would  
>>suppress such valuable scientific knowledge for decade after  
>>decade is absurd. UFOs are a worldwide phenomenon. It would be a  
>>great prestige discovery for any country to be the first to  
>>announce it.

>Aye yi yi. Yes, and there was no holocaust, we never left POWs  
>behind, Oswald shot Kennedy, we faked the moon landing, we never  
>used our own soldiers as test dummies with nuclear  
>experiments/explosions, we never tested chemical weapons on our  
>own people, the CIA has never plotted against other governments,  
>Nixon was true blue, Hoover liked women, we're sending our  
>children to Iraq in the name of democracy, and Clinton didn't  
>get a blow job in the White House.

Diversionary arguments. The US government has never said there was no holocaust, nor that it faked the moon landings. The US may tell a few lies; therefore, using ufological logic, it tells lies about UFO hardware and risks some other country getting in first with the great news. A likely scenario! Even Bush & Rumsfeld are not that stupid.

By the way, which "children" were sent to Iraq?

Clinton's fellatio? Perhaps it was actually done by an ET and he cannot reveal this. Monica was a phony.

>I don't mean to be rude Christopher, but I'm beginning to wonder  
>if you've just come out of a coma, were/are living on some  
>deserted desert island, or all of the above.

No. I just do not accept the conspiracy thesis. There is no UFO hardware in the hands of the US government or any other government. I have read an awful lot, too much, on this dotty idea. But it is always a good cop-out, by those who cannot lay their hands on the real evidence (and probably never will), to claim the authorities have it, isn't it?

>>The truth is that the hardware simply is not there. Despite  
>>this, people continue to insist that it is there but that  
>>certain authorities, for some nefarious reason, are withholding  
>>it. That is not the scientific method.

>Hmmm... I don't think one can "state what the truth is" unless  
>that person has looked at the evidence in support of the fact  
>that the "powers-that-be" have "covered-up" information  
>pertaining to UFOs--it would seem that you haven't done that yet.  
>Separately, as with extra-solar planets or other phenomenon, one  
>doesn't have to have it in one's hands for it's validity.

See above. I have looked at this evidence ad nauseam.

>>Likewise the vital documents 'are there' (but withheld). The  
>>alien corpses 'are there' (but also withheld), so we are told.

>I would suggest you read the "Security Act of 1947" but, oh  
>that's right the bulk of it is classified, so you can't read it.  
>Although what has been released via FOIA requests is mind  
>boggling, what hasn't is even more so; e.g., CAUS's lawsuits,  
>and the end result was "heavily redacted documents" and the  
>"powers-that-be" initially said they had no information  
>pertaining to UFOs- an obvious lie; then after the fact they  
>still said, with a "straight face" that there is is no cover-up.  
>Oy!

Whose mind is it boggling? Certainly not mine.

>>The awful truth is that we are nowhere near to proving ETH, and  
>>until abundant hardware is produced, and verified by the  
>>scientific establishment (e.g. National Academy Of Sciences in  
>>the US or the Royal Society in the UK or a suitable academy in  
>>another country) we never will be.

>Hardware need not be produced to prove an ETH. An investigation  
>by any respected scientific establishment would prove that,  
>using the same criterion they would use for any other  
>reoccurring "transient phenomena." The only requirement is  
>"action!"

Yes, hardware will have to be produced if ETH is to be finally  
proven. The UFO evidence so far has not convinced science of ETH  
in the slightest. You ought to realise that by now. Therefore,  
as with meteorites, the hardware is absolutely necessary. Then,  
and only then, will the said "action" occur.

I am bowing out of this debate. But my mind is far from boggled.  
You may well have the last word.

Happy seasonal greetings anyway,

CDA

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## Re: Alien Abductions - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 17:32:52 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 08:58:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - King

>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 19:51:24 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 08:40:54 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

<snip>

>"Klasskurtzian"? Isn't this (almost) the name of a Russian  
>composer?

Hi Christopher,

I know this was in jest, but... <g>

Actually, I would categorize a Klasskurtzian as more of a  
'Rushin' (de)composer', as in one who hastily breaks down a  
posited UFO experience into tedious arguments with feigned  
authority, in the hope of finding some point... any point... by  
which to mount a contrary argument. This is done as a public  
service... to allow the cattle to sleep easier.

I have never been very impressed with Mr. Klass' brand of  
investigation, but I am impressed by his adherence to it in  
light of the weakness of many of his assertions.

He is far more famous than he is authoritative.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Professional Amateurs - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 17:42:09 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 09:05:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Professional Amateurs - King

>From: Brett Holman <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 12:23:35 +1100  
>Subject: Re: Professional Amateurs

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 16:00:27 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Professional Amateurs

>>There's a lot that can be done outside the mainstream. Sometimes  
>>the best ideas come from the most unexpected places, and the  
>>least likely persons. Remember that relativity was thought up by  
>>a crummy student who worked as a civil servant, not a physicist  
>>with several degrees and tenure... and not an American.

>That's a common misconception. Einstein certainly didn't have  
>tenure, but he *was* a physicist with several degrees: a  
>teaching diploma awarded in 1900 and, more importantly, his  
>doctorate in physics from the University of Zurich, awarded in  
>1905, during his annus mirabilis. Well, technically he didn't  
>yet have his doctorate when he came up with special relativity -  
> but he had already submitted his thesis ("A New Determination  
>of Molecular Dimensions", revolutionary in its own right), and  
>it was passed before his special relativity paper was published.  
>Einstein was certainly something of an outsider, but not quite  
>as much as he is sometimes made out to be.

><http://www.aip.org/history/einstein/chron-1905.htm>

Hi Brett,

Thanks for the primer. As I am a product of the public school  
system, I should have known that what I was taught about  
Einstein was mostly bunk.

Thanks also for the admission which formed my point, which was  
that he was not a member of 'mainstream science'... not yet  
anyway. This evidenced by the fact that he had such trouble  
finding employment as a physicist that he not only took a job at  
the patent office, but questioned his own desire to be a  
physicist.

His suspicions and laments about public schooling are notable,  
because our own system of public education is based on the same  
system he decried.

I appreciate the link as well... very informative.

Best Regards,

Kyle



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## Re: Part 2 Of Are We Alone? - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 18:29:58 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 09:25:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: Part 2 Of Are We Alone? - Lehmborg

>From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 14:38:36 -0500  
>Subject: Part 2 of Are We Alone?

>Our guy Shane has put Part 2 of the BBC show "Are We Alone?"  
>online for UFO UpDaters (with broadband, preferably) - saying  
>that his server-site has gotten and is still getting lots of  
>hits (viewers) of Part 1, which was provided earlier...

>Here's the link for Part 2:

><http://www.reasonablehosting.com/rrrgroup/wwsdk02.html>

What a great show, despite going a little overboard on  
portraying ourselves as the crown of complicated creation... the  
stars were nicely typified and illustrated... wonderful and  
compelling production values... you really felt the stars and  
their dark matter cousins.

The stars reminded me about this property I've noticed about  
them regarding their roll in the production of matter.

Submitted for your consideration, then:

~~~~~

God is Iron

I have to talk about some stuff that you can hold in your hand.
It's an element of metal near as common as mere sand. It's as
well known as it's common - it's thought vulgar, even crude. Oh
sure, it changed your history, caused some pain, and grew your
food.

It's been simmered into plowshares. It's been pounded into
swords. It's used for span in bridges over valley, bay, and
gorge. It's cannon, gun, and printing press; it's built our
structures high - so high they sway in winds they make while
scratching at the sky.

It made its mark in history. It's even named an age; it's called
the "Age of Iron" as it's written on your page.

For all its notoriety it is humble now these days, not respected
and forgotten, but it's wrought in charming ways. Forgotten is
the 'magic' of the way that it is made; this element of IRON
earns respect it's not been paid.

And yes it is, pure, magic. It's a miracle that's made where
there's something GOT for nothing. Yes! Nothing's what's been
paid!

The eggheads walk around it, gloss it over, and pretend that the
physics are beyond us, just at present, they'd contend. Do they
miss the bigger picture in this rage of their denial? Does one
plus one make three with iron? Is shock that harsh and final?
One and one makes three (!) with iron? It's heresy I speak! A

free lunch that's immoral and offensive (?) - it can't BE!

Conversely, it's this miracle that's the provenance of all, from ships to shoes to sealing wax to cabbages ...and balls. You owe it your existence; it produces all you are. You owe it your reality; it's the stuff you keep in jars. You owe it your survival; it's the draftsman of your dreams. It's iron that's the cause of every thing that cools or steams. It's the reason that there's cobalt, or there's nickel, copper - zinc. It's the reason for selenium, or a silver kitchen sink. A creator of ALL after it, this womb of stellar fusion, it's here is where the magic's made. I assure it's no illusion.

Iron's cooked up in a star. It's the 'last' thing made by fusion. It's here the magic shall occur, the result of a confusion. It takes a star of monstrous size and burning very brightly to degenerate the nuclides that combine for iron, nicely. Stuff is fused together for a particle of iron. One plus one makes two you'd think (?) - but watch the magic happen. The iron is more special than the stuff that made it up! One plus one is **more** than two; it's fact, you look it up! What is changed (?) in property (?) exceeding sums of parts? What cosmic free lunch 'happening' makes the life-force gets its start?

How does iron cool the star, and suck up all its fire? The star begins to fall into itself, and 'gods' conspire! The star shrinks in contraction towards the center of a point! The acceleration's hellish and real time slows out of joint. A point is reached where it gets hot - many billions of degrees, protons and electrons fuse neutrinos - cosmic sleet! This rain of fierce neutrinos bastes the iron fusion made, and all remaining elements are produced as iron's braised!

...And then comes the explosion that the physics must demand. The star blows up and scatters all its contents - understand? And from the gas and chunks of rock, and iron bits galore, new suns are born to light the sky - around them planets form.

On these planets carbon stews, and seeded from the sky, the life that's all around us starts to live, evolve, and try.

It's happened out of nowhere, a result of iron's creed, and so explains these words you saw - a gift to 'you', from 'me'. What's this to do with UFO's? Well, iron's made them, too. They're closer to the answer, to that 'free lunch' I construe. They've likely watched it happen, put the process to their use - understand its implication, and so play it... fast and loose.

Something comes from nothing, and the proof's in singing stars. Iron's in the magic that is made to color Mars. The redness of the dirt is such to teach us, as it must, that it may be we spin our wheels to work for dross and dust. If iron is the way it's done in every place but here, then it may be... we work to hard to stay this course we steer.

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Iron is still a pretty light element lowly positioned in a periodic table we humans use, perhaps, to help reinforce our infuriatingly pathetic, but arrogant, and obstinately maintained ignorance. Beyond the frontiers of the beginnings of that ignorance silicon fuses with other elements to produce the noble iron in stars bigger than human imagination. Forgetting its awesome potential in a, still, magic magnetism, iron has an elusive quality of seminal foundationalism that may not be appreciated.

As iron is produced in these numbingly monstrous stars, its ability to suck up ambient heat goes up exponentially, causing an implosion, and then a titanic explosion transcending time, space, and imagination. It is in this explosion that all the rest is brought into being - all that is known and unknown, all that was, is, and will be.

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## More On Our UFO Clippings Booklet

From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 22:19:04 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 09:28:16 -0500  
Subject: More On Our UFO Clippings Booklet

We have mailed our UFO clipping booklet to Richard W.B. and Paul M.B Friday, 12/17.

And we have about 50 left.

Some UFO UpDaters tell us they really enjoy the clippings, even without dates.

Rich Reynolds

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Rogerson

From: Peter Rogerson <[progerson.nul](mailto:progerson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 16:46:11 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:07:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Rogerson

>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 12:42:18 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:03:51 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

<snip>

>>>Some have already been carried out and I'm sure we are all  
>>eagerly awaiting the results of the experiments briefly  
>>mentioned by Dick Hall.

>Indeed. But one can hardly fail to note the results aren't even  
>in yet and already we've seen an outbreak of defensiveness from  
>the usual suspects. Mr Rogerson even went so far as to impose an  
>additional condition in advance, that the results should be  
>replicated by "non-Ufologists". Presumably he believes that  
>Ufologists are more likely to produce positive results, from  
>which it presumably follows that Non-Ufologists are more likely  
>to produce negative results. Apart from the implications of  
>having researchers vetted for "ideological soundness", this has  
>the interesting effect that if his own premise is actually  
>correct, he's hedged himself into a position which is completely  
>unfalsifiable.

>In any case, I will use my uncanny paranormal powers to predict  
>the following - whatever the outcome of the study, it will lead  
>to an almighty argument over methodology, after which everyone  
>will go back to believing what they believed already.

<snip>

Why are you defensive about independent replication by  
disinterested parties? You are of course right that I would no  
more take on trust the results of an abduction study by  
ufologists than I would take on trust a report on global warming  
by Halliburton or a study of a new alleged wonder drug  
undertaken solely by people employed by the manufacturers

Peter Rogerson

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## Re: Only White People See Aliens - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 09:11:25 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:10:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Only White People See Aliens - Rudiak

>Xzibit: Only White People See Ghosts, Aliens

>Hip-hop star Xzibit has a unique theory on the existence of  
>ghosts or aliens - "only white people" encounter such  
>supernatural beings.

>The rapper and Pimp My Ride host claims blacks are too busy with  
>other issues to make wild claims about UFOs or spooks.

Yeah, and even after seeing "UFOs or spooks," white guys still  
can't jump.

Next racial stereotype please.

David Rudiak

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## HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 12-17-04

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research** <[hbccufo.nul](mailto:hbccufo.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 09:12:49 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:14:33 -0500  
Subject: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 12-17-04

HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings

Release Date: December 17, 2004

Important notice from HBCC UFO Research. I am on a new host for the website at a brand new website address.

Please bookmark:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/index.php>

There will be a re-direct from my old website address very soon. But as it stands now HBCC UFO Research is now relocated to .org

Aroostook, New Brunswick A Orange-Reddish Circular Object

Date: July 1997  
Time: 10:30 p.m.

My friend and I were out on her porch on a Saturday night in July. We were stoned on pot, and outside having a cigarette and talking. A large, orange-reddish circular object, the size and brilliance of the moon, had been just above the tree-line behind her house and in plain view for most of the time we were talking. What's amazing, is neither of us thought it was out of the ordinary that it be there hanging and "observing" us, until moments later, right before it sunk below the tree line, we both looked at each other like "hey...that's not supposed to be there!"...why it never occurred to us before, and why it suddenly occurred to us at the same time that it was not natural or normal, I have no idea. No sound, shaped like the full Moon, about the same size as the full Moon. Its worth mentioning that it appeared to be very close and not too far up in the sky.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

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Aroostook, New Brunswick A Reddish-Orangish Circle

Date: Halloween Eve of 1998  
Time: 10:30 p.m.

I was at a small bar out in the woods for a costume party. A group of four of us were out on the porch smoking, two men and two women. The two women (myself and the other woman) I guess were compelled to look up to the sky while the men continued talking. We both saw a reddish-orangish circle, the size of the full Moon or maybe slightly bigger, it was stationary in the sky, and eventually blinked out. No falling like a meteorite or anything like that. No sound either. It appeared to be very close and not way up in the sky. I should also add that this sighting took place extremely close to the other one from 1997, about 1/4 mile distance if that. Both were over and near the same river and the same hydro-electric dam. I don't know why but I've always connected both of the sightings to that river and that dam which are part of the Tobique First Nations Indian

Reserve.

The 1998 sighting was later confirmed by my aunt, a local high school teacher, whose dog was outside tied up and barking, She went out to see her dog and caught a look at the red thing in the sky, she was a kilometer or so away from where I was but viewed it at the same time, 10:30 pm and described it the same.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

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Amarillo, Texas 100 Miles East A Bright Glow

Date: January 16, 2004  
Time: 9:00 p.m.

Location of Sighting: About 100 miles west of Amarillo, TX. Just North of=  
I-40  
Number of witnesses: 2  
Number of objects: 2  
Shape of objects: Orb

Full Description of event/sighting: My wife and I were returning from Arkansas to Arizona via I-40. About 100 miles or so east of Amarillo, TX we started seeing a bright glow that was emanating towards the sky. It kind of reminded us of the glow you would see from a city like Las Vegas from miles away as you approach it. For 30 or 40 miles we studied the area where the glow came from. We also noticed that it changed colors a few times. We never actually saw it directly, because it came from behind a hill. We really did not think that was a big deal until we became parallel to it on the freeway.

My wife did not believe in UFO's until that evening. All of a sudden she looked over at me. I was driving. She said, "What is that?". About the time she said that I saw a big glowing light with my peripheral vision to my left. I felt like it was no more than 10 feet away. It was a little foggy and the light really glowed in the fog. This all happened within about 10 seconds. The orb started appearing and re-appearing at about 3 or 4 different locations. It reappeared at about 210 degrees to us behind the fence about 80 feet away. It then reappeared directly behind us. These were all instant movements. We couldn't see it in motion.

After thinking about it for quite awhile, I told my wife that I believe the glowing lights behind the hill was a craft that had landed and the glowing orbs were some kind of probe.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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North Bay, Ontario Boomerang Craft

Date: November 29th, 2004  
Time: 3:45 a.m.

My husband and I woke up around 3:30 a.m. in the morning. All was pitch dark and quiet outside, as the city is a bit of a bible belt and the shuts down on Sundays pretty much.

We both lay beside each other in darkness, quiet, not speaking to each other just relaxing. A minute or so had passed, and I began to hear giggling/singing coming from outside our window, sounded like little children right outside our front door. I didn't say anything. It lasted about 6 seconds, but I'm laying there wondering "What are little children doing up in the streets at this hour in the morning?" not possible, I thought. But before I could sort out my thoughts, I heard my husband quietly call my name. He summoned me to peak out of a small opening in our bedroom window, which was covered in blinds except for small area in which you could see a very limited and small portion of the night sky.

It was a green glowing light, and behind the light you could see a distinct shape, it was grey in color, maybe just a few shades lighter than the night sky but you could definitely see it. It was triangular, but more like a boomerang, and the edges were curvy and round and not straight edge. It was slowly moving back

and forth, left to right, but not automatic like a pendulum but every now and then sporadically. There was no sound that we could hear from indoors with the window cracked slightly open. We are unsure how far up in the sky it was. Judging by my past sightings in 1997 and 1998, I think it was further up in the sky than both of those as they seemed very close. However it was hard to get a vantage point though from indoors.

Before I took my first look at it, my husband said the light was blueish and not green, so it seems to have changed colour from blue into green. I should also add that while the other two sightings were like the Moon, a dull brilliance, this green one was more bright and there were weird morphing colour trails that looked a bit like rippling water colour that are hard for me to describe but they followed it when it moved. (note: I still don't know if that is describing it properly or not but its the best I can do)

I can't explain this next part other than to say I felt psychically that whatever it was in the sky, was not aware that my husband was observing it, but once both my husband and I were fixing our attention on it, it seemed to become aware that it was being observed, and became more still. I noted the time, 3:55 am. I observed it for at least 5 minutes, my husband maybe 10. After five minutes I went to look for binoculars. It was more important for me I guess to get a better look at it than it was for me to snap a picture of it. Besides that I had no film to take a picture with.

My husband was the one to last see it, he said it went behind a cloud and disappeared. We watched and waited, it never returned.

It wasn't till after the "UFO" had left that I mentioned to my husband the "children singing" I had heard right before it happened. He confirmed immediately that he had heard it too and wondered what it was. We have no idea why, but neither of us mentioned it to each other while it was happening or straight after it happened. Later we both went around the house to check to see if radios had been on and they were not.

I don't know why but I feel these children singing and the thing we saw in the sky were connected.

The language sounded almost like English but not enough to be able to tell what they were saying. For example it didn't sound so different than English as Chinese would, it sounded close to English. It may have even been English, I couldn't say for sure.

#### Additional Information:

Brian, this is an afterthought on the 2004 sighting if you want to add this or not whatever is fine. Its hard because there were two weird things in the same sighting, I don't know if the green light was in front of the grey boomerang looking thing or if it was attached to it, but they moved together in synch and both were weird and not normal.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

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Lynn Valley, North Vancouver B.C. Flashing Light

Date: From - December 3, 2004  
Time: 4:40 a.m.

Here is the latest picture of, an object I have been able to capture digitally on a pair of Meade 8x42 binoculars/digital camera. I have seen this object at least six times since December 3, 2004. Typically it appears in an easterly direction as you look from Lynn Valley, North Vancouver British Columbia. However, this image was captured looking due south. It was midway between the horizon and the zenith. I took the avi video clip at 4:40 am. Normally I'm asleep at that time but today I was on my way to pick up my daughter and take her to the airport. The brightness of the object as well as it's twinkling caught my eye as I was leaving my driveway. As I was pressed for time I quickly pulled over took 15 seconds of video. Although it looks like the object is moving it's stationary. However, because it was at a high altitude and there is no motion control it appears to be moving. I should have emailed you the picture

first and added the notes but I will send you the video separately.

Thank you to the witness for the report, pictures and video footage. Video clip and pictures are =A92004 K2K.

Video clip Lynn Valley, North Vancouver B.C. Flashing Light - Footage 336 kb.

Clip can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2144>

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Kaufman County, Texas Triangle ?

Date: December 09, 2004

Time: Approx: 7:30 p.m.

Hi Brian,

I told you earlier if I got a triangle, you'd be the first to know. On December 09, 2004 at approximately 7:30 p.m., I saw this light really moving fast, looked like it came from the north and was heading southwest. It was several thousand feet up and you can see it is zipping past the stars at one point. I was thinking it was a jet because of the blinking lights, but it was going at least three times faster than the jets I've been observing. I zoomed in on it at first and it was blurry, so I backed off and tried it again and it came into view. It was about 11 o'clock high and nearly due north when I first saw it and it traveled all the way across the sky to the southwest in about forty seconds. I'm sending you the complete clip. Happy Holidays and take care.

Thank you to the witness for the report, pictures and video footage.

Video clip Kaufman County, Texas Triangle? - Footage 505 kb.

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2143>

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West Monroe, Los Angeles Dish Shaped Craft

Date: December 12, 2004

Time: 9:30 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 10

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Disk

Full Description of event/sighting: swirling disk shaped object spinning low in the sky ( like a low star) at first I thought it was a planet but it was blinking blue and green lights. I noticed it wasn't moving so I ran in to get my binoculars. What I saw looked like an upside down silver bread basket (weird I know) but it had spokes which were swirling colors out of a hub and the colors were blending with each other leaving little trails of colored light. I called my friend in town, thirty miles away. She and her husband and son saw it in the sky also.

I find it odd because I saw two jets criss cross in front of it. It never moved except to dip side to side and the lights changed from colored ones to white and red only. My friend reported the jets also.

We live about 80 miles from Barksdale AFB in Shreveport, La. so I have seen small fast jets before.

I called and reported it to the state police as my brother is one but I haven't heard anything. This object was beautiful but frightening.

I have never thought about UFOs until tonight. I will never forget what I saw. Thank-you.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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New Song

"CIRCLES" written by Race Bannon & Mike Westehube, and performed by Race Bannon.

Race & Mike are from Southern California USA, Long Beach and Fountain Valley respectively. Both have been in a number of bands and played all over Southern California. The two have co-written a number of songs together. "CIRCLES" is a one piece of that collaborative effort. Hope you enjoy listening to it as much as they enjoyed writing it. For close encounters of the first kind, please direct emails to: [racebannon.nul](mailto:racebannon.nul)

To listen to the tune, please visit:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/index.php>

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St. Joseph, Missouri Round White Dot

Date: December 13, 2004

Time: 6:15 a.m.

Number of witnesses: 2

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Round white dot.

Full Description of event/sighting:

I'm a corrections officer at a prison here in town who works the night shift and happened to have patrol car duty on the morning of 12-13-2004. My job that morning was to drive around the prison and do security checks of the fence and grounds around it. At about 6:00 a.m. I was starting to feel a little tired so I radioed control center to send out a relief for me so I could have a break and get something caffeinated to drink. After getting my drink I came back outside and was waiting for my relief to bring the vehicle around when I noticed a shooting star off to the East low on the horizon. So naturally I started to scan the sky, which was very, very clear, and I noticed another shooting star. This one, however, did not fade out and it also did not leave a trail behind it. It was about half as big as Venus and was coming from the SW heading NE, no flashing lights just white light. I have no idea how high up it was.

As I was watching it a maintenance worker was walking up to the building and I asked him what he thought the object in the sky was. "A plane probably," he said with a glance up. I asked, "Don't you think a plane would have flashing lights on it?" and he just shrugged. Maybe it was just a plane, but I can tell you this - it traversed the entire night sky in less than 1 minute and didn't make a sound. I'm certainly no mathematician, but for a plane to travel all the way across the sky in less than a minute and to be so high up that one can not hear its engines would mean that it was going pretty damned fast.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Heading North From Brampton, Ontario Zig Zagging Light

Date: December 14, 2004

Time: 2:00 a.m.

Hi Brian,

My friend called me this morning very excited, she worked till 2:00 a.m. and when she was heading home (north on highway 10) from Brampton. She said there were all kinds of falling stars in the sky, but there was one directly to the north and she said by the time she got home it was still in the sky but it had moved more towards our direction, which is north west #10

She said it was so awesome, at first she said it looked like it could have been a plane, but as she stood and watched it got much brighter and it was zig zagging all over. I asked her in what direction did it appear to be going and she said, over towards my house. She wanted to call me but was worried about

the time. Heck I told her to call anytime she sees something like that. I just wish I had a camera again. Anyway I thought it was special that she called because she is someone that I had star watching with me this past summer and she indeed believes. As I said before if you can get people to stay long enough to witness it once, you pretty much have a new believer.

Thank you to the person for sharing this report.

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Bendigo, Victoria Australia Triangle UFO Uncloak

Date: December 15, 2004  
Time: 3:00 a.m.

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Triangle

Full Description of event/sighting:

I was stargazing and watched this Triangle UFO uncloak in front of me and little bit to the right, it caught my eye. It was about the size of half a matchbox at arms length. The lights on each point of the Triangle were about the size of a regular star, white. It silently glided overhead, changing course here and there a bit. I stood up and watched it till was out of sight, amazed. I hear of these things in the states a lot, but, over this little country town? It was awesome.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Edmonton, Alberta Unknown Flashing Light

Date: December 15, 2004  
Time of Sighting: 4:50 p.m. +/- 10 min.

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Unknown, flashing light only.

Full Description of event/sighting:

Hi, Brian. I thought I'd report this, even though I'm pretty sure there could be a "reasonable" explanation for it. I'm always sure to check the skies at red lights, in slow traffic, etc, to see if anything interesting is going on. Well, on my drive home (traveling south on Terwillager Drive, in south Edmonton), I noticed a plane traveling what seemed to be NWW. It looked like a pretty standard passenger jet, but I couldn't make out any details, save for it's lights. However, as it was passing in front of a fairly large cloud (there were few clouds in the sky at this time), a seemingly stationary light, approximately 3-5 plane-lengths above the plane, and much smaller than the visible lights of the plane, flashed 5 or 6 times. The light was very bright, and noticeable, but small (like it was smaller, but had more output). I could not see anything in its place when it flashed "off," and could see nothing after the plane had moved further on its course. Is it standard procedure for aircraft to "flash" each other like this when they're flying in each others' airspace? Perhaps you've determined the cause of similar events. If you have, please let me know. Thanks

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Interesting Books

Meet The Sasquatch - Excellent Book

PR Highlights: Trade Edition

PHOTO Highlights: 604 Photos and Illustrations

Description: Meet the Sasquatch is a milestone in the publication of sasquatch information. Never before have so many resources been researched and consulted on the phenomenon, nor have so many associated photographs been published under one cover - many, for the first time. The author and his associates, all active sasquatch researchers, produced the work to accompany an extraordinary exhibit at the Vancouver Museum, Vancouver, British Columbia in the summer of 2004.

While the last chapter on sasquatch has yet to be written, here is the full story of what we know about the creature to date. The level and quality of research and photographic coverage will amaze both the believers and skeptics alike. Chris Murphy, John Green and Thomas Steenburg have published many papers and over a dozen books on this topic. The supplemental information contributed by other researchers, scientists, artists and technicians makes this a unique publication. As our title promises, the reader will truly MEET THE SASQUATCH!!

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UFO Defense Tactics: Weather Shield to Chemtrails  
By: Johnstone, A. K

Dr. Johnstone's book was selected by The Anomalous Book List, as one of the ten best UFO books of 2002.

Description: The existence of UFOs is a phenomenon that intrigues and captivates, yet it generates more skepticism than acceptance. Witnesses of unconventional craft are often disbelieved and even ridiculed. Belief in the existence of UFOs is obviously not yet mainstream, but that may one day change. Over the past few decades, reports of UFO sightings have dramatically increased in North America. Further, these sightings have been observed to be more blatant and even menacing. Some reports even imply that these craft are monitoring our planet.

Interestingly, many of these sightings have taken place over military bases. In UFO Weather Shield, A.K. Johnstone, PhD., explores the details of numerous sightings from a scientific viewpoint, including descriptions of craft, luminous sheaths and fireballs. So what, if anything, is the United States government doing about it? Johnstone suggests that military and government agencies have the ability to manipulate weather electromagnetically and with chemtrails to deter unconventional craft. This hypothesis also explains erratic changes in the weather in the last few years. Is the government creating a weather shield to deter UFOs from entering the earth's atmosphere? Take a look at the evidence.

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## The Quantum Film?

From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 12:55:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:15:42 -0500  
Subject: The Quantum Film?

Here's the link to the movie trailer(s) for "What the [bleep] Do We Know?"

<http://www.whatthebleep.com/trailer/>

Roger Ebert gives it a few stars plus... and UFO UpDaters who love the quantum world may find it interesting:

Rich Reynolds

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 16:18:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:16:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - White

>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 23:05:30 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:56:28 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

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>The UFO evidence so far has not convinced science of ETH  
>in the slightest.

That's not the puzzling part. What blows my mind is why the  
\_massive\_ indirect evidence hasn't convinced mainstream science  
of the \_worthiness\_of\_studying\_ the issue.

The night sky is full of stars, and has \_long\_ been considered  
worthy of study even if we can't reach out and grab some stars  
to look at in the lab, right?

Eleanor White

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## Intelligent Design Merits Equal Time With Evolution

From: **Eustaquio Andrea Patounas** <[socex.nul](mailto:socex.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 19:38:50 -0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:22:09 -0500  
Subject: Intelligent Design Merits Equal Time With Evolution

Source: Roanoke Times - Roanoke, Virginia

<http://www.roanoke.com/editorials/commentary%5C15530.html>

Friday, December 17, 2004

Linda Whitlock

Whitlock, of Salem, is a literacy instructor for TAP and an adjunct English instructor at Virginia Western Community College.

So a "rural Pennsylvania school district has become the first in the nation to require that 'intelligent design' be taught alongside evolution to explain the origins of life" ("Testing the God 'theory,'" Nov. 13 Roanoke Times editorial). Well, good for the Dover Area School Board.

The district's students will be better off for hearing the scientific evidence that, according to a recent Associated Press report, has convinced even the noted atheist Antony Flew that "[a] super-intelligence is the only good explanation for the origin of life and the complexity of nature."

The case against teaching intelligent design, as laid out by The Roanoke Times, rests on two assumptions: first, that the scientific inquiry process mandates the exclusion of a supernatural creator and, second, that evolution is a satisfactory explanation for the diversity of living things. Neither assumption is warranted.

Although the scientific community now insists that legitimate scientific inquiry must begin with the premise that the natural world is all that exists, thus ruling out a priori the possibility of a supernatural creator, the founders of modern science would have been astounded at that notion. Modern science got its start only because men such as Copernicus, Galileo and Newton believed a rational (supernatural) creator had created a rational world that, as a result, could be observed, studied and understood.

As far as evolution's being a satisfactory explanation for the diversity of living things, micro evolution - or variation within species - is accepted by design theorists and evolutionists alike.

Macro evolutionary theory, on the other hand, postulates that the same mechanism that accounts for limited variation within species can also account for all the differences between species.

Far from being a "principle supported by the known evidence," however, macro evolution is, as biochemist Michael Denton put it, a theory in crisis. The evidence Charles Darwin assumed would appear to support his theory hasn't turned up, and, whether willing to admit it publicly or not, many scientists have come to doubt that Darwin's theory is sufficient to account for the diversity of life forms.

Even such committed evolutionists as the late Stephen J. Gould and Francis Crick have recognized problems with Darwin's modification with descent and natural selection mechanism, which purports to explain how organisms developed into different species.

A paleontologist, Gould was troubled by the paucity of fossil evidence for evolutionary change and so came to support a theory called "punctuated equilibrium," which hypothesizes that after long periods of stasis, new species suddenly came into existence. No one has yet proposed a mechanism that can adequately account for how that might have occurred.

Crick, co-discoverer of the structure of DNA, went even further and surmised that life on Earth had been "seeded" by extraterrestrials. And Gould and Crick are far from the only scientists who recognize problems with evolution, but who, for ideological reasons, refuse to entertain other possibilities.

As Harvard biologist Richard Lewontin put it, to admit the possibility of nonmaterial causes would be "to let a divine foot in the door."

Although design theory leaves room for that "divine foot," William Dembski, a leader in the intelligent design movement, writes that "[p]roponents of intelligent design regard it as a scientific research program that investigates the effects of intelligent causes ... and not intelligent causes per se."

According to Dembski, "intelligent design holds that a designing intelligence is required to account for the complex, information-rich structures in living systems. At the same time, it refuses to speculate about the nature of that designing intelligence."

Clearly, while intelligent design opens the door to the possibility of a supernatural creator, design theorists don't necessarily assume that door leads to the God of the Bible. They do believe, however, that when "complicated things ... give the appearance of having been designed for a purpose," as Richard Dawkins wrote, scientists would do well not to dismiss the possibility of design out of hand.

The Roanoke Times editorial concludes that "[a]s scientific theory, thus far, [intelligent design] does not deserve equal weight. As deeply held belief, it does not need it - but public schools should not teach it."

Even if we grant the contention that intelligent design requires a belief in God, the assumption that, in the well-known words of the late Carl Sagan, "the universe is all there is or ever was or ever will be," differs little from the Bible's assertion that "[i]n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Each is a statement of faith that can't be scientifically proved.

Sagan's faith statement directs scientific research in one direction, the Bible's in another. At one time, the Bible's faith statement ruled public education, and evolutionary teaching was shut out. Today, Sagan's faith statement is in control, and it's the evolutionists who refuse to allow any challenge to their orthodoxy.

Regardless of which faith statement scientists start from, however, they should, as Antony Flew has done, "[f]ollow the evidence, wherever it leads."

Since Flew can't be accused of starting from the "God" premise, as intelligent design theorists frequently are, his "conversion" provides strong support for making intelligent design theory a part of a comprehensive biology course.

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Harney

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 21:46:20 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:24:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Harney

>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 12:42:18 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2004 21:03:51 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>"Anomalies of consciousness" was Jerry Clark's phrase. I suppose  
>>one could say abnormal mental states, but I'm sure you will know  
>>the appropriate terminology.

>I realize from previous experience that it takes a hammer and  
>chisel to get through to you, John, but you might have discerned  
>that I'm not much interested in the terminology. I'm interested  
>in the concepts which underly the terminology and whether those  
>concepts have been rigorously thought out or whether the  
>terminology is simply an excuse for lazy thinking.

If you're not not much interested in the terminology, then why  
quibble about it?

>"Abnormal mental states" may be a slight improvement over  
>"anomalies of consciousness", but not by much. If a person is  
>abducted into a flying saucer by aliens and whisked off to Outer  
>Andromeda or somewhere, then they're by definition in an  
>abnormal mental state because they're experiencing something  
>which our society does not consider normal. If a person  
>experiences abduction imagery as a result of organized seizures  
>in the temporal lobe then they're also by definition in an  
>abnormal mental state, for the same reason. Both abnormal mental  
>states have a physical cause - aliens on the one hand,  
>"abnormal" firing in the temporal lobe in the latter. In which  
>case the explanation for the abnormality has to be found at the  
>physical level.

>However, if someone experiences PTSD as a result of war, rape,  
>disaster or abuse, then arguably it makes no sense to regard the  
>causal mechanism of that person's mental state as physical, even  
>though the proximate cause undoubtedly is physical. In this case  
>we are more likely to look for direct causes at the  
>psychological level. If you want to get involved in this area  
>then the first thing you have to do is start examining your own  
>Cartesian preconceptions. The real problem with your choice of  
>terms is that it obscures the level you actually want to look  
>at.

>Then you need to define the mechanism of your explanation. You  
>need to specify what the mechanism does, how it operates, and  
>why it exists. You need to show that your mechanism is  
>functionally plausible and that it isn't blatantly ad hoc (this  
>last criterion, by the way, is one where purely psychological  
>explanations have a tendency to fall down badly). And then you  
>need to derive testable predictions from your model which  
>clearly discriminate it from other possible models.

I don't have to do any such things; I am not a psychologist. I

leave it to the experts to devise the experiments. I was merely arguing that ufologists should stick to the examination of verifiable facts and the results of experiments rather than indulging in vague speculations about nysterious "forces".

>Not that this is what necessarily happens - in fact in the  
>social sciences it hardly ever happens like this - but if  
>"carefully planned and executed experiments" means anything at  
>all, then this is surely it.

>>And it was obviously not intended as an explanation, but as a  
>>description

>Albeit a description which presupposed an explanation, a point  
>you appear to have overlooked.

What explanation?

>>Some have already been carried out and I'm sure we are all  
>>eagerly awaiting the results of the experiments briefly  
>>mentioned by Dick Hall.

>Indeed. But one can hardly fail to note the results aren't even  
>in yet and already we've seen an outbreak of defensiveness from  
>the usual suspects. Mr Rogerson even went so far as to impose an  
>additional condition in advance, that the results should be  
>replicated by "non-Ufologists". Presumably he believes that  
>Ufologists are more likely to produce positive results, from  
>which it presumably follows that Non-Ufologists are more likely  
>to produce negative results. Apart from the implications of  
>having researchers vetted for "ideological soundness", this has  
>the interesting effect that if his own premise is actually  
>correct, he's hedged himself into a position which is completely  
>unfalsifiable.

I would interpret his remarks as meaning that experiments should produce similar results regardless of the beliefs or theories held by the experimenters.

>In any case, I will use my uncanny paranormal powers to predict  
>the following - whatever the outcome of the study, it will lead  
>to an almighty argument over methodology, after which everyone  
>will go back to believing what they believed already.

That is quite true. There is an excellent example in an article published in the New York Times last year - "A Bad Trip Down Memory Lane" by Bruce Grierson. You have presumably read it, as your name is mentioned in it. I won't waste space summarising it as it is available at

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jul/m26-015.shtml>

John Harney

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

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Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 21:50:49 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:25:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 17:32:52 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 19:51:24 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 08:40:54 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>"Klasskurtzian"? Isn't this (almost) the name of a Russian  
>>composer?

>I know this was in jest, but... <g>

>Actually, I would categorize a Klasskurtzian as more of a  
>'Rushin' (de)composer', as in one who hastily breaks down a  
>posited UFO experience into tedious arguments with feigned  
>authority, in the hope of finding some point... any point... by  
>which to mount a contrary argument. This is done as a public  
>service... to allow the cattle to sleep easier.

>I have never been very impressed with Mr. Klass' brand of  
>investigation, but I am impressed by his adherence to it in  
>light of the weakness of many of his assertions.

>He is far more famous than he is authoritative.

Kyle, et al. (for you Latin fans out there),

Some day I may publish my correspondence exchanges with Phil  
"The Sophist" Klass, which you (and everyone) would find very  
revealing about how shallow and ungrounded his arguments really  
are.

I have a letter somewhere from Jim McDonald, whom Klass maligned  
and slandered unmercifully, in which Jim characterized him as  
having the argumentative style of a small-town prosecuting  
attorney. Dead on!

- Dick

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 07:43:38 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:28:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 23:05:30 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
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>>Date: Thu, 16 Dec 2004 09:56:28 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 14:45:01 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>>To suggest that the US government, or any other, could or would  
>>>suppress such valuable scientific knowledge for decade after  
>>>decade is absurd. UFOs are a worldwide phenomenon. It would be a  
>>>great prestige discovery for any country to be the first to  
>>>announce it.

>>Aye yi yi. Yes, and there was no holocaust, we never left POWs  
>>behind, Oswald shot Kennedy, we faked the moon landing, we never  
>>used our own soldiers as test dummies with nuclear  
>>experiments/explosions, we never tested chemical weapons on our  
>>own people, the CIA has never plotted against other governments,  
>>Nixon was true blue, Hoover liked women, we're sending our  
>>children to Iraq in the name of democracy, and Clinton didn't  
>>get a blow job in the White House.

Christopher,

>Diversionary arguments. The US government has never said there  
>was no holocaust, nor that it faked the moon landings. The US  
>may tell a few lies; therefore, using ufological logic, it tells  
>lies about UFO hardware and risks some other country getting in  
>first with the great news. A likely scenario! Even Bush &  
>Rumsfeld are not that stupid.

My inference was not a point of "government claims," it was in  
reference to your naivety. The government doesn't have to tell  
lies about "advanced technology"; they just don't have to tell.  
I might add that when Orson Welles did his radio broadcast of  
"War of The Worlds" and the public thought "ET was here," it  
wasn't great news! Moreover, that event "shaped  
government/military policy" towards UFOs early on, and there has  
been nothing to surface that would suggest any change in that  
mindset. Finally, when one gets a firm idea about the  
intelligence levels of Bush and Rumsfeld, they seem to perform  
another act that repudiates that notion.

>By the way, which "children" were sent to Iraq?

The ones that are dying every week with no end in sight.

>Clinton's fellatio? Perhaps it was actually done by an ET and he  
>cannot reveal this. Monica was a phony.

>>I don't mean to be rude Christopher, but I'm beginning to wonder

>>if you've just come out of a coma, were/are living on some  
>>deserted desert island, or all of the above.

>No. I just do not accept the conspiracy thesis. There is no UFO  
>hardware in the hands of the US government or any other  
>government. I have read an awful lot, too much, on this dotty  
>idea. But it is always a good cop-out, by those who cannot lay  
>their hands on the real evidence (and probably never will), to  
>claim the authorities have it, isn't it?

Two points to make here; one, it is not necessary to have an ET  
craft in one's possession to prove their are ET craft flying  
around in our airspace; two, separately, there is ample evidence  
verifying the fact that "the powers-that-be have in fact  
"recovered an ET craft."

>>>The truth is that the hardware simply is not there. Despite  
>>>this, people continue to insist that it is there but that  
>>>certain authorities, for some nefarious reason, are withholding  
>>>it. That is not the scientific method.

>>Hmmm... I don't think one can "state what the truth is" unless  
>>that person has looked at the evidence in support of the fact  
>>that the "powers-that-be" have "covered-up" information  
>>pertaining to UFOs--it would seem that you haven' done that yet.  
>>Separately, as with extra-solar planets or other phenomenon, one  
>>doesn't have to have it in one's hands for it's validity.

>See above. I have looked at this evidence ad nauseam.

>>>Likewise the vital documents 'are there' (but withheld). The  
>>>alien corpses 'are there' (but also withheld), so we are told.

>>I would suggest you read the "Security Act of 1947" but, oh  
>>that's right the bulk of it is classified, so you can't read it.  
>>Although what has been released via FOIA requests is mind  
>>boggling, what hasn't is even more so; e.g., CAUS's lawsuits,  
>>and the end result was "heavily redacted documents" and the  
>>"powers-that-be" initially said they had no information  
>>pertaining to UFOs- an obvious lie; then after the fact they  
>>still said, with a "straight face" that there is is no cover-up.  
>>Oy!

>Whose mind is it boggling? Certainly not mine.

>>>The awful truth is that we are nowhere near to proving ETH, and  
>>>until abundant hardware is produced, and verified by the  
>>>scientific establishment (e.g. National Academy Of Sciences in  
>>>the US or the Royal Society in the UK or a suitable academy in  
>>>another country) we never will be.

>>Hardware need not be produced to prove an ETH. An investigation  
>>by any respected scientific establishment would prove that,  
>>using the same criterion they would use for any other  
>>reoccurring "transient phenomena." The only requirement is  
>>"action!"

>Yes, hardware will have to be produced if ETH is to be finally  
>proven. The UFO evidence so far has not convinced science of ETH  
>in the slightest. You ought to realise that by now. Therefore,  
>as with meteorites, the hardware is absolutely necessary. Then,  
>and only then, will the said "action" occur.

>I am bowing out of this debate. But my mind is far from boggled.  
>You may well have the last word.

>Happy seasonal greetings anyway,

The problem Chrisopher, is that "Science" for the most part  
hasn't taken the time to investigate the UFO enigma. The  
"molding" of the public's perception of the UFO phenomenon  
hasn't stopped with the layman; it crosses all lines and gives  
even the most intelligent a "preconception" of what's going on;  
the irony of course is that it is hypocrisy to the highest  
degree as that notion goes against "scientific methodology at  
it's core.

Methinks that for some, yourself being a good example, the  
degree and or quality of the evidence in favor of ETH will  
always be irrelevant; seeing venus through swamp gas in the

company of anthropomorphic dummies, while feeding white pelicans will, it seems, be a more "acceptable explanation" for the skeptical clique.

Thank you for the last word.....

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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## Re: Good News For Causality? - Holman

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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:34:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Holman

>From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 07:53:36 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>Let's get a couple of things straight - for us laity (I don't  
>like use of loaded words like "lay" - reeks of exclusivity,  
>>false pride and even hubris).

Ah, I see now why you excised "for nonscientists" from the  
Smolin quote. Too much hubris.

>1) Quotes -  
>If one quotes <<in most courses ... It's not true>> the three  
>dots indicate words in between that don't change the literal  
>or factual or statistical sense. Which is exactly true of that  
>quote.

I'm well aware of the rules regarding quotations; as I already  
said, by omitting "for nonscientists" you changed the sense of  
Smolin's words, particularly given the context in which you  
quoted them:

>Bruce,

>I know how you must feel.

>Maybe I should've put a health-warning on that message, for  
>anyone who's been taught formal physics in last half-century.  
>Why? - Because I say, along with Lee Smolin, that "there is at  
>least one good reason not to believe the physics that is taught  
>in most courses... It's not true."

>Present day physics is in a mess. Like you said "we don't really  
>have a clue as to what is really going on".

>In the last twenty years or so all the confident ideas of  
>"Standard Models" (including your electromagnetic cause of  
>matter), of "Gas Laws", of "Black Hole Theory" (actually  
>Singularity Theories), of "Quantum Theory" and "Relativity  
>Theories", have all been discovered to be "flawed" or  
>"incomplete" (see "Blind Science").

>That is, they're not true.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/dec/m09-008.shtml>

Given that the partial Smolin quote is prefaced by a statement  
encompassing "anyone who's been taught formal physics in last  
half-century" (made, incidentally, to a PhD physicist) and  
followed by blanket statements about physics being in a mess and  
a paraphrase of Smolin's last sentence, but referring not to  
"the physics that is taught in most courses for nonscientists"  
but to a series of broad areas of physics, I submit that any  
reasonable reader would assume that you were quoting Smolin to  
buttress your statements about physics as a whole. There's no  
way anyone could guess he was only talking physics education for  
nonscientists from your discussion.

>However you shouted "quoting ... outrageously partial".  
>That's specious my friend, next thing to deceit.

You're bold, I'll grant you that.

>2) Momentum -

>Brett, I hesitate to tell you, but everything we know is moving  
>- we don't know of anything that's really "at rest". But for  
>Newtonian convenience we pretend some things are not moving and  
>just have inertia (of mass); we say other things are moving  
>(it's all relative) and so have momentum, i.e. mass x velocity  
>(relative to us).

Again, no, this is wrong. Inertia is not only a property of objects at rest; it's a property of objects in motion also. To you I'm just being pedantic; to me, this (and other errors) shows you don't have a firm grasp of basic physics (basic, as in Newton's First Law). Why do you expect anyone to take your criticisms of advanced physics seriously when you can't get the basics right?

>In reality we know that everything in the universe is moving and  
>really has full momentum - hence inertia = momentum. The use of  
>two different words is partly historical and partly avoidance of  
>inconvenient questions from the class smart-alec.

Quite right - physicists often define technical terms in order to shut the class smart-alec up. I mean, it couldn't be because precise terminology is useful in any way, could it? The very idea!

>[Actually, when I was teaching the obligatory math/physics to  
>some - highly qualified - military/other folk, I always found  
>the argumentative ones a real boon, moving things along in a  
>lively way. Conversely I knew we'd have to start further back  
>with those addicted to jargon & buzz-words - no grasp of basic  
>principles. All physics is expressible in short words - else  
>it's waffle.]

Now that is convenient. When you are wrong, it doesn't matter, it's just jargon and buzz-words - that way, you can just redefine any term to suit your needs.

>Please, no more talk of science "high priests" alone fit for  
>"inner secrets" kept from "lay" folk.

Please, no more putting words into my mouth. I never said there were inner secrets kept from laypeople (actually, that sounds more like your brand of conspiratorial thinking). I'm all for more science education at all levels. What I said was that understanding physics is hard work. I'll go further and say you need a grasp of advanced math if you want to go very far into it. That's not to say that the results and principles of physics can't be communicated in a qualitative way, more or less, but then that's physics for nonscientists - not physics itself. You can't do physics in such a way, nor can you overturn it. Can you see the difference?

>If physics is true then everyone can and should understand it  
>and be taught it.

It's a nice ideal, but it's not true merely because you want it to be so. Some things are just complex. I'm sorry if that offends your sensibilities but it's just the way it is.

>For background to this exchange (shall we call it "Unknown Force  
>in the Universe" - or "Failure of Physics?") you can try -  
><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/dec/m07-009.shtml>  
><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/dec/m09-008.shtml>  
><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/dec/m10-015.shtml>

Er, thanks, but as I've been subscribed to UFO UpDates for more than a week, I've already read them - in fact, I've already responded to two of them!

>There's clearly some way to go.

We agree on something, at least.

Brett Holman

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**Phil Klass [was: Alien Abductions] - Sandow**

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>Some day I may publish my correspondence exchanges with Phil  
>"The Sophist" Klass, which you (and everyone) would find very  
>revealing about how shallow and ungrounded his arguments really are.

I've had correspondence with poor Phil, too. I wish I'd saved it, because it was truly astounding.

I published an article some years ago, in which, among other things, I described an interview I did with him. He wrote to me, asserting that the interview had never taken place. I proved to him that it had, by showing him how he'd signed my copy of one of his books (with the date), and also by describing his study, where we'd met.

He wrote back admitting he was wrong, and praising my powers of observation. Then - unaware that he was flagrantly contradicting himself - he said my memory of our conversation couldn't be trusted. This, he said, was because I made my opinion as a music critic, and therefore was used only to writing my opinions in published articles, not objective facts. (Remember that he'd just praised my detailed memory of how his study looks!)

I wrote back, enclosing some of my music writing, and pointing out that there was a lot of factual reporting in it. Phil, of course, had no idea what music critics really do.

In one of the pieces I sent, I'd criticized the first violin section of the New York Philharmonic, which wasn't (as everyone in the classical music business knew) as strong as it should be, in an orchestra that famous. Phil then wrote back with his trademark sarcasm, asking me why, if the violins were so bad, the music director didn't fire all of them. His tone suggested that he'd now demolished me once and for all.

This was just hilarious. Phil, of course, knew nothing about the contract the Philharmonic had with its musicians, what the procedures for firing them might be (it's not easy), or, for that matter, about the very strong actions the music director was in fact taking, to force some of the violinists to leave on their own. Phil knew nothing about classical music or the classical music business. But that didn't stop him from claiming that everything I wrote had to be nonsense.

That revealed a lot about his UFO methodology. Although at one time (to be fair) he did do a lot of research, in the end he didn't care what the facts really were. He just slashed out, saying things that made no sense at all.

Best holiday wishes to everybody!

Greg Sandow



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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Salla

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 15 Dec 2004 14:45:01 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

Aloha All,

I'm amused at the parsimonious methodological approach that is accepted by those pushing natural science methodologies onto the UFO community as though this is the only rigorous scientific method in town. Here's what I consider to be a pretty naive approach to this methodological issue as described in this thread:

>To suggest that the US government, or any other, could or would  
>suppress such valuable scientific knowledge for decade after  
>decade is absurd. UFOs are a worldwide phenomenon. It would be a  
>great prestige discovery for any country to be the first to  
>announce it.

This is a rather innocent in that it assumes suppression of "valuable scientific knowledge" is contentious, and we need to blithely assume that such suppression doesn't exist since their appears to be genuine competition amongst researchers world wide to be the first with the latest scientific breakthrough in the various fields of knowledge. Those practicing rigorous scientific methodologies proceed with the assumption that they have the latest scientific information when designing and constructing automobiles for example. In designing and constructing automobiles one uses the latest data in order to maximize performance and safety, and weeding out potential flaws, etc. This approach is commendable and appropriate since when I get into the car each morning for a drive to the local supermarket, the car works every time, and won't fall apart due to the rigorous scientific methodologies of the engineers, designers, and manufacturers. So we can safely assume that no such suppression of scientific information or data occurs when it comes to the design of cars, construction of aircraft, etc. The simplest reason for this is that the information on car design, construction, etc., isn't a political issue but is purely a technical/scientific issue. However, we can't assume that liberty in disseminating the latest scientific information holds when it comes to areas such as the UFO phenomenon which has a political/national security dimension rather than a solely scientific dimension. If we apply a purely natural sciences approach to the UFO phenomenon, then we have a distortion of the data collection process since we are not factoring in the political/national security factor. Let me give an example.

Let us look at alleged human rights violations in third world countries and an investigation into the authenticity of such allegations. Now if we take the natural science approach we would bravely go into that country armed with our rigorous methodologies, trained assistants and laboratory equipment. We'd subject the alleged victim to a lie detector test to prove that he was actually beaten by government thugs and didn't just fall over the stairs. We'd then request physical proof that substantiates evidence of the alleged beatings in terms of

photos, films that show the government thugs doing this. We'd then demand to interview independent witnesses who saw the beatings and are willing themselves to undergo lie detector tests. We'd then interview other alleged victims that supposedly corroborate the testimony of the victim. Those conducting the investigation would say that there's no problem with the local government providing us 'assistance' in our investigation since we are applying rigorous natural science methodologies that is free of any possible government bias, and will prove once and for all if such alleged human rights violations are true.

Well such an approach wouldn't get very far at all. You'd find insufficient evidence to substantiate human rights abuses since victims are scared of further beatings to them or their families, independent witnesses are intimidated, evidence is confiscated all the time, doctors who treat the patient are too frightened to testify, etc. In fact you'd probably find your team of investigators to be very popular with the local government authorities that would support your rigorous natural science methodology that finds insufficient evidence to support the allegations of human rights abuses. In fact, they might recommend you send your final report to those biased human rights organizations such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch that write up those nasty annual reports about alleged human rights violations by the government in question.

Thankfully, those doing human rights research develop social scientific methodologies for ascertaining the proof of such allegations. This often involves flexible methods such as going incognito into such countries as tourists, and conducting field work that is specially tailored to the political conditions on the ground. This is something I have done myself in East Timor, Kosovo and Sri Lanka and let me say that in all these cases there was a major difference between what victims were alleging was occurring and what governments were claiming about human rights allegations.

Now a social scientific methodology is appropriate to the UFO phenomenon and the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH) because as I said in a message I distributed earlier on this forum concerning Exopolitics and Methodology - see:

<http://exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-24.htm>

- the UFO/ETH is not purely a technical problem, but it's also a political problem. As Stephen Basset concisely said of exopolitics, "It's not about lights in the sky, it's about lies on the ground." We need to think about the non-disclosure of data concerning UFOs and the ETH as a human rights violation of fundamental proportions. We therefore need to tailor our investigative methods for the UFO phenomenon as a political/national security problem, rather than a purely technical problem.

So I think it naive to assume that the political/national security dimension on the UFO phenomenon doesn't have an impact on developing an appropriate methodology when it comes to properly understanding the available data on UFOs. Also, what constitutes data is also subject to this parsimonious approach by many Ufologists who use a natural science methodology, but that's another issue.

In peace,

Michael Salla

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## Re: Phil Klass - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 12:02:57 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 13:20:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Phil Klass - Clark

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:45:10 -0500  
>Subject: Phil Klass [was: Alien Abductions]

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 21:50:49 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

Hi, Greg and Dick,

>>Some day I may publish my correspondence exchanges with Phil  
>>"The Sophist" Klass, which you (and everyone) would find very  
>>revealing about how shallow and ungrounded his arguments really  
>>are.

>I've had correspondence with poor Phil, too. I wish I'd saved  
>it, because it was truly astounding.

I spent maybe a decade and a half corresponding with Phil (who finally got so mad at me that he terminated the exchange), and it was an amazing, never-to-be-forgotten experience indeed. That he was (and is) a patron saint of the "skeptics" movement says, as far as I'm concerned, just about all one has to know about that movement.

The illogic, ad hominems, hypocrisy, and fanaticism (not to mention italics, exclamation points, bold type, capital letters, and sometimes combinations of some or all of the above) in those communications were a wonder to behold. Still, I enjoyed the experience, in the sort of twisted way that people in the middle ages used to entertain themselves by poking sticks at crazy people. If Klass had been a UFO proponent, he would have been universally judged a crank. In this peculiar world, however, one doesn't have to be rational to pass oneself off as a rationalist.

Still, even if in spite of himself, Phil did ufology a favor by focusing on weaknesses in investigations. His unrelenting criticism forced ufologists - at least the most responsible of them - to tighten up their work and make sure they had all angles covered. When they did that, Phil's criticisms did not cease, of course; they just got weirder.

Nonetheless, in his own highly strange way, Klass ended up being something of a positive force in the UFO controversy.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: The Naked Scientists - Pope

From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 18:09:34 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 13:21:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Naked Scientists - Pope

List,

On Sunday December 19 I'll be doing an interview with The Naked Scientists, a science-based internet radio show with close links to the University of Cambridge:

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

Here are details of the show:

[http://www.thenakedscientists.com/html/next\\_week.htm](http://www.thenakedscientists.com/html/next_week.htm)

Here are details of how to listen to the show on the radio or over the internet:

<http://www.thenakedscientists.com/faq/index.htm>

Sunday night's radio interview is followed by a lecture on Monday evening:

<http://www.thenakedscientists.com/cambridgecafe/index.htm>

I'm increasingly trying to engage with scientists and build some bridges between science and ufology. In the last year I've debated the subject at the Science Museum's new Dana Centre venue and lectured at the Cheltenham Festival of Science. Next year I'll be speaking at the Newcastle Science Festival. Though science and ufology are uneasy bedfellows, I believe the relationship is worth cultivating and am making every effort in this area.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Re: Phil Klass - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 12:51:14 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 17:33:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: Phil Klass - Lehmborg

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 12:02:57 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Phil Klass

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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 11:45:10 -0500  
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>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 21:50:49 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>Hi, Greg and Dick,

<snip>

>Nonetheless, in his own highly strange way, Klass ended up being  
>something of a positive force in the UFO controversy.

What an astonishingly unpleasant irony, and a hearty last  
laugh on him at the same time. Thank you Mr. Klass.

I remember Greg Sandow relating a story years ago regarding the  
acute discomfort Herr Klass arbitrarily provoked during one of  
their meetings while Greg was in the company of a female  
companion. It regarded some inappropriate blue humor and  
unwelcome sexual innuendo. Philip Klass... living proof the good  
die young or that the world is improved with most funerals?

How dare I? <LOL>Don't bother writing... I'll roll it up in  
a tube and stick it in your eye.

[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul) -:|:-  
[www.AlienView.net](http://www.AlienView.net)

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 18:51:32 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 17:34:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Reason

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 21:46:20 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>If you're not not much interested in the terminology, then why  
>quibble about it?

Because the terminology should actually mean something.

>I don't have to do any such things; I am not a psychologist. I  
>leave it to the experts to devise the experiments. I was merely  
>arguing that ufologists should stick to the examination of  
>verifiable facts and the results of experiments rather than  
>indulging in vague speculations about nysterious "forces".

And vague speculations about "abnormal mental states" differ  
from vague speculations about mysterious "forces" in what way,  
exactly?

John, you may not be a psychologist and you may not have the  
responsibility of designing detailed experiments. But you do  
have the responsibility to know what you're talking about.

And if you believe that people "should stick to the examination  
of verifiable facts" then you should at least know what is and  
is not a verifiable fact.

>>Albeit a description which presupposed an explanation, a point  
>>you appear to have overlooked.

>What explanation?

You tell me. But if your description doesn't presuppose some  
sort of explanatory concept, then it's semantically empty, and  
hence meaningless.

>I would interpret his remarks as meaning that experiments should  
>produce similar results regardless of the beliefs or theories  
>held by the experimenters.

Maybe they should, John, but they don't. Not in the social  
sciences anyway - and I think Ufology is pretty much equivalent  
to the social sciences, in both methodological and theoretical  
senses.

>>In any case, I will use my uncanny paranormal powers to predict  
>>the following - whatever the outcome of the study, it will lead  
>>to an almighty argument over methodology, after which everyone  
>>will go back to believing what they believed already.

>That is quite true. There is an excellent example in an article  
>published in the New York Times last year - "A Bad Trip Down  
>Memory Lane" by Bruce Grierson. You have presumably read it, as  
>your name is mentioned in it. I won't waste space summarising it  
>as it is available at:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/jul/m26-015.shtml>

But that presents us with rather a problem, doesn't it? If there is no consensus on what constitutes sound methodology, then how are we to decide what constitutes a "carefully planned and executed experiment"?

Cathy

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Reason

From: **Cathy Reason** <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 18:55:50 -0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 17:35:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Reason

>From: Peter Rogerson <[progerson.nul](mailto:progerson.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 16:46:11 +0000  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>Why are you defensive about independent replication by  
>disinterested parties?

And how are we to determine who is genuinely a "disinterested party"? Even if we assume, indeed, that such persons actually exist.

Cathy

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## Re: Good News For Causality? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 19:31:57 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 17:37:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Dickenson

>From: Brett Holman <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 02:42:17 +1100  
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

<snip>

Brett,

Despite your (tiresome) subclauses, we're in danger of agreeing on one matter of substance.

[Most arguments merely concern acceptance in humans' social, financial or academic esteem. In my opinion they aren't worth a tinker's cuss.]

Matters of substance are realities - particularly those of the external universe - and how they affect life, including us. It's clear to me that mainstream science is not yet qualified to speak of those matters.

But that inconvenience won't stop the spoutings of the pompous and the fraudulent "in the name of science" - will it?

Check "blind science" (Google) again.

cheers  
Ray D

[Nearly forgot: apply the above to any "points of disagreement". I like to answer stuff immediately, not after a brooding session, and don't have time right now - it's Saturday.]

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## Re: Good News For Causality? - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <[cty90143.nul](mailto:cty90143.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 13:37:14 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 17:38:34 -0500  
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Scheldroup

>From: Brett Holman <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 02:42:17 +1100  
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 13 Dec 2004 07:53:36 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>Again, no, this is wrong. Inertia is not only a property of  
>objects at rest; it's a property of objects in motion also. To  
>you I'm just being pedantic; to me, this (and other errors)  
>shows you don't have a firm grasp of basic physics (basic, as in  
>Newton's First Law). Why do you expect anyone to take your  
>criticisms of advanced physics seriously when you can't get the  
>basics right?

1.3 Inertia and Relativity....14  
1.4 The Dilemma of Light...20  
<http://www.mathpages.com/rr/rrtoc.htm>

Einstein:

"The laws by which the states of physical systems undergo  
changes are not affected, whether these changes of state be  
referred to the one or the other of two systems of [inertial]  
coordinates in uniform translatory motion. "

Author:

"(It's unfortunate that Einstein omitted the crucial word  
"inertial" in this statement, but the meaning is clear from the  
context, since he refers to systems of coordinates in terms of  
which Newton's laws hold good - to the first approximation.)  
However, the principle of relativity does not tell us how the  
descriptions with respect to one such system of reference relate  
to the descriptions with respect to another. It merely tells us  
that the same "laws" will be satisfied in both systems."

Do you suppose that there was a reason that he left it out <BG>?

"Life must be lived forward, but can only be understood  
backward."

Soren Kierkegaard  
--The Journals of Kierkegaard

John

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## Re: Phil Klass - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 17:09:08 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 17:40:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Phil Klass - Friedman

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 12:02:57 -0600  
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>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 21:50:49 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

<snip>

I, too, had a long correspondence with Klass. A small portion was published in my 1990 "Final Report on Operation Majestic 12" including his challenge to me about the Pica Type used in the Cutler Twining memo and a copy of his check to me for 1000\$ for providing more than 10 examples of Pica type on NSC documents.

There are many instances on record wherein he made claims about documents, people, books etc when he hadn't even read the book or done any homework at all. I have piles of paper if anybody is serious about doing an "Anatomy of an Irrational Skeptic". He surely was a good and fast typist though. A perfect illustration of "Don't bother me with the, facts my mind is made up". I wish I had a video of our debate at Trinity College in Texas many years ago.

Stan Friedman

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## 'Nevada US-Alien Facility' Brief?

From: **Barb Campbell** <[nwsurc.nul](mailto:nwsurc.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 17:49:33 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 10:00:45 -0500  
Subject: 'Nevada US-Alien Facility' Brief?

I came across this 87 page PDF document on the Internet, and then copied and included it to NWSURC's site under Information.

I wondered if anyone had any comments on it? Mr. Friedman, I would especially be interested in hearing yours on this document.

It can be found at:

<http://www.nwsurc.com/NEVADA%20US-ALIEN%20FACILITY%20BRIEF.pdf>

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas everyone!

-Barb

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## Blind Faith In Human Science & Mathematics

From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 23:04:16 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 10:15:05 -0500  
Subject: Blind Faith In Human Science & Mathematics

Hurriedly recommend a second hard look at "blind science" if still clinging to faith in human science or mathematics.

It makes clear that -

a) astrophysics has been wrong on almost every call made till now.

The names of astronomical phenomena are all wrong because the scientists thought they were something other.

Check the new solar systems being found; Newtonian physics said 'impossible' but the universe disagrees.

b) mathematics is merely a human invention which may or may not apply to the universe. Einstein said "When mathematics tries to talk about reality - it's inaccurate, when mathematics is accurate - it's not talking about reality".

While common sense gives respect for arithmetic, because integers - whole numbers - can represent real things, "advanced" mathematics is conceptual, having no automatic correlation with physical existence.

Profs Stewart & Cohen (and Lee Smolin) agree on that - take Smolin's quote "I have never heard a good a priori argument that the world must be organized according to mathematical principles."

[Other real experts' quotes are in text or links - in full.]

Haven't time to consider equally tiresome quibbles - it's Saturday.

cheers  
Ray D

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## Re: Phil Klass - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 23:33:56 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 12:48:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Phil Klass - Maccabee

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>Cutler Twining memo and a copy of his check to me for 1000\$ for  
>providing more than 10 examples of Pica type on NSC documents.

Between New Zealand and McMinnville I may have about 2000 pages  
of correspondence with PJK in the time frame 1974 - 1984.

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies -

From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 2:46:29 -1000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 12:52:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies -

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 07:43:38 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

<snip>

>Two points to make here; one, it is not necessary to have an ET  
>craft in one's possession to prove their are ET craft flying  
>around in our airspace; two, spearately, there is ample evidence  
>verifying the fact that "the powers-that-be have in fact  
>"recovered an ET craft."

<snip>

Frank,

Frank, can you clearly outline "ample evidence verifying the  
fact that the powers-that-be have recovered an ET craft"?

Thank you,

Josh

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## Re: Good News For Causality? - Shough

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Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Shough

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 13:37:14 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

<snip>

>Author:

>"(It's unfortunate that Einstein omitted the crucial word  
>"inertial" in this statement, but the meaning is clear from the  
>context, since he refers to systems of coordinates in terms of  
>which Newton's laws hold good - to the first approximation.)  
>However, the principle of relativity does not tell us how the  
>descriptions with respect to one such system of reference relate  
>to the descriptions with respect to another. It merely tells us  
>that the same "laws" will be satisfied in both systems."

>Do you suppose that there was a reason that he left it out <BG>?

Yes. The principle of relativity stated with respect to coordinate systems in uniform translatory motion, as you cite it here, is Special Relativity. These coordinate frames are inertial frames by definition. You are right that the question of what, physically speaking, distinguishes inertial frames as special is outside the purview of SR. In particular although SR is perfectly capable of describing accelerated frames it doesn't generalise to a theory of how frames relate when accelerated in gravity. But Einstein was obviously well aware of this, which is why he tackled the deeper structure of spacetime by subsuming SR as a limit case applicable strictly only over infinitesimal domains inside a larger theory called General Relativity. It is quite true that GR does not explain how spacetime geometry is coupled to mass, and inertia is still mysterious within the theory, but you appear (if I understand you right) to be implying that Einstein was trying to fudge SR by pretending that inertia didn't matter and hoped that no one would notice. This is absurd.

Martin Shough

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## Re: 'Nevada US-Alien Facility' Brief? - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <[skyman22.nul](mailto:skyman22.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 07:36:06 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 12:56:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Nevada US-Alien Facility' Brief? - Hamilton

>From: Barb Campbell <[nwsurc.nul](mailto:nwsurc.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 17:49:33 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: 'Nevada US-Alien Facility' Brief?

>I came across this 87 page PDF document on the Internet, and  
>then copied and included it to NWSURC's site under Information.

>I wondered if anyone had any comments on it? Mr. Friedman, I  
>would especially be interested in hearing yours on this document.

>It can be found at:

><http://www.nwsurc.com/NEVADA%20US-ALIEN%20FACILITY%20BRIEF.pdf>

Barb,

I do not mean to reply in Mr. Friedman's stead, but I have made quite a study of Area 51/S4 lore and have previously seen the document you reference which is a hodge podge of stuff that has been on the web for sometime and has little value in my opinion.

Bill

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## Re: Blind Faith In Human Science & Mathematics -

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Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 12:59:34 -0500  
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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>Subject: Blind Faith In Human Science & Mathematics

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I'm astonished that smart people can so insistently delude  
themselves that they have the remotest grasp on what really  
happens in the cosmos around us. Five very narrow banded senses  
only get about 2% at best.

Sure, be proud of an academic persistence and a willingness to  
pay more tuition so you can lord it over the less blessed, but  
don't think for a moment that your beliefs, scientific or  
otherwise, are any more or less accurate than another's, even if  
they might appear in the short-run to approximate the precepts  
of those, actually pretty convenient, precepts... To operate any  
other way is to have the corrosive mainstream relevancy of Dr.  
Laura, Rush Limbaugh, Jerry Fallwell, or Philip Klass.

We were making some pretty bad assumptions as late as 50 years  
ago. Things change or die.

Stuart Miller recently wrote:

"OK, lets tell everybody about it and bugger the consequences.  
Possible economic collapse? Rocketing suicide rate? Massive  
increases in mental dysfunction as faith in religion crumbles?"

Deep depression within the scientific community as it realizes it knows nothing and now won't be able to discover anything new by itself? Terror at the prospect of an invasion? Terror at the prospect of malevolent bacterial invasion? The trauma that many will feel at the realization that far from being at the top of the tree that they're the galactic equivalent of an ant? Who cares!! At least we've got the prestige of announcing all this to the world. Wow. Folks will be real grateful."

I remember back to a period of 60 years ago when I think it's pretty obvious, even being conservative, that the ET hypothesis was the obvious hypothesis...

We had an opportunity, during a time of chaotic turmoil anyway, to grasp this conundrum by the shirt-tails, then! It was an opportunity missed. 60 years later we still suffer the smirks, slings, and sneers of brain-dead klasskurtzians who crow that they own the high ground with regard to science and rationality when nothing could be further from the truth. Increasingly they are the tedious partisan-hack-ideologues of outmoded conventional wisdoms devoid of imagination rationality, humility, validity, courage, and intelligence, only - caricatures of a pompous and outdated status-quo. Consider that one of their revered patron saints is Philip Klass to begin to appreciate the depth of their intellectual failure and the breadth of their self-imposed ignorance - their lack of verity.

I know where Stuart Miller was coming from, and this is not criticism of him, but Economic collapse looks like it might be happening anyway. Suicides might only be doing themselves and us a favor, actually, forgetting they were likely to be few in the first place, and too close to the edge anyway, in the second. Mental dysfunction is on an upward trend regardless, and might even be caused by the duplicity and cruelty our aggregate culture visits on us! Scientific Depression would likely only be experienced by those who were 'too' comfortable in a 'position' and were loath to redo work. Real scientists would rejoice that another layer of fallacy has come off the truth and a real game is afoot! We're already terrorized by invasion, anyway! We're already terrorized by infestation, anyway. Our inflated hubris, lowest-common-denominator spirituality, and pompous homocentricity was RIPE for a righteous bubble busting!

Besides, as individuals there is no need to feel in any way diminished. Individually, one can be made more than one was with the loss of the terrible ignorance imposed from above.

Seriously, if we'd come clean 60 years ago we'd already have an old population who never knew the duplicity, the soulless corporate horror, the dumbing down, and ignorance by decree. I think we'd be inhabiting a living ring we'd built in the belt between Mars and Jupiter. Where would we be 60 years hence?

Bad news won't improve with age. And you know? I'm betting the news ain't that bad. Disclosure now.

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

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Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 16:49:42 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 13:03:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Hall

>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 18:55:50 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

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>>Date: Fri, 17 Dec 2004 16:46:11 +0000  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>Why are you defensive about independent replication by  
>>disinterested parties?

>And how are we to determine who is genuinely a "disinterested  
>party"? Even if we assume, indeed, that such persons actually  
>exist.

This raises a very interesting point. At the outset of the University of Colorado UFO Project (Air-Force sponsored) in 1966, it was decided that any scientist who had a publicly expressed interest in UFOs should be excluded from participating in the study. This automatically excluded such interested parties as James E. McDonald, J. Allen Hynek, and Donald H. Menzel, and automatically left the field to those scientists most (literally) ignorant and uninterested.

The purpose of this methodological decision clearly was political and for appearances sake, not based on scientific merit. It had the effect of eliminating those scientists most knowledgeable about the subject matter and with the most passionate interest in pursuing it, whose participation under normal circumstances would be highly desirable. It also was a bit of a fiction, because scientists who made the cut had varying degrees of 'interest' and 'disinterest' (meaning belief and disbelief, and/or open-mindedness and closed-mindedness).

The examples given earlier on this thread about circumstances in which scientists perhaps should be disqualified, such as drug tests being performed by scientists associated with pharmaceutical companies, have a point. But that sort of thing goes on all the time in science, and normally is controlled for routinely by something called peer review. Also having abstracted many an article from scientific journals, the authors are required to report any potential conflicts of interest along with their findings. A failure to do so can cause a loud hue and cry by other watchdogs.

If bad or self-serving science is done, when science is operating properly (not that it always does operate properly) the peers will be all over details of inappropriate methodology or erroneous data. And in extreme cases, the passionate 'advocates' and passionate 'debunkers' will keep an eye on each other, much as happens on this list! Good peer review is the bottom line. There is absolutely nothing wrong per se about scientists (people) holding opinions or having a strong interest in a subject. In fact, it is much to be desired. Otherwise science would end up being timid, homogenized mush. - Dick

P.S. I feel very strongly about this.

Full disclosure: I was a consultant to the Colorado UFO Project and met officially and socially with the participants, shared many an after-hours bull session, drinks at the motel, beer busts in back yards, dinners at their homes, and private exchanges of correspondence. There and at the American Psychological Association where I was employed for some 8 years I have seen science in operation, warts and all. Very stimulating. I like it. It's the best thing going.

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## Re: Good News For Causality? - Holman

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Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 00:31:17 +1100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 09:05:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Good News For Causality? - Holman

>From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 19:31:57 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>Despite your (tiresome) subclauses, we're in danger of agreeing  
>on one matter of substance.

Tiresome! I'm flattered.

>[Most arguments merely concern acceptance in humans' social,  
>financial or academic esteem. In my opinion they aren't worth a  
>tinker's cuss.]

Well, physicists argue all the time. Perhaps that's one reason  
for their success thus far.

>Matters of substance are realities - particularly those of the  
>external universe - and how they affect life, including us. It's  
>clear to me that mainstream science is not yet qualified to  
>speak of those matters.

>But that inconvenience won't stop the spoutings of the pompous  
>and the fraudulent "in the name of science" - will it?

It's not clear to me why you think we might agree on this. Or  
even what you are talking about.

>Check "blind science" (Google) again.

>[Nearly forgot: apply the above to any "points of disagreement".

How can cut-and-pasting the above be considered an adequate  
response to any of my specific questions or criticisms? Try this  
next time: you claim such-and-such to be true, I query your  
claim, you either back up your claim or discard (or modify) it.  
It's not hard.

Brett

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>still clinging to faith in human science or mathematics.

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Sorry, it didn't make it clear to me - probably too much  
astrophysics in my formal education. Perhaps you could  
elucidate.

>The names of astronomical phenomena are all wrong because the  
>scientists thought they were something other.

Are they? All of them? Do tell. (Whatever could be wrong with,  
say, "binary star"?) And why should anyone care if the names are  
"wrong", as long as they are precisely defined and consistently  
applied?

If your point is that astronomers initially got it wrong - well,  
no, really? I still don't know why this is something to be  
ashamed of.

>Check the new solar systems being found; Newtonian physics said  
>'impossible' but the universe disagrees.

Please tell me where or how "Newtonian physics" said these new  
solar systems were "impossible". (Unlikely, sure - not  
impossible.) No, a popular science book does not count. Nor does  
a press release or newspaper article, for that matter.

>b) mathematics is merely a human invention which may or may not  
>apply to the universe. Einstein said ""When mathematics tries to  
>talk about reality - it's inaccurate, when mathematics is  
>accurate - it's not talking about reality".

Einstein apparently also said:

"[I]t is my conviction that pure mathematical construction  
enables us to discover the concepts and the laws connecting  
them, which give us the key to the understanding of the  
phenomena of nature."

Doesn't sound like the same guy, does it? Taking quotes out of  
context can be very misleading, which is why I keep trying to  
put your favourite ones back into context.

Anyway, sorry for the tiresome quibble, but the actual quote you  
want is:

"As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are  
not certain; and as far as they are certain, they do not refer  
to reality."

<http://www.tu-harburg.de/rzt/rzt/it/Geometry.html>

(Although, to be fair, perhaps your version is also a valid translation of the original German.)

Einstein's certainly not arguing that mathematics does not apply to the Universe; he would have been the very last person to say that. (You can see that when further on in the same lecture, he suggests that it might be possible to calculate the size of the Universe by calculating the difference between predicted and actual motions of stars - hardly the statement one would expect of somebody trying to minimise the importance of mathematics in understanding the real world.) His point is this: despite originating in very practical activities (such as building things), geometry is divorced from all that, instead concerning itself with abstract concepts such as "point" and "line", which is ultimately how it made progress. But there's nothing in formal Euclidean geometry which relates these concepts to the real world. Einstein suggests that all we need do is add a proposition asserting that real-world objects follow Euclidean geometry to make geometry practical in this sense. Of course, his larger purpose is to show that this proposition is not necessarily true, and that in fact the geometry of space-time might not be Euclidean, contrary to our intuition and habitual assumptions.

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I agree that there appears to be no reason why the Universe should be comprehensible mathematically. The fact remains that to a large degree, it IS. And despite being one of the few physicists to have earned your admiration, once again poor Lee Smolin gets only a partial quote from you. He actually said (this is a paraphrase since the only copy around here is in Borders): "In spite of the obvious effectiveness of mathematics in physics, I have never heard a good a priori argument that the world must be organized according to mathematical principles." (Emphasis added.) He isn't claiming that mathematics is not a powerful way to understand the Universe, and the surrounding text makes that even clearer.

>[Other real experts' quotes are in text or links - in full.]

I presume a "real expert" is someone who you think agrees with you? Unfortunately, as far as I can tell most of the quotes you like to throw around don't mean what you seem to think they mean.....

Brett Holman

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<http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/12-19c-04.asp>

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More Evidence Of Extra Terrestrial Contacts With Indian  
Government And Military

Juhi Singhal - Special Correspondent

According to Subhra Jain, a freelance reporter in New Delhi, she bumped into a very senior Indian Military official in a nightclub in New Delhi. While talking what she came to know will make the rest of the world sit up all night. According to her, Extra Terrestrials have been visiting India and the rest of the world for thousands of years. In recent days most of the super powers have been formally contacted. India is no exception in recent days.

"They always contact through the ground radar stations of the military", she says. Indian Himalayas and Ladakh (China-India) border is where they first made their recent contact. They want to let India know the laws and regulation of the multidimensional Universe.

India is planning an un-manned moon and later an unmanned Mars expedition. India's premier Space Research Organization (ISRO) has been told "do's and don'ts".

Almost in the same week, a Flight Commodore who just retired from Indian Air Force, was requested in Bangalore, India, to provide a little talk on any topic to his youngest son's classmates in the school environment. Guess what he picked as the topic =96 yes you got it right =96 it was the underground landing base for UFO crafts in Ladakh. He first started by saying new technology is evolving and new achievements are being made in Aerospace. The students stared questioning him on different aspects of this new technologies and where this technology came from! Then the students started challenging him if he was really joking =96 at that moment he started providing vivid descriptions of the landing base.

Ladakh is a land like no other. Bounded by two of the world's mightiest mountain ranges, the Great Himalaya and the Karakoram, it lies athwart two other, the Ladakh range and the Zaskar range. Ladakh lies at altitudes ranging from about 9,000 feet (2750m) at Kargil to 25,170 feet (7,672m) at Saser Kangri in the Karakoram. Thus summer temperatures rarely exceed about 27 degree Celsius in the shade, while in winter they may plummet to minus 20 degree Celsius even in Leh. Surprisingly, though, the thin air makes the heat of the sun even more intense than at lower altitudes; it is said that only in Ladakh can a man sitting in the sun with his feet in the shade suffer from sunstroke and frostbite at the same time!

In Leh, Ladakh, according to Tsering Spalzung, a senior official, any paranormal activities are happening with the knowledge of the Indian Army. There are zones that Indian Army and Air Force block for security reasons. The Ladakh valley is heavily secured by the Indian Government. It is a sensitive area and no one is allowed in these sensitive areas =96 neither from Indian side nor from Chinese side. The terrain is such that it is impossible to find hidden underground structures under massive mountains =96 you are looking at core Himalayas.

The Petroleum Ministry when asked about recent high oil price, said that India is developing alternative energy sources with advanced technologies. When asked about, what kind of alternative technologies, the spokesperson hurriedly brought the press conference to a quick end by saying those are really classified information.

Indian Government has decided to spend enormous amount of money to develop the Kashmir and Ladakh road infrastructure. Even they plan to use the Foreign Exchange Reserves for this.

According to rumors in New Delhi, UFOs made formal contact with Indian Government. The Government was initially baffled without knowing how to react. Later things became quiet and it seems all understand that these Extra Terrestrials are friendly.

Kargil and Ladakh are hotspots in Kashmir India, which will probably see first Nuke exchange if that ever happens. Three countries face each other there with Nuke capabilities - India, China and Pakistan.

In 1999, Pakistan and India almost went head to head exchanging Nukes for a war on Kargil. Indian Army fought with full vigor against an enemy holding higher grounds. Pakistan planned to go all out on Kargil. India at that moment has no choice but to apply the nuclear arsenal.

At the insistence of US President Bill Clinton, Pakistan at the last moment backed out and the Nuke war was avoided.

=46rom that time onwards, according to local residents and Indian Army personnel, that area has seen the maximum numbers of UFOs and Extra Terrestrial presence.

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## Rash Of UFOs In Eastern Hemisphere

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Source: World Net Daily =96 Grants Pass, Oregon

[http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=3D42008](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=3D42008)

12-20-04

Rash Of UFOs In Eastern Hemisphere

Witnesses see action in skies of Indonesia, China, Australia

It's been a busy December for skywatchers in the Eastern Hemisphere, as citizens of Indonesia, China and Australia have all reported seeing unidentified flying objects.

In Indonesia, witnesses told a radio station they saw an object flying across the sky near Jakarta yesterday morning.

Dozens of witnesses claim they heard loud explosions after seeing the object leave a tail of fire.

"It's suspected that a fireball originating from a big meteor entered the Earth's atmosphere. ... This created the explosion," Thomas Djamaluddin, an official with the Indonesian space center, LAPAN, told the Antara news agency.

Published reports say Indonesia has been on high alert for fear of attacks by Islamic terrorists during the holiday period.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, hundreds of people in northwest China's Gansu province witnessed "a strange shining object" sweeping through the sky at 11:36 p.m. local time.

The Gansu daily says it was followed by "earthshaking sounds like bombing." Residents also reported an ensuing tremble felt within 100 kilometers of Lanzhou, the capital of the province.

One man who was driving at the time said he saw "a shining ball with a three-meter-long trail flying from west to east," and that he heard two thunder-like sounds immediately afterward.

More than 700 reports were filed with authorities on the case, with some residents reporting an earthquake, and others claiming a meteor event.

Police, working on the theory it was a meteorite, have been investigating the matter, but haven't found any evidence of what caused the phenomenon.

As WorldNetDaily reported two weeks ago, Australians were baffled by mysterious, multi-colored lights which appeared to hover in the sky.

Laboratory technician Julie Lynn, a self-described skeptic of unidentified flying objects, said, "It hovered in the one place for at least two hours but had moved significantly when we checked on it again before we went to bed. I can't believe there



are UFOs or little green men out there =96 there must be an obvious explanation. And we weren't drinking so it wasn't something we imagined."

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## Mexican AF UFO "A Squadron Of New Stealth Strike

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 06:49:43 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 10:15:52 -0500  
Subject: Mexican AF UFO "A Squadron Of New Stealth Strike

From: "James Easton" <[voyager.nul](mailto:voyager.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 19 May 2004 02:22:16 +0100  
Subject: skunk-works "a squadron of new stealth strike craft..."

I wondered if anyone could please help with brief queries re the following article, which is presently receiving some media attention (alas, the 'UFO' element therein is inherent):

'UFOs Gone Wild, Men From Mars Visit Mexico'  
by Charles R. Smith  
Thursday, May 13, 2004

"The unidentified aircraft that shadowed the Mexican surveillance plane are reportedly part of a squadron of new stealth strike craft operating from the U.S.".

Any known evidence for this alleged "squadron of new stealth strike craft"?

"The aircraft are equipped with special infrared light panels that are only visible to special cameras or night vision gear. The panels are used in formation flying outside of hostile airspace to prevent the aircraft from colliding with each other or with support aircraft such as refueling planes. The panels are especially handy during aerial refueling with U.S.A.F. tankers, allowing the tanker operators to visually monitor the stealth planes in total darkness".

"However, F-117A Stealth fighters normally operate inside the U.S. with special radar reflective panels attached to their planes in order to be tracked in commercial airspace and not attract attention".

Are these assertions factual?

"The new stealth aircraft is said to embody the latest technology, including special light panels designed to hide the plane in broad daylight".

Any evidence that such technology has actually been deployed?

"In addition, the recent UFO sighting in Mexico came within days of a report of a classified aircraft powered by an impulse type engine flying over Utah. The aircraft left a distinctive 'donuts-on-a-rope' contrail in a flight over the Utah Wasatch Mountains".

"More than a decade ago, a similar classified aircraft was spotted and photographed by observers throughout the U.S. The aircraft left a telltale trail of puffs along a long contrail in the sky. However, sightings of the pulser engine aircraft dropped off during the late 1990s."

...'donuts-on-a-rope' contrails - were they not concluded to have a mundane explanation?

For the full publication, see:

<http://www.newsmax.com/archives/articles/2004/5/13/91044.shtml>

Smith's article contains some significant claims, with Smith purportedly being an 'informed source', yet it's strikingly devoid of any references.

There's an author bio at:

<http://www.newsmax.com/pundits/bios/Smith-bio.shtml>

A knowledgeable appraisal on the above points would be much appreciated - please reply directly, if preferable to keep responses off-list because of the media's 'UFO' connotation concerning this story.

James Easton.  
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Date: Tue, 18 May 2004 20:29:40 -0700  
From: "Mr. K. Rudolph" <[krudolph.nul-technologies.com](mailto:krudolph.nul-technologies.com)>  
Subject: skunk-works Ramblings...

I can't speak for stealth aircraft, but it seems reasonable. In 1991 we used IR panels during night operations in the mountains to keep track of vehicles in convoys. A relative tells me of similar applications on tanks in the early 80's.

As for special panels and special cameras... Not really, forty year old technology that can be seen by darn near any solid state camera, high end professional or kids toy and night vision equipment used for the past sixty or so years, nothing special, nothing new, different application... Well sort of I guess, RC airplane hobbyists have been doing similar things with surplus night vision goggles and IR LEDs on their planes for fifteen years or so.

Something old is new again!

Kurt

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Date: Tue, 18 May 2004 23:18:07 -0500 (CDT)  
From: [gregd.nul](mailto:gregd.nul)  
Subject: Re: skunk-works "a squadron of new stealth strike craft..."

IR formation lights are standard equipment on most US front line aircraft, and have been for some time.

IR LEDs on the left formation light of a Block 52 F-16C:

<http://www.habu2.net/aeropix/scott2003/images/s523.jpg>

IR LEDs on the trailing formation light on the same F-16C:

<http://www.habu2.net/aeropix/scott2003/images/s509.jpg>

These lights have been openly acknowledged in many public sources, the following is an excerpt from Lockheed's Code One magazine, January 1998: (article is online at:

[http://www.codeonemagazine.com/archives/1998/articles/jan\\_98/jan2a\\_98.html](http://www.codeonemagazine.com/archives/1998/articles/jan_98/jan2a_98.html) )

"Aviano F-16 pilots are equally pleased with the exterior lighting portion of the NVIS modification as well. "The exterior lighting is spectacular," Nichols says. "In covert mode, the airplane is completely dark to the naked eye. And the variable covert strobe allows us to discern different airplanes by the rate at which the strobe flashes. We can look around in a four-ship and know where everybody is."

Nichols says the variable strobe is especially helpful in the forward air controller or FAC mission. "NVGs make it difficult to perceive range," he explains. "A bright object ten miles away may appear closer than a nearby dim object. Depth perception works differently at low light levels. A unique strobe rate makes it real simple to distinguish a wingman from other light sources."

The NVG-friendly lighting also improves the air-to-air capabilities of F-16s at night. "We can easily distinguish our aircraft from aircraft with normal lighting," Nichols explains. "When we fly against an airplane without NVG-compatible lighting, we can sort other aircraft visually from a long way out, sometimes before we can sort them on the radar."

Greg Fieser

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Date: Tue, 18 May 2004 21:27:54 -0700  
From: "Mr. K. Rudolph" <krudolph.nul-technologies.com>  
Subject: skunk-works interesting recollection...

I re-call about eight years ago seeing some interesting IR devices for sale at a swapmeet. They were little square rubber blocks with 9 volt battery snaps on the under side and an IR LED on top. I asked about them and the fellow told me a story of how he used them in Viet Nam to indicate a cleared area for helicopters to land.

Kurt

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## Large PDFs Of Report On Death Of James Forrestal

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Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 07:52:35 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 10:18:18 -0500  
Subject: Large PDFs Of Report On Death Of James Forrestal

A conspiracy classic, assuming you can D/L such huge files.

[http://infoshare1.princeton.edu/libraries/firestone/rbsc/finding\\_aids/forrestal/willcutts/index.html](http://infoshare1.princeton.edu/libraries/firestone/rbsc/finding_aids/forrestal/willcutts/index.html)

Admiral M.D. Willcutts Report  
on the Death of James V. Forrestal  
1949

This page links to two text files in Adobe PDF format containing the 1949 report by Admiral M.D. Willcutts, the Navy Department's chief investigator into the death of James V. Forrestal. The documents were procured by David Martin of Virginia via a Freedom of Information Act request in April 2004. Martin scanned the report and gave the PDF files to the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library in August 2004. This is the first time this report has been made available to the public. Also included are scans of five photographs obtained and scanned by Martin.

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## Re: 'Nevada US-Alien Facility' Brief? - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 11:05:09 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 10:23:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Nevada US-Alien Facility' Brief? - Friedman

>From: Barb Campbell <[nwsurc.nul](mailto:nwsurc.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 17:49:33 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: 'Nevada US-Alien Facility' Brief?

>I came across this 87 page PDF document on the Internet, and  
>then copied and included it to NWSURC's site under Information.

>I wondered if anyone had any comments on it? Mr. Friedman, I  
>would especially be interested in hearing yours on this document.

>It can be found at:

><http://www.nwsurc.com/NEVADA%20US-ALIEN%20FACILITY%20BRIEF.pdf>

I agree with Bill Hamilton.

For some reason I couldn't download it yesterday, but did this morning. It is all Pre 1990.

I certainly don't consider John Lear, Bill Cooper, John Keel, Vril as high quality sources. There is some truth mixed with a lot of fiction.

A few factual errors include:

Calling James V. Forrestal "General" - he was not military.

Saying Hillenkoetter set up the Robertson Panel... it was his successor Walter B. Smith.

Jerome Hunsaker outlived Gordon Gray by 22 months and died just 2 weeks before Box 189 of Entry 267 of Record Group 341 was first handled - He had the Cutler Twining Memo - and less than three months before receipt of the EBE and TF by Jaime Shandera.

All kinds of fictional material. Not reliable.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Large PDFs Of Report On Death Of James

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 10:25:42 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 10:34:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Large PDFs Of Report On Death Of James

>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 07:52:35 -0700  
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>on the Death of James V. Forrestal  
>1949

<snip>

Yes, someone sent me these files a while ago. They are amazing at how obviously incompetent these so-called 'experts' were. If you just read the first five pages all you see is how everyone is avoiding responsibility across the board.

The extra surprise I got was when I showed the files and a UFO documentary to a friend of mine who worked 20 years for a major corporation. When he saw the names of the skepti-bunkers and the names of the doctors he told me how these were the same people his corporation had discovered had attacked his corporation.

I can't disclose more but let's just say a day of great justice is about to come forth and it's going to blow you folks out of your socks regarding who has been and is still behind this skepti-bunker nonsense, who and how they're funded and then watch how they get stomped by a massing army of top attorneys who didn't know what was going on until we brought this info to their attention.

That old saying about they can run but can't hide is gonna change to:

They ain't even got a place to run to anymore.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: More Evidence Of ET Contac With Indian

From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 10:33:06 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 10:58:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: More Evidence Of ET Contac With Indian

>Source: India Daily

><http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/12-19c-04.asp>

>12-19-04

>More Evidence Of Extra Terrestrial Contacts With Indian  
>Government And Military

>Juhi Singhal - Special Correspondent

This is neat that there're stories coming out of India but they're the same stuff that comes out of the west.

Perhaps what some of you top Ufologists could do is just petition the various governments to disclose their views on the UFO situation. Don't presume they'll be part of this nonsensical global conspiracy thing, perhaps they've viewpoints that they've yet to express because no one has asked them politely.

All you need is just one official to say those magic words.

If you get two, then the pressure is on.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Mexican AF UFO "A Squadron Of New Stealth

From: James Smith <[zeus001002.nul](mailto:zeus001002.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 11:15:50 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 21:42:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mexican AF UFO "A Squadron Of New Stealth

>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 06:49:43 -0700  
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This is an old story and it has been fairly well resolved to be  
oil rig burn-off flares. Case closed. No need for weak IR  
sources as the article describes in hope of explaining the  
video.

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 11:17:43 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 21:47:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 2:46:29 -1000  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 07:43:38 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

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>>Two points to make here; one, it is not necessary to have an ET  
>>craft in one's possession to prove their are ET craft flying  
>>around in our airspace; two, spearately, there is ample evidence  
>>verifying the fact that "the powers-that-be have in fact  
>>"recovered an ET craft."

><snip>

Happy Holidays Josh!

>Frank, can you clearly outline "ample evidence verifying the  
>fact that the powers-that-be have recovered an ET craft"?

Yes I can Josh, but so can you... if it weren't "you" asking the  
question, "I" would ask the opinion of the questioner about  
UFOs; are he or she of the mind-set that indeed some UFOs are ET  
craft?

Separately Josh, I'd like to extend a "virtual handshake" to you  
and any veteran reading this; during this holiday season my  
thoughts go out to the soldiers and their families of those who  
are in, and or involved in the Iraq conflict. I am one who has  
not become "calloused" to the terrible news that comes out of  
Iraq on a weekly, and almost daily basis.

Obviously there are no words that can begin to quantify the  
sacrifices being made today from those that wear the uniform,  
and from those that have donned it in the past.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

P.S. How's the Brookdale Lodge these days?

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## Causality & Blind Science News

From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 17:24:29 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 22:03:22 -0500  
Subject: Causality & Blind Science News

>From: Brett Holman <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 00:31:17 +1100  
>Subject: Re: Good News For Causality?

>From: Brett Holman <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 00:41:13 +1100  
>Subject: Re: Blind Faith In Human Science & Mathematics

Brett,

Attacking the messenger does not disprove a message. So far you've only produced hair-splitting quibbles and silly slurs.

Here's the message again - Technology works by 'suck it and see' and is reality-based. "Science Theory" is concept-based (& ego-based) and has always been wrong in the past and is wrong now.

Quote - "Whatever economic and human resources were made available to Pythagoras for the purpose of investigating the natural world... he would not have known what questions to ask, nor could he have known. There is no reason to doubt that the present state of affairs is any different." - that was John D. Barrows in 'Impossibility - the Limits of Science and the Science of Limits' (ISBN 0-09-977211-6). You might also check Nigel Calder in "badsci.txt".

Science's record of wrong theories, both large (astrophysics) and small (particle physics) is complete, spanning Ptolemaic epicycles and Aristotle's four elements, all the way to today's 'impossible' solar systems (now being found) and the non-working 'standard model' (dependent on non-existent gluons and non-discoverable 'Higg's bosons').

Please, no more kicking and screaming Brett. If you can't face the music, quit the dance-hall.

Chorus - "Science has no grounds on which to affirm or deny unknown phenomena, while it is so obviously befuddled by known phenomena."

More evidence at:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/blinded.html#furth>

Cheers

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>
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## Re: Alien Abductions - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 21:54:45 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 22:14:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Reason

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 16:49:42 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

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>The examples given earlier on this thread about circumstances  
>in which scientists perhaps should be disqualified, such as  
>drug tests being performed by scientists associated with  
>pharmaceutical companies, have a point. But that sort of thing  
>goes on all the time in science, and normally is controlled for  
>routinely by something called peer review. Also having  
>abstracted many an article from scientific journals, the authors  
>are required to report any potential conflicts of interest along  
>with their findings. A failure to do so can cause a loud hue and  
>cry by other watchdogs.

>If bad or self-serving science is done, when science is  
>operating properly (not that it always does operate properly)  
>the peers will be all over details of inappropriate methodology  
>or erroneous data. And in extreme cases, the passionate  
>'advocates' and passionate 'debunkers' will keep an eye on each  
>other, much as happens on this list! Good peer review is the  
>bottom line. There is absolutely nothing wrong per se about  
>scientists (people) holding opinions or having a strong interest  
>in a subject. In fact, it is much to be desired. Otherwise  
>science would end up being timid, homogenized mush.

I hate to sound a note of pessimism (again) but I think this rather overstates the significance of peer review. I can't say how it works in the physical sciences, but in the social sciences, peer review is very much a hit-and-miss affair. It's undoubtedly helpful in ensuring that methodology is tightened up somewhat prior to publication, but it certainly doesn't guarantee that rubbish won't find its way into print. Ask any group of psychologists and they'll probably agree that roughly 50-75% of published psychological research is not worth the paper it's printed on -- what they won't agree on, of course, is which 50-75% that is.

In a sense, the real "peer review" comes after publication, in which other researchers attempt to replicate the research or offer critiques of its methodology. Out of this process, one hopes, real understanding will emerge.

The problem with this is that, although many people don't like to admit it, the process works much better in some disciplines than others. It seems to work very well in the physical sciences, but in the social sciences, the process never quite seems to come together. There is probably not a single research finding in the whole history of psychology, for example, which can genuinely be called uncontroversial. I've suggested elsewhere, that this can be regarded as a failure of "theoretical convergence" - psychological theories are rarely if ever defined with sufficient rigor to make clear and unambiguous predictions, and the resulting elasticity (to use Peter Rogerson's phrase) means the empirical data never get to exert any meaningful selective pressure on them. The "theories" (if they can even be



called that) are always capable of mutating to accommodate any additional data. It's also regrettably true that what is presented as data in social science papers is almost always subjected to varying degrees of arbitrary and subjective interpretation.

The question is, does ufology resemble the physical sciences or the social sciences? I'm afraid in my view, ufology is clearly much more like psychology than it is like physics. Like the social sciences, a lot of good work is being done at the level of pure data-collection - also like the social sciences, it's often very difficult to distinguish the good work from the bad, because the reliability of any given piece of empirical work is often impossible for the outsider to ascertain. And once again like the social sciences, the various theoretical explanations offered in ufology tend to be so diffuse that they don't make any clear predictions. I'm afraid I really don't buy your test of the ETH, for example - I don't doubt that if I browsed through a half-dozen sci-fi stories I could find some reference to an imaginary (and unfalsifiable) technology which would be invisible to your array of detectors. What if alien spaceships only ever come out of hyperspace to engage their wombat synthesizer or whatever?

As a general rule, one should always try to specify any hypothesis in the most general form allowed by the evidence available - this is why I've always maintained that the ETH should not incorporate any ad hoc assumptions about the capabilities or otherwise of alien intelligence. Indefinite elasticity tends to arise when it's unclear at what level of generality a hypothesis is being specified.

Since I'm on the subject of methodology, one of the problems I have with ufology as a relative outsider (I've never actually investigated a UFO report and have little knowledge of any but a handful of cases) is the apparent difficulty in obtaining reliable, detailed raw data about any given case. I'm sure that in a situation where most of the investigators know each other it's relatively easy for them to ascertain what is and is not reliable, but a scientific discipline should not really be dependent on these sorts of personal relationships. Ideally one would like as an outsider to have access to the greatest amount of raw data obtained by means of some protocol whereby its reliability can be ascertained. I emphasize that I'm talking about raw data, not interpreted or selected data. I'm sure many people here will say that this actually happens, but I have to say that from an outsider's point of view I don't think it does.

Looking at this from the point of view of someone who used to be a theoretician, I think that ufology - like the social sciences - is not yet in a position where it can even construct useful theories, let alone test them. I would want to see a much greater emphasis on gathering the maximum amount of raw data, and rather less on theorizing and evangelism. I also have a question for those who believe all the UFO problem needs for its solution is more research funding. Can anyone say what, in terms of detailed research design, they would spend this money on? There must be quite a few people here who could write a grant application for such funding, if it were ever actually become available - it might be interesting, if only as an intellectual exercise, to see what those grant applications might look like.

At this point, I'm afraid I may already have offended quite a few people, so I'll stop. I'm going away on Wednesday, so my contribution to this discussion is over until after the holidays - Happy Holidays everyone.

Cathy

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## Indonesian Blasts Likely Meteor Shower

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 16:30:31 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 22:25:34 -0500  
Subject: Indonesian Blasts Likely Meteor Shower

Source: The Daily Times - Lahore, Pakistan

[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story\\_20-12-2004\\_pg4\\_5](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story_20-12-2004_pg4_5)

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Indonesian Blasts Likely Meteor Shower

JAKARTA: Several loud blasts believed to be caused by a meteor shower echoed across the Indonesian capital Jakarta and nearby towns early on Sunday, startling residents who reported seeing flying objects in the sky.

Police said they had found no evidence that the blasts were caused by bomb attacks. An official from the Indonesian space centre LAPAN told the official Antara news agency the explosions were likely to have been caused by a meteor shower. "It's suspected that a fireball originating from a big meteor entered the earth's atmosphere ... This created the explosion," said LAPAN space expert Thomas Djamaluddin. Police had said they were investigating the blasts. reuters

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## HBCCUFO Recently Reported Sightings - 12-20-04

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research** <[hbccufo.nul](mailto:hbccufo.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 14:27:08 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 22:43:12 -0500  
Subject: HBCCUFO Recently Reported Sightings - 12-20-04

HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings

Release Date: December 20 , 2004

Important notice from HBCC UFO Research. I am on a new host for the website at a new web address.

Please bookmark:

<http://www.hbccufo.org>

There will be a re-direct from my old website address very soon. But as it stands now HBCC UFO Research is now relocated to .org

Peterborough, Ontario Two - Four Oval Objects

Date: Summer 1974  
Time: 10:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 2  
Number of objects: 2-4  
Shape of objects: Oval-round.

Full Description of event/sighting: My cousin and I were walking home from a friend's, when we reached the Stewart St. and Townsend St area by the railroad tracks in what is roughly south central Peterborough. My cousin (name removed) looked up and said "Oh look". When I looked up I saw 2 oval shaped bluish objects traveling North in a zig zag pattern which I have never seen before or since. When I looked up it was straight up, and I followed these things to about a 50-60 degree angle into some trees. It was less than 10 seconds from the time I saw them to the time they disappeared.

They were incredibly fast. I saw jets in the same area years later when my uncle lived in the same area that took at least twice as much time to cover the same area. The most distinctive thing about them was the zig zag motion of traveling. They traveled in a "W" pattern, just left, right, left etc, amazing, I new immediately that they were not anything I had heard about and even at 13 I was well informed. When I asked my cousin what she had saw she told me "I saw 4 UFO's that split up, 2 went north 2 went east." (Name removed) would have been about 16-17 at the time. I've seen meteors and comets over the years but nothing like this experience.

Additional Information:

Weather conditions were clear no clouds. No moon that I remember. Not overcast or raining.

I spotted the UFO's, moving side by side, at approx a 50-65 degree angle, moving south to north. My cousin saw 4 all together, they split and 2 went east and 2 went north. No sound. It was a quiet night and I have excellent hearing. No trail.

Best I can say is that they moved in a left to right fashion very unusual, they moved in unison in the WWWWWW just back and

forth. They did not leave the straight line moving north but they did move back and fourth.

Shape was oval/round, the oval was not elongated not perfectly round either. Bluish in colour, texture unknown. Moving faster than anything I have ever seen.

Distance would be difficult to guess. They were high enough to look smaller than a dime. That's 1 UFO smaller than a dime. Not both UFO's smaller than a dime.

Again the most notable thing about them was the left to right movement. I have seen other things in the sky, I have been interested in astronomy for sometime and have seen many things but nothing like this.

My cousin was the one that spotted them and I don't know which way they came from when she picked them up but they moved from South to North when I saw them.

There were no lights, portholes or anything I could see above the disc, all I could see was from the bottom. But there was a bluish light coming off of the bottom of the discs.

The area has no airport, it is outside of town on the South side about 2-3 km. No military base. No research facilities that I know of. The only notable feature would be the General Electric Factory 1 block away. I worked at this factory for 2 years and I don't know of any research being done there. The most notable thing they do there is make nuclear reactor fuel pellets for the Candu reactors and large engines for airplanes like the Dash 7 and 8's. They also make large generators for large electrical plants around the world. And I'm pretty sure they weren't making UFO's in the basement at least they never let me ride in one.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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UFO Outside Of Smithers, B.C. On The Babine Lake Road

Date: Late Fall 2003  
Time: Evening

A witness was telling be that his friend had been out Bow hunting for Moose along the Babine Lake Road. His friend did shoot at a Moose and the fellow thought he had hit it. The witnesses friend came back home and got his friend and both jumped into the truck and headed back out on the Babine Lake Road to where the Moose would have been.

Now seeing it was after dark when driving back out the witness I talked with said he noticed a couple of bright stars off to his right hand side (east) and another, much brighter and larger which appeared to be alot lower down in the sky. They were thinking that the lower star may just have been a planet at that time. So they continued driving along, of course his friend is excited and talking about possibly getting his Moose, at the same time the his friend is watching this bright object which he thought to be a planet.

He started thinking about the brightness and size believing what he was observing was a little weird. At the time this bright object sat motionless and was a long ways away from the two men in the truck and he figures he had been watching it for approximately 3 minutes now. All of a sudden this bright/large light in the sky from a dead stop just streaked across the night sky in a split second and they both lost sight of it due to the mountain blocking their view.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Kaufman County, Texas Rod ?

Date: November 7, 2004  
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Hi Brian,

I read an article on the Ufocasebook site about the Albany Airport Unknown Object, dated 10-20-2002. I don't know if you're familiar with that or not. The picture the news reporter took shows a straight rod with two offset vertical rods or prongs on either end. On 11-04-2004 and approximately 3:00 p.m., I was taping a jet when an object zoomed across the viewfinder. I thought at the time it was probably a bird or a bug. When I later downloaded it, I saw what I assumed was a "rod" that a lot of other people have captured on film. As long as I have been skywatching and taping things, this was my very first one, so I decided to keep it. As soon as I saw the Albany Object, I knew I had a object similar that I had caught. The only difference I see in the Albany Object and mine is the Albany Object picture shows both offset prongs on either ends and mine shows only one set on either end at a time, like they are 45 degrees off from each other, it has to be spinning if this is true. To my surprise today, I was on Rense and browsing the Filer's Files and George Ritter has a similar one he had caught. I thought I'd better get this one to you before it got to be old news, lol. I'm sending you grabs and clip.

Thank you to the witness for the report, pictures and video footage.

Video clip Kaufman County, Texas Rod ? - Footage 33.4 kb. Video clip can be found at:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2147>

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New Jersey Black Triangle Close Up Sighting

Date: November 26, 2004  
Time: Approx: 2:15 a.m.

I took a telephone call from two witnesses who described seeing a black triangular craft In New Jersey.

The two witness had left the movies and were driving towards home when they spotted a black triangular craft in the distance. What actually brought their attention to the object was seeing a bright elongated light coming towards them in the distance. They thought it looked a little out of place due to the low altitude of the craft, which they thought was an airplane. The object was traveling from north to south on a slight angle dropping downward. One of the witnesses said it looked like a comet or missile dropping out of the sky. There was no trail or tail noticed following the object. Just a very bright elongated light. Due to the whole event looking out of the norm the driver of the car pulled off of the road and into a parking lot so they could sit and watch this event unfold.

With their car is stopped and everyone observing the object, it was at this point, which was close to them the craft came to a stop and hovered over some power-lines. One of the ladies got very frightened as this object was rather close and just sitting in the sky over the power-lines moving slightly from side to side. There were lights on each of the points of the triangle which pulsed rather quickly. They were also able to see the silhouette of the craft against the clear night's sky. It also was reported that the object was just above the trees and power-line, which would have been unusually low for a normal aircraft. Seeing this was becoming nerve rattling the passenger told the driver to get the car going as the passenger was terrified at what they were watching and of course didn't know if something bad might come out of this experience. While they were in the parking lot the craft was only a short distance away from them, as the left the lot and back onto the road they said the object had now moved to the opposite side it was on and the ladies guessed it was approximately 500 feet away from them at this point and heading towards where the ladies had just come from. The object was estimated to be the size of a normal sized car.

The entire sighting lasted for approximately 4 minutes before they finally lost sight of it. There was not a sound coming from it.

The night was reported to be cool and the skies clear.

Thank you to the witnesses for the report.

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Telkwa, British Columbia Elongated Bright Craft

Date: December 11, 2004 Time: 8:45 a.m.

I returned the witnesses call the following day that he had the sighting and he went on to explain what is was he witnessed early that morning on December 11, 2004.

The fellow said he had just woken up and looked out his bedroom window which faces Tyhee Lake and could see the sun had already been up for a short time. The clouds that were in the sky were lit up the different colors of orange and pinks which gave a spectacular view for him. He then noticed underneath the clouds an extremely bright light which looked out of the norm, so he watched. Seeing it was strange looking, he called to his wife who was still in bed to come and look at this weird sight.

As he observed the object he started thinking it was maybe a jet aircraft and the sun was shinning on it which made it appear alot brighter than it should have been. The witness thought quickly and went and grabbed his binoculars which would enable him to get a much better view of this craft.

Now looking through the binoculars he determined it certainly wasn't a jet, although he did say it was hard to see what it was as he still wasn't able to define any features to it other than this elongated bright light.

The man was able to watch and film the object for approximately 5 minutes before it dropped out of sight due to one of the local mountains blocking his view of it. He described the object as being elongated as for it's shape, or like a long cigar. Plus it was much brighter than the clouds which had the sun shinning on them. The witness said you can clearly see that the object is much lower and underneath the clouds that were present that day.

I will be going out to visit the gentleman to have a look at the video footage.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

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Mille Lacs County, Minnesota Objects Hovering Over Field

Date: December 15, 2004  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

HBCC UFO Research Note: The names in this report have been changed to protect the witnesses privacy. Also HBCC UFO Research is looking for anyone else who may have witnessed this event on the evening stated in the date above. Or any other time around this time frame.

Message: I have a sketch to go along with this report - I can email it later I guess! This is a report of my 19 year old son, Carl.

It was on December 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., Carl and a friend Bill were at Barry's house on county road 101 between County roads 23 to the south and 11 to the West. (Mille Lacs County, Minnesota)

They saw a lot of lights in a field- thought at first it's just tractors harvesting. Then they looked more- saying- tractors don't have that many lights... it looks like.. fire trucks? But what are fire trucks doing in a field? They drove over to look, on county Road 101...

Carl said they were "freaking out" and looked at each other.. "Are We Nuts ? Holy Crap that's .. what is that ?" They saw two crafts, one higher than another, hovering at about tree top level. They said they were listening out open windows and didn't hear anything either.

They described the crafts from the side they saw as four-sided, about 30 feet long. Two blue lights on top, going on and off slowly. Green lights along the sides, flashing fast. Two bright, bright lights at the ends on the bottom and a soft "reddish"

"sort of glow" coming from the center bottom. Oh and the craft itself was "dark grey".

Carl and Barry said they were approximately 100 feet away, they didn't know what to think. Carl turned the truck so the head lights would try to shine on the crafts... and that is when they took off fast, without turning one way or the other- just took off right above tree-top level heading north. Carl and Barry said they drove 90 mph down 101 but the things were "long gone".

Carl raced home to tell me since I have talked about UFOs before and he never ever thought there was such things.

Diagram posted to site:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2148>

Thank you to the witness for the report and diagram.

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Bloomington Indiana Unknown Object

Date: December 16, 2004

Time: Daytime ?

Hello Brian..

I got a new digital camera 2 days ago and was playing around taking shots while driving to town, well I uploaded the pictures onto the pc this morning.. and was going delete this but a small speck caught my eye, so I enlarged and enhanced the image and what you see attached is what I caught, which isn't a plane I can tell you that, and it isn't a bird.

Have a good holiday and enjoy. Do with it as you like, anything I send is yours to do with whatever. Post it, keep it, throw them out as I'm open in all this and with winter coming UFO activity really picks up around here so I'll be sending a lot!

Thank you to the witness for the report and photo.

Photo can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2149>

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Telkwa, British Columbia Dark Object With Bright Trail Following

Date: December 16, 2004

Time: 11:00 p.m.

I returned a telephone call to a gentleman by the name of Gordon as he wanted to report what he witnessed on December 16, 2004 at 11:00 p.m. out of Telkwa, B.C. Actually Gordon was one of many witnesses who reported an amazing object that flew low through the Bulkley Valley back on July 29, 2003. That case turned out to be a major story both for myself and the newspaper out of Smithers, B.C.

Anyway, on December 16, 2004 Gordon was outside at his home looking up when he spotted what appeared to be a long narrow tail of light which had some color to it coming from the north. At the front of the tail he was able to see a large dark object with this tail following behind heading towards the south. He reason why he was able to see the dark object was due to the brightness of the starlit night and the dark object passing in front of the heavens.

As he watched the object, which moved extremely fast he was able to observe it disappear or burn out somewhere roughly over the Houston area he figures. The total amount of time for this sighting was approximately 2 to 3 seconds at tops.

Gordon took a "guess" as to the altitude of the object, he felt it was rather high up, maybe some where's in the neighborhood of where the commercial airlines would fly. He also mentioned that the object traveled horizontally.



Thank you to Gordon for this report.

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Montreal, North Quebec 3 Colored Beams Flashing

Date: December 17, 2004  
Time: 5:00 a.m.

Hi...my name is (name removed) from Montreal, North Quebec, I am presently seeing 3 colored beams flashing towards the sky from my apartment window...they must be no further than 5 km away, I cannot see from where the beams start as there houses that are in the way, but I can notice that the base of the beam is pretty intense. The brightest beam is yellow and flashes pretty straight up in sky. There are about 3 other colored beams on the right and left of the bright yellow beam, but they are less brighter. There is a blue and green and maybe a faded red. I have never seen anything like this before especially that bright, and straight up motionless..and have never seen anything in that direction like that either. This is the first time. I doubt it would be some kind of publicity or attraction light because earlier in the evening there was no lights there and its 5:00 a.m. No use to publicize anything in sky at this time.....anyways....just felt I needed to report this unusual sighting....very strange....please keep me posted if you might have any clue or need any additional help from me.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Interesting Books

The Best of Sasquatch/Bigfoot

PR Highlights: Combined Works of John Green

PHOTO Highlights:

Description: The Best of Sasquatch Bigfoot combines legendary Sasquatch Researcher John Green=EDS two best selling titles On the Track of the Sasquatch and Encounters with Bigfoot. This 144 page title includes all the original photos and information of his original titles, with an additional 16 pages of new material surrounding the recent controversies of the claims of fraud by Ray Wallace and others.

John Green is the pre-eminent authority on the fascinating question of whether mankind shares North America with another upright-walking primate, having researched the subject for more than 45 years and assembled a file of more than 4,000 reports. Having been a newspaperman of more than 45 years experience, he is uniquely qualified to be the chronicler of the investigation as well as one of the leading participants. His previous books have sold close to 200,000 copies.

Language: English

To purchase the book, please visit:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2112>

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Meet The Sasquatch - Excellent Book

PR Highlights: Trade Edition

PHOTO Highlights: 604 Photos and Illustrations

Description: Meet the Sasquatch is a milestone in the publication of sasquatch information. Never before have so many

resources been researched and consulted on the phenomenon, nor have so many associated photographs been published under one cover - many, for the first time. The author and his associates, all active sasquatch researchers, produced the work to accompany an extraordinary exhibit at the Vancouver Museum, Vancouver, British Columbia in the summer of 2004.

While the last chapter on sasquatch has yet to be written, here is the full story of what we know about the creature to date. The level and quality of research and photographic coverage will amaze both the believers and skeptics alike. Chris Murphy, John Green and Thomas Steenburg have published many papers and over a dozen books on this topic. The supplemental information contributed by other researchers, scientists, artists and technicians makes this a unique publication. As our title promises, the reader will truly MEET THE SASQUATCH!!

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UFO Defense Tactics: Weather Shield to Chemtrails - By: Johnstone, A. K

Dr. Johnstone's book was selected by The Anomalous Book List, as one of the ten best UFO books of 2002.

Description: The existence of UFOs is a phenomenon that intrigues and captivates, yet it generates more skepticism than acceptance. Witnesses of unconventional craft are often disbelieved and even ridiculed. Belief in the existence of UFOs is obviously not yet mainstream, but that may one day change. Over the past few decades, reports of UFO sightings have dramatically increased in North America. Further, these sightings have been observed to be more blatant and even menacing. Some reports even imply that these craft are monitoring our planet.

Interestingly, many of these sightings have taken place over military bases. In UFO Weather Shield, A.K. Johnstone, PhD., explores the details of numerous sightings from a scientific viewpoint, including descriptions of craft, luminous sheaths and fireballs. So what, if anything, is the United States government doing about it? Johnstone suggests that military and government agencies have the ability to manipulate weather electromagnetically and with chemtrails to deter unconventional craft. This hypothesis also explains erratic changes in the weather in the last few years. Is the government creating a weather shield to deter UFOs from entering the earth's atmosphere? Take a look at the evidence.

To purchase the book, please visit:

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## LWB's First Amendment Violation By Marine Corps

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci.nul](mailto:overtci.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 17:37:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 22:55:53 -0500  
Subject: LWB's First Amendment Violation By Marine Corps

Note: The text of the Inspector General's Office U. S. Marine Corps reply to my complaint of Nov. 14, 2004, below, may indeed spell "case closed" for USMC I.G. purposes, but it also opens wide the litigation gates for my next round with Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld. At least the USMC hierarchy - unlike, say, the maternalistic ones at certain Army/USAF installations - has been man enough to cite chapter- and-verse of the governing regulation that (allegedly) supports this unwise and unconstitutional decision. Stay tuned for yet another chapter in "Bryant's 'Bleak House'".

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From: Col. M. W. McErlean  
Director, Assistance and Investigations Division  
U. S. Marine Corps Headquarters' Inspector General's Office  
Washington, DC 20380-0001

To: Larry W. Bryant

Date: December 8, 2004

Dear Mr. Bryant:

This letter responds to your correspondence with the office of the Inspector General for Marine Corps Matters. You alleged that the Public Affairs Office at Marine Corps Base Quantico improperly refused your request to publish a classified ad titled "Blow the Whistle in [sic] Iraqnam's Battle-of-Baghdad Cover-up!"

Investigators affiliated with this office reviewed your complaint as well as the applicable directives. Pursuant to advice by legal counsel, the office of the Inspector General for Marine Corps Matters regrets to inform you that it supports the decision to deny your ad to the "Sentry" newspaper for the following reasons:

a) DoD Instruction 5129 [the correct number is 5120.4 - LWB] dated June 16, 1997, paragraph 4.2 states that "news coverage and other editorial content in the DoD publications shall be factual and objective. News and headlines shall be selected using the dictates of good taste. Morbid, sensational, or alarming details not essential to factual reporting shall be avoided."

b) Paragraph 4.11 states that "DoD publication[s] shall not contain campaign news, partisan discussions, cartoons, editorials, or commentaries dealing with political campaigns, candidates, issues, or commentaries dealing with political campaigns, candidates, issues [sic], or which advocate lobbying elected officials on specific issues."

Thank you very much for bringing this matter to our attention. Unfortunately, after a careful review of the instructions designed to maintain the integrity of all armed forces publications we find no wrongdoing by the Public Affairs Office, Marine Corps Base Quantico.

Finally, this letter is to advise you that the Office of the Inspector General for Marine Corps Matters considers this case closed.

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## The Strangest UFO File?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 23:10:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 23:10:13 -0500  
Subject: The Strangest UFO File?

Source: Phenomena Magazine

[http://www.phenomenamagazine.com/0/editorial.asp?aff\\_id=0&this\\_cat=Area+51&action=page&obj\\_id=2142](http://www.phenomenamagazine.com/0/editorial.asp?aff_id=0&this_cat=Area+51&action=page&obj_id=2142)

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UFOs in the Archives  
Military Documents On Amazing UFO Encounter

By: Nick Redfern  
Phenomena US Editor in Chief

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## NWSURC Recently Reported Sightings - 12-20-04

From: **Barb Campbell** <[nwsurc.nul](mailto:nwsurc.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 22:31:42 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 06:24:28 -0500  
Subject: NWSURC Recently Reported Sightings - 12-20-04

Northwest Saskatchewan UFO Research Center (NWSURC)

Strange Speck In Saskatoon Sky May Have Military Connection

Date: December 13, 2004  
Time: day time  
Location: Saskatoon, SK  
Objects: 1  
Witnesses: 1

Report received via email:

I have attached three JPEG photos to this message. I hate the way people send in ultra-compressed images. The resulting losses make the image useless for viewing, much less analysis. The attached images are uncompressed. The files are a little larger, but the images are much clearer. I hope you don't mind.

Earlier this year, I acquired a 4.5 x 6 cm medium format camera which I have been experimenting with. The quality of the images is astounding. I use Kodak Professional film with extremely fine grain. It'll be years before digital can catch up to the resolution that's possible with medium format films. I'm very fussy when it comes to my photos and especially the care of my negatives and transparencies. I HATE it when something spoils an image, such as a scratch or dust. When scanning, I carefully blow the dust off with compressed air, augmented with a blower brush if needed. I scan on a CanoScan 9900F. The scanner is capable of "removing" dust and scratches. I believe I read somewhere that it does this by making one pass over the image with visible light then a second pass using infrared light. This is a much more accurate and effective method than software-only dust-and-scratch filters applied to photos after scanning.

So, here's what's kept me up for the past four hours: a tiny little "speck" that I couldn't get off one frame out of a series shot on December 13. On closer examination, I think it's something I photographed, but I can't figure out what it might be. You might find it interesting.

Basic technical data: Images were shot on Kodak E100S Professional film. Exposure was calculated by incident light meter. Some shots were bracketed one stop. Developing at a professional photo lab was completed the day after the photos were taken. Each 4.5 x 6 frame was scanned at 1500 dpi, 16 bits per channel, with "normal" dust and scratch removal and grain correction, and with no "unsharp mask" (most digital cameras and scanners use unsharp mask by default to sharpen images, but this process can add artifacts to the image). Raw scans were imported into Photoshop 6.0 where image levels were set to match the original transparency. In general, this meant setting the black point to the level of the unexposed film outside the image area. In some images, but not the ones attached, the white point was set by adjusting the sliders in the image histogram. Images were saved as TIFF, 16-bit/channel, 1500 dpi. For the purposes of sending the images to you, the TIFF images were downsampled to 8 bits per channel, exported to PNG, then opened in Fireworks 3.0. The notes were added, then the images were exported to JPEG, maximum quality (no compression). There would be some losses in

the JPEG as compared to the TIFF images, but the smaller JPEG images were easier to send to you and the differences are hardly noticeable compared to the original. Additional technical data specific to each image attached is provided in the following paragraphs.

I tried everything to get rid of that speck. I blew compressed air at it. I used the brush. I examined it carefully with a lupe, then looked again with horizontal lighting. The dust particles stood out in sharp relief from the film, but it has become apparent that the "speck" is part of the image. It's too big to be film grain. It appears to be a three-dimensional object.

The first image, 2004-12-13-0041x1500.jpg, is the image that contains the annoying "speck". I circled it near the top. The image was reduced to 25% of its original size to create a manageable file size for transmitting.

The second image, 2004-12-13-0041x3000.jpg, is a scan of the portion of the frame containing the "speck". You can see the top and left side of the frame in the image. The scan is 3000 dpi, close to the maximum scan that can be done with the dust and scratch correction. I wanted to keep the dust and scratch correction in place so that I could look more closely at the speck. If it were something on the surface of the film, the scanner should have removed it.

The third image, 2004-12-13-0041x9600.jpg, is a scan of the smallest area possible at the highest resolution possible for this scanner (9600 dpi). For reference, the top of the frame is visible in the image. At this resolution, there is no dust and scratch correction and no grain correction. Small dust particles are clearly visible throughout the image. Here is where it gets interesting. Note that the shape and dimensions of the "speck". They are the same as in the previous scans. If it were dust, the scanning software should have made some attempt to "see" through it in previous scans and the difference would have been apparent in this scan. Note carefully the colour of the dust and lint on the image, then look at the "speck". The "speck" has an observable magenta cast to it, whereas the dust particles do not (this is even more noticeable in the TIFF images). A slight magenta colour cast is typical of Kodak E series films. Also, each dust particle appears to have a slight halo around it (this is also more noticeable in the TIFF images), the result of light scatter from the scanner's lamp. This indicates that the "speck" is something that was photographed when the picture was taken. The "speck" appears to be three-dimensional, possibly smooth and rounded. The dust particles can be seen to be irregularly shaped.

I have no idea what this is, but it's not a plane or a bird. It may possibly be an artifact of the film. I just looked at some of the other scans from that roll of film. I made a total of seven shots from this location, then moved on to another location. Not all seven images are identical. There are four separate compositions among the seven images. I then moved to another location and about five to ten minutes later took some shot facing the same direction. Image #0041 is the first in the series, which is the image I've sent you. I also scanned #0044 and #0045, but did not scan #0042 through #0043. The "speck", or one like it, appears in all three of the scanned images. In each subsequent image, it appears to be lower and to the right of its position in the preceding image. I will have to try scanning them at higher resolutions, but I'm too tired to do that now.

All this trouble for a little speck. Sheesh!

Thank you to the witness.

Barb's note: I sent the above three images to Linda Moore of Rogue Sighting to have them analyzed. And as the witness suspects, the speck in question is a three dimensional object. The final result found below is a possible explanation of what the speck could be.

View all three images, results and possible explanation at:

<http://www.nwsurc.com/ssr-04-20.htm>

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## Formation of Objects Captured on Photo in Hazelton

Date: Summer 2000  
Time: day time  
Location: Hazelton BC  
Objects: 4 in formation

Report from Barb Campbell:

I believe the following photograph was taken in the summer of 2000. My husband and I were staying in the local RV park in Hazelton BC. We had rented a motorhome from a local resident in Houston, where we lived.

I hadn't noticed until tonight. There is something in the sky on the left of the photo near the tip of the fluffiest cloud. Click on the image to view large version.

The original photo the object appears much clearer than on this scanned image. I will circle the area. Unfortunately the scanned image is not as clear as the original photo that I have in my hand.

Out of curiosity, I emailed a copy to Linda Moore of Rogue Sighting. The following is the results of what she found:

View result and photograph in question at:

<http://www.nwsurc.com/Hazelton2000.htm>

The object is actually a formation or cluster of four rounded or sphere shaped objects.

Now I know there weren't any helicopters flying around or planes as we would have heard them. The reason I took that photo was because I wanted to capture the image of the mountains.

The photo below is the rented motorhome in the RV park in Hazelton. I actually stood in front of it to take that picture of the mountains. The camaro is ours. My husband is sitting at the table and that was our little dog named Angel, before she passed away of old age.

Copy of report forwarded to Brian Vike of HBCC UFO Research

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Between Smithers & Hazelton  
Night Turns To Day

Some time between 1992 and 1993, my former husband and I were getting ready to climb into bed. It must have been pretty close to midnight. I can't remember who turned the light out, but one of us did. We were just about to get into bed when suddenly the night turned to daylight through our window. We must of looked like a couple of deer starring into headlights. After 30 seconds or so, it turned off and all was dark again. It was incredible! I can't remember who he phoned but they told him that it was probably a meteor as there was a meteor shower going on. Yeah right. Way out in the bush and level to our window and as bright as it was.

Above report was forwarded to Brian Vike of HBCC UFO Research

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New to NWSURC

The Chamber

Review of UFO information currently found on the Internet. Information found to be highly misleading and false will be tossed in the trash. Information found to be reliable will be added to the recommended list and will be given a rating out of five stars. Five stars gives the information the highest recommendation.

(Ratings will only take place once material has been found to be reliable)

With all the information floating around out there, the Chamber



can serve to provide individuals seeking UFO information, a reliable list decided by some of the top minds in the UFO field today. Credit is given to individuals who participate, so people will know if the source of the decision is credible or not.

This all started with the recent question I asked in UFO Updates about the Nevada US-Alien Facility Brief, in which Mr Bill Hamilton and Mr Stanton Friedman kindly replied to.

The information currently in review is still the same brief. Anyone wishing to make a comment should visit the link below. I will include the next piece of material up for review in the next NWSURC report.

The Chamber counts on your participation for its success. I hope The Chamber will be useful for someone down the road and I thank you in advance!

<http://www.nwsurc.com/the-chamber.htm>

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## Re: The Night Aliens Called On Lennon - Guenther

From: Daniel Guenther <daniel\_g.nul-online.de>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 02:49:52 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 06:28:02 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Night Aliens Called On Lennon - Guenther

>Source: The Telegraph - London

><http://www.telegraph.co.uk/arts/main.jhtml?xml=/arts/2004/12/08/ftgeller08.xml>

>12-07-04

>The Night Aliens Called On Lennon

Strange Egg... Indeed

Daniel G.

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## The 'Flying Saucer' Dilemma

From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 23:09:10 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 06:30:59 -0500  
Subject: The 'Flying Saucer' Dilemma

While in high school, many moons ago, a hypnotist was engaged for an assembly.

He did the usual entertaining things with volunteer students - making them cluck like a chicken or raise their arms but not able to lower them. And at one point he told a batch of kids on the stage that they were seeing a flying saucer. (This was 1955-56.)

Pandemonium took hold of the stage and each of the 10 (or so) hypnotized kids became hysterically distraught: some screamed, some ran about the stage in fits of paroxysm, and one young woman in the bleachers had an epileptic fit because of the hubbub.

It took the hypnotist several minutes to regain order, and the assembly was cancelled forthwith so I didn't get to see what the ultimate outcome was.

My point? That there was (and is?) an ingrained fear of that which UFOs represent. Thus, it seems that the study of the phenomenon - phenomena is better perhaps - would include the nuts and bolts approach, the psychological approach, the mythological approach, the amorphous (or quantum) approach - the things acting like quantum artifacts, as they are imagined by quantum theorists, and a few other approaches.

Ufology (a term that rankles) needs various disciplines, just as science and other enterprises need segmented disciplines, else the studies get bogged down by all the ramifications and permutations of a generalized approach.

And the great discoveries, talked about by many here at UFO UpDates, have often come about by some kind of epiphany, not a grunt process of trial and error experimentation.....the great discoveries mind you.

We as UFO fanatics get sidetracked by argumentation which is often self-aggrandizing....who knows more than whom, or who is the better debater, and so on..

The old UFO stories have been mined for gold to the point that little or nothing in them has value. A new paradigmatic is needed...a new epiphany as it were.

Is that possible?

Rich Reynolds

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## Merry Christmas

From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 19:50:40 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 06:33:56 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas

Here's wishing you all the very best for the festive season and hoping that 2005 brings good health, peace and prosperity to all.

Regards,

Philip Mantle

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The X-Mas Files  
by Frank Cammuso and Hart Seely

57 Elm Street  
Bethlehem, Pa.  
11:51 P.M., December 24Th

We're too late! It's already been here. Mulder, I hope you know what you're doing.

Look, Scully, just like the other homes: Douglas fir, truncated, mounted, transformed into a shrine; halls decked with boughs of holly; stockings hung by the chimney, with care.

You really think someone's been here?

Someone, or something.

Mulder, over here -- it's a fruitcake.

Don't touch it! Those things can be lethal.

It's O.K. There's a note attached: "Gonna find out who's naughty and nice."

It's judging them, Scully. It's making a list.

Who? What are you talking about?

Ancient mythology tells of an obese humanoid entity who could travel at great speed in a craft powered by antlered servants. Once each year, near the winter solstice, this creature is said to descend from the heavens to reward its followers and punish disbelievers with jagged chunks of anthracite.

But that's legend, Mulder -- a story told by parents to frighten children. Surely you don't believe it?

Something was here tonight, Scully. Check out the bite marks on this gingerbread man. Whatever tore through this plate of cookies was massive -- and in a hurry.

It left crumbs everywhere. And look, Mulder, this milk glass has been completely drained.

It gorged itself, Scully. It fed without remorse.

But why would they leave it milk and cookies?

Appeasement. Tonight is the Eve, and nothing can stop its wielding.

But if this thing does exist, how did it get in? The doors and windows were locked. There's no sign of forced entry.

Unless I miss my guess, it came through the fireplace.

Wait a minute, Mulder. If you're saying some huge creature landed on the roof and came down this chimney! You're crazy. The flue is barely six inches wide. Nothing could get down there.

But what if it could alter its shape, move in all directions at once?

You mean, like a bowl full of jelly?

Exactly. Scully, I've never told anyone this, but when I was a child my home was visited. I saw the creature. It had long white shanks of fur surrounding its ruddy, misshapen head. Its bloated torso was red and white. I'll never forget the horror. I turned away, and when I looked back it had somehow taken on the facial features of my father.

Impossible.

I know what I saw. And that night it read my mind. It brought me a Mr. Potato Head, Scully. It knew that I wanted a Mr. Potato Head!

I'm sorry, Mulder, but you're asking me to disregard the laws of physics. You want me to believe in some supernatural being who soars across the skies and brings gifts to good little girls and boys. Listen to what you're saying. Do you understand the repercussions? If this gets out, they'll close the X-Files.

Scully, listen to me: It knows when you're sleeping. It knows when you're awake.

But we have no proof.

Last year, on this exact date, SETI radio telescopes detected bogeys in the airspace over twenty-seven states. The White House ordered a Condition Red.

But that was a meteor shower.

Officially. Two days ago, eight prized Scandinavian reindeer vanished from the National Zoo, in Washington, D.C. Nobody -- not even the zoo keeper -- was told about it. The government doesn't want people to know about Project Kringle. They fear that if this thing is proved to exist the public will stop spending half its annual income in a holiday shopping frenzy. Retail markets will collapse. Scully, they cannot let the world believe this creature lives. There's too much at stake. They'll do whatever it takes to insure another silent night.

Mulder, I...

Sh-h-h. Do you hear what I hear?  
On the roof. It sounds like a clatter.

The truth is up there. Let's see what's the matter.

Tune in next year to see what they found!

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## New UFO Search Engine

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 03:32:30 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 06:36:54 -0500  
Subject: New UFO Search Engine

Hello all:

Something new: The innovative upstart search engine Gigablast has rolled out what they call a "roll-your-own search engine"!

I jumped right on that, and put up a page that calls up a UFO Specific search. Here is my first stab at it:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/GIGAUFO.html>

Please try it out.

What I do is select a list of websites, starting with my own of course, and including the UFO UpDates List Archive.

If there are archives online for Projects 1947 and 1954, please advise URLs, and I will immediately put those in too.

Since list archives contain input of all types, it will include things I might not care for, but that's life.

I also put in my favorite and most recommended websites, but I'm only allowed a limited number of those .. mostly resources I link to already.

One advantage is that you no longer need to type in "UFO Catalog" to get a catalog of UFOs, just type Catalog. Bingo! Try it.

Another advantage is the exclusion of literally millions of really crappy UFO sites. You should see relatively few grey aliens, and less creepy music etc.

Put in your favorite terms, and let me know what you think of the results returned. I'm still tinkering with it.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: The Strangest UFO File? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 14:42:30 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 20:02:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Strangest UFO File? - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: The Strangest UFO File?  
>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 23:08:10 -0500

>Source: Phenomena Magazine

>[http://www.phenomenamagazine.com/0/editorial.asp?aff\\_id=3D0&this\\_cat=3DArea=+51&action=3Dpage&obj\\_id=3D2142](http://www.phenomenamagazine.com/0/editorial.asp?aff_id=3D0&this_cat=3DArea=+51&action=3Dpage&obj_id=3D2142)

>12-20-04

>The Strangest UFO File?

>UFOs in the Archives  
>Military Documents On Amazing UFO Encounter

>By: Nick Redfern  
>Phenomena US Editor in Chief

<snip>

>Without doubt the most unusual report (in my opinion, at least)  
>I ever came across at the National Archive (formerly the Public  
>Record Office) at Kew, England, surfaced in 1999. It concerns an  
>incident that dated from 1966 and that originated with the  
>British Royal Air Force's Provost and Security Services -- an  
>elite arm of the RAF that until 1998 had its headquarters at a  
>British RAF base named Rudloe Manor, and that has for many years  
>been the alleged central hub for classified, official UFO  
>investigations.

>In a painstakingly-detailed report, one Corporal R.A. Rickwood  
>of the P&SS Special Investigation Section, related to his  
>superiors the facts:

>"On 10th November 1966 a telephone message was received from  
>Flight Lieutenant Williams, RAF Shawbury, reporting that a Mrs.  
>Foulkes of [Address of the witness] Shrewsbury, had complained  
>that he daughter had been frightened by an object in the sky  
>whilst she had been driving along the A5 road near Great Ness at  
>2355 hours on 8th November 1966. This object had emitted  
>brilliant lights and radiation beams. On arriving home her  
>daughter had been in a distressed condition and she had  
>discovered marks on the car, which she considered were burn  
>marks.

>"On 14th November 1966, Miss Diane Foulkes, aged 22 years, a  
>typist employed in Shrewsbury was seen at her home in the  
>presence of her parents. She stated that she had received a  
>letter dated 11th November 1966 from RAF Shawbury signed by a  
>Flight Lieutenant Penny informing her that no service aircraft  
>had been flying in that area at the time of the incident. She  
>was now satisfied that the incident was in no way connected with  
>the Royal Air Force or the Armed Forces. She then went on to  
>relate her experiences connected with this enquiry. There had  
>been two similar incidents. The first occurred two years ago in  
>November 1964, when she had been driving from Shrewsbury to her  
>home along the A5 road. This was at about 0200 hours as she

>neared the Montford Bridge over the River Severn. Approximately  
>midway between Shrewsbury and Great Ness a brightly lit circular  
>object appeared in the sky above her car. She had been  
>frightened and had accelerated along the road. The object had  
>kept pace with her remaining at the same height until she  
>arrived home. She had told her mother and father who also  
>watched the object. She described the object as an especially  
>bright light in the sky which remained stationary due west from  
>their home for about half an hour. It had then rapidly  
>diminished in size and they assumed it had accelerated away from  
>them. No sound was heard from the object. The light was yellow  
>in colour and became red as it diminished.

>"The second incident occurred on the 8th November 1966 at 2355  
>hours and again whilst she was returning from Shrewsbury on the  
>same road. The object had again appeared at Montford Bridge but  
>this time it was much lower in the sky and on the north side of  
>the road. On this occasion she could see rays of light shooting  
>from the object which had again appeared to keep station with  
>her car until she arrived home. At one time during the journey  
>the object travelled near her and the rays seemed to come  
>towards the right hand side of her car. She felt a bump against  
>that side as if they had struck it. At this moment she felt as  
>if she had received an electric shock and had felt a severe pain  
>in her neck. The left-hand side headlight of the car also went  
>out. This made her extremely frightened. When she got home she  
>felt very ill and had complained to her parents. The object  
>again remained stationary in the sky north of her home and had  
>not been seen by her parents. They had noticed it for a short  
>time before going inside her home. There had been no sign of the  
>object on the following morning.

>"Miss Foulkes' parents confirmed seeing an object in the sky on  
>both occasions as described by their daughter and agreed with  
>her descriptions of these.

>"Miss Foulkes further stated that she believed that the objects  
>could be associated with a Mr Griffin who lived in the area and  
>who is reputed to have made contact with these objects and  
>actually entered one and met one of the occupants. He is also  
>alleged to make his contacts with them at Montford Bridge.

>"The local civil police had no information or reports of  
>sightings of objects in the sky. There is no evidence to  
>associate the incidents complained of with the Royal Air Force  
>and the complainant Miss Foulkes is now satisfied that the  
>incidents are unexplainable and are in no way connected with the  
>Armed Forces."

>In essence, that is the file. It is clear from examining its  
>contents that the witness had reported some stunning  
>experiences: "the rays of shooting light" that enveloped her  
>car; the electric shock-like pain that surged through her neck  
>as the vehicle was bathed in the beam of light; the loss of  
>power from the car's headlights (something that is reported time  
>and again in UFO encounters); and the potentially-worrying fact  
>that the experience had left the witness "very ill."

<snip>

>REF: National Archive File Reference: AIR 2/17984.  
>Crown copyright exists.

Nick,

A very interesting case indeed. As you know, I recently  
completed an intensive study of the 1966-67 (or 68) UFO wave for  
the Fund for UFO Research. This case happened about the time  
that the first year of the wave was tapering off in the U.S.;  
and the UK was going to get a larger share in 1967.

The features it contains were common throughout the entire wave:  
luminosity, vehicle pacings and encounters, physical effects,  
frightened witnesses, and proto-abduction experiences included.  
Thanks for sharing this with us.

- Dick

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Smith

From: James Smith <[zeus001002.nul](mailto:zeus001002.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 09:49:23 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 20:03:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Smith

>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 21:54:45 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

What a delightful and well thought out exposition on peer review and research!

>Looking at this from the point of view of someone who used to be  
>a theoretician, I think that ufology - like the social sciences -  
>is not yet in a position where it can even construct useful  
>theories, let alone test them. I would want to see a much  
>greater emphasis on gathering the maximum amount of raw data, and  
>rather less on theorizing and evangelism. I also have a  
>question for those who believe all the UFO problem needs for its  
>solution is more research funding. Can anyone say what, in terms  
>of detailed research design, they would spend this money on?  
>There must be quite a few people here who could write a grant  
>application for such funding, if it were ever actually become  
>available - it might be interesting, if only as an intellectual  
>exercise, to see what those grant applications might look like.

I think research funding is required to gather more quality data because what we have most of is personal anecdotes and what we need is the kind of data that passive radar, multispectral imaging, holographic imaging, laser rangefinding/mapping can provide. Ideally, we would want to capture the phenomena, physically if possible. Some UFOs may be more amenable to this than others.

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Secrecy News -- 12/21/04

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 14:16:42 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 20:06:07 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 12/21/04

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CIA COMMENCES REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL FILES EXEMPTION

The Central Intelligence Agency announced today that it is conducting its second decennial (once every ten years) review of the scope of a Freedom of Information Act exemption that was granted in 1984 for so-called operational files.

"The CIA Information Act of 1984, codified in section 431 of title 50 of the United States Code, authorizes the DCI to exempt operational files of the CIA from the publication, disclosure, search, and review provisions of the Freedom of Information Act," explains a CIA notice in the Federal Register.

The Act "requires that, not less than once every ten years, the DCI shall review the exemptions in force to determine whether such exemptions may be removed from any category of exempted files or any portion thereof."

Public comments on the scope of the exemption are solicited as part of the decennial review. See this December 21 Federal Register notice:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2004/12/fr122104.html>

The National Security Archive has posted supplementary documentation on the history of the Act and its implementation here:

<http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB138/index.htm>

The CIA's operational files exemption is a matter of concern not only to historians and Agency watchers. It is also implicated in some of the most urgent and controversial matters of national policy.

Thus, the CIA recently invoked the exemption in federal court to argue that it should not be compelled to disclose records relating to an investigation of allegations of torture committed by U.S. personnel in Iraq.

See this December 8 memorandum filed by the CIA in a Freedom of Information Act proceeding brought by the ACLU and other organizations:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/cia120804.pdf>

But yesterday, Judge Alvin Hellerstein of the Southern District of New York rejected the CIA argument and ordered the Agency to begin turning over records to the ACLU and its co-plaintiffs.

#### NARA PROBES CIA LOSS OF HISTORICAL BUDGET RECORDS

The National Archives and Records Administration is asking the Central Intelligence Agency to explain its recent statement to a federal judge that it cannot locate copies of the classified annexes to the intelligence authorization acts for fiscal years 1947 through 1970, as noted earlier this month (SN, 12/10/04).

A newly obtained letter from NARA to the CIA states: "It is our understanding that a record set of those annexes should be preserved among the permanent appropriations and budget files of the CIA," wrote Howard P. Lowell, director of modern records programs at the National Archives.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2004/11/nara112304.pdf>

"How can you lose those things?" asked historian Anna Nelson of American University on National Public Radio Weekend Edition on December 18. "You can't lose those things. So, you know, where are they?"

A CIA response is due by the end of the month.

#### CORRECTION: CIA RECORDS NOT REMOVED FROM NATIONAL ARCHIVES

A story in the previous issue of Secrecy News was mistakenly titled "CIA Removes Records From National Archives" (SN, 12/16/04).

In fact, however, no CIA records have been physically removed from the National Archives.

While various records in open collections at the Archives have been removed from public access by CIA reviewers, as reported, those records remain in the custody of the National Archives.

#### MORE BACKGROUND ON THE MYSTERY SPY SATELLITE PROGRAM

The highly classified intelligence program that erupted into public controversy earlier this month, which reportedly involves a low observable stealth imaging satellite codenamed MISTY, has been described in some detail in unclassified published sources.

Earlier this year, the Russian space magazine Novosti Kosmonavki discussed the program in an article by Alexei Kucheiko. It was cited by the Washington Post in a December 11 story by Dana Priest.

"I've read it, and it's a good summary and extension of all the MISTY-related lore that's come out over the past decade," said former CIA analyst Allen Thomson.

A copy of the article, in Russian, is reposted here with permission of Novosti Kosmonavki ([www.novosti-kosmonavtiki.ru/](http://www.novosti-kosmonavtiki.ru/)):

<http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/imint/nkmisty.html>

The National Security Archives last week posted an excerpt from Jeffrey Richelson's book *The Wizards of Langley*, which first described the MISTY program, and has now added some remarkable declassified documents obtained by Richelson which trace the historical roots of the stealth satellite concept as far back as 1963. See:

<http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB143/index.htm>

#### ISOO ELABORATES ON AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION PLANS

Some further details on agency plans for responding to the automatic declassification requirements of President Bush's

March 2003 executive order on classification policy were provided by the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) in private correspondence.

The Bush order called for automatic declassification of most 25 year old documents by December 2006. (Under a previous order from President Clinton, automatic declassification was to take effect in April 2003.)

Ten agencies have previously been granted exemptions from automatic declassification for particular file series, wrote ISOO director William Leonard, and an additional request is currently pending.

"Several agencies have indicated their intent to delay for an additional 5 years [until 2011] the automatic declassification of information contained in special media such as microforms, motion pictures, and audiotapes," he wrote.

In addition, extensions up to three years [until 2009] have been granted in several cases for records involving multiple agency "equities" or interests.

Mr. Leonard provided the information in response to a query from researcher James David. See:

<http://www.fas.org/scp/news/2004/12/isoo1204.pdf>

#### NGA EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD ON WITHDRAWAL OF RECORDS

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) has extended the public comment period on its proposal to withdraw various aeronautical records from public access.

"The period of comment will be open from the date of this Register until 30 June 2005. NGA will consider all comments when making the final decision to go forward with this proposed action, in part, in whole, or not at all," according to a December 17 Federal Register notice:

<http://www.fas.org/scp/news/2004/12/fr121704.html>

For background on the controversy over the NGA proposal, see "NGA Plans Limited Access to Aeronautical Data Beginning in FY 06" by Cynthia Di Pasquale, Inside the Air Force, December 3 (reposted with permission):

<http://www.fas.org/scp/news/2004/12/ita120304.html>

#### NARA ANNOUNCES FURTHER DECLASSIFICATION OF JFK RECORDS

Over 4000 historical documents concerning the assassination of President Kennedy that previously remained partially classified are now released in full, according to a December 20 announcement from the National Archives.

An equal number of documents have been partially released but with fewer redactions than in previous versions.

"Newly released information ranges from one word to a paragraph or more per document," the Archives release said:

<http://www.fas.org/scp/news/2004/12/nara122004.html>

#### SOME NEW CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE PRODUCTS

"Nuclear Weapons: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," updated December 17, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/crs/IB92099.pdf>

"Nuclear Testing and Comprehensive Test Ban: Chronology Starting September 1992," updated November 9, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/starwars/crs/97-1007.pdf>

"Scientific Research and the Experimental Use Privilege in Patent Law," October 28, 2004:



<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/RL32651.pdf>

"Intelligence Issues for Congress," updated December 9, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/IB10012.pdf>

"Terrorism: Background on Chemical, Biological, and Toxin Weapons and Options for Lessening Their Impact," updated December 1, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL31669.pdf>

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# UFO Updates

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## Re: More Evidence Of ET Contact With Indian

From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 20:08:05 -0500  
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>From: Greg Boone [Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 10:33:06 EST  
>Subject: Re: More Evidence Of ET Contact With Indian Government

>>Source: India Daily

>><http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/12-19c-04.asp>

>>12-19-04

>>More Evidence Of Extra Terrestrial Contacts With Indian  
>>Government And Military

>>Juhi Singhal - Special Correspondent

>This is neat that there're stories coming out of India but  
>they're the same stuff that comes out of the west.

>Perhaps what some of you top Ufologists could do is just  
>petition the various governments to disclose their views on the  
>UFO situation. Don't presume they'll be part of this nonsensical  
>global conspiracy thing, perhaps they've viewpoints that they've  
>yet to express because no one has asked them politely.

>All you need is just one official to say those magic words.

>If you get two, then the pressure is on.

What is the motive behind these stories emanating from India?  
India & Pakistan have been left out of the UFO scene for over 50  
years, so much so that the media now intend to get in on the  
act.

Hence these dotty stories, supposedly from military sources,  
(e.g. "a very senior Indian military official", anonymous but  
"in a night club") which are merely repeats of Western UFO tales  
that have been around for decades. Notice that the journalists  
are always 'special correspondents' (perhaps all the same  
person). 'Space' or 'political' or 'science' correspondents  
wisely keep their distance.

UFOs have made formal contact with the Indian Government, and  
the ETs are friendly, so we are told. Big deal.

How long before we get the Indian equivalent of Roswell, Dulce  
and maybe even MJ-12?

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 51

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UFO AND SKY BOOMS  
ROCK LANZHOU, CHINA

On Saturday, December 11, 2004, "an unidentified flying object, or UFO, passed across the large northwestern city of Lanzhou," in China's Gansu province, "and apparently exploded in the suburbs, (Chinese) state radio said" on Monday, December 13, 2004.

"The unusual sighting of two bright trails of light, reported by several hundred witnesses, took place Saturday shortly before midnight, the China Times reported."

"Police, working on the theory that it was a meteorite, went to investigate the matter. But, as of" Tuesday, December 14, 2004, "they had found no evidence of what had caused the nighttime phenomenon, an officer said."

"One of the witnesses, a taxi driver named Zhang, said he saw 'a shining ball with a 3-meter-long (10-foot-long) tail flying from west to east' and heard 'two thunders' right after, as he was driving from Lanzhou to neighbouring Yongdeng county."

"The local Public Security Department confirmed that they had received as many as 700 telephone calls on the case, some saying it was an earthquake and others saying it was an aerolite falling."

"Liu Yanan, astronomy professor at Northwest Normal University, said that it might be a meteorite entering Earth's atmosphere."

Lanzhou is located about 800 kilometers (500 miles) west-southwest of Beijing, China's capital. (See the Shanghai Star and Wuhan Daily for December 14, 2004, "Hundreds report UFO in Lanzhou," and the Gansu Daily for December 15, 2004, "Large UFO spotted in Gansu province." Many thanks to Robert Fischer and Chen Jilin for these newspaper articles.)

MORE ALIEN ACTIVITY SEEN  
IN THE HIMALAYAS

More alien activity has been reported in the Himalayas, along the border shared by India and China, Indian journalist Lara Mohani reported.

People living in the mountains on the Chinese side of the border say they have been picking up mysterious

microwave and radio signals on their portable TVs and radios.

"People in the Himalayas in Chinese territory have recently reported strange microwave and radio signals," Lara Mohani reported.

"The signals are persistent, and are strongest in a region called Kailash, revered for thousands of years by Hindus as the door to heaven and the home of their god Shiva."

"According to tourists and pilgrims" from India, "the signals are real, and we now know where they are coming from. The (mountain) region is beautiful and difficult to reach. China provides special passports to Hindu pilgrims from India or to Western tourists."

"There is no reason for satellite monitorings in the area," Lara added, "The area is not known as a repository for nuclear-tipped missiles (ICBMs). Some say the strange signals have been more persistent recently due to the new availability of more advanced radio receivers."

"Some of these signals come from below the (glacial) lake at Kailash," which raised speculation in India's UFO community that there may be either a saucer parked on the bottom of the lake or a large alien underground base beneath the lake itself.

"Some say the signals from from above--in the heavens. Other than the Antarctic and the Arctic, this (Kailash) is probably the coldest area of the world. In the middle of the area lies a clear lake that is frozen for most of the year."

"The severe cold makes it impossible for (Hindu) pilgrims to go to Kailash. But some (Indian) scientists did visit the area early in December (2004) and reported the strange signals."

"It is possible that the signals came from some kind of hidden Chinese military or space installation," Lara added, "According to the local people, the Chinese military is intently very active there."

"Are they signals from extraterrestrials? Is there something paranormal going on here? Only more studies and Chinese cooperation can tell us that."

"But when we talk to Hindu sages and rishis, they smile and say that all that is unknown to human beings is out there."

Remote Himalayan sites such as "Kailash, Kedernath and Badrinath are all Hindu pilgrimage spots, like Mecca is for the Muslims." (See the newspaper India Daily for December 14, 2004, "Strange microwave and radio signals around the glacier Kailash in the Indian-Chinese Himalayas--ET signals?" Many thanks to Daniel Wilson for this newspaper article.)

#### SIX UFOs SPOTTED OVER NORTHERN IRELAND

On Friday, December 17, 2004, at 9 p.m. Greenwich time, Conor McManus was outdoors in Templepatrick, a small town in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, UK when he saw "a flashing light going north in a burst of speed."

"They were purple and bright," he reported, "Six flashes at roughly three-second intervals. I watched these objects cross the sky for an estimated four miles. I first saw them in the park at Templepatrick. They were over a neighbouring town, Parkate, four miles (7 kilometers) away. The first burst of speed brought them to the hill, then they kept on going until they passed over me and towards the town of Antrim."

"My sister in Antrim saw it also. They covered the land fast. Bangs and other noises were heard. Purple light starting high in the sky" and descending "to the ground. Four miles in six seconds." (Email Form Report)

#### UFO VIDEOTAPED NEAR MEXICO CITY

On Sunday, December 12, 2004, Mexican ufologist Ana Luisa Cid Fernandes was on a skywatch near Mexico City. She had her trusty SONY 340 camcorder handy in case she spotted an unidentified flying object.

Suddenly, Ana Luisa reported, "I noticed a strange

light moving in the sky from south to north," from the state of Morelos into the Distrito Federal. "Upon making a closeup, I lowered the light intensity (exposure--J.T.) in order to appreciate the details in greater clarity. I saw the object for five minutes and captured it on my SONY 340 camcorder."

"On this date, Mexico celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, so it is common to see balloons aloft and pyrotechnics. However, I do not believe the object I videotaped corresponds to anything known." (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Ana Luisa Cid Fernandes para esta historia.)

(Editor's Note: The hilltop in the Zacatenco district, where Juan Diego saw the Virgin Mary, was originally the site of a temple dedicated to the Aztec goddess Chalchihuitlicue. Three miles (5 kilometers) to the north-northwest lies the pre-Columbian ruins at El Arbolillo, where "a profusion of female figurines" dating back to 1,500 B.C. was found by archaeologists.)

#### CIRCULAR UFO VIDEOTAPED IN MEXICO'S YUCATAN

"The latest and clearest UFO sighting took place last Sunday," December 12, 2004, "with the filmed evidence of the presence of a circular UFO with multicolored lights captured near the city of Ticul," in Mexico's state of Yucatan.

Ticul "remains the focal point of such encounters and, according to groups devoted to 'night watches,'" there have been many close encounters in this section of southern Yucatan state.

"Silvestre Leal and Emilio Cetz Aguiar, in charge of the Sociedad Internacional de Rastreo y Investigaciones OVNI (Translated: International Society for UFO Research and Investigations; Spanish acronym--SIRIO--J.T.), were responsible for filming the craft."

"The event occurred Sunday," December 12, 2004, "during the celebration of the Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe, and the encounter had a duration of two minutes approximately, although only 54 seconds of video footage were obtained. One hundred and fifty photographs were obtained for a detailed study. The pixels were analyzed along with their clarity to confirm that they indeed filmed a UFO."

"The object in question was a circular structure that was at a height of 40 to 50 meters (132 to 165 feet) above the ground of the San Benito futbol (soccer) field, explained Cetz Aguiar. He described the 'craft' as measuring 5 meters (16.5 feet) in diameter, with an orange center surrounded by lights of various colors, of which blue, green and red were the predominant hues. It made no sound whatsoever, he said."

"He added that the purpose of their visit was to research a video taken by Ivan Garma, a Ticul resident, in recent days."

"After determining that Garma wasn't home, we toured the city," Cetz Aguiar explained, "'And I suddenly thought I saw the object, but there was no much light that I lost it. The time was around 9 p.m.'"

"Subsequently, he continued, the object appeared at another location and, when he took out his camcorder, it lost itself amid the buildings of the community."

"Both members of Grupo SIRIO decided to hold a 'night watch' at the soccer field and were rewarded for their efforts when the object appeared again, this time much closer. The sighting took place at 10:15 p.m."

Leal and Cetz Aguiar believe that the UFO could be the same one that was videotaped over Ticul on two previous occasions, in August and October of 2004. On these occasions, the object was videotaped by the Mata family.

Ticul is 80 kilometers (50 miles) south of Merida, the state capital. (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Guillermo Gimenez para estas noticias.)

UFO SEEN IN EASTERN  
LOUISIANA

On Monday, December 13, 2004, Chris K. and his friends were outdoors in Woodland, Louisiana, 35 miles (58 kilometers) north of Baton Rouge, the state capital, when they spotted an unusual object approaching from the west.

"It was red, blue, yellow but pulsed to blue a lot," Chris reported, "You could see it above the treeline. At first we thought it was a star, but it moved sideways, then up and down, then back and forth. It stayed in the same central spot."

"It looked like it was observing or probing the area. It was so bright you could see its reflection in the water. It was like a triangle or V-shaped object. All we had was binoculars. But it had red and blue light circles, and yellow and green. It looked like it was above the treeline on the (western) horizon. We thought it might have been a star at first, but it moved like no aircraft could have."

"We do have military bases around here. We didn't see it leave. It just disappeared." (Email Form Report)

#### UFO SIGHTED BY FAMILY IN MILDURA, N.S.W.

"Frank McCormack is adamant that the object he and his family saw in the sky over Mildura," a city in western New South Wales state in Australia, "did not come out of a beer bottle."

"We were having a barbecue. I was busy cooking the barbecue," he said.

"Yes, we were having refreshments, but it was far too early to be seeing double, seeing things that were not there."

"It was 7 p.m., with a clear sky, and still daylight. Frank's daughter-in-law spotted a strange object in the sky. The rest of the family sighted it, as well." (Editor's Note: Right now it's early summer in Australia, New Zealand, Chile and the other countries of the southern hemisphere.)

"We finally spotted the shining white object, coming in from the east (over Australia's Mallee Cliffs National Park--J.T.) to come across towards Mildura," Frank says.

"We continued to look at it to see if we could establish what it was, and then it became stationary. It stopped over Mildura. So, while we were watching it, two similar objects came in from the west. They just manoeuvred around like a rendezvous with the stationary one; then they just departed and went back west. Then the other one that was stationary started to move towards the east."

"Nobody who saw them could work out what they were, but Frank is certain of what they weren't."

"It wasn't an aircraft, it wasn't a balloon, it wasn't a helicopter--there was quite a bit of glare from the sun. We actually looked at them through binoculars, but we still couldn't figure out what they were."

"I think they were a long way up. I think they were too high for a helicopter. If they'd continued in a straight line across the sky, we'd have possibly thought they were satellites."

"Doug Moffert, from UFO Research-New South Wales, says Frank's encounter is typical in some ways--especially in the 'round table discussion' afterwards of 'could it be this, could it be that.'"

"While typical in that way, Frank is unusual in his willingness to come forward and talk about what he saw."

Mildura, N.S.W. is about 400 kilometers (250 miles) west of Sydney, the largest city in Australia. (See the Australian Broadcasting Corp. news story for December 14, 2004, "UFO over Sunraysia?" Many thanks to Robert Fischer for forwarding the transcript of this news broadcast.)

#### CHUPACABRA GOES ON A RAMPAGE IN CHILE

"The affected parties cannot agree as to what caused so much damage" in Penciahue, a town in central Chile, on Thursday, December 9, 2004. "They think the author of the slayings could have been a dog, a cat, a small feline known as a quique or even the mythical Chupacabras."

"Eighty birds being raised on the property of Eliana Nunez and Reinaldo Sepulveda on the Calle Alonso Rivera (street) near the Plaza de Armas in Penciahue met a grisly end."

"It was Nunez who found out what happened, when she stepped out into her vast yard at 9 a.m. A large henhouse stands amid fruit trees and dry pastures. Terrified, she found a multitude of lifeless chickens, hens and roosters scattered across the property. Their bodies were complete, but they displayed small and deep bite marks."

"I was frightened to see my little chicks dead,' Eliana told (the Chilean newspaper) El Centro. She can't imagine who or what could have committed such an atrocity."

"No sooner did she find her birds than she notified her husband."

"The entire yard was filled with them,' recalled Don Reinaldo, still surprised."

"The couple gave notice immediately to the Carabineros (Chilean national police--J.T.) headquarters at Penciahue. Officers reached the scene and began looking for traces that might lead to the author of the slayings. But they found nothing, not a track, not a trace of the party responsible for the savage attack that occurred while the owners slept."

"Juan Orellana, who works for the Penciahue environmental program, was also in attendance. 'We have about 80 chickens scattered all around the henhouse, and they showed no signs of having been chewed. They were scattered throughout almost the entire sector. They are complete, and some chickens have signs of bite marks. We cannot establish an effective working hypothesis. The case is strange, and it could have been dogs, cats--I don't know if the quique was involved,' he theorized."

"The henhouse was closed under lock and key, and the gate appeared to have been forced from the bottom, showing that something had gotten in. I locked it up last night around 9 o'clock and heard no strange sounds,' said Don Reinaldo, who believes that the one responsible for the deaths arrived via the irrigation canal that runs near his house."

"The affected parties, the Carabineros and the official for the environmental program counted 25 chickens, 28 hens and 2 roosters as deceased. 'Look, there's another,' said a uniformed officer as he surveyed the yard, which was covered with feathers."

"The information was collected in a police report and forwarded to the District Attorney's office in Talca," a small city located 225 kilometers (135 miles) south of Santiago de Chile, the national capital, "for the crimes of 'damage to farm birds.'"

"According to Juan Orellana, 'The (Chilean) Agricultural and Livestock Service (Spanish acronym: SAG--J.T.) asked me to bring in two birds for analysis. We're going to bury the rest, since they're a source of disease. I have contacted environmental hygiene.'"

"Once initial inquiries were done, the dead birds were buried in the rear of the house in an eerie ceremony. No one dared to establish in an authoritative manner what exactly had attacked the property, located only a few meters from Town Hall. What they did say was that such incidents had never occurred around the peaceful (farm) commune of Penciahue." (See the Chilean newspaper El Centro for December 10, 2004, "Strange avian deaths near town square." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Cristian Quintero del grupo Planeta UFO para esto articulo de diario.)

"ANOMALY" CAUSES U.S.  
MISSILE TO GO HAYWIRE

"An experimental interceptor missile failed to get off the ground early Wednesday," December 15, 2004, "in a test of the U.S. national missile-defense system, raising new doubts about prospects for the imminent activation of the system. It was the first full test in nearly two years."

"A target missile, a simulated ICBM with a mock warhead, was launched without problem from Kodiak, Alaska at 12:45 a.m." Washington D.C. time, "a statement from the Defense Department's Missile Defense Agency said."



"However, 16 minutes later, an 'unknown anomaly' led to an automatic shutdown of the interceptor missile shortly before it was to launch from Kwajalein Atoll in the central Pacific Ocean. The target missile crashed into the ocean. The agency gave no other details."

"Most missile-launching systems are designed to shut down automatically as a safety feature. The Missile Defense Agency said program officials will review pre-launch data to determine the cause for Wednesday's shutdown."

"The Missile Defense Agency has attempted the test several times this month, but scrubbed each one for a variety of reasons, including weather and a malfunction on a recovery vessel not directly related to the equipment being tested."

"Philip Coyle, the Pentagon's former chief of testing who has become a critic of the Bush administration's missile defense plans, said the cause of the failure could have been anything from a software glitch to a major hardware malfunction. He called the failure a 'serious setback.'"

"Coyle said, 'This latest failure to intercept a target shows again that the system being deployed in Alaska has no demonstrated capability to work' against a real attack."

"During the test, the interceptor's primary goal was to collect data on the interceptor's performance. The test also was to have been the first in which the interceptor used the same booster rocket that the operational system would use."

"Because it didn't fire, it is possible that the interceptor could be used again in a future test. The \$85 million test was not immediately scheduled, nor was it clear whether it would affect a test scheduled for the spring (of 2005). A primary goal of that test would be an actual intercept."

"Two previous tests scheduled for this year (2004) were delayed due to technical problems. In earlier testing, the interceptors went 5-for-8 when launched with the goal of hitting target missiles."

"It was unclear how the failure would affect plans to put the missile-defense system on alert sometime in the next two weeks. The Bush administration had made it a goal to activate the system by the end of 2004. It is intended to protect against missiles launched from North Korea or elsewhere in eastern Asia."

"'Since we don't know the cause of the anomaly, we won't speculate on potential impacts to either beginning initial operations or conducting future tests,' said Rick Lehner, a spokesman for the Missile Defense Agency."

"The system will initially rely on interceptors based at Fort Greely, Alaska and Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, as well as radars in Alaska, California and in orbit." (See USA Today for December 16, 2004, "Missile-defense test fails as 'anomaly' shuts down interceptor," page 13A.)

#### CASSINI PERFORMS FLYBYS OF TITAN AND DIONE

The robot spacecraft Cassini completed flybys at two of Saturn's moons last week, one at Titan, the ringed planet's largest moon, and the other at Dione.

The spacecraft's flybys "revealed vast cliffs of ice and hidden clouds" on both moons, according to NASA scientists.

Dione, a small icy moon, was visited by the spacecraft Voyager 1 in 1980. The Voyager mission led scientists to believe that Dione was "coated with wisps of ice. But a closer passage" by Cassini "reveals those wisps are actually tall ice cliffs fracturing the moon's frozen crust, says mission imaging chief Carolyn Porco of the Space Science Institute in Boulder, Colorado."

The latest Cassini photos of Dione also "show large circular craters with central peaks, similar to the Archimedes crater on Luna, Earth's moon," UFO Roundup editor Joseph Trainor pointed out.

On Monday, December 13, 2004, Cassini performed its second close flyby of Titan, a Saturnian moon almost as large as Earth. "Titan is the second-largest moon in the

solar system and the only one with a dense atmosphere. Frozen conditions on Titan, where surface temperatures average minus 290 degrees" on the Fahrenheit scale "and its complex atmospheric chemistry mimic those of the early Earth."

Cassini flew 746 miles (1,193 kilometers) above Titan's frozen surface, covering the same side of the moon that the first flyby in October 2004 covered. The flyby also included "a second look at the landing site of the Huygens probe, which will parachute onto Titan on January 14, 2005."

"We're suddenly realizing ourselves the landing is approaching," says Huygens scientist John Zarnecki of the United Kingdom's Open University. "What really scares me is (Huygens') entry into Titan's atmosphere. That will be a fiery and violent event."

During the flyby, NASA scientists double-checked "the density of Titan's atmosphere to ensure that the (Huygens) probe pops its parachute at the best altitude. Mission scientists plan to perform this check by relying on the light from two stars: Spica, in the constellation Virgo, and Shaula, the stinger in the constellation Scorpius. During the flyby, light from these stars will shine through Titan's clouds and be detected by Cassini, revealing atmospheric composition and density."

Huygens is expected to separate from the Cassini spacecraft on Friday, December 24, 2004--Christmas Eve.

"Cassini plans more than 40 flybys of Titan. The next one, in February (2005), will be the closest yet, at 590 miles (744 kilometers)." (See USA Today for December 13, 2004, "Cassini pays a second visit to Saturn's mystery moon Titan," page 5D; and for December 20, 2004, "Cassini finds icy cliffs on Saturn moons," page 6D.)

From the UFO Files...

#### 1955: ALIEN ENCOUNTERS IN SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA

It was November 1955, and Australia was in the midst of a year-long UFO flap. But Joyce Mirabella, age 7, and her older sister, Mary, knew nothing about it as they went outdoors to play at their home in Hastings, Victoria state.

After meeting up with their friends, Billy Allen and Lois Wallace, the girls headed for the hospital in Hastings. As Joyce recalls, "This day we were going to see what we could find at the old dam behind the hospital. It had been filled in, and the hospital used it as a waste depository. We had found some syringes and were heading home when something made the hair stand up on the back of my neck."

"My sister and I turned at the same time, just as a silvery metallic object materialised. It was dome-shaped, probably 10 feet (3 meters) tall. Its side opened into a door. It just materialised."

"As we were watching the spectacle, an opening appeared in the side, and a ramp came out. Then a white-haired woman came and stood in the opening. She was followed by around five small humanoid figures much shorter than she. Some were wearing green tight-fitting suits, and others were wearing blue tight-fitting suits. As a child, I always believed they were green and blue people."

"The small humanoids began to chase us, and we ran for our lives."

About a month later, in December 1955, Joyce and Mary had another alien encounter. This second incident occurred at Devils Dam, an earthen dam on a small reservoir behind the orchard on Hodgkins Road in Hastings.

"We went into the orchard to pick the green plums, which ripen in December," Joyce recalled, "There were a few trees quite near the dam. Billy Allen was with us. I was leaning over the dam, in the middle section, when I was wrenched back from the edge by my sister (Mary), as I saw a horrible brown frog-like creature lurch up at me. It had a dark brown leathery-like skin, was about two feet (0.6 meters) tall, and appeared to be wearing a breathing apparatus. I can remember the bronze straps located in the middle of the chest and a funnily-shaped package on

its back, almost like a miniature Jules Verne breathing apparatus. It also had huge goggles covering its eyes. It appeared to have no real neck, and its mouth seemed over-large. A very frightening creature."

"We called it a 'frog-man.' Sounds weird, doesn't it?"

(Editor's Note: Not that weird. A similar frog-like entity was seen on March 3, 1972 by police officers on patrol on Riverside Road near Loveland, Ohio. See Unexplained Mysteries of the Twentieth Century by Janet and Colin Bord, Contemporary Books, Chicago, Illinois, 1989, page 246.)

"Many times I have tried to document what has happened to me and my family during our lifetime, only to put it off as being too ridiculous for belief. It still seems that way when I read what I have written."

"Interestingly, my son just a few years ago was swimming with his friend in a reservoir at Linton in Victoria when they came running home terrified. They were convinced that a UFO had tried to capture them."

Hastings, Vic. is 80 kilometers (50 miles) south of Melbourne, on Westernport Bay. Linton is 32 kilometers (20 miles) southwest of Ballarat, the second largest city in Victoria.

The 1954-1955 UFO flap in Australia was documented by paranormal researcher Harold T. Wilkins in his book, Flying Saucers Uncensored. According to Wilkins, UFOs were seen near Melbourne on December 25, 1954; Malvern on February 9, 1955; and Moola Boola station, 240 miles (384 kilometers) east of Perth, W.A. on March 1, 1955. (Many thanks to Mrs. Joyce Sullivan for the series of email interviews.)

This coming Saturday is Christmas Day, and, as we do every year, the editor and readers of UFO Roundup would like to extend holiday greetings to the gallant men and women serving on active duty in the armed forces of Earth's many nations.

For you, Christmas might be just another day where dinner consists of MREs heated on a Humvee's engine block or a few quick mouthfuls between looking through your gunsight or toting a hundred-pound ruck up some sandy hillside. If you find yourself on duty Christmas day, doing any of the above, rest assured that the readers of UFO Roundup know you're out there. We appreciate the difficult job you're doing, and we wish you a hearty "Merry Christmas!"

And we'll be back next week, with more UFO, Fortean and paranormal phenomena from around the planet Earth--and occasionally, Saturn--all brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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## Re: Merry Christmas - Koch

From: **Joachim Koch** <[lists.nul](mailto:lists.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 00:57:35 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 08:13:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: Merry Christmas - Koch

>From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 19:50:40 -0000  
>Subject: Merry Christmas

>Here's wishing you all the very best for the festive season and  
>hoping that 2005 brings good health, peace and prosperity to all.

>Philip Mantle

Frohe Weihnachten! from Germany.

Joachim Koch

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## Alien Autopsy Film Review

From: **Ed Gehrman** <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 17:10:57 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 08:21:41 -0500  
Subject: Alien Autopsy Film Review

Rich, EBK, List,

"The old UFO stories have been mined for gold to the point that little or nothing in them has value. A new paradigmatic is needed... a new epiphany as it were." (Rich Reynolds)

Maybe so, but there is still high-grade in the Alien Autopsy saga. That vein has hardly been touched. The alleged Cameraman's crash site is a real place, verified by Wendy, and is a virgin field, open to hardy prospectors with open minds, and serious constitutions.

But before visiting the site, miners might view the alien autopsy and the debris footage, and learn what others who have studied the AA topography think.

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/aafilm/aaindex.html>

Were the creatures in this (the AA) dissection ET or could they be evolved monotremes (echidna, platypus)? This line of mammal diverged from marsupials about 186 million years ago. If so, they seem somewhat more advanced than us, but not much. Their crafts are vulnerable and their numbers may be limited. Perhaps they're concerned with how we manage our space, and have been our invisible residents, until now.

"Co-operation is our only safety net."

<http://www.sonomacountyfreepress.com/reaction/anarchy.html>

Season's greeting to all,

Ed

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies -

From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 20:37:48 -0800  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 08:24:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies -

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 11:17:43 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 19 Dec 2004 2:46:29 -1000  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

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>>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 07:43:38 -0800  
>>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>><snip>

>>>Two points to make here; one, it is not necessary to have an ET  
>>>craft in one's possession to prove their are ET craft flying  
>>>around in our airspace; two, spearately, there is ample evidence  
>>>verifying the fact that "the powers-that-be have in fact  
>>>"recovered an ET craft."

>><snip>

>Happy Holidays Josh!

>>Frank, can you clearly outline "ample evidence verifying the  
>>fact that the powers-that-be have recovered an ET craft"?

>Yes I can Josh, but so can you... if it weren't "you" asking the  
>question, "I" would ask the opinion of the questioner about  
>UFOs; are he or she of the mind-set that indeed some UFOs are ET  
>craft?

>Separately Josh, I'd like to extend a "virtual handshake" to you  
>and any veteran reading this; during this holiday season my  
>thoughts go out to the soldiers and their families of those who  
>are in, and or involved in the Iraq conflict. I am one who has  
>not become "calloused" to the terrible news that comes out of  
>Iraq on a weekly, and almost daily basis.

>Obviously there are no words that can begin to quantify the  
>sacrifices being made today from those that wear the uniform,  
>and from those that have donned it in the past.

>Respectfully,

>Frank Warren

>P.S. How's the Brookdale Lodge these days?

Happy holidays Frank and all Listerions,

Thanks for your "virtual handshake for veterans". I am sure  
there are also other veterans on this List who feel the same and  
appreciate your sentiments.

I have not been to the Brookdale Lodge since some months ago when I was at the "granny hippy" reunion with Country Joe and the Fish. In September I moved from California to aloha Hawaii.

Frank, I have to look at UFO cases using the standards of evidence of a detective or an attorney. Anecdotal stories, claims, questionable documents, and opinions are interesting. But it takes verifiable facts to constitute real evidence. It takes a quality of evidence to develop a case to constitute proof, as I am sure you are aware of, within legal procedure.

I feel that some of the strongest UFO cases (military, pilot reports, radar tracking) indicate capabilities beyond known terrestrial craft but there is no proof that they are extraterrestrial. There have been many claims (Roswell, Corso, Lazar, etc.) that the government has recovered ET craft and their occupants. However, I have not seen any evidence "verifying the fact that the powers-that-be have in fact recovered an extraterrestrial craft".

Josh

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## UFO Review Issue 7

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Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 08:26:53 -0500  
Subject: UFO Review Issue 7

UFO Review issue 7 - Happy Christmas Reading

I am pleased to announce that the combined December/January issue of UFO Review - issue 7 - is now available at:

<http://www.uforeview.net>

Top left hand button marked "Current issue".

Although its a large issue, it has compressed down nicely to under 3mbs so download time should not take long.

A bumper issue was promised and one is delivered. A substantial part of this edition is given over to the recent 2nd Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference in Las Vegas and we are very pleased to announce that Ryan Wood has kindly given us permission to reproduce two of the papers presented there, namely Nick Redfern's paper on "Crashed UFOs - A Worldwide History" and Grant Cameron's paper on "The Presidents and The Hard Evidence - Parts one and two". There is also a preliminary interview with Grant by way of introduction to his paper. Both papers and the interview are fascinating and intriguing.

There is also an interview with Nick Pope who talks about his life and interests as well as the coming UK FOIA. Apparently, there are a few surprises waiting for us! Nick also answers his critics, of whom there are a few in the UK and deals with some direct and challenging questions.

Let us not forget Andrew Pike who writes about advances in electronic eavesdropping and Kithra who tells us about faeries, leprechauns, and other small folk as well as drawing a very interesting interpretation of the Sutton Hoo helmet.

There is also the usual madness. Transparently trying to find premature reasons for getting round the FOIA, the UK MOD came up with the fabulous excuse that many files were covered in asbestos dust. Some clown has written a piece claiming that the MOD itself is covered in "a dust of lies." There is also UFO Review's Ufologist Of The Year for 2004 award though inevitably it is not as it seems. And also an exciting picture in the hunt for more evidence of alien/human hybrids.

All in all, excellent value for the money (its free) and something to while away the tedium over the Christmas break.

Enjoy and thank you all for your support this year.

Stuart Miller

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## Merry Christmas

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Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 09:26:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 09:29:07 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas

Dear friends:

I really wish you Peaceful and Joyous Holidays in the company of  
your loved ones.

May 2005 bring to us great ufo reports.

Best regards,

Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo  
Miami UFO Center

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## Filer's Files #53 - 2004

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Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 07:00:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 14:24:39 -0500  
Subject: Filer's Files #53 - 2004

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UFOs were seen over California, Kentucky, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Sightings were also reported in Canada and the United Kingdom. Anomalies and water on Mars

Merry Christmas!

### California - Huge Triangle With Red Lights

LOS ANGELES -- While walking in West Hollywood, the witness noticed two red lights in the sky at 7:45 PM, on December 3, 2004. They were an arm's length away from each other. He noticed a third light up ahead of the other two, forming a perfect triangle. All moving in unison, heading north. The three lights would pulse at the same moment. At that point, I realized there was the vague outline of a mass connecting these three red lights. Then, I watched as four or five other lights pulsed along the outer edge of the triangle, with more lights being on the western edge of the object. I could not detect any pattern to the flashing of these other lights. A couple of times all seven or eight were on at the same time. This thing was huge. If it was just up a few thousand feet, you could fit dozens of commercial jets within its base outline. If it was really high up -- well, it would be beyond massive. One of those sweeping, movie premiere spotlights swept under the object and didn't touch it, so it was at least higher than those things can project light. It seemed to glide across the sky without sound and was near the 405 highway. Thanks to

SUNOL/PLEASANTON =96 Two friends were driving home from work along the 680 Freeway, when the witness saw a strange craft at 6 PM, on December 3, 2004. It had seven lights big to small, moving to the center of the triangle, appearing out of no where as if going un cloaked. The witness stated, "Typically I see these triangles over my home in Tracy as they are the ones flying the lowest, quietest, and slowest over the town, usually in groups of two to three, one after another, in the same path." First, I saw up above, a standard plane, similar to a U2, with no lights on." It had a red and green light, and no others. About two minutes later, as I scanned ahead of us, all of a sudden there it was. The Freeway was packed and as we passed to the left of the craft, it was no more than 500 yards to my right and 250 yards up. He says, "I saw a perfect triangle with three big lights in each corner with a tiny light between each big light and the center light was a medium light." This was by far the best vision of this triangle I've ever seen. Often these planes come in and appear to land or hover about the Sunol grade area, just before the 84 exit. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

### KENTUCKY - Twenty White Sphere Objects

LEXINGTON =96 There were about twenty white floating "orb-like" objects in the sky over the University of Kentucky at 3 PM, on December 3, 2004. Two friends exiting their classroom building noticed the orbs moving around over head for two minutes. When our view became obstructed by a tree, we ran to see them again - but they were gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

[www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com) ILLINOIS -Bright Flashing Point of Light

ELMHURST =96 The observer went outside to have a cigarette and noticed a bright stationary point of light fairly low in the northeast but much brighter than any visible stars at 10:13 PM, on December 4, 2004. At first glance, he thought it was an airplane on a low approach to O'Hare Airport as the light was flickering between blue and white with a very random red flash mixed in. After a few minutes, I asked my parents to verify that it was flashing and they both confirmed. After fifteen minutes, we all agreed that it must have been a planet and went inside. After research online, I could not find a reasonable planetary explanation for the lights. A couple of hours later it was gone. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

TINLEY PARK -- Driving east on 191st near Harlem Avenue, the witnesses saw a series of bright flashes in the northeast sky on December, 12, 2004, at 7 PM; The first two flashes were white and the third time it was bright green with a much wider distance and height, almost like an explosion in the sky. A minute or two later, the flashing started again as it headed south. There were about five smaller orange/red flashes that lasted five minutes. During the summer, three of us saw a white light in the same area, but it was like a streak in the sky--not a plane. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

## LOUISIANA =96 Lights

ALEXANDRIA =96 The witness states, "My wife and I were traveling over the Purple Heart Bridge commenting on the sliver of the new moon at 6:28 PM, on December 13, 2004." About 20 degrees to the left of the moon there appeared one light, then two, then three; in horizontal configuration and equidistant apart from one another. The width of the three lights when all of them were illuminated was the distance of half of a full moon. They were brilliant white and several times larger than Jupiter=92s appearance. All three stayed on for four or five seconds and then disappeared in unison. Five to seven seconds later and five or so degrees left of the moon one appeared again, then two, then three, in the same configuration and disappeared again. To me, a plane or jet could not have traveled that distance in that amount of time. Then four or five seconds later it happened again, but this time they were back around the 15 or 20 degree location to the left of the moon. Then, they disappeared all together, again. No trailing like a flare or no colors of green or red. Just 1, 2, 3 on; stayed on; then all off. I called Rapides Parish Sheriff and was told that the military at Fort Polk was conducting flare practice. These were not flares. I have witnessed flares. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com) Maryland -- Big Green Ball of Light Falling

COLLEGE PARK -- Around 8 PM, on December, 11 2004, I was in the shopping center down on Baltimore Avenue when I saw a falling green ball of light. I didn't consider that it would be a UFO until I typed 'green ball of light' into Google to see if anyone else had seen it and all the 'green ball of light' results were described as UFOs. It was falling in the same way that a falling star would fall, but it was too big and too green to be a falling star. I wondered for a second if it was a bomb but there was no big explosion. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

## Missouri -Convoy Crosses Sky.

KANSAS CITY -- I was standing in the parking lot on the west side of the Arrowhead Stadium after the Big 12 Championship on Saturday night at 11 PM, on December 4, 2004. Two lights appeared behind the stadium on the south side and crossed the sky from south to north. The objects appeared as rings of fire/light separated by a constant distance and moving in the same direction at jet-like speed. It seemed as though one craft was "towing" another behind it. A few seconds after the two lights disappeared in the north horizon, identical lights appeared again behind the south side of the stadium and followed the exact same trajectory. A few seconds later, a third set of lights crossed the sky, following the same trajectory as the others.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com) REED SPRING =96 At 5:30= PM, on December 3, 2004, two friends were going to work and saw strange lights south and also another much

brighter light 15 degrees above horizon. Driving up the mountain they noticed they didn't look like stars as they pulse and change color. After getting to Branson my friend video taped with his Sony mini DVD 560 camera at 5:45 AM for 29 minutes while the main light pulsed. The lower left light was dimmer and the right hand light was very dim though discernible to the camera. As dawn became brighter the two dimmer lights disappeared, but the bright main light became very visible and seemed to grow larger. By 7 PM, all activity ceased. The video showed a triangle formation when enhanced and the two smaller lights are very visible. We have not ruled out planets but so far haven't been able to match a location of a star or planet to this location. Thanks to Larry Cekander Museum of the unexplained Reeds Spring, Missouri

#### Nevada - V Shaped Pattern Of Square Lights

WINNEMUCCA =96 The observers report, "We were sitting in my hot tub at 8:30 PM, on December 3, 2004, and viewed a very large 'V' moving overhead toward the southwest. I said, "What the heck is that?" everyone looked up and briefly saw it. The formation was too perfect for geese. We could see the stars behind the center of the V. Each individual object was a small square and appeared to be lit up. The color was soft orange like a harvest moon color. The squares on one side of the V looked a little more ragged than the other side. The whole grouping moved steady but quickly across the sky. We may have had a view for 6-8 seconds and it was gone out of sight behind trees. There was no sound at all. All of us saw the object(s) the same as we discussed it after it was gone, and all had a very strange feeling that it was like nothing any of us had ever seen. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### New Hampshire =96 Spinning UFO

PLYMOUTH -- Paul Spera writes, "After getting a report of UFO activity over I-93 the previous night, my girlfriend and I took a ride up the highway early after dark on December 17, 2004. Not far from Plymouth we noticed something hovering in the eastern sky, so I pulled over. The object remained motionless at around 2000 feet until a plane at about 5000 feet started traveling towards it. The object then began to slowly move away from us heading east. High traffic on the highway allowed me to take only short footage but when analyzing this clip frame by frame it clearly shows the object changes color and strobes brightly. It also shows that the object or its lights were spinning in counterclockwise manner. This is the fourth time I have captured this object on video. The first time I saw and filmed this object was on June 21st at 9:07 p.m. Images from all 4 sightings can be seen at my website. Thanks to Paul Spera [nhufohunter.nul](http://nhufohunter.nul) New Hampshire UFO Hunter Website <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeomxpk/>

#### New Jersey =96 Twelve Orbs and Triangle

MONMOUTH BEACH =96 The witness was traveling south on Route 36 from Sandy Hook, at 2:30 PM, on Saturday afternoon December 14, 2004, when she looked towards the Atlantic Ocean and saw twelve bright orbs. The witness states, "The orbs were the brightest silver lights I have ever seen with luminosity like that of liquid mercury--only many times brighter--and pulsating!". These bright lights appeared to surge out of the cloud cover and pulsate in a formation of 3 stacked rows. The size of each orb was larger than a marble but smaller than a golf ball--if held at arm's length. Almost as quickly as the orbs appeared, they disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

TRIANGLE -- Brian Vike received a telephone call from two witnesses who were driving towards home when they spotted a black triangular craft on November 26, 2004, at 2:15 AM. They saw a bright elongated light coming towards them at low altitude heading south and descending. The driver pulled off the road as the light flew close. One of the ladies got very frightened as this object was rather close and just sitting in the sky over the power-lines moving slightly from side to side. They could see lights on each of the points of a triangle which pulsated rather quickly. They were also able to see the silhouette of the craft against the clear night's sky just above the trees.

The passenger told the driver to get the car going as the passenger was terrified at what they were watching. The object

had now moved to the opposite side it was on and the ladies guessed it was only 500 feet away from them at this point. The object was estimated to be the size of a normal sized car. The sighting lasted for four minutes. There was no sound. Thanks to Brian Vike [www.hbccufo.com](http://www.hbccufo.com) North Carolina =96 Strange Lights

HIGH POINT - - Field Investigator Alan Caviness informed me that he and other investigators have been taking a series of images and video of UFOs in his general area. He has obtained an astounding amount of data indicating heavy concentration of UFOs in his area. He has provided me with numerous examples of these objects. Many are cylinder or disk shape and fly above Davidson County, and High Rock Lake, North Carolina. Thanks to Alan Caviness Ohio =96 Police Take Photos of UFO

OLMSTED FALLS -- George Pindroh and Aaron Clark of The Cleveland UFOlogy Project (CUP) report they have investigated a case where police took photos of UFOs near Cleveland Hopkins Airport, on September 26, 2004. At 9:44 PM, a resident reported an object in the western sky that was scaring her and Olmsted Falls Officers observed with binoculars an object in the northeast sky at 10:30 PM. The officers observed a round circle with oscillating red and green lights. Officers called the airport who advised that they did see the object as well but it was not on their radar. The object was also reported to return the next evening. []

Photographs were taken of the object and later obtained by George Pindroh and Aaron Clark. The investigation team believes these are not a satellite, star or planet. The object is multiple colors and is blurred as if it is moving quickly. There is at least one star visible in these photographs as well and it is in focus and not blurred at all. A credible source at Cleveland Airport saw the object for an hour and a half and claimed the object looked elliptical and had lights moving around it. The airport information desk reportedly received at least 100 calls from residents reporting the same object in the sky. George Pindroh is writing up this report for the MUFON database. Thanks to George Pindroh and Aaron Clark [info.nul](mailto:info.nul) Aaron Clark 10/15/04 to view photographs [www.clevelandufo.com](http://www.clevelandufo.com) click here

LAKEWOOD =96 The witness was a passenger on his way to work and driving past houses he saw a UFO for a couple of seconds at 5:50 PM, on December 3, 2004. The object was cigar or cylinder shaped and was going towards the northwest fairly high in the sky. There were no contrails even though it was high enough. Many military jets were observed flying around the area shortly after. An hour before my sighting, the Mike Trivisanno Show on WTAM 1100 AM, reported a caller had also seen a cigar shaped UFO. During the show there was another caller that said he saw some fighter jets coming towards Cleveland form Wright Patterson Air Force Base. I would like to receive your weekly newsletter, since I have been having lots of UFO sightings around Akron. We have been to Fostoria Ohio to look, we believe there was a crash there. Great site, I have taken some interesting photos too, now I have somewhere to go to see the recent sightings, and compare notes. Thanks to AmyPennsylvania - Fast Ball of Light

UPPER BLACK EDDY -- The observer was looking up at the stars of Orion and saw an airplane next to it with its red, white and blue blinking lights when she saw a bright white light fly across the sky on December 13, 2004 and 9:07 PM. The lights then disappeared, then reappeared moving in a curved motion. It then reappeared and "danced" in the sky doing 2 or 3 complete circles and disappeared again. It seemed as if it was much lower in the sky than the airplane was and was moving extremely fast across the whole visible night sky in ten seconds. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Canada -Elongated Bright Craft

TELKWA, B C =96 At 8:45 AM, on December 11, 2004, the witness had just awakened and looked out his bedroom window which faces Tyhee Lake. The clouds lit up the different colors of orange and pinks, which gave a spectacular view for him. He saw underneath the clouds an extremely bright light which looked out of the norm, so he called to his wife. The witness grabbed his binoculars and saw an elongated bright light. He was able to watch and film the object for five minutes before it dropped out of sight behind the mountains. He described the object as like



a long cigar and much brighter than the clouds which had the sun shining on them. The witness said you can clearly see that the object is much lower and underneath the clouds that were present that day. Thanks to Brian Vike [www.hbccufo.com](http://www.hbccufo.com) UK/England

LEICESTER =96The witness had never seen a UFO until about 40 minutes ago. He states, "I was lying in bed looking out of the window when all of a sudden a fiery looking light appeared in the sky. It sort of faded in to view from being nothing, to a dull light and then gradually getting brighter. The total fade in took a second or less. At first I thought it might have been a flare or fireworks. At midnight on December 4, 2004. I moved the curtain back to get a better view and watched it for about ten seconds as it moved in a downward diagonal movement and then curved smoothly into a horizontal path. There was a small red light to the side of it like the tail light of a helicopter and the bright light was like a helicopters search light. It lingered in the sky for a few more seconds and the intense bright fiery light faded out as quickly as it had faded in.

Mars - Rover Opportunity Washed With Water?

New Scientist magazine reports that something, or someone is regularly cleaning layers of dust from the solar panels of the Mars Opportunity vehicle while it was closed down during the Martian night. The Rover Opportunity is getting washed each night and this has boosted its performance by cleaning its panels' power output close to their maximum 900 watt-hours per day. At one stage its power output dropped to 500 watt-hours because of the heavy Martian dirt. Heavy dust has dropped the Spirit Rover to 400 watt-hours a day on the other side of the planet. Jim Erickson rover team leader says, "These exciting and unexplained cleaning events have kept Opportunity in really great shape!" The image below shows surface water near Opportunity. Thanks to Harold Carver.

<http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/opportunity/pancam/2004-12-19/1P155450047EFF38EVP2557L4M1.JPG>Mars Anomalies

Mars is an ideal viewing point to watch activities here on Earth =96 and we now know there are many artificial features on its surface such as possible writing, structures, pyramids, pictures of humanoids, water and plant life, and even UFOs. Earth and Mars both have inopportune artifacts that are surprising similar. Here on Earth we all know that many thousands have testified that "Somebody" is visiting us. Many artifacts from our own human history were cause for speculation and scientific conflicts, because they did not fit our world view of the origin of civilization OR EVEN THE ORIGIN OF MAN. But - the artifacts remain AND HUMANS SIMILAR TO MAN APPARENTLY ONCE EXISTED ON MARS..

John E. Combest writes, "It took me several days, but I finally worked my way through the photos at Malin Space Science Systems to find the photo in which the damaged, large building appears. Anyone who wishes to review that photo will find it as follows: Internet Site: <http://www.msss.com>

Click on: Mars Images and MOC Gallery  
Click on: MOC Images with Captions - 1997 through Present  
Click on: 2002 - October  
Click on: 07 October - MOC2-320

Enlarge the left image entitled, "Gullies in crater at 42.4 deg S, 158.2 deg W

In the bottom center of the photo below the top of the hill there appears to be a large rock sticking out of the sediment. When you enlarge that part of the photo you will find the remains of one large building along with primarily the slabs of several outbuildings. Remember that you are looking almost straight down on top of the remains of those structures. The roof of the central largest building is missing, and you can see down inside the remaining four walls of that building. Happy Hunting, Thanks to: John E. Combest, Inspection Engineer[]

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## Re: Causality & Blind Science News - Holman

From: Brett Holman <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 01:52:19 +1100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 14:31:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Causality & Blind Science News - Holman

>From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 17:24:29 +0000  
>Subject: Causality & Blind Science News

>Attacking the messenger does not disprove a message.

Which is why I've put forward specific rebuttals and asked pointed questions about your specific claims. But you have curiously refused to respond to them.

>So far  
>you've only produced hair-splitting quibbles and silly slurs.

Right, let me get this straight. So I've completed a postgraduate research degree in astrophysics. I've read the literature, created and run computer models, analysed images, made and tested hypotheses, gone to conferences, written papers and a thesis, used huge telescopes to probe the outer reaches of the Universe. I've even spent hours in the cold and dark at the prime focus of a 4-metre class telescope, drifting with the stars, just to uncover and cover a photographic plate - just like in the old days. I was by no means a great astrophysicist, but I was competent, and I don't think it is hubristic to claim that I know more about the field than do most non-astrophysicists.

And now you come along and assert, contrary to all my knowledge and experience, that "astrophysics has been wrong on almost every call made till now" - and I am supposed to just take your word for it?

Sorry, but I won't: I demand evidence. If that's a hair-splitting quibble or a silly slur, then so be it.

>Here's the message again - Technology works by 'suck it and see'  
>and is reality-based. "Science Theory" is concept-based (& ego-  
>based) and has always been wrong in the past and is wrong now.

Rubbish. Only somebody wholly ignorant of the history of science and technology could make a claim like that. Try reading up on the invention of the laser, for example. Or, of course, nuclear weapons. Amazing how they got the atomic bomb to work first time by a "suck it and see" approach. All those calculations of nuclear cross sections and scattering angles must have been beside the point.

Please, please, please, please study some actual science. Your pride in your ignorance is just baffling.

>Quote - "Whatever economic and human resources were made  
>available to Pythagoras for the purpose of investigating the  
>natural world... he would not have known what questions to ask,  
>nor could he have known. There is no reason to doubt that the  
>present state of affairs is any different." - that was John D.  
>Barrows in 'Impossibility - the Limits of Science and the  
>Science of Limits' (ISBN 0-09-977211-6).

Again with the quotes! (It's Barrow, by the way, not Barrows,

and yes, that is a quibble. It doesn't hurt to be accurate though, does it?) What do you think you prove by this practice? How about letting go of the authority figures and standing on your own two feet? Or at least explaining why you think the quotes are so significant? They do not speak for themselves, as I have repeatedly shown.

And as I will show once more. Do you think Barrow (a distinguished cosmologist) is saying that modern science is rubbish - that it does not even know what questions to ask? Having read the section the quote is taken from, I don't - in the same paragraph, he even says "Looking back, one can even see how progress was invariably being made despite missing a huge number of things that we now know were accessible to investigators of the time, if only they had known where to look." (Emphasis added.) This comes after he considers different types of limits to scientific knowledge; in this case, the possibility that there are things that we will never be able to discover. But he does not say that therefore science is bunk - he assumes that the things we know now are still true, just that there may be an infinity of other, unknowable things that we can never discover. (And he may well be right.) In his concluding chapter, Barrow says that "If this book has taught the reader anything, I hope it is that the notion of impossibility is far subtler than naive assumptions about the endless horizons of science, or pious hopes that boffins will be baffled, would lead you to believe." (Emphasis added.) I guess his hopes were forlorn, in your case.

Looks like a very interesting read, actually.

>You might also check  
>Nigel Calder in "badsci.txt".

Do you actually ever read anything I write? I mean, I know my subclauses are tiresome, but you could at least do me the courtesy of reading what I take the trouble to write, as I do you the courtesy of reading what you write. I have already given my opinion of Calder's statements, here:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/dec/m10-011.shtml>

Briefly, he's lost it; his statements are illogical. (Perhaps the journalist mangled them, though.) If you think what Calder is saying is valid, or that my criticisms are not, then make a case for it. Don't simply keep quoting him at me.

>Science's record of wrong theories, both large (astrophysics)  
>and small (particle physics) is complete, spanning Ptolemaic  
>epicycles and Aristotle's four elements,

Good grief! You're holding theories that were discarded centuries ago against modern science? You do realise, don't you, that it's precisely this history of discarded theories which makes science great? If you have a new theory which better matches observation, you discard the old one. Again, this is not shameful. Since you love quotes so much, here's one for you: "When I'm wrong, I change my mind. What do you do?" (Keynes.) And that's not a rhetorical question.

>all the way to today's  
>'impossible' solar systems (now being found)

Once more ... they are not impossible. When they started turning up, they were very surprising, but that is not the same thing as impossible. If you tell me why you believe science said they were impossible, I will tell you why you are mistaken in that belief. Why won't you? What are you afraid of?

>and the non-working  
>'standard model' (dependent on non-existent gluons and non-  
>discoverable 'Higg's bosons').

We don't yet know whether the Higgs boson is discoverable with our technology or not. But it is predicted that the Large Hadron Collider should be able to find it, and it opens for business in 2007. So why don't you wait and see before leaping to conclusions?

Oh, and we do actually have evidence for the existence of gluons, but I certainly wouldn't expect something as trivial as

experimental data to impinge upon your certainties.

>Please, no more kicking and screaming Brett. If you can't face  
>the music, quit the dance-hall.

To continue your metaphor, I'm not the one refusing to dance here.

>Chorus - "Science has no grounds on which to affirm or deny  
>unknown phenomena, while it is so obviously befuddled by known  
>phenomena."

>More evidence at:

><http://www.perceptions.couk.com/blinded.html#furth>

Please, enough. I've read your webpages and they are not in the least persuasive. To use your own terms, they are "concept-based (& ego-based)" rather than "reality-based".

Brett Holman

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## Are We Alone? Part III

From: **Rich Reynolds** <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 10:25:06 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 14:32:46 -0500  
Subject: Are We Alone? Part III

Our guy Shane has made the third part of a BBC-TV program, Are We Alone? (subtitled Are We Real?), available online for UFO UpDaters (who seem to enjoy the programs according to the hits on his server).

Here's the link:

<http://www.reasonablehosting.com/rrrgroup/wwsdk03.html>

Rich Reynolds

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## Merry Christmas - Matteson

From: Gary Matteson <[mystrius.nul](mailto:mystrius.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 13:58:26 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 07:57:05 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas - Matteson

A huge thank you for this years informative, sometimes enlightening debates. May the Christmas Holidays be joyful and fulfilling, the coming New Year, rewarding in every manner important to every Lister, their families and friends.

Gary Matteson

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## Re: Phil Klass - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 20:08:42 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 07:58:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Phil Klass - Allan

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 23:33:56 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Phil Klass

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 17:09:08 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Phil Klass

>>I, too, had a long correspondence with Klass. A small portion  
>>was published in my 1990 "Final Report on Operation Majestic 12"  
>>including his challenge to me about the Pica Type used in the  
>>Cutler Twining memo and a copy of his check to me for 1000\$ for  
>>providing more than 10 examples of Pica type on NSC documents.

>Between New Zealand and McMinnville I may have about 2000 pages  
>of correspondence with PJK in the time frame 1974 - 1984.

To give Phil Klass his due, he did bring out 76 issues of his  
Skeptics UFO Newsletter (SUN) regularly on time, over a 14-year  
period. Note: Regularly and on time. For how many other UFO  
magazines, past and present, in both the UK and the US, can this  
be said? Very few I suspect. And he was about 70 years old when  
he began publishing SUN. An enviable achievement.

CDA

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 15:31:25 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 08:00:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Sparks

>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 21:54:45 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

<snip>

>Looking at this from the point of view of someone who used to be  
>a theoretician, I think that ufology - like the social sciences -  
>is not yet in a position where it can even construct useful  
>theories, let alone test them. I would want to see a much  
>greater emphasis on gathering the maximum amount of raw data,  
>and rather less on theorizing and evangelism. I also have a  
>question for those who believe all the UFO problem needs for its  
>solution is more research funding. Can anyone say what, in terms  
>of detailed research design, they would spend this money on?  
>There must be quite a few people here who could write a grant  
>application for such funding, if it were ever actually become  
>available - it might be interesting, if only as an intellectual  
>exercise, to see what those grant applications might look like.

I completely disagree. As I have posted many times here, the UFO problem has never had the normal complement of scientific talent applied to it as any normal scientific discipline does. Taking a crude order-of-magnitude estimate, a full-fledged scientific study would require on the order of 100 McDonalds or Nobel-caliber scientists who live, breathe, dream UFOs 24/7, not on a part-time basis but full-time. Using this a measure we have had in aggregate less than 6 months of such full-blown scientific study of the UFO phenomenon in the past 50 years. One could argue it is much less than that if the Condon Committee is discounted because none of the staff were 100% full-time on UFOs. With less than 6 months of full-time scientific study it is no wonder that we have had so little theoretical and even empirical scientific progress made on the UFO mystery. As for "detailed research designs" that is for the hundred full-time UFO scientists to come up with. It is not our business to take potshots at what a handful of part-time scientists presently interested in UFOs are supposed to develop when it is apparent that a full-time global team of a hundred is needed. The "detailed research design" would be the first order of business for a full-scale scientific effort, not its prerequisite, as if it could just emerge from a vacuum. We can't straightjacket what they would design by prejudging and prognosticating based on our very modest array of talents.

I can tell you what I would do with a serious increase in research funding over today's pocket change now available for UFO research. I can't tell you what the hundred McDonalds would do. That's the whole beauty of it, they would synergistically come up with something we can't even dream of. That's what happens when you get 100 Nobel-level talents working together on a scientific problem.

What I would do is this: First step in any scientific investigation is literature review. Do you agree? Well we have 100,000+ pages of "literature" in the form of AF case files on UFOs that have never been reviewed by more than a handful of people on this planet. There is your raw data, by the way. These



need to be digitized and made available on the Web worldwide both in image form and OCR text. I am working with the Project Blue Book Archives founded by Will Wise to make this a reality in the next year on a shoestring budget. This is something that should receive higher funding so that the OCR conversion and manual correction is fully staffed.

Then I would have the 100,000+ pages of AF UFO files minutely reviewed and the best cases culled, using objective criteria of duration and angular size which directly determine the amount of visual data a witness can perceive, and other criteria for radar and instrument cases. Good cases, as distinct from "best cases" would also be segregated for further study as it is always possible that there is other vital data in news reports and civilian investigations of the same cases that could fill in the gaps. Sometimes simple physics analysis can turn a case into a spectacularly important and solid case (e.g., the sighting by the DoD's top R&D official who was not told by the AF that the airliner he had seen in the sky had independent sighting by its pilot and that the lines of sight allowed triangulation, which the AF never bothered to do; I was the first to carry out the triangulation in 2003).

After the best scientific data had been assembled from this 100,000+-page AF collection, this would be presented in a form suitable for attracting major scientific attention: First a short Abstract describing the purpose and main results of the study, then short Summaries of the major UFO cases uncovered in the review process, organized by subject matter that will attract scientific interest, not organized in the way that UFO enthusiasts love to present their pet cases, as if a busy scientist gives a rat's ass about the sentimental value attaching to Chiles-Whitted or Gorman or Washington National. No such marginal cases will be allowed in for sentimental reasons. If the UFO phenomenon does not have any strong cases that are not marginal, confused, brief, or single-witness, then why are we wasting time with it at all?? The fact is there are thousands of good cases in the AF files and possibly hundreds of best cases that are not marginal or riddled with confusion, conflicting testimonies, or so brief that no one could really properly observe anything. We have so many better cases than that. We do not need the marginals and the controversials.

Following the short case Summaries organized by category that will intrigue scientists, then the fully-detailed cases would be presented in Appendices. Again, this will be the cream of the crop from mainly the 100,000+ pages of AF files, and it has never been done before. This report will be presented to various scientists in various forums in various ways.

Brad Sparks

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 14:49:12 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 08:02:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 20:37:48 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 11:17:43 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

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>>P.S. How's the Brookdale Lodge these days?

Good Day Josh,

>Happy holidays Frank and all Listerions,

>Thanks for your "virtual handshake for veterans". I am sure  
>there are also other veterans on this List who feel the same and  
>appreciate your sentiments.

You're welcome - my sentiments were heart felt.

>I have not been to the Brookdale Lodge since some months ago  
>when I was at the "granny hippy" reunion with Country Joe and  
>the Fish. In September I moved from California to aloha Hawaii.

My you certainly get around! I haven't been to the Brookdale Lodge in a few years, but it's reconstruction was complete, and it had been restored to it's original grandeur, if not more. Many years ago during it's remodeling etc., I was treated to a tour of it's secret passages as a friend of mine was involved with security of the sight during it's vulnerability. Much history there as well as being haunted--it was also featured on an episode of, "Sightings."

>Frank, I have to look at UFO cases using the standards of  
>evidence of a detective or an attorney. Anecdotal stories,  
>claims, questionable documents, and opinions are interesting.  
>But it takes verifiable facts to constitute real evidence. It  
>takes a quality of evidence to develop a case to constitute  
>proof, as I am sure you are aware of, within legal procedure.

Hmmm... your original question was, "can you clearly outline ample evidence verifying the fact that the powers-that-be have recovered an ET craft"? I confirmed that I could but knowing your involvement with research etc., I felt/feel that you are aware of the same evidence/data that I am, and was curious to know why "you" would ask "that" question. It appears based on the above paragraph we are both in agreement of the "type/quality of evidence in support of ETH.

>I feel that some of the strongest UFO cases (military, pilot  
>reports, radar tracking) indicate capabilities beyond known  
>terrestrial craft but there is no proof that they are  
>extraterrestrial. There have been many claims (Roswell, Corso,  
>Lazar, etc.) that the government has recovered ET craft and  
>their occupants. However. I have not seen any evidence

>"verifying the fact that the powers-that-be have in fact  
>recovered an extraterrestrial craft".

>Josh

I'd like to point out Josh that evidence indicating "capabilities beyond known terrestrial craft" is "proof" they are "extraterrestrial craft," although not definitive on it's own merit; however, it is a component of the preponderance of evidence in support of ETH. Moreover eyewitness testimony can send a man to the electric chair and is the only kind of evidence that does not usually require "another form of evidence" as a prerequisite for its admissibility. (As far as "legal procedure" goes). The abundance of eyewitness accounts in regards to Roswell for example, is in my view astounding. Moreover the "documentary evidence," i.e., "real evidence" is equally astounding and in great abundance. There is also "demonstrative evidence" that supports the preceding examples of evidence.

In conclusion Josh, in regards to "quality evidence" to "develop a case to constitute proof of the powers-that-be recovering an extraterrestrial craft" (speaking of Roswell in particular) with respect to "legal procedure," the four basic types of evidence are in existence and abundance:

- 1). Testimonial Evidence
- 2). Documentary Evidence
- 3). Demonstrative Evidence
- 4). Real Evidence

All of which by the way, if it were concerning a "murder case" there would be no debate, and if the evidence were "against a defendant," he or she would be have been given the "ultimate penalty" long ago.

Regards,

Frank Warren

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## Re: Are We Alone? Part III - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 14:55:44 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 08:04:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Are We Alone? Part III - Lehmborg

>From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 10:25:06 -0500  
>Subject: Are We Alone? Part III

>Our guy Shane has made the third part of a BBC-TV program, Are We  
>Alone? (subtitled Are We Real?), available online for UFO  
>UpDaters (who seem to enjoy the programs according to the hits  
>on his server).

>Here's the link:

><http://www.reasonablehosting.com/rrrgroup/wwsdk03.html>

Truly, one of the most astonishing, informational, and inspiring things I've ever seen produced for television, Mr. Reynolds. Encouragingly exhilarating and decidedly humbling at the same time.

I was reminded once again that the philosopher/scientist must trump the theologian/functionary because the former is self-critical in a manner that the latter cannot entertain and continue to exist. The former seems self-defining and evolving. The latter seems self-defined and static. The former would step forward. The latter would prefer to step back or stay. The former emulates life. The latter apes death.

My impressions, anyway.

Hi folks, fellow notes of fecund consciousness, and lurking sociopaths... Alfred Lehmborg here, proud resident of the Orion Arm of the MilkyWay Galaxy, Virgo Supercluster. ...A pleasure to make your acquaintance, all and \_one\_.

[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul) - :| :-  
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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 16:08:04 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 08:05:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - White

>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 20:37:48 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

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>However. I have not seen any evidence "verifying the fact that  
>the powers-that-be have in fact recovered an extraterrestrial  
>craft".

Has anyone seen that brief video clip of what looks like Russian soldiers approaching what looks like a disc-shaped UFO which had just crash landed and slid into a stand of trees, in winter?

I have it but it's buried in a large box of videos on many topics. It was part of a UFO documentary and I'd guess the clip might be, oh, 10 to 20 years old?

Eleanor White

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## Merry Christmas - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 17:18:39 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 08:08:58 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas - King

>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <[ufomiami.nul](mailto:ufomiami.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 09:26:12 -0500  
>Subject: Merry Christmas

>Dear friends:

>I really wish you Peaceful and Joyous Holidays in the company of  
>your loved ones.

>May 2005 bring to us great UFO reports.

Hi Virgilio, ebk and List,

Over what has turned out to be one decidedly strange year, I have made the acquaintance of a number of gifted individuals in this forum. While the differences between us are trumpeted, debated, mulled and finally memorialized every day, the commonalities shared amongst us are what is important at its end.

The last couple of months have heralded several diverse approaches to a single goal... enhancing the perceived legitimacy of this field/science/religion called ufology.

Whether you believe that a multi-disciplinary approach is best, or one that stresses measurable, repeatable results, or even one that is content to ask questions we are not yet equipped to answer, the desire for a wider and less skeptical audience is much in evidence.

Progress is being made on several fronts, from homebrew radio detection to applying new knowledge to existing documented cases and getting these records into a manageable database. Much more needs to be done, but I think we all see the value and importance of these endeavors, regardless of just what the truth is.

I don't believe I could express more eloquently my wishes for each and all of us for the next 365 strange days than by quoting James Smith, who was probably quoting someone else, but perhaps not.

In this forum, and in all aspects of our lives, may we

"help each other as best we can, and do no harm."

As for this past year? 365 strange days... indeed. <g>

Happy ChristmaHannuKwanzaakah to all. Peace, out.

Kyle

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## Invitation To ETI

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 08:22:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 08:22:34 -0500  
Subject: Invitation To ETI

Thanks to Larry Bryant for the lead on the site below.  
An interesting read as you drill down.....

ebk

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<http://www.ietl.org/index.html>

Invitation to ETI  
(a message from Earth)

Welcome to Invitation to ETI, a Web-based scientific SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) experiment. In these pages, you will find an invitation, issued by an informal group of 90 scientists, artists and futurists from around Planet Earth, to any Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (ETI) having the capability to read it. This invitation is issued in hopes of establishing a constructive dialog between humanity and our cosmic companions.

This website is divided into the following eight Sections (which can be accessed by clicking on the graphical links at the top, or the text links at the bottom, of every page on this website):

Home: takes you back to this page, from anywhere in the Invitation to ETI website

Hello: is the Invitation itself, which we hope ETI will some day read

About: discusses the rationale behind SETI science, and this particular experiment

Who We Are: tells about each of the individuals issuing this Invitation

News: reports on what's new in the Invitation to ETI, and the world of SETI

Links: is your portal to key SETI sites around the Web

Search: brings up a key-word linked Search Engine for this website

Contact Us: allows you (or ETI) to establish a dialog with those issuing this Invitation

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## Is The Press Killing Us?

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 21:06:48 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 08:24:19 -0500  
Subject: Is The Press Killing Us?

One thing one notices once one delves into the arena of Ufology is either how brave or incompetent or downright dishonest the press can be.

We've probably all seen stories covering events we've investigated get reported with about as much accuracy as a Santa Claus sighting.

Yes, I'm the first to say Santa Claus is real and I can prove it with government documents and eyewitnesses.

I'm snickered to say if we ever recover Roswell wreckage it'll probably contain fur from eight tiny reindeer :)

The press has done wonderful UFO reporting yet as a whole refuses to look at the mountains of evidence nor present it with the fervor they do with the latest sex or political scandal.

I know, UFOs don't interrupt the daily goings on of the transportation of alcohol, drugs, junk food, cigarettes, nor do UFOs interfere with the daily broadcasting of soap operas and sports games so UFOs aren't of a priority, yet just glance at the journalism massacres that have occurred over the past year. Almost every time we turn around now some noteworthy journalist is either retiring or resigning or some other scandal regarding inaccuracies in reporting protocols and procedures.

Is the press under some control? Are stalwart journalists backed up against the wall to prevent the heroics that Woodward and Bernstein engaged in that brought down the White House?

Global Warming, PCBs, radiation, other toxins, 911, Iraq. Are we getting the real deal or is this a new wave of 'McCarthyism' going on?

UFO stories are popping up more which is a surprise to me. Is the press more kind nowadays as opposed to days of yore?

The Internet is amazing in that each of us can express ourselves. The mainstream press however quotes those web sources that are just as bad as the mainstream sources.

What strategies need we engage in to make sure the public gets the truth?

Best,

Greg

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### Re: The 'Flying Saucer' Dilemma - Johnson

From: Don Johnson <[donjohnson.nul](mailto:donjohnson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 20:48:06 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:50:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: The 'Flying Saucer' Dilemma - Johnson

>From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 23:09:10 -0500  
>Subject: The 'Flying Saucer' Dilemma

>While in high school, many moons ago, a hypnotist was engaged  
>for an assembly.

>He did the usual entertaining things with volunteer students -  
>making them cluck like a chicken or raise their arms but not  
>able to lower them. And at one point he told a batch of kids on  
>the stage that they were seeing a flying saucer. (This was 1955-  
>56.)

>Pandemonium took hold of the stage and each of the 10 (or so)  
>hypnotized kids became hysterically distraught: some screamed,  
>some ran about the stage in fits of paroxysm, and one young  
>woman in the bleachers had an epileptic fit because of the hub-  
>bub.

>It took the hypnotist several minutes to regain order, and the  
>assembly was cancelled forthwith so I didn't get to see what the  
>ultimate outcome was.

>My point? That there was (and is?) an ingrained fear of that  
>which UFOs represent. Thus, it seems that the study of the  
>phenomenon - phenomena is better perhaps - would include the  
>nuts and bolts approach, the psychological approach, the  
>mythological approach, the amorphous (or quantum) approach - the  
>things acting like quantum artifacts, as they are imagined by  
>quantum theorists, and a few other approaches.

>Ufology (a term that rankles) needs various disciplines, just as  
>science and other enterprises need segmented disciplines, else  
>the studies get bogged down by all the ramifications and  
>permutations of a generalized approach.

>And the great discoveries, talked about by many here at UFO  
>UpDates, have often come about by some kind of epiphany, not a  
>grunt process of trial and error experimentation.....the great  
>discoveries mind you.

>We as UFO fanatics get sidetracked by argumentation which is  
>often self-aggrandizing...who knows more than whom, or who is  
>the better debater, and so on..

>A new paradigmatic is needed... a new epiphany as it were.

>Is that possible?

In 1979 I wrote a paper published in the Journal for UFO Studies  
(old series, volume 1) in which I advocated a "structured  
approach" to research on the non-physical aspects of the UFO  
phenomenon (singular, although I will entertain arguments for  
"UFO phenomena, plural," if you can specify the types of  
stratification of the data you have in mind).

I basically stated that we could profit from dividing research  
into four levels:

- 1) the witness level (psychological: clinical and cognitive/experimental)
- 2) the report level (sociological, anthropological, folkloric, and including the physical and medical sciences)
- 3) the phenomenon (statistical) and
- 4) the myth (folkloric, social psychological).

I've been spending the last 25 years quietly following my proposed research agenda, especially level 3 with UFOCAT.

Your observation about the pandemonium caused by the stage hypnotist is quite interesting to me. We should not necessarily jump to the conclusion that there is "an ingrained fear of that which UFOs represent" or over-generalize from your experience in 1955-56. The stage hypnotist undoubtedly had experience in picking highly hypnotizable and suggestible subjects for his performance. Individual differences in hypnotic suggestibility are well established. So I would be interested in just how widespread the "social contagion" was among your audience. I would be interested in whatever cold war related events were occurring at the same time, that might have made high school students more vulnerable to "saucer hysteria."

The myth of UFOs has been evolving over the years. The New Age religious movement has largely incorporated belief in extraterrestrials into their world view. Roughly half of the adult population in the USA believes in the reality of extraterrestrials. [Two-thirds believe in angels]. Does this serve as a source of contamination of the data at the report and phenomenon levels? I would argue that it does NOT to a very important level, but more experimental data is needed about the effects of belief systems on eyewitness testimony. I have more faith in the basic abilities of observers than most cognitive psychologists. If I didn't I probably wouldn't be in the business. I am also persuaded by the cross-cultural persistence of the basic UFO experience, especially temporally. That is to say, at the phenomenon level, when something weird is happening somewhere in the world involving UFO close encounters, the odds are that the same thing is going on in 3 or 4 other places in the world on the same day. This is an assertion that I need to demonstrate in a published article, but the trend is there in the data and I welcome others to report on it as well.

Finally, I disagree with your assertion that "The old UFO stories have been mined for gold to the point that little or nothing in them has value." Good research takes time, money, and patience. The biggest problem with the old UFO stories is that there is so much missing data, owing to the haphazard manner in which the cases have been investigated and collected. Yes, we need to go back and fill in the holes wherever possible, but there is no lack of data. UFOCAT has some 172,000 entries that refer to some 85,000 unexplained UFO reports. And new reports seem to be accumulating at the rate of five or more "so-so" or good reports a day.

Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D.  
Khon Kaen, Thailand

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### X-Conference Press Release - 12-23-04

From: **Stephen Bassett** <[Disclosure2003.nul](mailto:Disclosure2003.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 00:25:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:55:27 -0500  
Subject: X-Conference Press Release - 12-23-04

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Paradigm Research Group

X-Conference 2005 Press Release - December 23, 2004

Washington, DC - PRG is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Exopolitics Expo (X-Conference), scheduled for April 22-24, 2005 at the Hilton Washington, DC North/Gaithersburg, has begun assembling the speaker lineup for 2005.

The X-Conference is a unique event which focuses on the political, governmental and social aspects relating to extraterrestrial-related phenomena. It is more than a public conference - it is part of the disclosure process itself. As was the case last year, all Congressional offices will be notified and Members or staff encouraged to take advantage of this convenient opportunity to become informed on an issue about which they have been misinformed for over five decades.

Last year's subjects included:

- U.S. government posture and actions with respect to extraterrestrial related phenomena
- the government imposed truth embargo - the cover-up
- the role (complicity?) of the media in the truth embargo
- the role of the film industry
- NASA
- foreign government's posture and actions
- MJ-12 Documents
- Philip Corso's legacy
- the FBI connection
- Dr. James McDonald's Legacy - Secretary of Defense James Forrestal
- the Disclosure Project
- the Rockefeller Initiative
- Area 51
- reverse engineering
- crash retrievals
- underground bases
- remote viewing - Jimmy Carter studies
- politics of disclosure

- the post-disclosure world.

Approximately 25 lecturers and panelists will present. Three speakers are being announced. New for next year:

Lynne Kitei, MD - is an internationally acclaimed physician and health educator, a leader in early disease detection and prevention and Chief Clinical Consultant at the world-renowned Arizona Heart Institute's Imaging/Prevention/Wellness Center in Phoenix, Arizona. This highly accomplished professional is presenting at the X-Conference because she is a key witness to the still-unexplained mass sighting that took place throughout Arizona on March 13, 1997 - the "Phoenix Lights." After years of private research Lynne has "come out" to talk about the challenges facing high level professionals who wish to address any aspect of extraterrestrial-related phenomena as well as the inadequate media and government response to this extraordinary event.

Dr. Kitei has been recognized in the Who's Who of American Women, was chosen as the Woman of the Year in Pennsylvania, and has been featured for her innovative and groundbreaking work in publications such as the Philadelphia Inquirer, TV Guide magazine, Runner magazine, Phoenix magazine, and Physician's Management magazine. She is an award winning producer, writer and director of health-related documentary films and was called the "woman pioneer of medical communications" in TV Guide after creating and producing innovative TV news health reports for NBC in Philadelphia in 1976. She has dedicated over 25 years to global public awareness, wellness, and health education. Her AIDS, Substance Abuse and Teen Pregnancy programs have won the Telly Bronze Award in 1995, the National Education Film & Video Festival Silver Apple Award in 1994, the New York International Film Festival Finalist Award in 1992 and 1993, the Chicago International Film Festival Silver Hugo and Finalist Awards in 1993, the Columbus International Film & Video Festival Honorable Mention Award in 1991, and the Arizona Hemmy Award in 1993 and 1994.

Dr. Kitei received her BS in Secondary Science Education from Temple University and an M.D. from the Temple University School of Medicine.

Alfred L. Webre, JD - a futurist, peace advocate and environmental activist, is the father of Exopolitics. When "exopolitics" is formally (academically) recognized as the term describing the political and social intersection of the human race with extraterrestrial-related phenomena and ultimately extraterrestrial beings, the primary origin of this enormously important nomenclature will be attributed to Alfred Lambremont Webre. Michael Salla subsequently worked to expand and develop content within the intellectual framework, and Stephen Bassett worked to bring this framework and terminology to a larger audience.

Dr. Webre is International Director of the Institute for Cooperation in Space (ICIS); a founder of the No Weapons in Space Campaign (NOWIS), a Canadian coalition to prevent the weaponization of space; and coordinates the Campaign for Cooperation in Space. He is a co-architect of the Space Preservation Act and the Space Preservation Treaty to ban space-based weapons. He is also an on-air host on Vancouver Coop Radio CFRO 102.7 FM.

Webre is a former Fulbright Scholar and graduate of Yale University, Yale Law School (Yale Law School National Scholar), and the University of Texas Counseling Program. He was General Counsel to the NYC Environmental Protection Administration and environmental consultant to the Ford Foundation, futurist at Stanford Research Institute, and author. He taught economics at Yale University (Economics Department) and Civil Liberties at the University of Texas (Government Department). Alfred has been a delegate to the UNISPACE Outer Space Conference and NGO representative at the United Nations (Communications Coordination Committee for the UN; UN Second Special Session on Disarmament); elected Clinton-Gore Delegate to the 1996 Texas Democratic Convention; and a Member, Governor's Emergency Taskforce on Earthquake Preparedness, State of California (1980-82), appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown. Mr. Webre produced and hosted the Instant of Cooperation, the first live radio

broadcast between USA and the then Soviet Union, carried live by Gosteleradio and NPR satellite in 1987. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Returning from this year:

Paul Davids is a leading expert on the history of the Hollywood connection to science fiction and extraterrestrial-related phenomena. He was executive producer and co-writer of the Showtime film "Roswell," starring Martin Sheen and Kyle MacLachlan, nominated for a Golden Globe as Best Television Motion Picture of 1994. Though always interested in science-fiction, the UFO issue is a matter of science fact for him, ever since a widely reported 1987 daylight sighting. In 1996 he was guest speaker at the banquet for the 50th anniversary of the White Sands Missile Range Pioneers, where he spoke about The Roswell Incident, and he has produced numerous informational programs about UFO's. Paul earned a B.A. from Princeton University, where he won the university's three top creative writing awards all in one year (including the F. Scott Fitzgerald Prize), and afterwards he studied under full scholarship at the American Film Institute Center for Advanced Film Studies in Los Angeles. & nbsp;

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## Standing Water On Mars?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:59:58 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:59:58 -0500  
Subject: Standing Water On Mars?

What to make of this:

<http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/opportunity/pancam/2004-12-19/1P155450047EFF38EVP2557L4M1.JPG>

With thanks to John Velez for the lead...

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## Re: Causality & Blind Science News - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 13:13:06 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:08:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Causality & Blind Science News - Dickenson

>From: Brett Holman <[b.holman.nul](mailto:b.holman.nul)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 01:52:19 +1100  
>Subject: Re: Causality & Blind Science News

Can't spare your feelings any more Brett, (I'll pass over the quibbles and slurs again). You obviously need a list of mainstream science's present incompetence (and censorship).

Here's a sample:

Astro-phys - ongoing misidentification of galaxies, misreading universe's structure (new galaxies forming), failure of "black-hole" theory (now being quietly abandoned by the bandwagon riders).

Black holes and Seyferts are dealt with (deservedly harshly) at:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/nblckhls.html#data>

and all page.

Previously deemed 'impossible' planets and galaxies are at:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/blinded.html> item #1

Atomics/particle phys - those bandwagon riders are now afraid to get off, see:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/parts.txt> &  
<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/blinded.html>

item #19

Evolution - dogmatic insistence on a theory that never worked. Considered at:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/equal2.txt> (scroll down to Gould)  
Some of the math is at:  
<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/magic2.html#3>

New external comment at:

<http://www.roanoke.com/editorials/commentary%5C15530.html>

Your 'professionals' have been riding cash-driven bandwagons of hype & waffle, accompanied by attempted censorship of us folk who speak out.

And that censorship is now being applied within the fraternity. See:

<http://www.archivefreedom.org/>

and

<http://www.tcm.phy.cam.ac.uk/~bdj10/archivefreedom/main.html>

What's the science bandwagon (and its paymasters) afraid of? Embarrassed by incompetence?

Maybe - but more likely the lid's being held down for other reasons.

Cheers

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>
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## Re: Phil Klass - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 07:56:25 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:10:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: Phil Klass - Lehmborg

>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 20:08:42 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Phil Klass

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 18 Dec 2004 23:33:56 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Phil Klass

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>>>I, too, had a long correspondence with Klass. A small portion  
>>>was published in my 1990 "Final Report on Operation Majestic 12"  
>>>including his challenge to me about the Pica Type used in the  
>>>Cutler Twining memo and a copy of his check to me for 1000\$ for  
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>period. Note: Regularly and on time. For how many other UFO  
>magazines, past and present, in both the UK and the US, can this  
>be said? Very few I suspect. And he was about 70 years old when  
>he began publishing SUN. An enviable achievement.

With respect, Sir. How much of that was due to non-partisan  
accomplishment, education, intelligence, and talent, and how  
much due to being a close-march shill for the stealthy non-  
elected, willing character assassin for a well cited nether-  
bureaucracy, and one time aging lothario and racy beau-vivant  
of the 'approved' science mainstream set. The historic evidence  
cants to a paucity of the former... and an over-representation  
of the latter, in my respectful opinion.

Further, I suspect the contribution of Mr. what's-his-name  
again (?), will be discarded of its own accord and his books and  
papers astonishingly self-burning. Kind of like a Kal K.  
Korff outside the cheap tabloid press and in the bosom of the  
corrupted mainstream.

That's my happy dream.

Ending on a cheerful note of righteous contention, his  
accomplishments are dubious in the first place, contemptible in  
the second, and ultimately regrettable in the third. George  
Lucas would have cast him as a leering stormtrooper.

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## Re: Phil Klass - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 14:26:11 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:14:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: Phil Klass - Hall

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There is something to be said for regularity of bowel movements.

- Dick

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 14:32:35 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:23:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Hall

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 16:08:04 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 20:37:48 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>However. I have not seen any evidence "verifying the fact that  
>>the powers-that-be have in fact recovered an extraterrestrial  
>>craft".

>Has anyone seen that brief video clip of what looks like Russian  
>soldiers approaching what looks like a disc-shaped UFO which had  
>just crash landed and slid into a stand of trees, in winter?

>I have it but it's buried in a large box of videos on many  
>topics. It was part of a UFO documentary and I'd guess the clip  
>might be, oh, 10 to 20 years old?

Eleanor,

Yes; it's a total fraud and has been thoroughly exposed as such.  
Probably in the archives here but I don't have time to look.  
Wrong uniforms, wrong procedures, internal contradictions in  
story, etc.

- Dick

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## Re: Merry Christmas - Hall

From: **Richard Hall** <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 14:39:07 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:24:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Merry Christmas - Hall

>From: Gary Matteson <[mystrius.nul](mailto:mystrius.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 13:58:26 -0600  
>Subject: Merry Christmas - Matteson

>A huge thank you for this years informative, sometimes  
>enlightening debates. May the Christmas Holidays be joyful and  
>fulfilling, the coming New Year, rewarding in every manner  
>important to every Lister, their families and friends.

And Happy Holidays to Father Christmas (a.k.a. EBK), our  
moderator and standard setter, who lives up there somewhere in  
Canada in the direction of the North Pole.

- Dick

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## Earth Organisms On Mars

From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 17:35:58 +0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:27:50 -0500  
Subject: Earth Organisms On Mars

Hello List,

Some of you know I'd expressed concern at probable forward-contamination of Mars well before the launchings.

I received only a reply saying official protection protocols were in place - but on checking found that evidence had been presented that Mars was "too cold, too airless, too arid" for survival of Earth organisms - see:

<http://www7.nationalacademies.org/ssb/bcmarsch5.html>

(On later re-reading that document it seems I'd missed some nicey-nicey platitudes that read as if they were added much later, without changing the lax decisions.)

But now - 23 Dec '04 - you can read on Ananova: "Trees to be grown on Mars - A new project from Nasa and three Mexican universities will grow trees on Mars":

[http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm\\_1219426.html?menu=news.scienceanddiscovery](http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_1219426.html?menu=news.scienceanddiscovery)

It seems that the Planetary Protection Committee was misinformed - with the intention of allowing contamination of Mars.

Early notes at <http://www.perceptions.couk.com/mars1.html>

Season's Greetings

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:08:29 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:32:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 15:31:25 EST  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 21:54:45 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

Hi, Brad,

>After the best scientific data had been assembled from this  
>100,000+-page AF collection, this would be presented in a form  
>suitable for attracting major scientific attention: First a  
>short Abstract describing the purpose and main results of the  
>study, then short Summaries of the major UFO cases uncovered in  
>the review process, organized by subject matter that will  
>attract scientific interest, not organized in the way that UFO  
>enthusiasts love to present their pet cases, as if a busy  
>scientist gives a rat's ass about the sentimental value  
>attaching to Chiles-Whitted or Gorman or Washington National. No  
>such marginal cases will be allowed in for sentimental reasons.  
>If the UFO phenomenon does not have any strong cases that are  
>not marginal, confused, brief, or single-witness, then why are  
>we wasting time with it at all

I suppose the nasty shot at "UFO enthusiasts" is obligatory, even just before Christmas, though that makes it no less dreary. The effect is as if suddenly one, thinking he was reading Updates, found that his eyes had fallen upon a screed in Skeptical Inquirer. More importantly, though, the rest of the sentence leaves me a bit confused. Well, at a loss, to be blunt about it.

I don't know what "sentimental value" still accrues to the first two cases (or who still judges them to be "pet cases"), which have historical interest (and historical significance quite apart from their evidential weaknesses) but which have been superseded by much better ones since 1948. I am sure that everybody who claims more than two brain cells and a passing knowledge of the UFO question is aware. Moreover, the first - as has been discussed on this List - is one about which nothing can be proved one way or another, and the second is almost surely not a UFO case at all. Neither, by the way, is a single-witness case.

As for the Washington National case, it's hardly "marginal" in the assessment of many serious ufologists, prominently including James McDonald, whom otherwise you represent as a model of a scientifically trained inquirer.

I pretty much agree with everything else you have to say (which I've snipped out of consideration for readers, but which is of course available in your interesting original posting). Perhaps you'd advance your argument - and gain a more sympathetic hearing therefor from thoughtful readers - if you toned down the tendentiousness a bit. After all, not everybody else is an idiot.

Anyway, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 14:15:28 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:47:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Ledger

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

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><http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/opportunity/pancam/2004-12-19/1P155450047EFFF38EVP2557L4M1.JPG>

>With thanks to John Velez for the lead...

George Filer has this in his latest. Sure looks like water to me.  
But I'm sure it can [and will] be explained away as something else.

Best,

Don

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## Merry Christmas - Jones

From: Sean Jones <[Sean.Jones.nul](mailto:Sean.Jones.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 11:55:05 -0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:34:06 -0500  
Subject: Merry Christmas - Jones

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Rogerson

From: Peter Rogerson <[progerson.nul](mailto:progerson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:32:41 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:37:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Rogerson

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>What I would do is this: First step in any scientific  
>investigation is literature review. Do you agree? Well we have  
>100,000+ pages of "literature" in the form of AF case files on  
>UFOs that have never been reviewed by more than a handful of  
>people on this planet. There is your raw data, by the way. These  
>need to be digitized and made available on the Web worldwide  
>both in image form and OCR text. I am working with the Project  
>Blue Book Archives founded by Will Wise to make this a reality  
>in the next year on a shoestring budget. This is something that  
>should receive higher funding so that the OCR conversion and  
>manual correction is fully staffed.

<snip>

>Following the short case Summaries organized by category that  
>will intrigue scientists, then the fully-detailed cases would be  
>presented in Appendices. Again, this will be the cream of the  
>crop from mainly the 100,000+ pages of AF files, and it has  
>never been done before. This report will be presented to various  
>scientists in various forums in various ways.

Can somebody tell me why the scientific community is going to be impressed by a bunch of 40-60 year old anecdotes. For years ufologists have been complaining about how poor Blue Book Investigations were, but now these self same poor investigations are being hailed as ufology's next saviour. Presumably this implies that there are no good modern cases, and that poor though Blue Book's investigations were, they were still superior to those of ufologists.

Seasons Greetings

Peter Rogerson

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Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:34:54 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:40:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
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Pretty impossible to interpret without some scale information.  
One inch = ? And location information. For all we know it could  
be man-made debris associated with the lander.

The larger objects show what look to these old New England eyes  
as glacial striations.

Neat little pyramid in the lower forefront near the 'puddle.'

- Dick

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## Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:51:54 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:40:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Lehmberg

>What to make of this:

><http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/opportunity/pancam/2004-12-19/1P155450047EFF38EVP2557L4M1.JPG>

>With thanks to John Velez for the lead...

>ebk

Does anybody know the scale in this photo?

[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul) -:|:-  
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## Re: The 'Flying Saucer' Dilemma - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 13:56:58 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:44:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: The 'Flying Saucer' Dilemma - Reynolds

>From: Don Johnson <[donjohnson.nul](mailto:donjohnson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 20:48:06 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: The 'Flying Saucer' Dilemma

>>From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 23:09:10 -0500  
>>Subject: The 'Flying Saucer' Dilemma

<snip>

>Finally, I disagree with your assertion that "The old UFO  
>stories have been mined for gold to the point that little or  
>nothing in them has value." Good research takes time, money, and  
>patience. The biggest problem with the old UFO stories is that  
>there is so much missing data, owing to the haphazard manner in  
>which the cases have been investigated and collected. Yes, we  
>need to go back and fill in the holes wherever possible, but  
>there is no lack of data. UFOCAT has some 172,000 entries that  
>refer to some 85,000 unexplained UFO reports. And new reports  
>seem to be accumulating at the rate of five or more "so-so" or  
>good reports a day.

Donald:

The kids who picked by the hypnotist came from the audience of about 200 or so, and were not pre-picked or screened. But the whole lot reacted, if I remember correctly, in frightened ways, several of the 10 on stage actually getting hysterical; one girl from my class decidedly so.

Since movies like The Day The Earth Stood Still and The Thing (from Another World) had shown a few years earlier along with Attack of the Saucer Men, a popular, scary teen-flick, those movies may have played into the reaction of those hypnotized.

Moreover, the aura of "flying saucers" was more anxiety generating back then, as you know... and as the Washington D.C. "sighting" attests.

My contention about the "old sightings" was meant to indicate that most have been worked to death, and even if there is missing information which can now be gleaned, what good would it do? Those events are over, and it seems to be time to contend with UFOs as they have "evolved" in the psycho-social realms of society (because of newer movies and television shows -- E.T., Star Trek, et cetera) and how the phenomena [sic] has been affected by such things as Watergate, Enron, My Lai, JFK's murder, and other subterfuges by those we as Americans once trusted.

The new "paradigm" would call for a tabula rasa approach to the UFO question, a clean slate, where new sightings, new data, new anecdotes, can be checked minus the sins of omission and commission of the past.

The history of UFOs or flying saucers is interesting surely, and

the archeological scheme to check them out is worthy. But will that bring new light and solution to the mystery? Perhaps, perhaps not.

Either way, studies of old sightings are not anathema to an inter-disciplinary attack on the subject matter, but a new approach, a unique attack might prove more fruitful than the old procedures.

However, I yield to your argument in some ways, and hope others here can make comments which might prove useful to the debate.

Rich Reynolds

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## Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 16:43:07 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:46:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Balaskas

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:59:58 -0500  
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Standing Water On Mars?

>What to make of this:

><http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/opportunity/pancam/2004-12-19/1P155450047EFF38EVP2557L4M1.JPG>

>With thanks to John Velez for the lead...

>ebk

Follow the Water.

This is the theme for NASA's Phoenix Mars lander scheduled to be launched in 2007. Phoenix is a reflight of the Mars Polar lander that mysteriously fell silent after it landed on the edge of Mars' southern polar cap 5 years ago this month. Water was suspected to be present on or just below the surface during the Martian summer in that hemisphere.

The water Phoenix expects to find will likely be a mixture of ice and dust similar in appearance to the smooth layer of fine soil particles found in the grooves between the rocks in this recent photo by the Martian rover Opportunity that you shared with us.

The real proof, in my opinion, that there is water in the soil of Mars where Opportunity is located is not in your photo but in other recent pictures which show whitish edges on the soil after it was disturbed by the wheels of the rover. This is compelling evidence that liquid water squeezed out of the soil had just froze after it was exposed to the colder Martian air.

Last month I attended a talk by Dr. Peter Taylor, one of several scientists from York University selected by NASA not only to insure a successful landing in the polar region of Mars this time around but also to finally perform the analysis in the long overdue search for water on Mars (using lidar technology that was developed and perfected here). Unfortunately, I left this talk shocked with the realization that this mission too was doomed to fail under new restrictions imposed by NASA!

Originally a robotic arm was to drill into the surface of Mars to extract soil that would quickly be tested for water. Since the total mass of the equipment needed for the search of water experiment and the total power needed to operate it has now been reduced by NASA, a lighter and much slower moving robotic arm with a scrapper instead of a drill will be used instead. With the new setup, it will now take up to a day or more to collect enough of a sample before it could be tested. Experiments done here at York U. using simulated Martian dust mixed with ice chips under the same very low atmospheric temperatures and pressures found on the surface of Mars, all the ice was lost through sublimation (evaporation) before it could be tested for

the presence of water!

Without major changes, Phoenix's search for water on Mars will likely produce erroneous negative results. Why would NASA consider sending yet another unmanned spacecraft to Mars costing taxpayers many hundreds of millions of dollars when the findings of its search for water on Mars will be inconclusive at best.

Nick Balaskas

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## Best Wishes To All

From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 08:25:32 +1000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:48:42 -0500  
Subject: Best Wishes To All

To All,

Robert Frola and I would like to wish you a very merry  
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Take care

Regards Diane Harrison

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
Australian Skywatch Director

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## Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot.nul](mailto:macbot.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:45:32 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:51:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Tonnies

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 14:15:28 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Standing Water On Mars?

>>What to make of this:

>><http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/opportunity/pancam/2004-12-19/1P155450047EFF38EVP2557L4M1.JPG>

>>With thanks to John Velez for the lead...

>>ebk

>George Filer has this in his latest. Sure looks like water to me.

>But I'm sure it can [and will] be explained away as something else.

That "something else" is probably fine dust sheltered by the slab-like rock - but I'm not ruling out water/mud quite yet...

Mac Tonnies ([macbot.nul](mailto:macbot.nul))

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

Posthuman Blues: <http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com>

Now available!: "After the Martian Apocalypse"  
<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/074348293X>

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## Re: Earth Organisms On Mars - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 22:10:08 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:52:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Earth Organisms On Mars - Boone

>From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 17:35:58 +0000  
>Subject: Earth Organisms On Mars

>Hello List,

>Some of you know I'd expressed concern at probable forward-  
>contamination of Mars well before the launchings.

>I received only a reply saying official protection protocols were  
>in place - but on checking found that evidence had been presented  
>that Mars was "too cold, too airless, too arid" for survival of  
>Earth organisms - see:

><http://www7.nationalacademies.org/ssb/bcmarsch5.html>

I knew something was wrong. I can see it now,

Those nasty little buggers the Cold Viri stowed aboard the Spirit Rover and have begun their excursion into the Martian environment.

With the combined elements of the silicon aged technology and the Martian atmosphere they've rapidly begun to evolve exponentially and within months have entered their early Pleistocene stage.

Soon, by New Years they'll have begun to develop language and tool making skills accelerating their cognitive range to incorporate higher mathematics and then onto religions and governments.

By Spring 2005 they'll have begun their industrial age and with no natural predators by Summer's end they'll have engaged in rudimentary space flight.

Having conquered the void near their new crimson homeworld the micro-beings will then turn their collective attention to the blue world we call Earth.

Waves of snotty spacecraft will invade Terra Firma by next Christmas and our governments will be at a standstill to halt their menace.

Scientists who resemble film actor Wallace Beery and Edmund Gwenn speak before smoke filled rooms in Washington D.C. and spout such cliché's as:

" The world will be doomed in 7 days! "

To which a furrow browed general will retort:

" The same number of days it took to create it! "

Then a brave young scientist and his chipper girlfriend will team up with a group of punk rock computer hackers guided by a crusty old scientist who'll launch a barrage of tiny time



capsules filled with decongestant.

By next New Years the marauding microbes will be defeated and mankind will once again rejoice in knowing that that old phrase rings true:

It's not what your planet can do for you, it's what you can do for your planet!

Okay, so I've been up all night drawing cartoons and reading comic books and watching old episodes of the Twilight Zone.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 22:22:48 EST  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:54:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Sparks

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:08:29 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 15:31:25 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: Cathy Reason <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 21:54:45 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>Hi, Brad,

>>After the best scientific data had been assembled from this  
>>100,000+-page AF collection, this would be presented in a form  
>>suitable for attracting major scientific attention: First a  
>>short Abstract describing the purpose and main results of the  
>>study, then short Summaries of the major UFO cases uncovered in  
>>the review process, organized by subject matter that will  
>>attract scientific interest, not organized in the way that UFO  
>>enthusiasts love to present their pet cases, as if a busy  
>>scientist gives a rat's ass about the sentimental value  
>>attaching to Chiles-Whitted or Gorman or Washington National. No  
>>such marginal cases will be allowed in for sentimental reasons.  
>>If the UFO phenomenon does not have any strong cases that are  
>>not marginal, confused, brief, or single-witness, then why are  
>>we wasting time with it at all

>I suppose the nasty shot at "UFO enthusiasts" is obligatory,  
>even just before Christmas, though that makes it no less dreary.  
>The effect is as if suddenly one, thinking he was reading  
>Updates, found that his eyes had fallen upon a screed in  
>Skeptical Inquirer. More importantly, though, the rest of the  
>sentence leaves me a bit confused. Well, at a loss, to be blunt  
>about it.

Merry Christmas to you too Jerry!

Do you dispute the fact that UFO "enthusiasts" (including  
conspiratorialists, flame-throwers, and others without much  
rational or scientific backing for their claims) dominate all  
public discussions of the UFO phenomenon today, here on UpDates  
and elsewhere? The key word is "dominate." That isn't to say  
there aren't rational, smart, scientifically-oriented thinkers  
who post from time to time but get drowned out the moment they  
deviate in any way from the party line of the rabble, or are  
forced to leave the forum. Most people have better things to do  
than to get embroiled in flame wars online. The "enthusiasts"  
label was the nicest one I could think of, I had a lot worse in  
mind.

>I don't know what "sentimental value" still accrues to the first  
>two cases (or who still judges them to be "pet cases"), which  
>have historical interest (and historical significance quite  
>apart from their evidential weaknesses) but which have been

>superseded by much better ones since 1948. I am sure that  
>everybody who claims more than two brain cells and a passing  
>knowledge of the UFO question is aware. Moreover, the first - as  
>has been discussed on this List - is one about which nothing can  
>be proved one way or another, and the second is almost surely  
>not a UFO case at all. Neither, by the way, is a single-witness  
>case.

And I didn't say they were single-witness cases. Chiles-Whitted is indistinguishable from a meteor fireball as I have proven from the witness data here time and again. Gorman is "almost surely not a UFO case at all"?? I believe it is a genuine UFO case, just not a best evidence case, but on the low end of "good cases" maybe marginal because Gorman was the only witness close to the UFO. It isn't going to win over scientists. The UFO community has had several decades to try to win over the scientific community with this case and have not gotten anywhere. It is endlessly repeated in numerous UFO books out of sentimental value.

>As for the Washington National case, it's hardly "marginal" in  
>the assessment of many serious ufologists, prominently including  
>James McDonald, whom otherwise you represent as a model of a  
>scientifically trained inquirer.

It is one of the most confused cases on record. There is not even a single sequential narrative of the entire case that contains the vitally needed radar and visual witness data. You can try to plug it all into some sequential narrative or in a detailed chronology but nothing has been published like that in the past 52 years.

Ultimately the key question is exactly at what time and what date was there a simultaneous radar and visual sighting of the same object in the Washington National incidents and where exactly was that object located? Until you can answer that question fully and positively the case will remain an utterly confused hodge-podge of scattered disconnected file memos, reports and news clips. And even if you can cite one minute of clarity out of 10+ hours of confusion, what is happening the rest of the time, why is there no correlation and clarity for the other 9 hrs 59 mins (or whatever total time interval)?? Even the start time of the second weekend of incidents on July 26, 1952, is murky and confused. Was it 8 PM or 9:50 PM? EST or EDT?

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## Highest Yet Potential Impact Asteroid

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 21:20:35 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 06:00:04 -0500  
Subject: Highest Yet Potential Impact Asteroid

Source: Los Angeles - California

[http://www.nbc4.tv/news/4022134/detail.html?  
treets=la&tid=2651905955813&tml=la\\_4pm&tmi=la\\_4pm\\_4105\\_06000212232004&ts=H](http://www.nbc4.tv/news/4022134/detail.html?treets=la&tid=2651905955813&tml=la_4pm&tmi=la_4pm_4105_06000212232004&ts=H)

or

<http://tinyurl.com/6smbu>

12-23-04

Asteroid Given Highest Potential Impact Rating So Far  
Experts Say Mathematical Chances It Will Hit Are Small

LOS ANGELES -- Scientists say you shouldn't worry, but there is a small chance that an asteroid could hit Earth 25 years from now.

The asteroid is about the length of four football fields and has just received a rating of "two" on a 10-point scale that predicts impact.

Until now, no asteroid has received a rating higher than one.

But scientists stressed that more data could easily downgrade that rating. Overall, they said it is unlikely that the asteroid could hit.

If it does crash into Earth, though, the impact would be serious -- potentially creating a tsunami in the ocean or heavy damage on the ground.

But, scientists insisted the mathematical chances it will hit are small.

One said the odds are 300-in-1 against it.

The superstitious may find reason to fear.

If the asteroid hits, it would be on April 13, 2029 -- a Friday, the 13th.

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## Re: Earth Organisms On Mars - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 00:52:42 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 06:01:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Earth Organisms On Mars - King

>From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 17:35:58 +0000  
>Subject: Earth Organisms On Mars

<snip>

>But now - 23 Dec '04 - you can read on Ananova: "Trees to be  
>grown on Mars - A new project from Nasa and three Mexican  
>universities will grow trees on Mars":

>[http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm\\_1219426.html?menu=news.scienc](http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_1219426.html?menu=news.scienc)  
>eanddiscovery

>It seems that the Planetary Protection Committee was  
>misinformed - with the intention of allowing contamination of  
>Mars.

>Early notes at <http://www.perceptions.couk.com/mars1.html>

Hi Ray,

This sounds like one of those stories that ends up with the smart guys standing around saying stuff like, "Well, we never dreamed that..." or "Who could have anticipated..?" or "Oh, S\*\*T!".

How about we figure out what Mars has to tell us before we start prettying up the place and making it more...earthy?

Once we have a tree or two over there, how long before a Starbuck's... and of course, a parking lot? There's already at least three cars there...<g>

On the other hand, I read this...

<http://news-info.wustl.edu/clip/page/normal/3489.html>

So, maybe we'd be more likely 're-introducing' trees than presenting a dangerous alien life form.

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## CI: Martian 'Puddle'

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot.nul](mailto:macbot.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 23:25:28 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 06:03:44 -0500  
Subject: CI: Martian 'Puddle'

Cydonian Imperative  
11-24-04

A Puddle of... What?

by Mac Tonnies

See: <http://cydonianimperative.blogspot.com>

Many of those following the Mars Exploration Rover mission have puzzled over a recent photograph that appears to show a shallow pool of water or mud in the foreground.

The finding is similar to the so-called "Magic Carpet" encountered by Spirit shortly after bouncing to a landing. But whereas the possible moisture at the Spirit landing site appeared to take the form of subsurface mud, the "puddle" viewed by Opportunity looks remarkably like standing water - a supposed impossibility on a cold, low-pressure world like Mars. So what does the image show?

Although I'm not ruling out water, ice or mud (or some combination thereof), it's likely we're seeing a deposit of fine dust. A shallow film of dust would help explain the puddle's smooth surface texture. On the other hand, recent claims of volcanic activity on Mars, and the relatively high-pressure depths of the Valles Marineris canyon system, supply mechanisms that could spawn short-lived flows. If the Opportunity image does show water, liquid or ice, then we're perhaps incredibly lucky to see it before it could boil away into the atmosphere.

Occam's Razor would suggest we're seeing particulates wafted into place by wind, but our history of discovery on the Red Planet advises against premature conclusions.

Mac Tonnies ([macbot.nul](mailto:macbot.nul))

Explore MTVI @ <http://www.mactonnies.com>

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## Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 04:22:30 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 09:01:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Hatch

>What to make of this:

><http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/opportunity/pancam/2004-12-19/1P155450047EFF38EVP2557L4M1.JPG>

>With thanks to John Velez for the lead...

>ebk

Hello John, EBK and all:

I see no sign of water now standing on Mars in this image, the black areas are obviously shadows of the broken 'plate' of rock.

The large plate at center seems to show geological activity since these plates are broken apart and overlapped. If I'm right, then Mars once had tectonic or other forces at play, much like Earth.

More interesting is what looks very much like striation or layering. If that's right, one immediately thinks of sedimentation in layers that slowly harden into rock.

Sedimentation implies water. Not thin clouds, but large, very long term bodies of water, with all that implies or suggests.

I don't see any water in the image, but this looks like an awfully good argument for long long long standing water, in the ancient past at least.

I'm way out of my league with this. Could volcanism explain such stratification? Any geologists out there?

Best

- Larry

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## Re: Merry Christmas - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 04:35:51 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 09:02:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Merry Christmas - Hatch

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 14:39:07 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Merry Christmas

>>From: Gary Matteson <[mystrius.nul](mailto:mystrius.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 13:58:26 -0600  
>>Subject: Merry Christmas - Matteson

>>A huge thank you for this years informative, sometimes  
>>enlightening debates. May the Christmas Holidays be joyful and  
>>fulfilling, the coming New Year, rewarding in every manner  
>>important to every Lister, their families and friends.

>And Happy Holidays to Father Christmas (a.k.a. EBK), our  
>moderator and standard setter, who lives up there somewhere in  
>Canada in the direction of the North Pole.

Hi Dick.

It might as well be the North Pole. Have you seen the  
temperature reports for Toronto and area recently?

Its so cold they switched to Centigrade. (Fahrenheit numbers  
looked too negative.) Much colder and they will start using  
Kelvins.

Best,

- Larry

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies -

From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 02:50:26 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 09:04:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies -

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 14:49:12 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 20:37:48 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

<snip>

>I'd like to point out Josh that evidence indicating  
>"capabilities beyond known terrestrial craft" is "proof" they  
>are "extraterrestrial craft," although not definitive on it's  
>own merit; however, it is a component of the preponderance of  
>evidence in support of ETH. Moreover eyewitness testimony can  
>send a man to the electric chair and is the only kind of  
>evidence that does not usually require "another form of  
>evidence" as a prerequisite for its admissibility. (As far as  
>"legal procedure" goes). The abundance of eyewitness accounts in  
>regards to Roswell for example, is in my view astounding.  
>Moreover the "documentary evidence," i.e., "real evidence" is  
>equally astounding and in great abundance. There is also  
>"demonstrative evidence" that supports the preceding examples of  
>evidence.

>In conclusion Josh, in regards to "quality evidence" to "develop  
>a case to constitute proof of the powers-that-be recovering an  
>extraterrestrial craft" (speaking of Roswell in particular) with  
>respect to "legal procedure," the four basic types of evidence  
>are in existence and abundance:

- >1). Testimonial Evidence
- >2). Documentary Evidence
- >3). Demonstrative Evidence
- >4). Real Evidence

>All of which by the way, if it were concerning a "murder case"  
>there would be no debate, and if the evidence were "against a  
>defendant," he or she would be have been given the "ultimate  
>penalty" long ago.

Hello Frank,

We'll just have to agree to disagree about the above. On the matter of whether there is enough evidence to prove that the government has recovered ET craft (especially the Roswell case), I think we are well shy of the mark. I just wanted to see if you had anything new on the subject.

I don't want to get in a back and forth of dredging up all the claims and examining their merits. That has already been done on this list and can be gleaned from the archives for those who may be interested.

At midnight all people interested in UFOs should be outside listening for approaching bells and watching out for Unidentified Furry Objects pulling a square object with metal runners. It will be driven by a bearded fatman who bellows out the alien chant of HoHoHo. If it lands on your roof have no fear, you will not be abducted.

Peace to all,

Josh

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## Re: Is The Press Killing Us? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:26:34 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 09:06:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Is The Press Killing Us? - Hatch

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 21:06:48 EST  
>Subject: Is The Press Killing Us?

>One thing one notices once one delves into the arena  
>of ufology is either how brave or incompetent or  
>downright dishonest the press can be.

<snip>

Hi Greg,

At one time or another, all of us have shared this frustration. However, I place as much blame on the clowns and nut cases within the UFO tent as much as the press, maybe more.

Last night driving home, I was treated to a long discussion on the George Noory Late Nite radio show. The guest (from Utah) expounded on the hollow Earth theory, one he fully accepts based on his religious beliefs!

I kept praying that he would leave UFOs out of it, and he did. Others are less merciful.

News reporting in this country (like most nations) is as much entertainment as news. One can hardly expect a screaming whacko who sees UFOs every day, communes with space aliens, gets abducted more often than he changes his motor oil .. to go unnoticed by the news.

A genuine ufologist (as I define him or her) is dull copy for the press; forever shuffling papers, playing with numbers, maps, what-have-you, and never "leaping from the roof of the pagoda" so to speak. Its little wonder they are invisible.

Maybe its better that way. How much should we really care if Joe Sixpack gets his UFO news as you described it? Maybe some of us are better off left alone, to do our part trying to unravel these matters.

I tend to be a little suspicious when a 'ufologist' steps too boldly or persistently into the limelight.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:38:11 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 09:07:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Standing Water On Mars? - Hatch

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:34:54 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Standing Water On Mars?

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:59:58 -0500  
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Standing Water On Mars?

>>What to make of this:

>><http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/opportunity/pancam/2004-12-19/1P155450047EFF38EVP2557L4M1.JPG>

>>With thanks to John Velez for the lead...

>>ebk

>Pretty impossible to interpret without some scale information.  
>One inch = ? And location information. For all we know it could  
>be man-made debris associated with the lander.

>The larger objects show what look to these old New England eyes  
>as glacial striations.

>Neat little pyramid in the lower forefront near the 'puddle.'

> - Dick

Hi Dick:

'Puddle'? All I see are what appear to be shadows, cast by the partly up-ended slabs of rock. Note how perfectly the shadows toward the rear (reversed 7 shape) match the far edges of the main slab at screen center, allowing for tilt angles.

Agreed on the lack of scale regardless, a darned oversight. Maybe the usual scaling bar was cropped out along the way.

Best,

- Larry

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## Re: Highest Yet Potential Impact Asteroid - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 05:47:17 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 09:09:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Highest Yet Potential Impact Asteroid - Hatch

>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 21:20:35 -0700  
>Subject: Highest Yet Potential Impact Asteroid

>Source: Los Angeles - California

>[http://www.nbc4.tv/news/4022134/detail.html?treets=la&tid=2651905955813&tml=la\\_4pm&tmi=la\\_4pm\\_4105\\_06000212232004&ts=H](http://www.nbc4.tv/news/4022134/detail.html?treets=la&tid=2651905955813&tml=la_4pm&tmi=la_4pm_4105_06000212232004&ts=H)

>or

><http://tinyurl.com/6smbu>

>12-23-04

>Asteroid Given Highest Potential Impact Rating So Far

>Experts Say Mathematical Chances It Will Hit Are Small

>LOS ANGELES -- Scientists say you shouldn't worry, but there is a small chance that an asteroid could hit Earth 25 years from now.

>The asteroid is about the length of four football fields and >has just received a rating of "two" on a 10-point scale that >predicts impact.

>Until now, no asteroid has received a rating higher than one.

<snip>

>If the asteroid hits, it would be on April 13, 2029 - a >Friday, the 13th.

Hi Terry:

I should live so long.

Best,

Larry

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 09:17:41 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 10:30:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 22:22:48 EST  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:08:29 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 15:31:25 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

<snip>

Hi, Brad,

>>I suppose the nasty shot at "UFO enthusiasts" is obligatory,  
>>even just before Christmas, though that makes it no less dreary.  
>>The effect is as if suddenly one, thinking he was reading  
>>UpDates, found that his eyes had fallen upon a screed in  
>>Skeptical Inquirer. More importantly, though, the rest of the  
>>sentence leaves me a bit confused. Well, at a loss, to be blunt  
>>about it.

>Do you dispute the fact that UFO "enthusiasts" (including  
conspiratorialists, flame-throwers, and others without much  
rational or scientific backing for their claims) dominate all  
public discussions of the UFO phenomenon today, here on UpDates  
and elsewhere? The key word is "dominate." That isn't to say  
there aren't rational, smart, scientifically-oriented thinkers  
who post from time to time but get drowned out the moment they  
deviate in any way from the party line of the rabble, or are  
forced to leave the forum. Most people have better things to do  
than to get embroiled in flame wars online. The "enthusiasts"  
label was the nicest one I could think of, I had a lot worse in  
mind.

It is my view, which I think is a reasonable one, that it is the  
best advocates and the best evidence that are at issue. Your  
remarks struck me as gratuitous and irrelevant to an interesting  
larger argument. The cases you cited are ones in the reasonable  
literature, where in 2004 they are judged pretty much as I  
indicated, so it sounds to me as if you're trashing colleagues,  
not kooks. If you don't want flame wars, don't shoot flames.

>>I don't know what "sentimental value" still accrues to the  
>>first two cases (or who still judges them to be "pet cases"),  
>>which have historical interest (and historical significance  
>>quite apart from their evidential weaknesses) but which have  
>>been superseded by much better ones since 1948. I am sure that  
>>everybody who claims more than two brain cells and a passing  
>>knowledge of the UFO question is aware. Moreover, the first - as  
>>has been discussed on this List - is one about which nothing can  
>>be proved one way or another, and the second is almost surely  
>>not a UFO case at all. Neither, by the way, is a single-witness

>>case.

>And I didn't say they were single-witness cases.

Well, in fact your words apparently indicated exactly that, but I'm sure you were writing quickly and unintentionally implied something you didn't mean to communicate.

>Chiles-Whitted is indistinguishable from a meteor fireball as I  
>have proven from the witness data here time and again.

To your satisfaction, not mine or other reasonable, intelligent people's. The most reasonable position about this case is that, as I noted last time, nothing can be proved one way or another. That "enthusiast" and "sentimentalist" McDonald, by the way, concluded from his own investigation -- he actually interviewed the witnesses, separately, among other things -- that Chiles and Whitted had observed what they said they had seen: a rocket-shaped device of unknown origin. He specifically, in fact rather emphatically, rejected the fireball identification as inadequate.

If you choose to believe it was a fireball on the basis of logic that makes sense to you, God bless you. For reasons I refuse to repeat in this space, I remain unconvinced. I am convinced, however, that at this stage we are almost certain never to be certain, and let's let it go at that.

>Gorman is "almost surely not a UFO case at all"?? I believe it is a genuine UFO case, just not a best evidence case, but on the low end of "good cases" maybe marginal because Gorman was the only witness close to the UFO. It isn't going to win over scientists. The UFO community has had several decades to try to win over the scientific community with this case and have not gotten anywhere. It is endlessly repeated in numerous UFO books out of sentimental value.

I do not think the Gorman case is of a UFO, and if it is repeated in UFO books, it is not for sentimental but historical reasons. I know that for a fact since I've written about it twice (I assume you're slamming me here), in both instances as a historical case of a "UFO" which probably wasn't but which in an earlier, naiver era loomed large.

>>As for the Washington National case, it's hardly "marginal" in  
>>the assessment of many serious ufologists, prominently including  
>>James McDonald, whom otherwise you represent as a model of a  
>>scientifically trained inquirer.

>It is one of the most confused cases on record. There is not  
>even a single sequential narrative of the entire case that  
>contains the vitally needed radar and visual witness data. You  
>can try to plug it all into some sequential narrative or in a  
>detailed chronology but nothing has been published like that in  
>the past 52 years.

Well, I tried in The UFO Encyclopedia, and so have others. It was complicated and confusing, and lots of things were going on in very close proximity, and as I can state from personal experience, it's not easy to reconstruct. Like McDonald, I used as much primary testimony and documentation as I could put together.

McDonald thought it was a good case, and unless you judge him an "enthusiast" or "sentimentalist" in the mold of your first paragraph above, my point remains. Reasonable people will disagree about the relative evidential weight of various cases, and there is no cause to insult their intelligence or motives for doing so.

As for the fools who undeniably exist in lamentable numbers, you can choose to tilt at those windmills if you want to, but it seems a sorry waste of your considerable talents. I prefer to address the best cases and the best colleagues, and not worry too much about the rest. In the end, while they are always there, they're pretty much irrelevant, and at any rate, one can complain about them till blue in the face without having accomplished anything except the dubious exercise of venting.

With these words I bow out of the discussion. My wife and I are leaving town to visit her relatives in Michigan, and I'll be

gone till around mid-January.

Meantime, Merry Christmas, Brad, and I'll look forward to reading of your good efforts to move ufology and science in the same direction.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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## List Christmas Hiatus

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 10:40:40 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 10:40:40 -0500  
Subject: List Christmas Hiatus

Gentle Subscribers & Readers,

I'm headed further into the frozen North for the next couple of days - no laptop and no connection - for a peaceful and pleasant Christmas. So the List will be dormant until late Boxing Day - the 26th - or early on the 27th.

Please hang on to any List-bound mail until late the 26th. This is the last List-post until my return.

May you have a splendid couple of days and a very Merry Christmas.

Errol Bruce-Knapp  
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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 08:12:05 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 07:19:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Hatch

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>the alien chant of HoHoHo. If it lands on your roof have no  
>fear, you will not be abducted.

>Peace to all,

>Josh

- - -

Hi Josh:

Yes, a bit of peace and tolerance, even if its only for a little while.

I'll never forget when I was maybe age 9, telling a girl a few years younger, that there was no Santa Claus. That was an awful mess, tears denial you name it. She SAW Santa with her OWN EYES, probably at some department store.

I am reminded of the gentle kindness of Charles Shulz the irreplaceable creator of the Peanuts comic strip. ( I had to Google up Charles Shulz. Almost spelled it Shultz. His name is as hard to spell as Mackabee)

Rather than mock people's religious beliefs, Shulz had Linus (everyone's younger brother with a security blanket) waiting for the Great Pumpkin to appear on Halloween night.

He kinda reminds me of Aesop, but used cartoon kids instead of animals.

Best - Larry



PS: I apologize for hogging most of the last few posts. Here's another one, and then back to the fridge. Lots of goodies in there. -LH

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 16:23:02 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 07:20:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Shough

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 22:22:48 EST  
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>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

<snip>

>>As for the Washington National case, it's hardly "marginal" in  
>>the assessment of many serious ufologists, prominently including  
>>James McDonald, whom otherwise you represent as a model of a  
>>scientifically trained inquirer.

>It is one of the most confused cases on record. There is not  
>even a single sequential narrative of the entire case that  
>contains the vitally needed radar and visual witness data. You  
>can try to plug it all into some sequential narrative or in a  
>detailed chronology but nothing has been published like that in  
>the past 52 years.

>Ultimately the key question is exactly at what time and what  
>date was there a simultaneous radar and visual sighting of the  
>\_same\_ object in the Washington National incidents and where  
>exactly was that object located? Until you can answer that  
>question fully and positively the case will remain an utterly  
>confused hodge-podge of scattered disconnected file memos,  
>reports and news clips. And even if you can cite one minute of  
>clarity out of 10+ hours of confusion, what is happening the  
>rest of the time, why is there no correlation and clarity for  
>the other 9 hrs 59 mins (or whatever total time interval)?? Even  
>the start time of the second weekend of incidents on July 26,  
>1952, is murky and confused. Was it 8 PM or 9:50 PM? EST or EDT?

Hi Brad, Jerry and anyone interested

I agree with Brad that Washington National seems a mess and that  
radar-visual correlation is at best ambiguous. Although I  
haven't studied original materials in this case, published info  
suggests that Borden & Vickers were probably right; most radar  
and meteorological evidence looks consistent with forward  
scattering from wind-driven clear-air domains of high refractive  
index.

As far as I can make out McDonald's published objections focused  
on the merely marginal or sub-marginal evidence for radar  
trapping based on balloon temperature plots. It appears that  
Vernon Planck (AFCL) conceded that McDonald was right about  
there being no trapping gradient, and McDonald felt therefore  
that the echoes couldn't have been meteorological. But David  
Atlas, who knew McDonald well and was friendly with him, objects  
that McDonald never really grasped the irrelevance of trapping  
gradients, as measured over large vertical distances by a few  
radiosonde data-points, to the extremely sharp ~centimeter~  
layers often responsible for clear-air scatter. I don't always  
agree with Atlas but I think he may have been right about this.

McDonald dismissed the Borden-Vickers scattering mechanism as "highly dubious", but I believe there is enormous experimental data today to prove that waves on these very sharp layers could produce echoes very like those observed at Washington. But without the detailed chronological record whose absence Brad rightly laments this may be impossible to prove.

Regards

Martin Shough

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## Re: Standing Water On Mars? - King

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Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 07:23:51 -0500  
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>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 16:43:07 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Standing Water On Mars?

>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>To: <- UFO UpDates Subscribers ->  
>>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:59:58 -0500  
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Standing Water On Mars?

>>What to make of this:

>><http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/opportunity/pancam/2004-12-19/1P155450047EFF38EVP2557L4M1.JPG>

>>With thanks to John Velez for the lead...

>>ebk

<snip>

>Without major changes, Phoenix's search for water on Mars will  
>likely produce erroneous negative results. Why would NASA  
>consider sending yet another unmanned spacecraft to Mars costing  
>taxpayers many hundreds of millions of dollars when the findings  
>of its search for water on Mars will be inconclusive at best.

Hi Nick,

Gee, I wonder. Could it be that for some odd reason, our  
protectors feel that looking for water on Mars is far better  
than actually finding it?

We are, virtually at least, 'boldly going where no one has gone  
before', and we're doing it with very expensive machines that  
take lots of pictures, scrape on rocks, and do lots of neat  
maneuvers, but aren't equipped to do what we're really there to  
find out...does anything live there?

This latest idea seems to be hatched by the same boobies... send  
more expensive gear, but hamstringing it so that any results are  
deniable, or at least inconclusive.

Doesn't that seem to be the rationale? Spend the money but learn  
as little as possible, justifying yet more money spent to \*learn  
more\*.

One question... with our current technology, and with two rovers  
running free on Mars, could we not have already quantitatively  
and qualitatively concluded whether there is life on Mars right  
now? I'm fairly confident that we could.

We didn't because that's not the goal.

Imagine getting these guys to admit that UFOs are real. In the  
word of The Princess Bride's Vizzini... "Inconceivable!"

Best Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Sparks

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>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

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>Can somebody tell me why the scientific community is going to be  
>impressed by a bunch of 40-60 year old anecdotes.

They're not "anecdotes." They're verified instrument trackings  
and triangulations, often made by top rank scientists. And  
scientists will be interested no matter what the date 35-55  
years ago because a certain percentage are interested in truth.  
Not all of them are addicted to MTV type 15-second sound bites  
or current news flashes with no sense of history.

>For years  
>ufologists have been complaining about how poor Blue Book  
>Investigations were, but now these self same poor investigations  
>are being hailed as ufology's next saviour.

They're not "Blue Book Investigations." BB was simply a  
collection point for a lot highly competent investigations by  
other AF activities and other agencies.

>Presumably this  
>implies that there are no good modern cases, and that poor  
>though Blue Book's investigations were, they were still superior  
>to those of ufologists.

We're not just going to ignore past cases made by top  
astronomers and aerodynamicists, for example, just because you  
say so. Don't you yourself fixate on thrashing over many  
decades-old UFO cases?

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## Earthlings Still Captivated By The Star Of

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<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/1225skywatch25.html>

12-25-04

Cosmic Event, Comet, Nova, UFO?  
Earthlings Still Captivated By The Star Of Bethlehem

John Stanley  
The Arizona Republic

Star of wonder, star of night,  
Star of royal beauty bright,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

What exactly was that mysterious beacon that guided the Magi across the desert? Theories range from the miraculous to the mundane, from angel to UFO. Most explanations, though, posit some sort of astronomical event.

The star itself is mentioned only briefly in the Nativity story, as told by Matthew (Chapter 2):

"... there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

King Herod, troubled by the news of a potential rival, sent the wise men to find this new king.

"When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

That's it - the entire story of the Star of Bethlehem as recounted in the Bible.

Origen, an early Christian father who lived about A.D. 200, believed the star was either a comet or a nova (new star). Although Chinese records indicate a fairly bright comet appeared in the spring of 5 B.C., it was not noted in the Mediterranean world.

A problem with the comet theory is that comets were considered omens of doom rather than heralds of joy.

Origen also considered the possibility that the Star of Bethlehem was a nova, a short-lived star that appears suddenly in the sky, but records of a nova visible in the Mediterranean

region around the time of the birth of Christ have not been found.

Many early commentators simply accepted the star as a miracle, perhaps an angel, leading the Magi to Bethlehem.

In more recent decades, UFO buffs have proposed the idea that the star was an alien spacecraft, which beamed down the baby Jesus to teach the people of the Earth the superior morality of a hypothetical galactic civilization.

Astronomers, however, tend to favor some variation of the planetary conjunction theory.

Planets are said to be in conjunction when they line up in the same part of the sky.

Knowing each planet's speed and distance, it's easy to calculate what the sky looked like at any time in the past.

The hard part is knowing which year to consider, as there is no consensus as to when, exactly, Christ was born. Historians can tell us only that it was between 8 B.C. and 1 B.C.

Several interesting conjunctions took place during those years, but one particular set stands out. During a stretch of several months in 7 B.C., the planets Jupiter (considered a "star" of royalty) and Saturn (linked to Israel in old Jewish lore) underwent a series of conjunctions in Pisces, traditionally considered a constellation of the Jews.

The rabbinic writer Abarbanel went so far as to predict the Messiah would appear when a conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter happened in Pisces.

Problems arise with this interpretation, however. The universal taxation called for by Caesar Augustus, which, according to Luke, led Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, took place in 3 B.C., several years after the triple conjunction.

Another dramatic conjunction took place in 2 B.C., when Venus and Jupiter came so close together that, for a short time, they appeared to be a single dazzling "star."

Although we may never know what really happened so many years ago, we can accept the star as a symbol of the season as we rejoice with exceeding great joy.

Other parts of the sky

Look for Comet Machholz about 2 degrees west of the Pleiades star cluster on the evening of Jan. 7. If you're observing from a dark location, the comet will be just barely visible to the naked eye. With binoculars or a telescope, though, it's fairly easy to see, even from urban areas.

The planets Venus and Mercury are engaged in an intricate celestial ballet during the first two weeks of January. Look low in the east-southeast before sunrise, noting how they shift their relative position to one another each morning.

On Jan. 1, Mercury is 1 degree directly above Venus; by midmonth it is directly below. In between the two planets pass within one-third of a degree of one another, with their closest approach on Jan. 13.

Also on the 13th, Saturn reaches opposition, rising at sunset and setting at sunrise, but give it a couple of hours to get up in the sky before trying to observe it with a telescope.

The Huygens probe, designed and built by the European Space Agency, and carried to Saturn by NASA's Cassini spacecraft, is slated to land on Titan, the ringed planet's largest moon, on Jan. 14. That night, Titan is visible in a telescope as a pinpoint of light just north of Saturn.

Look for the crescent moon to the right of Mars before sunrise on Jan. 7 and to the right of Venus and Mercury the next morning.



John Stanley's Skywatch column runs the last Saturday of every month. He can be reached at (602) 444-4414.

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## PRG Update - 12-26-04

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PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - December 26, 2004  
Limited Distribution

Fifty researchers and activists have either requested or been recommended to present in April 2005. All are still being reviewed and replies will be sent out no later than January 31. This is in addition to the 25 speakers from 2004 and another 25 speakers already under consideration by PRG. All of these colleagues are doing important work. Further, PRG estimates there are approximately 300 front-line researchers and activist worldwide who are doing work which impacts exopolitics to one degree or another.

There will be 18 lecturers and about 7 additional panelists in 2005. Some individuals have expressed intense interest in presenting and not a little frustration in the selection process. PRG is humbled by this level of interest and equally frustrated it cannot include all. The mathematics of 100 into 25 is obvious. What may not be obvious is the criteria by which X-Conference speakers are being selected. These are the foremost considerations:

- 1) it is not just a question of the "best" presenters, most important work, or friends of PRG.
- 2) the principal goal is the selection of specific themes and topics which coincide with certain current events, with ongoing and anticipated projects of PRG, and with the targeted audience PRG seeks to reach.
- 3) at least 1/2 of the speakers must be new to the conference. Repeating the same lineup in contiguous years, topics not withstanding, would significantly reduce attendance. Thus, at most only 8 or 9 of the 25 2004 presenters can be included.
- 4) and, of course, a factor in adding more presenters, whatever the capacity, is financial. The 2004 X-Conference lost \$17,000 net of the conference and \$30,000 gross including development. This created great problems for PRG requiring some difficult adjustments. Underwriting efforts have been underway since May and will continue. PRG will begin converting to 501 3(c) status in January. If substantive underwriting is obtained it will be possible to expand the conference itinerary and bring in additional presenters as panelists or in other capacities.

PRG Underwriting: [www.paradigmclock.com/X-Conference/underwriters.htm](http://www.paradigmclock.com/X-Conference/underwriters.htm)

It is important to note the number of researchers and activists is growing. They are impassioned, committed to their work and making many sacrifices. They are often frustrated and they want to be heard. PRG is doing all it can to support the development of new and existing conferences around the country. The Paradigm Clock website contains the largest UFO/ET conference links section on the internet. Immediately upcoming conferences are

given additional listings on the PRG top page. Upcoming conferences are mentioned in PRG press releases, updates and media appearances. More venues, more opportunities to speak.

PRG Conference Listing: [www.paradigmclock.com/conferences.html](http://www.paradigmclock.com/conferences.html)

But without a growing audience pool, these new conferences will struggle. PRG is committed to expanding the audience, to reaching the millions who compose the 50% who poll yes to the ETH, but have never attended any formal presentation on this subject matter. Which brings up the last criterion for speaker and topic selection: 5) will it help expand the audience pool?

Exopolitics is the most important, underreported and underengaged issue in the world today. If the funding becomes available, in 2006 PRG is fully prepared to expand the X-Conference to a full week with as many as 50 lecturers and panelists. Thanks for your patience.

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December 26, 2004

UFO Sightings over Iranian nuclear installations =96 Iranian Air Force orders shoot at sight but admits technical inability

Kiran Chaube  
Special Correspondent

Iranians complained about Unidentified Flying Objects at very low altitudes around its nuclear installations all around the country. United States has excellent satellite imagery and hence do not need low altitude spy planes to monitor the activities as the Iranian nuclear scientists and engineers as they assemble their nukes.

Sources in Iran say, the Iranian Air Force have admitted these sighting and assuming these are US spy crafts, directed Iranian Air Force to shoot them down at sight.

Sources also reveal that Iranian Air Force have failed shoot down even a single UFO and many in Iranian Air Force are complaining about lack of technical ability in shooting these UFOs down.

Based on current arsenals in Iranian Air Force there is no reason for its inability of shooting down the low flying spy planes.

Iran's air force has been ordered to shoot down any unknown or suspicious flying objects in Iran's airspace, an air force spokesman said today, amid state-media reports of sightings of flying objects near Iran's nuclear installations. "All anti-aircraft units and jet fighters have been ordered to shoot down the flying objects over Iran's airspace," spokesman of the Regular Army Air Force Colonel Salman Mahini said.

Flying object fever has gripped Iran after dozens of reported sightings in the summer and in recent weeks. State-run media has reported sightings of unknown objects flying over parts of Iran where nuclear facilities are located. "The unidentified flying objects could be satellites, comets or spying or reconnaissance crafts trying to monitor Iran's nuclear installations," Mahini said. "Flights of unknown objects in the country's airspace have increased in recent weeks ... (they) have been seen over Bushehr and Isfahan provinces," the daily Resalat reported today. There are nuclear facilities in both provinces. The timing of the reported increase in sightings, which comes as the United States is urging allies to confront Iran over its nuclear program, has strengthened Iranian public perceptions that the objects are surveillance or hostile aircrafts monitoring Iran. Iran's Air

Force chief Gen. Karim Ghavami was quoted in Iranian newspapers Saturday as saying that Iran was fully prepared to defend any threat to its nuclear installations.

But Iranians may be chasing the higher technology extra terrestrial UFOs that they can never shoot down, says some from inside the Iranian Air Force.

It is also a big rumor in Teheran that these UFO sightings started only after Iran secretly started assembling the Nukes in specific facilities.

The UFOs are being seen by military and civilian population but they are only around the nuclear installations that can be used to assemble nuclear bombs.

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## Origin Of 'The Sourcebook Project'

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This article is fat-fingered from a reprint pamphlet mailed to me by the author. Any typo errors are mine.

Corliss describes his relationship with several large groups: Fortean groups, Creationists, The Skeptics, The Media, and Mainstream Science. IMO, as an independent iconoclast Corliss has difficulty communicating with each of these groups.

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A Search for Anomalies

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Since 1965 I have been culling systematically from the literature of science those observations that challenge reigning paradigms. The tangible result of the thousands of hours spent in libraries has been a series of Sourcebooks, Handbooks, and Catalogs that, at present, describe and evaluate roughly 2,000 anomalies =97 about one-half of my total collection. Some of these anomalies are truly profound and have important implications for science, such as the quantization of astronomical redshifts; others are less significant, as is the recent discovery of that curious little door in one of the Great Pyramid's "air-shafts." Overall, this immense accumulation of anomalies will hopefully encourage new research projects, some paradigm shifting, perhaps even the emergence of yet-undreamed-of hypotheses that will better describe nature.

This historical essay begins in 1951 with my astonishment at my unexpected discovery that important scientific anomalies not only exist but also are pervasive and abundant in the professional journals. The essay continues with the translation of these two epiphanies into the Sourcebook Project and the 36 books on anomalies that it has published so far.

Keywords: anomalies, Sourcebook Project

The Pivotal Role of Serendipity

The Sourcebook Project really germinated in 1951 in an unexpected manner. To begin my search for anomalies, I first had to learn that they existed - a reality not broached in the usual college science curriculum. I came across anomalies by accident.

In 1951 I was working on the 184-inch cyclotron at the Radiation Laboratory of the University of California. On a day off, I

happened to pick up for \$2.00 in one of Berkeley's bookstores a used copy of George McCready Price's 1926 book, Evolutionary Geology and the New Catastrophism. That the word "catastrophism" would appear in the title of any geology book was shocking in those days, for uniformitarianism was dominant in the earth sciences. I do not recall my geology professor ever mentioning "catastrophism"! Even more surprising were Price's field observations that challenged what I thought were well-established truisms. To illustrate, Price pointed out many places on the planet where older rocks are superimposed upon younger rocks; for example, at Chief Mountain in Montana. There, an entire mountain of older rock rests upon much younger sediments. Price's book contained many more geological anomalies, some of which are now explained but many more that are not. So it was George McCready Price, who would today be called a creationist, who first made me aware that anomalies exist, at least in the field of geology.

My second unanticipated discovery made me realize that anomalies were common in all branches of science. This happened in 1953 in the library at the University of Colorado when I was trying to find out what was known about the solar spectrum in the far ultraviolet. (The Physics Department had spectrograms of the sun taken at high altitudes during flights of captured V-2 German rockets.) Right next to a book I desired was Charles Fort's The Book of the Damned. Naturally, I had to take out that book, too. It turned out to be chock full of anomalies of all sorts, all of which Fort had extracted from major science journals prior to 1930. Fort designated these anomalies as "damned" because they were generally ignored by mainstream science. Fort's book concentrated on astronomy and geophysics. I was particularly intrigued by the examples of those strange explosive sounds heard in coastal regions around the world. The Barisal Guns in the Ganges Delta are perhaps the most famous. Around the coast of the North Sea, they are called "mistpouffers" or "fog guns." It was all certainly very fascinating, but I had to finish my education and start making some money for my family. Nevertheless, I now knew that scientific anomalies not only existed but were also spread throughout all of science.

Serendipity struck again a decade later. By 1963 I had become disenchanted with industry and had started a career in freelance writing. (My wife said she would give me five years to make a go out of it.) Fortunately, I had a head start. I had already written a book on space propulsion, based on a course I taught at General Electric in Cincinnati, which had been published by McGraw-Hill (Corliss, 1960). This helped me get writing contracts with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), and the National Science Foundation (NSF). These efforts took me frequently to Baltimore's Enoch Pratt Free Library. These visits gave me the opportunity to verify some of the anomalies I had read about in Fort's The Book of the Damned, especially those curious mistpouffers! As I leafed through the pages of Nature circa 1898-1900, I found that Fort's research had been accurate but rather narrow. He had missed a lot of anomalies. Fort, it seems, was not particularly interested in archeology, geology, or biology. He had not even picked up on all those intriguing British stone circles, which were a favorite subject of Norman Lockyer, the editor of Nature around the turn of the century.

Thus, it was once more made obvious to me that anomalies were ubiquitous and present in greater numbers than I had dreamed. Fort had been selective and had explored only part of the science literature and then only up to about 1930. There was a whole universe of anomalies waiting for me in the dusty stacks of Baltimore's main library and the easily accessible Library of Congress.

At this point in the history of the Sourcebook Project (which hadn't even been christened yet), there was no thought of making a business out of anomalies. I first had to satisfy NASA, AEC, and NSF. Between 1963 and 1981, I wrote thirteen books for NASA on space flight (for three examples, see Corliss, 1965, 1967, 1972), a dozen educational booklets for AEC, and the same number of articles for Mosaic, a now-discontinued bimonthly magazine published by NSF. There were also several books written for New York publishers, including one I coauthored with Glenn Seaborg (Seaborg, 1971).

A point to be made here is that a freelancer usually has extra

time now and then to turn to other projects of interest; in my case, anomalies. And in the back of my mind, as you would expect in a writer, was the possibility of a book on anomalies. Something like The Book of the Damned, but updated and wider in scope. Because this book or, possibly a series of books, would be ferreting out and organizing anomalies from a wide spectrum of sources, I decided to name the venture The Sourcebook Project.

### Curiosity-Indulgence and Profitability

In 1965, the major goal of the nascent Sourcebook Project was to satisfy personal curiosity. Such indulgence costs little, but to probe the unknown deeply and widely and then publish the anomalies uncovered requires more than casual interest. Organization, infrastructure, and funding are required. The present Sourcebook Project - still only a one-person endeavor - took 20 years (until 1985) to coalesce into a self-supporting enterprise. The profitability motive that was and still is absolutely essential to Project viability has necessarily produced an operating philosophy that differs somewhat from most other inquiries into the nature of the cosmos. I had and still have no institutional funding or infrastructure. This disconnect from most mainstream science efforts can be seen in the following three objectives that guide Sourcebook Project activities.

1. The primary objective of the Project has always been that of satisfying the curiosity of the author. This proclivity stimulated the search for anomalies and has sustained it for almost four decades. This innate curiosity has been vital because the financial rewards would have been much greater in my first career in engineering management.

2. Secondly, the Sourcebook Project must be self-supporting financially and develop its own infrastructure. As in any business, viability is one of the primary goals. This commercial focus had to exist because government, foundation, and private support have never been deemed likely. This premise has proven correct over the last four decades.

3. The third objective is the only overtly altruistic one. That is the potential value to science of the information acquired through the thousands of hours in libraries and its consolidation into accessible form both in books and CD-ROMs.

### The Search and Collection

Beginning in the mid-1960s, every time I visited a library, I spent an hour or two combing through old volumes of science journals. The obvious place to begin was with the major, general-science journals Nature and Science. Every one of the hundreds of volumes of each of these two journals was scrutinized for anomalies. I moved next to American Scientist and science magazines such as New Scientist and Scientific American. There were also the major specialized journals to attend to: Geology, Monthly Weather Review, Icarus, American Journal of Psychiatry, Antiquity, etc. Over the years, some 15,000 volumes of major science publications have been examined.

The identification and collection of anomalies was (and still is) a rather tedious task. The reward is that every trip to a library adds new anomalies to the burgeoning collection. It is a bit like fishing; boring most of the time until the big one bites! Obviously, I did not read every word of every article. Title pages were helpful. My eyes were peeled for key words like "enigma," "mysterious," "puzzling," "unsolved," "singular," and so on. The word "anomaly" was rarely used in the 1960-1990 time period in its present sense. Without question, I have missed many anomalies in my surveys. Some of these were discovered later when reference lists and relevant books were analyzed. Reviewers have pointed out others.

Nature has been far and away the most useful general source. Its productivity, though, has changed with its editors. The American Journal of Science, founded in 1820, was a gold mine of anomalies of all sorts in the beginning. Now, 400 volumes later, it publishes mostly long, highly technical articles on geology and rarely provides me with new material. Science, too, has been



variably useful. To illustrate: In its infancy, Science did not avoid parapsychology because its editor at the time, Simon Newcomb, like many prominent scientists in the late 1800s, did not discount psychic phenomenon.

Bit by bit my anomaly collection grew. Unlike Fort, who had to jot down telegraphic (often unreadable) notes about phenomena, I had access to photocopiers. Today, my files bulge with perhaps 50,000 articles, letters, and brevia dealing with anomalies. I now estimate my collection holds about 4,000 distinct anomalies. This number could easily be increased simply by spending more time in libraries and tackling the thousands of unscanned journals.

To appreciate what I have been extracting from the science literature, see the Appendix for a selection of about 100 anomalies from my files. Then multiply by 40!

By 1972 I had enough material on hand to think about publishing some of it. I knew that no commercial publisher would sign on to a series of perhaps two dozen books. Just as certainly, no government agency or foundation would want to commit to such a long-term, controversial project. (While I was doing contract writing for NSF, discreet inquiries had validated this conclusion.) My decision was to self-publish my collection of anomalies and try to make it a profitable enterprise to boot.

The Sourcebook Project has evolved in three phases, although the last two phases were not in the original plan.

#### Phase I. The Sourcebooks

In 1974, as an experiment, I began self-publishing a series of 10 loose-leaf notebooks called "Sourcebooks." The name was apt because they contained direct quotations from the older science journals with minimum interpretation and commentary. The first two volumes, entitled Strange Phenomena I and II, typify the set. They collected and categorized many of the geophysical anomalies I had gleaned from the literature. I engaged John C. Holden, a well-known science illustrator, to provide drawings for some of the phenomena. I continued the series with two volumes on archeology (Strange Artifacts I and Strange Artifacts II). Between 1975 and 1978, Sourcebooks in the fields of geology, astronomy, biology and psychology came off the press. Even though the Sourcebooks are now some 20 years old, a few orders for them still trickle in. About 30,000 copies have been sold down the years.

Of course, orders for the Sourcebooks did not sell without some advertising effort. I used commercially available mailing lists and a few half-page display ads in Science, Nature, Science News, and a small handful of other science journals and magazines. Interestingly, the most productive ad appeared in Sky & Telescope. Individual books in the series were reviewed in Nature, American Scientist, and several other publications, including (to my astonishment) the Village Voice. These reviews obviously helped sales.

The Sourcebooks differ markedly from the books of Charles Fort (The Book of the Damned was the first of a series of four). The material in the Sourcebooks is organized by subject and dispenses with the many brickbats tossed at science-in-general by Fort. The Sourcebooks are not confrontational but rather matter-of-fact quotations from the journals with minimum commentary.

Phase I of the Sourcebook Project was financially successful, but not enough so as to sustain my family and put four children through college. In the 1970s, I continued to write, mainly for NASA, under contract. The resulting books were published by the U.S. Government Printing Office and, in a few cases, by commercial publishers under contract to NASA. One, entitled Teleoperators and Human Augmentation, was republished commercially. The last book I wrote for NASA was published in 1981, bearing the title: Wind Tunnels of NASA.

The Sourcebooks, it turned out, had a unacceptable deficiency from the viewpoint of many libraries. They were ring-bound, and the pages could be and were removed by library clients. I could have gone on generating dozens of additional Sourcebooks, but to

satisfy the library market, a new strategy was required.

### Phase II. The Handbooks

Basically, the Sourcebooks were converted into hardcover books, but with more commentary, newer material, and many additional illustrations. The first Handbook, Handbook of Unusual Natural Phenomena, was self-published in 1977. The response was very encouraging with more good reviews in key science and library journals. In fact, the book caught on so well that Doubleday asked me to write a popularized version for them. This version appeared first as a quality paperback in 1983. It was later republished in hardcover form by two other publishers. Approximately 100,000 copies were sold altogether.

In the meantime, the other five books in the Handbook series were being self-published. The second in the series, Ancient Man, has been reprinted several times and is still one of the Project's best-sellers. The final Handbook, Unfathomed Mind, came out in 1982. It is now out of print.

Like the Sourcebooks, the Handbooks were marginally rewarding financially, and they were still fundamentally only reproductions of anomaly descriptions derived from the science literature. Background and significance were usually lacking. Furthermore, new anomalies were being added to the files at such a rapid rate that a new format was needed to accommodate this influx. More importantly, something had to be added to the books that indicated the potential impact of each anomaly and the quantity and quality of the observations that supported it.

### Phase III. The Catalog Series

The "Catalog" concept goes far beyond the simple republication of the anomalous observations that characterize the Sourcebooks and the Handbooks. In the Catalogs, anomalies are singled out, closely defined, and then evaluated in terms of the quality of supporting data and how challenging they are to mainstream paradigms. Quotations from the original sources are still employed but they are shorter. More space is devoted to the background of the phenomena. I include examples of the anomalies and many references to aid future researchers.

The catalog volumes are more focussed than the Handbooks. For example, the four geophysics Catalog are specialized as follows:

- Luminous phenomena
- Weather phenomena
- Atmospheric-optics phenomena
- "Oscillatory" phenomena (i.e., waves, tides, sound, earthquakes, etc.)

The four Catalog volumes in geophysics were published by the Sourcebook Project between 1982 and 1984. (All Sourcebook Project publications in print are listed on my web site: < <http://www.science-frontiers.com> >).

The Catalog concept advanced with three volumes on astronomy between 1985 and 1987. Geology came next, then biology and archeology. Roughly one Catalog volume has been published each year. As of 2002, there are 20 catalog volumes on the shelf. The task, however, is far from over. I contemplate six more volumes in archeology and three in psychology. Some time, I hope to return to biology, where the six extant volumes deal only with humans, the other mammals, and birds. I have immense, unused files on reptiles, fish, the arthropoda, plants, invertebrates, microorganisms, genetics, etc. Once I had hoped to complete the Catalog series in 25 volumes. Now, a total of 35 seems probable. The universe of anomalies has turned out to be expanding like the cosmos itself.

On the economic front, the Catalogs have kept the Sourcebook Project solvent. Reviews have generally been very favorable. To maintain sales volume, I have relied mostly upon word-of-mouth and a mailing list developed over 35 years. My bimonthly mailings feature my newsletter, Science Frontiers, plus advertisements for related books by other publishers. Display ads and commercial mailing lists are now too expensive to employ. Happily, the Internet has come along and my web site has made up for the abandoned display ads and mailing lists.

So much for the business aspects of the Sourcebook Project. Book marketing has made the Project viable and kept it free from the vicissitudes of commercial publishers and the dictates of institutions.

### Sourcebook Project Interfaces

The Sourcebook Project has never solicited members, just customers. It is strictly a business without narrow philosophical or political goals. Over the years, though, some interesting interfaces with other organizations have developed.

### Fortean groups

Relations have always been amicable with the International Fortean Organization (INFO), the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained (SITU, publisher of Pursuit), and the UK's Fortean Times. Although Fort's methodology has been valuable in developing the Sourcebook Project, I have tried to avoid the Fortean tendency to ridicule established science. Such bizarre and improbable Fortean phenomena as pyramidology and psychic archeology have generally been avoided. Indeed, the Project has been criticized as not being sufficiently Fortean; that is, not bizarre enough. This is quite true and can be explained by my almost total dependence upon mainstream science literature for source material. Newspapers are rarely used, the Internet is avoided totally. I very rarely use fringe magazines and the personal accounts that frequently turn up in the mail.

As a result, perhaps, there are only a few dedicated Forteans on my customer list. Velikovskians, too, tend to ignore my self-published books, as do the cryptozoologists, ufologists, and those into psychic phenomena. However, the Sourcebook Project also carries roughly 100 books from other publishers. These cover tropics usually excluded from my Catalogs, such as Atlantis, intelligent design, the yeti, and even magic squares and humor.

### Creationists

An interesting, informal, reciprocal interface prevails between the Sourcebook Project and the various creationist groups. The Catalogs and Handbooks, for example, contain much of interest to creationists in the fields of biology and geology. This occurs because I have amassed reports of phenomena that apparently challenge neo-Darwinism. Flowing in the other direction are observations that creationists have discovered in journals that I do not have the time to monitor. In addition, some individual creationists are particularly adept at finding flaws in widely accepted science paradigms, such as the continuity and integrity of the geological column and the utility of so-called vestigial organs.

In this context, I emphasize that the Sourcebook Project intends to be value-free. Let the facts fall where they may! This Fortean skepticism about the value of theories-in-general doubtless annoys both creationists and their opponents. Theories are ephemeral, but facts live forever.

### The Skeptics

One would expect a lively interface between the Sourcebook Project and the several groups of skeptics, as typified by the Committee for the Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP). After all, my Catalogs do challenge those paradigms the skeptics defend so ferociously. Actually, there has been no traffic whatsoever in either direction. While mainstream Nature has reviewed five of my books, the skeptics have shown no interest in evaluating any of the Sourcebook publications. The skeptics, it seems, are not skeptical of established paradigms, only those observations that threaten to disestablish them.

### The Media

The results of contacts with talk radio, TV programs, and

newspapers have been disappointing. Since 1990 I have rejected all invitations for interviews and media events. The major factors in keeping the media at arm's length are their tendency to distort facts and not allow my review before publication or airing. Invitations from major publishers to write books on anomalies are now routinely turned down but usually for a different reason: It is more profitable and satisfying to self-publish and be able to control the format, content, and market-longevity of my books.

#### Mainstream Science

Early on, I hoped that experts in various disciplines would be interested in providing information or at least comments on drafts of material before publication. This interface was never established. Of course, a scientist's time is valuable and I cannot be considered a "colleague"! The Sourcebook Project is hardly part of the scientific community. There have been a few individual exceptions, but the reaction of mainstream science has been mainly via book reviews (generally favorable) and occasional references to my books in the journals. Some scientists do purchase books from the Project, including even some Nobelists. Generally speaking, though mainstream scientists are not good customers, despite the good reviews and several selections by book clubs.

#### Some General Observations

Who, then, does buy enough books to keep the Sourcebook Project in the black? Tests with ads and mailing lists indicate that it is not the Forteans, the creationists, the UFO crowd, the cryptozoologists, the parapsychologists, the Velikovskians, subscribers to Fate, or mainstream scientists. In fact, as Henry Bauer indicated in the recent JSE editorial (Bauer, 2001), it is not members of the SSE either. My theory is that each of the groups mentioned contains only a few "general-anomalists"; that is, individuals whose interests are much broader than those of the group they are associated with. The Sourcebook Project has tapped this dispersed population and is thus able to survive.

It may be of interest to SSE members that only about 2% of them are on my mailing list, which length-wise is somewhat larger than the SSE membership list. This surprisingly small figure is also typical of members of Fortean groups, in fact, of all the specialty groups mentioned in the previous paragraph.

Despite its charter, I believe the SSE is composed mainly of several small groups of specialists, with only a few generalists. That this may be so can be seen by comparing the subject matter in the Tables of Contents of several issues of the JSE with the topics listed in the Appendix. I see a wide disconnect between the two lists of topics. But it may be that those submitting articles to the JSE are not typical of the membership-as-a-whole. I don't know.

Many of my customers also come from the general population of people with scientific training and interest, but who are not in academia or members of the specialty groups mentioned above. Medical doctors and engineers are perhaps the most prominent in this regard.

Over the years, the archeology books offered by the Sourcebook Project have sold the best; those on parapsychology, the worst. In contrast, articles with a slant toward parapsychology are frequent in the JSE while archeology articles are nearly nonexistent.

I have also noticed that scientists who specialize (and most do) will readily admit that anomalies exist in their fields of endeavor. In fact, they sometimes take pains to point out anomalies that I somehow missed in my literature research. However, these same scientists are often reluctant to admit that all other branches of science also exhibit anomalies. A scientist who admits the possibility that Nessie lives will not doubt the reality of the expanding universe. A scientist favorable to UFOs will not question neo-Darwinism.

Scientists, like everyone else, prefer a broad, stable frame of

reference, one without too many unknowns and uncertainties. But the Sourcebook Project claims that thousands of anomalies pervade all fields of knowledge. This assertion may be a little too unsettling to many.

## Conclusions

The long hours spent in the dusty library stacks have proven intellectually rewarding to me. I intentionally avoid theorizing about what I have found over the past 40 years, for that would taint the objectivity of my continuing search. I claim only that there are a lot of anomalies out there, and that there are many more that I have not yet added to my collection. Every week the science journals bring new mysteries into my ken. I collect them like a philatelist does stamps. For every anomaly I have to remove from my album as having been explained, two new ones arrive to take its place with the next delivery of mail.

Anomaly-collecting is obviously not science, for it assiduously eschews theories and the testing of theories. As I see it, the value of the Sourcebook Project to science is in its long lists of potential research areas. These lists demonstrate that science is far from complete. The Handbooks and Catalogs have the potential to stimulate the progress of science - and that is good. The more anomalies that are recognized, researched, and explained, the more accurate is our picture of the universe.

## Appendix: A Few Selected Anomalies

### ARCHEOLOGY

1. The "pit bands" of the Andes. The pits are about a meter deep and arranged regularly in bands about 24 meters wide. The bands run along the ridges for miles.
2. The stone meanders and labyrinths of the western U.S.
3. Boulders with triangular holes. Called "Viking mooring stones," there are hundreds in northeastern U.S.
4. Hundreds of large precision-crafted stone spheres in Costa Rica. These are near-perfect spheres made of hard granite!
5. The East Bay and Point Reyes walls, California. Builders and purpose unknown.
6. Incan stone masonry. Interlocking, precision-fitted, multi-ton stones, some with many corners.
7. Ancient Baalbek's massive, dressed Monolith, in Lebanon. (Weight: 1,100 tons)
8. The enigmatic stone blocks at Tiahuanaco (Bolivia) and at least one Inca site. These are huge, geometrically complex, fashioned out of hard rock, and seem to have no discernible purpose.
9. Scotland's ancient vitrified stone forts. (How did they melt granite?)
10. Enigmatic structures within the Great Pyramid. Examples: so-called air passage with secret door, sand-filled cavities, layered granite beams in King's Chamber, the mysterious sliding plugs, and several more really perplexing structures.
11. Ancient skeletons in North America with Caucasoid features, such as Kennewick Man, and others less-famous.
12. Trans-oceanic, pre-Columbian diffusion of plants and their products. Examples: maize to India, cocaine to Egyptian pharaohs, cotton, pineapples, and many more.
13. The Nazca lines, Santa Valley geoglyphs, and the huge Candelabra of the Andes - the latter visible from far out at sea!
14. Near-global existence of the cup-and-ring motif in old petroglyphs.
15. The ability of the ancient Egyptians to fashion narrow-necked, hollow vases out of obdurate granite with only copper tools. Also relevant, the precisely made, polished, multi-ton granite slabs in the Great Pyramid.
16. Mysterious Olmec origin. Their articles display apparent Chinese symbols and cultural characteristics.
17. Miniature buildings at some Maya sites and miniature subterranean tunnels (i.e., much too small for normal humans)!
18. The famed Baghdad battery.
19. The ancient Greek analog "computer."

### ASTRONOMY

1. Anomalous split of angular momentum between the sun and the planets. Most of it is in the planets.
2. Comet flare-ups far from sun. (Only supposed to happen close to sun.)
3. Historical record of bright objects appearing close to the sun. (Vulcan, the intramercurial planet.)
4. Mercury's puzzling high eccentricity, inclination, and its unexpected and offset magnetic field.
5. Anomalous transits of Jupiter by the Galilean satellites. Double shadows thrown on Jupiter; "hot" shadows, dark transits.
6. Lunar concentrations of mass (mascons), magnetism (magcons), radioactivity (radcons).
7. Transient Lunar Phenomena (TLPs). (Flares, color changes, obscurations, etc.)
8. Martian surface asymmetry. Half the planet is highly elevated; half, low.
9. Magnetic stripes on Mars.
10. Globular-cluster enigmas. (Great age, non-participation in galaxy motion, etc.)
11. Anomalous accelerating expansion of universe.
12. Anomalous precession of DI Herculis. (Challenges Einstein)
13. Quantized redshifts. Puts expanding-universe paradigm at risk.
14. Source of ultra-high-energy cosmic rays.
15. Absence of antimatter in universe. Should be as common as normal matter.
16. Anomalous rotation of galaxies implies existence of so-called "dark matter."
17. Discordant redshifts. Some objects, seeming physically connected, have radically different redshifts. (Halton Arp's heresy!)
18. Meteorite distribution anomalies. Concentrations in Antarctica and on Australia's Nullarbor plain. The "Iron Alley" in U.S., etc.
19. Antarctic meteorites differ markedly from those picked up elsewhere.
20. Meteors seen at altitudes so high that there should not be enough air-friction to make them visible.

## BIOLOGY

1. Avian feather-pattern-generation mechanisms not understood. Also applies to colorful seashells, butterflies, and other patterned organisms.
2. Inherited callosities in birds, such as the Ostrich.
3. Physiological convergence of Arctic and Antarctic birds, especially the alcids. They look alike but are not closely related.
4. Brood-parasitism anomalies, as in mimicry of appearance and voice by nestlings.
5. Unknown mechanism of inheritance of instincts. How is migratory information passed on genetically to young birds traveling without parents? (Example: the bronzed cuckoos of Australasia)
6. Avian "courts" and executions.
7. Unique, complex respiratory system of birds completely unlike any suggested ancestors.
8. Avian homing and navigation feats. Examples: homing pigeons and Arctic Terns.
9. Disturbed human behavior correlated with sun and moon.
10. Human intelligence correlated with birth-order and season of birth.
11. Anomalously large number of breaths and heartbeats per human lifetime as compared with other mammals.
12. Rapid, quantized growth spurts in human children.
13. Lack of biochemical value in human sleep.
14. Human mitochondria vastly different from those in other mammals.
15. Immortality of cancer cells.
16. Higher cancer incidence correlated with greater organism complexity. Why?
17. Fetal-graft enigma. Why does immune system not reject fetus?
18. Presence of much subcutaneous fat in humans as in many marine mammals. (The aquatic-ape theory.)
19. Experimental lack of memory traces. How is information stored in brain?
20. Human navigation sense. Human homing experiments.
21. Human diving reflex and, contradictorily, drowning proneness.
22. Parasite manipulation of human behavior. (Same for other

mammals, birds,  
etc.)

23. Limits on the variability of domestic animals. No new species in breeding experiments. A big Darwin worry.
24. The puzzle of flavor aversion, especially in rats.
25. Deliberate use of medicinal plants by non-human mammals and birds.
26. Survival of the thylacine (marsupial wolf). (Some pretty good data here.)
27. Inheritance of the behavioral effects of rotation in rats.
28. Plants mimicking other plants even though they lack eyes. (Example: some mistletoes.)
29. Fishlike lures evolved and used by mussels, snapping turtles, and other species.
30. Worldwide synchronous flowering of bamboos.
31. Selfish DNA (or genes or viruses or proteins): the ultimate parasites.
32. Interplant communication ("tree-talk," for example), especially via airborne chemical signals.
33. Directed-mutation experiments.
34. Unknown cause of the Cambrian explosion of new life bauplans; (i.e.; new phyla).

#### GEOLOGY

1. Controverted source of deep-focus earthquakes.
2. How are concretions formed? They exist in bizarre shapes in untold numbers.
3. The surprising existence of life at great depths in the earth's crust; that is, in the crevicular domain.
4. Unexplained origin of dolomite, some limestones, methane-hydrate deposits, and several other types of sedimentary rocks. The dolomite problem has bothered geologists for 100 years!
5. Coal anomalies. (Examples: anomalous fossils, frequent absence of plant fossils and vegetable structure, coal beds 50 feet thick and more present over wide geographical areas, and many more).
6. Cyclothems and rhythmites. Repetitious strata, sometimes hundreds of thousands of layers.
7. Polystrate fossils, especially vertical tree fossils penetrating millions of years (supposedly) of deposits, as at the Joggins formation in Canada.
8. Oriented lakes (Alaska) and the famed Carolina bays, the latter present in hundreds of thousands - all oriented. A meteor storm?
9. Cookie-cutter holes and resulting giant divots. Surprising number of these.
10. Several examples of devastated areas, especially in Brazilian jungle, suggesting recent Tunguska-like impacts.
11. The missing crater associated with the immense deposit of Australites (tektites). Given the extent and quantity of these tektites, there should be an immense, 700,000-year-old crater somewhere.
12. The famous mima mounds. Present in incredible numbers. How created? Some say "pocket gophers"!
13. Giant expansion-and-contraction polygons in soils. Hard-to-explain longrange order.
14. "Missing" strata at Grand Canyon and associated anomalies of formation.
15. Ancient, uneroded, elevated plains. Why no erosion over the eons?

#### GEOPHYSICS

1. Ball lightning in its many guises.
2. Luminous bubbles in the atmosphere. Too many observations to dismiss offhand.
3. Earthquake lights. Abundant observations, especially from Japan. Mechanism uncertain.
4. Cold, ground-level flames and lights. (Will-o'-wisps) Not really explained completely.
5. Marine light wheels. One of the great unexplained phenomena. (Hundreds of sound observations)
6. White water or milky seas. Here, too, we have hundreds of good observations.
7. Shadow bands during solar eclipses. Many anomalous

- appearances; for example, giant bands, colored bands, bands moving in the wrong direction.
8. Conical hail, bizarrely shaped hail. These objects are reproduced and fall by the millions. The creative mechanism is unknown.
  9. Hydrometeors. Some are from aircraft but others seem to be extraterrestrial.
  10. Brontides and mistpouffers. Examples: Barisal guns, Lake Seneca guns, etc. Some are due to small methane-hydrate blowouts, particularly those in North Sea.
  11. Sound of the aurora. Sounds from high-altitude meteors. Both species are thought to be electrophonic sounds. Also, some people "hear" radar pulses!
  12. Rainbows with offset white arcs. They defy optical theory.
  13. Offset solar halos and anomalous arcs. Also unexplained.
  14. Sea seiches and "death waves." These are not tsunamis.
  15. Transient all-sky brightenings. Good observations. Some are probably meteoric, others are unexplained.
  16. Mountain-top glows, such as the famed Andes Lights. Often associated with seismic activity.
  17. Luminous cores of some tornadoes. Probably related to the electrical effects of some strong tornadoes, as in burning and dehydration along paths.

#### PSYCHOLOGY

1. The break-off phenomenon experienced by pilots.
2. Why do we need to sleep and dream?
3. Mathematical, calendar, and musical savants.
4. Genius correlated with mental illness!
5. Eidetic imagery. Usually lost in adulthood, but can sometimes be restored by hypnosis.
6. Exceptional and photographic memories.
7. Synaesthesia. Comes in many forms. Usually numbers or words and rendered in different colors.
8. Results of reincarnation research. Many examples from India of accurate memories of past lives, birthmark phenomena, etc. Can't really dismiss completely.
9. Hypnosis and its effect on color blindness.
10. Death and the "birthday phenomenon."
11. Phantom-limb phenomena. Many anomalies here.
12. Stigmata.
13. Blister-raising and skin-writing via hypnosis.
14. The Princeton experiments in psychokinesis.

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The Exopolitics of Santa Claus and NORAD

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Do You Believe in Santa Claus?

Many people know that NORAD has used its radar to track Santa Claus for the past 50 years. What may be less known is that the protocols for this tracking are used to ensure that NORAD does not make the mistake of confusing Santa's sleigh powered by eight magic reindeer for an "unfriendly bogie".

The formalized official tracking of Santa Claus was initiated by Continental Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs in December 1954. That year, a Colorado Springs newspaper ran an advertisement for a department store "Santa Hotline". By some strange "coincidence", the telephone number was the hotline phone at Continental Air Defense Command at Ent Air Base in downtown Colorado Springs. When the base commander received a phone call from a child who wanted to talk to Santa, the quick thinking Col. Harry Shoup, told the child that he was responsible for tracking his travels through US air space.

Col. Shoup no doubt had many incidents of radar observations of Santa Claus and his elves in US air space in the 1950s. I think it is quite possible it was the same Harry Shoup who was the Lt. Col. in charge of the Air Defense Squadrons at Truax Air Field in Madison, Wisconsin, when two Air Force officers from the base encountered "Santa Claus" on an intercept mission over Lake Superior on November 23rd, 1953. Air Force officers Lt. Moncla and Lt. Wilson were flying a USAF F-89 when they were met by Santa Claus who took them back to his underwater base beneath the ice at the North Pole, to live with him and his elves. A photograph was published the next day in a Madison newspaper which shows Lt. Col. Harry Shoup using a pointer on a map to show the location in the middle of Lake Superior where the Air Force jet met Santa Claus.

It is well known by NORAD, that Santa Claus does not spend all his time at the North Pole making toys, but performs many reconnaissance missions at other times of the year so he knows who is being naughty and nice. These days, it is reported that Santa is met by fighter jets from Canadian and US Forces as he enters and leaves the air space of the two northern countries. Since Santa's sleigh is so much faster than our fastest jets, Santa flies freely through the air space to perform his reconnaissance and other missions.

Many famous people help out NORAD in their efforts to track Santa. This year's honorary Santa Tracker was Ringo Starr, who assures us that "Santa and I are personal friends" =96 perhaps through his connections with the late John Lennon who was reported to have seen Santa Claus from the roof of his New York apartment on the night of August 23rd, 1974. Another well known celebrity who helps out is Richard Dean Anderson, better known as Col. Jack O'Neill of Stargate Command. He has no doubt had many encounters with Santa Claus as he explores the many fascinating worlds accessed from the top-secret Stargate at

NORAD's command centre at Cheyenne Mountain. (Gee. I wonder if he has ever met Col. Harry Shoup who still lives in Colorado Springs?)

It is certainly a relief to many of us, that NORAD is using its latest technology to ensure that it does not make errors in mistaking Santa Claus for incursions into our air space by armed forces from the hostile nations of this world.

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## Indian Ocean 9.0 Earthquake

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Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 08:25:34 -0500  
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## Tibetan Monk RVs Alien Intervention By 2012

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Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 08:29:22 -0500  
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Remote Viewing Tibetan monks see Extra Terrestrial powers saving the World from destroying itself in 2012

N.K. Subramaniam  
Special Correspondent

Remote viewing is nothing new in Tibetan monasteries. For thousands of years remote viewing in the middle of other spiritual activities have dominated Tibetan culture. What some Indian tourists came to learn from a few Tibetan monasteries under the current Chinese rule is extremely alarming and fascinating.

According to these tourists remote viewers are seeing world powers in the course of self-destruction. They also see that the world will not be destroyed. Between now and 2012 the world super powers will continue to engage in regional wars. Terrorism and covert war will be the main problem. In world politics something will happen in and around 2010. At that time the world powers will threaten to destroy each other.

Between 2010 and 2012, the whole world will get polarized and prepare for the ultimate dooms day. Heavy political maneuvers and negotiations will take place with little progress.

In 2012, the world will start plunging into a total destructive nuclear war.

And at that time something remarkable will happen, says, Buddhist monk of Tibet. Supernatural divine powers will intervene. The destiny of the world is not to self-destruct at this time.

Scientific interpretation of the monks=E2=80=99 statements makes it evident that the Extra Terrestrial powers are watching us every step of the way. They will intervene in 2012 and save the world from self-destruction.

When asked about recent UFO sightings in India and China, the monks smiled and said the divine powers are watching us all. Mankind cannot and will not be allowed to alter the future to that great extent.

Every human being though their current acts in life called =E2=80=9CKarma=E2=80=9D can alter the future lives to some extent, but changing the destiny in that large extent will not be allowed to that great an extent.

Monks also mentioned that beyond 2012 our current civilization would understand that the final frontier of science and technology is in area of spirituality and not material physics

and chemistry. Beyond 2012, our technologies will take a different direction. People will learn the essence of spirituality, the relation between body and the soul, the reincarnation and the fact we are connected with each other are all part of =E2=80=9CGod=E2=80=9D.

In India and China UFO sightings have increased in many folds. Many say the Chinese and Indian Governments are being contacted by the Extra Terrestrials.

In recent days most UFO activities have been seen in those countries who have indigenously developed Nuke capabilities.

When asked if these extra-terrestrials will show up in reality in 2012, the answers remote viewers are giving is: they will reveal themselves in such a way that none of us scared. They will reveal themselves only if they have to. As our science and technology progresses, we are destined to see them and interact with them any way.

According to the remote viewers, our earth is blessed and is being saved continuously from all kinds of hazards all the time that we are not even aware of. As our technologies progress we will realize how external forces saved us.

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## PRG Update - 12-27-04

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Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 09:08:11 -0500  
Subject: PRG Update - 12-27-04

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - December 27, 2004

X-Conference 2005 - April 22-24, 2005  
[Please feel free to repost]

Conference Status/Structure

The speaker lineup is now being posted and should be complete by January 20, 2005 (subject to change) and the presentation topics (also subject to change) should be posted by January 30. [www.x-conference.com](http://www.x-conference.com) [Speakers] [Program] In 2005 there will be only two tracks with more break time for weary attendees. This time the conference is over three days (Fri-Sun) - a good time to take a vacation day?

Conference Suggestions

April, with its sublime weather and cherry blossoms, is generally acknowledged as the best time to visit the nation's capital. The X-Conference group (code AEE) rate will be available at the Hilton Hotel four days just prior to and after the conference weekend (April 22-24). Free shuttle access is provided to the Shady Grove metro station a few miles away.

The Hilton has unlimited free parking. Those within driving distance of the Washington, DC area can save substantial cost by van pooling to the event with friends and family.

The three area airports (BWI, IAD, DCA), while equidistant from the hotel, are all about a \$60 cab ride. Shuttle costs are around \$30 at twice the time. Best deal: coordinate a shared cab with others flying in and get shuttle cost with cab drive time. Reagan National Airport (DCA) does offer the option of taking the DC Metro from the airport to the Shady Grove station where the free Hilton shuttle can be called for pickup (301-948-8900) - transit time around 1 hr 15 minute.

All speakers and panelists will be provided prominent table space across from the Grand Ballroom. There will be much opportunity to talk with the presenters. You may want to bring previously purchased books to have autographed.

PRG Awards

PRG welcomes recommendations of candidates for the PRG Awards to be presented at the banquet Saturday evening. They are as follows:

Political Courage (living or deceased) - an elected or appointed government official, active or retired, who has demonstrated exceptional courage by engaging issues connected to extraterrestrial-related phenomena, the truth embargo or secrecy reform. 2004 - Congressman Steven Schiff

Courage in Journalism (living or deceased) - an American or foreign journalist who has demonstrated exceptional courage in

the investigation and/or reporting on extraterrestrial-related phenomena, the truth embargo or secrecy reform. 2004 - Sarah McClendon

Disclosure Award (living or deceased) - an American or foreign military or agency employee, active or retired, who has made an exceptional contribution to the public's right to know as regards extraterrestrial-related phenomena, the truth embargo or secrecy reform. 2004 - Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso

Hall of Fame - (deceased) - exceptional contribution over many years to the truth process as regards extraterrestrial related phenomena. 2004 - Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

Hall of Fame (living) - essentially a life time achievement award for exceptional contribution over many years to the truth process as regards extraterrestrial-related phenomena. 2004 Stanton T. Friedman

If you would like to nominate a candidate for any of these awards, please email PRG.

Vendors/Exhibitors

[www.paradigmclock.com/X-Conference/exhibitors.htm](http://www.paradigmclock.com/X-Conference/exhibitors.htm)

In 2005 there will be twice the Exhibitor Space, 3 days as opposed to two, 2 tracks rather than three, more break time for attendees - but the same table rates. Vendors and Exhibitors with information based products and programs are welcome to apply for reserved space.

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## Re: Indian Ocean 9.0 Earthquake - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 09:10:17 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 14:07:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Indian Ocean 9.0 Earthquake - Boone

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Leave it to good ol' Larry Hatch to be on top of things again!

I don't wanna scare ya, but just check out [www.indiadaily.com](http://www.indiadaily.com)  
and use their search option on what you've just posted. It's a  
literal progression of UFO activity monitored by that news  
service. It'll put the cherry on top of your research.

Also keep an eye on:

[www.hindustantimes.com](http://www.hindustantimes.com)

I suspect we'll get lots of UFO stories after everyone gathers  
themselves together in a week or so. I've already posted one  
story from the region about the concerns of folks in Asia about  
UFOs.

It would be highly advisable for everyone to log on to the  
Asian, Eurasian news sites and search around for UFO data. It's  
quite a find of magnitude.

I also foresee not too far down the line an outcry from the  
billions of people in those areas for UFO data and many of you  
here who've been sacrificing for years to bring this data to the  
public will be in great demand.

I've said this before on this list, foreign governments and cultures may well be the means whereby the new big stories will break because they're outside the range of threats and sabotage.

Best,

Greg

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## False(?) Radar Returns [was: Alien Abductions]

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 10:06:14 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 14:09:58 -0500  
Subject: False(?) Radar Returns [was: Alien Abductions]

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 16:23:02 -0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 22:22:48 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jklark.nul](mailto:jklark.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:08:29 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

><snip>

>>>As for the Washington National case, it's hardly "marginal" in  
>>>the assessment of many serious ufologists, prominently including  
>>>James McDonald, whom otherwise you represent as a model of a  
>>>scientifically trained inquirer.

>>Ultimately the key question is exactly at what time and what  
>>date was there a simultaneous radar and visual sighting of the  
>>\_same\_ object in the Washington National incidents and \_where\_  
>>exactly was that object located? Until you can answer that  
>>question fully and positively the case will remain an utterly  
>>confused hodge-podge of scattered disconnected file memos,  
>>reports and news clips.

This doesn't make sense to me. If there is a rare radar sighting  
at a given time and place, and one or more rare witnesses' UFO  
sightings at approximately the same time (within minutes) and  
place (within a few miles), it is only sensible to assume as a  
valid working hypothesis that the same object or group of  
objects was observed by both means.

>I agree with Brad that Washington National seems a mess and that  
>radar-visual correlation is at best ambiguous. Although I  
>haven't studied original materials in this case, published info  
>suggests that Borden & Vickers were probably right; most radar  
>and meteorological evidence looks consistent with forward  
>scattering from wind-driven clear-air domains of high refractive  
>index.

>As far as I can make out McDonald's published objections focused  
>on the merely marginal or sub-marginal evidence for radar  
>trapping based on balloon temperature plots. It appears that  
>Vernon Planck (AFCRL) conceded that McDonald was right about  
>there being no trapping gradient, and McDonald felt therefore  
>that the echoes couldn't have been meteorological. But David  
>Atlas, who knew McDonald well and was friendly with him, objects  
>that McDonald never really grasped the irrelevance of trapping  
>gradients, as measured over large vertical distances by a few  
>radiosonde data-points, to the extremely sharp ~centimeter~  
>layers often responsible for clear-air scatter. I don't always  
>agree with Atlas but I think he may have been right about this.

>McDonald dismissed the Borden-Vickers scattering mechanism as

>"highly dubious", but I believe there is enormous experimental  
>data today to prove that waves on these very sharp layers could  
>produce echoes very like those observed at Washington. ...

Such echoes due to atmospheric inhomogeneities do not correlate positively at all with visual UFO sightings. From what I read in the Condon Report, such echoes moreover are likely to exhibit cellular or striated/layered characteristics, and are unlikely to occur unless the radar line of sight angle lies close to a quasi-horizontal ducting layer or clear-air-turbulence layer. Conditions under which an isolated clear-air atmospheric inhomogeneity exists that would produce a compact isolated radar return are considered conceivable but rare.

I believe Dave Atlas's possible objection to McDonald's analysis of the Borden-Vickers echo mechanism, from use of radiosonde soundings to calculate index-of-refraction gradients, applies only to the situation when the sharp vertical gradient in temperature exists over huge areas with a warm air mass overlying a colder air mass. One can't find that sharp-gradient situation existing over a very small isolated region, unless due to local clouds. Atmospheric turbulence, shear or "restlessness" prevents it from forming.

In summary, the occurrence of radar returns of definitive unknown objects in conjunction with visual UFO sightings can only add to the reality of the visual objects sighted.

Jim Deardorff

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Rogerson

From: Peter Rogerson <[progerson.nul](mailto:progerson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 18:45:36 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 14:11:17 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Rogerson

>From: From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 14:05:53 EST  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Peter Rogerson <[progerson.nul](mailto:progerson.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 18:32:41 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

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>>Can somebody tell me why the scientific community is going to be  
>>impressed by a bunch of 40-60 year old anecdotes.

>They're not "anecdotes." They're verified instrument trackings  
>and triangulations, often made by top rank scientists. And  
>scientists will be interested no matter what the date 35-55  
>years ago because a certain percentage are interested in truth.  
>Not all of them are addicted to MTV type 15-second sound bites  
>or current news flashes with no sense of history.

>>For years  
>>ufologists have been complaining about how poor Blue Book  
>>Investigations were, but now these self same poor investigations  
>>are being hailed as ufology's next saviour.

>They're not "Blue Book Investigations." BB was simply a  
>collection point for a lot highly competent investigations by  
>other AF activities and other agencies.

>>Presumably this  
>>implies that there are no good modern cases, and that poor  
>>though Blue Book's investigations were, they were still superior  
>>to those of ufologists.

>We're not just going to ignore past cases made by top  
>astronomers and aerodynamicists, for example, just because you  
>say so. Don't you yourself fixate on thrashing over many  
>decades-old UFO cases?

There is a hint of argument from authority here, the great Professor So and Son reported this, so it must be worthy of your interest. Today however only Fortean and psychical researchers tend to be impressed by such arguments, which is somewhat ironic. I can see the value of this material to a variety of historians, sociologists and even folklorists and any collection of original historical material is to be welcomed. But I am not convinced that any collection of texts is going to greatly interest a new generation of physical scientists. You might persuade some that something very interesting happened in the skies over America in the 1950s and 1960s but there is not much they could do about it after this period of time. I am sure that some will be intrigued, but they will also be very frustrated. They can't interview the witnesses who in most cases will be dead, or very elderly, the site is likely to have changed considerably, documentation is likely to be absent or difficult and expensive to access, and scientists are not usually trained to analyse historical documents.

Why not present cases from the present, and chose ones that have been subjected to detailed, critical study by several groups with a range of skills. To really impress you would probably need to produced a few tomes the size of one of Jerry Clark's encyclopedias each devoted to just one case.

Peter Rogerson

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Source: The Daily Telegraph - London

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2004/12/26/wspecies26.xml&sheet=/news/2004/12/26/ixworld.html>

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Believe it or not, they're all the same species

By  
Robert Matthews  
Science Correspondent

It is one of the best-known stories in science: the evolution of mankind from ape-like creatures to modern humans via knuckle-grazing cave-dwellers. Now it has been blown apart by the first comprehensive study of all the fossils, which has revealed that they are probably all variants of Homo sapiens.

The discovery comes as fossil-hunters in Indonesia continue to defend claims to have found yet another new species of human, dubbed "Hobbit Man". If true, the diminutive creature would join such famous specimens as Lucy, Java Man and the Neanderthals in the complex family tree of mankind.

The findings have significant implications for the often bitter debates between fossil-hunters about the significance of their finds. While they no longer bicker over the so-called "Missing Link" - the now-derided idea of a creature linking humans to chimpanzees - experts continue to argue over the relationship between Australopithecines and early humans, and between Neanderthals and modern humans.

The number of human species claimed by fossil-hunters now stands at around 10, while the total number of human-like species exceeds 50. Such claims have long been based on supposedly significant differences in sizes and shapes of fossil bones. Now they have all been thrown into doubt by research showing that the differences lie within the range expected for just a single species.

Professor Maciej Henneberg, of the University of Adelaide, a world authority on fossil human anatomy, made the discovery after analysing the skull sizes and estimated body weights for all of the 200 identified specimens of human-like fossils known as hominins. These span the entire history of humans, from the emergence of so-called Australopithecines with an upright stance more than four million years ago to neolithic modern humans from around 10,000 years ago.

Prof Henneberg found that the fossils show clear evidence of evolution, with substantial increases in both skull sizes and body-weight. However, he also found that the fossils show no evidence of being anything other than a single species which had grown bigger and smarter over time. According to Prof Henneberg, the much-vaunted differences in fossil size used to identify "new" species all lie within the normal range expected for one species. Plotted out as a graph, they form the classic bell-shaped curve found using data from modern humans.

Reporting his findings in the current issue of the Journal of Comparative Human Biology, Prof Henneberg concludes: "All hominids appear to be a single gradually evolving lineage containing only one species at each point in time."

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Prof Henneberg has said that the new results suggest such disputes are meaningless, as they ignore the possibility of huge differences within the same species.

He said they also raise doubts about the reliability of bones in identifying new human species: "There is no precise way in which we can test whether Julius Caesar and Princess Diana were members of the same species of Homo sapiens".

According to Prof Henneberg, the study highlights the scant evidence for so many of the claimed new species of human. "Considering that there are only about 200 specimens in total, if these really do represent ten different species, that makes an average of just 20 specimens per species". He added that only a single skull had been found for the "Hobbit Man" of Indonesia.

Other authorities hailed Prof Henneberg's findings as a much-needed reality check. "Clearly there is a need to be more aware of the possibility of variation - but that is not the inclination today," said Geoffrey Harrison, emeritus professor of biological anthropology at the University of Oxford. "It has been a problem because the discoverers have usually put so much effort into finding the evidence, so they want it to be important".

Professor Chris Stringer, a leading expert on human fossils at the Natural History Museum, London, said even Neanderthals were not significantly different in skull or body size from modern humans. However, he added that they do differ in other details, such as inner ear bones.

He said: "The argument they are a different species is, of course, only a hypothesis, but comparisons of skull shape published recently certainly show they are as different from us as monkeys and apes are different from each other".

According to Prof Henneberg, there are fewer than 30 examples of Neanderthals on which to base any conclusions. What evidence there is, however, is consistent with Neanderthals being from the same species as modern humans.

He added that the never-ending announcements of new species said more about those making the claims than about human evolution. "The problem is there are far more palaeontologists than fossil specimens".

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## New Edition Of UFO Politics At The White House

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Subject: New Edition Of UFO Politics At The White House

Announcing... Galde Press's New Edition of

UFO Politics At The White House  
by  
Larry W. Bryant

Readers familiar with my book UFO Politics At The White House: Citizens Rally 'round Jimmy Carter's Promise" (originally published in 2001) now may avail themselves of an expanded edition - just issued by Galde Press, Inc., of Lakeview, Minnesota:

<http://www.galdepress.com>

This timeless collection of scores of US citizen's UFO-related letters/postcards/telegrams sent to President Carter shortly before and after his election contains a brand-new foreword by Presidential-UFO Historian Grant Cameron - see:

<http://www.presidentialufo.com>

an equally new essay from me, recounting the book's genesis; and a couple of historically valuable appendixes.

As we all know, presidential promise-keeping has a long record of peaks-and-valleys on the credibility scale. In Carter's case, he made a pre-election promise to free up, upon taking office, most all heretofore-hidden official UFO data. A perusal of the Carter UFO correspondence will help you decide if he even came close to fulfilling that promise as the nation's first President ever to publicly admit having witnessed an unidentified flying object.

Some day, those of you possessing a copy of each edition will have two collector's items to round out your growing library on the politics of Ufology.

Within the next several weeks, stocks of the Galde Press trade paperback (priced at \$14.95) should start arriving at the larger bookstores. Its ISBN number is 1931942226; and you may order copies direct from the publisher, from your local bookstore, or from the on-line book-order firms.

For a further preview of the book, see page 114 of the December 2004 issue of the news stand magazine FATE.

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## Re: Believe It Or Not They're All The Same Species

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 14:33:03 EST  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 14:57:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: Believe It Or Not They're All The Same Species

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 11:02:52 -0800  
>Subject: Believe It Or Not They're All The Same Species  
  
>Source: The Daily Telegraph - London  
  
>[http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2004/12/26/wspecies26.xml&sheet=/news/2004/12/26/ixworld.html)  
>[xml=/news/2004/12/26/wspecies26.xml&sheet=/news/2004/12/26/ixworld.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2004/12/26/wspecies26.xml&sheet=/news/2004/12/26/ixworld.html)  
  
>26-12-04

>Believe it or not, they're all the same species  
>By  
>Robert Matthews  
>Science Correspondent

<snip>

>According to Prof Henneberg, there are fewer than 30 examples of  
>Neanderthals on which to base any conclusions. What evidence  
>there is, however, is consistent with Neanderthals being from  
>the same species as modern humans.

>He added that the never-ending announcements of new species said  
>more about those making the claims than about human evolution.  
>"The problem is there are far more palaeontologists than fossil  
>specimens".

Nice one!

I've been screaming about this for years. Finally a story that  
brings out the facts.

We've so many few specimens that there's no way under Ma  
O'Leary's apron that we can know what's existed on this planet.

It's better than even money that if we just trained 100 million  
people how to dig under the guidance of archaeologists we'd be  
busy for a hundred years and still come up with enough surprises  
to keep eggheads busy til the cows come home.

Don't be surprised if one day we find out that we're not even  
close to the apex of hominid evolution and that the missing link  
we've been looking for is either staring back at us in the  
mirror or zipping along at high speeds in saucer shaped  
aircraft.

Stranger things have happened.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 16:15:55 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 15:51:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Ledger

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 10:06:14 -0800  
>Subject: False(?) Radar Returns [was: Alien Abductions]

>>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 16:23:02 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

<snip>

>Such echoes due to atmospheric inhomogeneities do not correlate  
>positively at all with visual UFO sightings. From what I read in  
>the Condon Report, such echoes moreover are likely to exhibit  
>cellular or striated/layered characteristics, and are unlikely  
>to occur unless the radar line of sight angle lies close to a  
>quasi-horizontal ducting layer or clear-air-turbulence layer.  
>Conditions under which an isolated clear-air atmospheric  
>inhomogeneity exists that would produce a compact isolated radar  
>return are considered conceivable but rare.

>I believe Dave Atlas's possible objection to McDonald's  
>analysis of the Borden-Vickers echo mechanism, from use of  
>radiosonde soundings to calculate index-of-refraction gradients,  
>applies only to the situation when the sharp vertical gradient  
>in temperature exists over huge areas with a warm air mass  
>overlying a colder air mass. One can't find that sharp-gradient  
>situation existing over a very small isolated region, unless due  
>to local clouds. Atmospheric turbulence, shear or "restlessness"  
>prevents it from forming.

>In summary, the occurrence of radar returns of definitive  
>unknown objects in conjunction with visual UFO sightings can  
>only add to the reality of the visual objects sighted.

Jim, Brad, all,

Since I've always had a bit of a problem with temperature  
inversions and its effect on radar vis a vie radar seeing  
reflected images in a temperature inversion, I typed in "  
radar and temperature inversions" into a Yahoo search and got:

<http://search.yahoo.com/search?p=radar+and+temperature+inversions&sm=Yahoo%21+Search&fr=FP-tab-web-t&toggle=1>

This gave me 5,960 returns about, or including, my search  
words. Number one out of the 5,960 hits was:

DOE Document - A 2-D dynamical model of mesospheric temperature  
inversions in winter

Very surprisingly, and coincidentally, number two out of 5,960  
was:

UFOs Over Washington - The Washington DC Lights

at:

<http://www.spartechsoftware.com/dimensions/aliens/UFOWashington.htm>

Go figure.

I was taught, when I trained on radar that temperature inversions could, on rare occasions, bend radar and see solid objects around the horizon at "extremely" shallow angles but not reflected images of lights any more than radar could see lights in the sky. It might see what was giving off the light [save celestial objects] but of course not the light itself. If we are arguing that the radar in Washington was seeing some other sources of radar reflection either on the ground or in the sky, then you have to find out what could have done this that would match speed and direction as well.

Suppose the radar was seeing solid objects, possibly sometimes being reflected due to temp inversion, you still have to identify what was making the radar returns. Were these UFOs then that were being reflected through temperature inversions? If so, it still amounts to the same thing. The crux comes when we start getting radar returns from directly over Washington, DC. You are not going to have the effects of temperature inversions in evidence then. Not at 8-10,000 feet. What about Red Dog One seeing them while in the air? How does a pilot above a temperature inversion see the results of such an anomaly which though theoretically are many miles away but seem to be around him.?

What about the claims that conditions that night were not conducive to their being temperature inversions to begin with? What about temperature inversion duration which exists during times when the atmosphere is very stable, which isn't for very long?

Best,

Don

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## Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 20:32:58 -0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 15:54:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Shough

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 10:06:14 -0800  
>Subject: False(?) Radar Returns [was: Alien Abductions]

>>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 16:23:02 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 22:22:48 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:08:29 -0600  
>>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Clark

>><snip>

>>>Ultimately the key question is exactly at what time and what  
>>>date was there a simultaneous radar and visual sighting of the  
>>>\_same\_ object in the Washington National incidents and \_where\_  
>>>exactly was that object located? Until you can answer that  
>>>question fully and positively the case will remain an utterly  
>>>confused hodge-podge of scattered disconnected file memos,  
>>>reports and news clips.

>This doesn't make sense to me. If there is a rare radar sighting  
>at a given time and place, and one or more rare witnesses' UFO  
>sightings at approximately the same time (within minutes) and  
>place (within a few miles), it is only sensible to assume as a  
>valid working hypothesis that the same object or group of  
>objects was observed by both means.

You're commenting on Brad's remark here, but if I may presume: A  
working hypothesis exists to be falsified. Obviously the  
introduction of that "working hypothesis" is implicit in the  
fact that the case is reported as a "UFO case". Equally  
obviously we have to consider that this hypothesis might fail,  
otherwise what is the point of thinking about anything? The  
question then is: Does the hypothesis strengthen or weaken under  
examination? If you're disagreeing with this logical procedure  
then I fail to see what you are suggesting in its place.

>>I agree with Brad that Washington National seems a mess and that  
>>radar-visual correlation is at best ambiguous. Although I  
>>haven't studied original materials in this case, published info  
>>suggests that Borden & Vickers were probably right; most radar  
>>and meteorological evidence looks consistent with forward  
>>scattering from wind-driven clear-air domains of high refractive  
>>index.

>>As far as I can make out McDonald's published objections focused  
>>on the merely marginal or sub-marginal evidence for radar  
>>trapping based on balloon temperature plots. It appears that  
>>Vernon Planck (AFCL) conceded that McDonald was right about

>>there being no trapping gradient, and McDonald felt therefore  
>>that the echoes couldn't have been meteorological. But David  
>>Atlas, who knew McDonald well and was friendly with him, objects  
>>that McDonald never really grasped the irrelevance of trapping  
>>gradients, as measured over large vertical distances by a few  
>>radiosonde data-points, to the extremely sharp ~centimeter~  
>>layers often responsible for clear-air scatter. I don't always  
>>agree with Atlas but I think he may have been right about  
this.

>>McDonald dismissed the Borden-Vickers scattering mechanism as  
>>"highly dubious", but I believe there is enormous experimental  
>>data today to prove that waves on these very sharp layers could  
>>produce echoes very like those observed at Washington.

>Such echoes due to atmospheric inhomogeneities do not correlate  
>positively at all with visual UFO sightings.

Generally speaking, simultaneous radar and optical mirages of  
the same source due to ray paths through the same atmospheric  
domain would require unusual circumstances, which I assume is  
what you mean. This doesn't mean that people don't report visual  
UFOs simultaneously with radar UFOs when both can be proved to  
be explainable. We know they do. We have a huge number of cases  
where this has happened.

>From what I read in  
>the Condon Report, such echoes moreover are likely to exhibit  
>cellular or striated/layered characteristics,

The "layered characteristics" relate to the stratified  
atmosphere generally responsible for such echoes, so this seems  
to be a misunderstanding. If you mean that the scope  
presentation of such echoes will never be similar to the echo  
from a point target like an aircraft, but will always appear  
"cellular", then this is a misunderstanding too. Borden &  
Vickers themselves observed small moving point echoes and groups  
thereof on radars at Washington that August 13-14, as did  
Washington ARTC center personnel on Aug 15-16, and B & V again  
at Indianapolis that summer. They canvassed controllers at other  
sites around the country, getting similar reports of weak echoes  
that could be mistaken for light aircraft or helicopters. They  
noted that the echo rise and decay times when examined on an A-  
scope gave a "softer" profile than for aircraft targets. You can  
argue that the original Washington controllers didn't qualify  
their statements that the targets looked "solid", but we have no  
hard A-scope data from the Washington National events so it is  
hard to be sure.

>and are unlikely  
>to occur unless the radar line of sight angle lies close to a  
>quasi-horizontal ducting layer or clear-air-turbulence layer.

And? What exactly were the radar lines of sight in this case? Are  
you saying that clear air angels could never be observed on  
Washington radars? Are you saying that Borden & Vickers lied  
about observing 80 such targets first-hand at Washington?

>Conditions under which an isolated clear-air atmospheric  
>inhomogeneity exists that would produce a compact isolated radar  
>return are considered conceivable but rare.

If the the Washington National case were not a "rare" event, of  
whatever cause, we would not be so interested in it in the first  
place. So "compact isolated" echoes due to clear air structures  
are "rare". Well fine. What "commonplace" explanation do you  
find more economical? Aliens?

>I believe Dave Atlas's possible objection to McDonald's analysis  
>of the Borden-Vickers echo mechanism, from use of radiosonde  
>soundings to calculate index-of-refraction gradients, applies  
>only to the situation when the sharp vertical gradient in  
>temperature exists over huge areas with a warm air mass  
>overlying a colder air mass. One can't find that sharp-gradient  
>situation existing over a very small isolated region, unless due  
>to local clouds. Atmospheric turbulence, shear or "restlessness"  
>prevents it from forming.

The point is that the RI gradient is vertical and the balloon  
sampling in the vertical dimension is sparse. The very sharp  
layers that Atlas and others have investigated involve huge



gradients over centimetres of altitude. Radiosondes are unlikely to pick these up. I don't think McDonald really believed in the existence of these layers in the 1960s-70s. If he were still alive he would have to.

>In summary, the occurrence of radar returns of definitive  
>unknown objects in conjunction with visual UFO sightings can  
>only add to the reality of the visual objects sighted.

If there were were "radar returns of definitive unknown objects" this argument would have some force, even though the visuals are by and large weak and the correlation with radar always debateable. But given that the radar returns might well be explainable the "reality" of the visual objects seems to me to be in doubt.

Regards,

Martin Shough

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## Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 14:59:57 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 19:27:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies - Warren

>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 02:50:26 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 14:49:12 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

>>>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 20:37:48 -0800  
>>>Subject: Re: Astronomy Evidence/Data Methodologies

><snip>

>>I'd like to point out Josh that evidence indicating  
>>"capabilities beyond known terrestrial craft" is "proof" they  
>>are "extraterrestrial craft," although not definitive on it's  
>>own merit; however, it is a component of the preponderance of  
>>evidence in support of ETH. Moreover eyewitness testimony can  
>>send a man to the electric chair and is the only kind of  
>>evidence that does not usually require "another form of  
>>evidence" as a prerequisite for its admissibility. (As far as  
>>"legal procedure" goes. The abundance of eyewitness accounts in  
>>regards to Roswell for example, is in my view astounding.  
>>Moreover the "documentary evidence," i.e., "real evidence" is  
>>equally astounding and in great abundance. There is also  
>>"demonstrative evidence" that supports the preceding examples of  
>>evidence.

>>In conclusion Josh, in regards to "quality evidence" to "develop  
>>a case to constitute proof of the powers-that-be recovering an  
>>extraterrestrial craft" (speaking of Roswell in particular) with  
>>respect to "legal procedure," the four basic types of evidence  
>>are in existence and abundance:

- >>1. Testimonial Evidence
- >>2. Documentary Evidence
- >>3. Demonstrative Evidence
- >>4. Real Evidence

>>All of which by the way, if it were concerning a "murder case"  
>>there would be no debate, and if the evidence were "against a  
>>defendant," he or she would be have been given the "ultimate  
>>penalty" long ago.

Aloha Josh!

Hope you and yours enjoyed the holiday as we did.

>Hello Frank,

>We'll just have to agree to disagree about the above. On the  
>matter of whether there is enough evidence to prove that the

>government has recovered ET craft (especially the Roswell case),  
>I think we are well shy of the mark. I just wanted to see if you  
>had anything new on the subject.

Yes, I agree to respectfully disagree. There are some relatively new items I am involved in (regarding Roswell), but I'm afraid they would fall under the same category that "you" put other "Roswell evidence" in - shy of the mark!

>I don't want to get in a back and forth of dredging up all the  
>claims and examining their merits. That has already been done on  
>this List and can be gleaned from the archives for those who may  
>be interested.

Which is why I specifically neglected to mention names, documents etc., and for example's sake, stuck to "generic 'types' of evidence," testimonial, documentary, demonstrative.....

<snip>

In any event, I find it a little frustrating at times that "the evidence," in this case, "for Roswell," would be sufficient proof for just about any other topic, yet when it comes to ETH, some like yourself feel it falls "shy of the mark."

The irony is, this thread was started by sharing my correspondence with "Frank Drake," and "my" criticism towards astronomers with regards to "their acceptance" of "circumstantial evidence" concerning their claims, e.g., extra-solar planets etc., yet denying evidence concerning Ufology that in my view surpasses the "quality and depth" of theirs.

Of course the argument was not about the government's possession of an ET craft, only that "some UFOs are indeed of extraterrestrial origin"; Drake said, "however, the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and ufology are actually the same"; that, I'm afraid is just not true - if it were Stan wouldn't be able to find "SETI folk" to debate. Certainly the "rules of evidence 'should' be the same," but I'm afraid there exists a hypocrisy to the highest degree!

Drake's criterion for the rules of evidence for mainstream astronomy and UFOlogy were as follows:

1. Well-observed, calibrated data.
2. Verification by repeat observations or experiments.
3. Multiple observers.

He further claimed that these three criterion haven't been met (in regards to Ufology); in the original thread I gave him a "point by point synopsis" that it had, and then some.

Anyway as you say, no sense taking up bandwidth on items already in the archive.....

Cheers,

Frank

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## Re: Standing Water On Mars? - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 16:06:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 19:28:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Standing Water On Mars? - White

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 11:02:46 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Standing Water On Mars?

<snip>

>One question... with our current technology, and with two rovers  
>running free on Mars, could we not have already quantitatively  
>and qualitatively concluded whether there is life on Mars right  
>now? I'm fairly confident that we could.

Re: that Mars standing water photo, I didn't see the black  
areas, which do look like shadows, as suggesting water. But  
generally in the lower right-hand quadrant is an area of "water"  
which is clear of the shadow. That's the part that looks most  
water-like to me.

I certainly agree with Kyle's statement that finding life wasn't  
the goal. We are probably seeing two-tiered missions, with one  
set of test equipment for the masses, and the other, better set  
for the elite, on a separate data channel and not shown to the  
public.

Eleanor White

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Secrecy News -- 12/27/04

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Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 19:29:54 -0500  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 12/27/04

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
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TRANSITION TO AND FROM HOSTILITIES (DSB)

For all of its prowess in combat, the U.S. military today is poorly prepared to conduct post-combat stabilization operations, the Defense Science Board observes in a new report to the Pentagon.

A series of recommended changes in military forces and operational planning flow from this observation, including the development of improved stabilization and reconstruction capabilities, enhanced strategic communications (the subject of another recent DSB report), and intelligence reform that stresses language capability, area expertise and the skillful exploitation of open source information.

Open source intelligence, a field that was largely scanted in recent intelligence reform legislation, is given particular attention by the DSB authors (pp. 147-152).

"Urgent action is called for, as the nation is likely to engage in additional stabilization and reconstruction operations before the recommendations in this study can be implemented and, as a result, will do so unprepared," the study emphasizes.

A copy of the Defense Science Board 2004 Summer Study on Transition to and From Hostilities, December 2004, is posted here (229 pages, 2.4 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/dsb/trans.pdf>

SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION AT THE USDA

Official controls on unclassified information are proliferating in such abundance that there are now two categories of information that are both called "sensitive security information" (SSI), though each has a different scope and significance.

The better known type of "sensitive security information," which is broadly defined in statute, has to do with aspects of transportation security that are protected from disclosure. It includes such things as airline and airport security plans, threat assessments, training materials and so forth.

This type of SSI has become a subject of some public controversy

because of the expansive interpretation given to the term by the Transportation Security Administration. TSA has refused, for example, to disclose its legal authority for conducting passenger pat-downs or for requiring passengers to present a photo ID. Because such information is SSI, the agency says, it cannot be made public. (See "The Arrival of Secret Law," Secrecy News, 11/14/04).

But then there is the completely unrelated "Sensitive Security Information" (SSI) which applies to "unclassified but sensitive" information in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"It is the policy of USDA to safeguard unclassified but sensitive security information within its control. USDA will withhold from release sensitive information that is not appropriate for public disclosure consistent with laws, regulations and court decisions," according to a USDA regulation.

This type of SSI corresponds generally to what is termed "For Official Use Only" in other agencies.

See "Control and Protection of 'Sensitive Security Information'," USDA Departmental Regulation 3440-02, 30 January 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/usda3440-02.html>

A USDA cover sheet for protection of such SSI is here (thanks to RT):

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/usda-ssi-cov.pdf>

#### TORTURE POLICY DOCUMENTS IN CONTENTION

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) last week challenged the Bush Administration's refusal "to disclose pertinent documents and memoranda relating to its policies and practices governing the treatment and interrogation of prisoners in U.S. custody."

"I have for months been asking for these materials but this Administration will not even provide an index to the elected representatives of the American people," Sen. Leahy said. "This type of secrecy contributes to the manipulation of the law and the misuse of government authority."

<http://leahy.senate.gov/press/200412/122204a.html>

One of the documents sought by Leahy, a September 2001 opinion prepared by the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel, was quietly posted on the Justice Department web site two weeks ago after it was denied to Leahy, he noted.

A copy of the opinion on "The President's Constitutional Authority to Conduct Military Operations Against Terrorists and Nations Supporting Them," dated September 25, 2001, is posted here (first reported by Newsweek last week):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/olc092501.html>

In a December 7 statement on the Senate floor, Senator Leahy warned that Bush Administration policy on torture would inevitably be raised at the upcoming confirmation hearing of White House counsel Alberto R. Gonzales to be Attorney General. See:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004\\_cr/s120704.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_cr/s120704.html)

Meanwhile, in a continuing lawsuit brought by the ACLU to compel disclosure of Bush Administration documents on prisoner interrogation and abuse, the Central Intelligence Agency is resorting to what is known as "glommarization," which means that it refuses to confirm or deny that it has documents responsive to the lawsuit.

(The term "glommarization" derives from previous litigation in the 1970s seeking records on the Glomar Explorer, a ship built by Howard Hughes to retrieve a sunken Soviet submarine.)

See "CIA resists request for abuse data" by Charlie Savage,

Boston Globe, December 27:

<http://tinyurl.com/5njyv>

THE EVOLUTION OF ARMY SPECIAL FORCES, 1995-2004

A recent master's thesis presents "a historical analysis of the evolution of US Army Special Forces operations from 1995 to 2004, focusing specifically on operations conducted in the Balkans (Bosnia and Kosovo), Afghanistan and Iraq" and addresses the question: "How have the operations conducted by US Army Special Forces evolved from the Balkans in 1995 through Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)?"

See "From Bosnia to Baghdad: The Evolution of U.S. Army Special Forces from 1995-2004" by Armando J. Ramirez, Navy Postgraduate School, September 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/man/eprint/ramirez.pdf>

TSUNAMI RELIEF

The American Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies are among the organizations seeking donations to aid relief efforts following the December 26 tsunami in South Asia. See:

[http://www.redcross.org/article/0,1072,0\\_312\\_3870,00.html](http://www.redcross.org/article/0,1072,0_312_3870,00.html)

<http://www.ifrc.org/index.asp>

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## Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 17:23:47 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 19:32:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 20:32:58 -0000  
>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

<snip>

>The point is that the RI gradient is vertical and the balloon  
>sampling in the vertical dimension is sparse. The very sharp  
>layers that Atlas and others have investigated involve huge  
>gradients over centimetres of altitude. Radiosondes are unlikely  
>to pick these up. I don't think McDonald really believed in the  
>existence of these layers in the 1960s-70s. If he were still  
>alive he would have to.

Hi Martin,

What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. What McDonald didn't know about in the 50's and 60's goes as well for air traffic controllers and radar operators. Who says the objects were metallic for example. How would your 1952 radar operator deal with a fiberglas airplane giving a soft return. Would that then be considered an echo. There's no hard evidence that what the operators called echos were indeed echos.

>If there were were "radar returns of definitive unknown objects"  
>this argument would have some force, even though the visuals are  
>by and large weak and the correlation with radar always  
>debateable. But given that the radar returns might well be  
>explainable the "reality" of the visual objects seems to me to  
>be in doubt.

I don't think that given our own newer technology that that statement can be valid. Aren't we mixing apples and oranges here; that '50s radar technology and analysis of images verses the possibility of a technology were hundreds or thousands of years superior to that? Is it not the case that it was stated that some of these returns were real solid?

Don Ledger

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## Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 14:23:14 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 19:36:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Hatch

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 20:32:58 -0000  
>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 10:06:14 -0800  
>>Subject: False(?) Radar Returns [was: Alien Abductions]

<snip>

Hello all:

I'm in over my head here, having no experience with radar etc.,  
but.....

As a layman, I would expect atmospheric radar returns to be  
sheet-like, stringy perhaps, or maybe something like long thin  
cirrus clouds on the radar screen... large, weak, dispersed with  
ever changing shapes.

I would expect aircraft, 'UFOs', solid objects to appear sharp,  
point like, and hopefully bright.

I would also expect trained and experienced radar operators to  
know the difference on sight.

I'm not at all convinced the Washington wave is anomalous or  
not, but wouldn't a study of the actual images be to the point?

Were any of these photographed so we can have something visual  
to discuss? Anything public?

Best

- Larry

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 22:57:07 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 19:38:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 09:17:41 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 22:22:48 EST  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>Chiles-Whitted is indistinguishable from a meteor fireball as I  
>>have proven from the witness data here time and again.

>To your satisfaction, not mine or other reasonable, intelligent  
>people's.

Well, that's got anyone who dares to disagree with Jerry Clark  
suitably diagnosed as unintelligent and unreasonable!

>The most reasonable position about this case is that,  
>as I noted last time, nothing can be proved one way or another.  
>That "enthusiast" and "sentimentalist" McDonald, by the way,  
>concluded from his own investigation -- he actually interviewed  
>the witnesses, separately, among other things -- that Chiles and  
>Whitted had observed what they said they had seen: a rocket-  
>shaped device of unknown origin. He specifically, in fact rather  
>emphatically, rejected the fireball identification as  
>inadequate.

Sceptical ufologists have been denounced on this List as  
"Klasskurtzians" (just the latest in an ever-growing string of  
strange epithets) because of their supposed reliance on  
arguments from authority. In fact I have seldom (if ever) seen  
either lovable old Uncle Phil or Paul Kurtz quoted to bolster  
sceptical arguments.

What I do frequently see, however, are the same names cropping  
up over and over again to bolster the arguments of the pro-ETH  
lobby. Once again James McDonald's opinions are brought forward  
as canonical authority to squelch any further argument over a  
dubious case. I would simply point out that McDonald did indeed  
interview the witnesses - twenty years after the incident.

Maybe we need a counterbalance to the "Klasskurzians", how about  
"McDonaltruzziswordians"? Doesn't trip off the tongue so easily,  
I'll grant you.

Incidentally, as the not-quite-ETHers would do almost anything  
rather than admit that they think a particular sighting might be  
an ET craft, perhaps we could have some suggestions as to what  
else a "rocket-shaped device of unknown origin" might be,  
assuming they do not think it was an American or Soviet missile?

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: False(?) Radar Returns - Sparks

From: Brad sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 18:29:51 EST  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 19:40:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Sparks

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 20:32:58 -0000  
>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 10:06:14 -0800  
>>Subject: False(?) Radar Returns [was: Alien Abductions]

<snip>

>>>>Ultimately the key question is exactly at what time and what  
>>>>date was there a simultaneous radar and visual sighting of the  
>>>>\_same\_ object in the Washington National incidents and \_where\_  
>>>>exactly was that object located? Until you can answer that  
>>>>question fully and positively the case will remain an utterly  
>>>>confused hodge-podge of scattered disconnected file memos,  
>>>>reports and news clips.

>>This doesn't make sense to me. If there is a rare radar sighting  
>>at a given time and place, and one or more rare witnesses' UFO  
>>sightings at approximately the same time (within minutes) and  
>>place (within a few miles), it is only sensible to assume as a  
>>valid working hypothesis that the same object or group of  
>>objects was observed by both means.

>You're commenting on Brad's remark here, but if I may presume: A  
>working hypothesis exists to be falsified. Obviously the  
>introduction of that "working hypothesis" is implicit in the  
>fact that the case is reported as a "UFO case". Equally  
>obviously we have to consider that this hypothesis might fail,  
>otherwise what is the point of thinking about anything? The  
>question then is: Does the hypothesis strengthen or weaken under  
>examination? If you're disagreeing with this logical procedure  
>then I fail to see what you are suggesting in its place.

<snip>

I think we're missing my original point by digressing onto the  
broader subject of radar anomalies. Martin is right to argue  
about hypothesis testing here but I want to return to what I  
said originally:

Jim, my whole point is that as far as I can tell, having poured  
over the hundreds of pages of Wash National BB case files and  
numerous other studies, books, etc., I cannot seem to find  
anywhere where there was a simultaneous radar-visual that  
locates a single UFO/object at the same time "within minutes" (I  
prefer in a messy case like this that it be to "the minute" or  
better) \_and\_ to a single location to "within a few miles."

If you can cite such a simultaneous radar-visual in the Wash  
National incidents please do and give me the time and location  
to "within a few miles" and to the minute if you can.

I'm not saying it didn't happen, I'm just saying where is the  
documentation and when exactly (date-time-location) did it  
happen?

There are tantalizing hints but nothing solid. For example Lt. Patterson in one F-94 scrambled from New Castle AFB at 11:00 PM on July 26, 1952, arrived in Wash DC area around 11:30 PM and was vectored to multiple (how many?) fast-moving (how fast?) radar targets 10 miles away (but where was this occurring? how many miles from a known landmark?). Patterson then had the famous incident of the UFO lights surrounding him. But it isn't at all clear that the Wash Center or Tower or Andrews AFB \_radars\_ were showing these targets doing that. It was only verbal air-ground radio reports from the pilot describing it.

And Major Fournet had not arrived yet so he did not witness this but had to get it second-hand from the controllers who don't seem to have any report giving any details of this headline-making encounter (Fournet arrived with Navy Lt. Holcomb at about 12:15 AM according to their report in the BB files). Even the exact time of Patterson's encounter is very unclear, presumably close to 11:30 PM. Patterson's wingman Capt. McHugo was vectored to targets too but saw nothing. Was McHugo near his wingman Patterson and why didn't he see Patterson's F-94 surrounded by the UFO's? Surely he heard the radio reporting from Patterson. Or was McHugo too far away? Exactly where were McHugo and Patterson located in their F-94's?

A B-25 being vectored to radar targets during this same time frame, 10:30 to 11:50 PM, found nothing but highway traffic intersections and a White Lines steamboat on the Potomac River where the radar targets were located. Why didn't the B-25 see anything of what happened to Patterson in his F-94 in the same exact time interval?? Maybe Patterson was 50 miles away - but we don't know that. We have zero data on where he was located and very little on where the B-25 was located. This is just basic information that one needs to have in order to evaluate the UFO case. Without it we're in the dark just guessing.

On the previous weekend, July 19-20, there are more tantalizing possible radar-visuals, it's just unclear whether there was a solid matchup of radar with visual. Two airline pilots in separate airlines, Capts. Pierman and Dermott, were told to look for radar targets. Pierman \_may\_ have seen a UFO climbing out of sight that coincided with a radar target doing the same, but we lack the date-time-location-direction-range data to be sure. Dermott may have a visual of an object following him that coincides with a radar target following him but we don't have the exact data to confirm it. We don't even have a visual description from Dermott apparently. How many miles was the target from Dermott's plane and in what direction? What direction was his visual target in? What exact times and locations did this occur? Which radars tracked the UFO and when? Could Dermott have simply seen a bright planet or star behind him? How do we know without more from him in the way of a good description and without the radar data? This is frustratingly close, but not enough. I would still consider the case an Unknown but a lousy one, insufficient data.

I do not want to simply take the traffic controllers' word that radar targets "coincided" with visual sightings, I want the date-time-locational and directional-distance data to verify for myself that they were correct and were not mistaken. This is just basic scientific procedure. It is all the more necessary because the ARTCC controllers' own (skimpy) official report in the BB files recounts the utter "confusion" that pervaded the whole night-long incidents. The ARTCC report of July 20, 1952, states:

"It would be extremely difficult to write this so that it is in a logical sequence due to the confusion that seems to have existed throughout the whole affair."

My point exactly.

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## Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Shough

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Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 23:42:47 -0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 19:43:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Shough

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 16:15:55 -0400  
>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns [was: Alien Abductions]

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 10:06:14 -0800  
>>Subject: False(?) Radar Returns [was: Alien Abductions]

>>>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 16:23:02 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

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>Jim, Brad, all,

>I was taught, when I trained on radar that temperature  
>inversions could, on rare occasions, bend radar and see solid  
>objects around the horizon at "extremely" shallow angles but not  
>reflected images of lights any more than radar could see lights  
>in the sky. It might see what was giving off the light [save  
>celestial objects] but of course not the light itself. If we are  
>arguing that the radar in Washington was seeing some other  
>sources of radar reflection either on the ground or in the sky,  
>then you have to find out what could have done this that would  
>match speed and direction as well.

This is complete garbage. That you could even mention that you  
were thought that radar would not "see reflected images of  
lights" tells me all I need to know about your understanding of  
radar and basic physics.

>Suppose the radar was seeing solid objects, possibly sometimes  
>being reflected due to temp inversion, you still have to  
>identify what was making the radar returns.

No, you have to show reasonable cause. What Borden & Vickers did  
was come up with an explanation based on a new physical  
mechanism, which McDonald didn't believe in the 60s but which  
nowadays is accepted very widely by all experimenters and  
theorists in the area of radar meteorology. And you talk of the  
radar path bending to show ground targets near the horizon. This  
is not the mechanism in question. Here what radar sees is  
energy scattered to the ground and back along the same path by a  
sharp refractive index discontinuity that behaves like a mirror  
at small angles. The image on-scope is essentially that of the  
RI discontinuity itself, the mirror, not the ground. Because the  
layer may only be an efficient mirror in small patches this is  
why the radar sees small targets.

>Were these UFOs then  
>that were being reflected through temperature inversions? If so,  
>it still amounts to the same thing.

Well of course not! If there were strong evidence of UFOs  
independent of the radar evidence then the radar evidence would

not be contentious. There is no such strong evidence, that's the point. The visuals are by and large not very remarkable, and the fact that similar radar echoes were observed in the area by experimenters on other dates with characteristics that are strongly correlated with the winds at the inferred layer altitude has to be taken into account.

>The crux comes when we start  
>getting radar returns from directly over Washington, DC. You  
>are not going to have the effects of temperature inversions in  
>evidence then. Not at 8-10,000 feet. What about Red Dog One  
>seeing them while in the air? How does a pilot above a  
>temperature inversion see the results of such an anomaly which  
>though theoretically are many miles away but seem to be around  
>him.?

Borden & Vickers did note that there was a correlation between the times of onset of ground radar targets and reports of air-visuals. They speculated that this might indicate a coupling between radar and visual mirage conditions. But their radar theory does not depend on this, and it is also possible for example that pilots were queried more explicitly when targets were showing up and therefore were more vigilant, or that exchanges were overheard. Or it might have been chance.

>What about the claims that conditions that night were not  
>conducive to their being temperature inversions to begin with?  
>What about temperature inversion duration which exists during  
>times when the atmosphere is very stable, which isn't for very  
>long?

This is precisely the point I first wrote, to address! McDonald and Planck argued about the 1.7 degree temp inversion and whether there was a trapping gradient etc. But in terms of later atmosphere investigations by Atlas and others (and therefore in terms of the Borden & Vickers theory itself which assumed an analogous mechanism) the radiosonde gradient is irrelevant to centimeter-thick sharp layers that might well have existed and fallen between the balloon-sampling points that are used to calculate the refractivity gradient McDonald and Planck argued about.

Martin Shough

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### HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 12-27-04

From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research** <[hbccufo.nul](mailto:hbccufo.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 16:23:48 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 19:47:01 -0500  
Subject: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 12-27-04

HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings

Release Date: December 27, 2004

St. John's, New Foundland RCMP Reports UFO Hovering Over Police Vehicle

Date: 1969 Time: 2:00 a.m.

Message: I was reading an article on line contained in the St. John's newspaper the Telegram about UFO's. This goes back some years when I was a member of the RCMP stationed in St. John's, NL. It would be in 1969 when another Police Officer and I were on Night Patrol just outside of St. John's at around 2:00 a.m. in the morning. It was at a little jute overlooking the ocean in Middle Cove/Outer Cove, NL area. We noted a very bright white light hovering over our police vehicle and had no idea what it was. At different times it would change colours ie bright white, than red, than green, back to white red etc. We would put our police car red light on and it would turn red.

We would put our police car's siren and whopper on and it would imitate these sounds. It would be over us one minute and than over the ocean and than back over us. We had our night desk man check with the St. John's airport to see if anything was showing up on radar, but nothing was. We played with this UFO for about 1/2 hour and as suddenly as it appeared it left. One minute it was there and than it was just a bright white beam of light leaving. It traveled out of our sight faster than one could snap ones fingers. Hope this may be of some use to you. I don't know what it was but it sure wasn't earthly, as far as I could tell or am concerned.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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St. John's, Newfoundland Circular with Dome

Date: March 26, 2004  
Time: 4:22 a.m.

Location of Sighting: Grave Yard  
Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 5  
Shape of objects: Circular with Dome.

Full Description of event/sighting: The UFO was almost like a dinner plate with a dome on the bottom, not like most sightings. I saw about 3-4 UFO's.

I wasn't sure if it was just a new military plane or an air show from gander. I was visiting the grave of my dearly departed uncle. I was excited to actually see a UFO. I believe they aren't little green men at all. I believe they are much like us. The U.S government though is keeping their little secrets about their encounters with the Extra Terrestrials. I believe they Have met them.

Additional Information:

Yes the year was 2004. It was clear and no clouds/wind (daytime-3:47) The object was located in the eastern sky and then moved overhead. It moved very slow, and seemed to stop for a second. Slower than I expected. It was a saucer shaped object with dome on bottom, not top. About 50 feet wide and 35 feet tall. I live nowhere near an airport or military base.

The altitude of the object was approximately 100/200 feet above a hill. I was able to observe the object for about 15/20 minutes.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Kaufman County, Texas A. Number Of Objects

Date: December 18, 2004  
Time: Approx: 12:30 p.m.

Hi Brian,

I have one picture for you just in time for Christmas. I was sitting on my Trellis bench in my yard when I noticed this multi-colored cloud in the southwest sky. I had my camera with me and decided to take a few pictures of it. It was approximately 12:30 p.m. on 12-18-2004. The colors in the cloud is exactly what I saw with my eyes before I took the pictures, so the camera was doing it's job. When I downloaded them onto my computer later, I noticed several orbs around the cloud so I enlarged them and sending them to you also. I'm sending you a copy of the original picture too.

Best Wishes to you and yours for the holidays.

Thank you to the witness for the report and photo.

Photos can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2161>

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Edmonton, Alberta UFO An Elongated Object

Date: December 21, 2004  
Time: 5:18 pm

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: hexagonal, similar to this shape from NIDS (2nd diagram from:

[http://www.nidsci.org/articles/8\\_25trireport.php](http://www.nidsci.org/articles/8_25trireport.php))

Full Description of event/sighting: I was driving home on 114 St., in slow rush hour traffic and noticed a bright light in the sky directly ahead and to the left of the direction I was driving (around 10-15 degrees).

It was around 5:15 at this point. It looked to be a star at first, but this was impossible, as the moon/stars/sky were covered by a thin cloud layer. At a stop light, I was able to tell that it was moving by judging its position against trees/lampposts. As it got closer I could see 3 lights, not just 1: 1 large one in the center, 2 smaller/dimmer ones to each side, equidistant from the center. At this point I decided it was a plane, as the lights looked familiar. However, by 5:18, a few blocks further south I could see it more clearly, and figure out how close it was more accurately. What immediately struck me was how slow it was moving. It seemed to be at 50-100 meters altitude. If this is how high it really was, it seemed to be traveling at 10-20 kph.

This fact, along with the amount of lights (6-8 were now visible, giving off white/pink/orange colours), leads me to believe that it was not a plane or the local police helicopter. As it was moving in the opposite direction that I was, I did not

have enough time to memorize exactly how many lights there were or how they were positioned, but they gave the impression of an object of a similar (but more elongated) shape to the one in the NIDS report on "flying triangles." At no point was a "fuselage" or any visible body visible.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Burnaby, B. C. Six Objects

Date: December 22, 2004  
Time: 4:39 p.m.

Location of Sighting: Katkam's west-south-west toward English Bay or south-west at the Burrard Bridge and Vancouver's West Side.

Number of objects: 6  
Shape of objects: Rods

Full Description of event/sighting: Hi, Brian Vike. I was watching Katkam's webcam when I noticed huge objects in the sky.

I used lot of enhancement and I believe it shows 6 rods in the vicinity of downtown Vancouver and south Vancouver.

The first pair are almost 4 kilometers from the webcam but they must be at least a kilometer long to be noticed. The next pair are on upper right corner and they are very much rods (after enhancement they seem to have curved lines around the objects). I have used Photoshop to get pictures enhanced and I can send the pictures that were taken in 2 minutes intervals, but what should up was at 16:39. The picture taken at 16:37 and 16:41 doesn't show any object in sky not even a plane nor any bird.

I can send these pictures plus the enhancements.

Thank you,

Thank you to the witness for the report and photos.

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Bloomington, Indiana Object Captured On Film

Date: December 22, 2004  
Time: ?

Hello Brian,

I was playing with the digital camera again after that first catch. I decided to just take picture after picture while out on the road I've caught a few things, some you can tell but this one gets me thinking, it could be or not. It was December 22, 2004. The time I'm not sure but have that imprinted for future shots, location is Bloomington, IN. and like I said it was a random picture. I shot several hundred random shots from the car, out the window and so forth. Once again anything I send your welcome to use my name, location and all that because I'm wanting to share what I find and hopefully people will come out and share there stuff. Have a great new year.

Thank you to Mark Evans for sharing the photo and report with us all.

Photo can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2182>

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Sioux Lookout, Ontario Circular Object Passed Over Top Of Witnesses

Date: December 23, 2004  
Time: 10:06 p.m.

Location of Sighting: 10-14 minutes south of Sioux Lookout on Highway 72.  
Number of witnesses: 2-5  
Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Circle

Full Description of event/sighting: I was driving back to Sioux Lookout from Dryden. I was with my girlfriend and my daughter. We were driving along and we saw a light in the sky. At first it was pretty far. I asked my girlfriend if she could see what I was looking at and she said yes, It was just above the tree line. About five minutes later we were getting pretty close to it. The object was flying along the right side the of highway going parallel with it. This thing was pretty darn low. It had three red lights on the outside edges. and on the underside it had three flashing white lights which were smaller then the red lights. The flashing lights took turns and each time was in a different spot. I was driving about 110 (km/h) so that's what got my attention because we were catching up.

The highway went into a valley we were coming up the hill and suddenly the object took a 90 degree turn left and flew over the highway and right over us!! I was slowing down and I rolled down the window and stuck my head out. That's when I saw that this object was a circle shape. It must have been 20-30 ft round. There was a truck and a car behind us and I stuck my arm out and pointed to the sky towards the object. I couldn't believe my eyes! I have never experienced an adrenaline rush like that before. I started freaking out and I just stepped on the gas. Took off as fast as I could. We were getting close to town and it was about 10:16 so about ten minutes south on highway 72 is where we saw the object.

Additional Information:

Q. Can you please describe the weather conditions at the time of the sighting. Was it Overcast? Raining? A. clear night? Full moon? I have heard the weather has been bad back in Ontario.

A. There was some clouds and the moon was out. Other than that the night was pretty good.

Q. How long were you all able to witness the object?

A. From when we first noticed it to when we last saw it was probably about 7 minutes to 8.

Q. Did the UFO move? How far and how fast? Describe its movements in detail.

A. When we first saw it above the tree-line it seem to be moving down. Like losing altitude. We were pretty far at that point. We would lose sight of it when we drove through little valleys. But when we got close it seemed to float. We were travelling pretty fast and catching up so it must have been moving half or less than half of what we were doing. I was speeding but that's between me and you. Ha Ha. I was going 'bout 110 kmh. This object was I guess flying along side of the highway. It must have stopped for like 1 second then turned left. (90 degree turn) When we got I under it, the object was just crossing on to the opposite side of the highway. I slowed down to about 70 and it just kept going in the same direction.

Q. Were you at any time able to hear any sound when you rolled the window down ? Were you able to see the color of the object itself ?

A. When I rolled down the window, I didn't hear anything. I was looking at it and I knew it was a circle because it was darker than the sky.(I saw the profile of the shape). So if this object had a colour it was a dark one.

Q. As you watched, did the object make any weird moments, such as speed up quickly then slow down, come to a stop and hover, etc.. ?

A. The only weird movement was when it made the turn over the highway. And it was going pretty slow maybe 40-50 km. This object was pretty low. The trees height in that area was probably that of a two story house. And this object was probably 3 tree lengths up.

Thank you to the witness for the interesting report.

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Kelseyville, California Low Flying Oval Shaped Craft

Date: December 23, 2004

Time: 5:45 p.m.

Location of Sighting: Kits corner gas station, close to Kelseyville.

Number of witnesses: 2

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: From what I could see it looked to be oval in shape.

Full Description of event/sighting: Me my two children age 6 and 2 and my husband pulled up to the gas pumps at kits corner, and I had my eye on this strange looking object. It caught my attention cause it was very bright. My husband got out of the car to go inside, and I kept watching the object. I thought that it might be a low flying plane with very bright headlights, but after it got closer I noticed that its headlights changed from bright orangish color to very dark red, and were blinking from right to left very slowly in pulse. I would have to say it was about 500 feet or so up, pretty low. Just when it was starting to go across the highway and over us I could clearly see the darkened oval shape of the object, and it was completely silent. A few cars I could hear in the background, but other than that there was no noise like a plane would make at that altitude. I popped my head out of our sun roof still trying to keep my eye on it as it passed over the gas station, I was completely speechless, I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I mean I've seen strange objects here in lake county before, but not this close, I didn't want to stop looking at it! My husband ironically came back out right after it went over the building and I told him "hurry up" I want you to see something and we drove off. I looked to were the object should have been, but it was gone.

Additional Information:

I had just sent my UFO sighting to your report center, I wanted to add to my story that here in south lake county were I live that there is alot of government happenings taken place. I know I may sound a little silly and your probably thinking "yea that's normal" but it's not normal at all. We get alot of chemtrails here and also around 1 to 2 in the morning, alot of air traffic. You could sit outside all day long and see maybe one or two planes here or there...maybe...but soon as 1:00 a.m. rolls around it starts up. Very loud, and also I have herd humming noises as well, I've never seen what was making the humming sounds, but I've heard them plenty of times. My older brother claims to have seen a black triangle fly over our house and it shook the ground. Very strange. I live on a very rural road in the woods of south lake county, so when all this is going on late at night its kind of creepy! I'll try to keep you posted on all this and tell you if I see anything else strange and interesting.

It was a crystal clear night outside, very calm no winds, not even a breeze of any sort. It was a bit cold about 35 degrees, pretty cold for here. The object must have been roughly about 500 to 600 feet, it was pretty low. There is a airport in Kelseyville, private owned planes in such. I'm not sure if there is a military installation around here but I do know that alot land around where I live is government private property. I've seen the signs myself. When the object was plainly in my view it was coming from the southeast to northwest direction it crossed over highway 29 one of our main highways in Lake County. I didn't see anyone else around me watching this happen, but my 6 year old watched it with me. The incident lasted about 6 to seven minutes after I stopped at the gas station. I watched it on the way to the gas station for about 15 minutes. It was going pretty slow so I will say it was going about 100 maybe even less, I couldn't tell you.

I did get to talk to my brother this Christmas about his incident and he says that it wasn't a triangle, that it darkened the whole sky, and made the ground shake. My first youngest brother told me triangle, he got it mixed up. I personally never seen anything that bizarre, but I don't think he would make such a thing up. Like I also said before that there is tons of air traffic at night, I even hear loud humming sounds after the jet noises, but I look to see and I never see anything, I can just hear all of these sounds taking place and its very, very

strange. I will keep you posted on anything new, since it's becoming such a thing lately I might even try to get some snaps of anything unusual if I can. Going to have to keep my cam handy!

Thank you to the witness for the interesting report.

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HBCC UFO Research is very interested in unusual weather phenomena which is taking place around the world. If folks have any unusual weather related photo or footage I would really appreciate receiving them to share with everyone else on the site.

Material can be sent to [hbccufo.nul](mailto:hbccufo.nul) Attn: Brian Vike.

Sudbury, Ontario - Funnel Cloud And Upside Down Rainbow Footage

Date: 2004

These pictures were taken in Sudbury, Ontario. The twister was beside my home as I was taking my dog out. I noticed the funnel cloud and rushed inside for my camera. The funnel cloud was filmed in the area beside the Sudbury Secondary High School.

The rainbow was taken in New Sudbury, Ontario. I received a phone call from my sister-in-law in which she told me that there was something strange in the sky. I was at my Mothers place at the time and there were no rain-clouds in the sky except for jet trails. Also there appears to be a dark object of some sort which passes through the Rainbow at the left hand side in the footage.

I thought this to be unusual and photographed these events.

The video footage (two clips) and photos are =A92004 Zicronia

Video clip #1 Sudbury, Ontario Upside Down Rainbow - Footage 4.27 mbs.

Video clip #2 Sudbury, Ontario Funnel Cloud - Footage 2.89 mbs.

Video clips can be found at:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D2183>

I would like to extend my thanks to the person for sending in the interesting material.

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## Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Deardorff

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>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 20:32:58 -0000  
>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
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>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 10:06:14 -0800  
>>Subject: False(?) Radar Returns [was: Alien Abductions]

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>>This doesn't make sense to me. If there is a rare radar sighting  
>>at a given time and place, and one or more rare witnesses' UFO  
>>sightings at approximately the same time (within minutes) and  
>>place (within a few miles), it is only sensible to assume as a  
>>valid working hypothesis that the same object or group of  
>>objects was observed by both means.

>You're commenting on Brad's remark here, but if I may presume: A  
>working hypothesis exists to be falsified. Obviously the  
>introduction of that "working hypothesis" is implicit in the  
>fact that the case is reported as a "UFO case". Equally  
>obviously we have to consider that this hypothesis might fail,  
>otherwise what is the point of thinking about anything? The  
>question then is: Does the hypothesis strengthen or weaken under  
>examination? If you're disagreeing with this logical procedure  
>then I fail to see what you are suggesting in its place.

>>>McDonald dismissed the Borden-Vickers scattering mechanism as  
>>>"highly dubious", but I believe there is enormous experimental  
>>>data today to prove that waves on these very sharp layers could  
>>>produce echoes very like those observed at Washington.

>>Such echoes due to atmospheric inhomogeneities do not correlate  
>>positively at all with visual UFO sightings.

>Generally speaking, simultaneous radar and optical mirages of  
>the same source due to ray paths through the same atmospheric  
>domain would require unusual circumstances, which I assume is  
>what you mean.

What I mean is that I haven't heard of any radar returns  
conclusively linked to atmospheric inhomogeneities that were  
supported by concurrent visual observations of the same  
inhomogeneities. In fact, I haven't heard of any ground-based  
visual observation of something looking like a hovering or  
moving compact object having resulted conclusively from  
atmospheric inhomogeneities when the line of sight angled  
upwards more than ten degrees or so from the horizontal. Do any  
such data exist? Where? Practically speaking, moreover, in  
almost all visual-radar cases, the visual ray paths differ from  
the radar ray paths, usually very substantially.

If it is claimed that visual-radar UFO cases prove that  
simultaneous radar and optical mirages that look like compact  
hovering/moving objects exist, along elevated lines of sight,  
surely non-simultaneous reports of visual sightings, traced  
beyond doubt to some atmospheric inhomogeneity, should be

available for study.

The issue is clouded, of course, by the many reports of UFOs sighted visually but not seen on radar, and vice versa.

>This doesn't mean that people don't report visual  
>UFOs simultaneously with radar UFOs when both can be proved to  
>be explainable. We know they do. We have a huge number of cases  
>where this has happened.

I'm not aware of any such huge number, if the reported objects maneuvered or appeared or vanished in a manner unexplainable by natural or man-made objects, i.e., in a manner displaying "high strangeness."

>>From what I read in  
>>the Condon Report, such echoes moreover are likely to exhibit  
>>cellular or striated/layered characteristics,

>The "layered characteristics" relate to the stratified  
>atmosphere generally responsible for such echoes, so this seems  
>to be a misunderstanding.

I was instead referring to the Condon Report's mention of the Atlas paper in which the radar echoes themselves showed striations.

>If you mean that the scope  
>presentation of such echoes will never be similar to the echo  
>from a point target like an aircraft, but will always appear  
>"cellular", then this is a misunderstanding too. Borden &  
>Vickers themselves observed small moving point echoes and groups  
>thereof on radars at Washington that August 13-14, as did  
>Washington ARTC center personnel on Aug 15-16, and B & V again  
>at Indianapolis that summer.

Granted, most of these radar-only cases could be due to other factors than "true" UFOs, such as insects or birds, ducting, etc. Thus the concurrent visual observations are extremely important, especially if they exhibit object behavior of high strangeness. If they moreover show good correlation with concurrent radar observations, then both observations are strengthened. I presume it's the degree of correlation that is most at issue.

>They canvassed controllers at other  
>sites around the country, getting similar reports of weak echoes  
>that could be mistaken for light aircraft or helicopters.

However, I'm not aware that there was any degree of high strangeness associated with those radar-only reports. E.g., in the July 19/20 Washington D.C. case, however, seven "sharp blips" appeared all at once on the Air Traffic Control Center radar scope at Wash. Nat'l. Airport (high strangeness), while an airliner was being tracked. The radar scope at the tower showed the same objects, one of which was sighted visually as an orange light (high strangeness). Then one of the objects was observed to pace the airliner (high strangeness), and soon thereafter disappeared by zooming off with a sudden large acceleration (high strangeness). And so on.

It's the high strangeness that generates the interest and excitement in the first place, so it should by no means be ignored.

>They  
>noted that the echo rise and decay times when examined on an A-  
>scope gave a "softer" profile than for aircraft targets. You can  
>argue that the original Washington controllers didn't qualify  
>their statements that the targets looked "solid", but we have no  
>hard A-scope data from the Washington National events so it is  
>hard to be sure.

>>and are unlikely  
>>to occur unless the radar line of sight angle lies close to a  
>>quasi-horizontal ducting layer or clear-air-turbulence layer.

>And? What exactly were the radar lines of sight in this case? Are  
>you saying that clear air angels could never be observed on  
>Washington radars? Are you saying that Borden & Vickers lied  
>about observing 80 such targets first-hand at Washington?

I believe you're speaking of radar-only cases here.

>>Conditions under which an isolated clear-air atmospheric  
>>inhomogeneity exists that would produce a compact isolated radar  
>>return are considered conceivable but rare.

>If the the Washington National case were not a "rare" event, of  
>whatever cause, we would not be so interested in it in the first  
>place. So "compact isolated" echoes due to clear air structures  
>are "rare". Well fine. What "commonplace" explanation do you  
>find more economical? Aliens?

Certainly, when there is high strangeness involved, with  
concurrent visual and radar observations by many witnesses.

>>I believe Dave Atlas's possible objection to McDonald's analysis  
>>of the Borden-Vickers echo mechanism, from use of radiosonde  
>>soundings to calculate index-of-refraction gradients, applies  
>>only to the situation when the sharp vertical gradient in  
>>temperature exists over huge areas with a warm air mass  
>>overlying a colder air mass. One can't find that sharp-gradient  
>>situation existing over a very small isolated region, unless due  
>>to local clouds. Atmospheric turbulence, shear or "restlessness"  
>>prevents it from forming.

>The point is that the RI gradient is vertical and the balloon  
>sampling in the vertical dimension is sparse. The very sharp  
>layers that Atlas and others have investigated involve huge  
>gradients over centimetres of altitude. Radiosondes are unlikely  
>to pick these up. I don't think McDonald really believed in the  
>existence of these layers in the 1960s-70s. If he were still  
>alive he would have to. ...

My point was that when such layers exist, they exist over large  
areas, and would not produce a few well defined individual radar  
echoes, one of which paced an aircraft whose image showed up as  
well as always.

Jim Deardorff

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## Maccabee's Mexican Airforce Radar/FLIR UFO Report

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My 'massive' (4.4 MB) report on the Mexican DOD radar/FLIR sightings of 5 March 2004 is now available for download at my web site.

Go to:

<http://brumac.8k.com/MexicanDOD5mar04>

or to:

<http://brumac.8k.com>

and scroll down a little ways to the paragraph that introduces the report.

I wrote an early version way back in the summer but did not release it in the hope that the Mexican Air Force would do an experiment or a reflight to test the oil field gas-burnoff hypothesis. No experiment has been done, so here it is.....

The radar target seems to be a radar UFO.

The FLIR lights may be all or in part ground sources, although in many cases the elevation readings indicate above ground sources.

An experiment could confirm or deny the "ground level" hypothesis.

At least two things about them seem likely:

a) if they were at ground level they were many tens of miles to perhaps a hundred miles from the airplane;

b) if they were airborne and traveling in the same general direction as the airplane, they were at least 10 miles away.

The airplane was not "surrounded" by radar targets and FLIR lights

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## Chihuahua Mexico Residents Experiment With UFOs

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Chihuahua Residents Experiment With UFOs  
By Ing. Gilberto E. Rivera

In mid-april 1997, one Sunday night, a group of girls aged between 15 and 16 decided to tour the outskirts of Aldama, since it is customary among the locals to go out on weekends and have a good time. Riding in a truck, Rosana Madrid and Berenice Lucero Ontiveros, both 15 years of age (at the time), accompanied by 4 girlfriends of similar age and two 10 year-old girls, drove their vehicle along the Aldama-Ojinaga road at approximately 21:40 hours. They noticed that a luminous object was following them - apparently an airplane, and for this reason they didn't pay it much attention.

However, upon approaching the 31.5 km marker, they decided to pull over and take an unimproved road off to the left. Having gone some 200 meters along this road, they turned the engine off to remain there for a while. They then became aware that the object following them was now directly overhead, some 15 meters up in the air.

Rosana and Berenice, who were in the rear of the truck, were able to make a detailed observation in spite of the shock and fear of facing the unknown. The object was bell-shaped, measuring approximately 10 meters in diameter, was metallic and grey-colored and spun on its axis. The object had a rhomboid-shaped base and projected a greenish beam of light that was spinning in a 360-degree angle (sic) and startled the young women with its intensity.

What also drew their attention was the strange noise issuing from the object - a sound they compared with "how air is interrupted due to the wind." The UFO remained only some 20 seconds above their vehicle when it suddenly ascended into the sky, leaving only a whitish luminescence in its wake.

After interviewing the girls and inspecting the sighting area, Jose Luis Balcorta and Gilberto Rivera, who writes this, reached the conclusion that it would have been impossible for an airplane or airliner be in the area, given the existence of pine trees and the altitude at which the object was hovering.

In the Sierra Tarahumara

Mr. Ramon Murillo Betancourt, a retired Chihuahua railway worker, says that in 1964 he worked and traveled aboard the Topolobampo line (Ch-P) with other co-workers. The time was approximately 23:00 hours when the train was approaching the Sanchez station in the Creel-Divisadero region of Barranca del Cobre. Suddenly, they noticed that at a certain distance ahead on the track, above the pine trees, there was a silvery, disk-

shaped UFO measuring some 25 meters in diameter. The view was spectacular for the passengers, since this region is very dark.

Mr. Murillo says that an intense bluish-white, triangular-shaped light descended from the object without touching the ground, but able to illuminate even the train. The sighting time was approximately 3 minutes. The object then moved away to vanish, leaving behind only a triangular luminescence. Among the witnesses to this event he could name Antonio Espinosa Benavides, assistant porter; Humberto Mendez Perez, pullman conductor, Alberto Reza Loya and other workers aboard the Ch-P train at the time.

Over Coyame

Mr. Murillo remarks having had other sightings. In 1966 the Topolobampo line suffered a derailment while on the way from Ojinaga toward the Sierra Tarahumara, between Coyame and Aldama, exactly by the Chapo Station between La Mula and Falomir. The train was carrying some 120 passengers, including a band of Norteno musicians.

While the crew awaited the rescue train at approximately 23:00 hours, Mr. Murillo, accompanied by Jesus Villalobos Quinonez, the Express's engineer, witnessed how the train was lit from outer space by a power beam of light, resembling a giant neon projector that shot down from above.

The GIFAE group is currently investigating some very important cases related to the UFO phenomenon, such as the CE-3 experience by a hearing and speech impaired 11 year-old boy, who showed in pictures his encounter with a small Grey-type humanoid. Standing beneath a disk-shaped object, the being gave him a message, apparently through telepathy. This message is written on the drawing and GIFAE is attempting to decypher it to ascertain its content (this case is in the advanced stages of research).

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Special thanks to Guillermo Gimenez

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University of Chile (Usach) to offer certificate course

University Will Offer UFO Courses

"Something is happening in the world. We don't know what it is," said the course's director, Chilean Air Force General (Ret.) Ricardo Bermudez.

The handbill for a ufological "marathon" is a visual example of what the new college program seeks to eliminate.

"Something is happening in the world. We don't know what it is, but the fact is that it can no longer go unnoticed by governments and the scientific establishment." This cryptic quote was issued by Gen. (Ret.) Ricardo Bermudez of the Chilean Air Force (FACH), director of the first certificate course in anomalous aerial phenomena to be offered in the continent, and which shall be held at the University of Santiago. It was unveiled yesterday at the Planetarium of the University of Santiago.

With a faculty consisting of specialists, the academic program issued by the university was announced as a necessity for these times, but above all as a response to media mountebanks and gurus who, in Bermudez's opinion, have profited off the UFO subject. For this reason, faculty stressed that there would be no ufologists, or anything resembling them, teaching courses. "This will be done by persons from the scientific community. These [other] gentlemen can perhaps participate as students." This was the unequivocal message given by Cristian Neto, the Planetarium's extension director.

Despite the expectations that this initiative might trigger among SF fans, interested in motherships from distant worlds and oval-headed beings, Bermudez, who also presided the Comité de Estudios de Fenómenos Aéreos Anómalos (CEFAA), stressed the goals that have been put forth: "Those participating in this certificate course will have the opportunity to acquire scientific tools and investigation methods," he said, highlighting the attraction of having star faculty such as Klaus Von Storch, Chile's first astronaut.

Registration is open and 70 students are expected. They shall have up to March 18th to register for the course which shall end in October 2005 and whose cost shall be between 60 and 70 UF, according to the registration date.

Startled by the news, Roderick Bowen, a member of the Instituto de Investigación de Estudios Exobiológicos, manifested his skepticism at the course's contents, because in his opinion it

is essential to see "what focus [the course] will be given."  
However, he found the offering attractive. "This will be an  
effort to set forth the knowledge needed to guide ufology's  
basic premises, since there are many variants and the  
extraterrestrial one isn't necessarily the only one."

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## Re: Earth Organisms On Mars - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 11:16:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 08:09:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Earth Organisms On Mars - Balaskas

>From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 17:35:58 +0000  
>Subject: Earth Organisms On Mars

>Hello List,

>Some of you know I'd expressed concern at probable forward-  
>contamination of Mars well before the launchings.

>I received only a reply saying official protection protocols were  
>in place - but on checking found that evidence had been presented  
>that Mars was "too cold, too airless, too arid" for survival of  
>Earth organisms - see:

><http://www7.nationalacademies.org/ssb/bcmarsch5.html>

<snip>

Greetings Everyone!

We should not be worried about forward contamination of our third closest neighbour in space since past or present living organisms found there will very likely have come from Earth. Martians, if they exist, will have common Earth ancestors.

Thanks to the bacteria found inside the hardware of the unmanned Surveyor lunar lander that was brought back to Earth by the Apollo 12 astronauts from the "cold, airless and arid" Moon and later revived back to life and the hardy fungus(?) growing on the outside windows of the Russian Mir space station, we already have many, many examples where Earth organisms can indeed survive in space, even under the most hostile conditions.

Since Earth is the only planet in the universe we know for sure that harbours life and that this life has been around for a very long time, these facts along with the evidence from many huge but now eroded ancient impact craters all around the Earth, I think we can safely conclude that the first Earthlings to leave our planet for the long journey to other worlds were not humans (or turtles like the ones which travelled to the Moon aboard the Russian Zond spacecraft just before the U.S. astronauts did).

If our planet harboured life for billions of years and we if we were indeed frequently bombarded by asteroids and comets over the eons, then all the life bearing Earth rocks ejected in every direction into space will not only have already contaminated the planets within our own solar system long ago, including Mars, but very likely have seeded life on many other worlds orbiting stars throughout our galaxy too!

Since our galaxy rotates, there should exist an ever widening band of worlds contaminated by living organisms which originated on Earth. The numbers of these worlds is so large that radio SETI can eavesdrop on just a very tiny number of them.

This concept of life throughout the heavens is supported by many

ancient texts including a very important but often overlooked collection of ET inspired documents still in the public domain - the Bible! Modern science is only now coming around to accepting this fact too.

Note: Not all my colleagues here feel that we shouldn't be careful in not contaminating Mars with organisms from Earth. This included Prof. Wayne Cannon who helped the Japanese Nozomi spacecraft reach Mars a year ago at the same time with three Mars landers from the U.S. and the U.K. Not wanting to risk becoming an unplanned fourth Mars lander and risk introducing Earth microbes, it was allowed to simply fly past Mars.....

As for growing things on Mars, check out this interesting article about what some colleagues at University of Guelph are doing for NASA at a Mars-like environment on Earth located in Canada in preparation of the eventual colonization of Mars. See:

[http://www.uoguelph.ca/research/news/articles/2002/greenhouse\\_technology.shtml](http://www.uoguelph.ca/research/news/articles/2002/greenhouse_technology.shtml)

Wishing you all having a wonderful Christmas - a truly ET holiday for the whole world!

Nick Balaskas

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## Martian Cheshire Cat

From: Colin Stevenson <[colsweb.nul](mailto:colsweb.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 17:41:03 +0000 (GMT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 08:10:40 -0500  
Subject: Martian Cheshire Cat

A THEMIS IR image Released 22 December 2004 seems to show what looks like a large grinning Cat's face on Mars

[http://www.colsweb.com/Martian\\_IR\\_question.gif](http://www.colsweb.com/Martian_IR_question.gif)

Main Page;

<http://www.colweb.com/MartianCheshireCat.htm>

Also of interest on the same IR strip is what looks like a good straight Mars Tunnel. Wind blown sand? I think not.

Happy hunting and a Happy New Year,

Col

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## Re: Merry Christmas - Smith

From: James Smith <[zeus001002.nul](mailto:zeus001002.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 13:14:04 -0500 (GMT-05:00)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 08:11:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Merry Christmas - Smith

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 17:18:39 -0600  
>Subject: Merry Christmas

>I don't believe I could express more eloquently my wishes for  
>each and all of us for the next 365 strange days than by quoting  
>James Smith, who was probably quoting someone else, but perhaps  
>not.

I am not aware that I am quoting but I read a lot, so who knows?

>In this forum, and in all aspects of our lives, may we

>"help each other as best we can, and do no harm."

Yup! Have a Happy New Year!

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 52

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Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 08:16:38 -0500  
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 52

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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UFO ROUNDUP  
Volume 9, Number 52  
December 29, 2004

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### NEWS OF ALIEN PRESENCE STARTLES INDIA

India was startled by four reports last week which appeared to confirm the rumors of a large underground base staffed by extraterrestrials in the Ladakh region of the Himalayas.

In New Delhi, India's capital, a senior officer of the Indian Army told freelance journalist Subha Jain that aliens were indeed in the Himalayas.

In Bangalore, a recently-retired officer of the Indian Air Force described the underground base to his youngest son's elementary school class and said aliens had met with high-ranking officials of India's government.

In Leh, a city in the Ladakh region, a local official confirmed that the Indian Army had moved armored brigades into the area and was limiting access to civilian residents and tourists.

In Joshimath, another Ladakh town, workers at an auto repair shop claim they witnessed a strange broadcast on their Chinese-made miniature black-and-white television set.

"According to Subha Jain, a freelance reporter in New Delhi, she bumped into a very senior military official in a nightclub in New Delhi. According to him, the extraterrestrials have been visiting India and the rest of the world for thousands of years."

"In recent years, most of the super-powers have been visited. India is no exception."

"They always make contact through the ground radar stations run by the military," she says."

"The Himalayas and Ladakh is where they have made their most recent contact. They want to let Indians know the rules and regulations of the multidimensional universe."

"India is planning an unmanned moon and later an advanced unmanned Mars expedition. India's Space Research Organisation (SRO) has been given the galactic do's and don't's."

"Last week, a flight commodore of the Indian Air Force (IAF), who recently retired, was asked to provide a little talk to his youngest son's class at a school in Bangalore."

"Guess what he picked as a topic? Yes, you got it right. It was the advanced landing base for UFOs in Ladakh."

"He started by saying new technology is evolving, and

new advancements are being made in Aerospace. The students started questioning him on different aspects of these new technologies and where this technology came from. At that moment, he began giving a vivid description of the landing base."

"Surrounded by two of the world's highest mountain ranges, the Himalayas and the Karakorams, the region lies athwart two others--the Ladakh range and the Lanskar range. Residents live at altitudes ranging from 2,750 meters (9,000 feet) at Kargil to 7,672 meters (25,170 feet) at Saser Kangri in the Karakorams. In summer, temperatures rarely exceed 27 degrees Celsius, while in winter they plummet to minus 20 degrees Celsius, even in Leh."

"In Leh, Ladakh (region), according to Tsering Spalzung, a senior official, paranormal activities are happening with regard to the buildup of the Indian Army" in the region.

"These are zones that the Indian Army and Indian Air Force block for security reasons. The Ladakh valley has been heavily secured by the Indian government. It is a 'sensitive area' and no one is allowed to enter from either the Indian side or the Chinese side."

"According to some in New Delhi, UFOs have made contact with high-ranking officials of the Indian government. The government was initially baffled, not knowing how to react. Later, things became quiet, and it seems that everyone understands that the extraterrestrials are friendly."

Krishnari Bai Dharapurnanda, UFO Roundup correspondent in India, reported, "I am trying to learn more about a strange incident that occurred in Joshimath. This is a town some 30 kilometers (18 miles) south of Badrinath, a pilgrimage site sacred to Hindu rishis (holy men--J.T.). A family was working on an automobile engine at their repair shop. They had a small, battery-powered Chinese B & W (black-and-white) television set. Reception is very bad in this mountainous region. Even with a large antenna, there is quite a lot of static. All at once, the telly gave out a weird squealing noise. When they looked, they saw onscreen a crystal clear picture--in color!"

"The screen showed a young Chinese woman wearing a white halter top. She had long, glossy black hair, parted in the middle and with a shelf of bangs just touching her eyebrows. She had almond eyes and prominent cheekbones. She said something in a strange language. Then she paused and spoke again in another language. Then she paused again and spoke in yet another language. She did it one more time, and this time one of the shop workers recognized the fourth language as Uighur."

"Next a Pathan (man from northern Pakistan--J.T.) appeared. He had a rather fleshy face and a small moustache. He was also dressed very strangely in a kind of scale-mail armor and a spiked helmet covered with a puggaree (turban). He, too, spoke in an unknown language. Then he paused and spoke again in Urdu, which, of course, everyone in the shop understood."

"He said he and the Chinese woman were emissaries of the extraterrestrials. He said the aliens mean no harm and have placed the Ladakh valley under their protection. He advised the people to go about with their lives and rest assured that they would not be troubled in any way by the UFOs. The color image then vanished, replaced by a screen full of crackling static."

"Our ufologists believe the woman addressed her message to people living north of the Himalayas, in China, while the Pathan was addressing the mountain people here in India and in Pakistan. We have only heard of one such incident, so we do not know if anyone else saw this broadcast. It is all very troubling. Could this have been a hoax? If the aliens building this base wanted to communicate with the people of Ladakh, why didn't they themselves appear on the telly? Why would they use two humans as their emissaries?" (See the newspaper India Daily for December 19, 2004, "ET contacts with India's government and military." Many thanks to John Winston, Robert Fischer and Krishnari Bai Dharapurnanda for these reports.)

SKY BOOMS RATTLE THE CAPITAL OF INDONESIA

"Several loud blasts believed to be caused by a meteor shower echoed across the Indonesian capital of Jakarta and nearby towns early on Sunday," December 19, 2004, "startling residents who reported seeing flying objects in the sky."

"Police said they found no evidence that the blasts were caused by bomb attacks."

"An official from the Indonesian space centre LAPAN told the official Antara news agency that the explosions were likely to have been caused by a meteor shower."

"'It's probable that a fireball originating from a big meteor entered the earth's atmosphere. This created the explosion,' said LAPAN space expert Thomas Djamaluddin."

"Police had said they were investigating the blasts." (See the Lahore Daily Times of Pakistan for December 21, 2004, "Indonesian blasts likely meteor shower." Many thanks to Robert Fischer and Muhammad Ayub Khan for forwarding this newspaper article.)

#### F/A-22 RAPTOR CRASHES NEAR AREA 51

"In the first reported crash of the military's next generation fighter jet, an F/A-22 Raptor slammed into the ground and exploded during takeoff at Nellis Air Force Base" in Nevada on Monday afternoon, December 20, 2004.

"The pilot, whose name was not released, ejected safely minutes before the crash."

"He was taken to Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital for evaluation. A Nellis spokesman said he was 'up and walking around.'"

"A fire engine based at Nellis flipped over as it sped to the scene of the crash, but nobody was injured in the crash, an Air Force official said."

"The crash marked the first mishap involving a Raptor since the (U.S.) Air Force began taking delivery of the aircraft two years ago."

"The unarmed F/A-22 destroyed Monday was assigned to the 53rd Wing's 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron. It was one of about 25 Raptors the Air Force has received so far, and one of eight assigned to the testing program that began at Nellis in January 2003."

"Equipped with Stealth technology to help to evade enemy aircraft, the twin-engine Raptor flies fast enough to cover the 12,000-square-mile Nellis range (which includes the facility at Groom Lake known as Area 51-- J.T.) in seven minutes."

"But as the cost of the F/A-22s has swelled, estimates range from \$130 million to \$250 million each, the number of aircraft the Pentagon plans to buy has shrunk from 750 to about 300, according to the Government Accounting Office (GAO)."

"Nellis Air Force Base expects to receive nine more Raptors in the next five or six years. The aircraft is scheduled to become combat ready in 2005."

"'It is by far the most advanced aircraft, not only in the U.S. but in the world,' said Major General Stephen Goldfein, commander of the Nellis Air Warfare Center."

"Gen. Goldfein said all aircraft at the base will be grounded this morning until the crash site is inspected in daylight. The seven remaining Raptors at Nellis will undergo a thorough inspection before they are flown again, he said."

"The inspections could take hours and be done today, or they could take several days, Gen. Goldfein said."

"'The purpose, of course, is to prevent anything like this from happening again,' he said, 'Obviously, we are looking for the specific reason why the accident occurred.'"

"Goldfein said the plane wasn't high off the ground when the pilot ejected from the aircraft."

"'As soon as the pilot grabs the handle, within a second the whole system works,' he said of the ejection process."

"Nellis closed its runways immediately following the accident, which sent a large plume of black smoke billowing into the sky of North Las Vegas, Nevada (population 115,488)."

This was the fourth crash of a military aircraft in

southern Nevada for the year 2004.

"On November 9 (2004), a \$40 million Navy F-18 Hornet went down north of Las Vegas shortly after takeoff. Both the pilot, who ejected safely, and his single-seat aircraft were assigned to the Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia." (See UFO Roundup, volume 9, number 48 for December 1, 2004, "Mysterious jet crash at Area 51 in Nevada," page 3.)

"In June (2004), an Air Force pilot safely ejected from a military jet during a training mission about 70 miles (116 kilometers) northeast of Las Vegas."

"Five people were killed in a March (2004) crash involving an Air Force plane ferrying contractors to a remote part of the Nellis Test Range about 135 miles (218 kilometers) northwest of the base." (See the Las Vegas, Nev. Review-Journal for December 21, 2004, "Next generation F/A-22 Raptor: Stealth fighter crashes." Many thanks to Daniel Wilson for forwarding this newspaper article.)

#### UFO PHOTOGRAPHED IN PISCO ELQUI, CHILE

On Saturday, November 6, 2004, a group of travel agents drove from Santiago de Chile, the national capital, up into the Andes to the mountain village of Pisco Elqui. "At around 5 p.m., the travelers reached Pisco Elqui with the intent of redoing a postcard (photograph) of the region."

"Tatiana Comejo, a representative of the Detour Travel Agency, arranged to have a photograph taken of herself in the Plaza de Armas," the village's main square, "using the local church as a background."

"Back in Santiago, Sra. Comejo noticed something. The upper part of the photo showed a strange lenticular object" that had not been there when the photographer snapped the picture. In spite of her skepticism, she submitted the photo to the Altovasol Space Centre to decide the possibility of a UFO's presence."

"Several expert analyses were made, and experts from Omnivision Chile," a UFO study group, "validated that the object appearing in the photo" was a genuine daylight disc. The Comejo photo has now been made available for study to UFO groups in Mexico, Spain, France and the USA. (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Liliana Nunez para estas noticias.)

#### CALIFORNIA IS THE FOCUS OF HEAVY UFO ACTIVITY

On Monday, December 13, 2004, eyewitness Cher R. stated, "We had a big UFO sighting here in Porterville," California (population 39,615). "Many people here in my neighborhood have seen it. It was a ball of light that moved too fast to be anything normal. It moved around over the neighborhood as everyone stood outside watching it. It faded once out of sight before coming back for a few minutes. Then it flew straight up into the sky."

"We may have some photos" of the UFO "developed or even a video made. If there are other pictures, like the one you reported in Porterville" several weeks ago, "we would like to compare them."

Porterville, Cal. is on Highway 190 approximately 44 miles (70 kilometers) north of Bakersfield.

On Sunday, December 19, 2004, at 5:15 p.m., in Berkeley, Cal. (population 102,743), John Delmos was on the university campus, standing "outside the Doe Library for about 15 minutes," when he saw an unusual object in the sky approaching from the east.

"I watched two separate objects," John reported, "One was like a small bright cloud. Looked larger than Venus. It gave off a short contrail, then went back into a round shape after 10 to 15 seconds. It went below the (western) horizon. Then another object, also the same shape, went in the sky over the (San Francisco) Bay. Same general area, and also performed like a planet, but it was much bigger and bright orange. I wish I had a videocamera. The objects were thousands of feet high, speed enormous, looked stable." (Email Form Reports)



## LUMINOUS OVAL UFO SEEN IN TWEED, ONTARIO

On Saturday, December 18, 2004, at 11:50 p.m., Wayne P. reported, "I was returning home, travelling on Bridgewater Road, which is a rural gravel road, west of Tweed, Ontario" province, Canada.

"I noticed what is best described as an oval light, with a flat bottom, giving an appearance of a dome light. Approximately one kilometer (0.6 miles) west of Highway 37. Normally, with something like this, you would expect a meteor, as we see many in the mostly smog-free skies here. Annually we look forward to the Perseid and Leonid meteor showers. But in this case, the speed (it seemed to me closer than meteors I've seen--W.P.), seemed different, and there was no trail. At no time did I have an impression it was a meteor."

"The only other piece of information I can offer is that it was travelling due north."

Tweed, Ont. is on Highway 37 and Stoco Lake about 130 miles (210 kilometers) northeast of Toronto. (Many thanks to John Hayes for forwarding this report.)

DID OPPORTUNITY VISIT  
A MARTIAN CAR WASH?

"An unexplained phenomenon akin to a space borne car wash has boosted the performance of one of two U.S. rovers probing the surface of Mars, New Scientist magazine said on Tuesday, December 21, 2004.

"It said something--or someone--had regularly cleaned layers of dust from the solar panels of the Mars Opportunity vehicle while it closed down during the Martian night."

"The cleaning had boosted the panels' power output close to the maximum 900 watt-hours peak long after they had dropped to 500 watt-hours because of the heavy Martian dust."

"By contrast, the power output of the solar panels of the Mars Spirit (rover), at a different part of the Red Planet, had dropped to just 400 watt-hours a day, clogged by the heavy dust."

"These exciting and unexplained cleaning events have kept Opportunity in really great shape,' the magazine quoted NASA team leader Jim Erickson as saying." (See New Scientist for Tuesday, December 21, 2004. Many thanks to Jim Hickman, executive director of Skywatch International, for this news story.)

(Editor's Comment: What do you think, readers? Are the Jawas riding around on Mars in their giant sand crawlers, doing maintenance work on Opportunity right after the sun goes down? Oh, and here's the Jawas' holiday season offer...four brand-new Michelin tires and a complete engine tune-up with every abduction. What a deal!)

HUYGENS PROBE LEAVES  
CASSINI SPACECRAFT

"Scientists have long thought thick clouds over Saturn's moon Titan rained methane through smoggy skies. Some believed the liquid pooled on the surface, perhaps forming lakes and seas reminiscent of Earth's."

"Recent images of the moon (Titan)--about half the size of Earth--show dark regions next to a light one. Researchers, however, haven't been able to figure out which is higher in elevation, let alone what they're made of."

"Space scientists hope to finally get some answers in three weeks when they send a space probe spinning down through the thick atmosphere of a world more distant than any visited before."

On Friday evening, December 24, 2004, "Cassini researchers scattered around the world" watched in excitement "as the landing probe Huygens separates from the spacecraft and heads toward the moon."

"Huygens will spend three weeks sinking slowly toward Titan. On January 14 (2005), it will float through the atmosphere on parachutes, shooting pictures for two-and-a-

half hours before it hits the surface."

"From what scientists can tell, the chemical composition of Titan's atmosphere reflects what was on Earth several billion years ago, when life was just getting started, said Carolyn Porco, Cassini imaging leader and a researcher with the Space Science Institute in Boulder, Colorado."

"Titan 'doesn't have liquid water, because it's too cold...but chemical processes that are happening slowly there might be similar to what happened on Earth,' Porco said."

"'This will be like a Jules Verne adventure,' she said, 'Maybe we'll see cliffs and cracks, maybe we'll see meandering streams and valleys. Or maybe we won't.'" (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for December 24, 2004, "Spacecraft to begin descent toward Saturn moon," page 8A.)

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

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## Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 13:06:23 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 08:24:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Shough

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 17:23:47 -0400  
>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 20:32:58 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

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>>The point is that the RI gradient is vertical and the balloon  
>>sampling in the vertical dimension is sparse. The very sharp  
>>layers that Atlas and others have investigated involve huge  
>>gradients over centimetres of altitude. Radiosondes are unlikely  
>>to pick these up. I don't think McDonald really believed in the  
>>existence of these layers in the 1960s-70s. If he were still  
>>alive he would have to.

>Hi Martin,

>What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. What  
>McDonald didn't know about in the 50's and 60's goes as well for  
>air traffic controllers and radar operators.

Hi Don,

Nice to talk to you :-). Well, this is precisely the point. The Washington National operators were puzzled by what they saw because the targets did not look or behave like ground returns due to AP such as they were familiar with. If you accept their evidence you then have to come up with an explanation. The B & V explanation was a \*novel hypothesis that respected the radar evidence as reported\*. Isn't this what we're supposed to do? They showed not just by argument and statistics but by direct experiment with Washington radar on another date that groups of moving point targets like those reported \*did\* occur, that the onset of the echoes was correlated with the onset of inversion conditions, and that echo speed and direction were correlated with wind speed and direction at the inversion altitude. Their model has basically survived 50 years of radar-meteorological theory and experiment.

>Who says the objects were metallic for example?

Well I don't. Borden & Vickers didn't.

>How would your 1952 radar  
>operator deal with a fiberglass airplane giving a soft return.  
>Would that then be considered an echo. There's no hard evidence  
>that what the operators called echos were indeed echos.

Well then I don't know what the debate is about, if there is no evidence of anything.

>>If there were were "radar returns of definitive unknown objects"  
>>this argument would have some force, even though the visuals are  
>>by and large weak and the correlation with radar always

>>debateable. But given that the radar returns might well be  
>>explainable the "reality" of the visual objects seems to me to  
>>be in doubt.

>I don't think that given our own newer technology that that  
>statement can be valid. Aren't we mixing apples and oranges  
>here; that '50s radar technology and analysis of images verses  
>the possibility of a technology were hundreds or thousands of  
>years superior to that?

If you are arguing that the evidence is not unambiguous enough to support the Borden & Vickers hypothesis, which is now a well understood part of radar meteorology, then I don't see that it is clear enough to support the Ledger hypothesis of extraterrestrial stealth technology. If one accepts the existence of such technology on other grounds then I agree it becomes part of the equation; but I don't think that the Washington National evidence is a strong case in itself for introducing such an hypothesis. And this was the point of the thread initially as I recall - strong cases, strong evidence to present to mainstream scientists. I agree with Brad Sparks' assessment that it is a conspicuously weak case for this purpose.

>Is it not the case that it was stated that some of these  
>returns were real solid?

An occasional return was said to be very solid, but the accounts I have show that by and large it was stated that most were quite weak. This is consistent with the B & V model.

Best,

Martin

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## Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 13:24:35 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 09:23:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Shough

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 14:23:14 -0800  
>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 20:32:58 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 10:06:14 -0800  
>>>Subject: False(?) Radar Returns [was: Alien Abductions]

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>As a layman, I would expect atmospheric radar returns to be  
>sheet-like, stringy perhaps, or maybe something like long thin  
>cirrus clouds on the radar screen... large, weak, dispersed  
>with  
>ever changing shapes.  
>I would expect aircraft, 'UFOs', solid objects to appear sharp,  
>point like, and hopefully bright.

There are many types of "false" returns caused by many types of combinations of atmospheric and other conditions. Some of these conditions do give rise to echoes \*similar to\* those from what are called "point targets", i.e. aircraft etc. \*In general\* the literature agrees that these will \*tend\* to be weaker or softer and more intermittent than a good a/c target, if not always so. These are in fact the characteristics reported by the operators at Washington.

>I would also expect trained and experienced radar operators to  
>know the difference on sight.

As I said, they described echoes that for the most part tended to be somewhat weaker and more intermittent than bright, sharp a/c targets. This is consistent with the Borden & Vickers hypothesis of scattering from domains of sharp refractive index gradient and also consistent with what B & V observed on Washington radar in August 1952.

>I'm not at all convinced the Washington wave is anomalous or  
>not, but wouldn't a study of the actual images be to the point?  
>Were any of these photographed so we can have something visual  
>to discuss? Anything public?

I couldn't agree more. I'm not aware of any useful scope photos or track diagrams though.

Best,

Martin

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## Re: Chilean UFO University Opens Its Doors -

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 10:35:48 -0200  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 09:29:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Chilean UFO University Opens Its Doors -

>From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 11:29:32 -0500  
>Subject: Chilean UFO University Opens Its Doors

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>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
>December 28, 2004

>Source: Planeta UFO  
>Date: December 28, 2004

>University of Chile (Usach) to offer certificate course

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Hello Scott:

It doesn't surprise me. Well, at least, not much... Chile is probably one of the most advanced countries on Earth when it comes to UFOs.

I have lectured, several times, in Chile, and had the opportunity, in 1998, of meeting General Bermudez in person. I was taken by him to visit Chile's Civil Aviation Agency, where the official Chilean UFO group has its headquarters.

I have to say that I was absolutely impressed by the serious and responsible way that the UFO Phenomena is observed in Chile. I only wish that Brazil and other countries in South America had the same approach.....

Congratulations to all Chilean UFO researchers, whose efforts resulted in this achievement, to General Bermudez and his staff, for doing a great job in Ufology, and to the country's population, who have very open and receptive minds toward UFOs.

A. J. Gevaerd, editor  
Brazilian UFO Magazine  
[www.ufo.com.br](http://www.ufo.com.br)

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## Re: Earth Organisms On Mars - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <[ray.dickenson.nul](mailto:ray.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 14:15:08 +0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 09:31:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: Earth Organisms On Mars - Dickenson

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 22:10:08 EST  
>Subject: Re: Earth Organisms On Mars

>I knew something was wrong. I can see it now, Those nasty little  
>buggers the Cold Viri stowed aboard the Spirit Rover and have  
>begun their excursion into the Martian environment.

>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 11:16:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Earth Organisms On Mars

>We should not be worried about forward contamination of our  
>third closest neighbour in space since past or present living  
>organisms found there will very likely have come from Earth.  
>Martians, if they exist, will have common Earth ancestors.

Hello Greg, Nick and List,

Certainly agree with the general thrust of "seeding" happening  
between planets of a solar system - via impact ejecta etc.

There are a few questions - how often? and how regular? and, do  
evolutionary trends get chance to develop differences large  
enough for later damaging meetings?

As to wider-sourced seeding, Hoyle and Wickramasinghe seemed to  
think that happens, but again - how often? and how regular? are  
not certain at all so the probability of later damaging meetings  
is presumably greater.

My problem with the Mars missions is not any absolute value of  
damage probability but the apparent cover-ups -

1) going through a process of pretending to establish  
"protection protocols" (as per reply to my query) but ensuring  
those are worthless

2) subsequent hasty plans to place Earth organisms on Mars,  
presumably those needed for initial oxygenation then for warming  
reactions (but no mosquitoes, fleas?).

Conclusions?

Calculations on energy requirements and likely corporates' moves  
(to "securely" replace oil, gas, coal), point to the use of Mars  
- see:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/future1.html>

That motive, which alone could explain current shadiness and  
haste, couples with another: that Mars could become the ultimate  
"gated community" for the chosen of the corporates!

Cheers

Ray D

~~~~~  
"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>
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## Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 14:26:27 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 09:33:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Shough

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 17:12:12 -0800  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

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>>>Such echoes due to atmospheric inhomogeneities do not correlate  
>>>positively at all with visual UFO sightings.

>>Generally speaking, simultaneous radar and optical mirages of  
>>the same source due to ray paths through the same atmospheric  
>>domain would require unusual circumstances, which I assume is  
>>what you mean.

>What I mean is that I haven't heard of any radar returns  
>conclusively linked to atmospheric inhomogeneities that were  
>supported by concurrent visual observations of the same  
>inhomogeneities. In fact, I haven't heard of any ground-based  
>visual observation of something looking like a hovering or  
>moving compact object having resulted conclusively from  
>atmospheric inhomogeneities when the line of sight angled  
>upwards more than ten degrees or so from the horizontal. Do any  
>such data exist? Where? Practically speaking, moreover, in  
>almost all visual-radar cases, the visual ray paths differ from  
>the radar ray paths, usually very substantially.

I don't know who is claiming that visual and radar ray paths had  
to have been the same at Washington, and I don't know what the  
precise angles of elevation were in any case of simultaneous  
radar-visual sighting at Washington - if there ever was one  
(vide Brad's original point). The realistic issue is that radar  
echoes were reported, pilots and ground personnel were asked to  
look and saw what for the most part sound like meteors (alpha  
Capricornid, alpha Cygnids and/or gamma Draconids, three showers  
underway at the time), stars and planets. Several witnesses  
expressed their opinions that that was exactly what they were.

>If it is claimed that visual-radar UFO cases prove that  
>simultaneous radar and optical mirages that look like compact  
>hovering/moving objects exist, along elevated lines of sight,  
>surely non-simultaneous reports of visual sightings, traced  
>beyond doubt to some atmospheric inhomogeneity, should be  
>available for study.

I don't know that anyone is claiming such a thing in this case.

>The issue is clouded, of course, by the many reports of UFOs  
>sighted visually but not seen on radar, and vice versa.

Quite.

>>This doesn't mean that people don't report visual  
>>UFOs simultaneously with radar UFOs when both can be proved to  
>>be explainable. We know they do. We have a huge number of cases  
>>where this has happened.

>I'm not aware of any such huge number, if the reported objects  
>maneuvered or appeared or vanished in a manner unexplainable by  
>natural or man-made objects, i.e., in a manner displaying "high  
>strangeness."

But very little of the visual "data" in this case is of high  
strangeness, the strangeness of the radar data was tackled head-  
on by Borden and Vickers and they came up with a \*novel  
hypothesis that respected the radar evidence reported\* - they  
proposed a kind of atmospheric phenomenon that McDonald thought  
was too way out. They were the proponents of novelty in this  
case. History of atmospheric studies shows that their far-out  
radar meteorology was in error only in not being wild enough.

>>>From what I read in  
>>>the Condon Report, such echoes moreover are likely to exhibit  
>>>cellular or striated/layered characteristics,

>>The "layered characteristics" relate to the stratified  
>>atmosphere generally responsible for such echoes, so this seems  
>>to be a misunderstanding.

>I was instead referring to the Condon Report's mention of the  
>Atlas paper in which the radar echoes themselves showed  
>striations.

Often very large regions of clear-air echo are detected,  
especially on sensitive research radars optimised for frequency,  
and these occur typically layered in bands or striations. The  
types of small point-target type echoes are believed to occur  
due to glints from patches of CAT under the influence of moving  
waves on the layers.

>>If you mean that the scope  
>>presentation of such echoes will never be similar to the echo  
>>from a point target like an aircraft, but will always appear  
>>"cellular", then this is a misunderstanding too. Borden &  
>>Vickers themselves observed small moving point echoes and groups  
>>thereof on radars at Washington that August 13-14, as did  
>>Washington ARTC center personnel on Aug 15-16, and B & V again  
>>at Indianapolis that summer.

>Granted, most of these radar-only cases could be due to other  
>factors than "true" UFOs, such as insects or birds, ducting,  
>etc. Thus the concurrent visual observations are extremely  
>important, especially if they exhibit object behavior of high  
>strangeness. If they moreover show good correlation with  
>concurrent radar observations, then both observations are  
>strengthened. I presume it's the degree of correlation that is  
>most at issue.

I think it is. The point is that we know from other cases and  
from simple human nature that if pilots and ground staff are  
asked to go look for lights in the sky by radar operators they  
will often see them. In this case what they saw was by and large  
of very marginal strangeness and I haven't seen a clear rebuttal  
of Brad Sparks' point that no radar-visual correlation is  
unambiguous. If radar and visual reports individually are of low  
strangeness then I think that the existence of only a rather  
poor correlation between them fails to make a case for an event  
of high strangeness.

>>>and are unlikely  
>>>to occur unless the radar line of sight angle lies close to a  
>>>quasi-horizontal ducting layer or clear-air-turbulence layer.

>>And? What exactly were the radar lines of sight in this case?  
>>Are you saying that clear air angels could never be observed on  
>>Washington radars? Are you saying that Borden & Vickers lied  
>>about observing 80 such targets first-hand at Washington?

>I believe you're speaking of radar-only cases here.

I'm speaking of actual recorded track tracings of clear air echoes on Washington radar that summer that were clearly correlated with the winds aloft and which supported the Borden & Vickers scattering hypothesis. No pilots knew why B & V were tracking these echoes on the night of Aug 13 and it would have been an interesting extension of their experiment to ask pilots to look for visual UFOs. I wouldn't have been at all surprised if some "UFOs" were reported (the Perseids were not far past maximum). Then it wouldn't have been a "radar-only case" would it? Ought we then to have discarded B & Vs documented quantitative evidence that the echoes correlated with winds aloft in accordance with the scattering theory, on the strength of some pilot reports of swift meteors or scintillating stars? I don't think so.

>>>Conditions under which an isolated clear-air atmospheric inhomogeneity exists that would produce a compact isolated radar return are considered conceivable but rare.

>>If the the Washington National case were not a "rare" event, of whatever cause, we would not be so interested in it in the first place. So "compact isolated" echoes due to clear air structures are "rare". Well fine. What "commonplace" explanation do you find more economical? Aliens?

>Certainly, when there is high strangeness involved, with concurrent visual and radar observations by many witnesses.

With due respect I can't follow this illogic.

>>The point is that the RI gradient is vertical and the balloon sampling in the vertical dimension is sparse. The very sharp layers that Atlas and others have investigated involve huge gradients over centimetres of altitude. Radiosondes are unlikely to pick these up. I don't think McDonald really believed in the existence of these layers in the 1960s-70s. If he were still alive he would have to. ...

>My point was that when such layers exist, they exist over large areas, and would not produce a few well defined individual radar echoes,

But they would and they do! Or are you saying that the well-defined individual echoes observed by Borden & Vickers on Aug 13-14 1952 were actually alien spacecraft deliberately flying at twice the windspeed at the altitude of the inversion layer so as to mimic scattering from wind-driven domains of CAT at the layer boundary?

>one of which paced an aircraft whose image showed up as well as always.

This to my mind is what is missing. If there were clear descriptions of target behaviour like this from multiple radars at remote locations and at widely differing azimuth angles (as in the Lakenheath-Neatishead case for example) then it would become scientifically interesting. I don't see such evidence in this case.

Best

Martin Shough

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## The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye?

From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 09:40:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 09:53:55 -0500  
Subject: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye?

If a magician (or CIA operative) wanted an audience which could be easily diverted from the topic at hand - UFOs - they need go no further than some here at UFO UpDates.

Squeezing the very last drops of arcane radar information to explain the 1952 Washington D.C. "sightings" would be exactly what a misleader would find useful in keeping the mystery of UFOs in the dark.

The display of esoterica about radar and temperature inversions will not settle the question of whether or not something strange happened over the Capitol 50+ years ago.

Surely something bizarre occurred. Weird radar returns or objects of a strange kind took hold of radar operators and airplane pilots. That is all that can be said, with certainty.

A lot of typing is generated, often in a show-off manner, to indicate that some people know a lot about technical things which the ordinary moke doesn't. But will that clarify the UFO issue, past and/or present?

Brad Sparks knows that some past UFO events may be valuable, and should be looked at diligently to see if there is anything to be gleaned from them.

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But the protracted give-and-take of minutiae, about events which will end up amorphous even after they're explained, such as the D.C. sightings, do nothing to further the cause of UFO science - - because one is dealing with symptoms of a thing, and not the thing itself.

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Rich Reynolds

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## Re: UFO Review Issue 7 - Pope

From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 14:57:24 -0000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 10:52:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Review Issue 7 - Pope

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.miller4.nul](mailto:stuart.miller4.nul)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 11:13:22 +0000 (GMT)  
>Subject: UFO Review Issue 7

>UFO Review issue 7 - Happy Christmas Reading

>I am pleased to announce that the combined December/January  
>issue of UFO Review - issue 7 - is now available at:

><http://www.uforeview.net>

>Top left hand button marked "Current issue".

<snip>

>There is also an interview with Nick Pope who talks about his  
>life and interests as well as the coming UK FOIA. Apparently,  
>there are a few surprises waiting for us! Nick also answers his  
>critics, of whom there are a few in the UK and deals with some  
>direct and challenging questions.

<snip>

I recognise that my government background means that there will inevitably be researchers who are mistrustful of my involvement with ufology. I also recognise that my continued employment at the Ministry of Defence (albeit no longer on their UFO project) does nothing to dissipate these suspicions. The interview that Stuart Miller conducted with me addresses this issue and is the most in-depth interview I have given in some years. I hope it is of interest.

The UK's Freedom of Information Act comes fully into force on January 1, 2005 and information relating to UFOs is expected to be one of the most frequent subjects of FOIA requests to the MOD. I hope that material on this in the interview will be of interest and use to researchers at what promises to be an interesting time for British ufology.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 10:22:51 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 10:54:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye? - Kaeser

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>technology, and solving the UFO mystery would take that mundane  
>glory away.

I think the List is ready for the "new approach to UFO study",  
so please begin the process as soon as you can get it ready.

Some of us who've been at this a while are fading into the  
background and watching the show with everyone else, and we  
obviously don't have a clue as to how to bring this information  
to light, so please have at it.

The thread related to the Washington Nationals was an  
interesting sideline, but I agree that it's not going to resolve  
anything and it really becomes an exercise in historical  
research. There are many who've been involved in this research  
for decades and we now have a large number of new researchers  
who've joined the genre during the Internet era. The problem,  
of course, is one of anarchy among the ranks and the lack of  
centralized goals. We're seeing a lot of expertise in the  
field, but there's a lot of institutional knowledge that has to  
be re-learned to make it valuable. Many arguments being  
presented aren't new, but it's a whole new group of people and  
they aren't aware of it.

Steve

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## Re: Martian Cheshire Cat - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 10:06:58 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 11:33:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: Martian Cheshire Cat - Groff

>From: Colin Stevenson <[colswEB.nul](mailto:colswEB.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 17:41:03 +0000 (GMT)  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Subject: Martian Cheshire Cat

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><http://www.colweb.com/MartianCheshireCat.htm>

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Terry

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## Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye? - Reynolds

From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 11:15:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 11:35:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye? - Reynolds

On Wed, 29 Dec 2004 10:54:50 -0500 UFO UpDates - Toronto

<[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>writes:

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>

>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 10:22:51 -0500

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>presented aren't new, but it's a whole new group of people and  
>they aren't aware of it.

Steve:

Having reported on strange phenomena as a reporter for various  
media since the 60s, and now dealing with media as an observer  
of it, I know that as soon as reporters and editors (TV and  
print) hear an account of past "flying saucer" or UFO events,  
their eyes glaze over.

Some of these grizzled journalists have a scientific bent or the  
innate curiosity of real reporters and really like a good  
mystery, a good story.

But get them entangled in a quantum analysis of a past UFO  
event, such as the Washington, D.C. "sightings," and they'll go  
into a catatonic state. Media wants stuff that is new today...  
scientists want new projects, new challenges...not a rehash of  
old material.

And those new to UFO study might find the historical UFO events  
of some interest, but surely would prefer what's going on in the  
here and now, right?

I've always found the Washington, D.C. event(s) of interest,  
until they got slathered with radar and temperature inversion  
details so finely tuned that even I was nodding off.

As a Trekkie might say (and I'm not one; well, not fully anyway), "Let's go where no man has gone before... please."

Rich

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## Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 12:36:30 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 09:50:57 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 23:42:47 -0000  
>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 16:15:55 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns [was: Alien Abductions]

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>>I was taught, when I trained on radar that temperature  
>>inversions could, on rare occassions, bend radar and see solid  
>>objects around the horizon at "extremely" shallow angles but not  
>>reflected images of lights any more than radar could see lights  
>>in the sky. It might see what was giving off the light [save  
>>celestial objects] but of course not the light itself. If we are  
>>arguing that the radar in Washington was seeing some other  
>>sources of radar reflection either on the ground or in the sky,  
>>then you have to find out what could have done this that would  
>>match speed and direction as well.

>This is complete garbage. That you could even mention that you  
>were thought that radar would not "see reflected images of  
>lights" tells me all I need to know about your understanding of  
>radar and basic physics.

Martin,

If your are telling me that radar can see reflected light, then  
that's garbage. Radar cannot get returns back from light waves,  
reflected or not.

There's nothing wrong with my understanding of the physics of  
radar.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Martian Cheshire Cat - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.miller4.nul](mailto:stuart.miller4.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 17:07:12 +0000 (GMT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 09:55:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Martian Cheshire Cat - Miller

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Hi Terry,

Seems like its fallen to me to break the bad news to you.

When you see the name "Colin Stevenson" in the header and in particular when the title of the message refers to Mars, you can safely delete it without even bothering to have to open it.

What you're witnessing with Col's posts in this matter is meant to be an example of, I think, what passes for some form of "British Humour".

Yeah, I agree, its way too esoteric even for me, and that's saying something.

Its actually juvenile time wasting. He obviously has an extremely low opinion of what claims have so far been made in relation to supposed artefacts on the surface of Mars and back in Col's world, he is doing what is known as "taking the piss". Wonder if he's read any George Filer?

Stuart Miller

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## Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 17:21:46 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 09:57:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye? - Shough

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
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Steven,

I wonder how long you have been interested in the UFO  
phenomenon? I don't know, but as your comments are apparently  
directed at a me I admit to being a johnny-come-lately with a  
mere 40 years or so under my belt. I can promise you that the  
internet was not even a gleam in an eye when I first started  
collecting reports and attempting to make sense of all this.

I dare to say that I am probably as familiar as anybody on this  
List with the overall data base, the history of the topic and  
the physical science issues involved in interpreting what the  
significance of the Washington National reports might be. My  
opinion for what it's worth is that burying old "classic" cases  
out-of-sight and out-of-mind when we find they are actually a  
bit more difficult and contentious than was once thought is not  
a sound method and the skewing of the evidence base that results  
is only self-deception.

The debate needs to be kept virile on these cases. The problem  
is not that the arguments aren't new. The problem is that a  
large number of people, both new to the subject and not, refuse  
to learn anything from the old arguments. That's why they get  
repeated. On top of that the explanatory context for things like  
radar anomalies is not static and fixed in the paradigm of 1960,  
but is dynamic, and old conclusions do need to be revisited in  
the light of new understanding about how the atmosphere behaves  
etc.

In my opinion, anyone who admits to finding a few short emails concerning some absolutely basic science about radar just too mind-boggling and exhausting to cope with, has no business offering an opinion on the matter and should probably stick to something they do understand.

Regards

Martin Shough

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Sorry everyone. An 's' was missing from the URL. URL's are correct below.

A THEMIS IR image Released 22 December 2004 seems to show what looks like a large grinning Cat's face on Mars

[http://www.colswweb.com/Martian\\_IR\\_question.gif](http://www.colswweb.com/Martian_IR_question.gif)

Main Page;

<http://www.colswweb.com/MartianCheshireCat.htm>

Also of interest on the same IR strip is what looks like a good straight Mars Tunnel. Wind blown sand? I think not.

Happy hunting and a Happy New Year,

Col

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 13:47:11 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 10:04:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye? - Ledger

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Steve

There is no old or new UFO science, just a phenomenon,  
beleaguered by the lack of "hard evidence" which for the most  
part is not required in other fields to support the study of it  
by "science"- whatever the heck that is, and the courage to  
carry it out. There is a lot of courage on these lists, people  
who have spent their lives looking at this, hanging it out  
there, suffering the slurs and smirks of their peers. And that  
would be okay if those "peers" looked into this phenomenon with  
the verve of those they seek to embarrass by unstudied recourse  
to derision and scorn. But they don't. Most would rather preach  
from a pulpit of smugness based on their position with other  
peers of that realm but from rank ignorance. It's easy enough to  
do because it requires no courage, no risk of derision, no real  
thinking on their part, just the basic school yard tactics of  
the pack .

There are some, not sympathetic to the idea of the existence of  
the UFO phenomenon, who delve deeply into the phenomenon and  
then return their verdict upon it, but with different results-  
often with solid arguments to back it up. Those I applaud  
because they at least dare to get ankle deep in the sludge of  
"ufology" at least long enough to sift fact from fiction and  
then give their opinion.

Some years ago I gave up on the shotgun approach and began to  
focus on one aspect of it, in an area where I have some  
experience, and try to stay within that narrow band of the  
phenomenon. It isn't easy, because those with the real courage  
tend to drag you away from that focus. Those with real courage  
are the witnesses, the reporters [not the "Missing Times" types]  
of the phenomenon. They are those who come forward with their

experiences and want answers because they have been frightened, or at least un-nerved by it. And they are those who have much to lose and nothing -save their sense of security- to gain from reporting the experience, the sighting, the vague uneasiness of a half remembered memory.

I've taken some hits from my pilot buddies about this, but then I've received some solid reports from them as well.

But there is this. If you [present company accepted] aren't or haven't been out there in the trenches, tramped through the territory, risked ridicule on the job or from your friends and peers, then you are just blowing smoke and weaving rhetoric. It's like medicine, there's more to this than just science.

Don Ledger

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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 14:39:54 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 10:07:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 13:06:23 -0000  
>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 17:23:47 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>If you are arguing that the evidence is not unambiguous enough  
>to support the Borden & Vickers hypothesis, which is now a well  
>understood part of radar meteorology, then I don't see that it  
>is clear enough to support the Ledger hypothesis of  
>extraterrestrial stealth technology. If one accepts the  
>existence of such technology on other grounds then I agree it  
>becomes part of the equation; but I don't think that the  
>Washington National evidence is a strong case in itself for  
>introducing such an hypothesis.

Martin,

Well now that you are being nice to me, how can you ignore the hypothesis? What I'm trying to point out is that if our '50s technology was attempting to paint some 'other-when' technology, who knows what the heck the returns would be like. And I wasn't implying "stealth" technology, but rather that the craft's by-product of its "power plant" and its passage through the air creates some type of envelope that is not readable by radar microwaves. Perhaps they create them. One who has actually looked into the "envelope" around a UFO is Paul R. Hill [Langley then later NASA] who was "initiated" in 1952. Note that the Shuttle upon return from space is not read by radar during the plasma stage. Additionally there is the usual radio blackout.

There is a conundrum here. How can we argue that these weren't solid objects or their returns if we don't know for sure these were or were not "extraterrestrial craft". Are we not expecting that radar will prove something when the aircraft it was attempting to paint didn't behave they way conventional aircraft did. If we get into that argument then the fact that the returns were not solid could imply that the craft were not "terrestrial" or that they were Greyhound buses on the freeway. Take your pick.

>>Is it not the case that it was stated that some of these  
>>returns were real solid?

>An occasional return was said to be very solid, but the accounts  
>I have show that by and large it was stated that most were quite  
>weak. This is consistent with the B & V model.

I admit that I destroyed more than a few brain cells over Christmas and I jumped, recklessly, into the middle of this argument. What's the B&V model. Does it have 4 or 6 cylinders?

Best,

Don

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## Re: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings -

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 13:24:17 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 10:10:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings -

>From: Brian Vike - HBCC UFO Research <[hbccufo.nul](mailto:hbccufo.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 16:23:48 -0800  
>Subject: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 12-27-04

>HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings

<snip>

>Kaufman County, Texas A. Number Of Objects

>Date: December 18, 2004  
>Time: Approx: 12:30 p.m.

>Hi Brian,

>I have one picture for you just in time for Christmas. I was  
>sitting on my Trellis bench in my yard when I noticed this  
>multi-colored cloud in the southwest sky. I had my camera with  
>me and decided to take a few pictures of it. It was  
>approximately 12:30 p.m. on 12-18-2004. The colors in the cloud  
>is exactly what I saw with my eyes before I took the pictures,  
>so the camera was doing it's job. When I downloaded them onto my  
>computer later, I noticed several orbs around the cloud so I  
>enlarged them and sending them to you also. I'm sending you a  
>copy of the original picture too.

>Best Wishes to you and yours for the holidays.

>Thank you to the witness for the report and photo.

>Photos can be viewed at:

><http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=2161>

<snip>

Hi Brian,

This report records a very pretty phenomenon, which is described  
in a little detail at this site... scroll down the page for  
description and photos of similar phenomena.

[www.komotv.com/weather/faq/sun\\_rainbow.asp](http://www.komotv.com/weather/faq/sun_rainbow.asp)

A rainbow is a prismatic effect of light on water droplets. But  
ice can produce the same effect, except that ice crystals  
generally do not disperse like water vapor, and so the prismatic  
effect is localized to a cloud, like these cirrus clouds. Sun  
angle plays a part as well.

A beautiful thing to see, and about as close to an aurora as  
Kaufman County Texas is likely to witness.

I can't really speak to the \*orbs\* in the image as they could be  
any number of things in lieu of movement data or better detail.

An excellent photograph nonetheless, and a good example of how



Re: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings -

something can exhibit 'high strangeness' to one person, and something less to another.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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## A Possible Method For Visual Data Collection?

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 13:45:23 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 11:47:12 -0500  
Subject: A Possible Method For Visual Data Collection?

Hi List,

I saw this article...

<http://graphics.stanford.edu/papers/highspeedarray/>

I was intrigued at the possibility of using such an inexpensive array for sky surveying.

I'm not sure of the feasibility for UFO sky surveying purposes, but it sure seems like an interesting possibility.

If several of these arrays were located in discrete locations around an area, we might be able to record... webcam style... aerial phenomena at very hi-speed, and might get some really good images to work with.

I could even envision a portable multi-array setup, where investigators could deploy several of these arrays in an area of persistent UFO activity, and monitor over time for sightings.

This is another good example of how low-tech can be leveraged to produce decidedly hi-tech results.

Best to all,

Kyle

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## Filer's Files #1 - 2005

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Filer's Files #12005, Skywatch Investigations  
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern  
Vice President of Skywatch International  
December 29, 2004, Web: [www.georgefiler.com](http://www.georgefiler.com)

[All images mentioned below at:

<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/news/images.php?id=3D215> ]

Summary: California UFO Wave

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 as reported each week. Many people claim it is impossible for UFOs to visit Earth, I ask you only to keep an open mind and watch the evidence we accumulate each week. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists and my hypothesis is that of the over one hundred UFO reports each week many represent factual UFO sightings in our skies.

UFOs were seen over California, Colorado, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, South Dakota Tennessee, and Washington. Sightings were also reported in Canada, Mexico, India, and the Netherlands. New Mexico - New Roswell Evidence

Now There Are Two Mars Statues.

Image 1 in views shows purple light over Modesto, CA taken by R. David Anderson.

Image 2 and 3 in views shows similar UFOs near Fostoria, Ohio taken by George Ritter.

Image 4 - Possible statue in sitting position taken by JPL in the Tithonia Region of Mars and used by the Red StarProject.

Image 5 JPL image of standing statue found by Norman Bryden in the Ares Valles region of Mars

Image 6 - Color enhancement of statue face by Don Burleson.

Full Story: California - UFO Wave of Sightings

SANTA ANA - The witness was outside on November 5, 2004, at 10:50 AM, on E. Dyer Road, when behind a building he saw 15 round objects high in the sky. They were too high to be birds but they were flying slowly in unison. Some lined up three in a row or four in a row showing different overall designs. They stayed for over two minutes then flew higher so that I was unable to see them again. They were reflecting off the sun off and on. Thanks to Peter Daveport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

LAGUNA BEACH-NEWPORT BEACH -- It was 10:45 PM on November 6, 2004, and the witness was driving north on PCH, coming home from

work when he saw a white bright light fly down from the sky at an almost perpendicular+ drop. It stopped 150 meters above the beach level. It was the whitest light like reflected snow. It had a small diamond shape with a small tail. There was a sudden disappearance of the object. It was moving at a speed that no man made object could move being so close to the water. I had my windows up and music lightly playing, but I heard no crash or saw no impact into the ocean or beach. I advised someone ASAP to search the water off-shore for anything unusual. As soon as the object disappeared, the "check engine" light on my car came on, but my engine did not stop. It was not an asteroid/meteor, no fireworks, and not a plane or a helicopter. The sighting was about 35 miles from Camp Pendleton. The witness states, "What I saw was no hallucination!" Thanks to Peter Daveport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

MODESTO - R. David Anderson writes, "I took this picture when it was slightly overcast and I noticed a light that was moving rapidly to the south." It arched downwards before it disappeared beyond the horizon. The thin cloud layer, or haze, scattered the light and caused this purple hue. The ufo was moving real fast at the time that I took this photo. See Views first image. Thanks to R. David Anderson

PALMDALE -- While out photographing a meteor shower Mike" 22 and "Lance" 22 sighted three triangles in a circle spinning at fantastic speeds then stop and disappear on the evening of August 16, 2004 at about 1:30 AM.. While they sighted this event "Mike" called his girlfriend on his cell phone and while talking the cell phone died. Then the camera they had which was fully charged died and would not work. The camera noted "Battery Dead". When both returned home the cell phone worked and the camera as it was placed in its charger stated it had a full charge. Their location was 47th and "S" streets. The craft were flying at the height of high altitude jet flight patterns an estimated 20,000 feet. At arm's length holding a quarter, the craft were the size of a quarter. No noise was associated with this event. The triangles had a half sphere shape to them. The men saw high definition shapes in the crafts bodies. Thanks to Cosmic Connection <http://tvufo.tripod.com> SAN DIEGO-- Melvin Podell MUFON is investigating a case. The witness stated, "After fifty years of looking at the sky in the hope of seeing a UFO, I now have." On Saturday, October 30, 2004, at 9:44 PM, I was standing near the corner of Poway Road and Gate Lane at the eastern end of Poway, a northern suburb of San Diego. I was looking almost exactly overhead in a cloudless sky, with a light haze that was illuminated by the city lights and the almost full moon about 15 degrees above the eastern horizon.

He states, "I was stunned to see a black triangle moving at tremendous speed directly south toward the hills that are the southern boundary of Poway Valley." The distance between my location and the crest of the hills is 5.5 miles, and 5 miles NE from MCAS (Marine Corps Air Station. The speed of the triangle was not less than that of many meteors! The craft was in sight for about 1.5 seconds. It was an entirely black equilateral (or close to equilateral) triangle having seven bright yellowish-white lights, rather like the color of incandescent lamps, except much larger and brighter. There was one light at each apex and two equally spaced between the leading apex and the apex on each side. There were no lights on the trailing flat edge. It was because of these lights and the reflection from the ground light that I could see the object clearly.

It was completely silent, probably even in the ultrasonic range as none of the many dogs in the area seemed disturbed. Although it was below the line-of-sight radar at the MCAS as long as it was in Poway Valley, it clearly would have entered its view as soon as it rose above the southern hills, because the MCAS is just a mile or two directly south of the hills. The triangle did not maneuver, except for one slight dip of the right wing which was quickly corrected. The angular width was that of my thumb at arm's length. What impressed me was the incredible speed of the object. Its speed was literally, not figuratively, meteoric. It increased its altitude to clear the hills. Submitted by Mel Podell, MUFON-San Diego [mpodell.nul](mailto:mpodell.nul)

New Mexico - New Roswell Evidence

Tom Carey writes, "The Roswell investigative team of Tom Carey and Don Schmitt continues to move forward on the investigation

of the 1947 Roswell Incident. Even though the World War Two generation - the generation to which most of the first-hand witnesses belong - continues to pass on at an alarming rate, the team continues to turn up new witnesses to the 1947 events. Having just returned from another investigative trip to New Mexico, the team can report that it has located and interviewed the following witnesses:

1. A first-hand witness who accompanied the alien bodies from the hangar [Bldg. #84 on the old Roswell Army Air field] to the base hospital. They were in body bags, but he got a good look at them when uncovered.
2. A first hand witness who drove trucks to and from the crash site hauling wreckage. He saw several alien bodies at the site and one alien that was alive.
3. A first hand witness who saw a live alien at [now] Wright Patterson Air Force Base.
4. The wife of a sheriff's deputy [dec.] whose husband was sent out to the crash site and found a large blackened, burnt spot before darkness set in.
5. A Corona woman who heard the alien craft emitting a strange sound as it passed over her ranch just before hearing it explode in the distance during a thunder and lightning storm. She said that she had never heard anything like it before or since.
5. A woman who saw the stricken craft fly over just before it crashed.

The team was also able to pinpoint the exact date of the crash and they are planning their next archaeological dig in conjunction with the University of New Mexico at the Foster Ranch site, the site that we dug two years ago with the Sci Fi Channel. The new dig will take place in the spring of 2005. Anyone interested in participating in the 2005 dig should go to our website [www.roswellinvestigator.com](http://www.roswellinvestigator.com) and fill out an application. Thanks to Tom Carey

Colorado -- Disk

HIGHLANDS RANCH -- I was watching TV on November 5, 2004, when I heard a bang outside at 9:15 AM. I thought it was a gun shot, so I ran outside. The other neighbors were out there also. We both exchanged that we thought we heard gunshots. And then we saw something in the sky. It changed colors every 3 seconds and it was in the shape of a saucer. It floated in about 5,000 feet above us. It was exactly similar to how the saucers did in the movie Signs. It also made eerie sounds. Like an hmmm sound. Thanks to Peter Daveport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Arkansas - Cylinder

RUSSELLVILLE -- This cylinder shaped object was moving in a straight line north to south on November 5, 2004, at 11:20 PM. It had, two reddish lights, one toward the front, one near the rear. No sound was heard and it looked rather low flying and looked almost transparent. My wife and I spotted it directly above the house and watched it move away until it got behind the tree. Thanks to Peter Daveport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Florida - Gold Object and Light

LAKELAND -- My husband and I were driving on I-4 east, coming from Tampa, on our way home to Orlando on November 6, 2004, at 12:40 AM. My husband grabbed my arm and pointed at something in the sky. The object was round with a short trail that was gold in color and bright. It seemed very far away. We thought it was a comet or shooting star at first, but then the trail instantly turned off. The round object kept moving for a few seconds, and then also instantly disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

CEDAR KEY -- Eric reports, "I was locking my gate to my property in Tiger Island on State Road 374 about 9 miles from Cedar Key at 9 PM on November 22, 2004." I looked up just as a very bright welders like light lit up the forest on a state preserve. It was white hot light the size of a Volkswagen about 50 yards in off the paved road. It had a smoke trail exiting out the bottom and

was about 40 feet off the ground just below the tree tops. It illuminated the woods from left to right as far as I could see! It went out in two seconds! Having two close encounters in 1995 in the same place I didn't even lock the gate and drove off at 100 mph. Thanks to Eric New Jersey - Lights

LAKE HIAWATHA -- Ray Gallup writes, "I saw something in the sky southeast of here over Lake Hiawatha, on November 16, 2004, that seems not to be a star or plane, but has been hovering in the sky since 11PM, last night." Thanks to Ray Gallup

New York - Two UFOs

BREEZY POINT -- Joe age 37, and a friend saw two UFOs in clear weather at 8:40 ET on September 12, 2004. The two dark objects spun and rotated in flight as they passed overhead at about 1000 feet traveling towards the north-northeast. They were on an obvious trajectory that both shared. They appeared to be about ten feet long with round middle and thin ends. Thanks to [havercamps.nul](http://havercamps.nul)

Indiana - Flying Triangle

BLOOMINGTON -- Lynn Taylor reports, "At 7:10 PM, the witness was southbound on Walnut Street on November 13, 2004, approaching the intersection of State Highway 45 when she observed a large triangle shaped object. The object was traveling southeast, toward the busy intersection ahead. As the object approached the witness could see two red lights, one on the tip of each trailing edge. She also described the center of the craft as having an amber-colored light or lights that constantly changed shape. As the object crossed the intersection, the witness momentarily looked away to check the traffic conditions. When she looked up again to observe the craft, only a single red light was visible. She was insistent that the object was triangle-shaped, and was not an advertising blimp. The witness indicated her confidence in the object's shape because its lighting partially illuminated the underside. She further offered that the object was much too fast and low to be a blimp, anyway. From her conversation and description of the sighting and my familiarity with the area, I would estimate the object was flying approximately 120 feet above the ground. Thanks to Lynn Taylor Sentinel Files <http://sentinelfiles.tripod.com/sfiles.htm>

Ohio - Disk and Object with Flashing Lights

PEEBLES - The witnesses saw flashing lights that looked like strobe lights at 8:30 PM, engine sounds were heard and they moved very quickly and seemed to be moving in a zigzag line. It could have been any of the lights that were flashing. Thanks to Peter Davenport [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

AKRON -- Looking outside of class at the University of Akron around 6 PM, on November 6, 2004, the witness saw a round object high in the sky. It was so weird it looked like a disk that was floating. [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

CLEVELAND -- George P. Pindroh, MUFON State Sectional Director, Cuyahoga and Lorain County, Ohio writes, "I am pleased to tell you that our meeting of the Cleveland Ufology Project Saturday night was a fantastic success! George Ritter traveled more than 100 miles to present a great program showing the many videos he has taken of various unidentified objects flying at very fast speeds past his camera setup in Fostoria, Ohio. Besides the great videos George was very articulate telling of his adventures in the US Army. With a full house attending, George kept everyone captivated! I am planning to write up a story about George Ritter very soon. Thanks to - George Pindroh, MUFON

FOSTORIA - Two images of similar craft taken from George Ritter's recent video. George spends thousands of hours examining each frame of his video. A two hour tape can take over ten hours to examine frame by frame.

SOUTH DAKOTA - Light

REDFIELD - The witness reports seeing a craft or light traveling from SW to NE at a slow speed at 6:17 PM, on November 13, 2004. It was yellow orange in appearance and was flying rather low. There were no blinking lights and no noise. He states, "The



yellow-orange light was moving away from me, so it was not aircraft landing lights on a clear night" I had good sight of it, and it suddenly blinked out and was gone." The wind was SSE at 15 miles per hour and the temp is about 25F. At arm's length, it was the size of a small pea. It was very bright in light. Thanks to Jim Hickman, BMET, FSI Executive Director Skywatch International Inc. <http://www.skywatch-international.org>

Tennessee - Loud Rumbings.

BRISTOL -- At approx. 18:10 hours, Nov 21, 2004, reports started piling in to this station of a very loud rumbling noise above the solid cloud cover, shaking doors and windows all over Bristol, Elizabethton and Johnson City Tn. I also felt this phenomenon and went outside to hear what sounded like afterburners moving away at about 125 degrees and at an indeterminate elevation. The rumble lasted for some 3-4 minutes and actually shook the ground.

I got in touch with the FAA office at Tri Cities Airport. They advised me that they had received many calls and that the radar operator had no returns on the screen at any elevation, no radio contact with any aircraft and in fact they were as clueless as we were. The controller also advised me that "the government" will be looking into the anomaly and had already been in touch with him. Also, a check with USGS showed no seismic activity in the area. This, I suppose is one for the unknown category. Thanks to Kim Shaffer MUFON TN. SD

Washington - Flying Triangle

SEATTLE - The witness was watching the Northern Lights on November 7, 2004, at 11:42 PM, when he noticed that something had entered his field of vision from the Northwest. At first, he thought it was a big falling star and in next five seconds it crossed directly overhead and on to the Southeast. He states, "I could see clearly that it was a triangular vehicle with round glowing circles on the bottom and the edges glowed...the whole thing glowed orange and not in a way I have seen in the sky before." There was no sound at all. "I was mostly impressed by the clarity of its shape and the straightness of its path." I am completely overwhelmed. Thanks to Peter Davenport [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org)

Canada - Mighty close encounter?

Bob Holliday, Staff Reporter of the Winnipeg Sun writes, "Terry McDonald thought his eyes were playing tricks last week when he saw a bright light following his truck." "The light was behind me. It was so bright, I thought my dome light was shorting out," said McDonald from his home in Crane River, about 320 km northwest of Winnipeg. McDonald did start to worry when his truck intermittently lost power over the course of about a kilometer. McDonald's sighting wasn't a rare occurrence, said Manitoba's leading UFO researcher, Chris Rutkowski. "It was fairly quiet and now all of a sudden a whole bunch of things are happening," said Rutkowski. "I've had a number of reports in the past two weeks." Among the sightings was "a whole bunch of disc-like lights hovering on top of a Greyhound bus traveling on Highway 6 between Ericksdale and Ashern last Tuesday," said Rutkowski. As well, he's received reports of lights west of Kenora, Ontario. A Kenora resident, who wished to remain anonymous, claimed he saw a saucer-like object on Monday. The man said the object was hovering about 18 meters (60 feet) above the ground about 10 km west of Keewatin. He observed the saucer for nearly an hour before it moved fairly slowly across the tree tops.

The most reported light show is the convergence of the planets Jupiter and Venus, said Rutkowski. "They are very close together and look like an airplane coming into land but not going anywhere," he added. A landing plane wasn't what was witnessed in Crane River, said McDonald's daughter, Tracey McDonald, who saw something odd in the sky about 1:30 a.m. on Thursday. "It was many green, red and white flashing lights that were really low. Then, there was a big white flash, as big as a house," she said. McDonald said neighbors have reported seeing small, disk-like lights darting between trees in nearby forests. Reports of UFOs in Canada have skyrocketed. "The fact we have 700 sightings (in Canada) this year is interesting," Rutkowski said. "We didn't even have 700 total last year." Thanks to:  
<http://www.canoe.ca/NewsStand/WinnipegSun/News/2004/11/13/pf->

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TECUMSEH -- I am a licensed electrician working for one of the big 3 automakers on vacation, not drinking alcohol or taking any mind altering substance. On November 6, 2004, at 1:05PM, I was talking with my father on a portable phone looking out the south window at the sky. I noticed an object in the southeast sky that was about as big as a pea at arm's length. It was bobbing up and down and wobbling back and forth and side to side all the while moving linearly from my right to left. It covered about 5 to 10 degrees of arc. The surface of the craft was like polished black granite. The shape was circular about 30% high as wide and the sides seemed to be made of flat triangular sections that reflected the sun in a clear blue sky as it bobbed and wobbled. After watching for 20 seconds I left to get my binoculars and when I got back it was not visible. There was no audible sound from inside the house during the sighting. Thanks to Peter Davenport [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org)

Mexico - Spheres Videotaped

TEPOZTLAN, MORELOS -- On Saturday, November 20, Mr. Salvador Guerrero videotaped four translucent spheres in the town of Tepoztl, state of Morelos. He was in the company of Amado Rquez and Eduardo Ortega engaged in routine skywatching. The forementioned gentlemen are renowned UFO watchers and have provided extraordinary evidence since 1991. At 4:45 p.m., the team became aware of a strange sphere (the size of a ping pong ball) almost at ground level, and they approached it to record evidence, making three videotapes with different cameras.

Later, the object headed for a tree bough and remained surprisingly motionless, then moving up and down with intelligent movement, according to Salvador Guerrero. At one point [the object] was very close to his own body, scant centimeters away, and it was then that he reached out to touch it. Upon contact with his skin, the sphere emitted a gelatinous fluid that caused burning and discomfort to the witness, leaving a red mark on his flesh. A total of four spheres were observed at approximate intervals of 5 minutes between each sighting. The translucent structure can be clearly seen in the video, as well as how they reflected sunlight, their unusual movement and the confusion of the witnesses, since a group of boy scouts, children and schoolteachers at the Escuela Meztitla field had joined the threesome. Prof. Ana Luisa Cid Fernandez has been in contact with Salvador Guerrero, who still reports discomfort to his hand. He has been advised to see a physician to ameliorate the symptoms and obtain a diagnosis as to what happened to his skin. Guerrero had recorded similar phenomena before, but had never touched it. The video was presented today on the "Los Vigilantes" program. It will also be shown next Thursday on The Omar Chaparro Show and Sunday on "Los Grandes Misterios de Tercer Milenio" ([www.jaimemaussan.tv](http://www.jaimemaussan.tv)) Thanks to Planeta UFO and Translation (c) 2004. Scott Corrales

Netherlands - Revolving Disk-like object.

DRENTHE -- My Mom, Dad, and brother on November 7, 2004, at 10 PM, saw a disk shaped object in the sky with three rotating rings attached that was not entirely visible. All rings had white dots (lights) attached at the top it as they stayed in the air hovering for about one minute. My father stopped the car along the road, and my Mom and brother stepped out. They watched it for a while, then it disappeared into the clouds and out of visibility. I am 100% certain that they saw -something-. I do not believe in UFO's as in alien vehicles, but I can't think of any reasonable explanation for this. I asked my dad if it looked like it was a laser-show and he denied it for there were no visible beams and it looked solid. My brother estimated the size as about the size of three Ferris-wheels in diameter. My brother drew me a picture, and it shows a number of dots around the outer radius and in the center it also has one. Thanks to Peter Davenport [www.nuforc.org](http://www.nuforc.org)

India - Disc

YAMUNA NAGAR, HARYANA -- On July 31, 2004, five witnesses saw a large UFO in the shape of a disc moving north to south in a fire like color at 11:38 PM. The object was making a buzzing sound. Other facts you may wish to include: I feel that the UFOs appear in India in the months from July-September, because last year I



saw a unidentified object on July 26, 2003, the report of which was submitted on your website. This time it was more clear and prominent in the sky because it was close to me. It was a disc shaped object emitting bright light and buzz sound on intervals. First, it was stationary at one place and suddenly it flew off at a high speed. I was standing at my fuel station along with my five employees. I took the photograph with my NOKIA 6230 Color screen digital mobile phone. [www.ufoindia.org](http://www.ufoindia.org)

#### Jupiter's - Radio Signals

There are extraterrestrial radio signals reaching Earth on a regular basis. Thanks to a NASA project known as Radio JOVE, the pleasure of listening to Jupiter's broadcast of exotic sounds is no longer reserved for professional astronomers. When it comes to sound effects, NASA says woodpeckers and ocean waves can't hold a candle to Jupiter. There are two varieties of Jovian radio bursts: Through the loudspeaker of a shortwave receiver, the so-called "L-burst" sounds like ocean waves crashing on a distant beach. The "L" stands for long. If a recording is slowed down dramatically, the S-burst sound like eerie drifting whistlers. The so-called "S- short burst" produces a staccato of rapid popping sound with a beat that reminds some of woodpeckers. To listen to the sounds of Jupiter, click these spectrum images of 25 MHz radio bursts from Jupiter captured on tape at the University of Florida Radio Observatory.

The Jovian decametric emission was discovered in 1955 by B.F. Burke and K.L. Franklin at the frequency of 22.2 MHz. The emission has an upper cutoff frequency of 39.5 MHz. It can be detected from ground based stations from the upper cutoff frequency of the emission down to the cutoff frequency of the terrestrial ionosphere which is usually around 5 to 10 MHz. The emission occur in episodes called "storms". A storm can last from a few minutes to several hours. Two distinctive types of bursts can be received during a storm. They arrive at a rate of a few to several hundred bursts per second. In a 5 kHz bandwidth receiver they last only a few milliseconds. Thanks to the University of Florida <http://www.astro.ufl.edu/jupdamdoc.html>

Editor's Note: Once you get use to listening to Jupiter you might turn your radio dial and listen to other unknown exotic sounds from space. Radio astronomers regularly intercept strange signals from space that could be evidence of intelligent life. Former NASA JPL and Ames scientist Dr. Norman Bergrun claims, a he has located a giant space ship in the rings of Saturn. However, NASA says the shortwave radio signals from Jupiter are not a sign of extraterrestrial intelligence, that ionized gas in the upper atmosphere above Jupiter's magnetic poles behaves like a powerful radio laser or maser. The radio laser gets its power from Jupiter's volcanic moon Io. Tidal forces from Jupiter superheat the interior of the moon Io and make it the most volcanic body in the Solar System. Volcanic materials are thrown far above Io's surface. Much of that enters orbit around Jupiter, forming a huge gaseous donut around the giant planet. With a diameter the size of Io's orbit, the electrically conducting "Io torus," as it's known, spans 525,000 miles. As Io's orbital motion carries it through this magnetized ring of ionized gas, a huge electrical current of two trillion watts flows between Io and Jupiter, creating the biggest DC electrical circuit in the Solar System. Unlike the ordinary kind of DC circuit we know using batteries and wires, plasma physicists believe that current in the Io-Jupiter system is carried by a type of magnetic plasma wave called Alfven waves.

#### Twenty Years of Looking for Life

When it comes to searching for life beyond Earth, particularly of the intelligent variety, few organizations can rival the SETI Institute. This month, the Institute celebrates its twentieth birthday. Begun with one small NASA project and a handful of researchers, the SETI Institute is now engaged in building the first massive radio telescope designed from the pedestal up to sort out artificial signals from the cosmos. But in addition to these searches for clever cosmic company, the Institute also has a wide-ranging astrobiology research program: How did life begin? How could we find it, even if it's not intelligent?

Editor's Note: I encourage SETI to home in on the UFOs that frequently transit their location.

## Mars - Two Statues on Mars Not Just One

Norman Bryden writes, "I have seen the project Redstar Statue when the claim was made for a Humanoid Statue. The statement made in your Filer's Files #48 by Frank is misleading. He states, " My first encounter with this statue is my purchase, in 2002, of a video called the "Martian Genesis" from Project Red Star stating that there is absolute proof of alien intelligence on Mars." The image I submitted is from the Ares Valles region and not from Tithonia. The Redstar claim and is shown below.

photo: See views

The structure Frank Burchardt is referring to is the white blob just above the right tip of the black horizontal line in the right hand Redstar image in the Tithonia region.

You can clearly see this is not the image I discovered. The image I presented is clearer and far easier to tell as a structure than the one he is referring to. The statue they refer to is next to some other smaller structures. The statue I submitted is not the same one. Many people have said there are structures on Mars and I have been presenting them for more than 5 years now of my own work. The image I submitted is from the Ares Valles region and is a standing structure rather than a sitting one made in the Redstar claim. photos: See views Norman's statue is in the upper left of the JPL image.

Don Burleson writes, I've tried to do some photo enhancement on the "Mars statue" photo; I find the image quality of the thing rather low, so it's difficult. The color image or the right shows, would be the face if indeed this is a statue of something with a humanlike shape. In this imaging it looks as if there are large, dark eyes and a mouth; however, as I said, the original image quality is lacking, and it's hard to say what's "real" and what's just imaging artifacts. Thanks to Don Burleson and Norman Bryden for great work in finding another statue and numerous structures on Mars JPL images.

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## Re: Chilean UFO University Opens Its Doors -

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <[ufomiami.nul](mailto:ufomiami.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 15:08:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 12:02:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Chilean UFO University Opens Its Doors -

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 10:35:48 -0200  
>Subject: Re: Chilean UFO University Opens its Doors

>>From: Scott Corrales <[lornisl.nul](mailto:lornisl.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 11:29:32 -0500  
>>Subject: Chilean UFO University Opens Its Doors

>>INEXPLICATA  
>>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
>>December 28, 2004

>>Source: Planeta UFO  
>>Date: December 28, 2004

>>University of Chile (Usach) to offer certificate course

<snip>

>It doesn't surprise me. Well, at least, not much... Chile is  
>probably one of the most advanced countries on Earth when it  
>comes to UFOs.

<snip>

>Congratulations to all Chilean UFO researchers, whose efforts  
>resulted in this achievement, to General Bermudez and his staff,  
>for doing a great job in Ufology, and to the country's  
>population, who have very open and receptive minds toward UFOs.

I understand that General Bermudez and his group have two faces.  
One, the way they approach the international ufologists, and the  
other how they treat the local Chileans researchers.

Am I right or wrong?

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## Re: Earth Organisms On Mars - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 15:47:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 12:03:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Earth Organisms On Mars - White

>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 11:16:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Earth Organisms On Mars

<snip>

>and the hardy fungus(?) growing on the outside windows of  
>the Russian MIR space station,

You mean the inside window surfaces, right Nick?

Eleanor White

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## Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye? - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 15:02:25 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 12:06:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye? - King

>From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 11:15:28 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye?

<snip>

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 10:22:51 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye?

>  
>>>From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 09:40:28 -0500  
>>>Subject: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye?

>>I think the List is ready for the "new approach to UFO study",  
>>so please begin the process as soon as you can get it ready.  
>>Some of us who've been at this a while are fading into the  
>>background and watching the show with everyone else, and we  
>>obviously don't have a clue as to how to bring this information  
>>to light, so please have at it.

Hi Steve,

I think we are beginning to see some hints of this "new approach".

With Peter Davenport's passive radar idea, Brad Sparks' work at re-hashing the BB reports, and new access to hi-tech as in my earlier post on hi-speed photography using an array of cheap CMOS cameras, we are steadily building the mechanisms of a legitimate scientific field. This multi-disciplinary approach epitomizes what many here have been calling for.

As technology becomes even more inexpensive, and as the internet continues to link far-flung enthusiasts, this field could enjoy a true renaissance, and that in itself could attract the kind of new blood needed.

>>The thread related to the Washington Nationals was an  
>>interesting sideline, but I agree that it's not going to resolve  
>>and it really becomes an exercise in historical  
>>research. There are many who've been involved in this research  
>>for decades and we now have a large number of new researchers  
>>who've joined the genre during the Internet era. The problem,  
>>of course, is one of anarchy among the ranks and the lack of  
>>centralized goals. We're seeing a lot of expertise in the  
>>field, but there's a lot of institutional knowledge that has to  
>>be re-learned to make it valuable. Many arguments being  
>>presented aren't new, but it's a whole new group of people and  
>>they aren't aware of it.

No argument here... I steered clear of the 'radar return' thread because I have basically no knowledge of radar. I have however read each post, and feel that I at least now have a working understanding of the tech, and its pitfalls. For that, these new posts on old cases hold value to me far beyond my ability to

participate.

>Steve:

>Having reported on strange phenomena as a reporter for various  
>media since the 60s, and now dealing with media as an observer  
>of it, I know that as soon as reporters and editors (TV and  
>print) hear an account of past "flying saucer" or UFO events,  
>their eyes glaze over.

>Some of these grizzled journalists have a scientific bent or the  
>innate curiosity of real reporters and really like a good  
>mystery, a good story.

>But get them entangled in a quantum analysis of a past UFO  
>event, such as the Washington, D.C. "sightings," and they'll go  
>into a catatonic state. Media wants stuff that is new today...  
>scientists want new projects, new challenges... not a rehash of  
>old material.

>And those new to UFO study might find the historical UFO events  
>of some interest, but surely would prefer what's going on in the  
>here and now, right?

>I've always found the Washington, D.C. event(s) of interest,  
>until they got slathered with radar and temperature inversion  
>details so finely tuned that even I was nodding off.

>As a Trekkie might say (and I'm not one; well, not fully  
>anyway), "Let's go where no man has gone before... please."

Hi Rich,

I must admit that even reading the radar return posts with  
interest led to an occasional need to push away from the  
keyboard lest I nod off. I still think however that this thread  
exemplifies the respectful and sincere debate I came here  
looking for. Civilized at least.

Like Steve, I don't believe that either of the parties will  
convince the other, and I'm not sure that any new evidence will  
ever come to light regarding this case, but as any law  
enforcement 'cold case' agent would attest, sometimes looking at  
old cases with new eyes ... and new tools... can yield  
previously hidden data. At the very least, we can find a reason  
to learn a little about radar. And for those new to the List who  
are curious about how one discusses UFO cases, these gentlemen  
provide an excellent primer regardless of the particulars of the  
case.

I agree with your point in the main, but I think we should  
encourage intellectual point/counterpoint debate even over old  
cases. You never know what might shake out. Also, while many of  
the threads on this List would likely be little more than techy  
mumbo- jumbo to a journalist, this List is decidedly not  
designed for journalistic consumption... thankfully. <not a  
slight, just a recognition that this List would look very  
different if it were geared for the journalist>

Besides, we all bring to the table what we have, and these guys  
obviously know their fields. Where else might I garner such  
knowledge without having to pay for it, or at least spend  
countless hours scouring the web? I have the privilege of  
sitting at the virtual feet of many seasoned... 'grizzled'...  
researchers from diverse disciplines. I'm happy to endure a  
thread on which I have little knowledge and zero input, in the  
belief that we learn from the process if not the particulars...  
so long as the debate is reasoned and pertinent.

In the end, a multi-disciplinary approach must include this kind  
of retelling of older stories, rehashing of historic data, and  
reasoned debate just as it must include new science, new cases,  
and new faces.

Boring? Sure, sometimes. But if you don't find interest in the  
facts of the debate, you may find value in the quality instead.  
We need more of that, I'm sure you'll agree. <g>

And finally, wear your Trekkie-ness proudly. I think Mr.  
Roddenberry ... and his cockamamie (decalcomania?>ideas...

Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye? - King

helped plant a seed in the minds of almost everyone on this List. I think the 'where' part is less important than the 'boldly go' part.  
Oops... my trekkie slip is showing. <LOL>

Best Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Alien Abductions - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 15:21:34 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 12:08:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Abductions - Lehmberg

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 22:57:07 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 09:17:41 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 22:22:48 EST  
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abductions

>>>Chiles-Whitted is indistinguishable from a meteor fireball as I  
>>>have proven from the witness data here time and again.

>>To your satisfaction, not mine or other reasonable, intelligent  
>>people's.

>Well, that's got anyone who dares to disagree with Jerry Clark  
>suitably diagnosed as unintelligent and unreasonable!

Oh c'mon Mr. Rimmer, it's pretty obvious that that's not what he  
said, what he meant, or was remotely suggesting. Moreover, when  
you take your response and put it together with Mr. Clark's  
comment, there is a disjunction of meaningfulness giving \_every\_  
indication that you were just trying for a cheap shot not  
altogether camouflaged with the expected clever continental  
patter... which falls a little wide this time and short,  
decidedly short, of the target.

>>The most reasonable position about this case is that,  
>>as I noted last time, nothing can be proved one way or another.  
>>That "enthusiast" and "sentimentalist" McDonald, by the way,  
>>concluded from his own investigation -- he actually interviewed  
>>the witnesses, separately, among other things -- that Chiles and  
>>Whitted had observed what they said they had seen: a rocket-  
>>shaped device of unknown origin. He specifically, in fact rather  
>>emphatically, rejected the fireball identification as  
>>inadequate.

>Sceptical ufologists have been denounced on this List...

Untrue Sir! Patently and objectionably false. Skeptics are the  
valued breed, Mr. Rimmer, as I've essayed numerous times.  
Skeptibunkies, canted hacks, and biased ideologues are  
denounced, Sir. To wit: You are not counted in the ranks of the  
former while likely carrying a card for the latter.

>as  
>"Klasskurtzians" (just the latest in an ever-growing string of  
>strange epithets)

Well earned for my money and abundantly deserved, even \_if\_  
delightfully strange. LOL!

>because of their supposed reliance on

>arguemnts from authority.

One man's authority is another man's sweating shill, Mr. Rimmer.

>In fact I have seldom (if ever) seen  
>either lovable old Uncle Phil or Paul Kurtz quoted to bolster  
>sceptical srguments.

As the progenitors of the ineffable klasskurtzian cant they don't have to be, in the first place, and fall as woefully short as you do in the second. That's the reason they're not quoted, Mr. Rimmer. While Friedman, MacDonald and Clark (et sig al) are quoted frequently with alacrity for contrasting reasons.

>What I do frequently see, however, are the same names cropping  
>up over and over again to bolster the arguments of the pro-ETH  
>lobby.

Because they can sir! They fill a bill your "A" listers can't begin to match.

>Once again James McDonald's opinions are brought forward  
>as canonical authority to squelch any further argument over a  
>dubious case. I would simply point out that McDonald did indeed  
>interview the witnesses - twenty years after the incident.

As you say... he "[squelches] any further argument over a dubious case," Mr. Rimmer. There's not a whole lot more required, is there.

>Maybe we need a counterbalance to the "Klasskurzians", how about  
>"McDonaltruzziswordians"? Doesn't trip off the tongue so easily,  
>I'll grant you.

The reason for that is pretty obvious, Sir.

>Incidentally, as the not-quite-ETHers would do almost anything  
>rather than admit that they think a particular sighting might be  
>an ET craft,

How deliciously "Rimmarrian", Sir. You know, the persons you allude to would be a lot less reluctant if they didn't have klasskurtzians such as yourself sniping disingenuously at their corners and backsides and cheerily trying to degrade their reputations with fraudulent hints and baseless innuendoes, Mr. Rimmer.

>perhaps we could have some suggestions as to what  
>else a "rocket-shaped device of unknown origin" might be,  
>assuming they do not think it was an American or Soviet missile?

Well - it ain't "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," Sir.

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## Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 13:22:22 -0800  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 12:11:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Deardorff

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 14:26:27 -0000  
>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 17:12:12 -0800  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>>>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 20:32:58 -0000  
>>>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 10:06:14 -0800  
>>>>Subject: False(?) Radar Returns [was: Alien Abductions]

>... The realistic issue is that radar  
>echoes were reported, pilots and ground personnel were asked to  
>look and saw what for the most part sound like meteors (alpha  
>Capricornid, alpha Cygnids and/or gamma Draconids, three showers  
>underway at the time), stars and planets. Several witnesses  
>expressed their opinions that that was exactly what they were. ...

There's no need to degrade the intelligence of the Control  
Center and tower radar operators. Going by the nicap website  
account for the July 19/20 event,

"Barnes buzzed the tower and got ahold of Howard Cocklin.  
Cocklin said their scope showed the same targets and he reported  
that he could actually see one of the objects in the night sky  
as a bright orange light."

This must be one of the exceptions that doesn't sound like  
meteors. It's reasonable to assume that Cocklin knew what a  
meteor looks like and that it doesn't behave like one or more  
radar targets that show up for several tens of seconds on the  
radar scope.

Why not keep in mind the truth of what Stan Gordon pointed out  
years ago (MUFON J. Dec. 1985), that UFO activity seems to occur  
(more often than otherwise expected statistically) at the same  
general time and location as a scientifically explainable event  
such as a meteor? This of course implies alien intelligence and  
strategy applied towards us.

>>>This doesn't mean that people don't report visual  
>>>UFOs simultaneously with radar UFOs when both can be proved to  
>>>be explainable. We know they do. We have a huge number of cases  
>>>where this has happened.

>>I'm not aware of any such huge number, if the reported objects  
>>maneuvered or appeared or vanished in a manner unexplainable by  
>>natural or man-made objects, i.e., in a manner displaying "high  
>>strangeness."

>But very little of the visual "data" in this case is of high  
>strangeness,

In view of the above, only a small amount of high strangeness is  
needed, to qualify as a UFO or potential UFO.

>the strangeness of the radar data was tackled head-  
>on by Borden and Vickers and they came up with a \*novel  
>hypothesis that respected the radar evidence reported\* - they  
>proposed a kind of atmospheric phenomenon that McDonald thought  
>was too way out. They were the proponents of novelty in this  
>case. History of atmospheric studies shows that their far-out  
>radar meteorology was in error only in not being wild enough.

Not in this case, however, due to one or more of the radar  
images having been verified visually, and observed to behave  
unlike a meteor.

>>Granted, most of these radar-only cases could be due to other  
>>factors than "true" UFOs, such as insects or birds, ducting,  
>>etc. Thus the concurrent visual observations are extremely  
>>important, especially if they exhibit object behavior of high  
>>strangeness. If they moreover show good correlation with  
>>concurrent radar observations, then both observations are  
>>strengthened. I presume it's the degree of correlation that is  
>>most at issue.

>I think it is. The point is that we know from other cases and  
>from simple human nature that if pilots and ground staff are  
>asked to go look for lights in the sky by radar operators they  
>will often see them. In this case what they saw was by and large  
>of very marginal strangeness and I haven't seen a clear rebuttal  
>of Brad Sparks' point that no radar-visual correlation is  
>unambiguous.

The quoted report above is as good as it gets. One is not going  
to find an account wherein a UFO observed visually in  
confirmation of one observed seconds previously on radar is  
written down on the spot in some journal like as in: "I/we  
observed an anomalous light in the sky in the very same  
direction as the "angels" we observed on radar and only xx  
seconds later," with further description of both showing high  
strangeness. The observer(s) at the time just don't stop to  
think what all information ufologists might later demand to  
know, especially when the event is highly anomalous and even  
frightening (as in the pacing of an aircraft by the unknown  
object).

>If radar and visual reports individually are of low  
>strangeness then I think that the existence of only a rather  
>poor correlation between them fails to make a case for an event  
>of high strangeness.

However, they involved elements of high strangeness. If elements  
of low strangeness are included among elements of high  
strangeness, the latter should take precedence in our  
interpretation of the event.

>>>...  
>>>Are you saying that clear air angels could never be observed on  
>>>Washington radars? Are you saying that Borden & Vickers lied  
>>>about observing 80 such targets first-hand at Washington?

>>I believe you're speaking of radar-only cases here.

>I'm speaking of actual recorded track tracings of clear air  
>echoes on Washington radar that summer that were clearly  
>correlated with the winds aloft and which supported the Borden &  
>Vickers scattering hypothesis.

In other words, Yes, to my surmise.

>No pilots knew why B & V were  
>tracking these echoes on the night of Aug 13 and it would have  
>been an interesting extension of their experiment to ask pilots  
>to look for visual UFOs. I wouldn't have been at all surprised  
>if some "UFOs" were reported (the Perseids were not far past  
>maximum).

Could be, but that would have nothing to do with UFOs, since the  
IFOs wouldn't have included any "high strangeness behavior" (by

definition of IFO). In the Washington case, the visual observations did include high strangeness, going by the following from the nicap website:

"Jim Ritchey noticed one was pacing a Capital airliner which had just taken off. The pilot, Captain "Casey" Pierman, was vectored toward the object. Until then, the object's tracked speed had been about 130 mph. Suddenly, to all the controllers' amazement, its track came to an abrupt end. Where the next blip should have been was only a blank space.

"Right after that Pierman called back. He said he saw the thing, but it streaked off out of sight in 3-5 seconds. Apparently, the object had zoomed completely out of the radar beam between sweeps. That indicates the object went from 130 to around 500 mph in that short period."

Visual observation of the object having streaked off out of sight in 3-5 seconds constitutes high strangeness in our area of study.

>Then it wouldn't have been a "radar-only case" would  
>it? Ought we then to have discarded B & Vs documented quantitative  
>evidence that the echoes correlated with winds aloft in  
>accordance with the scattering theory, on the strength of some  
>pilot reports of swift meteors or scintillating stars? I don't  
>think so.

Me neither. The latter supposed reports are of only the mundane type.

>>>>Conditions under which an isolated clear-air atmospheric  
>>>>inhomogeneity exists that would produce a compact isolated radar  
>>>>return are considered conceivable but rare.

>>>If the the Washington National case were not a "rare" event, of  
>>>whatever cause, we would not be so interested in it in the first  
>>>place. So "compact isolated" echoes due to clear air structures  
>>>are "rare". Well fine. What "commonplace" explanation do you  
>>>find more economical? Aliens?

>>Certainly, when there is high strangeness involved, with  
>>concurrent visual and radar observations by many witnesses.

>With due respect I can't follow this illogic.

If we didn't have any cases, let alone hundreds, on hand of aliens sighted, along with their UFO craft (as in abduction reports, e.g.) then I would agree with you.

>>>The point is that the RI gradient is vertical and the balloon  
>>>sampling in the vertical dimension is sparse. The very sharp  
>>>layers that Atlas and others have investigated involve huge  
>>>gradients over centimetres of altitude. Radiosondes are unlikely  
>>>to pick these up. I don't think McDonald really believed in the  
>>>existence of these layers in the 1960s-70s. If he were still  
>>>alive he would have to. ...

>>My point was that when such layers exist, they exist over large  
>>areas, and would not produce a few well defined individual  
>>radar echoes,

>But they would and they do!

But they of course would have to behave in a manner exhibiting high strangeness before one would tentatively conclude they were UFOs.

>Or are you saying that the well-  
>defined individual echoes observed by Borden & Vickers on Auf  
>13-14 1952 were actually alien spacecraft deliberately flying at  
>twice the windspeed at the altitude of the inversion layer so as  
>to mimic scattering from wind-driven domains of CAT at the layer  
>boundary?

I wouldn't make any such conclusion in the absence of high strangeness and visual confirmation. Wouldn't any such mimicking as you suggested above have been much more suggestive of mimicking if the echoes had moved at about the average velocity of the two layers just above and just below the inversion? Or did B & V propose that the CAT occurred at the breaking crests

of gravity waves moving at a good clip relative to the average wind, and moving in the same direction?

>>one of which paced an aircraft whose image showed up as  
>>well as always.

>This to my mind is what is missing. If there were clear  
>descriptions of target behaviour like this from multiple radars  
>at remote locations and at widely differing azimuth angles (as  
>in the Lakenheath-Neatishead case for example) then it would  
>become scientifically interesting. I don't see such evidence in  
>this case.

There's never as much evidence as one would like. Given all the evidence there is, one can always ask for more. That's easy.

Jim Deardorff

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## Arthur C. Clarke Survives Quake & Tsunami

From: **Alfred Webre - ICIS** <[alw.nul](mailto:alw.nul)>  
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Thank you for your concern about my safety in the wake of last Sunday=92s devastating tidal wave.

I am enormously relieved that my family and household have escaped the ravages of the sea that suddenly invaded most parts of coastal Sri Lanka, leaving a trail of destruction.

But many others were not so fortunate. My heart-felt sympathy goes out to all those who lost family members or friends.

Our staff members are all safe, even though some are badly shaken and relate harrowing first hand accounts of what happened. Most of our diving equipment and boats at Hikkaduwa were washed away. We still don=B4t know the full extent of damage -- it will take a while for us to take stock as accessing these areas is still difficult.

We are encouraging concerned friends to contribute to the relief efforts launched by various national and international organisations. If you wish to join these efforts, I can recommend two options:

- Contribute to a Sri Lanka disaster relief fund launched by an internationally operating humanitarian charity, such as Care\* or Oxfam\*

- Alternatively, considering supporting Sarvodaya, the largest development charity in Sri Lanka, which has a 45-year track record in reaching out and helping the poorest of the poor. Sarvodaya has mounted a well organised, countrywide relief effort using their countrywide network of offices and volunteers who work in all parts of the country, well above ethnic and other divisions. Their website:

<http://www.sarvodaya.lk/>

provides bank account details for financial donations. They also welcome contributions in kind -- a list of urgently needed items is found at:

[http://www.sarvodaya.lk/Inside\\_Page/urgently%20needed.htm](http://www.sarvodaya.lk/Inside_Page/urgently%20needed.htm)

There is much to be done in both short and long terms for Sri Lanka to raise its head from this blow from the seas. Among other things, the country needs to improve its technical and communications facilities so that effective early warnings can help minimise losses in future disasters.

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## Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 22:19:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 12:21:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns - Maccabee

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 14:26:27 -0000  
>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 27 Dec 2004 17:12:12 -0800  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Subject: Re: False(?) Radar Returns

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>This to my mind is what is missing. If there were clear  
>descriptions of target behaviour like this from multiple radars  
>at remote locations and at widely differing azimuth angles (as  
>in the Lakenheath-Neatishead case for example) then it would  
>become scientifically interesting. I don't see such evidence in  
>this case.

At the risk of prolonging this prestigiditation that takes the  
topic away from UFOs and to radar (hand is quicker than  
the eye), I would like to mention a paper I just posted for  
download at my web site:

[http://brumac.8k.com/NEW\\_ZEALAND/RADARUFOS.doc](http://brumac.8k.com/NEW_ZEALAND/RADARUFOS.doc)

This is a word document, about 240kb.

It discusses a radar only case in Switzerland and radar-visual  
and radar-visual-photographic sightings in New Zealand.

Of particular interest is the "double size target" event when  
the airplane target as seen by ground radar doubled in size for  
many seconds just after an anomalous target was seen in the  
close vicinity of the plane. A target was also seen close to the  
plane after the event. And during the event the witnesses on the  
plane saw a small light apparently traveling along with the  
plane. To get the full impact of this event it is necessary to  
read the history leading up to it.

The radar weenies on this email list will be happy to know that  
this is one of the few UFO articles that actually contains  
\_calculations\_ and \_predictions\_, based on radar set  
capabilities.

When analyzing the New Zealand sightings I contacted several  
radar scientists at NRL (Naval Research Laboratory) and also  
David Atlas and Charles Glover.

At this time, more than 10 years after the chapters were written  
for the Condon report (which is an excellent source for the  
state of the art in the middle 60's) the radar scientists were  
still trying to prove that they could see turbulence in the  
atmosphere. They had concluded that most "dot" angels were  
insects or birds.

Lothar Runkhe at NRL believed that he had detected "thermals"  
(columns of rising heated air that top out at the inversion  
layer and form a "mushroom-like cap" that might appear as a

"dot" if far enough away). Atlas was not "shocked" by the suggestion that a refractive gradient could be as great as 43 "N" units in 50 cm.

When I described the "double size target" incident, which occurred when the plane was about 80 nm from the search radar, to Atlas his immediate response was "UFO" (probably said with a laugh... which I didn't record in my notes). Then he went on to suggest a flock of birds as the only possible reflector but of course, birds couldn't keep up with an aircraft (see the RADARUFOS paper to see why this is even considered).

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## Re: Maccabee's Mexican Airforce Radar/FLIR UFO

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 21:53:22 -0600  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 12:31:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Maccabee's Mexican Airforce Radar/FLIR UFO

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 2004 00:04:16 -0500  
>Subject: Mexican DOD Research Report

>My 'massive' (4.4 MB) report on the Mexican DOD radar/FLIR  
>sightings of 5 March 2004 is now available for download at my  
>web site.

>Go to:

><http://brumac.8k.com/MexicanDOD5mar04>

>or to:

><http://brumac.8k.com>

>and scroll down a little ways to the paragraph that introduces  
>the report.

I converted Bruce's report to PDF which is almost a Megabyte  
smaller for those that want it.

To DL it go to:

[http://www.terrygroff.com/dfwmufon/pdf/mex\\_vid\\_brumac.pdf](http://www.terrygroff.com/dfwmufon/pdf/mex_vid_brumac.pdf)

Terry

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## Russia Joins Iran in Fighting UFOs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 12:41:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 12:41:52 -0500  
Subject: Russia Joins Iran in Fighting UFOs

Source: The Moscow News

<http://www.mosnews.com/news/2004/12/30/ufo.shtml>

12-30-04

Russia Joins Iran in Fighting UFOs

Russia and Iran have agreed to a joint program studying the UFO phenomenon after a series of sightings of unidentified flying objects.

The two nations are stressing "expansion of bilateral cooperation particularly in space research and construction of satellites," the Islamic Republic News Agency reports.

This comes in the wake of a skywatching mania that struck Iran amid state-media reports of sightings of flying objects near Iran's nuclear installations.

The Resalat news agency reported "shining objects" in the sky near Natanz, where Iran's uranium-enrichment plant is situated. One of those objects is said to have exploded, prompting "panic in the region".

Tehran's air force was ordered to shoot down any unknown or suspicious flying objects in its airspace, amid security concerns for its nuclear plants.

"Flights of unknown objects in the country's airspace have increased in recent weeks... [they] have been seen over Bushehr and Isfahan provinces," the Resalat daily reported. Nuclear facilities are located in both provinces.

The WorldNetDaily has reported UFO sightings in Iran in the past.

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## Leir's 'Alien Debris'

From: **Aaron LeClair** <[saucer.nul](mailto:saucer.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 10:35:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 12:44:13 -0500  
Subject: Leir's 'Alien Debris'

I thought this might interest some on this List:

<http://www.alienscalpel.com/videos.html>

A video, and audio file dealing with some supposedly proven alien material. If genuine, it's sad more coverage hasn't been given to it.

I'm interested in any comments, pro or con.

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## Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 15:48:12 -0000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 12:53:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye? - Shough

>From: Rich Reynolds <[rrrgroup.nul](mailto:rrrgroup.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 2004 09:40:28 -0500  
>Subject: The Hand Is Quicker Than The Eye?

>If a magician (or CIA operative) wanted an audience which could  
>be easily diverted from the topic at hand - UFOs - they need go  
>no further than some here at UFO UpDates.

>Squeezing the very last drops of arcane radar information to  
>explain the 1952 Washington D.C. "sightings" would be exactly  
>what a misleader would find useful in keeping the mystery of  
>UFOs in the dark.

Mr Reynolds

You obviously consider it reasonable for you to direct remarks at a person out of the corner your mouth, whilst lacking the decency to speak directly to him by name, implying that he is some kind of covert operative with a scurrilous agenda of disrupting the Great Search for Truth by filling the List with trivia about actual UFO cases.

Now I will leave it to Jerry Clark and Brad Sparks to answer for themselves, since it was they who raised the issue of the significance of the Washington National case and the validity of Jim McDonald's dismissal of the Borden & Vickers hypothesis. For my own part I limit myself to saying that your thesis is utterly risible.

>The display of esoterica about radar and temperature inversions  
>will not settle the question of whether or not something  
>strange happened over the Capitol 50+ years ago.

So there is a question then?

>Surely something bizarre occurred.

Oh, no question after all.....

>Weird radar returns or  
>objects of a strange kind took hold of radar operators and  
>airplane pilots. That is all that can be said, with certainty.

If all that can be said is that we know nothing then the point which is the purpose of this entire thread is proven!

The issue was and is: Does a "classic" case like Washington National constitute the sort of evidence for exotic phenomena that ufology ought to expect science to react positively to?

Your answer is evidently the same as mine: No.

>A lot of typing is generated, often in a show-off manner, to  
>indicate that some people know a lot about technical things  
>which the ordinary moke doesn't. But will that clarify the UFO  
>issue, past and/or present?

You know, you sound exactly like some hardened sceptics I've

argued long and hard with over matters of crucial scientific or logical detail. They don't really want to know either. The attitude is, "Look I already know in my marrow what happened - analysis is well and good as long as it'll help prop up my prejudices, but never mind the fine detail and don't overload me with that new-fangled science stuff, please."

>Kyle King and Roger Peterson know that a new approach to UFO  
>study might do the subject some good, and resolve the mystery  
>finally.

Oh well let's have the "new approach" then, which has nothing to do evidently with establishing the scientific credibility of the evidence base.

>But the protracted give-and-take of minutiae, about events which  
>will end up amorphous even after they're explained, such as the  
>D.C. sightings, do nothing to further the cause of UFO science -  
>- because one is dealing with symptoms of a thing, and not the  
>thing itself.

What? Not the thing itself? The report data are the thing itself!! The reports are the phenomenon for the purpose of science - which I repeat is the point of this thread. Or do you have a cache of precious physical evidence ready for electron microscopy? If so then go ahead and start a new thread all about it.

>Then again, maybe, it's fun to show-off, and appear smart about  
>technology, and solving the UFO mystery would take that mundane  
>glory away.

If "solving the UFO mystery" and "appearing smart" are mutually exclusive then I can see why you think you might have a good shot at it, but personally I doubt it will be done with an attitude that sees some very basic info about radar as a "a display of exotica" and is suspicious of anything that goes over the head of the "ordinary moke".

Martin Shough

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## UK Boasts Another UFO Hot-Spot

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 10:54:26 EST  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 12:58:09 -0500  
Subject: UK Boasts Another UFO Hot-Spot

Well, whatta ya know. Triangles emerging from the sea?

Guess that pic I got a while back wasn't a joke. Always did like the 'Flying Sub' from the old tv show "Voyage To The Bottom of the Sea".

Best,

Greg

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Source: Leeds Today - Yorkshire, UK

<http://www.leedstoday.net/ViewArticle2.aspx?SectionID=39&ArticleID=912264>

12-30-04

Flying Saucer? No, It's The Filey Triangle  
by  
Howard Williamson

The genteel east coast resort of Filey has been named as the unlikely UFO hot spot of the British Isles.

The claim is made by an independent research group called the British UFO Hunters.

They say more sightings of mysterious objects are made there than anywhere else in Britain - with Selby and Fife as distant runners-up.

The UFO Hunters base their findings on evidence from Filey ufologist Russell Kellett who founded the International UFO Network eight years ago.

"Yes, this is the UFO capital," he said, "and it has taken over from Bonnybridge, near Falkirk in Scotland.

"So far we have 48 recorded sightings in Filey this year. The next nearest is Selby with 20.

"People are coming here from places like Newcastle, Leeds and Hull because they have heard about its reputation.

"Some people think that because researchers like me are active in these towns, we attract these mysterious objects in the sky. We are like conduits for them."

Mr Kellett said the most spectacular sighting in Filey this year was late at night in June when a couple walking their dog saw a flying triangle soar out of the sea and up into the sky.

He said: "I have also been in touch with a young woman living on the outskirts of the town who says she met a tall alien in her

home. She has no memory of how he left."

The UFO Hunters claim that the North Sea is an experimental area for top-secret US aircraft.

But Mr Kellett dismisses the idea that UFO sightings near the coast are of man-made craft.

"They would not come so close to the town," he said. "The US Government does not like people to see its new technology."

Mr Kellett has a large library of UFO video footage, some of which will be included in a documentary being made for the Cannes Film Festival.

He and his fellow researcher, Jody Holden, of Selby will be featured on the Bravo TV channel next month in Video Vigilantes, a programme about their work.

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## UFOs In The Media: CNN Crossfire 12-16-04

From: Joel Carpenter <[crediblesport.nul](mailto:crediblesport.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 10:54:01 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 13:02:26 -0500  
Subject: UFOs In The Media: CNN Crossfire 12-16-04

Of possible interest:

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Source: CNN Crossfire

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0412/16/cf.01.html>

12-16-04

TUCKER CARLSON: "[Gene] Sperling, the Democratic position on Social Security appears to be, everything is fine. The system is not going to blow up for quite some time. In the meantime, calm down. And the Bush administration's position, as you know, is, let's do something about it now, because, pretty soon, the bill is going to come due.

I want to put up probably the most famous poll ever taken on Social Security. It was taken 10 years ago. But I think it says something important.

SPERLING: I know exactly the one you're talking about.

CARLSON: Yes. This was taken by Luntz Research, Frank Luntz. And it asked two questions. Will Social Security exist by the time you retire? Twenty-eight percent say yes. Second question, do you believe in UFOs? Forty-six percent say yes.

[LAUGHTER]

More people believe in UFOs than they do in Social Security being there when they retire! The Bush administration is on the side of the vast majority of the public. It's on the side of history."

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## Walter Cronkite And UFOs

From: **Richard W. Heiden** <[rwheidenu.nul](mailto:rwheidenu.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 09:58:01 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Dec 2004 13:35:44 -0500  
Subject: Walter Cronkite And UFOs

[Non-Subscriber Post]

This is slightly revised from the article I wrote for The Star Beacon Vol. XVIII, No. 10, October 2004, pp. 12 and 16.

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The original April 2004 article was reprinted from Dr. Robert Paul Jones's, MainStreet Outreach, which mistakenly by-lined the article as William Krill.

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Walter Cronkite and UFOs

by Richard W. Heiden

The April 2004 Star Beacon, published a reprint of 'Walter Cronkite's UFO encounter'. Some Internet research turned the article up on numerous sites, but the original seems to be:

<http://www.paranormalnews.com/article.asp?articleID=3D698>

which Bill Knell posted Aug. 4, 2003.

I have reason to be suspicious of this article.

Knell claimed that Walter Cronkite had confided in him his 1950s UFO sighting while observing a USAF missile test in the Pacific. This brings to mind Robin Leach's infamous interview of Cronkite in the National Enquirer, of Dec. 14, 1976 (p. 29), titled, Top TV Newscaster Walter Cronkite: I'm Convinced UFOs Exist.

Unfortunately, Leach's interview never happened. In Cronkite's keynote speech at the Radio Television News Directors Association convention in Bal Harbour, Fla., on Dec. 13, 1976 (the day before the Enquirer's cover date, but a few days after its appearance on the news stands), he roundly denounced it. The Dec. 14 article in the Milwaukee Journal, (citing "Press Dispatches") reported, "His sharpest attacks were for a recent full page National Enquirer story claiming that Cronkite believed in flying saucers. Cronkite called it 'a total lie from beginning to end.'"

The following June, the National News Council upheld a complaint by MUFON's Elmer Kral about the Enquirer's UFO coverage, specifically the Cronkite piece and another one that misquoted Sen. Harrison Schmitt of New Mexico. (AP from New York in the Milwaukee Journal, June 24, 1977.)

At that time the Enquirer made a pathetic attempt to defend its articles. But the next month a lengthy article about the National Enquirer by John Holusha in the Washington Star

included this passage:

"Since the paper was deeply embarrassed by a mistake over Walter Cronkite's attitude toward UFOs and the disclosure on national television that it ran a faked picture, the Enquirer has gone on an accuracy binge."

(The picture is unrelated to the Cronkite story.) Holusha's article was reprinted in the Appleton (Wis.) Post-Crescent of July 24, 1977.

I can also provide some enlightenment about the 1950s UFO sighting by Cronkite that he allegedly described to Knell. It sounds an awful lot like the 1966 incident that took place in the Caribbean, specifically on Andros Island in the Bahamas, which Leach included in his article, allegedly quoting Cronkite. However, Cronkite was reporting it second hand. Later in the article, Leach said that "Cronkite himself has never spotted a UFO."

It is because of the Andros Island case that I have taken an interest in the Enquirer's supposed Cronkite interview, after meeting noted Spanish UFO researcher, the late Antonio Ribera, at the Acapulco UFO congress of April 1977.

The Andros Island witness had reported it to Ralph Blum after seeing him on a Florida television show, because the San Jose de Valderas photo [now considered a hoax =97 R.W.H.] shown on the program had the UMMO symbol that was also seen on Andros Island.

Antonio heard about it from Willy Smith, and included it briefly in his book, Los Doce Triangulos de la Muerte, (A.T.E., Barcelona, Spain, 1976, p. 44), but asked me to try to get more details.

After some correspondence with Blum, he eventually referred me to veteran ufologist Ted Bloecher. Ted sent me his transcript of Blum's interview with the witness. The exact date of the incident was May 21, 1966. Ted told me the name of the man he is convinced heard about the Andros Island case from Blum and passed it on to Leach; however, the individual denied it.

Antonio included more details on Andros Island and the Enquirer/Cronkite affair in his subsequent books, El Misterio de Ummo, (Plaza y Janes, Esplugas de Llobregat [Barcelona], Spain, 1979, pp. 111-116) and (especially), Ummo: La Incre=EDble Verdad, (Plaza & Janes, Esplugues de Llobregat [Barcelona], Spain, 1985, pp. 368-413).

For more exposes of the Enquirer's Cronkite interview, see:

- Green Bay (Wis.) Press-Gazette, March 5, 1978
- GSW Bulletin, Dec. 1977
- Contactos Extraterrestres (Mexico City UFO magazine), no. 21 (my own letter to the editor)
- Allan Hendry, The UFO Handbook, p. 222.

The author has attempted to reach Walter Cronkite numerous times (23 times from May 9 through Dec. 18, 2004) for his comments on this matter, using two e-mail addresses found on the Web:

[mail.nul](mailto:mail.nul)  
and  
[info.nul](mailto:info.nul)

So far there has been no reply.

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