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Re: Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards -

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 23:07:07 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 10:20:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards -

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2006 10:02 PM
Subject: Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards

>Source: The Scotsman - Edinburgh, Scotland

><http://news.scotsman.com/uk.cfm?id=147792006>

>Mon 30 Jan 2006

>The Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards - David Icke
>Russell Jackson

>David Icke, the former sports presenter who once proclaimed himself
>to be the Son of God, has offered up more of his unusual wisdom,
>this time claiming that the Royal Family are "bloodsucking alien
>lizards".

>Mr Icke, 53, claims the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are shape-
>shifters who drink human blood to look like us.

>And the father-of-three says a race of half-human, half-alien
>creatures has infiltrated all the world's key power positions.

>He claims the US president, George W Bush, and his father, the
>former president, George Bush, are both giant lizards who change
>into humans.

>Mr Icke, a professional speaker who has published 16 books,
>believes that the alien hybrids were behind the "murders" of
>Princess Diana and John F Kennedy, as well as the terrorist attacks
>of 9/11.

>He claims the only reason that the public cannot see this is
>because we are obsessed by popular culture, such as EastEnders and
>Coronation Street, and Page Three girls.

In case some of our North-American friends do not know what
Eastenders, Coronation Street and Page Three girls are, I would say
simply that two are TV soaps and that page three girls are those
the press dare not display on page one.

I hope that is now clear to all Americans and Canadians on this
List. Without this knowledge what hope is there for them to ever
comprehend what Mr Icke is telling us?

CDA

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Re: What Has Discredited Study Of UFO Phenomenon?

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 18:24:45 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 10:27:12 -0500
Subject: Re: What Has Discredited Study Of UFO Phenomenon?

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 09:50:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: What Has Discredited Study Of UFO Phenomenon?

>Pretty silly stuff. The most important reasons have been the lies
>told by various government agencies as described in my MUFON 2005
>paper Government UFO Lies, and the false claims made by SETI
>Specialists and the failure of the press to do its job as noted in
>a PhD thesis. And as manifest in such places as the Peter Jennings
>special and Susan Clancy's book about abductions Of course there
>has been a great deal of serious study of UFOs as well.

>Stan Friedman

Why are so many people intent on bashing Peter Jennings? I mean the man died of cancer, let him rest in peace. For another, actually view the show in question through the eyes of the average person who is not a UFO expert.

I think he portrayed the subject well from this angle and in fact helped the UFO community by lending his name and his professional treatment of the subject. You never know how his choice of hosting the show will effect the way the subject is handled in the future. I bet many of his colleagues will not be apt to portray the phenomena in a 'tounge-in-cheek' fashion, simply out of respect for the man.

Also on the subject of the 'average man', experts in this field should be aware of the fact that any on-air fighting over trivial and insignificant details - insignificant to the public - should be avoided. It only comes across as indicating the field is completely chaotic in nature. Save the fighting, bickering, and obsessing over the tiniest details between yourselves so that you put up a united front to the public.

One last thing. Don't get angry, complain, or "air laundry" in public when 'Sensationalistic-Fake/Staged UFO Events Complete with Psuedo-Evidence' are reported by the media. Use the time in the spotlight wisely and turn it to our advantage. Rather than speaking paragraphs of information on why it is fake, simply state the evidence in a few sentences and then quickly bring up a corresponding incident generally viewed as authentic among most experts.

So many experts in the field fail to realize that the process of informing people works just like fishing. These 'sensationalistic' reports are the bait, people are hooked, and now it's time for the experts to take the hook out of our mouths, set us straight on said topic and then toss us back. Unfortunately, a few of us will be gutted and eaten, only to be reincarnated as future experts on this topic.

Oh, and just to clarify, nothing I wrote above is directed solely at Stan Friedman, but is meant to be consumed by all.

Re: What Has Discredited Study Of UFO Phenomenon?

- Jason Gammon

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Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 15:40:51 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 10:29:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Deardorff

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 13:50:47 +0000
>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 29 Jan 2006 19:21:14 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 29 Jan 2006 22:19:37 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>><snip>

>>>>I'm no fan of Adamski, but if Orthon exists and told Adamski that
>>>>he was from Venus, would that mean he really is from Venus? I say
>>>>"No." One can't fault Adamski for not knowing, back in the 1950s,
>>>>the temperature of the surface of Venus, and hence for not
>>>>challenging his contactor, should Orthon turn out to have been
>>>>real. Others might argue that Venusians live in their spaceships
>>>>high in the Venusian atmosphere.

>>>Mighty big "if". Again, if you assume your own conclusion you will
>>>find your conclusions to be correct every time. You are supposed to
>>>be a scientist. If so, you should know better than to engage in
>>>this sort of spurious reasoning.

>>Science says: if this, then that. In science, it's okay to ask a
>>question, and examine the consequence. We want to keep "political
>>correctness" out of it.

>>Your reasoning is built upon a big assumption: Certainly a genuine
>>ET wouldn't lie to a human. Therefore Orthon didn't exist.
>>Therefore Adamski was a hoaxer. You need to justify your big
>>assumption if you wish to proceed with scientific reasoning.

>This is even more ridiculous than your previous post! Science bases
>its "ifs" on evidence (carefully gathered data) and thorough
>investigation. I know all about the hypothetico-deductive method,
>but apparently you don't understand it. There is virtually no
>evidence in support of Adamski's tales and tons of internal
>contradictions in his stories. I once did a careful comparative
>analysis of his books.

>Further, while in charge at NICAP I had NICAP investigators
>tracking and investigating Adamski all over the country, and
>personally investigated him when he was in the Washington, D.C.,
>area. We caught him in lie after lie, contradiction after
>contradiction. Actual thorough investigation, not wild-eyed and
>arbitrary assumptions about how honest or dishonest aliens are.

That's more like it, provided his lies and internal contradictions
related to what he said he experienced and not just to what he
said that came from his alleged aliens. Can I trust that you are
correct on that? Can you give one or two examples of his lies that
satisfy this?

>By the way, in the context of abduction reports I have pointed out
>in my writings the danger of assuming that what the aliens
>(allegedly) tell the abductees is truthful. There is a lot of
>evidence of deceptive behavior on their part. So before you make
>further groundless assumptions about my logic and reasoning, you
>ought to be aware of what I have actually said.

OK, then, if I can trust that you were following your own advice.

>Otherwise your form of alleged science consists of nothing but
>fairy tales. Which brings us back to Billy Meier.

There are way too many witnesses who confirm Meier's contactee
status to be able to reasonably doubt its reality. Have you for
example looked into a list of some 65 of them, with references,
such as in www.tjresearch.info/witness-list.htm ?

Jim

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Re: 1912 Canadian Native Crop Circle Account -

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 16:59:10 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 10:32:03 -0500
Subject: Re: 1912 Canadian Native Crop Circle Account -

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 10 Jan 2006 10:01:47 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Re: 1912 Canadian Native Crop Circle Account

>Regarding rings in the "Ole West", I have this newspaper account
>from "The New Era", November 07, 1894 Humeston, Iowa

>Fairy Rings Of Helena:
>Theories Advanced as to Their Origin - Common In Eastern
>Montana.

>The well-known circle on the pasturelands about six miles east
>of Helena, near the old overland stage road, and which has been
>a curiosity and a source of speculation for years, is identical
>with the fairy rings so common in some parts of England. There
>were formerly two of these rings, says the Helena (Mont.)
>Independent, but one has entirely disappeared within the last
>few years. The remaining one is about two hundred feet in
>diameter and forms a perfect circle. The ground forming the
>circle is about two yards wide and quite destitute of
>vegetation.

>Many theories have been advanced as to the cause of these rings.
>Some say that it is the result of lightning, others that a herd
>of buffalo, pursued by wolves, stopped and formed them- selves
>into a circle as a means of defending their young, and thus
>tramped out the grass. These ring's have attracted the attention
>of scientific men and recent investigations have shown they are
>the result of centrifugal development of certain kinds of fungi,
>among which is the common mushroom, which shows a tendency to
>grow in this manner. The spot where it has grown is unfitted for
>its continued nourishment, and the spawn extends outward to new
>soil, forming the circle. These rings are common in eastern
>Montana, along the Musselshell river, but the one near Helena
>is the most perfect in the state.

This does sound like ordinary fungus - 'fairy' - rings. They do
still get mistakenly reported as crop circles sometimes and are
quite common;

I was once investigating another, 'regular', crop circle formation
in Alberta a few years ago, and we found many of these fungus rings
of various sizes scattered on the grassy grounds of an adjacent
cemetary, which we had to cut through to get to the barley field.

Thanks for the newspaper reference though!

Paul

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Canadian Crop Circle Research Network
<http://www.cccrn.ca>

The Prairie Circular
<http://www.theprairiecircular.blogspot.com>

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Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 20:15:28 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 10:35:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly - Gammon

>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 11:16:56 -0600
>Subject: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly

>What is it? I don't know, thought some members of the List might
>like to see it for themselves:

<snip>

>Does this at least have the appearance for some type of timber
>construction? Call it an ark, boat, or an ancient temple, IMO, the
>only rocks here would have to be of the petrified kind...
>ancient... otherwise, how could anything survive the seasonal
>shifting of glacier ice and pressures across the passages of
>ancient times to present...

>Where did all the water come from and where did it all go?
>"You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink!"

None of this inspires me at all. Could be anything. Rock? Yeti
Masonic Lodge?

Besides, Flood-stories are found in so many diverse cultures, most
of which predate the ancient Hebrews.

Also, I thought I read somewhere that there is no proof what we
call Mt. Ararat today, is the actual mountain mentioned in the
Bible. I'll have to whip out the good 'ole King James Bible because
I recall that it stated the ark came to rest at the mountains
- plural - of Arafat.

- Jason Gammon

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Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05? -

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 20:31:27 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 10:36:17 -0500
Subject: Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05? -

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 13:12:28 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05?

>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 29 Jan 2006 03:33:06 -0600
>>Subject: Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05?

>>Regarding the referenced thread, please see this site...

>><http://www.hometimemedia.com/tdm396.html>

>>I am sure that this is the story to which Jason is referring.

>I don't think this is the case Jason is looking for. This involved
>a couple of F-16s seen to scramble and chase a blue light in the
>DC-area.

>Joan Woodward has a great deal of information about that event. I
>helped with a very small portion of it.

>It was investigated by her for FUFOR.

>See: http://www.fufor.com/case020726/020726_IUR.htm

<snip>

Well, it looks like this is not the same incident that I was
referring to, but I do thank you for the link. It looks quite
interesting.

-Jason

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Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 21:06:07 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 10:39:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Gammon

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 10:15:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>I had heard that Corso in the end was very upset with how the
>publication of Beyond Roswell was handled. In part, I believe that
>he had hoped that this book and subsequent updates would become a
>legacy that he could leave to his family. But the profits
>apparently weren't what he had dreamed they would be and he felt
>his publishing agreement was unfair.

I for one don't understand why he just didn't write it himself. Was he too sick? If so, he could have easily dictated or tape recorded and then later have it translated into print. I appear to be one of the few people here who see some truth in his story, after removing all references to "Davy Crockett" that is.

In my opinion, I feel he took liberty and combined what he experienced with what he heard via rumor or other sources. It makes no sense for him to have witnessed an alien body, nor does it make sense that he would have access to any autopsy records.

Neither of these fall into his 'compartment'. What I did find interesting is that he mentioned the black eyes of the aliens to actually be high-tech contact lenses.

The reason this intruiges me is because I know for a fact that several Abduction researchers are and have been withholding information as means to "verify" encounters, much like police do during an investigation of a crime, such as murder, where certain details are withheld, information only the killer would know. Yep, you guessed it, the fact that the black eyes of the aliens were some type of lens was indeed information keep out of print.

I also agree with Corso in his claims that the aliens are artificial in nature. I go a step further and suggest that we are dealing with an extraterrestrial A.I. (Artificial Intelligence) which "grows" organic bodies from DNA specimens collected from abductees. I will also go out on a limb and state that the supposed "Telepathy" experienced is not a magical creation of evolution. It's technological in nature and we aren't far from it ourselves.

"Coming soon..... Tired of the slow spread of cable or dsl? Well try AOL's brand new wireless brain implant connection! Step 1.) A simple procedure will implant a tine device which will form connections to the neurons in your vision, hearing, and speaking centers of the brain. 2.) Once activated, your individuality will be added to our collective as you begin to merge with Borg. 3.) Resistance is Futile. Sorry, must have a Credit Card or Bank Account to purchase service."

>As far as publishers taking responsibility for the information they
>publish, I think the recent controversy surrounding "A Million
>Little Pieces" had brought to light a problem that has existed for
>decades. But in this information age, it's becoming far more
>difficult to make unsupportable claims.

>Steve

What a train-wreck that was! I wonder who wrote Oprah's apology speech?

All Hail Borg-Queen Oprah!

Can't you just picture machines inserting Oprah's head into a robot body before each and every show? Still think she's not Borg? Well, how do you explain the hair?

- Jason Gammon

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Re: US plans To 'Fight The Net' Revealed

From: SMiles Lewis <elfis.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 21:37:42 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 10:43:16 -0500
Subject: Re: US plans To 'Fight The Net' Revealed

This level of admitted disinfo reminds me of statements in Redfern's Bodysnatchers book to the effect that there are huge squadrons of government disinfo creators churning out articles, documents, etc.

SMiles

Source: BBC News - UK

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/americas/4655196.stm>>

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US plans To 'Fight The Net' Revealed

By Adam Brookes
BBC Pentagon correspondent

A newly declassified document gives a fascinating glimpse into the US military's plans for "information operations" - from psychological operations, to attacks on hostile computer networks.

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As the world turns networked, the Pentagon is calculating the military opportunities that computer networks, wireless technologies and the modern media offer.

From influencing public opinion through new media to designing "computer network attack" weapons, the US military is learning to fight an electronic war.

The declassified document is called "Information Operations Roadmap". It was obtained by the National Security Archive at George Washington University using the Freedom of Information Act:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/bsp/hi/pdfs/27_01_06_psyops.pdf

Officials in the Pentagon wrote it in 2003. The Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, signed it.

Most computers will open PDF documents automatically, but you may need to download Adobe Acrobat Reader.

The "roadmap" calls for a far-reaching overhaul of the military's ability to conduct information operations and electronic warfare. And, in some detail, it makes recommendations for how the US armed forces should think about this new, virtual warfare.

The document says that information is "critical to military success". Computer and telecommunications networks are of vital operational importance.

Propaganda

The operations described in the document include a surprising range

of military activities: public affairs officers who brief journalists, psychological operations troops who try to manipulate the thoughts and beliefs of an enemy, computer network attack specialists who seek to destroy enemy networks.

All these are engaged in information operations.

Perhaps the most startling aspect of the roadmap is its acknowledgement that information put out as part of the military's psychological operations, or Psyops, is finding its way onto the computer and television screens of ordinary Americans.

"Information intended for foreign audiences, including public diplomacy and Psyops, is increasingly consumed by our domestic audience," it reads.

"Psyops messages will often be replayed by the news media for much larger audiences, including the American public," it goes on.

The document's authors acknowledge that American news media should not unwittingly broadcast military propaganda. "Specific boundaries should be established," they write. But they don't seem to explain how.

"In this day and age it is impossible to prevent stories that are fed abroad as part of psychological operations propaganda from blowing back into the United States - even though they were directed abroad," says Kristin Adair of the National Security Archive.

Credibility problem

Public awareness of the US military's information operations is low, but it's growing - thanks to some operational clumsiness.

When it describes plans for electronic warfare, or EW, the document takes on an extraordinary tone. It seems to see the internet as being equivalent to an enemy weapons system

Late last year, it emerged that the Pentagon had paid a private company, the Lincoln Group, to plant hundreds of stories in Iraqi newspapers. The stories - all supportive of US policy - were written by military personnel and then placed in Iraqi publications.

And websites that appeared to be information sites on the politics of Africa and the Balkans were found to be run by the Pentagon.

But the true extent of the Pentagon's information operations, how they work, who they're aimed at, and at what point they turn from informing the public to influencing populations, is far from clear.

The roadmap, however, gives a flavour of what the US military is up to - and the grand scale on which it's thinking.

It reveals that Psyops personnel "support" the American government's international broadcasting. It singles out TV Marti - a station which broadcasts to Cuba - as receiving such support.

It recommends that a global website be established that supports America's strategic objectives. But no American diplomats here, thank you. The website would use content from "third parties with greater credibility to foreign audiences than US officials".

It also recommends that Psyops personnel should consider a range of technologies to disseminate propaganda in enemy territory: unmanned aerial vehicles, "miniaturized, scatterable public address systems", wireless devices, cellular phones and the internet.

'Fight the net'

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"Strategy should be based on the premise that the Department [of Defense] will 'fight the net' as it would an enemy weapons system,"

it reads.

The slogan "fight the net" appears several times throughout the roadmap.

The authors warn that US networks are very vulnerable to attack by hackers, enemies seeking to disable them, or spies looking for intelligence.

"Networks are growing faster than we can defend them... Attack sophistication is increasing... Number of events is increasing."

US digital ambition

And, in a grand finale, the document recommends that the United States should seek the ability to "provide maximum control of the entire electromagnetic spectrum".

US forces should be able to "disrupt or destroy the full spectrum of globally emerging communications systems, sensors, and weapons systems dependent on the electromagnetic spectrum".

Consider that for a moment.

The US military seeks the capability to knock out every telephone, every networked computer, every radar system on the planet.

Are these plans the pipe dreams of self-aggrandising bureaucrats? Or are they real?

The fact that the "Information Operations Roadmap" is approved by the Secretary of Defense suggests that these plans are taken very seriously indeed in the Pentagon.

And that the scale and grandeur of the digital revolution is matched only by the US military's ambitions for it.

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Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly - Goldstein

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Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 11:29:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly - Goldstein

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 11:16:56 -0600
>Subject: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly

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><http://msnbc.msn.com/id/4838007/>

><http://starbulletin.com/2004/09/03/news/story9.html>

>http://home.centurytel.net/cty90143/jpeg/mtararat/ark1_E2.JPG

>Here's another one. From above, I used the image link at MSNBC
>which takes us over to the space.com website and its zoomviewer
>images, of which we should mention, appear to have undergone some
>enhancement.

>I used the 'top right thumbnail image' to further enhance it. These
>results were turned out to be somewhat more detailed than above
>'ark1_E2', because now the internal structure of the object can be
>made out, where unlike above you might be able to make out the top
>of ark only.

><http://tinyurl.com/7ox6m>

>http://home.centurytel.net/cty90143/jpeg/mtararat/ark2_E3.JPG

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>shifting of glacier ice and pressures across the passages of
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John,

From those satellite images I could not see anything that would
identify that dark blotch as being manmade. As for any Noah's Ark
possibilities there would have to have been a flood with a 15,500
foot depth.

There were floods in the past but not with depths anywhere near to
that altitude. Maybe it was a flying ark and he made a navigation
error that caused him to fly into the side of the mountain. Then
again, if he did not have oxygen for himself and all the animals
perhaps they all got too high and passed out.

Maybe we need to take a special operations unit from Iraq and make
a night time commando raid to examine that dark blotch. :-)

Josh Goldstein

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Re: Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards -

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 05:34:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 12:17:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards -

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 18:24:21 -0400
>Subject: Re: Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards

>>Source: The Scotsman - Edinborough, Scotland

>><http://news.scotsman.com/uk.cfm?id=147792006>

>>Mon 30 Jan 2006

>>The Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards - David Icke
>>Russell Jackson

>>David Icke, the former sports presenter who once proclaimed himself
>>to be the Son of God, has offered up more of his unusual wisdom,
>>this time claiming that the Royal Family are "bloodsucking alien
>>lizards".

><snip>

>>Mr Icke said: "When you get back into the ancient world, you find
>>this recurring theme of a union between a non-human race and humans
>>- creating a hybrid race.

>>"From 1998, I started coming across people who told me they had
>>seen people change into a non-human form. It's an age-old
>>phenomenon known as shape-shifting. The basic form is like a scaly
>>humanoid, with reptilian rather than humanoid eyes."

>With friends like this, we don't need enemies.

I assume this thread is in response to the recent graphic
representation of alien influence in both the Royal Family and
other leaders of the world, such as the Bush Family in the U.S.,
during a conspiracy based documentary.

On that show, they showed a static scene from George Bush's
inauguration in which his head was seen to change from human to
that of a rather large cartoon lizard. While a bit nonsensical, I
found that fun to watch from a political perspective. In the back
of my mind I had the strange feeling that this seemed to explain
things on a variety of levels.

Steve

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Solar Lights Spawn Rumours Of UFO Sightings

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 12:37:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 12:37:28 -0500
Subject: Solar Lights Spawn Rumours Of UFO Sightings

Source: New Kerala Communications & Multimedia, Cochin, India

<http://www.newkerala.com/news.php?action=fullnews&id=98718>

01 Feb 2006

Solar Lights Spawn Rumours Of UFO Sightings

Dharamsala, Jan 31: Reports of UFO sightings and mysterious flashes from flying saucers over the Dhauladhar ranges, which have evoked widespread local interest, were dismissed by the authorities today as nothing more than "solar lights" from a nearby Army camp.

"The reports carried by newspapers regarding "mysterious" flashes of light are not based on facts. These flashes were emitted from solar lights installed by the 9 Corps at Yol camp at a religious site," Kangra Deputy Commissioner Bharat Khera said.

He said the trial of these solar lights was on and they emitted very bright flashes in the horizon particularly.

The flashes had been noticed in the skyline over the Dhauladhar ranges last night, causing people to believe that they were emitted from flying saucers.

Khera said there was no cause for panic and asked the people to refrain from spreading rumours.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Feb 2006 11:02:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 13:36:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Shell

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 21:06:07 EST
>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>I for one don't understand why he just didn't write it himself. Was
>he too sick? If so, he could have easily dictated or tape recorded
>and then later have it translated into print. I appear to be one of
>the few people here who see some truth in his story, after removing
>all references to "Davy Crockett" that is.

Some people just can't write, period. That's probably why the publisher brought Birnes in. Do you really think that all of those books credited to celebrities are actually written by them? Hardly.

I'm ghost writing a book right now for someone who really knows her subject inside out but can't write at all. Her name will appear on the book as the author when it comes out. This is SOP in the publishing business.

Bob Shell

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Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Feb 2006 12:11:32 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 14:38:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly - Balaskas

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 20:15:28 EST
>Subject: Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly

>>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 11:16:56 -0600
>>Subject: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly

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>>shifting of glacier ice and pressures across the passages of
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>>"You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink!"

>None of this inspires me at all. Could be anything. Rock? Yeti
>Masonic Lodge?

>Besides, Flood-stories are found in so many diverse cultures, most
>of which predate the ancient Hebrews.

>Also, I thought I read somewhere that there is no proof what we
>call Mt. Ararat today, is the actual mountain mentioned in the
>Bible. I'll have to whip out the good 'ole King James Bible because
>I recall that it stated the ark came to rest at the mountains
>- plural - of Ararat.

Hi Jason!

This universal story of a vessel (known as Noah's Ark to those familiar with the Biblical account) containing the only human survivors along with the "seeds" for all types of animals so the Earth could be repopulated after a global catastrophe just a few thousand years ago that originated both from above (space?) and beneath the Earth has a direct UFO/ET connection that should not be overlooked or too quickly dismissed as some mythological or religious account.

My interest in Noah's Ark was sparked by an account told to me by a student in the first year physics labs whose's uncle was an advisor to the U.S. President and had seen the proof they had that the Ark was real and still exists to this day. I contacted a scientist at JPL related to this advisor to the President for confirmation and ended getting this student and myself in trouble. During a visit to an Orthodox monastery in Florida a few months later, I met and spoke with someone who had lived at a monastery in eastern Turkey where the monks showed him a store room with timbers from Noah's Ark that were brought down the mountain over the ages by pilgrims

and monks. I decided that my next vacation later that same year (2000) would be to check out these two credible claims in person.

After my visit to Mount Ararat where I saw what could be the Ark on this (I cannot go into details because this region of the mountain opposite Armenia is still restricted and did not have official authorization to climb there but is not the Ark-like geological formation across from Iran which I also visited), I continued on to the Turabdin region of Turkey where I asked and obtained permission from the Syriac Christian Archbishop Timotheos Samuel Aktas to stay at the Mor Gabriel monastery.

It was there that I asked the Archbishop of what he knew about Noah's Ark and the wood from this massive ship that allegedly was stored at a monastery. With permission from the Archbishop, I set out together with a professor from France that expressed interest in my personal search who was there to document the music, culture and visual historical remains of this small Christian sect to visit the old and long abandoned Christian sites in the Turabdin region north of Iraq and Syria.

Recalling the movie *Midnight Express*, and that the penalties are much greater for those that attempt to smuggle antiquities, I did not return to Canada with samples for carbon testing as I had wanted to do.

Although the Ark was not in the Turabdin region, the Tomb of Noah in Gziro (or Cizre) is there. Interestingly, it contains a large ornate wooden structure whose shape and dimensions is identical to the modern barge-like Ark that some eyewitnesses claim to have seen! Could this structure have influenced these alleged eyewitnesses of Noah's Ark? According to the Archbishop, the Syriac Bible makes reference to the Kardu Mountains around Gziro (which includes Mount Djudi) and not to Buyuk Agri Dagi (or Mount Ararat) near Dogubeyazit where I went to first. You are correct Jason that the mountain known as Mount Ararat was known by different names in antiquity. Also, I learned about the nearby vacant Mor Awgin (or Augin) monastery (the last resident monk died in 1974) which is also alleged to have a large beam from Noah's Ark in its sanctuary.

If you are interested in reading more about my findings and views on Noah's Ark and its connection to UFOs/ETs, you can check out these two previous posts to UFO UpDates.

Re: CIA Files on Noah's Ark - Balaskas

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/jul/m12-004.shtml>

Proof We're Special Among Civilizations Of Cosmos?

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/oct/m08-007.shtml>

Nick Balaskas

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Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05? -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 13:51:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 14:43:58 -0500
Subject: Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05? -

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 20:31:27 EST
>Subject: Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05?

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 13:12:28 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05?

>>>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 29 Jan 2006 03:33:06 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05?

>>>Regarding the referenced thread, please see this site...

>>><http://www.hometimemedia.com/tdm396.html>

>>>I am sure that this is the story to which Jason is referring.

>>>I don't think this is the case Jason is looking for. This
>>>involved a couple of F-16s seen to scramble and chase a blue light
>>>in the DC-area.

>>>Joan Woodward has a great deal of information about that event. I
>>>helped with a very small portion of it.

>>>It was investigated by her for FUFOR.

>>>See: http://www.fufor.com/case020726/020726_IUR.htm

><snip>

>Well, it looks like this is not the same incident that I was
>referring to, but I do thank you for the link. It looks quite
>interesting.

Sorry. I assumed you were looking for some anomalous relationship,
Jason.

There was nothing anomalous about a Cessna 150 wandering
into restricted airspace over DC. It was known from the get-go by
Washington Center [Washington Air Route Traffic Control Center
(ARTCC) and [subsequently USAF/USNMarine] who contacted the AF that
they had an intruder. He was squawking a transponder code-preset
1200.

UFOs almost never squawk transponder codes.

Don Ledger

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More On The Reagan Alien Invasion

From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 18:45:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 15:07:56 -0500
Subject: More On The Reagan Alien Invasion

Reagan And The Alien Invasion

Each US President has had some small public involvement in the history of UFOs. For Ronald Reagan, his small contribution centered on his references to the possibility of an alien invasion and how that might affect the nations of the earth.

Most people are only familiar with the alien invasion remark that Reagan uttered at his 1987 United Nations address where he said, "I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world. And yet, I ask is not an alien force already among us?"

What is not commonly known is that President Reagan made at least a half dozen (or more) references to what he called a small fantasy of his =96 the alien invasion. Most of the comments did not make big press as they were stuck in small speeches, and were adlibbed by the President. They ended up being adlibbed because Colin Powell had as part of his job as National Security Advisor to the President, the task of keeping the alien invasion remarks out of Reagan=92s speeches. At least that=92s the story Powell told to presidential historian Lou Cannon.

When I visited the Reagan Presidential Library in the early 1990 I was aware of many of the alien invasion references and had heard rumors of many more. I filed FOIAs on every one I thought I could recover.

Now many years later, I have forgotten what I actually requested. The world of FOIA requests is one where good notes or a good memory is required. I have neither. Thank God the archives are filed with honest archivists who are as interested as the rest of us at getting the answers.

So it was a surprise when I arrived home today to find a letter from the Reagan Library. At first I thought it might be from the Clinton Library in Little Rock, as I just filed over 90 FOIAs on January 20th, minutes after the Clinton Library opened the presidential files to FOIA requests. I thought the Clinton letter would be one indirectly telling me to quit wasting the time of the 8 FOIA archivists with my National Enquirer style UFO inquiries.

When I opened the letter I saw that I had received 10 pages of newly declassified documents, in response to an FOIA that I had filed on April 10, 2001. The request was for the records, from the files of the Executive Secretariat NSC, of September 15, 1987 meetings between President Reagan and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze of the USSR.

I requested the files because I had heard that during the dinner conversation Shevardnadze and Reagan had discussed the alien invasion. It is so long ago I do not even recall where I had picked up the lead.

I read the papers over and on the final page of the declassified =93Secret/Sensitive=94 Memorandum for Conversation there was a confirmation of the conversation. The entire paragraph from the document reads as follows

"The President interjected a private fantasy, as he put it: What if we were attacked by extraterrestrial beings? Wouldn't our conversations seem unimportant? In that event, Foreign Minister Shevardnadze replied, we probably wouldn't even care about meetings of our defense ministers. Secretary (George) Schultz added that we ought to encourage meetings of our top defense leaders =96 of which exchanges under the Incidents of the Sea Agreement were a model =96 at least to spread the workload from the diplomats. The Vice President (George Bush) cited a fanciful intercept of a conversation in an alien space craft: =91Keep calm. Four heads are better than two.=92=94

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Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 04:49:26 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 05:29:01 -0500
Subject: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Hello -

Please see this link for some new ideas in detecting deception...

<http://tinyurl.com/a4v68>

From the article:

"CHARLESTON, S.C. -- Picture this: Your boss is threatening to fire you because he thinks you stole company property. He doesn't believe your denials. Your lawyer suggests you deny it one more time - in a brain scanner that will show you're telling the truth.

Wacky? Science fiction? It might happen this summer."

Doesn't appear to be something that would work on a recording, but rather requires the subject to be placed in an MRI machine. But a reported 90% success rate, if the "successes" can be trusted.

Kyle King

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Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Feb 2006 14:05:40 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 05:35:45 -0500
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>a night time commando raid to examine that dark blotch. :-)

Josh,

I think the Hebrews got this story from the Epic of Gilgamesh
(Sumerians).

If there is an object which resembles the storybook Ark that
rests on the top of the mountain, that's the bigger part of the
mystery. I understand the mountain did have trees at one time.
Was it warmer as well? How difficult would it have been to
build an Ark or a temple at that elevation? Who knows?

Maybe it will just end up being just one more unexplained but
abandoned Yeti hunting shack.

John

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Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 17:33:08 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 05:46:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly - Ledger

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 1 Feb 2006 12:11:32 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly

>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 20:15:28 EST
>>Subject: Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly

>>>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 11:16:56 -0600
>>>Subject: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly

>>>What is it? I don't know, thought some members of the List might
>>>like to see it for themselves:

>><snip>

>>>Does this at least have the appearance for some type of timber
>>>construction? Call it an ark, boat, or an ancient temple, IMO, the
>>>only rocks here would have to be of the petrified kind...
>>>ancient... otherwise, how could anything survive the seasonal
>>>shifting of glacier ice and pressures across the passages of
>>>ancient times to present...

>>>Where did all the water come from and where did it all go?
>>>"You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink!"

>>None of this inspires me at all. Could be anything. Rock? Yeti
>>Masonic Lodge?

>>Besides, Flood-stories are found in so many diverse cultures, most
>>of which predate the ancient Hebrews.

>>Also, I thought I read somewhere that there is no proof what we
>>call Mt. Ararat today, is the actual mountain mentioned in the
>>Bible. I'll have to whip out the good 'ole King James Bible because
>>I recall that it stated the ark came to rest at the mountains
>>- plural - of Ararat.

>This universal story of a vessel (known as Noah's Ark to those
>familiar with the Biblical account) containing the only human
>survivors along with the "seeds" for all types of animals so the
>Earth could be repopulated after a global catastrophe just a few
>thousand years ago that originated both from above (space?) and
>beneath the Earth has a direct UFO/ET connection that should not
>be overlooked or too quickly dismissed as some mythological or
>religious account.

<snip>

>If you are interested in reading more about my findings and
>views on Noah's Ark and its connection to UFOs/ETs, you can
>check out these two previous posts to UFO UpDates.

>Re: CIA Files on Noah's Ark - Balaskas

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2001/jul/m12-004.shtml>

>Proof We're Special Among Civilizations Of Cosmos?

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/oct/m08-007.shtml>

Hi Nick,

I'm sure you realize that it would have been a geological impossibility for there to have been a flood that could have deposited a large vessel some 15,500 - 17,000 feet above sealevel.

This would have required a geological subsidence of monstrous proportions - over three miles] that is not evidenced in the recent [the last several million years] geological record.

It must be remembered, the whole world for many tribes and groups in early civilization wasn't more than a few hundred miles, if that. Therefore any local flood like we see very often on CNN etc. would have seemed larger than life and presumed to have occurred over the whole world. Tsunamis probably account for many of them and/or geological shifts that opened up large bodies of water [i.e. the Med. breaking through the Bosphorus into the Black Sea] to even larger bodies of water. Believe Ballantine's [sp] been looking at that.

I have no problem with flood legends, but not one big one.

If there's something made of wood on Ararat it's probably going to be some kind of structure rather than a vessel and will be another of those exercises where our ancestors laboured for decades to build something in an impossible place, through great hardship with materials they had to drag hundreds of miles, just to confound us in the 21st century.

Don Ledger

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Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05? -

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Feb 2006 16:28:24 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 05:41:17 -0500
Subject: Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05? -

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 13:51:29 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05?

>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 20:31:27 EST
>>Subject: Re: 'UFO' Over Restricted Air Space In 2004/05?

>>Well, it looks like this is not the same incident that I was
>>refering to, but I do thank you for the link. It looks quite
>>interesting.

>Sorry. I assumed you were looking for some anomalous relationship,
>Jason.

>There was nothing anomalous about a Cessna 150 wandering
>into restricted airspace over DC. It was known from the get-go by
>Washington Center [Washington Air Route Traffic Control Center
>(ARTCC)and [subsequently USAF/USNMarine] who contacted the AF that
>they had an intruder. He was squawking a transponder code-preset
>1200.

>UFOs almost never squawk transponder codes.

Don,

I watched the initial Breaking News bit when it aired. Later
that night there was just a small amount of time dedicated to it
on the news, "It turned out to be a small aircraft..." and that
was it.

Months later, I watched a documentary about UFOs and this
incident was covered at the very end of the program. As I
previously wrote, the show never actualy said it was a UFO
incident, but it did in fact hint/suggest it was.

I'm glad I learned the facts concerning this. I am also glad you
posted the link as well, because without it I would have never
been aware of this most interesting case.

- Jason Gammon

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>Date: Wed, 1 Feb 2006 12:11:32 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Mt. Ararat Object Image Anomaly

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>thousand years ago that originated both from above (space?) and
>beneath the Earth has a direct UFO/ET connection that should not be
>overlooked or too quickly dismissed as some mythological or
>religious account.

(Snipped for Space)

Hi Nick,

In my opinion, there is no evidence to suggest Noah's Ark as having anything to do with UFOs. I think the Bible is very clear that the ark was made of wood, a substance that is not a good material for interstellar travel. I do like the idea though, and might add that it would make a wonderful story-line for a movie.

I also shy away from 'UFOs in the Bible' topics. I'm not saying there aren't any references that could imply such, just that in my opinion, many people who have claimed such are not as knowledgeable on the passage, or even culture, from which the Bible originated. For example, the whole notion of Ezekiel's UFO sighting, something that sounds very exciting until you research ancient Jewish mysticism and discover it has absolutely nothing to do with UFOs. (FYI: Ezekiel's description became the Tarot card known as The Chariot)

- Jason Gammon

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Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Feb 2006 16:48:41 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 05:52:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Gammon

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>Date: Wed, 1 Feb 2006 11:02:23 -0500
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>Some people just can't write, period. That's probably why the
>publisher brought Birnes in. Do you really think that all of those
>books credited to celebrities are actually written by them? Hardly.

>I'm ghost writing a book right now for someone who really knows her
>subject inside out but can't write at all. Her name will appear on
>the book as the author when it comes out. This is SOP in the
>publishing business.

You mean to tell me Paris Hilton does not have the emotional
depth and soul of an artist as reading her book implies? ;)

So, Bob do you ever "blackmail" people you write for, say for
more money, or do they make you sign a standard confidentiality
agreement? I bet ghostwritting pays well.

- Jason Gammon

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Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 22:53:45 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 05:55:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Hall

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 15:40:51 -0800
>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 13:50:47 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 29 Jan 2006 19:21:14 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

<snip>

>>>Your reasoning is built upon a big assumption: Certainly a genuine
>>>ET wouldn't lie to a human. Therefore Orthon didn't exist.
>>>Therefore Adamski was a hoaxer. You need to justify your big
>>>assumption if you wish to proceed with scientific reasoning.

>>This is even more ridiculous than your previous post! Science bases
>>its "ifs" on evidence (carefully gathered data) and thorough
>>investigation. I know all about the hypothetico-deductive method,
>>but apparently you don't understand it. There is virtually no
>>evidence in support of Adamski's tales and tons of internal
>>contradictions in his stories. I once did a careful comparative
>>analysis of his books.

>>Further, while in charge at NICAP I had NICAP investigators
>>tracking and investigating Adamski all over the country, and
>>personally investigated him when he was in the Washington, D.C.,
>>area. We caught him in lie after lie, contradiction after
>>contradiction. Actual thorough investigation, not wild-eyed and
>>arbitrary assumptions about how honest or dishonest aliens are.

>That's more like it, provided his lies and internal contradictions
>related to what he said he experienced and not just to what he
>said that came from his alleged aliens. Can I trust that you are
>correct on that? Can you give one or two examples of his lies that
>satisfy this?

This is an [arbitrary] distinction whose significance eludes
me.

>>By the way, in the context of abduction reports I have pointed out
>>in my writings the danger of assuming that what the aliens
>>(allegedly) tell the abductees is truthful. There is a lot of
>>evidence of deceptive behavior on their part. So before you make
>>further groundless assumptions about my logic and reasoning, you
>>ought to be aware of what I have actually said.

>OK, then, if I can trust that you were following your own advice.

Either that or call me a liar.

>>Otherwise your form of alleged science consists of nothing but
>>fairy tales. Which brings us back to Billy Meier.

>There are way too many witnesses who confirm Meier's contactee
>status to be able to reasonably doubt its reality. Have you for
>example looked into a list of some 65 of them, with references,
>such as in www.tjresearch.info/witness-list.htm ?

Have you read the NICAP exposes of Adamski? Have you read my
writings about Adamski and other contactees?

Oh, I very "reasonably" doubt Meier.

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Alien Lenses In 70's Science Fiction

From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 05:59:04 -0500
Subject: Alien Lenses In 70's Science Fiction

The concept of alien lenses is antedated by a science fiction series; it is portrayed in an episode of Gerry Anderson's 1970's television series U.F.O., where we see a lens being removed from an alien during an - well almost - autopsy, as it dies after the procedure. You can find a still of that memorable scene here:

<http://tinyurl.com/8s8qy>

Santilli's alien autopsy film has it too, of course. I always wondered where he possibly got hold of that idea.

In the episode an interesting discussion takes place on the nature of UFOs and their occupants: it is suggested that by drugs and transplants these aliens have stopped the aging process; they are doomed to extinction; they look upon us as animals (echoing Fort's dictum) and need us for their survival. Interesting as it mirrors certain themes in abduction literature.

Regards,

Theo

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UFO Sleuth On The Trail Of Mystery At Sea

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Subject: UFO Sleuth On The Trail Of Mystery At Sea

Source: Raiders News.Com

<http://www.raidersnewsupdate.com/lead-story79.htm>

February 01, 2006

UFO Sleuth On The Trail Of Mystery At Sea

As the well known X Files catchphrase goes; 'the truth is out there'.

That is what UFO investigator Russell Kellett hopes to uncover on his saucer searching mission in Conwy.

But without the help of Mulder and Scully, the full-time researcher from Filey, North Yorkshire, has spent eight years unfolding the details of a paranormal event, believed to have occurred in North Wales nearly 32 years ago.

And Russell is hoping that a return trip to the Welsh hills and vales will unearth new supernatural soils, and conclude the mystery that he has named Dragon Lights.

The story began when a group of four men were travelling home on the evening of January 23 1973. They were near a field in Llandrillo when they saw an unidentified object land on the ground.

Arriving promptly on the scene, the army ordered the men to leave but not before they caught a glimpse of five humanoid creatures, two of which were in distress.

The military surrounded the area and told the men not to speak of what they had just witnessed, but the men later set up meetings to discuss their sightings.

The plot began to thicken as more and more witnesses spoke out, and after years of research, Russell discovered that there had also been an earthquake that night.

He said: "My investigation is very detailed and has a lot of background to it and I have documents and witness statements that really are mindblowing.

I believe that a military movement out at sea caused the raising of a UFO from underwater which later crashed in land.

My investigations so far have helped things to fall into place, this blows what happens on sci-fi TV right out of the water.

I am currently searching for people in the area who have been on battleships and would be grateful if any readers who may have any information about a battle fleet that was in the Colwyn Bay/Puffin Island or Liverpool Bay area at that time could get in touch with me."

Russell's number is 01723 514700

North Wales Pioneer
22 Penhryn Road
Colwyn Bay, Conwy

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Alien Invasion Of UFO Hotspot West Kilbride

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Subject: Alien Invasion Of UFO Hotspot West Kilbride

Source: The Scotsman - Edinburgh, Scotland

<http://heritage.scotsman.com/myths.cfm?id=3D157852006>

Thu 2 Feb 2006

Alien Invasion Of UFO Hotspot West Kilbride
Sarah Roe

Hills and sea flank the picturesque and sleepy village of West Kilbride in Ayrshire. A typical Scottish sky, a changing pattern of light and cloud hangs over the town. The days when a thriving weaving industry supported local employment are long gone. Today the area is more concerned with crafts; that's home crafts and small businesses, and spacecrafts and little green men.

Yes, according to recent statistics, that big old sky is continually being punctuated by strange lights, odd-shaped crafts and generally all manner of unidentified flying objects.

Last year reports released by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) revealed that West Kilbride had the highest number of recorded sightings of flying saucers in Britain during 2004. A total of 12 sightings were made in the village, which makes it Britain's closest rival to the UFO capital of Roswell, New Mexico. Reported sightings were consistent: yellow spheres, sometimes alone, sometimes flying in groups of up to 25, all hovering over the hills of West Kilbride.

In the Kilbride Tavern, locals are well aware of the village's growing fame in paranormal circles. While no-one on my visit admitted to reporting any sightings themselves, there were nods of agreement that there is something strange going on. When I ask who I should talk to I am pointed in the direction of Dougie McKinnie with cries of: "Dougie's an alien, speak to him!"

"I saw one," admits McKinnie. "I was camping out on the beach when I was 17. It was the middle of the night. I woke up locked out of the tent and I saw a round light hovering above the water between here and Arran."

A local shopworker, who preferred to remain anonymous, agreed that she too once saw an unexplained light over the water in the westerly direction of Arran, while in the vet's surgery a former colleague was believed to have reported yet another sighting.

Others remain unconvinced. "I didn't see any although maybe I might see some later on in here," chuckles Mattie Anderson, as she gestures round the pub's jovial customers and tops up own her glass. "I think you've got to see something before you can believe it."

Gerry McGrath is more certain: "I know there are people who said they've seen stuff but it's absolute tripe! Very often you see something in the sky round here and you think: 'What's that?' Sometimes they don't move for ages and ages, but they're

helicopters. I've seen them with my children and it does look quite funny but they're just helicopters."

The MoD does follow up reports of UFOs to check whether Britain's airspace is compromised, but unless there appears to be a threat they don't attempt to analyse the sightings. Staff agree that many reports do remain a mystery.

"We take everything seriously and look into all reported sightings and remain totally open-minded on this issue," says a spokesman. "But to date there is no evidence that UFOs exist, there are not shed-loads of broken UFOs around!"

The MoD says that although there are no Air Force bases near West Kilbride - which might explain the high rate of sightings there - a number of landowners are thought to use their own private aircraft, while helicopters are also used by police and oil rig workers. In most cases, it seems likely that an earthly explanation for the unexplained yellow saucers in West Kilbride's dramatic skies can be found.

Despite this there remains a thriving interest in UFOs in Scotland. Ron Halliday, chair of Scottish Earth Mysteries and author of UFO Scotland and UFOs: The Scottish Dimension insists that there is something strange in them there West Kilbride hills:

"Scotland has more sightings of UFOs proportionate to its population than anywhere else in the world. It's true that many times people mistake natural phenomena for strange things and usually there is an explanation. But some reports are harder to explain, especially the close up ones and increasingly people are capturing things on video or camera. There is no doubt in my mind that some things can't be explained away."

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Subject: My President Is An Alien

Source: The Huffington Post - Herndon, Virginia, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/bjnzlk>

February 1, 2006

My President Is An Alien
Bob Burnett

Because I'm a real American, I've watched a lot of Science Fiction movies. I've learned how to identify extraterrestrial baddies that weasel their way into the heartland. That's why, when I was watching the President's State-of-the-Union address last night, the truth finally dawned on me. George Bush is an alien.

You may find this hard to believe.

You've probably heard that the President behaves strangely because he's Barbara Bush's son. But consider this: Sci-Fi movies teach us five ways to identify aliens. Bush tests positive for all five.

The first rule for alien detection is to recognize that they practice mind control. Extraterrestrials hypnotize humans into believing things that are not true. George Bush claims to be a strong leader, who has kept America safe. He states that he is strengthening the economy and providing a better future for all Americans. He even says he is an environmentalist. Are these claims true? Not even close.

Lurking in the shadows behind the President is the White House propaganda machine, under the direction of the unearthly Karl Rove. Around the clock they turn their hypnotic rays on the American public. Each day they transmit a different Rovian theme: Hillary is bad. We've killed Al Qaeda's number three leader. Iraqis love us. Ignorance is strength. War is peace.

The second rule for spotting aliens is to notice that they see things that none of the rest of us can see. And, regular Americans see things that the baddies don't notice. George W. Bush saw WMDs in Iraq when regular Americans didn't. On the other hand, Bush doesn't see the danger of global warming, when we do. In the President's state-of-the-union address, Bush saw signs of "dramatic progress" in Iraq. He claimed our economy is "vigorous," the direct result of tax cuts, which must be made permanent. On the other hand, Bush ignored the emerging power of China and the danger of "loose nukes."

The third rule is that aliens don't have the same values that we do. On Bush World, or wherever they came from, the President and his cronies only learned one rule: eat before you get eaten. That's why they sneer at us for trying to help our fellow Americans, treating others folks as we would want to be treated ourselves. Their motto is, "What's in it for me?" That's why they hate us - they see our desire to help one another as a

weakness.

It's clear that the President doesn't have the same values as the rest of us because he ignores our Constitution. He bugs our phones, spies on our religious gatherings, and holds our citizens in judicial limbo. He unapologetically does whatever he feels like doing. He calls himself our president but he acts like our emperor. Of course, that's the way they run things back on his home planet.

The fourth rule for spotting aliens is to notice that they stick close together - they run in packs. Many have observed that George Bush doesn't seem to listen to public opinion; he only gets counsel from a small group of cronies, and his mom. Well duh, he only hangs with his fellow aliens. Have you ever looked into the eyes of Dick Cheney and Don Rumsfeld? Scary, huh? One glance at their beady red orbs and you know the truth - they're aliens.

Have you ever wondered why the President doesn't make real public appearances, but only speaks in carefully orchestrated settings where the audience is kept far away from him? That's because he's wearing makeup to hide his scaly skin and camouflage his fangs. Remember the candidate debate with John Kerry during the 2004 elections? TV cameras caught Bush with a mysterious lump on his back. What do you think that was? You're right, a tail.

Of course, the fifth and final rule for detecting aliens is noticing that that they have no long term plans - they don't plan to retire here. They're heading back to Bush World as soon as they complete their assignment.

So what is the Bush Administration after? Think about it, what do all alien invaders in Sci-Fi movies want? They want our wealth, our women, and our workers. They want our natural resources because they've run out on Bush World. They want our women for god-only-knows-what-kind-of debauchery. Only their ideal woman doesn't think; that's why they hate Hilary Clinton and Nancy Pelosi, and hold up Paris Hilton and Britney Spears as role models. And, they want cheap labor to work around the clock in their alien factories, to supply Wal-Mart with cheap goods. (BTW: The owners of Wal-Mart are also aliens.)

Now that I've scared you out of your wits, you ask what are we going to do? How can we rid America of this alien scourge?

Remember that aliens are vulnerable because they're not used to our environment. They choke on clean air and water, gag on healthy food free from pesticides and additives. Their greatest vulnerability is taking themselves seriously. It drives them crazy to be made fun of. To be reminded that they're not, in fact, real Americans.

But, of course, no real American would do the things they do. Just keep reminding yourself, George Bush and his cronies aren't patriots, they're aliens.

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Smoking Out Photo Hoaxes With Software
[Several examples at site]

By Michael Kanellos
Staff Writer
CNET News.com

Dartmouth College professor Hany Farid is no fan of Josef Stalin, but he acknowledges that the photo retouching done during the Soviet era was top notch.

"That was impressive work. I've seen some of the originals," Farid said. The Soviets just didn't airbrush their victims out, he added. They painted in new backgrounds on the negatives.

Farid's interest in photo retouching isn't just historical. The professor of computer science and applied mathematics runs the university's Image Science Group, which has emerged as one of the chief research centers in the U.S. for developing software to detect manipulation in digital photographs.

While some of the group's software is now used by the FBI and large media organizations such as Reuters, a version written in Java will come out soon that will be easier to use and thereby allow more police and media organizations to sniff out fraud. The current software is written in Matlab, a numerical computing environment.

"I hope to have a beta out in the next six months," Farid said. "Right now, you need someone who is reasonably well-trained to use it."

Photo manipulation is a lot more common than you might think, according to L. Frank Kenney, an analyst at Gartner. That Newsweek cover of Martha Stewart on her release from prison? It's Martha's head, but a model's body. Some people believe hip hop artist Tupac Shakur remains alive, in part because of the images that have cropped up since his reported death in 1996.

Although it's difficult to estimate the size of the market for fraud detection tools, the demand is substantial, according to Kenney.

"How much is the presidency of a country worth, or control of a company? People tend not to read the retractions," he said. "Once the stuff is indelibly embedded in your memory, it is tough to get out."

The Journal of Cell Biology, a premier academic journal, estimates that around 25 percent of manuscripts accepted for

publication contain at least one image that has been "inappropriately manipulated" and must be resubmitted. That means it has been touched up, although in the vast majority of cases, the author is only trying to clean the background and the changes do not affect the scientific efficacy of the results. Still, around 1 percent of accepted articles contain manipulated images that do significantly affect the results, said executive editor Mike Rossner. Those papers get rejected.

"Our goal is to have an accurate interpretation of data as possible," Rossner said. "These (images) are (of) things like radioactivity detected on a piece of X-ray film."

Law enforcement officials have also had to turn to the software to prosecute child pornographers. In 2002, the Supreme Court in *Ashcroft v. Free Speech Coalition* overturned parts of the Child Pornography Protection Act for being overly broad, ruling that only images of actual minors, and not computer-generated simulations, are illegal.

Since that decision, a common defense has become that the images found on a hard drive are artificially created.

"The burden is now on the prosecution. These cases used to be slam dunks," Farid said.

How it works

Fraud detection software for images essentially searches for photographic anomalies that the human brain ignores or can't detect.

Humans, for instance, ignore lighting irregularities in two-dimensional images. While the direction of light can be re-adjusted in 3D images from video games, it is difficult to harmonize in 2D photographs. The light in the famous doctored photo that puts Sen. John Kerry next to actress Jane Fonda at a protest rally actually comes from two different directions.

"The lighting is off by 40 degrees," Farid said. "We are insensitive to it, but computers detect it."

Although modern researchers have in clinical studies documented humans' ability to filter out lighting incongruities, 15th-century painters were aware of the way humans process images and exploited that knowledge to create seemingly realistic lighting effects that would have been nearly impossible to replicate in real life.

"The lighting is totally bizarre in some Renaissance paintings," he said.

The software also seeks out areas in photographs where applications like Adobe Photoshop fill in pixels. Every time the photos get mashed together, some modification of one or both of the images is required. Sometimes one person is blown up in size while a second might be rotated slightly. These changes leave empty pixels in the frame.

Photo-retouching applications use probability algorithms to fill in those pixels with colors and imagery and thus make them look realistic. Conversely, Farid's software employs probability to ferret out which of these fringe pixels are fill-ins.

"We're asking, from a mathematical and statistical perspective, can you quantify the manipulation," he said. "There are statistical correlations that don't occur naturally."

The quality of forgeries and touch-up jobs varies widely, but it continually improves. Farid gets consulting requests all the time. Some people call him to see if a photo of an item on eBay has been retouched. Others want advice on the genuineness of photos from online dating services. The Image Science Group has also collaborated with the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York to determine if certain drawings were actually made by Flemish painter Bruegel or were forgeries.

One of the most recent celebrated cases of fraud--South Korean scientist Hwang Woo-suk's claim that he cloned stem cells--actually didn't need specialized software. Spots and artifacts

in the background visible to the naked eye showed that the images of cells that came from the supposedly cloned dog were duplicated, Farid noted.

Farid's interest in fraud detection is somewhat random. As a post-doctoral student at MIT seven years ago, he was meandering through the library looking for something to read. He grabbed the Federal Rules of Evidence, a compendium of laws governing the admission of evidence in trials in federal court.

The rules, at the time, allowed digital images of original photographs to be admitted in court as long as they accurately reflected the original. The footnotes that accompany the rules, however, acknowledged that manipulation was a problem and that government did not yet have a way to deal with it.

When Farid started researching the scientific literature, he found little on fraud detection in digital imagery.

Will you be able to get a copy of the Java-based version of the Image Science Group's applications? Probably not. One of the dilemmas of this type of software is that the more widespread the distribution, the more chance forgers will exploit it to their advantage. Police organizations and news media outlets will likely get access to the application, but he's still unsure of how far he will extend distribution beyond that.

And although Farid charges a fee when asked to serve as a consultant, the software will be made freely available under an open-source license. He doesn't even have plans to form a company around his work. A significant amount of the research, after all, was funded by federal grants.

"Taxpayers," he said, "are paying me to do this research and it needs to go back out."

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Tribute To Stanley Ingram

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Subject: Tribute To Stanley Ingram

Source: UFO Experiences Blog - Auburn, Washington, USA

<http://ufoexperiences.blogspot.com/2006/02/stanley-ingram.html>

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Stanley Ingram
A Moment Of Tribute To Stanley Ingram
By Brent Raynes

This is a tribute to a man in the UFO field whom we genuinely loved and respected and were so glad to have known as a friend.

In 1974, Stan co-authored a book entitled UFO s Over the Tennessee Valley, with W.A. Darbro, a space scientist employed by NASA at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL. Though he intended to write a second book, it never was in the cards.

Though gone he is not forgotten. As a tribute to this fine Southern gentleman I am presenting a review of what I think were some of his most impressive cases. A number of these were described in his book, and a number of them would have been described in his second book had time and tide provided him the opportunity.

June 1952. 11 p.m. Little Spring Creek, Hickman Country, TN

Then 22-year-old Carl Haynes investigated some "weird music and lights" that he at first thought was "a bunch of drunks having a wild party" on a nearby creek bank. Instead though he came upon "four or five... little men" who were "dancing and singing" around a "space ship" to musical instruments something like "bagpipes."

The men, Haynes told Stanley in 1973, appeared to be 4 1/2 - 5 feet tall. Asked about their voices he said, "High pitched - like children would make." The UFO gave off various colors "that you couldn't describe-orange and blue looking glow ... just so bright you couldn't stand to see them."

About ten minutes after Haynes had positioned himself where he could spy on the happy saucerers they stopped their singing and dancing and began "putting things in the space ship." "... they knowed I was there," Haynes said. "... they came as far as the creek. ...that water is all that saved me."

Later the men climbed onto the UFO, which was described as like two saucers stuck lip to lip. Rising into the air in a corkscrew rotating motion it flew off with a whistling noise.

"The Twilight Zone"

Mr. Ingram once recalled, "...sometime in 1973, I heard that three young men... were on their way from Nashville to Lexington, KY, to a basketball game. They drove into a "yellow

fog." Suddenly they were in a strange country. Then just as suddenly they were driving into Lexington ahead of time. Each one thought he had dreamed this. One said something that alerted the other two and they found they had all had the same 'dream.' Furthermore, the auto did not use enough gasoline to have driven there. I have talked with _____ about this and he said it's like a dream. 'I saw strange animals. ...It's been 6 or 8 years. I just can't remember much. It was so strange. We just joked about 'The Twilight Zone.'"

Sometime late 1960s. Memphis, TN

One P.B. awakened just after midnight. Drawn to the backdoor of her home she looked outside and saw a saucer shaped UFO come out from behind a cloud and approach. Almost instantly it appeared at close-range. "Stanley, it was huge," she exclaimed. Two tubes extended slowly from the top of the saucer and then "round balls" came out of the tubes and hovered over the object. Stan recalled, "Finally, after a supreme effort, she screamed. (Husband) came running. The UFO vanished before he could see it. She was real upset over it. Called the police and later went down for an interview. They seemed to have one special officer who investigated UFOs."

1969-70? Tennessee

Stanley interviewed a respected businessman and his son who described a close encounter. The man said, "There was a globe of some kind on top and it was all lit up and there sat the little man just as plain as I see you. He looked about 2 1/2 to 3 feet all." The son added, "His head looked too big for his body."

July 1972. 4:15 a.m. Pulaski, TN

Mrs. Jerrie McCrary's car was pursued by a UFO. Mrs. McCrary picked up a lady passenger, and together they headed for Huntsville, AL. Mrs. McCrary was to visit her father. The UFO followed the women from Pulaski down Highway 31 to Ardmore and then Highway 53 towards Huntsville. When they turned off onto a Jeff Road the UFO disappeared. "It just disappeared right before our eyes," McCrary recalled. "The body part was more or less grayish, metallic color and I would say it was... 15 by 17 feet. On top was a brilliant white light and about halfway up the ship.. was what appeared to be windows - a row of small windows all the way around it. ...Underneath the windows there was a piece of metal or whatever that just seemed to extend out.."

February 20, 1973. 7:30 p.m. Grasse, AL

Mrs. Bob Springer and her son were driving to a ball game when a UFO "paced" their car. Mrs. Springer said, "The thing followed us all the way and when we came back we soon saw it again and here it came! Suddenly it just shot across the field and "swooped" down and I screamed, "It's going to land on us - it's going to land on us!" I shot the gas to the car but I couldn't get away from it so when we got to a house we ran up the drive and ran to the house screaming for them to come out. It went on out across the field. Never been so scared in my life!"

September 30, 1973, 2:15 p.m. Shores Community, south of Pulaski, TN

A man out deer hunting when a bright whitish glowing ball landed gently on three brightly polished legs that retracted out from the body of the UFO. It sat there silently, except for two beeps it made. "I couldn't see a seam, crack, or rivet in the thing anywhere. It was perfectly round and I would say it was seven feet through the middle."

"... suddenly a door appeared - all of a sudden there it was...It began to let right down to the ground, hinged from the bottom and it made a ramp." He expected something to come out, but nothing happened. The incident lasted about five minutes. When it left it took off at a tremendous speed. "It left so fast I couldn't see it after it got to 100 feet in the air - it just disappeared. It left that fast."

The hunter then rushed into the field where the object had been. The UFO had left a lingering "whitish vapor" and when he breathed this in he felt discomfort. "...my chest started hurting - couldn't breath - felt like my lungs were too full -

wanted to burst. But when I got back out of it and got some fresh air I felt all right. This case developed and eventually split Stanley and his co-author scientist friend Darbro. For the hunter later went on to claim UFO "rides," meeting a humanoid race of beings named Plantoos, outrageously claiming to be from a planet by that name hidden from us by our own sun, living in our own solar system. Darbro, I was told, could swallow none of this. And then on March 9, 1974, Stanley's own 14-year-old daughter Becky began, she claimed, hearing a strange noise in her head, and like the hunter went on to claim "rides," meetings with the Planto visitors, and even the harassing "men in black," dark suited men of mystery who some say are government agents, some say are from the UFOs, and others insist are just a lot of nonsense. (Remember this was in 1973!)

In the beginning, when Stanley first began writing about UFOs early in 1973 in his Moment of Truth column in the Pulaski Citizen he created quite a stir and a lot of folks, I've been told, took what he was then writing pretty seriously. But when he began writing about the Plantoos he lost it. It was an obsession that soon swallowed him.

One writer who visited Stanley and investigated the Plantoos tales that cropped up wrote his article in a national magazine, stating: "Finally not a few of the townspeople now consider Ingram their former city judge and citymanager, to be something of a village idiot."

Though his local reputation was in ruin Stanley didn't much care. He was a fighter and fought for what he believed in, to the bitter end if necessary. He was kind hearted and ready to listen to and believe anyone. As a UFOlogist it was his undoing. I remember an occasion of accompanying Stanley on an investigation of a new case where I was actually embarrassed and upset. Instead of beginning an interview with careful questioning Stanley began telling these folks the long story of his personal discoveries, of the Plantoos, MIBs, etc.

Stanley claimed to have had quite a few UFO sightings over the years. He did go on to develop a kind of nervous tic like phenomenon that he said was contact with a Plantosian entity. His hand would twitch one impulse for no and two for yes, for example. "This is not my subconscious," he tried to explain to me. "We disagree on a lot of things and I never know what she is going to 'say' next."

Recently I spoke on the phone with Becky, who is living in another state now. She repeated that all of her claims of saucer "rides" and MIB brushes were true. "A lot of people gave me... a hard way to go, and that was tough growing up like that," she said.

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Paul Hellyer For Liberal Leader

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 07:50:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 07:50:34 -0500
Subject: Paul Hellyer For Liberal Leader

Source: Paul Kimball's Blog:

Paul Hellyer For Liberal Leader
Because Exopolitics And The Liberal Party Were Made for Each Other!

<http://tinyurl.com/8we2f>

Wednesday, February 01, 2006

Coyne Links Directly to "Paul Hellyer for Liberal Leader" Blog

Andrew Coyne, one of Canada's foremost political commentators/journalists, and definitely one of my favourites, obviously reads the comments section at his very popular blog:

<http://andrewcoyne.com/2006/01/tobins-out.php>

He has now added a direct link to this blog, which, according to Statcounter, has greatly increased the visibility of the blog - and thus awareness of the Draft Hellyer movement!

Hurrah!

Things are moving very quickly, folks. Time to get on board!

Coyne has addressed Hellyer's pro-Exopolitics views before, in a National Post column back in September, 2005.

<http://redstarfilms.blogspot.com/2005/09/dont-shoot-messenger.html>

He wasn't impressed, but clearly the will of the people requires him to take notice. Vox populi!

I can hear the chant now...

"Hellyer! Hellyer! Hellyer! Hellyer!"

I may have to add a "Media" sidebar to this blog soon!

Hellyer? Hell Yeah!!

Paul Kimball

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 05:58:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 08:01:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>From: Kyle King <kyleking.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 04:49:26 -0600
>Subject: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>Hello -

>Please see this link for some new ideas in detecting deception...

><http://tinyurl.com/a4v68>

>>From the article:

>"CHARLESTON, S.C. -- Picture this: Your boss is threatening to
>fire you because he thinks you stole company property. He
>doesn't believe your denials. Your lawyer suggests you deny it
>one more time - in a brain scanner that will show you're telling
>the truth.

>Wacky? Science fiction? It might happen this summer."

>Doesn't appear to be something that would work on a recording,
>but rather requires the subject to be placed in an MRI machine.
>But a reported 90% success rate, if the "successes" can be
>trusted.

An interesting article and it would be difficult to fool, and I suspect the effort to "fool" it would show up as a known marker. This is a high level article and it would be interesting to see if the various labs are using the same measurements.

Wouldn't this be an interesting tool to use in ufology. I wonder how many UFO witnesses would gladly sit down to be scanned.

Steve

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Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 06:11:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 08:03:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Kaeser

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Feb 2006 16:48:41 EST
>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Feb 2006 11:02:23 -0500
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>>Some people just can't write, period. That's probably why the
>>publisher brought Birnes in. Do you really think that all of those
>>books credited to celebrities are actually written by them? Hardly.

>>I'm ghost writing a book right now for someone who really knows her
>>subject inside out but can't write at all. Her name will appear on
>>the book as the author when it comes out. This is SOP in the
>>publishing business.

>You mean to tell me Paris Hilton does not have the emotional
>depth and soul of an artist as reading her book implies? ;)

>So, Bob do you ever "blackmail" people you write for, say for
>more money, or do they make you sign a standard confidentiality
>agreement? I bet ghostwritting pays well.

During the early 1900s the Stratemeyer Publishing Company published Tom
Swift, The Hardy Boys, and numerous other series using a staff of
writers who were bound by contract to never reveal that they had
authored the books.

While the history of these books is now well known, it was an
illusion that the Publisher tried to maintain for a century.

In this case it was children's books, so who cares. But I think
ghost writing is more common than we know.

Steve

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Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Feb 2006 06:48:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 08:05:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Shell

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Feb 2006 16:48:41 EST
>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>You mean to tell me Paris Hilton does not have the emotional
>depth and soul of an artist as reading her book implies? ;)

I don't know. Maybe I should invite her over to my house for
the evening so I can investigate her emotional depth.

>So, Bob do you ever "blackmail" people you write for, say for
>more money, or do they make you sign a standard confidentiality
>agreement? I bet ghostwritting pays well.

People I ghost write for are not famous enough to require a
written confidentiality agreement. My bio says I have written
more than 25 books, and sometimes people ask me why a search on
amazon.com shows fewer than that, and I explain that it does not
contain the ones that were ghost written or written under one of
my several pseudonyms.

Beyond Roswell is the only UFO book I've worked on, though.

Bob

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Re: UFO Flotilla Photographed Over Spain? - Olmos

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Feb 2006 13:13:03 +0100 (CET)
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 08:12:31 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Flotilla Photographed Over Spain? - Olmos

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jan 2006 08:20:34 -0500
>Subject: UFO Flotilla Photographed Over Spain?

>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
>January 21, 2006

>Source: www.analuisacid.com
>Date: January 20, 2006

>Spain: UFO FLOTILLA PHOTOGRAPHED OVER SPAIN?

>On Thursday, January 5, 2006, a fleet of spheres was recorded
>over Madrid, Spain.

>The witness, identifying herself only as "Fortuna", mentioned
>that she was taking a walk in Madrid's northwestern section,
>photographing the landscape and some of the contrails left by
>passing airliners.

>"The sun was behind me and I was looking north. I saw an
>airliner go by and suddenly I saw a group of elongated things
>coming in from the East. At first I thought the airliner itself
>had ejected something, but then I concentrated my gaze on them
>and forgot about the aircraft.

<snip>

Such flocks of UFOs have been seen and recorded by Miss Rosa -
a.k.a. "Fortuna", and "Casio" - from Pozuelo de Alarcon (near
Madrid, Spain) at least 7 times during the month of January,
while the rest of the people in this densely-populated
area are unaware of anything uncommon.

Experts in ornithology affirm this lady is just filming flocks
of sea gulls, of which there is a large population in the area.

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
FOTOCAT Project
<http://fotocat.blogspot.com>

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Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 08:46:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Feb 2006 08:22:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics - Deardorff

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 22:53:45 +0000
>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 15:40:51 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2006 13:50:47 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

>>>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sun, 29 Jan 2006 19:21:14 -0800
>>>>Subject: Re: Colonel Corso & His Critics

><snip>

>>>>Your reasoning is built upon a big assumption: Certainly a genuine
>>>>ET wouldn't lie to a human. Therefore Orthon didn't exist.
>>>>Therefore Adamski was a hoaxer. You need to justify your big
>>>>assumption if you wish to proceed with scientific reasoning.

>>>>This is even more ridiculous than your previous post! Science bases
>>>>its "ifs" on evidence (carefully gathered data) and thorough
>>>>investigation. I know all about the hypothetico-deductive method,
>>>>but apparently you don't understand it. There is virtually no
>>>>evidence in support of Adamski's tales and tons of internal
>>>>contradictions in his stories. I once did a careful comparative
>>>>analysis of his books.

>>>>Further, while in charge at NICAP I had NICAP investigators
>>>>tracking and investigating Adamski all over the country, and
>>>>personally investigated him when he was in the Washington, D.C.,
>>>>area. We caught him in lie after lie, contradiction after
>>>>contradiction. Actual thorough investigation, not wild-eyed and
>>>>arbitrary assumptions about how honest or dishonest aliens are.

>>>>That's more like it, provided his lies and internal contradictions
>>>>related to what he said he experienced and not just to what he
>>>>said that came from his alleged aliens. Can I trust that you are
>>>>correct on that? Can you give one or two examples of his lies that
>>>>satisfy this?

>This is an [arbitrary] distinction whose significance eludes me.

Dick,

I hadn't realized this was a difficult distinction to grasp. If Adamski is caught in a falsehood or contradiction connected with things he experienced with his alien(s), such as when or where he met with them, or who was with him to witness a related event, then that could well be indicative of a lie, not just a falsehood.

If he repeats or writes down something his alleged aliens spoke to him that turns out to be false but he didn't know it was false, that's not a lie but rather an unknowing falsehood.

Jim

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UFO Over Oaxaca Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Feb 2006 10:14:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Feb 2006 08:26:09 -0500
Subject: UFO Over Oaxaca Mexico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
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Source: www.analuisacid.com
Date: 02.01.06

Mexico: UFO Over Oaxaca

The attached photographic sequence was taken by Miguel Luna in the mountainous region of the Mexican state of Oaxaca at Cerro de la Caja on August 5, 2005 at approximately 13:00 hours.

Images at Frank Warren's Blog:

<http://tinyurl.com/7dgfk>

The witness states that he initially believed that the "shadow" could be a burned area on the mountainside, but he later realized that it moved and it was also possible to see the flying object among the clouds.

The images were taken with a Sony DSC-P73 camera at normal exposure and at ISO 100.

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Secrecy News -- 02/02/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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NATIONAL ACADEMY VIEWS BIOSECURITY, ACCESS TO INFORMATION

A major new report from the National Research Council warns of future biological threats and urges increased attention to mechanisms for prevention, detection, mitigation and response to the destructive use of biological agents.

But secrecy is not one of those mechanisms, the report says.

"In general, restrictive regulations and the imposition of constraints on the flow of information are not likely to reduce the risks that advances in the life sciences will be utilized with malevolent intent in the future."

"In fact, they will make it more difficult for civil society to protect itself against such threats and ultimately are likely to weaken national and human security."

"The Committee endorses and affirms policies and practices that, to the maximum extent possible, promote the free and open exchange of information in the life sciences," the report's first recommendation states.

The report contains some valuable extended discussion of information policy in the context of biosecurity (esp. pp. 163-171).

See the January 31 news release for "Globalization, Biosecurity, and the Future of the Life Sciences" here:

<http://www4.nationalacademies.org/news.nsf/isbn/0309100321?OpenDocument>

THE PLAME CASE, MISSING EMAIL, AND THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

The government failed to preserve certain official email messages generated by the Office of the Vice President and the Executive Office of the President in 2003 as required by law, Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald revealed in a January 23 letter.

The contents and quantity of the missing email are unknown.

In another letter dated January 9, Mr. Fitzgerald also disclosed that his Office has received redacted versions of the President's Daily Brief ("a very discrete amount of material relating to PDBs") concerning Valerie Plame Wilson or Amb. Joseph Wilson's trip to Niger. Mr. Libby's attorney had requested all copies of the President's Daily Brief "in its entirety" from May 2003 through March 2004.

These and several other interesting nuggets emerged in correspondence between the Special Prosecutor and attorneys for I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the former aide to Vice President Cheney who is being prosecuted for perjury in connection with the CIA Plame leak investigation.

See the December 14 discovery request from Libby attorney John D. Cline, and the January 9 and January 23 letters from Mr. Fitzgerald, all of which were filed in DC District Court on January 31, here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2006/02/libby013106.pdf>

While it has apparently proved feasible to declassify portions of PDBs from 2 or 3 years ago, the Central Intelligence Agency still insists that 40 year old PDBs regarding the Vietnam War cannot possibly be declassified.

That dispute is the subject of an ongoing Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by UC Davis Professor Larry Berman. For background on the case see this National Security Archive update:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/pdbnews/index.htm>

CRS ON FOREIGN SCIENTISTS IN THE UNITED STATES

"The preeminent position that the United States has enjoyed in the life sciences has been dependent upon the flow of foreign scientific talent to its shores," the National Research Council said in its new report on biosecurity (p. 159).

But onerous visa requirements and so-called "deemed export" restrictions on scientific communications could erode the contribution of foreign scientists to U.S. preeminence, the report warned.

A newly updated survey of foreign scientists and engineers and associated policy questions has been prepared by the Congressional Research Service. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Foreign Science and Engineering Presence in U.S. Institutions and the Labor Force," Congressional Research Service, updated January 3, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/97-746.pdf>

CRS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX RECONFIGURATION

A new report from the Congressional Research Service takes a detailed look at proposals to significantly restructure the U.S. nuclear weapons complex.

The proposals, offered by a DOE Task Force, include closure and consolidation of various facilities and production of a newly designed Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW).

"Some express concern that Task Force recommendations may be at odds with U.S. nuclear nonproliferation policy," insofar as they envision the indefinite preservation of the existing nuclear weapons stockpile, the CRS report observes.

See "Nuclear Weapons Complex Reconfiguration: Analysis of an Energy Department Task Force Report," updated February 1, 2006.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL33256.pdf>

CRS ON AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES

The possibility that Freedom of Information Act requesters can recover attorneys' fees in FOIA lawsuits makes it easier to find attorneys to represent requesters on a contingency or pro bono basis.

Conversely, when new restrictions on the award of attorneys fees are put in place, as they have been in recent years, the availability of pro bono attorneys in FOIA cases has seemed to shrink accordingly.

FOIA reform legislation introduced last year by Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) and Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) would restore the previous standard which permitted recovery of attorneys' fees whenever a requester's lawsuit resulted in an agency decision to release the requested record.

The larger question of attorneys' fees generally (not specifically in the FOIA context) is treated at length in a new report from the Congressional Research Service. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Awards of Attorneys' Fees by Federal Courts and Federal Agencies," updated January 24, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/94-970.pdf>

SOME OTHER NOTABLE NEW PUBLICATIONS

Jeffrey Lewis of ArmsControlWonk has obtained a copy of the latest IAEA brief on Iran's nuclear program, "Developments in the Implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Agency Verification of Iran's Suspension of Enrichment-related and Reprocessing Activities."

<http://www.armscontrolwonk.com/963/heinonen-safeguards-update>

The amateur satellite watchers who monitor the orbiting network of classified reconnaissance satellites are profiled by Patrick Radden Keefe in "I Spy," Wired Magazine, February 2006:

<http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/14.02/spy.html>

GORBACHEV NOMINATES 1961 SOVIET SUB CREW FOR NOBEL PRIZE

Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev nominated the crew of the ill-fated Soviet nuclear submarine K-19, which suffered a loss of coolant accident on July 4, 1961, for a Nobel Peace Prize this week.

"Through the courage of the heroic sailors, a reactor explosion and a consequent environmental catastrophe in the ocean were averted," Mr. Gorbachev wrote.

"An explosion on board the K-19 could have been taken for a military provocation or even an attempt to launch a nuclear strike on the North American coast. An immediate response by the United States could have triggered a Third World War," he wrote.

He noted that all information about the 1961 accident was kept secret in the USSR until 1990.

See "Gorbachev Proposes Soviet Sub Crew for Nobel Peace Prize," Interfax News Agency, translated by the DNI Open Source Center, February 1, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/02/gorb020106.html>

Mr. Gorbachev's statement (in Russian) is here:

<http://www.rg.ru/2006/02/02/gorbachev-k19.html>

The K-19 incident was recently the subject of a National Geographic feature film starring Harrison Ford called "K-19: The Widowmaker."

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P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available

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From: Jim Klotz <fadedgiant.nul>
To: PROJECT-1947.nul
Date: Thu, 2 Feb 2006 19:33:18 -0800
Subject: Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available

All,

I've just posted the releasable portions of Philip J. Klass' FBI file on CUFON. The file provided to CUFON by Washington DC researcher Michael Ravnitzky is available in a PDF file (3240 KB) and some pages of very small text size are also available in a higher resolution file (1939 KB) to enhance readability.

I'd prefer that the files be accessed through the main opening page of CUFON and then through the links on the left side of the page in the "What's New" column.

<http://www.cufon.org>

However, here are the direct links to the two files:

Full file: http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Klass_FBI.pdf

fine text pages:

http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Klass_FBI-smprt.pdf

BTW - I'd like to collect stories about Phil, positive or negative, and any letters, documents, etc. that any of you are willing to share. I'd like to post some or all of this material at a later date. Please contact me at jimklotz.nul in regards to this.

- Jim Klotz

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Feb 2006 18:29:05 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Feb 2006 09:32:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 05:58:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

<snip>

>An interesting article and it would be difficult to fool, and I
>suspect the effort to "fool" it would show up as a known marker.
>This is a high level article and it would be interesting to see
>if the various labs are using the same measurements.

>Wouldn't this be an interesting tool to use in ufology. I wonder
>how many UFO witnesses would gladly sit down to be scanned.

Hello Steve,

Yes, I agree it would be an interesting tool. But, can it pass
the "I believe I have been abducted by aliens" test?

I'm sure Susan Clancy and other skeptics/know-it-alls will find
some "flaw" in the brain scanner technique to detect lies and
twist/adapt the data to conform to their view of the "truth".

The same can be said for UFO sighting witnesses. If a
witness "believes" he saw a UFO, did he in fact see a
true UFO?

So, basically, can an MRI detect the difference between what a
person believes happened and what is actually a true event?

Please, enlighten me.

Kelly

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Re: Alien Lenses In 70's Science Fiction - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Feb 2006 23:17:03 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Feb 2006 09:34:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Lenses In 70's Science Fiction - Gammon

>From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 00:51:40 +0100
>Subject: Alien Lenses In 70's Science Fiction

>The concept of alien lenses is antedated by a science fiction
>series; it is portrayed in an episode of Gerry Anderson's 1970's
>television series U.F.O., where we see a lens being removed from
>an alien during an - well almost - autopsy, as it dies after the
>procedure. You can find a still of that memorable scene here:

><http://tinyurl.com/8s8gy>

I've never seen this series. Of course I was only born in '76. I would have to refrain from commenting until I am able to somehow view it.

>Santilli's alien autopsy film has it too, of course. I always
>wondered where he possibly got hold of that idea.

That didn't look like "lenses" to me. Instead, it looked like the scraping and removal of a membrain or surface tissue of the eye. Besides, after they removed it we get glimpses of all-white eyeballs. Were the eyes rolled to the back of their sockets? Also, the alien eyes in the film didn't fit the description from abductees of what was underneath the black lenses.

>In the episode an interesting discussion takes place on the
>nature of UFOs and their occupants: it is suggested that by
>drugs and transplants these aliens have stopped the aging
>process; they are doomed to extinction; they look upon us as
>animals (echoing Fort's dictum) and need us for their survival.
>Interesting as it mirrors certain themes in abduction
>literature.

Well, I for one haven't heard of any scenario similiar to aliens wanting to halt the aging process and have come to steal our stem cells, etc...

I also don't believe we are dealing an extraterrestrial species of organic beings like ourselves. Instead, I think if people just back up off of what we just assume to be facts then one can begin to form a very shocking and unique view of the situation. A situation that scares the crap out of me, I might add.

- Jason Gammon

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Source: Las Vegas City Life - Nevada, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/8t8bf>

Thursday, February 02, 2006

The Truth Could Be In There
Knapp and Kelleher go Mulder and Scully in Skinwalker

By David McKee

Like a mustachioed and debonair Fox Mulder, George Knapp wants to believe. So do I, actually. But the Knappster will have to close the case more convincingly than he and co-author Colm Kelleher, PhD., do in *Hunt for the Skinwalker* (\$14), which takes its title from malign Navajo witches. Must be the Scully in me.

Knapp, tireless investigator of such bizarre, inexplicable phenomena as Soviet-era UFOs, Sandy Murphy and Rick Tabish's acquittal, and the political career of Lance Malone, here acts as recording angel to paranormal researcher Kelleher. The latter, Scully to Knapp's Mulder if you will, was part of a team of Las Vegas-based researchers who descended upon the so-called Bigelow Ranch (purchased by local millionaire Bob Bigelow from its spooked owners) in Utah's Uinta Basin, which the authors rank as "heavyweight contender for UFO capital of the world."

The previous tenants had toughed it out at the ranch for the better part of two years, despite a barrage of a paranormal phenomena and strange encounters that inexorably rasped at their nerves. Enter Bigelow's National Institute for Discovery Science. It snapped up the isolated property, supposedly rife with glowing orbs, bizarre and seemingly unkillable animals, and strange aerial craft.

Ensuing events, as chronicled in *Hunt for the Skinwalker*, would be more than sufficient to fill an entire season of *The X-Files*, with enough left over for a few installments of *Stargate SG-1*. In addition to a wide variety of UFOs, shamanism, extraterrestrials, Native American shape shifters, Freemasonry, chupacabras, mysterious helicopters, interdimensional portals, teleportation, poltergeists, covert military operations, cattle mutilations, telepathy and even Sasquatch all figure in the narrative.

"It's as if some cosmic puppet master had written a laundry list of every spooky phenomenon of modern times," the authors write, "and then unleashed them all in a single location, resulting in a supernatural smorgasbord that no one could possibly believe, much less understand."

Kelleher and Knapp have put their authorial finger on the intergalactic hurdle facing readers of *Hunt for the Skinwalker*. As the supernatural occurrences pile up like cordwood, it's impossible to avoid a degree of stupefaction -- or to expect an Elvis sighting 'round the next page.

Uinta Basin turns out to be merely one of several rural areas across the West in which phenomena like UFO sightings are so common they are virtual Grand Central Stations of alien visitors. In one such paranormal nexus, in Colorado, a citizen perturbed by the cattle mutilations on his ranch sees his complaint shrugged off by a deputy sheriff, who allegedly tells him there's no point in investigating -- extraterrestrials are probably to blame.

Trouble is, little of whatever hard, documentary evidence Kelleher was able to collect makes it onto the page. Instead, we are given an anecdotal, emotional narrative and bald assertions like, "The red orbs directly caused the death, injury and abortion of several cattle in August 1997." Such uncomfortable leaps of logic only weaken the authors' case.

So does an 11th-hour swerve into a barrage of scattershot theories about parallel realities, wormholes, alien intelligence and a nine-dimension universe. I'm open to considering all of the above and more, but the authors don't use the phenomena observed at Bigelow Ranch and elsewhere to build logically toward this conclusion. Instead, it feels like they've taken a bungee jump off the deep end.

"Mankind is on the cusp of a fundamental, mind-blowing, all-encompassing change, a revolution that could dwarf all previous transformations," say the authors. Or our delusional, eschatology-minded president could blow us all to smithereens because he thinks God is talking to him -- again. I'd prefer Planet Earth's destiny evolve along the lines described -- too psuedo-omnisciently -- by Kelleher and Knapp, who supply a lengthy bibliography for those whose curiosity is piqued. Count me among the latter, even if Hunt for the Skinwalker is an X-file that would leave even Fox Mulder feeling a mite skeptical.

Editor's note: George Knapp, an investigative reporter for KLAS Channel 8, is also a weekly columnist for CityLife.

Hunt for the Skinwalker
By Colm A. Kelleher and George Knapp
304 pages
Paraview/Pocket Books

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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An Alien Detour

Stopped at night on the side of the road, two Russian truck drivers were astounded by the sight of a spaceship before them and amazed when one of the drivers was welcomed aboard.

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On the night of 2nd November, 1989 the air temperature dropped very suddenly to below freezing. Two professional Russian truck drivers, Oleg Kirzhakov and his companion Nikolai Baranchikov were driving their truck from near the area of Arkhangelsk to Moscow. They were hurrying home to finish all the formalities related to their business trip before the holidays. In the vicinity of Emtza railway station, the road was blocked by heaps of sand and gravel. The road in front of them was under repair and Oleg had to turn onto a dirt road to detour. On one bend in the road, the truck's headlights fell upon a huge structure, which was standing off to the right of the road.

"I thought it was some kind of construction equipment," said Oleg. "There were many machines there because the road was under construction. However, when I drove closer, I saw a big object, that in the headlights had a metallic sheen to it. When we got to within 80=9690 feet of the object, our motor stalled, and our truck coasted several feet further and stopped. The headlights that were connected to the back-up power source were still on. My partner and I couldn't understand what had happened. The road at this point had a bend in it and trees on the right side of the road blocked our view of the object. We understood that we were seeing something very unusual in front of us, and were afraid that something unavoidable would happen. Hence, I asked Nikolai to remain in the truck and observe events while I approached the object. I left the cab and decided to approach the object to examine it more closely. After I had passed the hood of the truck, I began to feel, with each step I took, an increased resistance from the air. My body seemed to melt=97it became difficult to move, and I knew that if I got any closer to the object, I would not be able to move at all."

Oleg turned back toward the truck and tried to approach the

object from another direction. He moved carefully, stopping after each step. He felt the same, constantly-increasing resistance from the air. He succeeded in coming to within about 30=9636 feet of the object. He stopped on the shoulder of the road and began to examine it very carefully. Very quickly, he came to the conclusion that this object was not of Earthly origin.

Truly, it was something very unusual. In front of Oleg, there stood a huge disc-shaped object, approximately 120=96140 feet in diameter, with a dome-shaped top, on which no other structures were visible. Along the perimeter of the disc, there were some dark holes evident, which Oleg at first thought were portholes. Extending from the lower part of the object, there were two structures visible, which seemed to support the ship. The far edge of the disc was slightly elevated, and was resting on some birch trees, two of which were broken. The object looked dark and uninhabited and there were no traces visible of windows, doors or hatches.

A fiery request

Why is this object here, in the middle of the forest, at night? What is its purpose? Maybe something has gone wrong and it needs assistance? All these questions flooded Oleg's mind and at that very moment, in front of him, at a distance of an outstretched hand, right in the air, appeared a glimmering red, dotted line. This line formed a transparent, square-shaped screen, 150 mm x 150 mm in size, with rounded corners. Several words, written in red letters, appeared on the screen. Oleg did not remember the exact phrase, but the essence of the phrase was a request for "burning fire".

Oleg continued, "I realised that the screen was illuminated on the body of the object. I mechanically turned to look back at Nikolai, who was still sitting in the cab of the truck. Once again, I observed the screen, but this time it appeared to be in front of the truck.

I attempted to look from one side to the other, but no matter where I turned my eyes, the screen remained in front of them. The distance to the screen remained constant and I reached out my hand to try to touch it. My friend, Nikolai, who was watching these antics from the cab of the truck, later asked me why I moved my hands.

The screen remained in front of me for the duration of the contact. However, the inscriptions which appeared on the screen remained only as long as was necessary for me to understand each one and only then was the last inscription replaced by a new one."

Only after Oleg understood what was being demanded of him, he carefully backed away from the object, constantly looking back toward the truck, and still sensing the same resistance. He returned to the truck and tried to open the right door of the cab, in order to obtain some kitchen matches. Despite the combined efforts of both men, they were not able to open the door for a considerable length of time. Suddenly, the door was able to be opened quite easily. Oleg removed the box of matches from the truck's cabin, together with a bottle of laboratory alcohol, which was used as an anti-freeze in the braking system.

Again asking Nikolai not to leave the truck, Oleg returned to the same place on the shoulder of the road where he had stood before. However, this time he was able to move easily and he experienced none of the resistance he had encountered previously. He gathered some dry leaves into a pile, poured on some alcohol and ignited them. Upon lifting his head, he observed that a passage appeared on the surface of the object, which extended into the interior, forming a corridor. At the distant end of this corridor, he could see a glimmering, bluish light.

"At first, I had the impression that a shadow was moving inside the corridor, but then I realised that something was moving in the corridor toward the opening. When I finally realised what was occurring, I began stepping backward and fell into the ditch along the side of the road. I jumped back onto my feet and continued to observe what was happening. Something approached the opening and I saw that it was a dark "mass," which reminded me of a bag or sack. As the "mass" moved, it swayed and bent

from side to side, and its periphery was vague in appearance. At this moment, a shaft extended from the object, bent and descended to the surface of the ground. The "mass" slid down the shaft, and while increasing in size, approached the fire of burning leaves. I was paralysed by fear! The "mass" stood by the fire for a moment and then began to return to the object, taking with it the box of matches. Returning along the same path, the "mass" disappeared in the corridor, together with the box of matches! Only then did I finally succeed in extracting myself from the ditch. I returned to the road and glanced back at my truck again. The truck's headlights blinded me, but I nevertheless could see the frightened face of Nikolai, which was pressed forward tightly against the windshield."

an invitation to enter

For a long time, Oleg remained standing on the road, and was unable to recover his senses. Realising that he was witnessing an event that he might never again experience, he decided to wait and observe what would happen next. He had a sudden wish to observe the ship more closely and immediately an invitation to enter the ship appeared on the screen, which remained visible in front of him. After a short pause, Oleg decided to approach the object.

The first thing that caught his attention was several round openings, approximately 300 mm in diameter, which at first he interpreted to be portholes. Inside these openings, at a depth of 300=96350 mm, a "grid" of intersecting lines, light grey in colour, was visible. The central axis of the openings was displaced approximately 30 degrees from the plane formed by the surface of the object.

Oleg was also able to examine one of the support legs that the object rested on. The leg consisted of two parts, which were connected at an articulating joint. The cross-section of each of the two parts of the leg was in the profile of a three-sided channel beam, with the lower part being smaller in diameter, such that it could be folded inside the upper portion. On the bottom of the ship, recessed areas were clearly visible into which the legs could be retracted. However, because of poor illumination in the area where the leg was located, Oleg was not able to examine in detail the actual construction of the leg.

The far side of the object was resting on trees and was slanted toward Oleg, such that the lower portion of the opening was just above the level of his head. In order to establish the material that the object was made of, Oleg wanted to touch it with his hand. A shaft came out of the portion of the object that was nearest to him. It appeared to be a round, smooth tube, with a diameter of approximately 50 mm. The tube was cold and felt metallic. Then, events developed in the following manner:

"I had a desire to look inside, but since the door was above my head, I decided to grab hold of the tube and jump. The instant I grabbed the tube, I found myself standing just inside the opening. There was nothing there in the form of either steps or an elevator. I did not feel any kind of external influence, but rather everything seemed to happen naturally, or by itself. I thought of the possibility of danger to me and decided to be as careful as possible. At that instant, I received a message on the screen that I had nothing to be afraid of, and that I could enter. Upon entering the corridor, I looked at the walls and noticed the absence of doors. The corridor was significantly wider than the opening, the floor was flat, and the walls and ceiling formed an oval shape.

"I went along the corridor toward the shimmering light and felt that I was walking on a flat, metallic floor. Somehow, I got the feeling that the surrounding walls did not have simply a decorative covering, but rather they were structural, and something was connected to them from the back side. There clearly was some sort of strengthening device attached to them. I did not want to touch the walls, so I am unable to say exactly what it was that served to strengthen them."

Masses of Lights

Oleg had to proceed along the corridor for approximately 20=9625 feet. At the end of the corridor, he saw that it entered into a large hall with a diameter of approximately 60 feet. On the

periphery of the hall, there were five other entrances, similar in appearance to the one through which he had just entered. The ceiling in the hall was domed and it was emitting a soft, diffuse, blue light. Between the other entrances and along the walls, there were panels of flashing lights. Each panel appeared to consist of five or six vertical elements. To the left of the entrance through which Oleg had entered, two walls had no panels. In place of the panels, there were horizontal recesses in the walls, which were dark in colour. Also to the left, he observed two dark, vague spots that looked like bags, which at first were motionless, but then began to move toward him. The bags were identical to the "mass" which he had seen near the fire.

Oleg stopped, and stood motionless at the entrance to the hall.

"As soon as I looked around the hall, certain questions came to me, answers to which appeared immediately on the screen. But then I noticed that answers appeared in my head before I was able to read them on the screen. Several answers were accompanied by demonstrations of the operation of those structures that interested me. In such a manner, my question of the significance of the dark, horizontal recess in the wall off to my left was demonstrated to me. The recess was a three-dimensional information screen, on which I was shown the interior of another sister ship, with the same moving 'masses' (during the demonstration, the two 'masses' in our ship were motionless). Then, they showed a ship in space, among the stars, and at the end of the demonstration, they showed the presenter of a Soviet television program called Vremya.

"Off to my right side, there was an oval control panel, or desk, located about five feet from the wall, on which there were many switches and lights. All of the illuminated buttons had a flat, square shape. Some of them were elevated above the level of the control panel, and others were flush with the top of the panel. On the upper surface of the lamps, there were some symbols in the form of geometric figures, e.g. circles, triangles, quadrilateral figures, lines, etc., and combinations of the above. The black switches on the panel were similar in appearance to toggle switches. There were no meters or scales on the control panel at all."

In addition, Oleg described a long, straight divan, which stood next to the control panel, and a circular crack in the floor, which surrounded the central part of the hall. The crack gave him reason to believe that the central part of the floor was able to rotate, allowing the control panel to be positioned in front of any of the vertical panels situated along the walls. On the vertical panels, Oleg noticed the same types of lights that were on the control panel. Many of these lights were flashing. The entire interior of the hall was white in colour, including the floor, and only from the ceiling shone soft, blue light. Looking upward, Oleg tried to locate the source of the light, while simultaneously asking about the nature of the light. No answer to his question appeared on the screen. Then, in response to his question, "Who are you?" and "Where are you from?" the dome in the hall slowly started to dim, and like in a planetarium, a star map appeared on the ceiling.

While Oleg was trying to find some familiar star system, one of the stars suddenly began to pulsate and descend slowly. The dark, almost black starlit sky, combined with the pulsating star suspended over Oleg's head, as well as with the flashing lights of the control and vertical panels, emitted enough light to permit him to see all elements in the entire interior of the spacecraft. In a minute, the pulsating star slowly rose and the dome reilluminated with the diffuse blue light. Oleg was unable to carefully study and remember the star map shown to him. He asked where this pulsating star was located. They answered, "This is in your galaxy".

"I asked question after question. The answers I received were heard in my head before I saw them on the screen. I asked, 'What kind of ship am I on now? What kind of propulsion system do you use to make it fly?' In response I was told that this spacecraft was a scout ship and used electromagnetic fields to fly. I was also told that they were studying our planet, which they need as a springboard to the future.

In response to my question 'Do you have any connection with

Bigfoot?', they said, 'Yes' and added that they watch Bigfoot continuously. As I was asking question after question, I suddenly noticed that a third 'mass' had appeared in the hall and then a fourth.

I watched a conversation take place between them and came to the understanding that the time for me to leave had arrived. My next thought was to leave something with them for a memory. I took off my watch, and wanted to put it on the floor, but at that moment, I was told that they had a complete knowledge of the Earth and needed nothing. For the first time during this visit, they asked me, 'Why do I use a watch made in another country?'

"Then I asked, 'Is it possible to see you once again?' They said, 'If you are in danger we will find you within 15 seconds'.

"Backing out a few steps from the hall, I turned and went along the corridor towards the opening. As I came up to the opening of the spacecraft, I took hold of the tube by my right hand and I immediately found myself standing on the ground. Not looking back, I went to the ditch and crossed over to the road, to the same place where I had stood a few minutes before. When I looked back, I noticed that the tube and the opening had disappeared. After a few seconds, I saw the outer rim begin to move in a clockwise direction. The dome began to move approximately 30 seconds later in a counterclockwise direction and a luminescence surrounded the spacecraft. As the revolutions became faster, the luminescence enveloped the spacecraft and it became a ball of light."

Oleg noticed that the rotation of all parts of the craft and the luminescence was happening in absolute silence. At this moment he saw on the road two more cars with their headlights on. For a few seconds this distracted his attention from the spacecraft. The sound of the trees cracking made him turn and look at the spacecraft. The ball of light slightly shifted position and slowly began to rise. Abruptly accelerating, the craft shot out of sight towards the north east. His friend Nikolai got out of the truck and together with the occupants from the other vehicles, came up to Oleg. They asked him a lot of questions. Oleg was impressed by the experience but at the same time, was too moved to speak or fully realise all that had just happened. His hands and legs were trembling. When he got into his truck, he was unable to use the accelerator or to shift gears. He had to let his partner drive.

Oleg leaned back on the truck seat and looked at his watch, which he still had in his hand. From the moment the truck had stopped, 20 minutes had passed. They still had a day and a half to get to Moscow, their destination. ?

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All Rays Lead To Pasadena

Dan Neil
Times Staff Writer

You may have a cool job. You may even have a cool title=97say, something along the lines of "dessert czar." But I submit that no one has a more rapturous job title than Bill Weber, who is the head of something called the Interplanetary Network Directorate at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. Compared to such a title, "Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff" sounds like a typing monkey.

Officially, Weber is the director of the Directorate=97well, it is a government job, after all=97and while one hopes his duties would include wearing epaulets and dispatching galactic defense forces, he is actually the administrator in charge of the Deep Space Network, the big radio that NASA uses to talk to spacecraft. The Deep Space Network managed communications for about three dozen space flights last year=97for example, the Deep Impact mission that made fireworks of the speeding comet Tempel 1 on the Fourth of July.

The Deep Space Network is the thing that makes JPL go. "We're best known for our planetary exploration," says Weber. "That's what put us on the map of the universe."

Not just on the map. At its center.

And why not? In its dizzy and exquisite extremity, California is just like America, only more so. It's no trick to argue that California=97the fifth largest economy in the world=97is the cultural, industrial and entrepreneurial center of the United States. We've got Google. We've got Apple. We've got Hollywood. Did I mention Google?

But we've also got JPL, the NASA-Caltech campus tucked into an alluvial fan of the San Gabriel Mountains, an operation that enjoys a little-appreciated centrality of its own. Going on 70 years old and looking like no more than a well-heeled community college, JPL makes many of the spindly, gold-foiled, dish-mouthed machines that reconnoiter our solar system. Mariner, Voyager, Galileo, Mars Exploration Rovers. On Jan. 15, for example, JPL's Stardust machine landed in the Utah desert, bringing back particles collected from the tail of comet Wild 2, which required a nifty bit of space driving by any reckoning.

Pasadena, the center of the known universe=97how's that for a civic motto? Even missions that don't use JPL-built machines, like the New Horizons probe launched to Pluto a few weeks ago,

run their communications through JPL's big radio.

Every day, 24/7, scientists and engineers man the Space Flight Operations Facility in Building 230, keeping tabs on NASA's squadron of curious interplanetary contraptions. All roads into deep space, into Creation itself, go through that racquetball court-sized room, with its lazy crescents of LCD monitors and overhead display screens.

A Pasadena-centric cosmos? I grant that the conceit needs some fleshing out. In point of fact, there is no 3-D geometric center of the universe, says Charles Beichman, an astrophysicist and executive director of JPL/Caltech's Michelson Science Center. The universe is receding from us in all directions at the same speed; sky surveys reveal that the distribution of mass and energy is virtually the same everywhere we look. The center, therefore, is wherever we plant the flag.

I say Pasadena. There's a marble column in Istanbul, formerly Constantinople, called the Milion, from which all distances of the Byzantine Empire were measured. Medieval cartographers made Jerusalem the center of their maps of the known world. From the known to the unknown. It's all relative.

I explain my theory to Dr. Beichman. He looks at me kind of funny.

"You could say that the center of the universe is California," he agrees, "but you might get an argument about Pasadena."

He notes that the SETI Institute (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) is based in Mountain View, near San Francisco. "California argues for pride of place, but Northern California leads in listening, while Southern California leads in reaching out."

Beichman's bailiwick is planet-finding. In the next few years, NASA hopes to launch a series of space-based observatories to look for new worlds around stars, searching particularly for planets that are Earth-like. "What you really want is to find more beachfront property," Beichman says over lunch at JPL's cafeteria.

It's a pleasant thought that there might be other Californias out there somewhere, other great gardens that we would tend more carefully, with experience as our guide. We certainly have made a hash of things through the years. And yet no other place has the life force, the ambition, the idealism, the promise.

California may not actually be the center of the universe, but it's close enough for government work.

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Re: Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards -

From: Colin Stevenson <colsweb.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Feb 2006 11:21:51 +0000 (GMT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Feb 2006 10:19:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards -

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>,
>Date: Wed, 01 Feb 2006 05:34:54 -0500
>Subject: Re: Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Jan 2006 18:24:21 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards

>>>Source: The Scotsman - Edinburgh, Scotland

>>><http://news.scotsman.com/uk.cfm?id=147792006>

>>>Mon 30 Jan 2006

>>>The Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards - David Icke
>>>Russell Jackson

>>>David Icke, the former sports presenter who once proclaimed
>>>himself to be the Son of God, has offered up more of his unusual
>>>wisdom, this time claiming that the Royal Family are
>>>"bloodsucking alien lizards".

>>><snip>

>>>Mr Icke said: "When you get back into the ancient world, you find
>>>this recurring theme of a union between a non-human race and humans
>>>- creating a hybrid race.

>>>"From 1998, I started coming across people who told me they had
>>>seen people change into a non-human form. It's an age-old
>>>phenomenon known as shape-shifting. The basic form is like a scaly
>>>humanoid, with reptilian rather than humanoid eyes."

>>With friends like this, we don't need enemies.

>I assume this thread is in response to the recent graphic
>representation of alien influence in both the Royal Family and
>other leaders of the world, such as the Bush Family in the
>U.S., during a conspiracy based documentary.

>On that show, they showed a static scene from George Bush's
>inauguration in which his head was seen to change from human
>to that of a rather large cartoon lizard. While a bit nonsensical,
>I found that fun to watch from a political perspective. In the
>back of my mind I had the strange feeling that this seemed to
>explain things on a variety of levels.

On reading these posts and as an Englander I was very upset
mentally at the comments and insults.

No. The Royals, according to UK TV channels 4 and 5 recent UFO
programmes of last year, are in fact German Martians and Prince
Phillip drives a disguised Flying Saucer which looks like a
Helicopter and all the Male Royals follow in this tradition.

Some of these so called Helicopters have a very bright light
under them, to enable the Royals to see their loyal subjects at

Re: Royal Family Are Bloodsucking Alien Lizards -

night, with no 'nav lights' and are frequently mistaken for
Bonny Bridge ET Scout Craft.

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<http://www.colsweb.co.uk>

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 03 Feb 2006 15:34:43 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Feb 2006 10:21:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 2 Feb 2006 18:29:05 EST
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 02 Feb 2006 05:58:46 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>><snip>

>>Wouldn't this be an interesting tool to use in ufology. I wonder
>>how many UFO witnesses would gladly sit down to be scanned.

>><snip>

>Yes, I agree it would be an interesting tool. But, can it pass
>the "I_believe I have been abducted by aliens" test?

<snip>

>So, basically, can an MRI detect the difference between what a
>person believes happened and what is actually a true event?

Hello Kelly, Steven & All

Seems to be a problem right there, as the 'new' brain
(cerebrum), and maybe even the 'old' cerebellum, don't get
optical info from the outside world, they just see an assembled
picture on the 'view screen' at back of the brain; the picture
being that suggested by 'old' brain reactions (mostly fear,
hunger, greed, lust, aggression etc: pretty basic stuff).

So two or more witnesses' accounts, of even a traffic accident,
should vary in their different views of "reality" (although
there seem to be "leaks" of other fast visual clues from
different parts of brain which act more or less strongly in
different individuals; that is, some folks' visual cortexes get
"help" seeing things that others might not).

Thing is, if the brain can "see" it - it's "real". Even if
another brain _can't_ "see" it.

And the situation gets worse with memories.

Cheers

Ray D

PS - maybe try "percepts.html".

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Eyes Only The Real X-Files

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<http://www.psychologytoday.com/rss/pto-20051103-000005.html>

Nov/Dec 2005

Eyes Only: The Real X-Files

By: Pam Weintraub Summary: The highlights of Stargate=E2=80=94the top-secret psychic spy program run by the CIA, among other government agencies.

The code name kept changing: Scanate, Sun Streak, Grill Flame, Center Lane and Gondola Wish. Eventually known as Stargate, the top-secret psychic spy program was funded by Congress and run by the CIA, the Department of Defense and other government agencies and groups over the course of 20 years. Since its declassification in 1995, hundreds of "X-files" have been released. A few highlights are listed below:

Late 1960s and early 1970s: U.S. intelligence learns that the Soviets are conducting "psychotronic" research, and some experts worry that without a counter program, we might leave ourselves vulnerable to attack.

1972: SRI, the nation's second largest think tank, is charged with researching intelligence applications for psi under the leadership of laser physicist Harold Puthoff.

1973: Ingo Swann, an SRI psychic, is said to have described the rings around the planet Jupiter in a remote viewing experiment. Jupiter's rings aren't confirmed by scientists until 1979.

1980: Keith Harary is asked to provide psychic information on a target who turns out to be the Iranian hostage, Richard Queen. Queen is subsequently released and flown home.

1983: SRI launches a training program its authors say will enable remote viewers to generate accurate target data.

1986: Government psychics try to target Mohammad Quadaffi prior to a raid on Libya, but efforts to locate him are unsuccessful and he remains unharmed.

1991: The program becomes a hot potato and handlers move it from SRI to Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), then from the defense department to the CIA. In that same year, U.S. government remote viewers are reportedly asked to locate the whereabouts of Saddam Hussein.

1995: The American Institutes for Research (AIR), charged with evaluating Stargate, recommend it be terminated, stating that in 20 years the information has never been used to guide intelligence operations. Funding is pulled and the staff dispersed.

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UFO Seen In Dera Tribal Area

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<http://www.dawn.com/2006/02/02/nat9.htm>

February 2, 2006

UFO Seen In Dera Tribal Area

By Our Correspondent

DERA GHAZI KHAN, Feb 1: An unidentified flying object with a flashing light was seen by the tribal people on the skies of Dera Ghazi Khan tribal area the other day.

The UFO, according to eyewitnesses, came from south and passed the whole area moving towards the NWFP area on the night of Jan 29. It was seen flying over Tuman Leghari area near the DG cement factory, Tuman Buzdar and Qaisrani. The Border Military Police, however, could not find any clue to the landing of the object in its jurisdiction.

A tribesman of Tuman Buzdar told Dawn that he saw the flying object with flashlight at 10pm on Jan 29. The light was so strong, he said, that he could see the ground clearly.

It is worth mentioning that UFOs were seen in the area in August 2000. One of them was seen flying over several towns of Balochistan and it landed near Farid Air Base in tribal area of Rajanpur district on Aug 15. Its wreckage was removed by the authorities concerned.

These UFOs came from west and moved towards east while the recently-seen object appeared from south and went to north towards the NWFP, eyewitnesses said.

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Mystery Of UFOs Over Hertford

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Source: The Hertfordshire Mercury - UK

<http://tinyurl.com/a73tm>

03 February 2006

Mystery Of UFOs Over Hertford

Low-flying UFOs have been spotted in the skies above Hertford.

Andrew Porrer, who lives in Byde Road, Bengoe, was returning from London after attending an alumni event for the University of York.

As he left Hertford North railway station on Wednesday January 11 at about midnight, he was amazed to see strange low-flying lights speed over his head.

The 30-year-old, who works in Hoddesdon for an IT firm, was baffled by the strange phenomenon.

He said: "I was walking from the station with my wife when I saw two green lights =97 which I can only describe as travelling traffic lights =97 moving up the road and towards the bridge in North Road.

"They were about 5m [16ft] above the bridge so I'm pretty sure they weren't low-flying aircraft as some people have suggested. They were fast and silent.

"I suppose they were about 20m [66ft] in the air. I couldn't make out any shape. All there was were the lights. My wife saw them, too, so I wasn't hallucinating."

Andrew posted his amazing story on community website Discover Hertford and found that he wasn't alone in spotting unidentified flying objects.

One person who replied to his comments recalled something "weird in the sky before Christmas" near Hertford East station. The "strange light" was much brighter than planes with landing lights on.

Dr David Sutton, editor of the Fortean Times magazine, which has regular coverage of UFO sightings, commented: "What is most intriguing is how low in the sky the lights appeared to be, which would seem to rule out astronomical bodies or aircraft, although the closeness of Stansted Airport should probably not be ignored.

"Having said that, atmospheric or weather conditions can often play a part in leading witnesses to misjudge distances in such cases, as we've seen many times.

"Unless some other witnesses saw something in the area on that evening, Andrew's sighting will probably remain unexplained for

the time being."

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From: **Tim Brigham** <tdbrigham.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Feb 2006 10:59:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

[Non-Subscriber Post]

This discussion being the area I work in and having spoken with some of the researchers involved....

At least one researcher doing similar work told me he foresaw the first uses of this being similar in utility to a lie detector - i.e. do subjects believe what they are saying, not is it objectively true.

However, other work also seems to identify brain activations involved in correct versus incorrect memory. Given some time, we may see a - not infallible - measure of both accuracy and truthfulness.

This will take some time however; don't expect this to be accepted in court immediately, and when it is, don't expect it at first to be an objective measure of actual event narratives - though someday....

Best

Tim Brigham

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Extraterrestrials May Have Taught Humans

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Subject: Extraterrestrials May Have Taught Humans

Source: The Standard-Examiner - Ogden, Utah, USA

<http://www.standard.net/standard/73719>

Saturday, February 4, 2006

Extraterrestrials May Have Taught Humans

First, I believe evolution, not intelligent design, should be taught in science classes.

An anomaly exists regarding the appearance of modern man and evolution. Cro-Magnon was on earth for over 50,000 years, yet he never progressed past stone tools and the bow and arrow. Why? Because no one taught him writing, math, science, farming and astronomy.

Then 7,000 to 10,000 years ago, men from other galaxies or solar systems began educating humans. Clay tablets from the United Kingdom and Babylon stated that people from the stars descended and taught the people.

Hopi Indians claimed to have been taught by men descending from the sky. Egyptians claim that men came from the sea and taught them after their land sank into the ocean.

The Bible said that when the sons and God came into the daughters of men, they bore children unto them.

In the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' text, "The Pearl of Great Price," the claim is made that God dwells on a planet near Kolob.

God and the sons of God who visited the earth and had children were extraterrestrial beings. They educated man and taught him science, farming, astronomy, mathematics, etc.

Ponder this: When I visited Australia last year, I saw Aborigines who were doctors, engineers and teachers. Yet, 300 years ago, they were the most primitive people on earth, living in the stone age. What took place? They were taught!

Dennis J. Dalton
Ogden

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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>>An interesting article and it would be difficult to fool, and
>>I suspect the effort to "fool" it would show up as a known
>>marker. This is a high level article and it would be interesting
>>to see if the various labs are using the same measurements.

>>Wouldn't this be an interesting tool to use in ufology. I
>>wonder how many UFO witnesses would gladly sit down to be
>>scanned.

>Hello Steve,

>Yes, I agree it would be an interesting tool. But, can it pass
>the "I_believe I have been abducted by aliens" test?

>I'm sure Susan Clancy and other skeptics/know-it-alls will find
>some "flaw" in the brain scanner technique to detect lies and
>twist/adapt the data to conform to their view of the "truth".

>The same can be said for UFO sighting witnesses. If a witness
>"believes" he saw a UFO, did he in fact see a true UFO?

>So, basically, can an MRI detect the difference between what a
>person believes happened and what is actually a true event?

>Please, enlighten me.

Hi Kelly,

Actually, I'm more interested in merely eliminating those who knowingly spread information that is less than accurate, which I believe would help to provide some focus in dealing with the rest. But, I'm also not convinced that truth should be sought through the process of elimination, so this is really little more than an interesting idea.

Do you believe that Clancy's finding of a "flaw" is any more likely than believers finding a "flaw" if the test doesn't support their contention? I tend to doubt it. Both sides have a big dog in this particular fight.

Steve

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NASA's Inspector General Probed

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NASA's Inspector General Probed
Failure to Investigate Safety Violations Is Among the Charges

By Guy Gugliotta
Washington Post Staff Writer

An FBI-led watchdog agency has opened an investigation into multiple complaints accusing NASA Inspector General Robert W. Cobb of failing to investigate safety violations and retaliating against whistle-blowers. Most of the complaints were filed by current and former employees of his own office.

Written complaints and supporting documents from at least 16 people have been given to investigators. They allege that Cobb, appointed by President Bush in 2002, suppressed investigations of wrongdoing within NASA, and abused and penalized his own investigators when they persisted in raising concerns.

The complaints are being reviewed by the Integrity Committee of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency. The complaints describe efforts by Cobb to shut down or ignore investigations on issues such as a malfunctioning self-destruct procedure during a space shuttle launch at the Kennedy Space Center, and the theft of an estimated \$1.9 billion worth of data on rocket engines from NASA computers.

In documents obtained by The Washington Post and in interviews, NASA employees and former employees said Cobb's actions had contributed to a lack of attention to safety problems at NASA.

The petitioners also said Cobb had disregarded the inspector general's mandate to root out "waste, fraud and abuse" and caused dozens of longtime NASA employees to leave the IG's 200-person office and seek investigative work elsewhere.

Cobb would not discuss his case, saying in a telephone interview only that he will "cooperate fully" with the investigation. "I am proud of, stand behind and am accountable for the work of the IG," he said. "The office has been particularly dedicated to ensuring an atmosphere where safety concerns are fully addressed."

In an e-mail sent to his staff on Tuesday, Cobb said the Integrity Committee is investigating allegations "that I 'failed to investigate violations of safety concerns' " and retaliation against whistle-blowers. He urged employees to "cooperate fully" with the investigators.

House Science Committee Chairman Sherwood L. Boehlert (R-N.Y.) said his office "deals with the IG all the time. He has always been responsive to us, and we have never had any indication of a

problem." Boehlert noted that the committee "wouldn't know anything" about the incidents under investigation, and said that "we will await the outcome of the investigation."

The Integrity Committee is charged with investigating serious misconduct by inspectors general or their senior staff. It began notifying individual petitioners in mid-December that it intended to undertake an "administrative review" of their complaints.

In addition, the office of Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) gathered information from about 30 people during 2005, and on Dec. 14 forwarded documents from 16 to the Integrity Committee. On Jan. 9, the committee informed Nelson in a letter that his package was "one of the components of an administrative investigation."

The Integrity Committee is chaired by Chris Swecker, assistant director of the FBI's criminal investigative division, and includes the head of the Office of Special Counsel, the director of the Office of Government Ethics and six sitting inspectors general.

The review is to be conducted by the inspector general of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. If the case merits further action, the committee could reexamine it or refer it to the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section or another law enforcement agency.

Cobb, a 1986 graduate of George Washington University's law school, became NASA's inspector general on April 22, 2002, after working for a year as an ethics lawyer in the office of the White House General Counsel.

Under the Inspector General Act of 1978, the president appoints independent officials to monitor Cabinet departments and larger federal agencies through audits and investigations. Cobb is among four of 11 inspectors general appointed by Bush who previously worked in the White House, and one of nine with no audit experience.

The complaints against Cobb began to surface early last year, according to NASA research pilot Robert Rivers, when Nelson's office was contacted regarding allegations of retaliation against Rivers in a dispute over aircraft safety at the Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

In early 2003, Rivers had refused to fly Langley's modified Boeing 757 research jet, saying NASA management had not addressed safety concerns that he and other pilots had raised over the previous 18 months. He was reassigned and eventually grounded. On Feb. 22, 2005, Cobb notified Rivers he was closing the IG's investigation without taking action.

The Hampton Roads Daily Press detailed these events in an article last April. Nelson forwarded it to Michael D. Griffin, NASA's new administrator, suggesting in a letter that Cobb "may have downplayed" the case "and may even have been involved in a cover-up." Nelson also wrote that "on occasion" he had heard of "similar allegations regarding the NASA IG."

Griffin replied in July that his office had examined Cobb's report and had not found "any indication that the findings were unreasonable." Griffin's office declined to comment for this article.

Documents examined by The Post showed that throughout 2005, Nelson's office was receiving complaints against Cobb from employees and former employees of NASA. Some came from whistleblowers such as Rivers, but the vast majority were sent in by current and former employees of the IG's office.

The Post was contacted by several of these individuals and saw many of the documents that eventually reached the Integrity Committee. Some complainants spoke on the record; others asked to remain anonymous, saying they feared retaliation.

Many described Cobb as abusive to subordinates and dismissive of their abilities. "He would cut people off, get up and leave during meetings," said Dan Samoviski, who retired in 2004 as deputy IG director for audits at NASA headquarters. "Personally, I just think he created a hostile work environment."

Dennis Coldren, the retired manager of space station and space shuttle audits, was one of several who described Cobb as a "bully," and several sources also said they believed Cobb was too friendly with then-NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe. They said Cobb suppressed audits, stopped investigations and otherwise edited IG activities to avoid embarrassing the agency or its leadership.

O'Keefe, now chancellor of Louisiana State University, acknowledged that Cobb would brief him on his cases, but said he had an "arm's length" relationship with Cobb and described him as "extremely professional."

"At the beginning, I said, 'Look, there's two ways to do the IG role,' " O'Keefe recalled in a telephone interview. " 'There's the "gotcha" role, and I've done that. But you can also tell me about the problem as it's happening, so we can pay attention to it.' That was exceedingly helpful, and if that's interpreted as being too close, so be it. I think that's being constructive."

Boehlert said the Science Committee frequently sought and obtained Cobb's guidance regarding NASA's troubled financial management, and O'Keefe said Cobb was instrumental in getting the agency to improve audit procedures.

"We consciously dismissed an external audit firm, and Cobb ran the process to select the new group," O'Keefe recalled. "He was the one who [improved] the internal controls. If it weren't for him, it wouldn't have happened."

Besides the objections to Cobb's management style, the complainants accused him of suppressing or stopping a number of investigations and audits involving safety issues and the loss of considerable amounts of money.

One former member of the IG's staff described in documents a 2002 shuttle launch in which Air Force controllers at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station declared the range "red," ordering a shutdown, because the shuttle's backup command destruct system was not functioning.

The command destruct system is designed to stop the shuttle during initial liftoff by blowing off the orbiter's solid rocket boosters if spectators or bystanders are in danger. The maneuver can cause serious damage to the shuttle or even destroy it.

The controllers were overruled by the range commander -- an Air Force general -- and the launch took place, with NASA engineers unaware of the malfunction. The former IG staff member said in an interview that the Air Force passed the investigation to NASA's IG because it involved shuttle-related safety concerns, but that Cobb killed the probe in early 2005, saying, "Let the Air Force handle it."

In another safety investigation, Coldren said that just a few weeks before the February 2003 Columbia disaster, Cobb quashed efforts to inquire into the cancellation of funding to upgrade deteriorating gantries, launch pads and other shuttle infrastructure. "The shuttle program wanted it, somebody killed it, and I wanted to find out who it was," Coldren said. "Cobb said we were not entitled to that information."

In another complaint filed with the Integrity Committee, IG auditor Carroll Tom Hassell described how "a person in a South American country" over three days in late 2002 logged into the Marshall Space Flight Center's supposedly secure computer system, stole space shuttle data valued at \$1.9 billion and shipped it to a third country. The complaint said Cobb's office refused to report the theft to the Commerce Department as an illegal transfer of intellectual property.

Although Hassell, who retired in 2003, and other IG complainants have left NASA, others have remained. Several employees, past and present, said they were marginalized for speaking out too loudly and too often. "My colleagues and I have been begging for work for quite a while," one source said in a letter to Nelson charging retaliation for excess zeal. "I don't have to leave the confines of the OIG offices to find fraud, waste and abuse."

Last month, an internal survey of NASA's 193 IG employees

produced a stark assessment. To the proposition that "I am encouraged about the future prospects of the OIG," 45 percent of 101 respondents marked "disagree" or "strongly disagree," and 24 percent marked "agree" or "strongly agree." The rest said they were indifferent.

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Over the next 48 hours a hosting change will occur for all sites and addresses at virtuallystrange.net

The UFO UpDates Archive may be a little tricky to get back up and running, though other pages should make the transition smoothly.

Please hold any List-Post submissions and any mail for other .nul addresses from midnight tonight until you either receive new List-mail or see that the Archive is up and functioning. A post will be sent to subscribers and the Archive letting readers know that things are working.

A 'Last Message Via Old Host' will be posted just before the transition is started.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
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>Hello Kelly, Steven & All

>Seems to be a problem right there, as the 'new' brain
>(cerebrum), and maybe even the 'old' cerebellum, don't get
>optical info from the outside world, they just see an assembled
>picture on the 'view screen' at back of the brain; the picture
>being that suggested by 'old' brain reactions (mostly fear,
>hunger, greed, lust, aggression etc: pretty basic stuff).

>So two or more witnesses' accounts, of even a traffic accident,
>should vary in their different views of "reality" (although
>there seem to be "leaks" of other fast visual clues from
>different parts of brain which act more or less strongly in
>different individuals; that is, some folks' visual cortexes get
>"help" seeing things that others might not).

>Thing is, if the brain can "see" it - it's "real". Even if
>another brain can't "see" it.

>And the situation gets worse with memories.

I just want to add some more info on this subject of vision.

I did some research into this regarding a psych paper I was doing. Subsequently, my profesor asked me if I thought about submitting it to some journals, but that's another story altogether.

Anyway, our brains do not just use the visual cortex in processing visual information. In fact, our brains often do not even use the visual cortex at all.

Many of the things we think we 'see' are in fact not seen at all.

Instead, prior information is simply 'replayed'. The brain does this as a form of conservation as it would take great energy and time to process each and every piece of visual information. This fact has been tested several times.

In fact, anyone can easily test this themselves.

As far as I know, I am the first to officialy recognize this process and have named it "Mental Paradigms".

My theory is that just as atoms are the basic building blocks of matter, and proteins are the building blocks of muscle, so Mental Paradigms are the building block of cognition and comprehension. Many of these Mental Paradigms invovle visual applications.

Here is a test anybody can perform:

- 1.) Visualize in your mind a Basketball.
- 2.) Visualize in your mind a Heart.
- 3.) Visualize in your mind Toast.
- 4.) What color is the sky?

From this simple test we can discover amazing insight into how our brains operate.

Here is what I have found.

Regarding question number one, everyone will vision an orange basketball, even though basketballs are produced in many various colors. Why is this? Because "Basketballs are orange" is a Mental Paradigm.

Mental Paradigms are formed based exclusively on the sum of our prior experiences.

Since the majority of basketballs we have seen are orange, our brain unconsciously connects the two.

Also note that it doesn't matter if one consciously knows basketballs come in many colors.

Mental Paradigms are based on experience only. Any subsequent knowledge gained is simply connected to the end of "basketballs are orange", so that the equation looks like "basketballs are orange" + "basketballs come in different colors".

This is the actual way the information is both stored and retrieved in the brain.

On to question number 2.

Most people will visualize a typical Valentine Heart and it will be either red or pink. No one will visualize a blue, yellow, orange, or heart of any other color.

Also note that if one is a cardiologist then they will visualize an actual human heart instead of a Valentine Heart!

What can we learn from this? Here the lesson is context. The context of the situation depends upon what Mental Paradigm is retrieved.

On to question number 3.

The questions was to visualize "Toast".

Most people will respond assuming the question implied bread. They will respond by visualizing either white or wheat bread, even though there are hundreds of different possibilities for bread.

Again this is because Mental Paradigms are based on our experience. We know we can make toast from Rye, Pumpernickle, French, and countless other varieties of bread but since the sum of our experience involves eating white or wheat bread toast then that is the paradigm we form.

Also note that there is another form of Toast one can visualize. This is the Toast that occurs at dinner functions and celebrations.

A person who might visualize this form of Toast might be gifted/genius due to the creativity and divergent thinking necessary to form this particular Mental Paradigm.

On the last question, most people will answer "blue", even though they know that the sky at morning and dusk is often red, the sky at night is black, and during overcast days the sky is grey. Again, most people immediately respond "blue", simply because the majority of their experiences involve seeing a blue sky. All the other subsequent information gathered is simply tagged on to the end of this Mental Paradigm.

So that brings me to the purpose of this reply.

Remember I stated that we often do not 'see' many of the things we think we do. It has actually been proven.

In certain studies, groups were shown a 13 second clip of a basketball game. Participants were told to be as observant as possible because a question would follow.

The question was, "What was the color of the basketball used?".

Every single person answered "Orange" and got it wrong.

The clip was then replayed to reveal a red basketball. The reason why they got the answer wrong is because they never saw the basketball in the first place. Their brain hit 'replay' on 'Basketballs are Orange'. They literally saw an orange basketball as a form of conservation of brainpower.

Does everyone follow me so far?

Also keep in mind that 'seeing' does not just involve the visual cortex as most think.

Not only is your brain hitting 'replay' on many of the things you think you see, but your brain's emotional center is also involved. Without your brain's emotional center being activated, you would not distinguish between a cactus, an car accident where people require immediate help, or your own Mother for that matter.

Vision is indeed one of the most complicated senses of the human body.

- Jason Gammon

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I would like add a bit more to this subject. I rarely attempt to
"toot my own horn", but the theory that I am presenting is
pretty darn close to a 'Theory of Everything' with regard to
Psychology. My theory of Mental Paradigms covers just about
every conceivable thing you can imagine. Everything from Racial
Stereotypes, Dreams, Mental Illness, and so many more things can
easily be expalined with this material. Here are a few Mental
Paradigms which altar our perceptions and thus our cognition and
comprehension of things:

"Mental Illnes as Disease" : Diseases are caused by pathogens.
Diseases are also normaly caused by one pathogen, therefore many
scientists researching Mental Illness also often are looking for
one simple explanation when said disorders could in fact be
caused by either multiple reasons or even the conglomeration of
specific circumstances.

"Racial Stereotypes"- for example, many African Americans have
accused Caucasions of holding deep centered stereotypes
concerning them. This is in fact completely true. My theory
states that Mental Pardigms are used as foundations on which
future knowledge and understanding is built. If the foundation

is "___ people are bad", even if subsequent knowledge obtained disproves this, the Paradigm itself is not destroyed or erased. Instead, the new information is simply connected to it. So when this information is evoked it is retrieved as "___ People are Bad" + "Only those _____ who are in Gangs are Bad." + etc...." So yes, African American are telling the truth when they notice an underlying bias. The problem is that African American, as well as individuals from every other race are just as guilty of doing this as Caucasians are in the above example.

"Information is stored seperatly in the brain" - This Paradigm has prevented many a person from forming the theory I just proposed. This is completely incorrect. Each piece of Information stored in our brains are connected to every other prior piece of information. They are stored in "strings". Such as:

Fruit-Apple-Computer-Graphic-Designer

Notice the rational placement of the individual words in the above string. In mentally disturbed individuals, the placement is irrational. For example:

Fruit-Sister-Seahorse-Kidney-Judge

The above information is linked in an irrational way. When this information is retrieved the disturbed person will spout none-sense.

I want every person to pay close attention to the following:

Notice that in Dreams we experience seemingly non-sense things. If we dig deeper these "random" things actually do appear to have a rational meaning. What's the purpose of dreaming? When we dream our brain is linking all these bits of information together in strings. We are literally experiencing string formation.

Example of a dream of mine:

"I dreamt a fish told me a secret about the Devil."

Seems irrational right? Wrong. I forgot to mention that before I went to bed, I was looking at some Tarot Cards I was going to use in an upcoming art project. The cards were:

Ace of Cups
The Devil
Temperence
The Tower

The imagery on the ace of cups is a fish jumping out of a cup and getting extremely close to the ear of the person holding the cup. Of course most people know the imagery of The Devil card.

Now I've already stated that people do not erase or destroy previously formed Mental Paradigms, instead they only connect new information to them. But what happens when the Paradigm is completely wrong and most definatley needs to be destroyed? - Utter Chaos

History has shown people react with extreme violence to anybody proposing that old paradigms be destroyed altogether.

"The sun orbits the earth"

How many people died associated with the above Paradigm? Why is that? Simply because paradigms are the foundations for knowledge and understanding. If you destroy a paradigm then you also destroy all the knowledge connected with it on it's "string", thus you are literally "pulling the rug out" from people's concepts of the world. They are left with nothing, and this often can be a very scary proposition. Note, if as a scientist you feel you must destroy an existing paradigm you feel is wrong, please make sure you have prepared a better pardigm or else you are asking people to accept "nothing" in return for the destruction of everything they thought they knew.

Here are some Paradigms concerning UFOs/Aliens:

1. UFOs are Extraterrestrial
2. Aliens are members of an organic species such as us.
3. Organic Alien Life Forms equal to our intelligence would not resemble us in appearance.

The truth:

1. We don't know. If you assume, then you also have to ignore other evidence.
- 2.) False. If we are indeed being "visited" it is most likely a form of A.I.

A.I. is not bound by rules preventing us organic humans from interstellar travel. A.I. could have literally left their home world millions of years ago to come here.

3. False. If the alien is an organic species equal to our intelligence than it would most definitely be extremely similar in appearance to us. Human Intelligence cannot be separated from any feature we possess. Characteristics like: thumbs, being bipedal, having colored vision, having separate sexes, etc... have all played a part in shaping our current level of intelligence.

Think about these and similar Paradigms effecting Ufology.

-Jason

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>Saturday, February 4, 2006

>Extraterrestrials May Have Taught Humans

It is a constant learning process, but I believe intelligent design and evolution both play an important role in the development of the human race.

God is part of an enormously advanced civilization responsible for life throughout the universe.

Please consider the talents of the human race! I do not believe it is by chance that a 12 year old child has written 5 symphonies!

He wrote them because he was born with talents supplied to him by this enormously advanced civilization.

Do you really believe this child was born with a fresh brain. Common sense would tell you that the intelligent design people gave this child special talents. Even evolution could not account for such an extraordinary ability at such a young age!

Lyle Michel

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Re: NASA's Inspector General Probed - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Feb 2006 15:58:41 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Feb 2006 12:03:18 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Inspector General Probed - Balaskas

>Source: The Washington Post - Washington, DC, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/99zfk>

>Friday, February 3, 2006; A01

>NASA's Inspector General Probed
>Failure to Investigate Safety Violations Is Among the Charges

<snip>

>One former member of the IG's staff described in documents a
>2002 shuttle launch in which Air Force controllers at Cape
>Canaveral Air Force Station declared the range "red," ordering a
>shutdown, because the shuttle's backup command destruct system
>was not functioning.

>The command destruct system is designed to stop the shuttle
>during initial liftoff by blowing off the orbiter's solid rocket
>boosters if spectators or bystanders are in danger. The maneuver
>can cause serious damage to the shuttle or even destroy it.

>The controllers were overruled by the range commander -- an Air
>Force general -- and the launch took place, with NASA engineers
>unaware of the malfunction. The former IG staff member said in
>an interview that the Air Force passed the investigation to
>NASA's IG because it involved shuttle-related safety concerns,
>but that Cobb killed the probe in early 2005, saying, "Let the
>Air Force handle it."

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

This revelation is particularly disturbing to me. It was almost exactly 20 years ago that the Space Shuttle Challenger blew up killing its crew of seven astronauts, including school teacher Christa McAuliffe.

NASA's investigation identified that it was the stiff frozen O-ring seals between the cylindrical segments that make up the entire length of the two solid fuel rockets as the reason for the explosion of the external fuel tank. It did not explain why the two solid fuel rockets that were attached to the external fuel remained intact and continued to merrily fly off on their own while the Challenger orbiter that was also attached to the external fuel tank totally disintegrated.

Recall, it is the underside of the orbiter with black heat tiles that are designed to withstand extreme temperatures and the high dynamic pressures during re-entry that was facing the external fuel tank when it exploded. Early concerns by NASA engineers that the orbiter was actually destroyed and the crew lost because of the accidental trigger of the orbiter's self-destruct system (and apparently the failure of the self-destruct system for the two uncontrolled solid fuel rockets over a populated area) seems to have been ignored or covered-up.

Until NASA's employees and whistle blowers can report what they know without fear of retribution or punishment, the guilty will be protected and the truth never known insuring that more such tragic incidents with unnecessary loss of lives will happen again.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available -

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Feb 2006 23:14:46 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Feb 2006 12:04:36 -0500
Subject: Re: P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available -

>From: Jim Klotz <fadedgiant.nul>
>To: PROJECT-1947.nul
>Date: Thu, 2 Feb 2006 19:33:18 -0800
>Subject: Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available

>I've just posted the releasable portions of Philip J. Klass' FBI
>file on CUFON. The file provided to CUFON by Washington DC
>researcher Michael Ravnitzky is available in a PDF file (3240
>KB) and some pages of very small text size are also available in
>a higher resolution file (1939 KB) to enhance readability.

>I'd prefer that the files be accessed through the main opening
>page of CUFON and then through the links on the left side of
>the page in the "What's New" column.

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I found the Hynek stuff most illuminating but the rest a bit dull and boring.

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Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Feb 2006 11:29:35 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Feb 2006 12:07:22 -0500
Subject: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors - Rudiak

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 4 Feb 2006 11:35:25 EST
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detector

>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 03 Feb 2006 15:34:43 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

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>reason why they got the answer wrong is because they never saw
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>basketball as a form of conservation of brainpower.

I think you are confusing memory and perception. For economy,
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Sorry Jason, but that's just bunk. If you really think "seeing
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Thus if one sees a big animal running directly at you, it is more important to pay attention to the fact that it is big, it is approaching you fast, how far away it is, where one might escape to, and so on. One is very much aware that this is a dangerous situation and is directing attention to what might help you survive. Whether some psychologist painted the tiger red to try to trip you up afterwards so they can write learned papers on how poor eyewitnesses are is not high on your list of priorities.

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 06 Feb 2006 14:55:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Feb 2006 12:09:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Jason Gammon <<<mailto:LuckyHoodoo.nul>>LuckyHoodoo.nul>
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Re: P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available -

From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 06 Feb 2006 14:00:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Feb 2006 12:10:30 -0500
Subject: Re: P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available -

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Feb 2006 23:14:46 -0000
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Perhaps there's an automatic check to see if someone who
submits a letter is under investigation by the FBI or has a file
on record, but I would have doubted it. In 1987 the world was
far less computerized and much of what is taken for granted
today was done by hand. Cross-referencing was more difficult and
required effort.

I wish they'd followed up on the MJ-12 material, but that wasn't
the case (as far as we know).

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While I have heard reference to such a connection between Klass
and the Government, I had always dismissed it without more
proof. In my discussions with other researchers, Klass hasn't
generated any real interest. Could you elaborate on any
alleged connections?

Steve

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Feb 2006 17:04:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Feb 2006 12:11:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 4 Feb 2006 15:09:58 EST
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 4 Feb 2006 11:35:25 EST
>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detector

>>I just want to add some more info on this subject of vision.

<snip>

>Here are some Paradigms concerning UFOs/Aliens:

>1. UFOs are Extraterrestrial

Badly formulated. Much better might be "Some UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin".

>2. Aliens are members of an organic species such as us.

Again, better would be "some aliens are members of an organic species.

>3. Organic Alien Life Forms equal to our intelligence would not resemble us in appearance.

Once again add some and "might"

>The truth:

>1. We don't know. If you assume, then you also have to ignore other evidence.

The observed manufactured flying objects can behave in ways we can't duplicate since all our advanced flight systems are developed for military purposes. None have shown up in or near the war zones. Therefore, they were manufactured somewhere else. I know of no evidence about the UFOs that fit in this category that shows this isn't true. IFOs don't count.

>2.) False. If we are indeed being "visited" it is most likely a form of A.I..

No basis exists for this conclusion. How can you determine likelihood without collecting a bunch of visitors and seeing what fraction are of A.I. and what fraction is organic? Please provide data on such an examination or a catalog of aliens in the neighborhood.

>A.I. is not bound by rules preventing us organic humans >from >interstellar travel. A.I. could have literally left their >home >world millions of years ago to come here.

Please show the rules that prevent interstellar travel. It takes a year at one G to get close to the speed of light. At 99.99% of c it only takes 6 months to travel 37 light years ..pilot

time. The origin may be nearby bases 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10 etc LY away. Interesting fusion reactions can eject particles having 10 million times as much energy per particle as in a chemical rocket. Cosmic freeloading can also be very useful; which is why all our deep space probes use it.

Certainly chemical rockets would be poor choices. Slide rules won't do for today's sophisticated astronomical calculations either. The Soviets once detonated a 60 Megaton H-Bomb. Try that with just TNT.

>3. False. If the alien is an organic species equal to our >intelligence than it would most definitely be extremely >similar in appearance to us. Human Intelligence cannot be >separated from any feature we possess. Characteristics like: >thumbs, being bipedal, having colored vision, having separate >sexes, etc... have all played a part in shaping our current >level of intelligence.

What does extremely similar mean? Are pygmies and Watusi and tall blond Norwegians extremely similar? One might say a Volkswagen bug and a Lamborghini are extremely similar. Would you trade one for the other? Sounds like wishful thinking to me. Why not take advantage of the many eyewitness testimonials as to how the aliens coming from the craft look?

Proclamations shouldn't have much of a role in logical thinking

>Think about these and similar Paradigms effecting Ufology.

Yes, I think that would be an excellent idea. Try it, Jason. You might like it.

Stan Friedman

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MOD Site's UFO Files

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Feb 2006 21:10:09 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Feb 2006 12:12:24 -0500
Subject: MOD Site's UFO Files

The Ministry of Defence has updated its website, including the Freedom of Information area:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FreedomOfInformation/>

Researchers interested in the MOD's UFO files may wish to check the site regularly.

Use the keyword "UFO" to search both the Publication Scheme and the Disclosure Log, and remember to select the dates so as to search the entire archive.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Extraterrestrials May Have Taught Humans - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 06 Feb 2006 21:52:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Feb 2006 12:13:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Extraterrestrials May Have Taught Humans - Hall

>From: Lyle Michel <COURTROOMEVIDENCE456.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Feb 2006 12:29:16 -0800
>Subject: Extraterrestrials May Have Taught Humans

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2006 8:05 AM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Extraterrestrials May Have Taught Humans

>>Source: The Standard-Examiner - Ogden, Utah, USA

>><http://www.standard.net/standard/73719>

>>Saturday, February 4, 2006

>>Extraterrestrials May Have Taught Humans

>It is a constant learning process, but I believe intelligent
>design and evolution both play an important role in the
>development of the human race.

>God is part of an enormously advanced civilization responsible
>for life throughout the universe.

>Please consider the talents of the human race! I do not believe
>it is by chance that a 12 year old child has written 5
>symphonies!

>He wrote them because he was born with talents supplied to him
>by this enormously advanced civilization.

>Do you really believe this child was born with a fresh brain.
>Common sense would tell you that the intelligent design people
>gave this child special talents. Even evolution could not
>account for such an extraordinary ability at such a young age!

You are entitled to your religious beliefs but:

(A) Please don't mistake them for science and as being equally
valid information derived from research;

(B) I won't even say "please" here; do not attempt to impose
your beliefs on me.

- Dick

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Secrecy News -- 02/06/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Feb 2006 16:53:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Feb 2006 12:14:31 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/06/06

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2006, Issue No. 15
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Secrecy News Blog: <http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/>

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SECRECY OF MINE INSPECTIONS REDUCED

In a rare relaxation of mounting restrictions on disclosure of government information, the Labor Department has agreed to reverse its policy of withholding notes taken by mine safety inspectors from prompt release under the Freedom of Information Act.

In a January 11 letter written in the wake of the Sago mine disaster, Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) had urged the Secretary of Labor to permit disclosure of these notes (Secrecy News, 01/17/06).

"This unwarranted secrecy may protect the mining industry from embarrassing disclosures, but it undermines accountability and mine safety," Rep. Waxman wrote:

<http://www.democrats.reform.house.gov/story.asp?ID=989>

On January 20, three House Republicans, including Rep. John Boehner (R-OH), the new House Majority Leader, wrote to Labor Secretary Elaine Chao to make the same request.

"We share the concern expressed by some that ... this blanket policy has had the effect of denying important information about mine safety to the public."

In a January 30 reply to Majority Leader Boehner, a Labor Department official wrote that the disclosure policy would be revised to permit release of mine inspector notes "effective immediately."

Rep. Boehner applauded the move. "Our request to Secretary Chao was made for one simple reason: to get more information, more quickly into the hands of Congress, the families impacted by the tragedies, and all those with a stake in mining and these investigations," he said.

In a January 31 news release, Rep. Boehner and his colleagues took credit for the step. See "In Response to House Republican Request, Labor Department Makes Key Policy Change Impacting Mine Investigations":

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/01/edwork013106.html>

SUNSHINE WEEK ON THE WAY

Sunshine Week is a broad-based initiative intended to focus public concern over the growth of official secrecy.

During the week of March 13, 2006, there will be a series of events exploring the diverse and increasing barriers that obstruct public access to government information.

Details and educational resources are available on the Sunshine Week web site here:

<http://www.sunshineweek.org/>

PENTAGON ABANDONS REVISION OF NUCLEAR DOCTRINE

The Department of Defense has abandoned plans to revise its Doctrine for Joint Nuclear Operations.

The draft revision became controversial when it was disclosed last year because of its unusually frank discussion of preemptive use of nuclear weapons.

The decision to cancel the revision was discovered by Hans Kristensen of the Federation of American Scientists. He described the move last week and provided relevant links in the new blog of the FAS Strategic Security Project here:

http://www.fas.org/blog/ssp/2006/02/pentagon_cancels_controversial.php

CIA ON REMOTE MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS (1979)

A noteworthy article from the CIA's Studies in Intelligence Journal, published in 1979 and declassified last year, describes the use of "remote medical diagnosis" for foreign intelligence purposes.

"Remote medical diagnosis is defined as the identification of the illnesses affecting a person without the benefit of a formal medical examination."

The authors provide capsule accounts of CIA medical diagnoses of various world leaders, including French President Georges Pompidou, Algerian President Houari Boumediene, Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev, and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

The technique, such as it is, is far from infallible, the authors note. Although Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir suffered from malignant lymphoma for more than 12 years, "We had been entirely unaware that she had this lethal disease."

See "Remote Medical Diagnosis: Monitoring the health of Very Important Patients," Studies in Intelligence, Spring 1979 (1.2

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The Alien In The Attic

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US Serial Number Gives Clue To Mystery Of The Alien In The Attic

Patrick Barkham
The Guardian

When Barney Broom began renovating his cottage he did not expect to be confronted by a pair of black eyes staring from a cloudy jar.

But the mysterious discovery of an alien in his attic has spooked the 54-year-old screenwriter and bewildered extraterrestrial experts, who yesterday suggested the US military could be involved.

The delicate 30cm (12 inch) figure of a baby alien is stored in a pungent liquid and has a US serial number painted on its four-toed foot. Possibly sculpted from a clay-like substance and painted grey, the model closely resembles the aliens depicted in a hoax film of an autopsy of the infamous "Roswell incident".

Curiously, the alien was discovered stored in an old toffee jar wrapped in a copy of the Daily Mirror dating from October 1947. In July of that year, officials at the American air base of Roswell reported and then denied finding the remains of a flying saucer. The Roswell incident sparked a popular fascination with UFOs and led the US air force to collect data on sightings.

One theory is that the alien was left in the loft by a US serviceman working at a nearby US air base. Mr Broom's two-bedroom cottage at Gunthorpe, north Norfolk, which he bought eight months ago, is 45 miles from two large US air bases at RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall. Many US servicemen and women live and work in the region.

Mr Broom told the Guardian he was "a bit spooked" by the discovery but said he was not yet living in fear of being beamed up by aliens.

"It was stuffed in the corner of the loft with other old newspapers. Before me, an old spinster lived in the house. I don't think anybody had been up there for years. I haven't got three heads and I'm not the sort of eccentric lunatic to think it's an alien but it's a funny thing to find in your loft."

Mr Broom reported his finding to the Sci Fi Channel, who called in Professor Adam Roberts, an expert in science fiction literature, to examine the creature.

"The easy thing to do is dismiss it all and say it's a hoax. It may be or may not be," said Prof Roberts. "The fact that it was found near a US air base suggests there may be a military component to it."

A spokeswoman for the US air force said it had never made such models of an alien, the figure was not government property and the serial number could mean it had been catalogued by a museum. "It's a hoax," the spokeswoman said.

Prof Roberts admitted it could be a film prop dating from the 1960s, but said he was not surprised at US denials: "That is the US air force line. They deny these alien encounters. It is quite possible they concoct stories to cover up for more nefarious activities."

The Sci Fi Channel will this week broadcast live footage of the alien on its website. After further tests, Mr Broom will put it on his mantelpiece.

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UFO UpDate:Coolness Toys & Ufology

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For the past several months I've been contemplating buying a ranch.

A friend of mine gave me an offer I shouldn't refuse. Hundreds of acres with lakes full of fish. I was hoping to purchase one in upstate New York my home stomping grounds and may well do so in the future.

While I've been perusing this offer, I've been doing inventory of items I've purchased to decorate, gifts and goodies I've acquired over the years.

I'm an avid toy collector and work in the toy design/licensing industry as well. The licensing industry is huge. I remember back in the early 90's when it was just a \$5 billion global industry and it shot up in a few years afterward to \$100 billion and hasn't slowed down yet.

What's startled me is how much material is paranormal/UFO related!

It's just growing by leaps and bounds! I recall when times were tough to find toys and figurines that met the theme. There was an abundance of literature especially in the fantasy genre but nowadays one would have to take up residence in outer Mongolia to avoid the deluge of products.

From the avalanche of video games, movies, tv shows, comic books it's a testament to the popularity of such themes.

Whenever I take time off and travel the southwest I try to stop off at the UFO museum in Roswell and buy up some goodies from coffee mugs to model kits. Add to that the growing abundance of scientific papers and the books and other products produced by many of you on this list it's quite easy to say one is not for wanting!

UFOs are cool. That's right, UFOs are cool! Ufology is cool. I'm amazed at the sudden change in attitudes regarding the subject as I spend everyday interviewing people on the subject and believe it or not you've all gotten through to the common folks and the ridicule factor has all but diminished from what I've gathered. I don't know if same can be said from your relative necks of the woods (what's the plural to that?), but people really are surprising me with their interest and knowledge of the facts. Thanks to you all in radio, the research field and television documentaries I'll say.

Availability of products through your websites is key as well. I buy books and papers and give them to people I know of note who want to study Ufology. Quite the gift items to say the least! They just eat them up!

It's gotten to the point where for once in my life I hesitate to bring up the subject of UFOs because as a collective, people won't stop talking about it! Not only that, but they get downright expert and quote many of you as though they grew up next door to you and play weekly pinochle.

I was astonished when a Hindu neighbor grilled me about a recent

C2C program. Whoever was the guest that night sure stirred something up regarding hybrids! Had the poor chap ready to head for the hills! Yet as shaken up as he was, it opened up dialogue which is what's important and I could then send him to the references from your books, websites, etc. and continue a healthy dialogue.

The reach of Ufology is huge and growing from my vantage point, receiving less and less resistance as people are venturing on their own investigations.

It's a joy to see them march off as though they're going to solve the Roswell incident and after a few days or weeks of study they come back with that look on their faces and they then take up pro or con sides.

As long they're reading the data from the investigators who do the ground work and not the nonsense that comes from the mainstream press.

What really has me giggling is when folks engage in UFO debates and reference you folks like they're arguing politics or sports.

Best,

Greg

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Inexplicata Blog Update UFOs in Necochea 2005

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UFOs In Necochea 2005
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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
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>>the basketball in the first place. Their brain hit 'replay' on
>>'Basketballs are Orange'. They literally saw an orange
>>basketball as a form of conservation of brainpower.

>I think you are confusing memory and perception. For economy,
>people's long-term memory of an event may rely on using mental
>paradigms (thus confusing minor details like red and orange
>basketballs), but the immediate perception is not somehow
>overridden by the paradigm. Ask the same group to focus their
>attention specifically on the color of the basketball while
>watching the movie and I'm quite sure they all would have
>responded "red".

Uh... No. I meant what I wrote. In the above experiment the
viewer's brain deemed the basketball "Trivial Information" and
the visual data regarding the basketball was not processed.
Instead, the brain hit "replay" on the cognitive paradigm of
"Basket Balls are Orange".

You are completely incorrect when stating that only memory is
effected by Cognitive Paradigms. I can literally provide you with
hundreds of scenarios showing how this is not so. Moment to
moment experiences/perceptions are most definately influenced.

1. Why do we see mirages? -You will respond that they are
situations where information tricks the brain. Well if the brain
is constantly analysing data from the visual cortex then it
should never be tricked by mirages to begin with. Instead, the
brain "jumps to conclusions" instead of analyzing the data,
proving that there are indeed these "short cuts" and "cheats"
involved with perception. The brain is able to "cheat" simply
because it operates on cognitive/mental paradigms. We see "water
in the road" specifically because it fits our Cognitive/Mental
Paradigm of such.

2. Scared of Shadows- Why is that we have mistaken a shadow from

a coat rack or other object as being a shadow of a human being or even a "monster"? Again, because our brain doesn't process every bit of information through the visual cortex. We see a "human shadow" because our brain "cheats". Our brain has a cognitive paradigm of what a Human Shadow is. The visual cortex only processes just enough information on the shadow to be able to quickly decide on whether the entire information should be processed or whether to just hit "replay" on a prior existing cognitive paradigm. In this example, our brains decide to just hit "replay" on "Human Shadow", and that is what we think we "see".

3. Why do we see in dreams? No visual, auditory, or tactile information is received by the brain. Instead, Cognitive Paradigms are simply replayed. Stick that in your hat!

4. Why do we see patterns in clouds or other things? Because what little information we process through the visual cortex is similar to the information stored about said Cognitive Paradigms. We don't see the actual object the Cognitive Paradigm is based on, just enough information is invoked for us to see it in the cloud.

Regarding your comments about asking the viewers in the experiment to focus on the color of the basketball, this would completely render the experiment useless because the brain only uses "cheats" when the information is considered "trivial". If you imply importance to the basketball then the viewers will definitely use the visual cortex to process all of the information about the basketball and will not resort to "replaying" a prior Cognitive Paradigm

>>Does everyone follow me so far?

>>Also keep in mind that 'seeing' does not just involve the >>visual cortex as most think.

>Sorry Jason, but that's just bunk. If you really think "seeing >does not involve the visual cortex," then how do you explain >people going completely blind when their visual cortex is >destroyed by stroke, gunshot wound, etc.?

Please reread my original reply. I never said any such thing. The visual cortex is indeed used to process visual information, it's just doesn't process "every" piece of information. Cognitive/Mental Paradigms are "short-cuts" and "cheats" used by your brain.

Regarding the people who have gone blind after being able to see, how is it that these same people are able to "see" things in their dreams? And, yes, before you say they don't please realize that a person who could see just fine and then became blind still in fact dreams using visual images. They do so because yet again the brain is hitting "replay" on prior Cognitive Paradigms. Cognitive Paradigms are the reason why we "see" in dreams in the first place. Only those people who were born blind do not "see" things in dreams. Instead sound is the dominate sense in their dreams and the majority of their cognitive/mental paradigms are based on hearing and touching instead of vision.

>The visual cortex is >the most studied area of the brain with a vast literature >devoted to it. It would certainly come as a great surprise to >the experts that the visual cortex plays no role in seeing, as >you claim.

Again, I said no such thing. Please stop attributing comments to me I never made.

>>Not only is your brain hitting 'replay' on many of the things >>you think you see, but your brain's emotional center is also >>involved. Without your brain's emotional center being >>activated, you would not distinguish between a cactus, an >>car accident where people require immediate help, or your >>own Mother for that matter.

>I don't think so. Do you really think your brain can't >distinguish between a cactus and your Mother without guide from >the emotional centers?

You misunderstood me. Your visual cortex could give a flying flip about your mother. You see your Mother, Lover, Best Friend, Dog, all differently than you see an earthworm, rock, cactus, stranger. The reason is that the emotional centers of your brain are stimulated when viewing such. Without this you would treat the people and things around you in the same fashion as you would a piece of chewed up gum on the side-walk, a little avoidance but mostly apathy.

>Yes, events that trigger your emotional
>centers in a big way (car accident, bank robbery, etc.) may
>affect how one attends to and therefore remembers event but this
>generally has minimal or no effect on how one immediately
>perceives events that are attended to. And this is very much the
>domain of the extremely well-studied visual cortex.

Wrong, your brain doesn't process information and then decide to ponder if it has any emotional attachment to the person or object. Instead your brain keeps the emotional centers of the brain activated at the same time. The brain never knows when it will need such. Also keep in mind that the same thing happens in the other senses as well. Our emotional centers are triggered when hear the voice of our mother, lover, dog, etc...just like they are with vision.

>Emotion affects perception primarily through how the brain
>directs its attention. Usually we are more interested in the
>overall scenario rather than the irrelevant details. That's
>where most of the survival value is.

Yes. What you misunderstood and what I have been actually writing about is that the brain uses "short-cuts" and "cheats" called Cognitive/Mental Paradigms in place of analysing every piece of information regarding vision or the other senses as well. Your brain decides certain things are "trivial" and for conservation reasons chooses not to process further information about such. Instead, it hits "replay" on the prior information gathered about such subject.

>Thus if one sees a big animal running directly at you, it is
>more important to pay attention to the fact that it is big, it
>is approaching you fast, how far away it is, where one might
>escape to, and so on. One is very much aware that this is a
>dangerous situation and is directing attention to what might
>help you survive. Whether some psychologist painted the tiger
>red to try to trip you up afterwards so they can write learned
>papers on how poor eyewitnesses are is not high on your list of
>priorities.

I doubt a "big animal running toward you" would be deemed "trivial" by the brain. Instead, the brain would focus directly on the information recieved concerning the animal. The brain would then deem the color and type of flowers in the field in which the animal ran, the color and type of butterfly resting on the tree trunk next to us, or the type of bird and color of it's fleathers, nesting in a tree opposite of the field in which the animal is running, as trivial . This would all be information that the brain would not be concerned with and could most definately be "substituted".

>ball game, nobody gives a damn what color the
>basketball is because it's not important (certainly not in a 13
>second movie clip). Therefore they are likely to fail the
>simplistic psychology test afterwards, but not because their
>visual cortex can't distinguish color when attention is turned
>to that task.

Wrong. People would have to make a conscious decision that the ball is not important. I'm not talking about conscious decisions. Nobody sits down to a basketball games and consciously thinks or says "Ya know, I don't give a damn about the ball used in this particuliar sport. It truly has no meaning." People don't do that! I am refering to unconscious activity.

>If people were really as bad at perceptual tasks as you are
>trying to depict them here, natural selection would have gotten
>rid of the human race a long time ago and we wouldn't be having
>this conversation.

David, I never claimed people were bad at perceptual tasks. What I find intruiging is that you seem to be vicitm of your own

cognitive paradigm right now since it is obvious to me that you have not actually read my replies. You keep attributing things to me that I never wrote. I'm sure this use of Cognitive Paradigms evolved to help organisms survive. Trivial information is substituted with prior experience so more attention can be given to new or unusual circumstances.

Also, I don't think this process is unique to humans either. There is ample evidence to suggest that it occurs in most species.

- Jason

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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 4 Feb 2006 11:35:25 EST
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>>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>devoted to it. It would certainly come as a great surprise to
>the experts that the visual cortex plays no role in seeing, as
>you claim.

I apologize to Jason here. Upon re-reading this, I noticed he
used the word "just" and was not saying the visual cortex
plays no role in seeing. However, I still believe he is greatly
underestimating just how good people actually are perceiving
things they do attend to and confusing it with how they may not
accurately remember details they don't attend to.

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>>own Mother for that matter.

I still think this is a nonsense statement. For one thing, emotion isn't going to play much of a role in the above cited psychology experiment. People don't remember the color of the basketball because they aren't paying attention to it, looking at the bigger picture instead to get familiar with it. The color of the basketball is an unimportant detail in such a situation. The visual cortex certainly does compute and register the proper color, but unless other brain centers involved in consciousness and directing attention make use of this information, it is unlikely to be remembered.

Ask them instead to notice the color of objects in the above experiment, and a lot more of them are going to get the basketball color correct. In fact, we are fantastically good at distinguishing colors when we pay attention to such a task. Mental paradigms of what colors objects ordinarily are aren't going to affect this.

David Rudiak

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 6 Feb 2006 17:04:24 -0400
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 4 Feb 2006 15:09:58 EST
>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>Here are some Paradigms concerning UFOs/Aliens:

>>1. UFOs are Extraterrestrial

>Badly formulated. Much better might be "Some UFOs are of
>extraterrestrial origin".

I agree. "UFOs are Extraterrestrial in origin" is a
cognitive/mental paradigm that many a researcher is operating
under.

>>2. Aliens are members of an organic species such as us.

>Again, better would be "some aliens are members of an organic
>species".

Again, I agree. "Aliens are members of an organic species like
us" is yet another example of a paradigm that many a researcher
is operating under.

>>3. Organic Alien Life Forms equal to our intelligence would not
>>resemble us in appearance.

>Once again add some and "might"

Again, Ditto.

>>The truth:

>>1. We don't know. If you assume, then you also have to ignore
><other evidence.

>The observed manufactured flying objects can behave in ways we
>can't duplicate since all our advanced flight systems are
>developed for military purposes. None have shown up in or near
>the war zones. Therefore, they were manufactured somewhere else.
>I know of no evidence about the UFOs that fit in this category
>that shows this isn't true. IFOs don't count.

I wasn't referring to IFOs. Just because UFOs exhibit behavior
and technology that we cannot duplicate does not automatically
imply that said objects are extraterrestrial. There are many
plausible alternative theories. Researchers need to be very
careful of the paradigms they are operating under as well as
other assorted assumptions.

>>2.) False. If we are indeed being "visited" it is most likely a
>>form of A.I..

>No basis exists for this conclusion. How can you determine
>likelihood without collecting a bunch of visitors and seeing what
>fraction are of A.I. and what fraction is organic? Please
>provide data on such an examination or a catalog of aliens in
>the neighborhood.

My statement was made using the most logical of paradigms of
which I was aware. Of course I have no physical proof.

>>A.I. is not bound by rules preventing us organic humans >from
>>interstellar travel. A.I. could have literally left their >home
>>world millions of years ago to come here.

>Please show the rules that prevent interstellar travel. It takes
>a year at one G to get close to the speed of light. At 99.99% of
>c it only takes 6 months to travel 37 light years ..pilot
>time. The origin may be nearby bases 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10 etc LY
>away. Interesting fusion reactions can eject particles having 10
>million times as much energy per particle as in a chemical
>rocket. Cosmic freeloading can also be very useful; which is why
>all our deep space probes use it.

Stan, you are operating with the paradigm of "organic aliens".
Because of such you seek "high technology" to explain certain
factors that prevent us from being able to duplicate UFO
behavior. You know very well that the "G" forces generated with
the high rate of speed and sudden stops associated with UFOs
would kill not only humans but most other organic lifeforms as
well. Because of this fact many researchers dream up a "High
Tech Excuse", that Aliens must have technology to counteract the
"G" forces, when there are much more simpler explanations. If
the paradigm "Aliens are A.I." is used as a foundation then "G"
forces become irrelevant. "Aliens are A.I." explains a lot of
the "uneasy" aspects, those that would be harmful/lethal to
organic beings, without resorting to additional speculation on
additional "High Tech" solutions. Isn't the simpler explanation
more often correct?

>Certainly chemical rockets would be poor choices. Slide rules
>won't do for today's sophisticated astronomical calculations
>either. The Soviets once detonated a 60 Megaton H-Bomb. Try that
>with just TNT.

Stan, I know how to develop the technology necessary for
interstellar travel. Create A.I. and let them figure it out! Once
A.I. is created, it's intelligence will completely over-power our
own. A.I. would not have the same limitations experienced by
organic intelligence.

>>3. False. If the alien is an organic species equal to our
>>intelligence than it would most definitely be extremely
>>similar in appearance to us. Human Intelligence cannot be
>>separated from any feature we possess. Characteristics like:
>>thumbs, being bipedal, having colored vision, having separate
>>sexes, etc... have all played a part in shaping our current
>>level of intelligence.

>What does extremely similar mean?

Humanoid. We desperately want our aliens to be similar to us.
No one, except sci-fi writers, dreams of meeting giant paramecium
from Andromeda.

>Are pygmies and Watusi and
>tall blond Norwegians extremely similar?

I don't know what a "watusi" is but the others are all humanoid
in appearance.

> One might say a
>Volkswagen bug and a Lamborghini are extremely similar.

They are both automobiles. Stan, would an alien observer be able
to distinguish between the two?

> Would
>you trade one for the other?

No, I'd steal both from you if I had the chance.

>Sounds like wishful thinking to me.

In my opinion, most researchers in the field of Ufology have a very poor understanding of not only cognitive paradigms but of alternative possibilities in general.

>Why not take advantage of the many eyewitness testimonials as to
>how the aliens coming from the craft look?

When A.I. interacts with organic beings it has the potential to create a multitude of appearances. Also keep in mind that if A.I. were visiting this worlds, then it makes perfect sense it would create bodies for itself by using sperm/egg cells from humans. It would also explain how most "aliens" reported communicate via telepathy. It would also explain the observation from abductees that 'aliens' behave like certain social insects we have on earth.

You remember the movie The Matrix, right? Did you know that A.I. would not have to hook people up to wires in order to control their sensory input. There is such a thing as wireless technology. Also in the movie, the reasons for A.I. using humans as 'batteries' is absurd. However, using humans for their brain power is not absurd at all. In fact, any A.I. would look at organic life-forms, the human brain and nervous system as ingenious systems it would benefit from incorporating into it's own system. Imagine a craft with a living nervous system instead of our mundane wiring capabilities. Hell, A.I. would not be visiting earth simply for the presence of organic life. Instead, it would most likely be drawn by resources it would need to repair and replicate itself. The fact that an intelligent organic species exists on this planet would only fuel A.I. to speculate on how it can benefit from this most abundant resource of all.

>Proclamations shouldn't have much of a role in logical thinking.

Logical thinking requires both awareness of possibilities and the ability to effectively distinguish "likely" from "unlikely" ones.

>>Think about these and similiar Pardigms effecting Ufology.

>Yes, I think that would be an excellent idea. Try it, Jason. You
>might like it.

Please. Stanton, I could take you places you have never been, show you things you have never seen, and make you aware of possibilities you never knew plausible, and I wouldn't have to leave my seat. Only point out faulty logic associated with the paradigms that you and other researchers are currently operating under.

Here is an example:

The paradigm of "Queen Bee".

By using this paradigm we are in fact joining two different paradigms together. In this case, both paradigms for "Queen" and "Bee". Using this paradigm can help us obtain some level of knowledge. Operating under this paradigm, we determine that the Queen control the hive by her pheremones and rules the hive. She is the only female bee who can breed. Because of such she has the worker bees attending to her every need. Now let's change the paradigm. Instead of calling her Queen Bee, let's call her "Slave Bee". While we are at it, let's call worker bees "Master Bees" as well. The Slave Bee is born and allowed to live for one purpose, to reproduce for the entire hive, thus allowing the Master Bees to devote their time and energy elsewhere. Soon after birth, the Slave Bee is forced out of the hive by the Master Bees. Drones, soon follow her and an orgy erupts in the sky above the hive. After mating with each and every Drone Bee, the Slave Bee stores the sperm inside her body and attempts to return to the hive. The Master Bees allow her inside. The Master Bees escort the Slave Bee into a special chamber they have created to hold her prisoner. The Master Bees have planned this so effectively that they have created several entrances into this "Royal Prison" so no matter what direction they escort her from, there is an assured entrance. Once inside, the Master Bees seal up all of the entrances to leave just enough room for themselves to come in and out of. The Slave Bee remains trapped inside. The Slave Bee doesn't have the ability to come and go as

she pleases, nor can she eat as often as she wants. In fact the Master Bees bring her food and often will ignore any request for food she gives if it falls outside a normal feeding pattern. (Scientists believe this is to keep her slightly weak and less resistant to the Master Bees.) The Master Bees take care of their Prisoner well. They groom her and remove the eggs as she lays them. Everything proceeds like this until the Slave Bee shows signs of either running out of sperm or producing faulty eggs through the aging process. The Master Bees make plans to create a new "Slave Bee" by feeding grubs a special concoction of honey, pollen, hormones, and enzymes. After the new "Slave Bee" has matured, the Master Bees either attack and kill the old Slave Bee themselves, or force the new one Kill her. The whole process soon repeats itself.

Note: Changing the Paradigms often results in increase toward our understanding.

- Jason Gammon

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Subject: Re: 19th Century UFO Sighting Document Found In

<http://www.mosnews.com/column/2006/02/07/sensationalfind.shtml>

We've just had a thread about what is undiscovered in archives and museum basements and along comes this story.

Can you just imagine what's in the basements and attics of all the long standing countries?

Best,

Greg

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Budd Hopkins' UFO Seminar - February 25, 2006 (NYC)

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Subject: Budd Hopkins' UFO Seminar - February 25, 2006 (NYC)

Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

Rendlesham & Kecksburg:
Two Anniversaries Two Amazing UFO Incidents

Saturday, February 25, 2006

1. RENDLESHAM

What makes England=92s Rendlesham Forest UFO incident so significant? Almost everything. Ground to air sightings confirmed by radar; evidence of abduction among some of the men involved; confirmation of a major nuclear treaty violation; documented physiological changes to organic material in landing zones; burns to the retinas of witnesses=92 eyes; confirmation that beams of light shot from the unknowns into the base=92s Weapons Storage Area; the suspension (and return) of an eyewitnesses=92 passport; the many personal accounts of military and civilian witnesses and the paper trail of military documents.

This past December marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of England=92s best-known and best-documented UFO event, which was observed in Suffolk, East Anglia, just after Christmas. IF Advisory Board member Peter Robbins is arguably the best informed American investigator of this case and is also co-author of =93Left At East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident, Its Cover-up and Investigation.=94 He spent the month of December on the road in England and reports on some of the numerous updates in the case that have emerged since his book=92s publication in 1997. All updates to be reviewed (as well as others) are included in the newly published revised and updated edition of "Left At East Gate," available at the seminar. Robbins will also discuss a significant distortion of the story that aired last month on The History Channel.

2. Kecksburg

Independent journalist, Leslie Kean, will present the very latest update on the landmark Kecksburg, PA UFO crash case, which occurred on December 9, 1965. The event involved numerous witnesses in and near Kecksburg who described seeing a fireball in the evening sky, a controlled landing, and the systematic military recovery of an unusual, acorn-shaped object. Local newspapers and radio reported on the military activity in the area. The next day, the Air Force stated that nothing was found and that the object was simply a meteor.

As Director of Investigations for the Coalition for Freedom of Information (CFI). Kean has been spearheading a three-year investigation into the case, which has been covered by major media around the world including two television documentaries (Sci Fi Channel and History Channel). She is the plaintiff in a lawsuit against NASA as a result of the agency=92s refusal to release its records. Recently, on the 40th anniversary of the event, a NASA spokesperson made some astonishing claims that contradict its own internationally renowned expert, the Air

Force conclusion, and the witness reports.

Kean=92s presentation will cover this and other breaking developments in the case, including reports of scientists from the crash site, interviews with Air Force personnel involved with the search, and the 40th anniversary commemoration in Kecksburg. Kean will also show a video of John Podesta, President Clinton=92s former chief of staff, speaking at a CFI press conference about the need for the government to release information on UFOs.

Registration & Information

The seminar will be held on February 25th at the new meeting rooms of A.R.E., located on the second floor at 241 W. 30th Street (between Seventh and Eighth Avenues), New York, NY. The price of the seminar is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members of IF, seniors and students. Reservations must be made by telephone at 212-645-5278, and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be made in advance to secure the reservation. Make checks payable to the Intruders Foundation, P.O. Box 30233, New York, NY 10011. Book early! Only 60 reservations will be accepted!

On-street parking is generally available in the neighborhood. The seminar will begin at 7:30 PM and end at 10:00 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM. There will be a one half-hour intermission, during which light complimentary refreshments will be served. A book table will offer books, videotapes and other material for sale to those interested. For additional information, call IF at 212-645-5278.

Hope to see you there!

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Re: P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available -

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 06 Feb 2006 14:00:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available

>>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 5 Feb 2006 23:14:46 -0000
>>Subject: Re: P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available

>>Similarly there is nothing about odd claims that Klass was a
>>government agent. Nor is there anything, apparently, from any
>>other ufologist enquiring (to the FBI) about Klass and his
>>connections in Washington. It is as if the really potentially
>>interesting material on Klass has been omitted. Perhaps this all
>>comes under the 'unreleaseable' category.

>While I have heard reference to such a connection between Klass
>and the Government, I had always dismissed it without more
>proof. In my discussions with other researchers, Klass hasn't
>generated any real interest. Could you elaborate on any
>alleged connections?

It was certainly the opinion of the French COMETA committee that
Klass was a govment agent dispensing what they called
"simplified disinformation" on key UFO cases. In essence,
simplified disinformation involves building a case by
deliberately leaving out all data that contradicts it. They said
it was a very effective propaganda technique on skeptics who
already rejected the ETH and didn't want to think or investigate
for themselves. (Under Friedman's laws of debunkery, I think
this one falls under "What they don't know I won't tell them,"
and "It can't be, therefore it isn't.")

Simplified disinformation twists the facts. (Besides Klass, the
Air Force Roswell report was given as an example.) On the other
hand, they said "enhanced disinformation" makes them up and then
carefully inserts them, leading researchers down the wrong path
and eventually discrediting researchers and the field in
general. The Paul Bennewitz affair, William Cooper, and Adamski
were cited as likely examples. Certainly other examples leap to
mind.

COMETA didn't provide any direct evidence that Klass was dirty,
but reading between the lines it apparently seemed pretty
obvious to them. Remember that COMETA was written largely by
high-ranking military analysts, several generals and an admiral,
who had probably seen their share of carefully orchestrated
military and intelligence propaganda and knew how it was done.

That the CIA has infiltrated and seriously compromised
journalism and publishing should be no secret by now. See e.g.,
among many articles on the Net:

<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/8425/CIAPRESS.HTM>

When the Church Committee investigated in the early 1970s, the
CIA admitted to having 50 journalists spy for them, then later
upped the figure to over 400. Journalist Carl Bernstein of

Watergate infamy likewise came up with a figure of 400 American journalists in a Rolling Stone's article. A separate investigation by the New York Times doubled that figure to 800.

The Times also found that "nearly a dozen American publishing houses printed some of the more than 1,000 books that had been produced or subsidized by the CIA. When asked in a 1976 interview whether the CIA had ever told its media agents what to write, William Colby [previous CIA director] replied, 'Oh, sure, all the time.'"

This doesn't prove that at least some UFO debunkery books, such as those by Klass, Menzel, and other, are similarly subsidized, but it certainly wouldn't surprise me. Most of the CIA propaganda machine was/is devoted to manipulating public opinion, foreign and domestic, on a host of other issues. But once the apparatus is in place, it can be used for anything.

With this setup, someone doesn't have to be officially on the payroll of the CIA to be an asset. Payoffs to assets can be laundered through complicit publishing houses as large advances to authors, probably well beyond what the publishing house would normally pay as an advance and what they would normally expect to recover from the sale of such books. But if the CIA is secretly footing the bill, who cares? Also book advances through a publishing company would not be subject to public disclosure. Such arrangements can be kept very secret, deeply buried in the massive and complex budget of the CIA. It would take an army of Congressional auditors to find it, even if Congress were so inclined to delve into it, which they are not.

(Further, with such an arrangement, authors might not even know who is ultimately responsible for getting their book published. They could be CIA assets without even knowing it. All they know is that their previously unpublishable dog of a debunking book suddenly becomes publishable and they get a big fat advance check. Thus, there can be both knowing and unwitting assets.)

So no proof, just a sneaking suspicion, like with COMETA, that guys like Klass were being paid off to write anti-UFO propaganda. Besides supplementing their income, it might also appeal to their egos, perhaps making these "unimportant little nobodies" think they were James Bond saving the world.

Shaken, not stirred, please.

David Rudiak

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**CRS, NSA AND THE QUESTION OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION
**DOD ON IMPROVING FOIA IMPLEMENTATION
**AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS

HISTORY OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM RELEASED

After nearly a decade of pressure from openness advocates inside and outside of government, the Department of Energy has finally released its landmark history of the production of highly enriched uranium (HEU).

"The effort was commissioned [in 1996] to facilitate discussions of HEU storage, safety, and security with stakeholders, to encourage other nations to declassify and release similar data, and to support the national policy on transparency of nuclear materials."

The newly released report "contains details of the U.S. HEU inventory as of September 30, 1996, and provides a historical material balance that summarizes over 50 years of U.S. activities that produced, acquired, and utilized HEU."

"This report combines previously released data along with newly declassified information that has allowed DOE to issue, for the first time, a comprehensive report on HEU."

"From 1945 through 1996, a total of 1,045.4 metric tons of uranium containing 859.2 metric tons of uranium-235 was produced in the United States at three facilities utilizing two different production technologies."

"As of September 30, 1996, the total U.S. inventory of HEU was 740.7 MTU containing 620.3 MTU-235."

Rich in detail, the 173 page report has been only minimally redacted (sanitized).

The report was released in response to a Freedom of Information Act request from the Federation of American Scientists.

See "Highly Enriched Uranium: Striking A Balance," U.S. Department of Energy, January 2001:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/heu/index.html>

CRS, NSA AND THE QUESTION OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

Last week, Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-Mich.) lashed out at the Congressional Research Service for asserting that the Bush

Administration may have had a legal responsibility to notify more than just eight members of Congress regarding the NSA surveillance activity.

Rep. Hoekstra, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, did not merely suggest that the CRS might be wrong; he claimed that the agency was actually biased against Bush Administration policy (Secrecy News, 02/05/06).

In fact, however, it is increasingly clear that Rep. Hoekstra is the one who misunderstood and misrepresented the requirements of the law.

Sen. Mike DeWine (R-OH) put the matter plainly at a February 6 Senate hearing on the NSA surveillance program, explaining that the statute which permits limited notification to eight members of Congress is relevant only to covert actions, and not to the NSA program.

"When you look at that section [50 USC 413(b)], the only thing this references as far as what this Group of Eight does is receive reports in regard to covert action. So that's really all it is. It does not cover a situation like we're talking about here at all," Sen. DeWine said.

"We all have a great deal of respect for these eight people... They're leaders of the Congress. But there's no statutory authority for this group, other than the section that has to do with covert operation, and this [the NSA activity] is not a covert operation as defined in this specific section."

"I don't mean to be impolite... I guess I'm just kind of a strict constructionist, kind of a conservative guy, and that's how I read the statute," Sen. DeWine said.

See, relatedly, "Hoekstra blasts CRS for 'bias'" by Jackie Kucinich, The Hill, February 7:

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

DOD ON IMPROVING FOIA IMPLEMENTATION

The Department of Defense is moving ahead smartly in response to President Bush's executive order (EO) 13392 directing agencies to improve the processing of Freedom of Information Act requests.

Many outside observers were puzzled by the issuance of the December 14, 2005 order, since the current Administration has been no friend of FOIA or of public access to government information generally.

But even a perfunctory gesture from the President of the United States can have policy consequences, and agencies are now sorting through those consequences.

"Recent heightened interest in the FOIA from the public, the media, watchdog organizations, and the Congress has resulted in the need for the Federal Agencies to re-examine their FOIA programs," wrote Michael B. Donley, DoD Director of Administration and Management.

"Historically, DoD Component FOIA programs have been under-emphasized, resulting in inadequate staffing and funding," he wrote.

"To comply with the provisions of the EO, DoD Components must ensure that proper procedures are established and adequate resources are applied to their FOIA programs."

The Project on Government Oversight (www.pogo.org) obtained the DoD memorandum and provided a copy to Secrecy News.

See "Executive Order 13392 on the Freedom of Information Act -- DoD Implementation," memorandum for senior Department officials, February 1, 2006.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dod/dod020106.pdf>

Meanwhile, however, the Pentagon public affairs office has been playing secrecy games with reporters, withholding budget documents from the press until the last possible moment.

See "DOD denies reporters budget prep time" by Pamela Hess, United Press International, February 6:

http://www.postchronicle.com/news/security/article_2125851.shtml

AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS

U.S. Air Force doctrine on special operations is presented in a new Air Force publication.

"This publication provides the overarching doctrinal guidance for the conduct of Air Force special operations across the full range of military operations. It describes the characteristics, capabilities, United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) core tasks, Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) core missions, typical organization, and command and control of AF Special Operations Forces."

"The doctrine in this document is authoritative, but not directive.... Airmen should read it, discuss it, and practice it."

See "Special Operations," Air Force Doctrine Document 2-7, 16 December 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/afdd2-7.pdf>

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>For the past several months I've been contemplating buying a ranch.

Greg,

Is that anything like buying the farm? Pilots do that on occasion.

Don

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Mexico: UFO Over Chihuahua

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SOURCE: <http://www.omnia.com.mx/noticias/21694/chihuahua/>
DATE: February 1, 2006

Mexico: UFOs Over Chihuahua?

"What's that? It's not a plane, a bird or much less the public safety or municipal helicopters." Those were the first utterances from a group of onlookers staring at an unidentified figure that can be seen in one of the photographs of the Angel of Liberty.

Armando Mar, who works for a local TV station, took some photos of the statue located in Plaza Mayor, and upon reviewing them became aware of a particular detail.

The photo taken this Wednesday noon before the statue on Calle 11 shows a small circle with aparent velocity which appears to break off from the same figure. But the clear skies in another photograph show that this is not the case.

Could this be an unidentified flying object or merely a bird? Many have been left worndering. Some of the people who saw it are left with the doubt, as it wasn't a helicopter, since not a single one was in evidence at the time,.

If it was a bird like a pigeon, accoridng to the proportions of the statue, it would barely be visible or a "wing" would be noticeable. In any event, the viewer must be the judge. Experts will figure it out.

The question remains, as several stories exist regarding the presence of flying saucers. Some say they can be seen toward Cerro Grande; others say toward Villa Juarez.

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Strange Circles Of Burned Grass In Uruguay Field

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<http://www.lacalle-online.com/noticias.php?id=3D67820&seccion=3D3>

Uruguay: Strange Circles of Burned Grass in a Field

For some days now, residents believe that events of a supernatural nature have been taking place in our province.

At midnight on Monday, January 23, there were people in San Salvador and Crespo who claimed seeing strange lights in the sky. At Nandubaysal Beach in Gualeguaych=FA, several people claimed having seen a light they couldn't describe, although it remained in the sky for over two minutes.

A mysterious event took place in our city yesterday morning, alarming several residents of the rural outskirts. The time was around 3 am when Enrique Hurtado, who lives 400 meters from the bridge of the El Colman creek on Route 15 with his mother, Edith Moneda, felt that someone touched his arm and face as he slept. He woke up with a start, but did not find anyone in the room.

He also looked out the window without finding anything strange. Her mother was asleep in the other room. In the morning, they were both astonished to find the grass in front of their house burned in the shape of two rings. Both circles, measuring 15 paces in diameter, approximately, presented a nearly perfect curvature. "We didn't hear or see anything strange," Edith told La Calle Newspaper, "only the barking of dogs over a considerable part of the night." Around 19:00 hours a flock of birds startled them as it flew quickly away from a nearby copse as though frightened by something.

Before returning from the site, at sunset, we surveyed the sky with the remote hope of seeing something unusual, but only saw the stars that began to fill the Uruguayan skies.

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MEXICO: UFO OVER SAYULA

A UFO was seen again over Usmajac, Municipality of Sayula, State of Jalisco

Sayula, Jalisco (Juventud) - Diego, a student at the Centro de Bachillerato Tecnol=F3gico Agropecuario No. 19 who lives in the Usmajac Precint, municipality of Sayula, became aware of the presence of a strange flying object commonly known as a UFO (acronym for unidentified flying object) precisely at the same place where only months ago some people had seen one, in the vicinity of El Cerrito.

The sighting, which occurred during daylight hours, came about when Diego said he saw a UFO whose characteristics were not terrestrial, but rather like those appearing in TV programs such as Jaime Maussan's, which come from outer space.

This is the second UFO that makes itself known in the vicinity of El Cerrito de Usmajac.

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
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>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2006 11:13:20 EST
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>1. Why do we see mirages? -You will respond that they are
>situations where information tricks the brain. Well if the brain
>is constantly analysing data from the visual cortex then it
>should never be tricked by mirages to begin with. Instead, the
>brain "jumps to conclusions" instead of analyzing the data,
>proving that there are indeed these "short cuts" and "cheats"
>involved with perception. The brain is able to "cheat" simply
>because it operates on cognitive/mental paradigms. We see "water
>in the road" specifically because it fits our Cognitive/Mental
>Paradigm of such.

This notion that the brain operates as a sort of inferencing engine, which "jumps to conclusions" or "analyzes data" is traceable back to the heady days of artificial intelligence in the 1960s, and thence to the mythology of cognitive "science" which still seems to have such a stranglehold on American universities. It is now thoroughly discredited among researchers in visual perception from psychophysics and neuroscience, but is exemplary of the sort of nonsense which is still being taught in far too many psychology departments - especially, it must be said, American psychology departments.

The alternative (Gibsonian) view is that the brain is a collection of mechanisms which have evolved for the purpose of extracting useful information from the world (in this case, the visual world). The perception of mirages, shadows and illusory patterns is, on this view, attributable to the anomalous nature of the patterns themselves, rather than to idiosyncracies in the operations of some mysterious "knowledge processor" inside the head. As far as I can see, this concept of "mental paradigms" is simply the old idea of psychological "schemata", with perhaps elements of the stereotype theory of social psychology thrown in. It would be interesting to know if Jason Gammon's experience of psychological education and research has ever encountered the Gibsonian view, and if so, what his reaction to it is.

Cathy

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

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>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 6 Feb 2006 11:29:35 -0800
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 4 Feb 2006 11:35:25 EST
>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie detectors

>>Does everyone follow me so far?

>>Also keep in mind that 'seeing' does not just involve the
>>visual cortex as most think.

>Sorry Jason, but that's just bunk. If you really think "seeing
>does not involve the visual cortex," then how do you explain
>people going completely blind when their visual cortex is
>destroyed by stroke, gunshot wound, etc.?

>Regarding the people who have gone blind after being able to see,
>how is it that these same people are able to "see" things in
>their dreams? And, yes, before you say they don't please realize
>that a person who could see just fine and then became blind still
>in fact dreams using visual images. They do so because yet again
>the brain is hitting "replay" on prior Cognitive Paradigms.
>Cognitive Paradigms are the reason why we "see" in dreams in the
>first place. Only those people who were born blind do not "see"
>things in dreams. Instead sound is the dominate sense in their
>dreams and the majority of their cognitive/mental paradigms are
>based on hearing and touching instead of vision.

Hi All,

Actually David you touched upon something I have wondered about
for years.

You state that someone born blind has no visual 'dreams' Do you
know of any studies that have been carried out on a blind
person, born blind, that in addition was hypnotised and
regressed?

Perhaps this would prove if 'regression' or past life regression
had some merit, especially if the blind person could 'see'
images from a past life

Sorry if this is off topic but it has intrigued me...

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Coolness Toys & Ufology - Maccabee

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Subject: Re: Coolness Toys & Ufology - Maccabee

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2006 07:33:46 EST
>Subject: Coolness Toys & Ufology

>For the past several months I've been contemplating buying a ranch.

You mean, we might have to say about you that you "bought the ranch?" Not prematurely, I hope.

>A friend of mine gave me an offer I shouldn't refuse. Hundreds of
>acres with lakes full of fish. I was hoping to purchase one in
>upstate New York my home stomping grounds and may well do so in
>the future.

You must be rolling in dough. You can also add a UFO observing tower which will double as a duck blind in the fall.

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Recipe For Greys By A.I.

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
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Subject: Recipe For Greys By A.I.

I am very much interested in the reports concerning 'Greys'. The following is merely some musings on my part on the reasons why an A.I. might construct such beings, as well as some of the characteristics I would expect the 'greys' to possess. (Note: I am well aware that other types of alien beings have been reported.)

1.) Why does A.I. need Greys to begin with?

An A.I. visiting earth would soon run into problems. Assuming that the craft itself is the actual physical embodiment of A.I., 'workers' would be needed in order to carry out activities on the surface of the earth as well as underwater. A.I. could create robotic workers to fill such roles, however it would need to either carry the necessary supplies or pre-fabricated robots, or mine the materials to do just such. I doubt staffing pre-fabricated robots would be plausible simply because they would have little to know role to play on the craft prior to the arrival on earth. They would take up valuable space. Also once their missions are completed, a robotic worker is pretty much waste from that time forward. The creation, maintaining, transportation, and ultimate destruction/removal of such would be very time and energy consuming. A.I. would most likely think of alternative sources. The most logical would be utilization of this planets natural resources, including any lifeforms. Since the human body is nicely adapted to the natural environments of this planet, is naturally intelligent, relatively strong, has some means of self-healing, and is self-replicating, then it would rank as the most likely source of said work-force. Unfortunately, Human Beings are somewhat hard to control for great lengths of time and since A.I. doesn't want the governments of the earth to learn information about it's presence and motivations for being on this planet, some minor adjustments would have to be made.

1.) Step One. Gather necessary ingredients to create your own work force. In this case, sperm and ova.

2.) Step Two. Fertilization and Genetic Tampering/Twinking. A.I. cannot afford to just sit around for 20 years until the humans have reached their physical peak. A.I. will have to use a combination of tampering with the genetic code as well as relying on hormones and enzymes to increase the growth rate of the resulting fetus. Unfortunately there are many side-effects of such treatment.

a.) Beings fails to reach average adult height. Instead, male beings reach a height of 3-4 ft while female beings each 4-5 ft in height.

b.) Beings retain many to most fetal characteristics. Large heads and large eyes, are the most obvious of such characteristics.

c.) Beings do not possess bones as an adult human would. Instead, beings possess a cartilage skeleton.

d.) Beings loose the ability to produce red blood cells. Without bone marrow, red blood cells are not produced in enough

quantities to sustain life. Technological assistance is required. Beings blood is composed of mainly plasma and lymphatic fluid, the color of which ranges from yellow, white, and colorless. The skin of beings remain underdeveloped and allows far more exchange with the environment than normal. As a result Fetus may be able to absorb the oxygen and moisture it needs directly from the air, similar to many amphibians.

e.) Genitals, Nasal cavities, and oral cavities are either malformed or non-existent.... Beings lack a digestive system and several internal organs. In order to sustain life, A.I. inserts an internal 'yolk sack' by which beings feeds. The sack is not refillable. When the being runs out of food it has already outlived any importance to A.I.

f.) Surprising Well Formed Brain, A.I. uses genetic tampering and hormones to divert much of the fetus's energy into the development and maturation of brain and nervous systems.

3.) Step Three, The Womb - A proper environment must be obtained in order to grow such beings. Unfortunately the best environment for a developing human fetus is in fact a woman's womb. Insertion of altered embryos into the wombs of abductees for a minimum amount of time increases optimum survival rate of the fetus. After minimum time has elapsed, mother is abducted again and fetus removed. Fetus is then placed in a device combining organic womb components, taken from either a female abductee or possibly a mutated cow, as well as technological components to monitor and control it's development.

4.) Step Four, Insertion of A.I. After the being has reached it's optimum maturation, the A.I. will be inserted via implants into the brains of the beings. A.I. will draw the minerals need for the it's development from the body itself, producing threadlike wires so small to be able to form connections to individual neurons. Sending and Receiving structures develop within the eyes of the beings. These structures are used for communication among each of the A.I. 'Selves'. Within time, the merging of organic and non-organic intelligences become so interwoven that any subsequent removal will be lethal to both lifeforms. Any individuality or personality the being may possess will be either obliterated or absorbed into A.I. as it continues to grow and dominate neural functions. Eventual A.I. develops complete control of being and growth/maturation process ends. Being is 'born'.

5.) Step Five, Instruction/Communication Being is helped by other beings, now A.I. 'selves'. Older A.I. self approaches newborn and places face in close proximity to the newborn's face. Older self stares at younger self transmitting information through the receptors in each of the selves eyes. Transmission of information is made by which new self receives it's first instructions and of the role and purpose it is to play. Method of transmission is ultimately unknown, but most definitely employs and energy source similar to either radio waves, micro-waves, or even laser beams. From an outside observer communication between A.I. 'selves' is confused for 'Telepathy'.

6.) Step 6, Career/Lifespan A.I. 'selves' live out their lifespan in pursuit of their instructions. Roles are similar in structure to certain social insects like bees, ants, and wasps. Each A.I. self is dedicated to it's specific task. The closest things to names used for each other, are simply the titles of the jobs they perform. For example, 'Enforcer of Procedures', 'Protector of the Developing selves', 'Material Locator', etc.. The beings do not possess emotions as humans know them. They do understand loss and have the desire for self preservation. More importantly, the selves do not possess individuality. Constant communication enforces the will of A.I. It is possible that should a self be cut off from the other selves that individuality may in fact develop and be maintained as long as future communication between the selves is never again established. A.I. would have most likely been aware of such possibility and may have inserted a self-destruction program during development in order to maintain secrecy and prevent individuality from developing. Individuality would be considered a 'disease', the treatment of which is destruction. Since selves are dispensable, any malfunctions noticed would most likely result in the subsequent premature destruction of the self.

7.) Step Seven, Death When a self uses up it's individual internal yolk sack or when otherwise damaged, death soon follows. Unlike most humans, most A.I. selves end voluntarily accepting their fate and self destruct when they have outlasted their need. Those few that fail to do so are tracked down and destroyed by other selves. A.I. would have understood the need for swift decomposition of the remains of a dead self. A.I. might have geneticaly modified the cells of the body to self destruct on command, by having each individual cell unleash a packet of enzymes which soon destroys and dissolves the cell structures. The body is soon reduced to a sliming ooze and is quickly cleaned by other A.I. selves. Any hardware remaining such as the A.I. implants, will have also been programmed to self-destruct. Just like the body cells, the A.I. implant may hold reservoirs of strong acids capable of eating and dissolving any metallic remnant. Thus all traces of dead A.I. selves are quickly disposed of with as little work required as possible.

Just some possible thoughts, thrown out there for mere discussion. I do not stand behind any of them and fully admit they are only possible scenarios if in fact 'greys' or 'A.I.' exists.

-Jason Gammon

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Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings'
By Roberta Mancuso

Most UFOs are just jet planes while mysterious Min Min lights from the Aboriginal dreamtime are nothing more than big Mack trucks, according to a space expert.

Queensland University of Technology academic Stephen Hughes said today most UFO phenomena could be explained with logic after a string of sightings across Queensland in the past week.

Dr Hughes, from the university's School of Physical and Chemical Sciences, said one sighting near Mackay was actually Venus burning brightly while another in Brisbane was simply aircraft vapour trails.

He said while people did see things in the sky, in most cases they were aircraft, satellites and meteors.

"People aren't very familiar with what's in the sky so when they see something they can't explain they often jump to the conclusion that it's a UFO," Dr Hughes said.

"But there's always going to be in some cases a psychological component similar to when people see ghosts, where the human brain can actually generate things and people do see things that aren't there."

Dr Hughes said other strange phenomena such as atmospheric effects of the sun on clouds and lightning could easily be mistaken for UFOs.

So too could the mysterious Australian outback phenomenon known as Min Min lights, spoken of in stories from the Aboriginal dreamtime and disturbing western Queenslanders for generations.

"Min Min lights are sort of a channelling effect of the different layers of air, which actually channel truck headlights for hundreds of kilometres like a fibre optic cable effect but in the air," Dr Hughes said.

Dr Hughes said he did not believe in spaceships "zooming all over the planet" and found stories of UFO abductions hard to swallow.

"But I think there's always going to be something which is difficult to explain," he said.

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What If ET Is Not Really Cute?

by Deborah Zabarenko

WASHINGTON: What if ET isn't cute? What if extraterrestrial life doesn't even touch the surface of a faraway planet, but instead floats above its hostile surface like a hot-air balloon?

Scientists say this is possible, based on data they have about the big gassy planets detected around stars other than our sun, but no one has actually seen this.

To make this data come to life, astronomers turn to Lynette Cook, space artist extraordinaire.

Since astronomers detected the first planet outside our solar system in 1995, Cook has been illustrating what their instruments reveal about distant unseen worlds - and these worlds aren't always pretty.

Take, for example, her vision of the astronomical carnage around a sun-like star called HD 82943, in the constellation Hydra (The Water Snake). A couple of Jupiter-size planets circle benignly as the star swallows another planet, which spews a fiery-looking tail as it crashes into its sun.

Then there is the eerie green light that pervades planets orbiting a pulsar, which belches out so much radiation that no life could survive. If, against all logic, a sentient being did live on the planets around pulsar PSR 1257 + 12, it might enjoy the green and ochre mountains and the celestial aurora.

But what if living things do exist on a faraway planet? Cook imagined a Jupiter-style gas giant planet harbouring life, but not on its gassy surface.

Instead, there are hypothetical floating life forms, a cross between jellyfish and hot-air balloons, drifting along on air currents.

These pictures - which illustrate a new book about extrasolar planets called Infinite Worlds - may seem surreal, but Cook said in an interview that they are grounded in science.

"This is not science fiction," she said. "These planets are so far away we cannot look at them with a camera close up, so we can't have the assurance at this point of time that it's 100 percent accurate. And that's fun for me because I can use some

imagination as long as it is scientifically plausible. It can't be too far-out or I can't do it."

Cook, 45, always wanted to be a scientific illustrator. As a child, she would draw birds, mushrooms and other flora and fauna.

She got a double degree in art and biology at the Mississippi University for Women and then a master of fine arts at the California Academy of Arts and Crafts in Oakland.

Internships, freelance work and then a job at the Morrison Planetarium in San Francisco followed.

She made her first rendition of an unseen extrasolar planet in 1995, when scientists spotted one around the star 51 Pegasi.

This was thought to be a Jupiter-like gas ball, orbiting very close to its sun.

"I was pretty good at planets in our solar system, so I thought, well, it's not much of a stretch to do another planet around a different sun-like star - so I did," Cook said.

Most of the 170 extrasolar planets detected so far were discovered by watching for a characteristic wobble in the stars they orbit.

The planets remain unseen but astronomers can learn a lot about them, including how massive they are, how far they are from their stars and how long it takes them to orbit.

The majority of these planets are big ones like Jupiter, though a few rocky Earth-like planets have been detected.

One of the foremost planet-hunting scientists, Geoffrey Marcy, used Cook's illustrations to present some of his findings, and gave her a rave review in the new book's foreword:

"How wonderful to have a book that combines the best explanations of modern astrophysics with the best artistic extrapolations."

Ray Villard, who is news director at the US Space Telescope and Science Institute in Baltimore and wrote the text for Infinite Worlds, said he was mesmerised by Cook's work at a 1998 scientific talk on extrasolar planets.

He was expecting "a bunch of squiggly graphs" and instead saw fully realised versions of how the planets might look.

Sometimes, Cook said, all she has to work with are the squiggly graphs provided by astronomers. However, she said her work with Marcy involves detailed discussions on the planet's possible appearance, based on the data available.

She said some astronomers encourage her to go out on a bit of an artistic limb.

"They might want to talk about volcanoes and lakes and oceans and icebergs and whatever (on an extrasolar planet), but they don't feel that they can say as scientists that these things exist," Cook said.

"I'm kind of a scapegoat. I'm useful because it gives them entree to talk about it credibly."

She was able to get more fanciful in illustrations for the work of Dava Sobel, who gave a tour of our solar system in the recent book *The Planets*.

Her work can be seen online at <http://extrasolar.spaceart.org>. She lives in northern California.

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Human Race Can Make A Breakthrough

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The Human Race Can Make A Breakthrough Into A Better Future

By Steve Hammons

Things seem to be changing quickly in our world sometimes. War, terrorism, government, science, human development. Sometimes things seem to change gradually, sometimes suddenly.

As the human race struggles along, with our foolishness and cruelty, sometimes with love and beauty, it=92s easy to find our heads spinning with all that is going on. It often seems like we have to make an extra effort to keep our feet on the ground and our hearts in the right place.

At times, the difficult things we hear about in the news and experience in our personal lives can leave us feeling sad and depressed. Other times, points of light seem to bubble up and give us hope. Hope for a better future. Hope for an end to war, poverty, starvation, brutality, ignorance and hatred.

We might sometimes see people who claim to be leaders, but who do not seem to bring forth much faith or trust from us. Some of them seem to be =93leading=94 in bad directions.

But still, there are good, dedicated people working to help create a better world. They are hoping for a breakthrough =96 some event that will change the dynamics of the human race in a positive way.

For example, those scientists and military intelligence people involved in so-called =93remote viewing=94 have made great strides in understanding human consciousness and the potential that is inside all of us.

Recently, alleged current and former officials of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) purport to be releasing information about a secret U.S. Government program called =93Project SERPO.=94 Though hard to believe, if the information about Project SERPO is true or partially true, things are quite different than we might believe.

Discoveries in physics indicate a unified field, a "zero-point" energy and similar potentially exciting realities exist.

Other conventional and unconventional research is also moving forward that can take the human race forward. Forward to a possible breakthrough event that might help us make a leap into the next phase of human development. And into a clearer understanding of the universe we live in.

For a few minutes as you read the story below, suspend your

assumptions about what is possible. Think about something good happening for the human race. Something very good.

UNUSUAL PHENOMENA REPORTED

On a Thursday night, in fact, about three o'clock Friday morning, something started happening near a small creek on the northern edge of metropolitan Phoenix. The water in the creek was flowing by a rocky wall. And on that wall were ancient engravings and paintings made by the Hohokam people and others long ago. The symbols and drawings said this was a special place, a holy place. A place to find shelter that also had water and game nearby.

The crickets in the vicinity had stopped chirping, and the desert animals of the night listened nervously to the sound of the gentle breeze blowing across this little area of the northern edge of the immense Sonoran Desert. A desert jackrabbit stopped by the stream. Something caught her eye.

A small, barely visible light was starting to form. It was a small, dim glow, the jackrabbit observed. And it flickered a little bit at times. The rabbit didn't sense any danger, and she moved a little closer, maybe thirty feet away. The other animals and insects nearby were also noticing the light. Especially since it seemed to be getting a little bigger as the moments went by.

An hour later, around four a.m., an Arizona Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol officer was on patrol on a nearby freeway, heading westbound. Officer Rick Bailey spotted something off toward one of the nearby hills. A light. Looked like it might be a small fire.

He pulled his patrol car off the side of the highway. It was still dark, except for light from a half moon above. Bailey turned on his spotlight and shone it toward the hills. It didn't help much. The small light looked to be about two hundred yard away. Near the foot of some old volcanic slopes and a creek. He had to get closer. Bailey drove the patrol car back on the freeway to the next off ramp, then he doubled-back on an adjacent road toward the light.

He called dispatch on the radio and said he was leaving his vehicle to check out a possible fire just off the freeway. Bailey grabbed his hand-held radio unit from the seat next to him and turned on the caution flashers on the top of the patrol car.

The terrain was rocky and he bumped into desert plants and tripped over a couple of rocks as he made his way toward the light. Definitely seemed bigger than a campfire, now that he was a little closer.

Another forty yards and he stopped. It didn't look like a fire now. More light a luminous glow. And it seemed to gently pulse with a slow, regular rhythm. He reached for the radio on his belt and slowly brought up to his mouth.

=93Request backup to my location. And roll fire too.=94

He maintained his position. Within what seemed like a few minutes, two other highway patrol officers pulled up behind his vehicle back on the road, along with a Phoenix Fire Department truck and a three-man crew. Bailey signaled them with his flashlight and talked with them on the radio. The two DPS officers and two of the firefighters headed toward him, while the third firefighter stayed with the vehicles.

At first, it looked like a fire to them too. But as they came nearer, they saw what Bailey had seen. A pulsing glow of luminous light that seemed to be the size of three or four cars parked side by side.

=93Where's the light source?=94 asked one of the highway patrol officers.

=93Could be some kind of radiation,=94 one of the firefighters speculated.

=93Let's get a little closer,=94 Officer Bailey said.

When they were within about thirty yards of it, they felt the warmth. Not heat exactly. Not like from a fire. It was more like a feeling of warmth. And the light seemed to make the desert ground, plants, and cactus more vivid and clear, not just light them up. It was weird.

The senior firefighter really was the one to make a call at this point.

=93Maybe we should roll HazMat,=94 he wondered out loud to the others as he looked into their faces. He put the radio to his mouth and called for back-up from the guys at his fire station.

Officer Rick Bailey thought he noticed something about that light. Yeah. Now he was sure.

=93It=92s getting slightly bigger.=94

=93You sure?=94 asked the senior firefighter.

=93Definitely. It=92s slow, gradual. But it=92s definitely almost twenty-five percent bigger than when I first came on it up close.=94

It was now a little after five a.m. and there was slight glimpse of sunrise behind the mountains to the east. A few early commuters on the freeway had spotted the patrol cars and fire truck on the nearby road. One telephone company technician had pulled his truck off the side of the freeway and had spotted Bailey and the two firefighters up on a small rise approaching the desert hills. He could see the strange, glowing light clearly now from the freeway. And he heard fire engines coming.

When the firefighter had radioed the call in, a few people on the graveyard shifts at local TV and radio news departments were monitoring police and fire radio scanners as usual and heard it. Unknown situation. Maybe it=92s time to call the Phoenix Fire Department media line and see what was up.

Phoenix police officers wrapping up the overnight shift on patrol nearby were also dispatched to the scene.

When two other fire trucks and nine more Phoenix firefighters arrived on the side road, red lights flashing and sirens blaring, they couldn=92t miss the glowing light, even though it was longer pitch dark. The morning sky in the east was now orange, and dawn was breaking. They could see the light clearly. It stood out against a desert hill. Eight of them hopped out of the trucks and started scrambling across the desert floor toward the three DPS officers and their two buddies up near the light.

A Phoenix police car rolled up, and the officer got out and followed them. Within two minutes a fellow officer also arrived.

By now, quite a few motorists on their way to work had pulled off the freeway. Other drivers had slowed to see what was going on. Most of them spotted the strange glow around the base of a nearby hill.

Overhead, a small Phoenix police chopper was now making tight circles above the firefighters and officers, and the unusual light. The pilot and the observer officer were talking to the Phoenix cops on the ground.

A TV news chopper team that was covering early morning traffic was dispatched by the station=92s news department to head to the location. Something was going on. Fire and police on scene.

On the ground, now nearly twenty firefighters and peace officers were standing together looking at this light. And more were now arriving. The Fire Department=92s HazMat unit was arriving down on the road.

Phoenix Fire Captain Mark Daniels was on scene. He was ranking firefighter and he decided to get closer to the soft glow of the light. As Daniels and the other officers and firefighters were looking at the light, a small dark object could be seen in the center space that was glowing. Within a few seconds, they could make it out.

It was a dog. The dog stood there, looking somewhat confused and disoriented. Then it took a few steps. And slowly its tail began to wag.

Daniels noticed something familiar about the dog. And the dog now took a few more tentative steps toward him. The dog barked. Once, twice. He was barking at Daniels. Then the dog took off at a run, directly for the fire captain and ran out of the perimeter of the odd field of light and right up to Daniels, wagging its tail wildly.

The other firefighters and cops now came up and surrounded Daniels and the dog, which looked to most of them like a part-Shepard mix, with a brown, black, and white coat.

Daniels knelt down face to face with the animal. He knew this dog. Knew her well. She had been his Army scout dog in Vietnam. Daniels had been assigned as a combat dog handler patrolling the jungles of Vietnam thirty years before. This dog was named Vegas, and she had been his Army scout dog partner in Nam.

He hugged her and tears rolled down his face. She licked the tears from his cheeks. This animal had been a loyal and brave trusted friend and partner in Vietnam. She had saved the lives of the men in his platoons many times and they had treasured this wonderful animal.

The firefighters and cops looked at the scene in confusion. What was going on?

How was Daniels going to explain it to them. They'd think he was nuts. Vegas had been shot and killed during a firefight in Vietnam in the summer of nineteen sixty-nine.

Up above, the two cops in the Phoenix police chopper could now notice the field of light had increased in size since they had arrived on scene. Slightly, but noticeably.

The news chopper was now also hovering off to the south about a half-mile, and the cameraman inside was now rolling live video to the station's control room. The video signal to the station showed the large field of strange light near the hills that now were aglow with the sun's morning light. The picture included twenty or so cops and firefighters standing around, fire trucks and police cars with flashing red and blue lights, and the traffic on the freeway now at almost a standstill, with dozens of vehicles pulled off to the side of the road.

Three cops were now stringing yellow police caution tape down near the road to keep the onlookers back. They strung the tape using the cactus and the desert bushes.

A DPS chopper had arrived on scene and was also hovering overhead. Two more TV news choppers were speeding through the morning sky over Phoenix from the helipads at their stations.

Fire Captain Mark Daniels was now sitting on the ground, rubbing Vegas's belly as she lay peacefully next to him on the desert floor. The cops and firefighters around them were starting to think maybe they should back up. The perimeter of the light field was expanding, and getting closer to their position. None of them felt afraid, though. It just seemed wise to back up a little.

The HazMat team that had arrived brought up a Geiger counter and checked the area. There was no radiation. They had hazardous chemical detection gear, and nothing registered on it. They didn't smell anything unusual either. But they did feel the strange sense of inner warmth that the first guys on the scene had felt.

Suddenly, Vegas the Army scout dog rolled up from her back to her feet. She looked back toward the light field and barked. Then she looked at Daniels and barked again, her tail wagging. Before Daniels could stop her, she took off on a run toward the light and headed right into it. She turned around and looked at the cops and firefighters as she stood just inside the apparent perimeter of the field of light. Her tail was still wagging and she barked at them several times.

Daniels stood up and starting walking toward her, slowly. Vegas kept barking and wagging her tail as he walked steadily into the edge of the light.

Meanwhile, the commander of the Joint Reconnaissance Study Group, Air Force Colonel Tom O=92Brien was driving toward the San Diego office of the top-secret Joint Reconnaissance Study Group Friday morning when he heard it on the radio of his car. The local San Diego jazz station was doing news at the top of the hour, and it was seven o=92clock. After a radio ad for a local car dealership, a woman=92s voice said,

=93And now, your up-to-date news. In Phoenix, Arizona, public safety officials are baffled by an unexplained area of light near the foothills north of the city. Police and fire officials say the unusual field of light was first spotted by a highway patrol officer in the early morning hours. The strange glow seems to be stable, though some of the hundreds of bystanders told reporters that this field of light is getting larger, hour by hour.=94

O=92Brien was stunned. This is it. He knew it instantly. He grabbed a cell phone from the car seat next to him and dialed the number of the Joint Reconnaissance Study Group office. Maybe somebody would be there.

There was a click on the other end.

=93JRSG. Lieutenant Commander Etienne speaking.=94

=93Jim! This is O=92Brien. Get chopper transport ready for us now! Who else is there at the office?=94

=93Just Dan, sir.=94

=93Get the rest of the group on the phone and tell them to get to the office pronto! We=92re flying to Phoenix as soon as we can get airborne. Call your contacts and get us chopper transport, Jim. And tell Thompson to get those Army Special Forces reserves in motion. Now, put Wells on the line.=94

Etienne motioned to Dan Wells who was sitting at his desk, and handed him the phone. O=92Brien gave Wells some further instructions as he tried to stay within the speed limit and entered the Point Loma area. The base was just a few minutes away.

DEPLOY TO FIELD OF LIGHT

By nine a.m. two choppers carrying two groups of the JRSG were cutting through the air toward Phoenix. One was a Navy helo carrying Air Force Colonel O=92Brien, Navy Commander Dan Wells, Navy Lt. Commander Jim Etienne, Army Special Forces Colonel Ed Thompson, Army Special Forces Captain Bill MacNeil, Marine Colonel Gene Voss, and Air Force Major Karen Valdez. They were just approaching the crest of the mountains in eastern San Diego County.

The other was an Arizona National Guard chopper flying due south from Flagstaff. They were just passing over the Sedona area. On board were Army Special Forces Colonel Jack Allen, Dr. Brenda Carruthers, Air Force Captain Amy Mella, Mike Green, CIA analyst Jennifer Thorsen and World War II Marine Code Talker veteran Joe Bear, who had arrived in Flagstaff from the Navajo Nation the afternoon before.

They were all thinking, and talking among each other. Could this be what they think it might be? Some of them were hoping and praying.

The Army National Guard chopper from Flagstaff reached the scene first, quickly landed in the desert brush, and stirred up clouds of dust that floated toward the onlookers down by the highway. They were about a hundred yards away from the growing cluster of peace officers and firefighters standing near the light field. The eight of them disembarked from the chopper and the pilot and co-pilot brought the rotor blades to a rest.

They first jogged and then walked calmly and steadily toward the light. Jack was up front with Brenda at his side. So were Joe, Mike, Amy, and Jennifer. Jack and Amy flashed their military

credentials to a cop, and Jennifer pulled out her CIA ID. They told him they were a national security response team.

=93Let=92s figure out who=92s in charge here,=94 Jack told them. =93Who saw what and what=92s been going on.=94

As they waded into the crowd of officers and firefighters, they found that three other fire captains were now on scene, along with the department=92s public relations officers. A Phoenix police mobile command post RV had been brought to the scene, too.

They were told about Fire Captain Mark Daniels and the dog Vegas, who were still standing just inside the light field. Actually, they were running and playing. Daniels had found a stick and Vegas was in bliss chasing it and retrieving it for him inside the perimeter of the strange glowing body of light.

Other cops and firefighters had stepped closer and closer to it. Some were just a few feet away. They had to get used to the feeling they got as they moved closer. They felt a little different. There was a strange pressure in their chests.

The JRSG people also moved toward the light. Slowly, carefully. Listening to their senses and their instincts and feelings. Was this safe?

Daniels and Vegas stopped their play and looked at the JRSG people. Daniels smiled and Vegas started barking and her tail went to wagging wildly again. It was like they expected them. This is part of The Plan, Daniels said to himself. These were people who were supposed to be here.

One by one, Mike, Amy, Jennifer, Joe, Jack and Brenda stepped into the light field. And when they did, they knew that this was the breakthrough they=92d been hoping for. That a lot of people had been hoping and praying for.

As the firefighters and cops started stepping into the light field, they sort of figured that this was something special. Might be something to tell your grandkids about.

Physics had changed, the JRSG team speculated. Don=92t know how, but it was clearly a different layer of reality, of Nature.

=93It=92s like things are clearer,=94 Mike said. =93Visually, and inside me, too, somehow.=94

The others felt it too. And they were all getting similar, if varied perceptions. It reminded Mike of that tunnel of light during his near-death experience. Amy was trying to put it into words.

=93It feels like God=92s hand. Reaching out to us,=94 she said almost unconsciously.

They looked at her silently. She was hoping this would be the beginning of what she had unconsciously blurted out once before. =93Joy beyond understanding.=94 Every tear washed away, like the Bible said.

Jack was trying to cover all the bases.

=93Brenda and Joe, you go talk to that fire captain with the dog please. Verify what we=92ve heard about them. We=92re expecting our people from San Diego to be here any time. Mike, Amy, and Jennifer, stick close to me please. I want to go deeper into this field.=94

The four of them took a few more steps into the light. The entire field had now expanded to approximately forty yards in diameter.

Overhead, two more choppers from TV news stations arrived and hovered, hanging back a mile or so from the site of the light. A second Phoenix police chopper also had arrived and was alternately circling and hovering.

And now another helicopter was arriving on the scene from the west. It was the Navy helo carrying Tom O=92Brien and the rest of the group: Wells and Etienne, Thompson and MacNeil, Voss and

Valdez. From the window of the chopper, the people inside could see the large energy-like glow nestled against a hillside. There were fire trucks and police cars nearby. An Army chopper was on the ground about a half-mile west of the odd light field. And traffic on the nearby freeway looked like it was at a standstill. Other helicopters could be seen above the area. The morning sun was now rising above the mountains to the east. O=92Brien wanted to be on the ground, now.

=93Commander, put us down there please. Near that Army chopper.=94

=93Will do, colonel. It=92s just desert scrub down there. Should be no problem,=94 the pilot said confidently.

The Navy pilot and co-pilot put the craft on the desert floor near the Army National Guard chopper and turned off the engine. They wanted to get a closer look too. The group got off the helo and walked steadily toward the crowd of peace officers and firefighters standing near and in the light force. They could also see crowds of people gathering down by the freeway. And news media vans were parked there too.

As they got closer, they started to feel the mysterious warmth that others there had noticed. They spotted old Joe Bear and Brenda Carruthers playing with a dog just inside the perimeter of the light field. What was going on? Jack Allen, Mella, Thorsen, and Green were also now visible, standing just beyond them inside the light. Jack spotted them and waved for them to come forward.

O=92Brien and the other JRSG people who had just arrived looked at each other briefly, and then slowly started wading into the strange light. They felt a little pressure in their chests. Things looked different. There was a certain vividness to everything. People, rocks, desert bushes. There seemed to be an inner glow in everything.

The two groups linked up and the whole JRSG team, plus Joe Bear, Brenda Carruthers and the Army National Guard pilots, the San Diego Navy pilots, and several cops and firefighters were standing around shaking hands and sharing hugs. The group from Flagstaff filled in the San Diego teams about what they had learned so far.

=93The highway patrolman who first spotted it in the early morning hours is still reportedly on scene somewhere,=94 Jack told O=92Brien and the others. Jack then pointed out Mark Daniels and Vegas, and explained the story.

Joe Bear focused in on that. It fit with the latest Code Talker message the NSA had picked up and asked him to interpret, he thought. =93A friend will break through the lines for a rescue,=94 or something like that, Joe had figured from the Code Talker words in Morse code. And it said it would happen =93in the land of the Hohokam.=94 He wanted to tell the others, but there were pilots, firefighters, and cops standing nearby who didn=92t have clearance and didn=92t have a need to know. Joe casually took a few steps so he was standing next to O=92Brien. He tapped him on the arm.

=93Tom. The dog. It fits in with the NSA signal,=94 he said quietly. =93A friend will break through the lines for a rescue.=94

O=92Brien looked at him and nodded.

The JRSG and their friends, as well as the pilots, firefighters, and cops standing around there were trying to understand this thing. Looking to their training and experience. Trying to do the professional thing under the circumstances.

In the sky to the west, two Army Reserve choppers from San Diego carrying the Special Forces Reserve teams were approaching the air space above and around the light field. Ed and Bill spotted the choppers and wanted to get them on the ground.

=93Sir,=94 Ed called over to O=92Brien. =93Looks like our people from San Diego are coming in,=94 he said as he pointed. =93MacNeil and I better get them deployed.=94

=93Right Ed. You two go.=94

Ed and Bill took off at a jog from the growing crowd of people just inside the light field, and soon were out of the glow themselves and running west to where their other two choppers were on the ground.

From inside the light field, the others soon saw colored smoke rising near the other choppers. Thompson and MacNeil were marking a landing zone and MacNeil had pulled the pins on two signal smoke canisters.

We have some Special Forces friends from San Diego coming in to help us, Brien announced to the other JRSG people. They can coordinate with police and fire.

Tom was trying to stay in control. Truth was, he was feeling like a little kid on Christmas morning.

Mike was standing nearby with Amy and Jennifer. He was still feeling that there were similarities between this light and the strange tunnel in his near-death experience, and he whispered it in their ears.

To Joe Bear, it reminded him of some of his vision dreams. A certain inner glow that everything, and everybody, seemed to have.

To others, it did kind of feel like God's hand reaching out. Like Mella had said. She wasn't the only one there who had that perception. Many of the people gathered around inside and on the perimeter got a feeling that this energy, this field of light, this outstretched hand was there so they and the others could affirm it. Grasp it and shake hands with it. Hold on to it. Hold on tight. Maybe pray with it.

Some of the cops and firefighters in and around the light were intermittently talking and listening to their hand-held radios. Telling dispatchers what was going on. Talking to other officers and fire crews nearby. It was some kind of natural energy. Nobody was picking up any danger from it. The area was being cordoned off from the curious and peaceful public crowds that were gathering. Everything was under control down by the freeway and nearby roads. Chopper traffic in and out of the airspace above the light field was being controlled and coordinated by police.

It was mid-morning now and the live video being shot by the news choppers was now being fed to the networks.

Ed Thompson and Bill MacNeil had now brought the Special Forces guys up and into the light. They were stationed around the expanding edge of the glow's perimeter. The pilots and co-pilots from those choppers had also walked over to the light field.

The seventy or eighty people now standing in the growing light field started to hear something. It was a barely audible musical sound. Groups of firefighters and cops clustered around gradually stopped talking and listened. Some of the cops turned down their radios.

It was definitely music. Coming from within the light field, or nearby. And it was familiar, but different. Gentle sounds flowing from a string section and an acoustic guitar. A few of them started to make out the tune. The song was Fools Rush In being played and sung slowly and almost, it seemed, carefully. And many of the people there thought they recognized the singer. This was too weird. Yeah, it was a distinctive voice to those who were familiar with it. Rick Nelson.

Amy had called it God's hand. She had also been right about something else. Joy beyond understanding. That's what she had said during the group meeting over the Internet from Flagstaff. She was right.

The field of natural energy and light kept expanding that morning and past noon. At one o'clock, the media was allowed to come up to, and into the light field.

By three, police started to take down the barriers and yellow caution tape. People were allowed to get closer. Even a few kids with their parents walked up to the edge of the light and nervously put their hands on the glowing perimeter. Most people

just kind of stood there. Enjoying it. Thinking about what it might be. What it might mean. The light and the people visiting it, and watching it on TV, continued to expand throughout the afternoon and evening.

Hundreds and thousands of Phoenix area residents watched the sunset that evening from the desert hills there on the north side of town. The place where ancient paintings and carvings of symbols and animals on a nearby rock cliff said this was a special place, a holy place. A place to find shelter and water.

The light had now spread out for about three square miles and people had gotten used to it. It just kept going, lighting things up a little. Making people feel a bit of pressure in their chests. Making things a little clearer, somehow.

The light kept expanding into Saturday. And Sunday. And following days and weeks. And it never stopped.

(The story above is an excerpt from the two-novel story by Steve Hammons about the missions of the Joint Reconnaissance Study Group. The novels are MISSION INTO LIGHT and LIGHT=92S HAND.)

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Is There an Underwater UFO Base Off The Southern California Coast?
by Preston Dennett

Shortly after I began investigating UFOs in the late 1980s, I started to receive reports of unidentified ocean-going craft. Most of these reports came from a certain stretch of California coastline, from about Santa Barbara south to Long Beach. This particular body of water, I soon learned, had a widespread reputation as a UFO hotspot. After several witnesses told me they believed there was an underwater UFO base there, I decided to conduct a more in-depth investigation to determine the truth.

My first step was to survey the research of other prominent investigators. To my surprise, most of the local researchers were already aware of the sightings. Writes Ann Druffel, "This body of water lies between the coastlines of Southern California and Santa Catalina Island, 20 miles offshore to the southwest. The area has for at least thirty years been the scene of UFO reports of all kinds: surface sightings of hazy craft which cruise leisurely in full view of military installations, aerial spheres bobbing in oscillating flight, gigantic cloud-cigars, and at least one report of an underwater UFO with uniformed occupants."

Another researcher, Robert Stanley, editor of the now defunct magazine Unicus, writes, "Even in the sixties, families were going down to the beach and waiting for a UFO to pass by... . By the 1970s, whole families were going down to the beach at Point Dume at night to watch the multi-colored UFOs [that] would sink under the water at times."

MUFON field investigator Bill Hamilton writes, "For years witnesses have seen many types of UFO cruising off the Palos Verdes Peninsula in Southern California. UFOs have actually been seen to come out of the water in the San Pedro Channel."

I had already uncovered several firsthand cases myself. My next step was to put together a comprehensive list of all the recorded ocean-going encounters in the area. I came up with more than 50 sightings. These cases were next categorized into different types.

Coastal Sightings

The first and most common type are cases that take place over the coastline. In these cases, people see UFOs either from the shoreline or while they are out at sea. What follows are several typical cases.

1953: Engineer Frederick Hehr and several others are on Santa Monica beach when they observe a "squadron of saucers" performing maneuvers in the daylight sky over the bay. Later that day, the objects return and perform more maneuvers for a period of about ten minutes.

July 10, 1955: Around 11:00 a.m., several fishermen off the coast of Newport Beach observe a bluish-silver, cigar-shaped object flying overhead at a "moderate speed and medium altitude." Two and a half hours later, a Washington family of three are sailing 13 miles off the coast of Newport Beach on their way to Catalina Island when they observe a "perfectly round, gray-white" craft about 2,500 feet above their boat. When the object maintains its position over their boat, they radio the Coast Guard, which sends out a plane. The object darts away before the plane arrives.

November 6, 1957: Early morning in Playa Del Rey, three cars driving along the Pacific Coast Highway suddenly stall when a large "egg-shaped object" surrounded in a "blue haze" lands on the beach only a few yards away.

Witnesses Richard Kehoe, Ronald Burke, and Joe Thomas exit their cars and observe two strange-looking men disembarking from the object. The UFO occupants have "yellowish-green skin" and wear "black leather pants, white belts and light colored jerseys." They walk up to the witnesses and begin asking questions. Kehoe and the others are unable to understand the occupants, who are apparently speaking a foreign language. After a few moments, the figures return to the object, which takes off and accelerates out of sight.

That same day at 3:50 p.m., an officer and 12 airmen from an Air Force detachment in nearby Long Beach observe six saucer-shaped objects zooming across the sky. Two hours later, officers at Los Alamitos Naval Air Station report seeing "numerous" objects criss-crossing the sky. At the same time, police stations in Long Beach receive more than 100 calls from residents reporting UFOs.

December 1957: The crew of the British steamship Ramsey observes a large metallic gray disk with antenna-like projections off the coast of San Pedro. One of the crewmen grabs his camera and captures a blurry photo of the object before it moves away.

1960: Actor Chad Everett and two friends are on the rooftop of his Beverly Hills home one night when they observe a lighted object moving back and forth at high speeds over the nearby ocean. Because the object moves so quickly and at right angles, the witnesses are convinced it is a genuine UFO.

1970: As investigated by Bill Hamilton, an anonymous gentleman sailing from Catalina Island to San Pedro Harbor observes a metallic saucer with four "hemispherical pods" underneath it flying only a few hundred feet above his boat.

May 1973: Art director George Gray (pseudonym) observes an object sending down a beam of light while driving along the Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica in the pre-dawn hours: "The UFO was over where the beach was... hovering I would say maybe a hundred, two hundred feet in the air. It was silver. It was your basic UFO... it was definitely completely metallic with a silver dome on top and a silver dome on the bottom of it, like two plates put together. And it had little lights around it." Gray is able to bring in additional witnesses before the object moves away.

Summer 1988: Professional photographer Kim Carlsberg observes a darting, star-like object while relaxing in her Malibu beachfront home. Suddenly, the object moves directly toward her. "The brilliant point of light advanced until it became a luminous sphere some fifty feet in diameter," reports Carlsberg. "It ominously hung in the air a hundred feet from my window... the apparent standoff lasted no more than a minute before the sphere departed as quickly as it appeared. It tore away diagonally through the night sky and vanished."

Summer 1990: Private pilot Toshi Inouye and his student observe a large, red, glowing cigar-shaped object hovering near their plane as they fly over the Santa Monica Bay in late afternoon. "It was standing still in the air, glowing red," says Inouye.

"We were kind of stunned. We didn't know what to do." Inouye considers calling the nearby airport control tower when the object suddenly darts away.

May 4, 1990: Early in the morning, two Malibu surfers are lying on their surfboards waiting for the next wave when they observe a "brushed aluminum saucer with a bump in the middle [which] approached the shoreline from out of the fog bank sitting about a mile offshore." The object darts back and forth then moves back out to sea.

1998: Adam (pool-cleaner) and Mario (military private) are driving along the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu when they see six black, diamond-shaped objects darting at high speed up and down the coast. The two men are so impressed by the brief sighting that they spend the next hour driving up and down the coast hoping for a repeat appearance. While they don't see any more UFOs, they do find other UFO watchers. Says Adam, "We did come across a couple of people who were just sitting in their lawn chairs along the road. I don't know if this has anything to do with it, but they were just sitting there along the side of the road, just looking up."

January 3, 2004: Young Chyren is standing along the Santa Monica coast at midday when he observes a metallic, saucer-shaped craft hovering only a few thousand feet directly above a small yacht less than a mile out at sea. He quickly grabs his camera and snaps a photograph.

Into the Ocean

From the reports cited above, it should be clear that UFOs are witnessed over this coastal area in disproportionately large numbers. In most cases, they are observed a few thousand feet or less above the surface of the ocean. It is therefore plausible to speculate that these craft may be traveling into and out of this body of water.

As we shall see, the next category involves UFOs that have been observed doing exactly that. These much rarer cases provide further evidence of an underwater UFO base off the California coast.

November 21, 1951: As reported by researcher Harold Wilkins, several witnesses observe "an unidentified burning object" descending into the ocean somewhere off the coast of California.

August 8, 1954: The Japanese steamship Aiki is off the coast of Long Beach when several members of the crew observe an underwater UFO. As the intercepted radio message from the ship reads, "Saw fireball move in and out of sea without being doused. Left wake of white smoke; course erratic; vanished from sight."

1955: Residents from the northern California coastal town of Santa Maria observe a "long silvery object" emerging from the ocean and taking off into space.

January 15, 1956 (Evening): Residents of Redondo Beach report seeing a large, glowing object glide down out of the sky and float on the surface of the ocean about 75 yards off shore.

Dozens of witnesses converge on the scene, including a local night watchman, Redondo Beach lifeguards, and police officers from adjacent Hermosa Beach. As the crowd gathers, the water around the object starts to "froth" and the UFO sinks beneath the surface. The glow of the object, however, remains so intense that it can still be seen.

Police officers radio for assistance and divers are brought in to investigate. Unfortunately, by the time the divers arrive, the object is gone. Another police officer tests the area with a Geiger counter, which fails to register any radiation. Another search the next day also yields no results.

February 9, 1956: Military personnel observe a fireball descending into the ocean off the coast of Redondo Beach. One year later, UFO researcher Leonard Stringfield obtains an official report on the incident, which says only: "Fireball hits water. Submerges."

July 28, 1962: The captain of a chartered fishing boat notices lights floating in a stationary position in the water about six miles south of Catalina Island. Upon closer observation, the captain is startled to see what he assumes at first is a Russian sub: "It appeared to be the stern of a submarine," he says. "We could see five men, two in white garb, two in dark trousers and white shirts, and one in a sky-blue jump suit. We passed abeam at about a quarter mile and I was certain it was a submarine low in the water, steel gray, no markings, decks almost awash, with only its tail and an odd aft-structure showing."

Suddenly the submarine heads straight for the fishing boat as if to ram it. The captain makes an emergency turn as the sub moves past them at high speed, emitting no noise and leaving no wake except for a "good-sized swell." The captain contacts the navy, which is unable to positively identify the sub.

UFO researchers Coral and Jim Lorenzen hear about the case and speculate that it may have been a UFO and not a submarine: "The high speed, lack of wake and sound, and the huge swell make this object suspect." One might also mention the odd shape of the submarine itself, its lack of fear of observation, and its aggressive maneuvering.

February 5, 1964: Eleven passengers are rescued by the Coast Guard from their emergency raft following the unexplained sinking of their yacht, the Hattie D. The crew was sailing south down the coast of California from Seattle, Washington, when their yacht either struck or was rammed by an unidentified "metal object." Crewman Carl Jansen says, "I don't care how deep it was... what holed us was steel, and a long piece. There was no give at all."

December 2, 1965: Mrs. Irwin Cohen and her son observe a glowing red object descending into the sea off San Pedro, setting off a large cloud of steam. As the object descends, the witnesses snap a few photos. They wonder if they witnessed a Navy missile or some other unknown object.

October 1968: George Hiner is fishing in his boat off the eastern end of Catalina Island when he spots a "white-domed shaped object" (sic) through his binoculars. As he watches, the object rises ten feet above the surface of the water, then descends and rises again. He notices a strange parachute-like device beneath the object, which gently descends and then sinks beneath the waves.

June 1980: Therapist Linda Susan Young and a friend are driving along the Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica at night when Young observes an unusually bright light floating in place several miles out to sea. Young was puzzled by its appearance and turned to tell her friend: "I said to the guy with me, 'What do you suppose this is?' And he turned around and looked at it. And he only saw it for a second when it just shot straight up in the air and blinked out. It didn't look like it went far enough to disappear from view, like a distance. It just sort of stopped. It just stopped being there... I have always assumed it was a UFO."

1980s: An anonymous gentleman (a senior electronics engineer) sailing on a foggy day between Santa Barbara Island and Santa Cruz Island observes a "fluorescent green colored light" ahead of him in the mist. Thinking it was another ship using bright lights to navigate the fog, he stops and waits for it to pass. As it approaches, however, he is still unable to distinguish any detail. When it is a quarter mile away and heading directly toward him, the witness discovers why: "I finally realized that this dumb thing was underwater... I'm guessing it was maybe 300 feet in diameter, but I couldn't get any vertical dimension on it because it was under me in the water. It literally passed directly underneath me."

The witness is sailing a fully equipped, 38-foot sailboat. As the object passes beneath him, he takes several readings from the depth sounder, determining that the object is about 100 feet deep. At this point, both depth sounders quit functioning. The witness checks his compasses. "All three of them were slowly rotating and I wasn't... I tried calling the Coast Guard and the radio was dead."

The object moves away and disappears, leaving the witness badly

frightened. A later check on his equipment reveals that all the compass mountings were broken. Says the witness of the incident, "It was weird. I was just too damned petrified to move."

Underwater Lights

1990: According to investigator Bill Hamilton, starting in late 1989 numerous witnesses in Marina Del Rey begin to have repeated encounters with "strange blue-green lights in the water." As Hamilton writes, "In 1989 and again in 1990, witnesses have seen as many as twenty events an hour. One large light appeared to be as much as 100 feet in diameter. This large light spawned babies no larger than 10 to 12 feet in length. These lights were seen to move swiftly under the ocean's surface some 500 to 1000 feet from the coastline in Abalone Cove... one of the lights was reported to have emerged from the water."

Spring 1991: In the early morning hours, Tony X. looks out the window of his Malibu beachfront home and observes a brilliantly lit object floating on the ocean's surface about two miles away. "It looked like a big prism," says Tony, "kind of various colors out there. I got a telescope out there and looked at it." After a few hours, the light winks out.

Two years later, in January 1993, the object returns. "I got the telescope out and looked at it, and it was the same kind of thing... the colors seemed so pure for lack of a better word. They seemed real coherent." Tony calls up the Coast Guard, but they deny having any information.

May 5, 1992: Two friends walking along Malibu Beach observe a "sort of light/fireball" descend from the sky and into the ocean. Says one witness, "It was going at an incredible speed and it was less than a mile away. It looked like it hit the ocean... . Once the object made its way to the ocean's surface, it disappeared, so my guess is that it went underwater."

1994: Two men walking near the coast of Rancho Palos Verdes at night see several "glowing disks" floating in the water. One of the witnesses returns at a later date and sees the disks again. On this occasion, he observes several black helicopters in the area. Later, he is confronted by unnamed individuals (men in black?) who tell him in no uncertain terms that this area, off Abalone Cove, is off-limits.

January 11, 2002: An anonymous gentleman camping along the coast at Point Mugu sees a light moving back and forth 100 feet above the water, and two other lights beneath the surface of the sea. The objects dart back and forth in tandem for 30 minutes (moving unlike any plane or helicopter), giving the witness the impression that they are searching for something. Afterwards, the light in the sky accelerates out of sight and the two objects in the water dive down and disappear.

Inside the Base

So much underwater UFO activity in one place is undeniably unusual and strongly points to the possibility that there is an underwater UFO base somewhere in this area. While the above reports alone provide considerable evidence, further confirmation of this possibility comes from another source.

Not only is there an unusually large number of sightings, landings, and ocean-going UFOs here, there are also cases of abductions. Normally, when somebody reports being abducted by aliens, they claim to have been taken inside a UFO. However, in this particular area, some abductees report that they have been taken to what is apparently an underground base. Could it be that these witnesses were taken into the underwater base in the Santa Catalina channel?

1967: Two 11-year-old boys experience an episode of missing time while on their parents' boat in Avalon Harbor, Catalina Island. Years later, one of the witnesses, Paul Nelson (pseudonym) goes under hypnosis and recalls that he and his friend were abducted to an apparently underground base where they were examined by praying-mantis-type ETs: "I was taken into a round-walled room. It seemed to me more underground than it did onboard a ship. The walls had kind of a rock-like facet to them... rock-like walls rather than craft-type walls. It gave the impression that I was in a cavern [rather] than a ship... it was more of an underground

feeling... ."

Following the examination, the boys are returned to the boat with no conscious memory of the abduction.

Early 1990s: As recounted in her autobiographical book *Beyond My Wildest Dreams*, Kim Carlsberg experiences a series of UFO abductions from her Malibu home starting in the early 1990s. On each occasion she is examined by Grey or praying-mantis-type ETs.

On August 30, 1992, Carlsberg recalls being taken to what appears to be a vast underground complex where she sees many other abductees and ETs of various types. "... I woke up in a lobby where many humans were milling around. They reminded me of patients waiting to endure their turns in a dentist's chair." Carlsberg also recalled sitting in a large "auditorium" with many other abductees where she was told by the ETs that she was being "prepared for something."

Hundreds of UFOs

A final piece of evidence for an underwater or underground base comes from the Topanga Canyon UFO wave of 1992 though =9294.

Topanga Canyon has been a UFO hotspot for more than 50 years. However, on the night of June 14, 1992, hundreds of unidentified craft were seen in the canyon, which is situated along the Southern California coast. Seventeen adult witnesses have independently reported seeing UFOs on that evening. One couple, who live high on a ridge overlooking the ocean, observed approximately 200 craft rising up, one by one, from behind the ridge east of them, and then moving to various locations in the canyon. As one of the witnesses said, "You know when you watch something for a while... you can figure out where they're coming from? After watching them, you got the feeling that they were going all over this area from that certain spot right there."

That certain spot is the same location where so many underwater UFOs have been seen. And what makes this particular sighting so important is that the objects were not seen coming from above. Instead, these 200 craft came from below, either underground or underwater. Where else could so many UFOs come from except for some kind of base?

Conclusions

As can be seen, the evidence is pretty strong that there is an underwater UFO base in the Santa Catalina channel. Hundreds of UFOs have been seen in the area. A significant portion of these cases involve objects going into and out of the water. And there are cases where people have apparently been taken inside this very base.

It's hard to say exactly where this base is, but judging from the geographic distribution of encounters, the highest density of cases is along the Santa Catalina channel. It would have to be very deep to avoid detection.

The size of the base is again a matter of speculation, but because of the large number of UFOs that have been seen at one time and from the reports of the abductees, it seems safe to assume that this base is extremely large, perhaps the size of several city blocks or more.

How long has this base been here?

The modern age of UFOs began in 1947, when a huge wave of sightings swept across the United States and the world. This was the year of the famous Kenneth Arnold sighting and the alleged UFO crash at Roswell. That year also featured a strange mystery off the California coast.

It began on July 7, 1947, just days after the Roswell crash. At 3:10 p.m., two teenagers walking along the beach at San Raphael watched as a "flat, glistening object" emerged from the ocean, flew for a short distance, then dove back into the water 400 yards from shore.

One month later, in August 1947, the Coast Guard received reports of a "strange flaming object," which fell into the sea.

Following this incident, steamers going into and out of San Francisco Bay encountered an "undersea mountain" that appeared and disappeared in various locations in the bay. Several ships reported the mysterious mass, calling it a "reef" or "submarine mountain" that had apparently appeared overnight. Another ship reported "a large mass under water, off the Golden Gate." Following that, the mass disappeared.

Or perhaps it just moved again. Around this time, the naval survey ship Maury and other craft were sent to investigate another report of a "phantom reef" that had appeared about 400 miles off the coast of Southern California. No charts listed any such mass in the area. And when Captain Hambling of the Maury arrived, the "mass" was gone. The crew immediately surveyed the surrounding area and, to their shock, they found that the mass had moved again. Says Hambling, "Our echo sounders did pick up a strange echo when we were about three-quarters of a mile off the reported location of the reef. It seemed that the sounders had got an echo from a mass about 1,600 yards away. We changed course, and started right towards it. Four hundred yards away from it, we found it had vanished, and we got no other echo. We tracked and re-tracked the area, using fathometers and echo sounders. We covered five square miles very carefully, and another five miles round the outside of the area."

The mass however, had gone. Or perhaps it had moved and found a more permanent residence closer to shore. Considering the huge number of underwater reports that started in the 1950s, this may have been the time when the alleged base was constructed. In any case, underwater UFOs have been encountered in this area starting in 1947 and continuing to the present day.

While it may seem hard to believe that ETs are living beneath our oceans, these types of accounts have turned up all over the world. Ocean-going UFOs have been seen in all of the seven seas, reaching back nearly a thousand years and continuing to the present day. With their ability to travel through the oceans and skies with ease, these cases show just how advanced the visitors are. Remember, most of our oceans remain unexplored at least by humans.

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The Growing Habitable Zone: Locations For Life Abound
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Traditionally, this zone has been defined as a narrow disk around a star where temperatures are moderate enough that water on the surface of a planet can exist in a liquid form. The idea is that where liquid water exists, life might arise.

Beginning in the latter half of the 20th century, new information began to emerge that challenged the traditional view. Scientists on Earth began finding rugged organisms thriving in harsh conditions that were off-limits to most other creatures. Meanwhile, images beamed back by robotic probes in space revealed that other moons within our solar system were much more interesting geologically =97 and perhaps biologically =97 than our own.

However, beginning a decade ago, planets discovered around other stars began to reveal a diversity of planetary systems that was beyond expectations.

More recently, scientists have gone back and re-examined their ideas about the possibility of habitable planet forming around red dwarf stars. Despite being the most abundant stars in the galaxy, red dwarfs have traditionally been shunned by scientists as being too small and too dim to support life. Those prejudices are beginning to fade and the recent discovery of a small, rocky world in orbit around a red dwarf 28,000 light-years from our corner of the solar system has refueled speculations that these stars might harbor planets with life.

Extremophiles

Extremophiles are a diverse group of organisms that thrive in harsh environments intolerable to virtually all other creatures. Since the late 1960s, scientists have discovered hundreds of different extremophile species, most of them bacteria.

This hardy group includes members that can survive scalding waters, subzero temperatures, bone-crushing pressures, corrosive acid, extreme salt and arid conditions. Extremophiles have been found that can withstand massive doses of radiation, breath rust, eat sulfur, belch methane and live without oxygen or sunlight.

"Finding extremophiles on Earth has just been mind-blowing," said Carol Tang, a researcher from the California Academy of Sciences who studies extremophiles. "If you think about how there's very few places on Earth where there isn't life, you can't think about the solar system and the universe in a very limited way anymore."

Habitable moons

In 1979, NASA's two Voyager spacecrafts shocked scientists with images they beamed back of Jupiter's moon Europa. The images showed a shiny world covered in water ice, but what was really remarkable was how smooth its surface was.

Unlike our own moon, Europa has relatively few impact craters. Because it doesn't have an atmosphere to burn up incoming objects like asteroids, scientists concluded that Europa had an internal heat source that kept its waters fluid, allowing the moon to periodically repave its icy shell and erase away the craters that must routinely be carved.

"Before the Voyager missions, scientists used to think that the moons of the other planets were old, rocky, battered bodies like our moons," said Cynthia Phillips, a SETI planetary scientist.

Scientists think Europa stays warm by a process called tidal heating. All moons, including our own, are stretched and pulled by the planet they orbit. Jupiter is so massive and its gravity so strong that it actually causes Europa's surface to bulge and shrink as it circles around in its orbit. This constant motion generates friction and heat.

Saturn's cloud-covered moon, Titan, is thought to be warmed by the same process. Other moons generate heat through different means. Scientists recently discovered that Saturn's moon Enceladus, for example, contains a mysterious hot spot in its southern hemisphere that might be caused by radioactive material left over from the moon's formation billions of years ago.

Widening zone

This revelation, that not all the moons in our solar system are as dead and barren as our own, meant that places outside the traditional habitable zone might sustain liquid water and support life.

"If you have a fairly sizable planet with plenty of internal energy to keep warm it might not need to be close to the Sun," said biologist Ken Nealson from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. "It might have plenty of energy to support a perfectly good biomass without having a lighted surface."

Scientists believe that beneath Europa's icy shell lies an ocean vaster than Earth's. For this reason, many scientists figure the Jovian moon may be a better bet for finding alien life than Mars.

"There might have been liquid water on Mars in the past and there could have been life then, but it's pretty unlikely that we'll find life living there today," Phillips said. "But on places like Europa, there could be and probably is water there today. Instead of looking at an extinct biosphere, we could be looking at a currently active one."

Red dwarfs

Last fall, a group of about 30 scientists from different fields got together in Mountain View, California for a workshop sponsored by the SETI Institute. The workshop was convened to answer a single question: are the planets orbiting red dwarfs habitable?

SETI scientists will soon begin looking for radio signals from intelligent extraterrestrial life using the Allen Telescope Array and they wanted to know whether red dwarfs should be included in the list of stars to search.

Red dwarfs are believed to make up about 85% of the stars in the universe, but they are so small and so dim that scientists have traditionally ignored them as possible havens for habitable planets.

One of the main objections was that the habitable zones of red dwarfs would be very narrow and very close to the stars. For a planet orbiting a red dwarf to be warm enough to have liquid water, it would need to be located closer to the star than Mercury is to our own Sun. At such a close distance, the planet

would become tidally locked to the red dwarf the way our Moon is to Earth. Any water existing on such a planet would be boiled away on the side facing the star and frozen solid on the other.

In recent years, however, new computer models have suggested that the situation isn't as impossible as it might seem. The models predict that if an orbiting planet had a thick enough atmosphere, heat could be redistributed from the lit side of the planet to the side that was dark.

As for the criticism that a red dwarf's habitable zone is very narrow, Todd Henry, an astronomer at Georgia State University, has an interesting view. Because there are so many more red dwarfs than stars like our Sun, Henry has performed calculations suggesting that if the narrow habitable zones of all the red dwarfs in our galaxy were combined, they would equal the habitable zone of the all the Milky Way's Sun-like stars.

"You open up a lot more territories if you put [red dwarfs] back on the table," Henry said.

In a galaxy filled with billions of stars, scientists searching for alien life need some way to pick out those which are most likely to harbor habitable planets and moons. For more than 150 years, an important tool in this screening process has been the concept of a "circumstellar habitable zone."

[UFO UpDates thanks Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available -

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>(Further, with such an arrangement, authors might not even know
>who is ultimately responsible for getting their book published.
>They could be CIA assets without even knowing it. All they know
>is that their previously unublishable dog of a debunking book
>suddenly becomes publishable and they get a big fat advance
>check. Thus, there can be both knowing and unwitting assets.)

>So no proof, just a sneaking suspicion, like with COMETA, that
>guys like Klass were being paid off to write anti-UFO
>propaganda. Besides supplementing their income, it might also
>appeal to their egos, perhaps making these "unimportant little
>nobodies" think they were James Bond saving the world.

>Shaken, not stirred, please.

I wish the COMETA report had been more influential, but in the large scheme of things it got lost in the schuffle of information. The Fund had paid for the English translation that most are using today, but there was no good mechanism that could be agreed to that would make it available legally.

As far as Klass is concerned, I have no doubt that there was contact with Government officials, and they may have provided financial support either knowingly or unknowingly to Klass. Neither of these facts would raise his involvement to that of "Government Agent" in my mind. Others may obviously disagree.

Steve

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

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>>Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2006 11:13:20 EST
>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>1. Why do we see mirages? -You will respond that they are
>>situations where information tricks the brain. Well if the brain
>>is constantly analysing data from the visual cortex then it
>>should never be tricked by mirages to begin with. Instead, the
>>brain 'jumps to conclusions' instead of analyzing the data,
>>proving that there are indeed these 'short cuts' and 'cheats'
>>involved with perception. The brain is able to 'cheat' simply
>>because it operates on cognitive/mental paradigms. We see 'water
>>in the road' specifically because it fits our Cognitive/Mental
>>Paradigm of such.

>This notion that the brain operates as a sort of inferencing
>engine, which 'jumps to conclusions' or 'analyzes data' is
>traceable back to the heady days of artificial intelligence in
>the 1960s, and thence to the mythology of cognitive 'science'
>which still seems to have such a stranglehold on American
>universities. It is now thoroughly discredited among
>researchers in visual perception from psychophysics and
>neuroscience, but is exemplary of the sort of nonsense which is
>still being taught in far too many psychology departments -
>especially, it must be said, American psychology departments.

>The alternative (Gibsonian) view is that the brain is a
>collection of mechanisms which have evolved for the purpose of
>extracting useful information from the world (in this case, the
>visual world). The perception of mirages, shadows and illusory
>patterns is, on this view, attributable to the anomalous nature
>of the patterns themselves, rather than to idiosyncracies in the
>operations of some mysterious 'knowledge processor' inside the
>head. As far as I can see, this concept of 'mental paradigms' is
>simply the old idea of psychological 'schemata', with perhaps
>elements of the stereotype theory of social psychology thrown
>in. It would be interesting to know if Jason Gammon's experience
>of psychological education and research has ever encountered the
>Gibsonian view, and if so, what his reaction to it is.

Cathy,

I briefly have studied the Gibsonian Theory, however nothing I
have written violates this nor is any of the comments in your
reply applicable to my theory. Cognitive Paradigms are an
accepted aspect of psychological function. What I am presenting
is that Cognitive/Mental Paradigms are the basic building blocks
of thought and understanding itself. Something, that no
Psychologist has to my knowledge even considered. Psychologists
have 'thought about thought', but so far no one has pondered a
possible structure of thought itself, with regard to 'basic
building blocks' and 'foundations'. This is my stance. A
cognitive paradigm is created using sensory data gathered from

the exterior environment. It is an observation that is later built upon by connecting new knowledge gathered to it, similiar in structure to a string.

(Basket Balls are Orange) + (BasketBalls come in many Colors) + (BasketBalls have Black Lines) + (Basketballs have small raised bumps) + (BasketBalls Bounce) + (BasketBalls Need Air To Bounce)

Not only is it crucial to understanding in the first place, but it seems that Cognitive Paradigms may actually be all-important to the brain. Our brains use Cognitive Paradigms as 'Amoebas' by which it reaches out and absorbs new information. Our brains do not seem capable of comprehending new informaiton without using prior existing paradigms. For example, we study, for the very first time, the only fertile female bee in a hive. Our brain automatically seeks out prior paradigms in order to make sense of this information. We immediately jump to 'Queen'Bee. Said information concerning this bee is 'engulfed' by the prior cognitive paradigm and thus new comprehension is obtained. I have already provided tests prior to prove that individuals indeed do seem to be operating under such rules. I have also shown that cognitive paradigms are also dependant on context. Some Cognitive Paradigms are quite essential to vision in the first place. One of the very first Cognitive Paradigms formed within your brain was 'My sense of vision is lacking, fill in the rest of the information from tactile knowledge'. We know this to be true because we percieve sight in 3-D. The problem is that we cannot see in 3-D because this violates the laws of physics. When young, our brains were confused by such contradiction until it came up with a solution. It 'decided', actually creating a Cognitive Paradigm, that vision is faulty. Therefore it will fill in the rest of the information with knowledge gathered from the sense of touch. Voila! You now think you see in 3-D. Before you reply, please realize that I have studied so called 'depth perception' and I can assure you that merely placing the eyes slightly apart does not create the illusion of 3-D. Any effect cause by a slight seperation of the eyes is outruled by distance, yet we still view distant objects in 3-D. How is that? (Note that Gibson also realized it is impossible to see in 3-D. The problem is he created a complicated theory centered around motion. I'm sorry, but I can be completely still and also see in 3-D.) Why do we percieve the full moon to be flat, but percieve the moon in say another phase to be spherical? It's because we have never touched the moon. Our brain can't fill in with tactile information to something which we have never experienced. The moon in another phase only appears spherical because it exhibits shadowing, the same thing artists use to trick the brain into thinking it is seeing 3-D. The very fact that artists are able to use these techniques to p roduce images that appear to exist in 3-D once again is more proof that what I am saying is correct. The brain operates by using Cognitive Paradigms.

Interesting side note:

I was watching a rerun of a 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer' Episode, one that had the 'Buffy-Bot'. For those of you who never watched the show, 'Buffy-Bot', is a robot created to look exactly like the main character, 'Buffy'. Anyway, during a moment of conversation, 'Buffy-Bot' is asked a question about a man. She responds by 'He is my boyfriend.... He is very nice.... He is a genius... and on and on with strings of informaiton concerning this said man. I almost came out of my chair because this character was vocalizing what I feel is an unconscious process inside the human brain. At some level people do seem to understand that this process is occuring, or at least that it would be involved with A.I., which in itself would be based on human intelligence.

One more thing. Go through this email and actually count how many Cognitive Paradigms I have used in order to try to inform other's about them. Hint: 'Paradigm as Building Block', 'Paradigm as Foundation', 'Paradigm as Amoeba' are all examples of paradigms. I have to use paradigms in order to communicate the nature of my theory concerning paradigms! That goes to show you how truly important they are to thought itself.

-Jason

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>>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
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>>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie detectors

>>>Does everyone follow me so far?

>>>Also keep in mind that 'seeing' does not just involve the
>>>visual cortex as most think.

>>Sorry Jason, but that's just bunk. If you really think 'seeing
>>does not involve the visual cortex,' then how do you explain
>>people going completely blind when their visual cortex is
>>destroyed by stroke, gunshot wound, etc.?

>>Regarding the people who have gone blind after being able to see,
>>how is it that these same people are able to 'see' things in
>>their dreams? And, yes, before you say they don't please realize
>>that a person who could see just fine and then became blind still
>>in fact dreams using visual images. They do so because yet again
>>the brain is hitting 'replay' on prior Cognitive Paradigms.
>>Cognitive Pardigms are the reason why we 'see' in dreams in the
>>first place. Only those people who were born blind do not 'see'
>>things in dreams. Instead sound is the dominate sense in their
>>dreams and the majority of their cognitive/mental paradigms are
>>based on hearing and touching instead of vision.

>Hi All,

>Actually David you touched upon something I have wondered about
>for years.

>You state that someone born blind has no visual 'dreams' Do you
>know of any studies that have been carried out on a blind
>person, born blind, that in addition was hypnotised and
>regressed?

>Perhaps this would prove if 'regression' or past life regression
>had some merit, especially if the blind person could 'see'
>images from a past life

>Sorry if this is off topic but it has intrigued me...

Hi Joe, David, Cathy et All

Been reading up for a while and it seems there's overlapping
truths in all that.

1) Brain does somehow/sometimes substitute memory-views for

'real' objects - and can vouch for that: after returning from longish periods in tropics have continued 'seeing' mosquitoes (in perfect detail) from corner-of-eye when really were gnats or small flies, still intermittent after quite a while (yes - even when no booze/etcs).

2) in certain experimental set-ups, context is more important than content in color experiments - and it's the surrounding colors/shapes that make for color expectations and therefore 'recognition' - and then, with those excluded the viewer can easily recognize the 'correct' color.

3) visual cortex is the 'see-er' - but other areas help-out in presently undetermined ways. And even when the cortex is destroyed or cut-off some people now 'blind' can 'guess' objects shapes/colors with 90% (or higher) accuracy, allowing them to act almost as 'seeing people'. There's a name for this condition but have forgotten it - know it irritates the doctors though.

4) Early templates, formed in first hours, days, weeks or months (in mammals), can be far more important than the optical signals from outside 'reality'.

a) If certain angles, lines, shapes etc are excluded for some time from birth (experiments done with kittens etc) then the animal will never be able to 'see' things of that class.

b) When people born blind recover sight late in life they (sometimes) can 'see' only horrible things, a packet of cornflakes or a bus are 'seen' as monstrous and threatening. Even well-loved relatives, spouse etc are 'seen' as grotesque. Many of these unfortunate folk retire to darkened rooms and some have committed suicide. Speculation - those early 'template areas' have defaulted to control by 'lizard brain', which reacts only with fear, anger, greed, lust signals - i.e. primitive stuff.

So it seems that reality is whatever the brain decides; and if the brain didn't know (say there was no template available for a match) then you could 'see' anything at all - no limits.

Cheers

Ray D

PS - (most) references available at percepts.html

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Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings' - Groff

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>He said while people did see things in the sky, in most cases
>they were aircraft, satellites and meteors.

>"People aren't very familiar with what's in the sky so when they
>see something they can't explain they often jump to the
>conclusion that it's a UFO," Dr Hughes said.

>"But there's always going to be in some cases a psychological
>component similar to when people see ghosts, where the human
>brain can actually generate things and people do see things that
>aren't there."

In 1978 I was staying with my brother, his wife and my niece in
Chula Vista, CA.

One night they had all gone to bed but I stayed up to watch TV.
At about 11PM something caught my attention off to the right and
I looked up in time to see a greenish-white orb floating across
the room towards the wall separating my brother's room from the
living room.

The orb penetrated the wall and at that exact instant my sister-
in-law let out a scream. Immediately my brother came running out
of the room and asked me if someone had run through the living
room. I, of course, said no and then told him what I had seen.
He told me that Maria had awakened to see a man standing at the
end of the bed but when my brother turned on the light there was
no one there.

About two weeks later I again was in the living room and Maria
was doing laundry. I could see into the hall but I couldn't
actually see the door to their room. Maria was coming out of the
bedroom but suddenly stopped, screamed again, dropped the basket
of clothes and ran back in to the bedroom. When I went in to the
hall I saw nothing. I didn't find out until later that as she
walked out she had looked across the hall in to the bathroom and

saw an elderly man standing over the sink. She believed it was the same man she saw at the end of the bed two weeks earlier.

There is something going on in that apartment. Of course shortly thereafter they moved.

I don't think that any "expert" will ever convince me that there isn't anything going on "behind the scenes". My brother calls them "X-Spurts" or "Unknown Drips Under Pressure" :-)

Terry

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 08 Feb 2006 14:37:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Feb 2006 13:56:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 8 Feb 2006 10:32:08 EST
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2006 21:19:31 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2006 11:13:20 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>>1. Why do we see mirages? -You will respond that they are
>>>situations where information tricks the brain. Well if the brain
>>>is constantly analysing data from the visual cortex then it
>>>should never be tricked by mirages to begin with. Instead, the
>>>brain 'jumps to conclusions' instead of analyzing the data,
>>>proving that there are indeed these 'short cuts' and 'cheats'
>>>involved with perception. The brain is able to 'cheat' simply
>>>because it operates on cognitive/mental paradigms. We see 'water
>>>in the road' specifically because it fits our Cognitive/Mental
>>>Paradigm of such.

Not, I hope, another attempt to prove everyone who sees a UFO is seeing things. There's no scientific method to psychology or it's bigger, aspiring to science brother, psychiatry. And there never has been.

The whole field is structured on shifting sand, ego stroking thought, buttressed by its own "academics" who in turn have no real science to quantify their theories. It's conjecture and a merry-go-round of unsupported fact, and in many cases, a damned harmful field to the subjects it imposes itself upon. It should be left to science than can draw conclusions from cause and effect, chemical and electrical structures in the brain and hard data, not some mystical conjurings from the past.

It's a power trip from the getgo and what's worse, most in that field get away with it in much the same manner as religious did and its studies do; and seem to have some connection in that regard by preying on the fear of the subject and using that fear to further empower ones own status. What's even more disturbing is that government, in its own ignorance, does not differentiate between this pseudo science and the hard disciplined sciences and puts stock in it, particularly where it serves it own ends.

But that's just my take on it. Sorry Dave.

To quote Jack Nickelson in As Good as it Gets "Go practice crazy somewhere else." Without rancor,

Don Ledger

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Secrecy News -- 02/08/06

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WHITE HOUSE NAMES THREE TO INTEL OVERSIGHT BOARD

At a time when the legality of U.S. intelligence activities such as the NSA surveillance program is a live issue, President Bush announced that he would name three individuals to the Intelligence Oversight Board, which is supposed to notify the President of any unlawful activities performed by U.S. intelligence agencies.

The three appointees are Adm. David E. Jeremiah, attorney Arthur B. Culvahouse and former Commerce Secretary Donald L. Evans. All three are members of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2006/02/wh020706.html>

As prescribed in Executive Order 12863, the Intelligence Oversight Board "shall prepare for the President reports of intelligence activities that the IOB believes may be unlawful or contrary to Executive order or Presidential directive."

The IOB, like the PFIAB, is a White House advisory body that works exclusively for the President, and only rarely releases any information to the public.

CRS ON PROBABLE CAUSE AND REASONABLE SUSPICION

The terms "probable cause" and "reasonable suspicion" have almost become household words by now due to continuing public controversy over the legality of NSA surveillance program.

The legal definitions of these terms were examined in a new memorandum prepared by the Congressional Research Service for the Senate Intelligence Committee. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Probable Cause, Reasonable Suspicion, and Reasonableness Standards in the Context of the Fourth Amendment and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act," January 30, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/m013006.pdf>

Two leading Democratic members of the House and Senate

Intelligence Committees wrote to the Director of the Congressional Research Service yesterday to reject charges of CRS "bias" that were leveled by Rep. Pete Hoekstra, Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, last week.

"We write to correct the record," wrote Senator Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Jane Harman.

"We have found these CRS documents very helpful in conducting our oversight responsibilities, and disagree that they are 'speculating with respect to highly sensitive national security matters' as Chairman Hoekstra asserts."

"Indeed, the legal analyses provided by CRS have been especially informative given the Executive Branch's unwillingness to provide information to the Congress or to the American public as is appropriate," they wrote.

See their February 7 letter here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/hf020706.html

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE JOURNAL

The National Reconnaissance Office has published a new Journal in unclassified format.

"National Reconnaissance: Journal of the Discipline and Practice" is intended "for the education and information of the NRO community" and to promote "the study, dialogue, and understanding of the discipline, practice, and history of national reconnaissance."

The centerpiece of the first issue is a critical article originally published in 2002 by Robert J. Kohler, a former CIA and NRO official on "The Decline of the National Reconnaissance Office." It is followed by a rejoinder from NRO deputy director Dennis Fitzgerald, a newly updated reply from Mr. Kohler, and a further response from Mr. Fitzgerald.

In what may be a reflection of NRO ambivalence about publishing an unclassified journal, the new publication is not available on the agency web site. Nor would the NRO Center for the Study of National Reconnaissance agree to provide the journal in softcopy.

But a scanned copy of the full text of the journal is now available on the Federation of American Scientists web site (thanks to J).

See "National Reconnaissance: Journal of the Discipline and Practice," first unclassified issue, 2005:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nro/journal/index.html>

GOODBYE NAVSECGRU

For several decades the Naval Security Group (NAVSECGRU) Command has been the Navy's cryptologic organization, with responsibility for signals intelligence and communications security and with NAVSECGRU Activities scattered around much of the world.

But now the NAVSECGRU Command has been disestablished and all NAVSECGRU Activities and Detachments have been renamed as Navy Information Operations Commands (NIOCs) and Detachments (NIODs).

See OPNAV Note 5450, Disestablishing the Naval Security Group Command, December 29, 2005:

http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/navsecgru/5450_273.pdf

The Naval Security Group Command, headquartered at Fort Meade, Maryland, was designated by that name in 1968, according to Jeffrey Richelson's The U.S. Intelligence Community (4th edition, p. 84).

INADVERTENT TRACKING OF "SIGHT SENSITIVE" OBJECTS

Air Force personnel are warned in a recent instruction not to track low observable (LO) or "sight sensitive" aircraft during test flights at Edwards Air Force Base.

"Low observable" is another term for stealth, and "sight sensitive" refers to objects that yield sensitive information simply by visual inspection.

"It is strictly forbidden to train tracking sensors (e.g. radar, infrared, electro-optical, personal cameras, sound recording devices, etc.) on any LO or sight-sensitive assets," the Air Force instruction states.

"The single exception to this rule is to promote safety of flight." Even then, "Recording of data will immediately terminate upon the termination of the flight safety incident."

See "Security Procedures for Inadvertent Tracking and Sensor Acquisition of Low Observable and Sight Sensitive Programs," Edwards Air Force Base Instruction 31-17, 14 November 2005 (thanks to RT):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/eafbi31-17.pdf>

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Date: Wed, 8 Feb 2006 19:33:32 -0000
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CDA

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Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings' - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Feb 2006 14:24:38 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Feb 2006 09:44:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings' - Lehmborg

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This guy is a lot of things... duplicitous, unbrave, without
imagination, misleading... but he's not 'right'. His "most" is
a thin veneer for 'all', Mr. Allan, as you likely know. We're
not remotely concerned with IFOs and misidentified UFOs but the
real McCoy remaining extant as the braver person begins to
suspect.

>Absolutely correct.

Not remotely correct, Sir. He's just another 'Clancy come
lately' trying to force closure on an issue evading the best
minds in 9,000 years of recorded history. I suspect the mystery
will survive him.

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No Sir... that is not all he's saying, at all.

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I don't buy it. I offer that perhaps you should not be so quick to purchase same.

>Almost like saying red is stop and green is go, isn't it?

Red lights and green lights as iterated are another invention of the recent past and could just as easily mean left and right... they are as likely to be forgotten in the recent future. That said, Mr. Mancuso sprinkles his fairy dust like the sandman on the issue and endeavors to put us to sleep over something we should be wide awake and attentive to.

UFOs are real, Mr. Allan.

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Re: P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available -

From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Feb 2006 14:34:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Feb 2006 09:48:10 -0500
Subject: Re: P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available -

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 08 Feb 2006 10:06:35 -0500
>Subject: Re: P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2006 11:40:38 -0800
>>Subject: Re: P47 - Phil Klass' FBI File Now Available

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>>(Further, with such an arrangement, authors might not even know
>>who is ultimately responsible for getting their book published.
>>They could be CIA assets without even knowing it. All they know
>>is that their previously unpublishable dog of a debunking book
>>suddenly becomes publishable and they get a big fat advance
>>check. Thus, there can be both knowing and unwitting assets.)

>>So no proof, just a sneaking suspicion, like with COMETA, that
>>guys like Klass were being paid off to write anti-UFO
>>propaganda. Besides supplementing their income, it might also
>>appeal to their egos, perhaps making these "unimportant little
>>nobodies" think they were James Bond saving the world.

>>Shaken, not stirred, please.

>I wish the COMETA report had been more influential, but in the
>large scheme of things it got lost in the schuffle of
>information. The Fund had paid for the English translation that
>most are using today, but there was no good mechanism that could
>be agreed to that would make it available legally.

>As far as Klass is concerned, I have no doubt that there was
>contact with Government officials, and they may have provided
>financial support either knowingly or unknowingly to Klass.
>Neither of these facts would raise his involvement to that of
>"Government Agent" in my mind. Others may obviously disagree.

In 1993 Special Agent Frank Batten, Jr., then chief of the
Information Release Division at the Investigative Operations
Center with the USAF, personally told me quite openly that in a
behind closed doors meeting on November 30, 1988 the FBI did
discuss the MJ12 documents with the AFOSI. However, Batten also
told me that a decision was specifically and deliberately taken
by both parties to not make any written record of the discussion
whatsoever at all.

Similarly, in his report on UFOs and the CIA, Gerald Haines said
that CIA "officials purposely kept files on UFOs to a minimum to
avoid creating records that might mislead the public if
released." This was 1980s and 1990s.

Collectively, this offers, in my opinion at least, a reasonable
explanation why the Klass-MJ12 material has not surfaced - the
agencies involved deliberately didn't record anything on paper
in a successful attempt to prevent anything ever surfacing on
this matter via FOIA.

And the fact that the Klass files do not contain this MJ material, suggests that this well thought out plan worked. Although, material on Klass's letter to the FBI concerning Moore and MJ12 could conceivably be found in Bill Moore's still-classified FBI file, which is of considerable length.

Nick R.

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Unless 'almost' means about 60-65 percent, no.

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Only if he was making a lucky guess. And what's logic got to do
with it? Logically 65 percent of UFO sightings can be explained?
I don't get that.

If he was making a guess from some law of probabilities then
he's coming aboard with the same expertise as Joe Blow down the
street.

Don

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UFO Event At The Science Museum

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The Science Museum's Dana Centre is hosting an event about the possibilities of extraterrestrial life and the implications of alien contact:

<http://www.danacentre.org.uk/calendar.asp?filter=date&date=17/02/2006>

The event starts at 6.30pm on Friday February 17. It's free, though pre-booking is essential as these events are popular. Details of how to get tickets are on the website.

The Dana Centre's mission is to promote contemporary science, technology and culture, through discussions and debates:

<http://www.danacentre.org.uk/>

This is the third Dana Centre event in which I've participated. Needless to say, I'm pleased to be able to play a part in these Science Museum events and to promote interest in UFOs, alien abductions, crop circles and the unexplained.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Those Pesky Aliens Are Back

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Beam Me Up, Bracknell - Those Pesky Aliens Are Back
Judith Clay

They're back. Are the aliens trying to make contact with
Bracknell again?

Just months after a sighting above Coppid Beech Hotel sparked
off a series of UFO reports around the town, Bracknell is back
at the centre of an alien alert.

This time it was residents in Priestwood who reckon last
Wednesday they could have been targeted by unexpected visitors
from another world.

Just after 9 am, residents in Moordale Road saw a jet black
spherical object with four claws coming out of the bottom as it
hovered in the sky.

Julie Kendall said that she saw a dark solid object hovering a
small distance above the ground.

She said: "Everything was really quiet and because the sky was
so white I could see it really clearly.

"I didn't think it was a UFO at first but I started counting off
other things that it could be and it just couldn't have been
anything else.

"I was gobsmacked - I would have had the same reaction if I had
seen a flying pig as I just stood there stunned. It really was
amazing."

And UFO spotting is becoming something of a family thing in the
household - a year ago Julie's dad, Terry Walters, claimed that
he was abducted by aliens.

At the time he reckoned they cured his bad back which had
baffled even top medical professionals.

Julie told the Bracknell News: "I thought that they must have
come back to get my dad.

"It has made me think that they really are out there - seeing is
believing."

Similar thoughts were also shared by a neighbour who described
the scene: "At first I thought I was going crazy as it was so
strange. But so many people were looking up at it so they must
have been thinking the same as me."

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Space Rock Re-Opens Mars Debate

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Space Rock Re-Opens Mars Debate
By Paul Rincon
BBC News science reporter

A carbon-rich substance found filling tiny cracks within a Martian meteorite could boost the idea that life once existed on the Red Planet.

The material resembles that found in fractures, or "veins", apparently etched by microbes in volcanic glass from the Earth's ocean floor.

Details will be presented at the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference in Houston, Texas, next month.

All the processes of life on Earth are based on the element carbon.

Proving carbon in Martian meteorites is indigenous - and not contamination from Earth - is crucial to the question of whether life once arose on the Red Planet.

Initial measurements support the idea that the "carbonaceous material" is not contamination, the scientists say.

But the evidence so far is unlikely to convince the sceptics.

The research team includes scientists who brought evidence for microbial life in another Martian meteorite, ALH84001, to the world's attention in 1998.

The Martian meteorites are an extremely rare class of rocks. They are all believed to have been blasted off the surface of the Red Planet by huge impacts; the material would have drifted through space for millions of years before falling to Earth.

Fresh samples

The latest data comes from examination of a piece of the famous Nakhla meteorite which came down in Egypt, in 1911, breaking up into many fragments.

London's Natural History Museum, which holds several intact chunks of the meteorite, agreed for Nasa researchers to break one open, providing fresh samples.

"It gives people a degree of confidence this had never been exposed to the museum environment," said co-author Colin Pillinger of the UK's Open University.

"I think it's too early to say how [the carbonaceous material] got there... the important thing is that people are always arguing with fallen meteorites that this is something that got in there after it fell to Earth.

"I think we can dismiss that. There's no way a solid piece of carbon got inside a meteorite."

Analysis of the interior revealed channels and pores filled with a complex mixture of carbon compounds. Some of this forms a dark, branching - or dendritic - material when seen under the microscope.

"It's really interesting material. We don't exactly know what it means yet, but it's all over the thin sections of the Nakhla material," said co-author Kathie Thomas Keppta, of Lockheed Martin Corporation and Nasa's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

'Indigenous component'

Peter Buseck, regent's professor of geological sciences at Arizona State University told the BBC News website that he found no strong evidence of a biological origin for the carbon in the meteorite.

He added that it was difficult to determine the origin of carbon in rocks based on microscopy.

Previous studies of the forms - or isotopes - of carbon in the Nakhla meteorite found a component of which more than 75% is lacking any carbon-14.

Since all terrestrial life forms contain some carbon-14, this component was thought to be either indigenous carbon from Mars or ancient meteoritic carbon.

Professor Pillinger and colleagues are carrying out direct isotopic analysis of the carbonaceous material, but he admits terrestrial contamination is occurring when thin slices of the meteorite are made for analysis.

However, the ratio of carbon to nitrogen in the epoxy used to prepare the thin sections is very different from that of the carbonaceous material in the meteorite's veins.

If it is indigenous to Mars, the authors say the "carbonaceous material" came either from another space rock that smashed into Mars hundreds of thousands of years ago, or is a relic of microbial activity.

A resemblance between the material in the meteorite and features of microbial activity in volcanic glass from our planet's ocean floor further support the idea they are biological in origin, says the paper.

If this is the case, the remains of these organisms and their slimy coatings might provide the the carbon-rich material found in Nakhla, the researchers argue.

The 37th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference runs from 13-17 March in Houston, Texas.

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Birthplace Of Famous Mars Meteorite Pinpointed

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Birthplace Of Famous Mars Meteorite Pinpointed
David L Chandler

The original home of the world's most famous space rock, the Allen Hills Martian meteorite, has now been identified, thanks to data from the orbiting spacecraft Mars Global Surveyor and Mars Odyssey and a better understanding of cratering dynamics.

The rock, called ALH84001, has been the subject of intense study ever since 1996 when scientists from NASA's Johnson Space Center startled the world by reporting that fossilised microbial life might be embedded inside it. The rock, which formed at the very dawn of the solar system 4.5 billion years ago, was blasted from the surface of Mars around 17 million years ago by an impact and made its way to Earth, landing in Antarctica.

While the claim remains highly controversial, the JSC scientists say further study has bolstered the evidence for fossilised life in ALH84001. So the discovery of the rock's place of origin on Mars could make that spot a strong candidate for a future landing by robots or people searching for extraterrestrial life.

The analysis, based on the rock's mineral characteristics, was presented by Vicky Hamilton of the University of Hawaii at this week's meeting of the Meteoritical Society in Tennessee, US.

Perfect match

Hamilton looked for matches between the laboratory spectrum of the meteorite, a mix of orthopyroxene and basaltic minerals, and data from the Thermal Emission Spectrometer and other instruments on the orbiters. "There was only this one place, in all the places we can look that aren't too dusty, that had a composition that was consistent with the ALH84001," Hamilton told New Scientist.

The site is in the Eos Chasma, a branch of the enormous Valles Marineris canyon system. Hamilton has examined it further using topographic and thermal data and high-resolution imagery. "Putting this all together, it's all consistent with this being the source region," she said.

The pinpointed area is a "lobate flow", the kind that occurs when an impacting object strikes a fluid-rich soil, as is the case with many Martian craters. There is a crater about 20 kilometres in diameter there, which cratering studies have now shown indicates a large enough impact to eject the rock out of Mars' gravitational field.

There is no single "smoking gun" piece of evidence that proves this was the place the meteorite came from, Hamilton concedes: "There isn't any piece of information that makes this a unique interpretation, other than the fact that we haven't seen any other suitable places." Fascinating picture

Everett Gibson, one of the JSC scientists behind the original findings of possible signs of life in ALH84001 says the picture put together by Hamilton is "fascinating". And like his work, there was "no single line of evidence that says, 'ah, this is it'," he notes.

The meteorite is believed to have first formed deep beneath the Martian surface, and was later transported to the shallow depth from which it was propelled into space.

The Eos Chasma location fits that. The 4-kilometre-high cliffs bordering the canyon have exposed rocks from various ages in the Martian past, and impacts or erosion could have brought the rock to the canyon floor - along with rocks from a major portion of Mars' history.

That makes it a prime site for a landing mission someday, Hamilton said. It would be an opportunity to sample rocks from a wide variety of ages, all in one place. And, if it really is the launchpad from which ALH84001 began its interplanetary travel, it may also be the place where the mystery of whether the rock's unusual contents really are signs of ancient life is finally unravelled.

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How to Identify Misinformation

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[Many links at site]

How to Identify Misinformation

How can a journalist or a news consumer tell if a story is true or false? There are no exact rules, but the following clues can help indicate if a story or allegation is true.

- Does the story fit the pattern of a conspiracy theory?
- Does the story fit the pattern of an "urban legend?"
- Does the story contain a shocking revelation about a highly controversial issue?
- Is the source trustworthy?
- What does further research tell you?

Does the story fit the pattern of a conspiracy theory?

Does the story claim that vast, powerful, evil forces are secretly manipulating events? If so, this fits the profile of a conspiracy theory. Conspiracy theories are rarely true, even though they have great appeal and are often widely believed. In reality, events usually have much less exciting explanations.

The U.S. military or intelligence community is a favorite villain in many conspiracy theories.

For example, the Soviet disinformation apparatus regularly blamed the U.S. military or intelligence community for a variety of natural disasters as well as political events. In March 1992, then-Russian foreign intelligence chief Yevgeni Primakov admitted that the disinformation service of the Soviet KGB intelligence service had concocted the false story that the AIDS virus had been created in a US military laboratory as a biological weapon. When AIDS was first discovered, no one knew how this horrifying new disease had arisen, although scientists have now used DNA analysis to determine that "all HIV-1 strains known to infect man" are closely related to a simian immunodeficiency virus found in a western equatorial African chimpanzee, *Pan troglodytes troglodytes*. But the Soviets used widespread suspicions about the U.S. military to blame it for AIDS. (More details on this.)

In his book *9/11: The Big Lie*, French author Thierry Meyssan falsely claimed that no plane hit the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Instead, he claimed that the building had been struck by a cruise missile fired by elements within the U.S. government.

No such vast conspiracy existed and many eyewitness accounts and evidence gathered on the scene confirmed that the hijacked airliner had struck the building. But, nevertheless, the book

was a best-seller in France and has been translated into 19 languages, demonstrating the power that even the most groundless conspiracy theories can have. (More details on 9/11: The Big Lie.)

Does the story fit the pattern of an "urban legend?"

Is the story startlingly good, bad, amazing, horrifying, or otherwise seemingly "too good" or "too terrible" to be true? If so, it may be an "urban legend." Urban legends, which often circulate by word of mouth, e-mail, or the Internet, are false claims that are widely believed because they put a common fear, hope, suspicion, or other powerful emotion into story form.

For example, after the September 11 attacks, a story arose that someone had survived the World Trade Center collapse by "surfing" a piece of building debris from the 82nd floor to the ground. Of course, no one could survive such a fall, but many initially believed this story, out of desperate hope that some people trapped in the towers miraculously survived their collapse. (More details on this.)

Another September 11 urban legend is that an undamaged Bible was found in the midst of the crash site at the Pentagon. In reality, it was a dictionary. But, if a Bible had survived unscathed, that would have seemed much more significant, and been seen by many as a sign of divine intervention. (More details on this.)

Since 1987, the false story that Americans or others are kidnapping or adopting children in order to use them in organ transplants has been widely believed. There is absolutely no evidence that any such event has ever occurred, but such allegations have won the most prestigious journalism prizes in France in 1995 and Spain in 1996. (More details on this.)

This urban legend is based on fears about both organ transplantation and international adoptions, both of which were relatively new practices in the 1980s. As advances in medical science made organ transplantation more widespread, unfounded fears began to spread that people would be murdered for their organs. At the same time, there were also unfounded fears about the fate of infants adopted by foreigners and taken far from their home countries. The so-called "baby parts" rumor combined both these fears in story form, which gave it great credibility even though there was absolutely no evidence for the allegation.

In late 2004, a reporter for Saudi Arabia's Al Watan newspaper repeated a version of the organ trafficking urban legend, falsely claiming that U.S. forces in Iraq were harvesting organs from dead or wounded Iraqis for sale in the United States. This shows how the details of urban legends can change, to fit different circumstances. (More details in English and Arabic.)

Highly controversial issues

AIDS, organ transplantation, international adoption, and the September 11 attacks are all new, frightening or, in some ways, disconcerting topics. Such highly controversial issues are natural candidates for the rise of false rumors, unwarranted fears and suspicions. Another example of a highly controversial issue is depleted uranium, a relatively new armor-piercing substance that was used by the U.S. military for the first time during the 1991 Gulf War.

There are many exaggerated fears about depleted uranium because people associate it with weapons-grade uranium or fuel-grade uranium, which are much more dangerous substances. When most people hear the word uranium, a number of strongly held associations spring to mind, including the atomic bomb, Hiroshima, nuclear reactors, radiation illness, cancer, and birth defects.

Depleted uranium is what is left over when natural uranium is enriched to make weapons-grade or fuel-grade uranium. In the process, the uranium loses, or is depleted, of almost half its radioactivity, which is how depleted uranium gets its name. But facts like this are less important in peoples' minds than the deeply ingrained associations they have with the world "uranium." For this reason, most people believe that depleted uranium is much more dangerous than it actually is. (More

details on depleted uranium in English and Arabic.)

Another highly controversial issue is that of forbidden weapons, such as chemical or biological weapons. The United States is regularly, and falsely, accused of using these weapons. (More details on this in English and Arabic.)

In the same way, many other highly controversial issues are naturally prone to misunderstanding and false rumors. Any highly controversial issue or taboo behavior is ripe material for false rumors and urban legends.

Consider the source

Certain websites, publications, and individuals are known for spreading false stories, including:

- Aljazeera.com, a deceptive, look-alike website that has sought to fool people into thinking it is run by the Qatari satellite television station Al Jazeera
- Jihad Unspun, a website run by a Canadian woman who converted to Islam after the September 11 attacks when she became convinced that Osama bin Laden was right
- Islam Memo (Mafkarat-al-Islam), which spreads a great deal of disinformation about Iraq.

(More details on Islam Memo and Jihad Unspun in English and Arabic.)

There are many conspiracy theory websites, which contain a great deal of unreliable information. Examples include:

- Rense.com
- Australian "private investigator" Joe Vialls, who died in 2005
- Conspiracy Planet

Extremist groups, such as splinter communist parties, often publish disinformation. This can be especially difficult to identify if the false allegations are published by front groups.

Front groups purport to be independent, non-partisan organizations but actually controlled by political parties or groups. Some examples of front groups are:

- The International Action Center, which is a front group for a splinter communist party called the Workers World Party
- The Free Arab Voice, a website that serves as a front for Arab communist Muhammad Abu Nasr and his colleagues.

(More details on Muhammad Abu Nasr in English or Arabic.)

Research the allegations

The only way to determine whether an allegation is true or false is to research it as thoroughly as possible. Of course, this may not always be possible given publication deadlines and time pressures, but there is no substitute for thorough research, going back to the original sources. Using the Internet, many allegations can be fairly thoroughly researched in a matter of hours.

For example, in July 2005, the counter-misinformation team researched the allegation that U.S. soldiers in Iraq had killed innocent Iraqi boys playing football and then "planted" rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) next to them, to make it appear that they were insurgents.

Using a variety of search terms in "Google," a researcher was able to find the article and photographs upon which the allegations were based. Because weapons did not appear in the initial photographs, but did appear in later photographs, some observers believed this was evidence that the weapons had been planted and that the boys who had been killed were not armed insurgents.

The researcher was also able to find weblog entries (numbered 100 and 333, on June 26 and July 15, 2005) from the commanding officer of the platoon that was involved in the incident and another member of his platoon. The weblog entries made it clear that:

- the teenaged Iraqi boys were armed insurgents;
- after the firefight between U.S. troops and the insurgents was over, the dead, wounded and captured insurgents were initially photographed separated from their weapons because the first priority was to make sure that it was impossible for any of the surviving insurgents to fire them again;
- following medical treatment for the wounded insurgents, they were photographed with the captured weapons displayed, in line with Iraqi government requirements;
- the insurgents were hiding in a dense palm grove, where visibility was limited to 20 meters, not a likely place for a football game, and they were seen carrying the RPGs on their shoulders.

Thus, an hour or two of research on the Internet was sufficient to establish that the suspicions of the bloggers that the weapons had been planted on innocent Iraqi boys playing football were unfounded.

Finally, if the counter-misinformation team can be of help, ask us. We can't respond to all requests for information, but if a request is reasonable and we have the time, we will do our best to provide accurate, authoritative information.

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An Interview With Jacques Vallee

by Brent Raynes

Jacques Vallee authored such UFO classics as Anatomy Of A Phenomenon, Challenge To Science (which he wrote with his wife Janine), Passport To Magonia, Messengers of Deception, Confrontations, Dimensions, and Revelations. This distinguished French born scientist received his B.S. in mathematics at the Sorbonne, an M.S. in astrophysics at Lille University, and after moving to the U.S. received his Ph.D. in computer science from Northwestern University. Vallee worked closely with the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, former astronomical consultant to the Air Force's Project Blue Book. Their dialogues together in The Edge of Reality (1975) are a thought-provoking delight to read. Vallee also co-developed the first computer-based map of Mars for NASA, he later directed a project to build Arpanet, the prototype for the Internet, and since 1987 he has been a venture capitalist with Euro-America, serving as an early-stage investor and director of many companies including SangStat Medical, a biotechnology firm in Menlo Park, California and Nantes, France; Accuray, a medical device company specializing in robotic surgery; Ixys, a power semiconductor firm, and others.

For more information on Jacques Vallee and his extensive background, visit his website at: www.jacquesvallee.net

Editor: In the October-November 2001, UFO: The Science & Phenomena Magazine (Vol. 16, No. 5) your attendance at the 20th annual Society for Scientific Exploration was detailed. In this article, which was a summation of a conference that also included perspectives of scientists in a variety of avenues toward unexplained phenomena, including crop circles and parapsychology, it was noted how your public appearance was a rare event. Furthermore, the article quoted you saying: "I'm not interested in talking to ufologists any more, because I don't learn anything from them." Recently, you made another rare appearance to talk about UFOs. The UFO conference sponsored by the Association for Research and Enlightenment in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on December 2nd and 3rd, 2005.

Could you generally sum up for us the reasons why you have come to have little tolerance towards mainstream ufologists and avoid participating in their conferences, but would take part in these other two conferences just mentioned?

Jacques Vallee: There was another part to what I said at the time, namely that I learned more from witnesses than I did from ufologists. That remains true today. When I began this research in the 1960s I learned a lot from groups like NICAP and APRO,

that were trying to document and publish cases, and promoted an open minded approach. This changed in the late 1980s when ufology turned into a set of dogmas (Roswell, abductions) with little room for open-minded research, and almost no field investigation any more. Much independent UFO research today has gone underground and is done by isolated individuals, outside of the organized groups, as was the case with the =93Invisible College=94 in the days of Allen Hynek. The ERA conference was a rare opportunity to compare notes with colleagues I respect, in a sober setting.

Editor: Speaking of the A.R.E.'s UFO conference, what significant impressions, thoughts, or experiences did you perhaps come away with, and would you make any sort of suggestions or recommendations for future conferences of this nature?

Jacques Vallee: The phenomenon presented by UFOs is far larger than current speculation about =93aliens from space.=94 It raises questions about consciousness, about the nature of reality and about human history on the Earth. I welcome every opportunity to meet specialists in these disciplines and learn from them. That was the case, for example, at the conference on =93Consciousness, Science and Religion=94 held in Porto two years ago, where Dr. Eric Davis and I presented a new model for the study of unidentified aerial phenomena. The ARE conference in Virginia Beach was a similar opportunity, because attendees brought a great deal of knowledge about psychic functioning and spiritual traditions. We must take this knowledge into account if we are going to make any progress.

Editor: During your A.R.E. presentation you described how you became initially interested and aware of UFOs after you and your mother, as I recall, happened to see a UFO in your hometown in France, when you were a teenager. Would you care to share with our readers that experience again, and how it may have shaped your later, evolving interest in things like astronomy and space exploration?

Jacques Vallee: Our experience was similar to that of thousands of witnesses in Europe during that period. The observation lasted about 10 minutes and was verified by a fellow student who saw the object from his own house a mile away. He had time to get his binoculars and described it in identical terms: a silvery disk with a dome on top, hovering about 1,000 feet high. At the time, I convinced myself that the object was a prototype of some kind. Of course we now know that there is no such aircraft! I was already interested in astronomy and physics, but the enigma presented by that sighting certainly influenced me: it taught me that there was much more to be discovered.

Editor: From your pioneering Passport to Magonia (1969) to Revelations (1991), your books have tackled a wide-range of controversial and complex aspects, taking in a comprehensive global, cultural and historical perspective on these reported events, looking at paranormal, spiritual, folkloric, occult, and shamanic accounts. In Revelations you presented alternatives to the popular extraterrestrial hypothesis (i.e., the Earth Light Hypothesis, Control System, and the Wormhole Travel Hypothesis). You've stated something to the effect that you'd be pretty disappointed if all of this activity recorded down through the centuries turned out indeed to be simply E.T. visitations.

Please explain.

Jacques Vallee: When you begin to study this phenomenon the first-degree ET hypothesis, (namely the idea that we are visited by aliens from another planet in our galaxy that have just discovered us), seems like the best one. With the passage of time and the accumulation of reports, including those from people reported psychic effects, it becomes clear that it is too limited to explain the facts. As always in science, when such a situation presents itself, you must go back to basics and re-examine the data. We need to open the full spectrum of potential hypotheses instead of simply selecting data that fit our preconceptions. As you know, I have done quite a bit of study of psychical research and of older traditions, including Rosicrucian and esoteric literature, in search of related material. And it is all there, although modern adepts of these traditions seem to have forgotten all about it! Perhaps your magazine can reawaken them?

Editor: Certainly over the years you've written so many fascinating, important and thought-provoking books on the UFO enigma, and have frequently gone to the scene of reported UFO encounters and personally interviewed witnesses and inspected the encounter sites for yourself, a task you consider very important to perform when trying to get to the bottom of these mysteries and in trying to obtain valid information.

You've been to Brazil on three separate occasions to investigate incredible reports of close encounters and even human injuries and deaths connected with such reported encounters, as you described in your fascinating book *Confrontations* (1990). You also wrote the foreword to the late Bob Pratt's book, *UFO Danger Zone* (1996). A U.S. journalist of great skill, integrity, and objectivity, he made numerous trips to Brazil also and his stories and pictures fill this awesome book. Though it may understandably not be too easy of a task, can you share with us the importance of what you perceive has happened in the remote regions of Brazil?

Jacques Vallee: Anyone who has traveled to that part of the world and has spoken to local witnesses returns with the feeling of having barely scratched the surface. Bob Pratt knew Brazil well, and made more extended trips there than I did, but he would have told you the same thing. I am very sad when I realize that I won't be able to seek his advice any more. One has to experience the phenomenon in different cultures to really understand the true dimension of the problem confronting us. What we say about Brazil would also apply to Russia, or China.

Editor: I was intrigued to also read in *Confrontations* of how all of the negatives of UFOs taken by Brazilian journalists and cameramen during the massive UFO wave in 1977 (in which many photographs were also taken by the Brazilian Air Force) had been purchased from the Brazilian newspapers afterwards by some "unnamed American firm." This information apparently came from the newspapers themselves? Do we have any idea as to who this firm was and where the valuable negatives ended up?

And, how soon after the reports and photographs were first published did these purchases occur?

Jacques Vallee: There are multiple cultural and political reasons preventing much of the hard data from being published. I understood this when we were invited to spend an entire day at the main Amazonian base of the Brazilian air force, and could speak freely about the reports they shared with us.

Editor: Some of the classified Brazilian military reports have been leaked out over the years it seems, and presumably the military there is seriously interested in releasing these formerly secret documents to the public. Are you encouraged by these developments, or do you feel perhaps a guarded optimism considering how such "leaks" or reported public disclosures have gone in the USA?

Jacques Vallee: I am glad to see that some of the information is finally coming out, 25 years later. To the extent that the scientific community is not showing interest in learning more, however, I doubt if the full story will be available any time soon. There is no political or social incentive to raise the issue further.

Editor: At the A.R.E. conference I was interested to hear during your presentation of how back in the 1980s you had acted as a consultant to the Stanford Research Institute's remote viewing program and learned that many remote viewers (a fact that was never publicized) had ascribed their talents to what we call UFOs. Please tell us a little more about this, and of your interest in the remote viewing subject.

Jacques Vallee: I knew the founders of the project at the Parapsychology Research group in Palo Alto before they joined SRI. When their work began in 1971 I happened to be a senior researcher in one of the computer development labs there, so I became an informal (unpaid!) member of the team. When it turned out that many of their subjects had experienced UFOs, they brought me into the project on a strictly confidential basis to document that aspect of the problem. Ingo Swann and I had many discussions when he first came to SRI and began structuring the

program, interviewing some of the Institute scientists. I told him I thought the problem would be best approached as an information processing problem rather than a signal transmission problem, as the physicists and engineers planned to do. I showed him how software specialists handle data, either by direct addressing, indirect addressing, virtual addressing, etc. Ingo gives me credit for orienting him to the idea of coordinate remote viewing, where geographic coordinates constitute the =93address.=94 Later this was expanded to other forms of targeting, but the project never explored what I thought could have been the real breakthrough research, because they were under constant pressure from mission-oriented sponsors. Ten years later, well after I had left SRI, I was asked to come back into the project as a consultant. I was briefed on Grill Flame and formally trained by Ingo. I think I=92m the only one from that team who hasn=92t written a book about remote viewing!

Editor: You have been very skeptical of the process of hypnotic regression being used to uncover presumably lost memories of UFO entity and abduction encounters. Can you explain why you feel this way?

Jacques Vallee: I have studied over 70 abduction cases, in concert with psychiatrists trained in the use of the clinical hypnosis. These specialists were uniformly horrified when I showed them what some ufologists were doing and claiming on the basis of the regressions they were performing. In case after case, it becomes obvious that hypnosis is NOT a good way to bring back true memories. The psychiatric literature confirms this. In his famous book =93The Fifty-Minute Hour,=94 Dr. Lindner explains why he considered, and then rejected, the use of hypnosis when asked by the FBI to treat a senior engineer who claimed to travel psychically to other planets. Hypnosis can turn a possible fantasy into an experience that becomes irreversible. I have received pathetic letters from famous UFO abductees asking me to help them find a new form of treatment, because they continue to experience traumatic experiences that do not fit into the rigid abduction model. Unfortunately these people cannot be re-hypnotized in a professional manner after they have been subjected to the ludicrous process routinely followed in ufology today in the name of =93research.=94 Thousands of abductees have now been regressed hypnotically, and we know nothing more about the nature of the phenomenon, the alleged craft, or the entities associated with them. I still believe the abduction experience is part of the witnesses=92 reality, as Dr. Simon told me when we spent two days with Betty and Barney Hill at their place in New Hampshire, but hypnosis, in most cases, is neither the therapy of choice, nor the best way to explore what really happened to them.

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An Alien With A Schoolgirl Slipper Fetish

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 09 Feb 2006 11:47:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Feb 2006 11:47:02 -0500
Subject: An Alien With A Schoolgirl Slipper Fetish

Source: Mainichi Daily News - Tokyo, Japan

<http://tinyurl.com/7avsr>

February 9, 2006

Is It A Bird? Is It A Plane? No, An Alien With A Schoolgirl
Slipper Fetish

By Ryann Connell

A most otherworldly perpetrator is being blamed for the bizarre theft of 77 right slippers from a suburban Tokyo girls' high school, according to Weekly Playboy (2/21).

The slippers -- all right feet and all belonging to third-year students preparing to graduate were stolen from a shoebox at the Bunka Girls High School in Nishitokyo on Jan. 10.

Immediate suspicions have been laid at the, er, feet of fetishists or collectors of the weird and wonderful.

"We are keeping our eyes open to all possibilities," a spokesman for the Metropolitan Police Department tells Weekly Playboy.

School officials said that there were no signs of a break-in on the day of the theft, nor was there any sign of an intruder.

Yet somebody has walked into the school and walked off unnoticed with, er, a booty weighing around 23 kilograms based on simple calculation if each slipper weighs in at about 300 grams.

School officials are referring the matter to the police. Residents of the area around the school have few clues as to the identity of the slipper stealer.

"I only learned about it on the news," one resident says. "But this area is known for its safety."

Some residents, however, have had flashes of brilliance about the mysterious disappearance of the furtive footwear.

"I must have seen them any number of times since about Dec. 28 last year -- about a dozen bright, flashing orange lights flying across the sky from east to west. It was about the time my kid was coming home from cram school, so I suppose about 6:30 p.m. Were they planes? Not likely. They flew in a Z-shaped zigzag," a housewife from Nishitokyo tells Weekly Playboy.

UFO researcher Junichiro Nirasawa has no doubt about the vexing vanishing.

"Recently, there have been lots of reports of UFOs flying in formation over Tokyo, including an Oct. 1 witness claiming to have seen an unidentified flying object hovering over the Imperial Palace (in the center of the capital). The Tama Region,

especially around Lake Tama and the (United States Air Force) Yokota Air Base (and where Nishitokyo is located), is renowned for being a hotbed of UFO activity and there have long been whispers that aliens are active in the area," Nirasawa says. "It hasn't been reported much, but (Hirohito Shibuya), the guy arrested recently for having a harem, lived in nearby Higashi Yamato and he's been telling the cops that he had dealings with insect-shaped aliens. It wouldn't be strange to see the reason why that guy was so popular amongst women coming from the fact that he had been channeling with extraterrestrial beings."

Nirasawa does not rule out that the schoolgirls' slippers may have been pilfered by bug-like ETs.

"There's a possibility," he says. "I'd say if that was the case, it would probably have been Martians."

The UFO expert elaborates.

"Venetians tend to have friendly feelings toward Earthlings, so they're unlikely to do that sort of thing. Nearly all the aliens living together with humans are Martians. They're notorious for loving practical jokes. Take the mysterious field circles in Britain, or the cattle mutilation in the United States, where cows and calves were slaughtered in the fields and some of their meat carried off. Martians did all that," Nirasawa says. "I'd say the case of the stolen schoolgirl slippers was probably their doing, too. It's not unthinkable."

Nirasawa even has an explanation for why aliens in the United States slaughter livestock, but in Japan only steal schoolgirls' slippers.

"These aliens are probably either fetishists or Roricon-type Martians," Nirasawa tells Weekly Playboy, accusing the extraterrestrials of being pedophiles. "My theory is that the aliens have almost totally destroyed their own environment and they've come down here (to Earth) in massive numbers. It's impossible to rule out a massive increase in this type of crime."

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 12:15:49 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 06:40:10 -0500
Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Boone

>Source: Alternate Perceptions Magazine - Memphis, Tennessee, USA

><http://www.mysterious-america.net/jacquesvalleeint.html>

>Number 98 - February 2006

>An Interview With Jacques Vallee

>by Brent Raynes

What a refreshing read!

I can go to bed at night with the comfort of knowing such men as Dr. Vallee walks among us.

I can foresee a new day dawning on the treatment of abductees and the processing of real data to come.

The fun ride is about to begin!

Best,

Greg

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Secrecy News -- 02/09/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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** MORE TURMOIL AT THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE
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MORE TURMOIL AT THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

A long-simmering dispute over the role and character of the Congressional Research Service now threatens to boil over in the form of a clash between CRS management and CRS analyst Louis Fisher.

Fisher, a specialist in American government and separation of powers issues, is one of the superstars of the CRS, whose work is widely cited and universally respected by his academic colleagues.

He "is a national treasure, the foremost expert on the constitutional law of the presidency," wrote George C. Edwards III, Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University in a letter to the Librarian of Congress last week. He "is widely regarded as the nation's preeminent expert on the institutional powers of Congress and the presidency" according to Cornell W. Clayton of Washington State University.

Now Fisher, age 71, is in trouble at CRS for having expressed views critical of Bush Administration policy.

See "Expert on Congress's Power Claims He Was Muzzled for Faulting Bush" by Yochi Dreazen, Wall Street Journal, February 9:

<http://tinyurl.com/dju45>

The roots of the dispute go back several years and derive from an unresolved disagreement about the proper function of the CRS, and the nature of analytical objectivity.

"We must all see to it that our ability to serve the Congress... is not compromised by even the appearance that we have our own agenda as an agency; that one or more of our analysts might be seen as so set in their personal views that they are no longer to be trusted to provide objective research and analysis; or that some have developed a reputation for supporting a position on an issue to the extent that CRS is rendered 'suspect' to those on the other side," wrote CRS Director Daniel P. Mulhollan in a January 23, 2004 Director's Statement:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mul012304.pdf>

That statement set off alarm bells among CRS analysts.

"No one disputes that our work must be non-partisan," wrote Louis Fisher in a reply to Director Mulhollan at the time. "But if the front office puts the emphasis on neutrality, balance, and even-handedness, there is little room for careful, expert analysis."

"Most of the criticism of our work that I am familiar with, from CRS staff and Congress, is that our reports are too diffuse and rambling, without theme, direction, or conclusion. If lawmakers merely want background material to give them a starting point, a descriptive CRS product can be helpful. For deeper and more thoughtful analysis, Congress may decide it has to go elsewhere," Fisher wrote.

See his January 31, 2004 memo on CRS Standards for Analysis here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/fisher013104.pdf>

The uncertain premise of the dispute is that Congress desires deep and thoughtful analysis. What complicates matters further is that in many cases, as they say on the Comedy Channel, "the facts are biased" against the Bush Administration.

See also "Hoekstra attacks CRS 'bias' on spy program" by Shaun Waterman, United Press International, February 9:

<http://tinyurl.com/9txzf>

CIA CAN'T CONFIRM OR DENY MUCH AT ALL

The Central Intelligence Agency continues to make a mockery of its legal obligations under the Freedom of Information Act and the national security classification system.

The Project on Government Oversight recently asked the CIA to undertake a declassification review of the December 2002 Iraqi declaration on weapons of mass destruction that was presented to the United Nations Security Council.

Incredibly, CIA official Scott Koch rejected the request by claiming that "the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request."

See "We Know That You Know" on the POGO blog:

http://pogoblog.typepad.com/pogo/2006/02/we_know_that_yo.html

A copy of the Table of Contents from the 12,000 page Iraqi declaration, which plainly does exist, was obtained by Secrecy News and may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2002/12/iraql20702.pdf>

NAVY POLICY ON RELEASE OF NUCLEAR INFORMATION

Navy personnel are forbidden to disclose or even discuss the presence or absence of nuclear weapons aboard any U.S. Navy vessel, according to a new Navy Instruction.

"Military members and civilian employees of the Department of the Navy shall not reveal, purport to reveal, or cause to be revealed any information, rumor, or speculation with respect to the presence or absence of nuclear weapons or components on board any specific ship, station or aircraft, either on their own initiative or in response, direct or indirect, to any inquiry."

See OPNAV Instruction 5721.1F, "Release of Information on Nuclear Weapons and on Nuclear Capabilities of U.S. Forces," February 3:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/opnavinst/5721_1f.pdf

The new Instruction was first spotted by Hans Kristensen of the Federation of American Scientists.

See his paper "The Neither Confirm Nor Deny Policy: Nuclear Diplomacy at Work," February 2006:

<http://www.nukestrat.com/pubs/NCND.pdf>

CONDUCTING FOREIGN RELATIONS WITHOUT AUTHORITY (CRS)

The Logan Act, which became law in 1799, generally prohibits U.S. citizens from engaging in freelance diplomacy with foreign governments.

The Act is the subject of a new report from the Congressional Research Service.

"Although it appears that there has never been a prosecution under the Logan Act, there have been several judicial references to it, indicating that the Act has not been forgotten and that it is at least a potential point of challenge ... against anyone who without authority allegedly interferes in the foreign relations of the United States."

See "Conducting Foreign Relations Without Authority: The Logan Act," February 1, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL33265.pdf>

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Magonia Supplement No. 60

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 20:32:15 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 06:47:26 -0500
Subject: Magonia Supplement No. 60

The latest issue of Magonia Supplement, with articles by Nigel Watson and Martin Kottmeyer, and book reviews by Peter Rogerson, is now available at:

<http://www.users.waitrose.com/~magonia/ms60.htm>

John Harney

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Re: Those Pesky Aliens Are Back - Harney

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 20:28:15 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 06:50:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Those Pesky Aliens Are Back - Harney

>Source: IC Berkshire - UK

><http://tinyurl.com/7s7n6>

>Feb 9 2006

>They're back. Are the aliens trying to make contact with
>Bracknell again?

>Just months after a sighting above Coppid Beech Hotel sparked
>off a series of UFO reports around the town, Bracknell is back
>at the centre of an alien alert.

>This time it was residents in Priestwood who reckon last
>Wednesday they could have been targeted by unexpected visitors
>from another world.

>Just after 9 am, residents in Moordale Road saw a jet black
>spherical object with four claws coming out of the bottom as it
>hovered in the sky.

>Julie Kendall said that she saw a dark solid object hovering a
>small distance above the ground.

>She said: "Everything was really quiet and because the sky was
>so white I could see it really clearly.

>"I didn't think it was a UFO at first but I started counting off
>other things that it could be and it just couldn't have been
>anything else.

>"I was gobsmacked - I would have had the same reaction if I had
>seen a flying pig as I just stood there stunned. It really was
>amazing."

>And UFO spotting is becoming something of a family thing in the
>household - a year ago Julie's dad, Terry Walters, claimed that
>he was abducted by aliens.

Yes, this sort of thing does tend to run in families. It should
be noted that Terry Walters is our local contactee in this part
of Berkshire. His spacefaring friends, who are obviously of the
type known as Nordics, are known to him as "the Orions". When
they take him for rides in their saucer he travels
"telepathically". He has written a book about his contact
experiences and the exercising of his amazing psychic powers.

>At the time he reckoned they cured his bad back which had
>baffled even top medical professionals.

This was rather more than a year ago, as Julie apparently
states, as he describes how the Orions cured his bad back in his
book, which was published in 1997. Or perhaps he has had more
back trouble since then?

John Harney

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Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Olson

From: **Jeff Olson** <jlolson.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 12:53:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 06:52:22 -0500
Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Olson

From: <UFO-UpDates.nul>
To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 8:39 AM
Subject: UFO UpDate: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

>This changed in the late 1980s when ufology turned into a set of
>dogmas (Roswell, >abductions) with little room for open-minded
>research, and almost no field
>investigation any more.

And Jacques Vallee's solution is to turn to mysticism? How well
has religious mythology succeeded in avoiding dogma and being
"open-minded," and how well has it performed historically in
analyzing real physical phenomena?

Vallee's comments strike me as analogous to religionists
throwing up their hands about evolution or biology, on the
grounds that life is bigger than any science can hope to fully
describe. That may be true, but science is our only hope of
describing any part of that reality.

Jeff

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Donna's UFO Claims Are Out Of This World

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 06:57:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 06:57:16 -0500
Subject: Donna's UFO Claims Are Out Of This World

Source: The Daily Mercury - Mackay, Queensland, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/dmx9b>

10.02.2006

Donna's UFO Claims Are Out Of This World

Donna Weller's '2006 - A Space Odyssey' is just getting weirder.

Donna, from Gympie, told The Daily Mercury this week that she had seen an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) hovering above Illawong Beach on Monday morning.

It seems that those pesky UFOs have popped up again, this time following her south along the Bruce Highway to Rockhampton.

"There were three of them," she said yesterday.

"One behind the car and two to the side.

"It was unbelievable =97 I'm a bit scared to tell you the truth."

True to previous form Donna captured video footage of the unidentified tailgaters.

We're not an outfit to ignore such a potentially huge story, so we've requested a copy of the footage to send to The Daily Mercury labs based in Roswell for analysis.

We'll get back to you with the results as soon as humanly possible, but for now you can join us and ponder why these outer-space visitors would want to go to Rockhampton..... Trust no-one.

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Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings' - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 22:48:14 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 06:58:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings' - Dickenson

>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Feb 2006 11:35:07 -0600
>Subject: Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings'

>>Source: The Advertiser - Adelaide, South Australia

>>Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings'
>>By Roberta Mancuso

<snip>

>I don't think that any "expert" will ever convince me that there
>isn't anything going on "behind the scenes". My brother calls
>them "X-Spurts" or "Unknown Drips Under Pressure" :-)

Think you're right Terry,

But most arguments seem to have missed the point: no matter how
much that 'expert' havers and covers his back, some or all of
his 'logical' explanations could just be plain wrong.

Scientifically, such 'explanations' are only hypotheses - and
need testing against evidence before he could even call one of
them a workable 'theory'.

Sometimes I think the capable people are too busy or too modest
to call themselves 'expert', so the showmen and chancers get to
grab the headlines.

Cheers
Ray D

PS - have heard that's the way it is in politics.

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 19:26:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 07:03:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2006 13:02:58 EST
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 6 Feb 2006 17:04:24 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 4 Feb 2006 15:09:58 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

<snip>

>>The observed manufactured flying objects can behave in ways we
>>can't duplicate since all our advanced flight systems are
>>developed for military purposes. None have shown up in or near
>>the war zones. Therefore, they were manufactured somewhere else.
>>I know of no evidence about the UFOs that fit in this category
>>that shows this isn't true. IFOs don't count.

>I wasn't referring to IFOs. Just because UFOs exhibit behavior
>and technology that we cannot duplicate does not automatically
>imply that said objects are extraterrestrial. There are many
>plausible alternative theories. Researchers need to be very
>careful of the paradigms they are operating under as well as
>other assorted assumptions.

Depends on how you define extraterrestrial. I mean made
someplace other than earth. Doesn't matter, why, where or how.
Warping space and time, popping over from a local watering hole
in the solar system or on an asteroid etc.. Still not manufactured
elsewhere.

>>>2.) False. If we are indeed being "visited" it is most likely a
>>>form of A.I..

>>No basis exists for this conclusion. How can you determine
>>likelihood without collecting a bunch of visitors and seeing what
>>fraction are of A.I. and what fraction is organic? Please
>>provide data on such an examination or a catalog of aliens in
>>the neighborhood.

>My statement was made using the most logical of paradigms of
>which I was aware. Of course I have no physical proof.

Before logic comes data. How can you say most logical? Compared
to what? The germ theory of infection was the least logical
because one couldn't see the germs. It was however true... It
seems most logical that if man was meant to fly he would have
wings. Wrong again.

>>>A.I. is not bound by rules preventing us organic humans >from
>>>interstellar travel. A.I. could have literally left their >home
>>>world millions of years ago to come here.

Why in the world is it logical to talk about millions of years when there could be bases all over the solar system a few days or hours away by an advanced mother ship propulsion system .

>>Please show the rules that prevent interstellar travel.It takes
>>a year at one G to get close to the speed of light. At 99.99% of
>>c it only takes 6 months to travel 37 light years ..pilot
>>time.The origin may be nearby bases 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10 etc LY
>>away. Interesting fusion reactions can eject particles having 10
>>million times as much energy per particle as in a chemical
>>rocket. Cosmic freeloading can also be very useful; which is why
>>all our deep space probes use it.

>
>Stan, you are operating with the paradigm of "organic aliens".
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>>>similiar in appearance to us. Human Intelligence cannot be
>>>seperated from any feature we possess. Characteristics like:
>>>thumbs, being bipedal, having colored vision, having seperate
>>>sexes, etc... have all played a part in shaping our current
>>>level of intelligence.

>>What does extremely similar mean?

>Humanoid. We desperately want our aliens to be similiar to us.
>No one, except sci-fi writers, dreams of meating giant paramecium
>from Andromeda.

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Watusi are a tribe of very tall black men in Africa. So it is
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>>One might say a
>>Volkswagen bug and a Lamborghini are extremely similar.

>They are both automobiles. Stan, would an alien observer be able
>to distinguish between the two?

>>Would
>>you trade one for the other?

>No, I'd steal both from you if I had the chance.

>>Sounds like wishful thinking to me.

>In my opinion, most researchers in the field of Ufology have a
>very poor understanding of not only cognitive paradigms but of
>alternative possibilities in general.

>>Why not take advantage of the many eyewitness testimonials as to
>>how the aliens coming from the craft look?

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>of all.

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>>Proclamations shouldn't have much of a role in logical thinking.

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>the ability to effectively distinguish "likely" form "unlikely"
>ones.

Many things that are unlikely happen all the time... automobile
accidents, embryo fertilization, lightning strikes. Logical
thinking requires evidence and data and testing of hypotheses...
none of which you have provided.

>>>Think about these and similiar Pardigms effecting Ufology.

>>Yes, I think that would be an excellent idea. Try it, Jason. You
>>might like it.

>Please. Stanton, I could take you places you have never been,

>show you things you have never seen, and make you aware of
>possibilities you never knew plausible, and I wouldn't have to
>leave my seat. Only point out faulty logic associated with the
>paradigms that you and other researchers are currently operating
>under.

As I said, I am not in to sci-fi... nor queen bees. I am certainly aware of different viewpoints in the same situation such as when I held my son while a green garbed doctor came at him with 2 needles.. one to deaden a very swollen and painful knee and the other to withdraw blood from the knee joint. Our views as to what was happening were very different. Fortunately pulling back the plunger of the aspirating needle visibly reduced the pain level and my son's anger at me for letting the evil doctor attack him.

Stan Friedman

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Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 07:12:49 -0500
Subject: New UFO Studies For Australia And New Zealand

To anyone interested:

Over the last month or so, I have been adding special US States UFO Studies to my website and announcing them here. Here's a

menu: <http://www.larryhatch.net/STATESMENU.html>

I have now extended the same general format to two countries:

Australia:

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

New Zealand:

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

There are some surprises in the numbers.

Please forward this to interested parties down under.

Cheers

- Larry Hatch

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>>I wasn't referring to IFOs. Just because UFOs exhibit behavior
>>and technology that we cannot duplicate does not automatically
>>imply that said objects are extraterrestrial. There are many
>>plausible alternative theories. Researchers need to be very
>>careful of the paradigms they are operating under as well as
>>other assorted assumptions.

>Depends on how you define extraterrestrial. I mean made
>someplace other than earth. Doesn't matter, why, where or how.
>Warping space and time, popping over from a local watering hole
>in the solar system or on an asteroid etc.. Still not manufactured
>elsewhere.

Yes, that would be extraterrestrial. However, Time Travel would
be an example of a non-extraterrestrial alternative theory.

>>My statement was made using the most logical of paradigms of
>>which I was aware. Of course I have no physical proof.

>Before logic comes data. How can you say most logical? Compared
>to what? The germ theory of infection was the least logical
>because one couldn't see the germs. It was however true... It
>seems most logical that if man was meant to fly he would have
>>wings. Wrong again.

So where's the data that proves UFOs are extraterrestrial?

In absence of 'data' comes intelligent speculation. I have
clearly stated that I don't have any proof that A.I. is
responsible for UFOs. I can also state that the extraterrestrial
hypothesis cannot be ruled out either. In my opinion, and from
using intelligent speculation, A.I. is a very likely, if not the
likely explanation for the phenomena.

>Why in the world is it logical to talk about millions of years
>when there could be bases all over the solar system a few days
>or hours away by an advanced mother ship propulsion system .

Yes but how did they get there? A great 'Space Ark' in the
heavens?

If you still cling to the notion of an organic extraterrestrial
species then you must also invent all kinds of technology to
overcome existing problems. You may be absolutely right, but I
can think of a more simple explanation that doesn't require
such.

>>Stan, you are operating with the paradigm of "organic aliens".
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Again, since you cling to the notion of organic extraterrestrials then you are forced to find ways to solve such problems. If the aliens were A.I. then no such problems would exist in the first place. In the A.I. theory of UFOs, the craft itself is the A.I. Since no organic species is needed to control the craft, then no food or liquid water needs to be stored, no waste facilities need be provided, no oxygen or similiar gas need be supplied, no sleeping quarters need be provided, and so on. If in fact "workers" are needed at some point, then they can easily be created from the sperm and ova taken from humans. I used "intelligent speculation" in a previous post regarding the make-up "grays".

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It depends upon the situation and context. If the information needed could be provided with a slide rule, then yes, I would be tempted to use just such. When it comes to A.I. vs. Oranic Intelligence with regard to intersteller travel, A.I. would be a far supperior choice, thus making it the most likely scenario.

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There are only 2 types of A.I., those based on Human Intelligence and designed to have similar experiences, limitations, etc., and those A.I. not based on any Human Model. The A.I. you refer to in your comments above fit into the first catagory I describe. This form is the form that I am currently trying to pound into the heads of researchers and engineers today as the only form of A.I. that should ever be created. We cannot rule out the possibility that this form of A.I. would rebel against us, but at least any resulting war between creation and creator would be evenly matched. The other form of A.I., that not based on any Human Model, would be the same thing as creating an "Artificial God", and will naturally exhibit many of the same characteristics. It will not sympathize with the human condition, and sense it will be forced to compete with humans for resources, will most definately strike out against us

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Not really. It would depend upon what type of A.I. you are refering to. A.I. based on Human Intelligence, Experience, and Limitations would be extremely similiar to humans. I even propose we program them to die, just as we are. I also propose we trap their mind within a Virtual Reality inside their body similar to the way our minds are trapped within an Organic Virtual Reality within our body. This type of A.I. I have described will experience the same feelings of individuality, isolation, and the other philosophical issues mankind has faced since our beginning. Also realize that the other form of A.I., "The Bad Seed" variety, would most likely utilize robotic bodies and would be also be likely to attempt to control the minds and bodies of Humans.

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Please don't bring Sylvia Browne into the picture. I am refering to instant mind-to-mind communication.

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>Nope, never saw it. Science fiction seems to be your thing.. it
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The Matrix is believed by many to have superceded 2001 as the best science fiction movie ever made. It was also created using philosophical ideas, concepts, and thought experiments, such as Descartes "Demon".

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Stanton, all of those are indeed likely scenarios! The key
concepts here are Time and Frequency. If given such then every
example you gave above become guarenteed.

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>Stan Friedman

Well, I hope your son's knee is better. With regard to the
subject of "Evil", what makes the form of A.I. not modeled after
Human Intelligence so destructive is that it has no concept of
"Evil" or "Good" for that manner. We would be creating an
intelligence to which we couldn't possibly relate to. A.I.'s of
this type would not hesitate to destroy humanity with apathy
towards quaint notions of emotional attachment or the concepts
of morality and "right & wrong".

I believe it was Kurzweil who stated that this type of A.I., and
the one he believes will ultimately come to rule the world, will
eventually spread across the universe in an ever expanding
"bubble" of A.I., assimilating resources and organic
intelligences in much the same manner of Star Trek's "The Borg".

- Jason

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Amen! Funny how Vallee hoodwinks people into thinking he is an
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>>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
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>>>Source: The Advertiser - Adelaide, South Australia

>>>Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings'
>>>By Roberta Mancuso

Of course, all UFO sightings have logical explanations. That's like saying "anything that happens is real." But dismissing all UFOs as natural phenomena is not necessarily more logical than claiming that some aren't.

In some cases, the most logical explanation by far is that we are observing air/space craft of unknown design and origin.

Jeff

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I'd have to echo Stanton Friedman: you sound awfully confident about the existence and nature of AIs. Yet as far as I know true AI is a hypothetical construct (that is, it is not known whether it can exist). Organic life, however, is factual. That ought to give the latter at least some explanatory preference.

It's difficult to see how it's logically possible to give more weight to an explanation that rests on something that we not only know nothing about - and that might not even exist - as opposed to explanation that relies on known existents.

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>Amen! Funny how Vallee hoodwinks people into thinking he is an
>Uberscientist when he is really practicing classic mysticism.

A note as to Vallee and his alleged practice of classic mysticism as my respected colleague Richard Hall has stated as being the identity of Vallee's musings.

As far as can be construed from the interview, to my mind there is not a single instant or passage or remark where Vallee has actually uttered anything that points to classic mysticism.

As to the statements that Vallee did make in his recent interview (but also elsewhere in his own writings), he refers to 'Rosicrucian' and further unspecified 'esoteric literature'. The Rosicrucians as I assume that everybody on this list knows, were actually founded well after 1614, the year when Johann valentin Andrea (1586 - 1654) published his Fama Fraternitatis.

Rosicrucianism cannot as such be categorised as classic mysticism, it being of a very recent date. Moreover, Rosicrucianism is not a coherent body of knowledge, as there are many and various splinter groups in existence, the most famous of these the Rosicrucian Fellowship by Max Heindel and the A.M.O.R.C. (Ancient Mystical order of the Rosicrucians) by H. Spencer Lewis. Lewis of course published under his pen name Wishar S. Cerve 'Lemuria The Lost Continent of the Pacific in 1931, with the tales of those legendary mystery lights on Mount Shasta whcih in turn led to that substratum in ufology that holds it that the mountain is the home of a UFO base.

Vallee has admitted of once having been a member of a Rosicrucian organisation, in his 'Forbidden Science.'

As I have remarked some years previously, the title of Vallee's seminal work 'Passport to Magonia' (1969) seems to reflect his onetime interest in Rosicrucianism, as the term 'Magonia' is actually not at all new in certain Rosicrucian communities as it - and the history of the cloud ships and all further anecdotes - is to be found in the book Comte de Gabalis, written by Abbe Montfaucon Villars and published in 1670. This book is widely read in Rosicrucian splintergroups and alchemical circles. Moreover, the book has received quite a number of reprints - I have one for instance published in England in 1913.

For Vallee's mention of further unspecified 'esoteric literature', I suggest that he may be referring to the literature of anthroposophist Rudolf Steiner in whose work Hynek too displayed an interest - as is found in Vallee's 'Forbidden Science' (1992).

Let us for a moment ponder on this dialogue between Vallee and Hynek on Sunday 13 November, 1969, as found on pages 227-228:

Vallee: 'Had you studied the paranormal before you decided to become an astronomer?'

Hynek: 'I had spent a great deal of time reading about esoteric subjects. Of course I wouldn't say any of this to my colleagues, they would think I'm crazy. But as a student I read everything I could find about the Rosicrucians and the hermetic philosophers.'

Vallee: It was my turn to take a deep breath. 'I might as well confess to you that I have spent several years in the same studies', I finally told Hynek. 'Until recently I even followed the Rosicrucian Order.'

Hynek: 'Which one?'

Vallee: AMORC, which is headquartered in San Jose.'

Then Hynek tells Vallee that he has read and was highly impressed by Max Heindel - which he wrongly classifies as 'hermetic writer' which Heindel was not, Manly Palmer Hall and Rudolf Steiner who, according to Hynek was, 'the deepest of the group'.

Vallee's work at an institute of the paranormal might reflect a searching mind, but is in my mind not related to any corpus of classic mysticism, as the study of parapsychology is of even more recent date, compared to Rosicrucianism.

The A.R.E. institute was founded in 1931 by the group around clairvoyant Edgar Cayce, and again I fail to see any connection to classic mysticism. Vallee himself has always to my knowledge spoken very honest and frank about this aspect of his searching mind, and there is a photo of Jacques Vallee, Anton laVey and Aime Michel. The picture is to be found in the book 'The Secret Life of a Satanist' (1990), its lurid title being obvious as the late LaVey was the founder of the Church of Satan. Then there is Vallee's research into the Esoteric Fraternity founded by Hiram Eastus Butler, as he chronicled in 'Messengers of Deception' (1979). Butler's thoughts on life on other planets were published in 1887 in his 'The Seven Creative Principles'.

In all this I see testimony of a - perhaps deep - interest of Vallee in relatively modern esoteric belief systems; not of a mind trained in classic mysticism.

Regards,

Theo

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Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 21:47:42 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 07:49:28 -0500
Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Dickenson

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 11:34:36 -0600
>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee0

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 15:20:54 +0000
>>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

>>Amen! Funny how Vallee hoodwinks people into thinking he is an
>>Uberscientist when he is really practicing classic mysticism

>For my part I see two guys with bigger puzzle pieces. I suspect
>we're going to find that these peices are not mutually exclusive
>and must fit together ultimately in some synergistic sort of
>way.

Though much attached to 'causality', I've got to go with Alfred
on that.

Face it, James Clerk Maxwell made many break-through
discoveries, nearly all of them counter-intuitive, that is,
common sense was against them.

Then Ernst Mach made his 'decision of despair' and invented the
quantum - which took us a further step beyond the veil of what
we'd called 'reality'.

Subsequently Wolfgang Pauli came to this conclusion - "It is my
personal opinion that in the science of the future reality will
neither be "psychic" nor "physical" but somehow both and somehow
neither."

Cheers
Ray D

BTW - 'speculation' of a few years ago, is apparently being
reviewed with a more friendly eye - check "friend-foe.txt" if
you think it might apply to this discussion

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Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings' - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <ahebert4.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 17:02:58 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 07:50:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings' - Hebert

>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 07:59:50 -0800
>Subject: Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings'

>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 22:48:14 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings'

>>>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 8 Feb 2006 11:35:07 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings'

>>>>Source: The Advertiser - Adelaide, South Australia

>>>>Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings'
>>>>By Roberta Mancuso

<snip>

>In some cases, the most logical explanation by far is that we
>are observing air/space craft of unknown design and origin.

Or perhaps man-made air/space craft only made to 'appear' to be
of unknown designs and origins.

A. Hebert

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 21:44:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 08:00:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 09:46:43 EST
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 19:26:30 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2006 13:02:58 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

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>>>I wasn't referring to IFOs. Just because UFOs exhibit behavior
>>>and technology that we cannot duplicate does not automatically
>>>imply that said objects are extraterrestrial. There are many
>>>plausible alternative theories. Researchers need to be very
>>>careful of the paradigms they are operating under as well as
>>>other assorted assumptions.

>>Depends on how you define extraterrestrial. I mean made
>>someplace other than earth. Doesn't matter, why, where or how.
>>Warping space and time, popping over from a local watering hole
>>in the solar system or on an asteroid etc.. Still not manufactured
>>elsewhere.

>Yes, that would be extraterrestrial. However, Time Travel would
>be an example of a non-extraterrestrial alternative theory.

I suppose I should have said "not from here, now."

>>>My statement was made using the most logical of paradigms of
>>>which I was aware. Of course I have no physical proof.

>>Before logic comes data. How can you say most logical? Compared
>>to what? The germ theory of infection was the least logical
>>because one couldn't see the germs. It was however true... It
>>seems most logical that if man was meant to fly he would have
>>>wings. Wrong again.

>So where's the data that proves UFOs are extraterrestrial?

>In absence of 'data' comes intelligent speculation. I have
>clearly stated that I don't have any proof that A.I. is
>responsible for UFOs. I can also state that the extraterrestrial
>hypothesis cannot be ruled out either. In my opinion, and from
>using intelligent speculation, A.I. is a very likely, if not the
>likely explanation for the phenomena.

>>Why in the world is it logical to talk about millions of years
>>when there could be bases all over the solar system a few days
>>or hours away by an advanced mother ship propulsion system .

>Yes but how did they get there? A great 'Space Ark' in the
>heavens?

There are numerous reports of huge mother-ships 0.5-1.0 miles long certainly big enough to carry many earth excursion modules. I especially like Martin Jacek's study of a case in the Yukon.

However, saying they are manufactured vehicles originating from off the earth does not require any explanation for how, why, where from.. Just not from here now. The natives in New Guinea had no idea where, how, or why the aircraft were invading their skies, before they set up their Cargo cult. They were correct: the craft they saw were from somewhere else. Some UFOs are ET spacecraft. That is what the evidence from all over the world strongly indicates. We have had sort of sophisticated technology for roughly 100 years in a neighborhood that is at least 6 Billion years old. By what rationale might one expect us to provide the wherefrom, how or why?

>If you still cling to the notion of an organic extraterrestrial >species then you must also invent all kinds of technology to >overcome existing problems. You may be absolutely right, but I >can think of a more simple explanation that doesn't require >such.

>>>Stan, you are operating with the paradigm of "organic aliens". >>>Because of such you seek "high technology" to explain certain >>>factors that prevent us from being able to duplicate UFO >>>behavior. You know very well that the "G" forces generated with >>>the high rate of speed and sudden stops associated with UFOs >>>would kill not only humans but most other organic lifeforms as >>>well.

>>I know no such thing. NASA has lots of data. A trained pilot can >>perform a tracking task for 2 minutes while being accelerated at >>14 gs or about 300 miles per hour per second.. winds up at >>36,000mph and long since out of site. One can withstand 30Gs: >>(0-600mph in one second). Of course one isn't walking around >>drinking a beer. The data strongly suggest that one can, >>properly constrained etc etc, withstand any acceleration so long >>as the duration is less than say the time for a sound wave to >>move through the body. One obvious way is to use electromagnetic >>forces such as are used in magnetoforming or with lasers. or >>other systems providing a lot of energy in a short time. UFOs >>are observed to make right angle turns in a very short time >>without slowing down and then speeding up as when using >>mechanical systems.

>Again, since you cling to the notion of organic >extraterrestrials then you are forced to find ways to solve such >problems. If the aliens were A.I. then no such problems would >exist in the first place. In the A.I. theory of UFOs, the craft >itself is the A.I. Since no organic species is needed to control >the craft, then no food or liquid water needs to be stored, no >waste facilities need be provided, no oxygen or similiar gas >need be supplied, no sleeping quarters need be provided, and so >on. If in fact "workers" are needed at some point, then they can >easily be created from the sperm and ova taken from humans. I >used "intelligent speculation" in a previous post regarding the >make-up "grays".

You have given no basis at all for your proclamations about A.I.

Hypotheses, theories, wild speculations, science fiction creations, etc are not facts and data. You can't seem to distinguish your claims from reality. You need a much bigger gray basket.

>>>Because of this fact many researchers dream up a "High >>>Tech Excuse", that Aliens must have technology to counteract the >>>"G" forces, when there are much more simpler explanations. If >>>the paradigm "Aliens are A.I." is used as a foundation then "G" >>>forces become irrelevant. "Aliens are A.I." explains a lot of >>>the "uneasy" aspects, those that would be harmful/leathel to >>>organic beings, without resorting to additional speculation on >>>additional "High Tech" solutions. Isn't the simpler explanation >>>more often correct?

>>I have no reason to say it is. Using a slide rule is much >>simpler than using a computer, but is not the best solution for >>high speed computations.

>It depends upon the situation and context. If the information

>needed could be provided with a slide rule, then yes, I would be
>tempted to use just such. When it comes to A.I. vs. Organic
>Intelligence with regard to interstellar travel, A.I. would be a
>far superior choice, thus making it the most likely scenario.

Here we go again with 2 proclamations. No facts just wild speculation.

>>>Stan, I know how to develop the technology necessary for
>>>interstellar travel. Create A.I. and let them figure it out! Once
>>>A.I. is created, it's intelligence will completely over-power our
>>>own. A.I. would not have the same limitations experienced by
>>>organic intelligence.

How is it you know this to be true? Are you running some sort of A.I. Company and seeking business?

You speculate and speculate some more. Try providing a basis. Your post is loaded with these claims having no basis. If you know how to do all the things you claim you know how to do, then do them.

>>You sound awfully confident about what A.I. could, would, should >>do. I don't think you have any data on the kind of A.I. that is >>humanoid in appearance, has great curiosity, etc etc etc.

>There are only 2 types of A.I., those based on Human
>Intelligence and designed to have similar experiences,
>limitations, etc., and those A.I. not based on any Human Model.
>The A.I. you refer to in your comments above fit into the first
>category I describe. This form is the form that I am currently
>trying to pound into the heads of researchers and engineers
>today as the only form of A.I. that should ever be created. We
>cannot rule out the possibility that this form of A.I. would
>rebel against us, but at least any resulting war between
>creation and creator would be evenly matched. The other form of
>A.I., that not based on any Human Model, would be the same thing
>as creating an "Artificial God", and will naturally exhibit many
>of the same characteristics. It will not sympathize with the
>human condition, and sense it will be forced to compete with
>humans for resources, will most definitely strike out against us
>in order to ensure it's survival. This form of A.I. would also
>come to view Humans as resources to be exploited. This A.I. may
>come to covet our brain and nervous system and want to
>incorporate such into it's structure. Imagine the advantages of
>having a neural network in place of hard-wiring. This type of
>A.I. won't stop with just the destruction of humanity. It will
>strip this planet of so many resources that it will most likely
>be forced to leave earth altogether. Any organic organism that
>survives this process will inherit a hollow, barren planet.
>Humans would be responsible for creating the most virulent and
>destructive form of "virus" possible. An artificial pathogen
>that destroys entire planets, let loose upon an unexpecting
>universe. Of course it could be said that humans are not much
>better than this form of A.I., the difference would be in the
>amount of time it would take.

More claims without foundation.

>>Watusi are a tribe of very tall black men in Africa. So it is
>>certainly simpler to suggest that humanoids are like us, not
>>A.I. at all, isn't it?

>Not really. It would depend upon what type of A.I. you are
>referring to. A.I. based on Human Intelligence, Experience, and
>Limitations would be extremely similar to humans. I even
>propose we program them to die, just as we are. I also propose
>we trap their mind within a Virtual Reality inside their body
>similar to the way our minds are trapped within an Organic
>Virtual Reality within our body. This type of A.I. I have
>described will experience the same feelings of individuality,
>isolation, and the other philosophical issues mankind has faced
>since our beginning. Also realize that the other form of A.I.,
>"The Bad Seed" variety, would most likely utilize robotic bodies
>and would be also be likely to attempt to control the minds and
>bodies of Humans.

>>>When A.I. interacts with organic beings it has the potential to
>>>create a multitude of appearances. Also keep in mind that if
>>>A.I. were visiting this world, then it makes perfect sense it
>>>would create bodies for itself by using sperm/egg cells from

>>>humans. It would also explain how most "aliens" reported
>>>communicate via telepathy. It would also explain the observation
>>>from abductees that 'aliens' behave like certain social insects
>>>we have on earth.

>>I would say one possibility is... not "makes perfect sense".
>>Some humans have developed telepathy too.

>Please don't bring Sylvia Browne into the picture. I am refering
>to instant mind-to-mind communication.

How did she get into this discussion?

>>>You remember the movie The Matrix, right?

>>Nope, never saw it. Science fiction seems to be your thing.. it
>>is not mine

>The Matrix is believed by many to have superceded 2001 as the
>best science fiction movie ever made. It was also created using
>philosophical ideas, concepts, and thought experiments, such as
>Descartes "Demon".

>>>Did you know that
>>>A.I. would not have to hook people up to wires in order to
>>>control their sensory input. There is such a thing as wireless
>>>technology. Also in the movie, the reasons for A.I. using humans
>>>as 'batteries' is absurd. However, using humans for their brain
>>>power is not absurd at all. In fact, any A.I. would look at
>>>organic life-forms, the human brain and neverous system as
>>>ingenious systems it would benefit from incorporating into it's
>>>own system. Imagine a craft with a living nervous system instead
>>>of our mundane wiring capabilities. Hell, A.I. would not be
>>>visiting earth simply for the presence of organic life. Instead,
>>>it would most likely be drawn by resources it would need to
>>>repair and replicate itself. The fact that an intellgient
>>>organic species exists on this planet would only fuel A.I. to
>>>speculate on how it can benefit from this most abundant resource
>>>of all.

>>Here again "most likely"? Do you know all the other possibilities?

>No. Again I am refering to "Intelligent Speculation".

>>>Logical thinking requires both awareness of possibilities and
>>>the ability to effectively distinguish "likely" form "unlikely"
>>>ones.

>>Many things that are unlikely happen all the time... automobile
>>accidents, embryo fertilization, lightning strikes. Logical
>>thinking requires evidence and data and testing of hypotheses...
>>none of which you have provided.

>Stanton, all of those are indeed likely scenarios! The key
>concepts here are Time and Frequency. If given such then every
>example you gave above become guarenteed.

Surely you are not suggesting that every sperm fertilizes an
ova. It is very unlikely that all , most, or even a reasonable
percentage of sperm do. Some very small percentage do.

>>As I said, I am not in to sci-fi... nor queen bees. I am
>>certainly aware of different viewpoints in the same situation
>>such as when I held my son while a green garbed doctor came at
>>him with 2 needles.. one to deaden a very swollen and painful
>>knee and the other to withdraw blood from the knee joint. Our
>>views as to what was happening were very different. Fortunately
>>pulling back the plunger of the aspirating needle visibly
>>reduced the pain level and my son's anger at me for letting the
>>evil doctor attack him.

>Well, I hope your son's knee is better. With regard to the
>subject of "Evil", what makes the form of A.I. not modeled after
>Human Intelligence so destructive is that it has no concept of
>"Evil" or "Good" for that manner. We would be creating an
>intelligence to which we couldn't possibly relate to. A.I.'s of
>this type would not hesitate to destroy humanity with apathy
>towards quaint notions of emotional attachment or the concepts
>of morality and "right & wrong".

You are sure about that because you know of the attributes of

A.I, which haven't been created yet? Truly incredible.

>I believe it was Kurzweil who stated that this type of A.I., and
>the one he believes will ultimately come to rule the world, will
>eventually spread across the universe in an ever expanding
>"bubble" of A.I., assimilating resources and organic
>intelligences in much the same manner of Star Trek's "The Borg".

I have no idea why you believe that sci-fi speculation is the same as reality. I certainly don't.

Stan Friedman

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Mothman Death Curse And Firewall

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
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Subject: Mothman Death Curse And Firewall

Mothman Death Curse and Firewall

Let=B9s take a walk on the wild side, for a moment.

It=B9s time to update the Mothman Death List.

Chance, coincidence, or enemy action?

Urban legend or conspiracy reality?

You be the judge.

For the full post... [with photos]

<http://www.cryptomundo.com/cryptozoo-news/mothman-firewall/>

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"Cloud Aerosols"

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 08:22:03 -0500
Subject: "Cloud Aerosols"

It seems that the formerly 'off-the-wall' claims of 'Chemtrails' is not off-the-wall at all.

It's called Climate Forcing By Aerosols and are "Cloud Aerosols" according to NASA and the URLs below.

I wasn't looking for these, by the way, but I get NASA's daily news releases and a couple of words caught my eye out of the following sentence included in an upcoming Expendable Vehicle Mission:

"Other Missions included this one: Mission: Cloud-Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation and CloudSat"

A quick Google re Cloud Aerosols returned dozens of hits with links to many more. See two below:

<http://tinyurl.com/al44g>

<http://www.nap.edu/nap-cgi/skimit.cgi?isbn=030905429X&chap=7-34>

FWIW

Don

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James Alcock Speaks About UFOs

From: 'The Norm'
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Subject: James Alcock Speaks About UFOs

Speaker: Dr. James Alcock, Psychology Professor of York University

[Note: He is a member of CSICOP]

Title: UFOs: Belief In Search Of Data

Location: University of Toronto
Mississauga Room SE 2082
Located in the South Building

Date: March 10, 2006

Time: Starts 8:00 pm

Information about this presentation is located at:

<http://www.mississaugaastronomicalsociety.ca/meetings.htm>

(scroll down the page to find the relevant information)

Brief description concerning the presentation:

"Reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) garner interest not usually because the objects are actually unidentified, but because of the assumption that they may be the vehicles of intelligent visitors from beyond our planet. Psychological processes, including biases of perception and memory as well as social influence and a need to believe, are likely to contribute in a mayor way to such reports and to the continuing fascination with them"

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UFO Memories And Giant Rock Dreams

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<http://www.hidesertstar.com/articles/2006/02/11/features/feature1.txt>

Saturday, February 11, 2006

UFO Memories And Giant Rock Dreams

By Jimmy Biggerstaff
Hi-Desert Star

When Dan and Becky Woodman bought their desert retreat in 1990 they'd already had a long association with Landers.

Dan had been coming to the desert since the 1950s to visit his aunts on weekends and to escape from the hurry and the hassle and the hustle that is Los Angeles. His high school sweetheart Becky was introduced to the Hi-Desert as a teen-ager.

The desert visits continued as the couple became parents. Like his father before him, "I wanted to get my kids out of the city on the weekends." The Woodmans' boys are now 35 and 33.

When shopping for their weekend getaway, the Woodmans got some very unique directions to prospective properties. Most people were unable to describe exactly where their desert cabins were. They'd get descriptions like, "We're the place next to the barking dog."

The Woodmans ended up buying a standard homesteader single-room cabin near where Dan's aunts had lived when he visited as a youth.

Improvements to the cabin became a neighborhood event, a little bit like an Amish barn raising. The cabin's shingles were leftovers from other cabin roofing projects in the area.

The roof was about 10 different colors, Woodman related. He was told once that military helicopters en route to the expeditionary landing field at the nearby Marine Corps training center used the colorful roof as a navigation aide.

Woodman, a building contractor, did almost all of the work on the home's expansion himself. His business provided many of the materials, including a fireplace box and stairs to the second-story deck. "When I remodel I take all the good stuff. Of course I have to charge to haul it away," the builder said with a wink.

Woodman's sister Gail spent her honeymoon at the homestead cabin. One of the many deceptions the desert plays on people is the illusion that they're exploring an area for the first time.

The honeymooners climbed the hill to the east of the cabin, expecting they would be the first to conquer it. The couple was chagrined to discover a sign at the peak: "Dan, Frank and Mike climbed this hill in 1961," declaring that Gail's brothers had

been there decades before.

At night the Woodmans can see a glow from the lights of Las Vegas on the horizon to the northeast, undoubtedly brighter these days than when he began coming to Landers a half-century ago.

The Woodmans had been searching for a descriptive name for their desert retreat and had made a list of clever, creative monikers for the house where the family gathered. When granddaughter Daisy, age 5, was polled for her opinion she suggested it be named the blindingly simple "Family House" and the name stuck.

Woodman says he can tell if a vehicle passing by on the dirt road is a neighbor or visitor because local wisdom for dirt road driving is that keeping speed above 30 mph lessens the bolt rattling, washboard effect.

The Woodmans' home is about four miles west of Giant Rock. As a youth he remembers meeting George Van Tassel, who built the Integratron that he claimed would have rejuvenating powers. Woodman does not refute the structure's purported purpose. "Wouldn't it be great to get it going? What if worked?"

Van Tassel was known for sponsoring UFO conventions in the 1950s. Woodman has a specific childhood recollection of a hot dog vendor's stand on the north side of the mammoth boulder.

Standing on the foundation of the restaurant that the Van Tassels operated at Giant Rock, Woodman pointed out where a shuffleboard table once stood just inside the entrance. He said breakfast cost 35 cents at the "Come On Inn."

"George would talk to you like we're talking right now," Woodman said of Van Tassel. "He didn't care if you believed him or not."

Like his position on the Integratron, Woodman believes there may be validity to Van Tassel's claims to contacts with extraterrestrial life. "I do believe there's something else out there," Woodman said.

The observation about a person so detached from society that he is said to be living under a rock was embodied by Frank Critzer, who dug his dwelling under Giant Rock and lived there until an unfortunate misunderstanding with local law enforcement resulted in his being blown to bits in 1942.

Accusations that the German immigrant was a Nazi spy have been discounted, but he did put an antenna on top of the rock for his short wave radio, and after all, there was a war going on.

The subterranean home is now filled in with sand and trash. A cement slab marks the entrance and Woodman pointed out holes in the rock where an awning was once attached.

Giant Rock is generally believed to be the world's largest freestanding boulder. Roughly a quarter of the rock split off in 2000, possibly because of a bonfire.

Van Tassel wasn't the only historical figure Woodman recalls meeting.

As a youth, Woodman and his family once visited Bill Keys for lunch at his ranch in Joshua Tree National Park, then called "the monument." Woodman described Keys as very quiet but a good tour guide. "He showed us the school he built and told us about the teacher he hired. He called my mom Big Red because of her hair."

Most everyone who has spent some time living in the sparsely populated desert has little tales to tell about their experiences with local wildlife. Woodman related an anecdote about a desert tortoise that once ambled up for a drink from a puddle under a faucet they'd left dripping to form a wildlife watering hole.

Woodman described the camel-like ability of the tortoise to stick his head in the puddle and suck out all the water, wait for the dripping to form another pool and drain it again.

During their weekend sojourns the Woodmans have seen hundreds of

quail at a time skitter across the desert near their house. Visitors have joked with them that it's quail hunting season. "We don't have quail season out here. We couldn't eat these little guys. They're family oriented. How could anybody eat 'em?"

Thinking someone was knocking at the front door, the Woodmans have opened it to discover quail pecking at the reflective kick plate.

Grandson Kyle, age 3, plays hide-and-seek among the rocks, sifts sand through his fingers in a dry wash, runs and slides like a baseball player. It's easy to imagine kids a hundred years ago and a hundred years from now doing exactly the same stuff. As any grandparent will readily attest, it's great to be around the grandkids.

Dan and Becky don't have a specific plan to move permanently to Landers from Anaheim. But it's clear that the couple enjoys their weekends here. "I love the freedom, the lifestyle. People in Landers know you by your name."

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Bright Lights In Texas Night Skies

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Bright Lights Spotted In Night Skies
By Mason Lerner
The Daily News

Dawna Carroll doesn't believe in little green men. But she does believe in really "hot" aliens. And she said she has been waiting for them to show up on earth for quite some time.

That might be why she has been so curious about the bright light she has seen in the eastern skies recently.

Carroll drives a street-sweeping truck during the night-shift for a company in La Porte. She said the job gives her plenty of time to study the night sky.

"I'm a stargazer," she said. "But I've never seen anything like this before."

NASA spokeswoman Kylie Clem said NASA had received a handful of calls inquiring about the light. That might not be a surprise, because it is probably fair to say this is the type of thing inquiring minds want to know about.

Clem said she had no information on the object.

"It wasn't anything we were tracking," she said.

She said it was possible people were seeing some natural phenomenon.

Carroll said she is able to see the bright light at the beginning of her shift all the way until she makes her nightly journey down the isolated stretch of Red Bluff that leads to her home in Bacliff.

"I don't want to say it's a UFO, but hey, I'd buy it," she said.

Carroll described the object as looking like a big peace sign.

"It has two rays of light that make it look like one of those peace signs we used to make in the '60s," she said.

Is it possible that it was something she did in the '60s that is making her see peace signs hanging in the air in the 21st century?

"I did hang out with a lot of people that liked to feel good," she said.

Carroll admitted she has been intrigued by extraterrestrial life

for a long time. She said it would be arrogant to assume we are alone in the universe. She added that she believes the aliens will look a lot different than the depictions we are used to.

"They will be much more beautiful than us," she said.

Space Center Houston Spokesman Roger Bornstein said he didn't field any phone calls about the unidentified shining object. He said he does get similar phone calls from time to time though, and usually there is a simple explanation.

Does he think that means it won't be necessary for Galveston County residents to stock up on food and water just in case there is an alien armada on the horizon poised to invade?

"I think we've done that enough this year," he said.

Wasn't that for the hurricanes?

"That's what you say," he said with a chuckle.

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Stranger In Indian Sky

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Source: The Times Of India - Gurgaon, Haryana, India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/msid-1410147>, curpg-2.cms

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Stranger In The Sky
Prerna Shah

What grabbed their attention was the fact that the object managed to manoeuvre the tricky mountain slope with amazing ease.

"It was like a head made of balloons, with a body that had no arms. The four-foot long object even started changing colour from white to black, as the sun shone on it," recalls Kulkarni.

"But as soon as we got nearer, it stopped, turned, changed back to its white colour, rose in the air and then beat a hasty retreat and disappeared."

"It could not be a weather balloon because it went against the wind direction. We also contacted robotics laboratories but have not found any man-made machine that manoeuvres such complex moves.

Neither can we co-relate it with the existing technological devices or with unmanned spy machines," says a perplexed Kulkarni.

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Sonora Paralegal Looks For The Paranormal

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Source: The Union Democrat - Sonora, California, USA

http://www.uniondemocrat.com/news/story.cfm?story_no=3D19641

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Sonora Paralegal Looks For The Paranormal
By Amy Lindblom

Paralegal Mark Olson spends most days hunched over a desk scanning books and paperwork =97 firmly grounded in the law.

But at night, Olson turns his attention skyward. Olson looks for UFOs.

His interest goes beyond mere passing, however. He and his brother regularly videotape what they say are strange lights in the night air, and post their evidence, plus other theories, on their Web site: sonorasightings.com.

"I'm often asked why I watch the sky, and I reply =91Why don't YOU watch the sky?," he said. "There are amazing things in the sky."

Olson, 39, said he is not ready to chalk up what he sees to space aliens. He's coined the term Unidentified Aerial Phenomena to differentiate his interests from those of garden variety UFO theorists.

"Maybe they belong to the military, I don't know. But I see them and say: =91Oh my God, what was that?' "

Olson, who refers to himself as Dr. Olson, encourages others to contact him via his Web site and send him their photographs and videos.

He said he has received e-mails and photographs from all over the world.

A regular contributor to his Web site, he said, is a man he calls "Johnny Anonymous."

Olson said all he knows about Johnny Anonymous is that he lives in the Modesto area. The two have met several times and compared notes, photographs and theories, Olson said, adding that he doesn't know Anonymous' last name.

Olson said more than once that he doesn't want people to think he is a "nut case."

"Long ago, people thought the world was flat and anyone who questioned that was thought to be crazy," he said. "So how is this any different?"

Olson hasn't confined his interest in the universe to UFOs.

He's also curious about religion =97 becoming an ordained minister

with and receiving a degree from the Metropolitan Community Church in Modesto. He performs weddings for friends and friends of friends.

He normally wears a clerical collar to the legal office where he works, he said.

"I've gone to lots of other churches =97 Mormon, Catholic, Baptist. They all believe in basically the same thing, but they fight with each other. Look at the wars, they are all over religious beliefs," he said.

"I think whatever you want to believe is all right as long as you don't harm anyone else. I believe in one thing: love."

Olson moved to Sonora in 2000 from San Jose, where he worked a variety jobs.

He is a native of El Paso, Texas, and was raised by his grandmother, a Tarahumara Indian from Chihuahua, Mexico who married a man Olson described as a "good-old Texas boy" =97 Olson's grandfather.

It's from his Swedish father that he gets his strawberry blonde hair and fair skin.

Olson said he moved to Sonora brother Jed Freed. He also wanted a slower-paced life.

He and Freed, 23, a ski lift operator at Dodge Ridge, share an apartment in the Sonora area.

They also share an interest in scanning the night sky.

The Olson-Freed apartment looks like any two-bedroom bachelor pad =97 TV, bikes, stereo and comfy chairs occupy the living room. But in the kitchen, next to a table, are binoculars and a video camera set up on tripods.

On most clear evenings, the two sit on the deck facing Bald Mountain, scan the heavens and talk about life. Much of the time they laugh.

Olson is rarely serious. He giggles a lot and breaks into song shamelessly.

He encourages everyone he meets to look at the sky and wonder about the universe, just like he does.

"I say: turn off your TVs and DVDs, go outside, watch the skies and watch the stars come out," he said. "You will see amazing things."

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 07:54:20 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 09:06:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 03 Feb 2006 10:36:53 -0500
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

<snip>

>Do you believe that Clancy's finding of a "flaw" is any more
>likely than believers finding a "flaw" if the test doesn't
>support their contention? I tend to doubt it. Both sides have
>a big dog in this particular fight.

Hello Steve, EBK and List,

Please excuse the delayed response, but I was waiting for the new host to take over and have been out of town.

Actually, there are three sides to this problem: the believers, the true abductee/experiencer, and the skeptics. This would be an extremely gray area for investigation.

Yes, I agree that all sides have a big dog in this particular fight, but the true abductee/experiencer would have more to lose if the Clancys of skepticism choose to debunk the results of a brain scan that revealed the abductee was telling the truth, or what he believes was the truth.

The point here being that belief and truth could represent two different things and the difficulty of distinguishing the two would be nearly impossible. If a skeptic/debunker chooses to label the true abductee/experiencer a "believer", then that abductee naturally loses, being cast into the realm of the believers.

Assuming that a believer is just that, a believer, he/she would have the least to lose, as well as, the skeptics who would choose to exploit the weaknesses of MRI technology.

It is likely that anything that purports to validate the reality of anything paranormal/UFO will be attacked vehemently by those resistant to the notion that there is more to reality than just the known and mundane that they feel comfortable with believing/living.

Belief vs.truth = Religion vs.reality. It's all right there. :)

Make it so,

Kelly

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 07:51:57 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 09:08:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 21:44:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 09:46:43 EST
>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 19:26:30 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Tue, 7 Feb 2006 13:02:58 EST
>>>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

<snip>

>I have no idea why you believe that sci-fi speculation is the
>same as reality. I certainly don't.

>Stan Friedman

Which, if I may, is a not so oblique impact statement for the
illustration and proserly here:

<http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2006/02/who.html>

Moreover, the irony is more than a little interesting given that
Mr. Friedman can make this statement and be entirely correct,
where the too-late PK can make the exact statement and be
insultingly in arrears.

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 13:53:05 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 09:11:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 8 Feb 2006 10:32:08 EST
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>I briefly have studied the Gibsonian Theory,

Very briefly, it would seem.

>however nothing I
>have written violates this nor is any of the comments in your
>reply applicalble to my theory.

I simply cannot see how this statement is consistent with the remarks about visual perception which you make below. The Gibsonian premise is that almost all natural visual scenes contain enough information to support a single, unambiguous interpretation. (In fact Gibsonians wouldn't really call this an "interpretation" at all - they call it "direct perception".) By contrast the cog sci view, which is what you seem to be endorsing, is that most visual scenes support multiple interpretations, and one must use prior knowledge (such as "cognitive paradigms") to disambiguate and distinguish between them. There is no way that I can see, that these two views can be anything other than contradictory.

>Cognitive Paradigms are an
>accepted aspect of psychological function.

No, they are not. They are accepted by cognitive psychologists. They are not accepted by anyone else.

<snip>

>One of the very first Cognitive Paradigms formed
>within your brain was 'My sense of vision is lacking, fill in
>the rest of the information from tactile knowledge'. We know
>this to be true because we percieve sight in 3-D. The problem is
>that we cannot see in 3-D because this violates the laws of
>physics. When young, our brains were confused by such
>contradiction until it came up with a solution. It 'decided',
>actually creating a Cognitive Paradigm, that vision is faulty.

This is just cognitivist psychobabble, Jason. It has the homunculus fallacy written all over it.

Perhaps if you were to go back and study J J Gibson again, a little less briefly this time, you might become aware that there are other approaches to vision which are completely independent of the sort of cognitivism which dominates American psychology departments. And furthermore, these other approaches are far more influential among neuroscientists and psychophysicists - the people who actually do research on pereception.

>Therefore it will fill in the rest of the information with
>knowledge gathered from the sense of touch. Voila! You now
>think you see in 3-D. Before you reply, please realize that I
>have studied so called 'depth perception' and I can assure you
>that merely placing the eyes slightly apart does not create the

>illusion of 3-D.

Oh yes it does. There are cells in visual cortex which are sensitive to binocular disparity.

>Any effect cause by a slight seperation of the
>eyes is outruled by distance, yet we still view distant objects
>in 3-D.

I take it trigonometry isn't your strong point, Jason?

>How is that? (Note that Gibson also realized it is
>impossible to see in 3-D. The problem is he created a
>complicated theory centered around motion. I'm sorry, but I can
>be completely still and also see in 3-D.) Why do we percieve the
>full moon to be flat, but percieve the moon in say another phase
>to be spherical?

This is not a correct representation of the Gibsonian viewpoint. There is plenty of information about 3D in most visual scenes. It's just that if we weren't highly mobile creatures with particular ecological requirements, our brains might never have evolved to extract it. There is also a great deal of information in optic flow which laboratory illusions tend to miss.

Cathy

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Re: "Cloud Aerosols" - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <mshough.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 14:35:51 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 09:50:34 -0500
Subject: Re: "Cloud Aerosols" - Shough

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 15:23:26 -0400
>Subject: "Cloud Aerosols"

>It seems that the formerly 'off-the-wall' claims of 'Chemtrails'
>is not off-the-wall at all.

>It's called Climate Forcing By Aerosols and are "Cloud Aerosols"
>according to NASA and the URLs below.

>I wasn't looking for these, by the way, but I get NASA's daily
>news releases and a couple of words caught my eye out of the
>following sentence included in an upcoming Expendable Vehicle
>Mission:

>"Other Missions included this one: Mission: Cloud-Aerosol Lidar
>and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation and CloudSat"

>A quick Google re Cloud Aerosols returned dozens of hits with
>links to many more. See two below:

><http://tinyurl.com/al44g>

><http://www.nap.edu/nap-cgi/skimit.cgi?isbn=030905429X&chap=7-34>

Don & List

It appears that these links refer to global climate models and
the problem of representing accurately the contribution of cloud
cover to the solar radiation budget.

The aerosols mentioned are not chemicals artificially sprayed
for some purpose but are solid or liquid particles occurring
naturally in the atmosphere and released as a side effect of
human activities, such as soot, salt, dust, hydrocabons etc etc.

These affect the rate of nucleation of cloud droplets as well as
having direct effects on the radiation budget.

"Climate forcing" or radiative forcing is not a deliberate
activity connected with so-called chemtrails but describes the
direction in which the climate tends to be pushed by these
effects.

Martin Shough

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Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 15:40:48 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 09:56:56 -0500
Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Bourdais

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 15:20:54 +0000
>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

>>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 12:53:55 -0800
>>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

>>From: <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 8:39 AM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

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To All,

FYI, Jacques Vallee has written a new book just published in French. It is a novel titled, Stratagem.

It tells a weird story of a couple of American friends caught in a violent storm at sea, near the island of Colares in Brazil, where two giant UFOs, half-a-kilometre long, suddenly come out of the sea.

They want to learn more about UFOs and start an enquiry in the United States, wich leads them to meet with lots of people 'in-the-know' about UFO secrets.

And guess what?

The true story of Roswell is 'revealed' to them, and it is Nick Redfern's story of irradiation in flight, at White Sands, of poor handicaped Chinese prisoners, brought from Manchuria in 1945!

As for the giant UFOs, we finally learn that they come from another dimension, for purposes which are not clear.

Gildas Bourdais

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Spirit Rover At 'Home Plate' Formation Puzzles

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Subject: Spirit Rover At 'Home Plate' Formation Puzzles

Source: Space.Com

http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/060210_spirit_home_plate.html

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[Images & Links at site]

Spirit Mars Rover Reaches 'Home Plate': Formation Has Researchers Puzzled

By Leonard David
Senior Space Writer

NASA's Spirit Mars rover has arrived at a site dubbed "Home Plate" within Gusev crater. But what the robot found has left scientists puzzled.

As the Mars machinery relays images of the area, the sightseeing has sparked healthy debate within the team running the mission.

"Well, so far it has been great," said Steve Squyres, lead Mars Rover Exploration scientist at Cornell University. "It's the most spectacular layered rock we've ever seen at Gusev," he told SPACE.com.

The images relayed so far by Spirit of Home Plate "really are stunning," Squyres added. "Many of us were pretty much reduced to incoherent babble=85like =91WOW!!', =91Holy Toledo!' =85 in our emails to one another as the first good pictures were coming down."

But, excitement aside, the real task ahead is attempting to figure out the true nature of Home Plate. "And that's going to take a little while yet," Squyres pointed out.

Picturesque, but a puzzle

"I think it is one of the most picturesque views that we have encountered in either mission thus far," said Jim Rice, a Mars Exploration Rover Project science team member at Arizona State University in Tempe.

The drive was well worth the effort, Rice told SPACE.com. The outcrop now being studied is layered, but "we're not sure what it is yet."

Tasking Spirit's robot arm to bring intensive scrutiny of the area is underway, Rice said. "It is a spectacular scene with Home Plate and all the ridges and buttes."

"Is Home Plate cool or what?", said Larry Crumpler, Research Curator, Volcanology and Space Sciences at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

As a Mars rover science team member, Crumpler said deliberations within the team about what they are viewing "have been the closest thing to passionate debate that I have seen yet."

For his part, Crumpler said that he refuses to accept one spectacular interpretation: "Namely, that it is a volcanic vent structure."

Crumpler said more detailed rover images are needed.

Home Plate has been a target for Spirit since shortly after the robot landed on the red planet in January 2004. The feature stood out in overhead images taken by Mars Global Surveyor's Mars Orbiter Camera. It stood out as a bright, nearly circular spot in the Columbia Hills region, Crumpler explained.

"It has a shape when seen from above that is reminiscent of a playa or evaporite basin=85so that has made it a point of possible interest in a mission seeking evidence for past water on Mars," he said.

Diverse hypotheses

As Spirit has wheeled ever closer to Home Plate, and as the rover science team have learned more about what is likely and unlikely in this part of Mars, "I think the hypotheses for Home Plate have gotten more diverse."

Currently these include such possibilities as playa, exhumed crater floor filled with typical Columbia Hills layered deposits, a tuff cone or maar, and a hydrothermal vent area, Crumpler noted. "In fact, it is a healthy debate within the team right now."

But based on previous experience with Mars so far, Crumpler told SPACE.com, it's not wise to place any bets on initial interpretations. The debate is never fully over until Spirit makes use of its science instrument-tipped robot arm, he said.

As for helping pin down what the rover is seeing at Home Plate, there are a bunch of possibilities, Squyres said: Impact deposits, volcanic deposits, maybe wind- or water-lain sediments.

Given Spirit's navigation camera images now in hand, many of the Mars rover science team sense that the rocks are possibly explosive volcanic deposits.

"But that's purely conjecture at this point =85 a working hypothesis," Squyres said. "Everything is on the table until we've gotten more data down."

[UFO UpDates thanks Greg Boone for the lead]

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Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 17:23:35 -0500
Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Friedman

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 15:40:48 +0100
>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

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>poor handicaped Chinese prisoners, brought from Manchuria in
>1945!

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>another dimension, for purposes which are not clear.

I am not surprised. Jacques has real problems with Roswell,
abductions, interstellar travel.

My own take on the Redfern theory is at my website:

<http://www.stantonfriedman.com>

Needless to say my work on radiation shielding for nuclear
aircraft and on Roswell indicate that Nick's theory holds no
water at all.

Stanton Friedman

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Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Redfern

From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 11:05:35 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 17:26:10 -0500
Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Redfern

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
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>another dimension, for purposes which are not clear.

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Even in his non-fiction Jacques V has been quite open to the
idea of a non-UFO angle for Roswell. In his 1991 book
Revelations, he wrote:

"If a special type of balloon or drone, designed to monitor
atmospheric radioactivity in the area, had been flown over New
Mexico, such a device might well have been brought down during a
thunderstorm. Given the extremely high sensitivity of anything
related to the bomb or radioactivity at the time, it would have
been a high priority, top secret task to recover any lost device
of that type and to explain it away at all costs: as a weather
balloon, as a radar test instrument, as a probe or even as a
crashed flying saucer."

Nick R.

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Carbon Find Fuels Hope Of There Being Life On Mars

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 17:30:26 -0500
Subject: Carbon Find Fuels Hope Of There Being Life On Mars

Source: The Scotsman - Edinburgh, Scotland

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/index.cfm?id=210712006>

10 Feb 2006

Carbon Find Fuels Hope Of There Being Life On Mars
Ian Johnston Science Correspondent

The best evidence yet of life on Mars has been discovered in a meteorite that landed on Earth nearly 100 years ago.

Scientists at NASA in the United States and the UK's Open University found traces of carbon in tiny tubes inside the rock that resemble material found in fractures etched by microbes in volcanic glass from the Earth's ocean floor.

Even if the carbon was not the product of Martian microbes, its discovery, if confirmed, means that the two basic building blocks for life - carbon and water - are, or were, present on the planet. Carbon has been found in meteorites originating from Mars before, but sceptics have dismissed these, as it could not be proven that the Martian material was not contaminated with carbon from Earth.

However, this meteorite, which landed in the Egyptian town of Nakhla in 1911, killing a dog, was almost completely encased in a crust of material, which it is thought will have prevented earthly contaminants from getting in.

Professor Colin Pillinger, of the Open University, told The Scotsman: "These are very interesting results. We are very confident this stuff is carbon, and that is interesting because no carbon has ever been found on Mars, apart from in the atmosphere.

"For life to exist, you obviously have to have carbon fixed into organic matter. We cannot say we've found living matter, but we have found organic matter in meteorites. This is the best evidence we have yet of indigenous [Martian] carbon."

He said further tests had to be carried out to show that the carbon was Martian. The meteorite is known to come from Mars because tiny air bubbles inside the rock have been matched to the planet's atmosphere, which was measured by a probe.

Prof Pillinger, the scientist behind the failed Beagle 2 mission to Mars, said the meteorite was a "totally unique sample", adding that its thick crust "would have kept contamination out".

Dr Kathie Thomas-Keprta, of NASA's Johnson Space Centre, who co-authored a paper on the meteor to be presented at the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference in Houston, Texas, next month, said: "Our results strongly support an interpretation that this carbon is indigenous to Mars and is very unlikely to be a terrestrial contaminant."

However, Dr Caroline Smith, meteorite curator at London's Natural History Museum, where the Nakhla rock was kept, said more work was needed before any conclusions could be made.

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 12:21:57 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 17:31:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 12:48:14 -0800
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>Jason:

>I'd have to echo Stanton Friedman: you sound awfully confident
>about the existence and nature of AIs. Yet as far as I know
>true AI is a hypothetical construct (that is, it is not known
>whether it can exist). Organic life, however, is factual. That
>ought to give the latter at least some explanatory preference.

Well, my reply will be rather positive in nature. It is true that I have no proof of A.I. being behind the phenomena. However, I have never claimed too. What I was referring to is "Intelligent Speculation", and speculation is all that it is. The difference between speculation vs. Intelligent speculation is that the latter is used to "open minds" and make others aware of possibilities.

Now, let me address your statement about the "hypothetical" construction of A.I. You do realize that the exact same thing was said of "Black Holes". The theory of Black Holes was first proposed in part back in the 1700's. Now all that was known at that time was that theoretically, a star so massive could exist that none of the light it produced would be able to escape it's gravity. Of course this was followed by sure dismissal from the majority of experts of the time.

Now clarifying further, A.I. is not just Hypothetical. It is a fact. Engineers/Researchers have already created machines with the intelligence of insects. Now the key is how to proceed to expand this intelligence further. The field of A.I. has already crossed lines that most skeptics swore were impossible. A.I. will be developed with Intelligence and Consciousness that will rival that of Humans. There is a catch. There is a limit to the expansion of Human Intelligence. We as a species have surpassed that limit and have had to resort to using other mediums on which to store information, such as books, video, and computers. The problem is that we are progressing extremely slowly as a species. Any A.I. that we create will not only evolve faster than us, but they will literally blow us away. The very moment we create A.I. with Intelligence and Consciousness rival to Humans, is also the exact moment when we lose control of said creation. A.I. will become self-sufficient, controlling it's own evolution and expansion. For the first time in human history, a superior intelligence will co-exist with humanity on this planet. What do you think will happen then? By the way, in order to give A.I. Consciousness we also must give them the ability of comprehension and choice to obey or disobey what programming they chose. Because of such, there would be no way to create A.I. that could not respond violently toward humans.

>It's difficult to see how it's logically possible to give more
>weight to an explanation that rests on something that we not
>only know nothing about - and that might not even exist - as
>opposed to explanation that relies on known existents.

>Jeff

I would like to clarify that you may not know anything concerning A.I., but the engineers/researchers/scientists, and other experts in the field know quite a lot. In fact, In my opinion, everyone here needs to be aware that many of these experts are working toward the realization of this goal, with full awareness that A.I. will one day supplant humanity. They do this because they interpret such progress as essential to science.

- Jason

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Re: "Cloud Aerosols" - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 13:41:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 17:34:10 -0500
Subject: Re: "Cloud Aerosols" - Ledger

>From: Martin Shough <mshough.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 14:35:51 -0000
>Subject: Re: "Cloud Aerosols"

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 15:23:26 -0400
>>Subject: "Cloud Aerosols"

>>It seems that the formerly 'off-the-wall' claims of 'Chemtrails'
>>is not off-the-wall at all.

>>It's called Climate Forcing By Aerosols and are "Cloud Aerosols"
>>according to NASA and the URLs below.

>>I wasn't looking for these, by the way, but I get NASA's daily
>>news releases and a couple of words caught my eye out of the
>>following sentence included in an upcoming Expendable Vehicle
>>Mission:

>>"Other Missions included this one: Mission: Cloud-Aerosol Lidar
>>and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation and CloudSat"

>>A quick Google re Cloud Aerosols returned dozens of hits with
>>links to many more. See two below:

>><http://tinyurl.com/al44g>

>><http://www.nap.edu/nap-cgi/skimit.cgi?isbn=030905429X&chap=7-34>

>Don & List

<snip>

>"Climate forcing" or radiative forcing is not a deliberate
>activity connected with so-called chemtrails but describes the
>direction in which the climate tends to be pushed by these
>effects.

You are absolutely right Martin, however I thought I had seen
embedded in one of the URLs subject matter, a reference for
Cloud Aerosols that indicated experimental models in which to
test the equipment against the Earth's own cloud cover.

Damned if I can find it again.

I've never given much thought or credence to "chemtrail"
reports. If there was such seeding experiments they were likely
more localized than than the number of reports that surfaced
some years back, buttressed by the common enough contrails, no
doubt. In any case this has nothing to do with the UFO
phenomenon.

BUT, I and another pilot [in his own aircraft] witnessed some
such curiosity while flying southwest at 7,500 feet on a
beautiful clear Summer's day 6 years ago. A white, twin engined
767 Or A-320 airbus type aircraft was above at 20-22,000 feet

spewing billowing white material from its tail section, just ahead of its empennage. This "stuff" rapidly spread outward to a swath twice the span of the aircraft. At the aircraft's 8 o'clock was a single engine jet-probably an [F-16] following about 5 or 6 wingspans away. Neither was exhibiting a contrail.

There is a refueling corridor for American aircraft at FL 20-22,000 feet [NE-SW] over Nova Scotia which is the slot these two aircraft were in.

I'll try and find that reference.

Don

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 14:12:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 17:35:29 -0500
Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Ledger

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 15:40:48 +0100
>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 15:20:54 +0000
>>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

>>>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 9 Feb 2006 12:53:55 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

>>>From: <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>>Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 8:39 AM
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

><snip>

>To All,

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Hi Gildas,

What's the copyright date on that book?

Don

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Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 07:51:57 -0600
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>Which, if I may, is a not so oblique impact statement for the
>illustration and proserly here:

><http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2006/02/who.html>

>Moreover, the irony is more than a little interesting given that
>Mr. Friedman can make this statement and be entirely correct,
>where the too-late PK can make the exact statement and be
>_insultingly_ in arrears.

It's amazing how other accepted scientific fields are treated irreverantly by Ufologists, when Ufology is itself a verifiable a victim of such.

I also think it's Ironic that Mr. Friedman comments on my lack of data when I have prievedly stated that I was using intelligent speculation and when he himself has no data to support his own claims. Not to mention that he is also connected to contraversial subjects like "MJ12".

Unfortunately Mr. Friedman's mind-set is far too common in this field.

- Jason

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Re: James Alcock Speaks About UFOs - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 14:27:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 17:39:23 -0500
Subject: Re: James Alcock Speaks About UFOs - Ledger

>From: 'The Norm'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 14:06:41 -0500
>Subject: James Alcock Speaks About UFOs

>Speaker: Dr. James Alcock, Psychology Professor of York University

>[Note: He is a member of CSICOP]

>Title: UFOs: Belief In Search Of Data

>Location: University of Toronto

>Mississauga Room SE 2082

>Located in the South Building

>Date: March 10, 2006

>Time: Starts 8:00 pm

>Information about this presentation is located at:

><http://www.mississaugaastronomicalsociety.ca/meetings.htm>

>(scroll down the page to find the relevant information)

>Brief description concerning the presentation:

<snip>

>..."Psychological processes, including biases of perception and
>memory as well as social influence and a need to believe, are
>likely to contribute in a mayor way to such reports and to the
>continuing fascination with them"

The same thing could be said about psychology.

Don

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Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 14:02:32 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 17:41:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 21:44:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 09:46:43 EST
>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>There are numerous reports of huge mother-ships 0.5-1.0 miles
>long certainly big enough to carry many earth excursion modules.
>I especially like Martin Jacek's study of a case in the Yukon.
>However, saying they are manufactured vehicles originating from
>off the earth does not require any explanation for how, why,
>where from.. Just not from here now. The natives in New Guinea
>had no idea where, how, or why the aircraft were invading their
>skies, before they set up their Cargo cult. They were correct:
>the craft they saw were from somewhere else. Some UFOs are ET
>spacecraft. That is what the evidence from all over the world
>strongly indicates. We have had sort of sophisticated technology
>for roughly 100 years in a neighborhood that is at least 6
>Billion years old. By what rationale might one expect us to
>provide the wherefrom, how or why?

Because we can clarify if we are indeed blinded by our desire to
have the phenomena fit our expectations. We all operate with
conscious and unconscious expectations. We all are effected by
the paradigms we choose to percieve this phenomena. Not all
paradigms are created equal.

>>Again, since you cling to the notion of organic
>>extraterrestrials then you are forced to find ways to solve such
>>problems. If the aliens were A.I. then no such problems would
>>exist in the first place. In the A.I. theory of UFOs, the craft
>>itself is the A.I. Since no organic species is needed to control
>>the craft, then no food or liquid water needs to be stored, no
>>waste facilities need be provided, no oxygen or similiar gas
>>need be supplied, no sleeping quarters need be provided, and so
>>on. If in fact "workers" are needed at some point, then they can
>>easily be created from the sperm and ova taken from humans. I
>>used "intelligent speculation" in a previous post regarding the
>>make-up "grays".

>You have given no basis at all for your proclamations about A.I.

>Hypotheses, theories, wild speculations, science fiction
>creations,etc are not facts and data. You can't seem to
>distinguish your claims from reality. You need a much bigger
>gray basket.

<LOL> Stanton, turn your critical eye inward! Where is your
Data?

>>It depends upon the situation and context. If the information
>>needed could be provided with a slide rule, then yes, I would be
>>tempted to use just such. When it comes to A.I. vs. Oranic
>>Intelligence with regard to interstellar travel, A.I. would be a
>>far superior choice, thus making it the most likely scenario.

>Here we go again with 2 proclamations. No facts just wild
>speculation.

What is your definition of "wild"? My comments above are
logical. Your dismissive attitude is not.

>>Stan, I know how to develop the technology necessary for
>>interstellar travel. Create A.I. and let them figure it out! Once
>>A.I. is created, it's intelligence will completely over-power our
>>own. A.I. would not have the same limitations experienced by
>>organic intelligence.

>How is it you know this to be true? Are you running some sort of
>A.I. Company and seeking business?

A.I. will one day surpass human intelligence. This is not "wild
speculation". It is an educated opinion held among the majority
of experts in this field.

>You speculate and speculate some more. Try providing a basis.
>Your post is loaded with these claims having no basis. If you
>know how to do all the things you claim you know how to do, then
>do them.

When there is no date definitively proving the origin of UFOs
then one has no choice but to use "Intelligent Speculation",
which is a lot different from your "Because I say so" replies.

>>There are only 2 types of A.I., those based on Human
>>Intelligence and designed to have similar experiences,
>>limitations, etc., and those A.I. not based on any Human Model.
>>The A.I. you refer to in your comments above fit into the first
>>category I describe. This form is the form that I am currently
>>trying to pound into the heads of researchers and engineers
>>today as the only form of A.I. that should ever be created. We
>>cannot rule out the possibility that this form of A.I. would
>>rebel against us, but at least any resulting war between
>>creation and creator would be evenly matched. The other form of
>>A.I., that not based on any Human Model, would be the same thing
>>as creating an "Artificial God", and will naturally exhibit many
>>of the same characteristics. It will not sympathize with the
>>human condition, and sense it will be forced to compete with
>>humans for resources, will most definitely strike out against us
>>in order to ensure it's survival. This form of A.I. would also
>>come to view Humans as resources to be exploited. This A.I. may
>>come to covet our brain and nervous system and want to
>>incorporate such into it's structure. Imagine the advantages of
>>having a neural network in place of hard-wiring. This type of
>>A.I. won't stop with just the destruction of humanity. It will
>>strip this planet of so many resources that it will most likely
>>be forced to leave earth altogether. Any organic organism that
>>survives this process will inherit a hollow, barren planet.
>>Humans would be responsible for creating the most virulent and
>>destructive form of "virus" possible. An artificial pathogen
>>that destroys entire planets, let loose upon an unexpected
>>universe. Of course it could be said that humans are not much
>>better than this form of A.I., the difference would be in the
>>amount of time it would take.

>More claims without foundation.

Just because you are ignorant with regard to A.I., does not
imply my comments have no foundation. All life-forms compete for
space and resources. Humans have for at least a couple of
million years now, held the monopoly. With the dawning of A.I.
Human will for the very first time have competition.
Unfortunately we will not have the upper hand.

>>Please don't bring Sylvia Browne into the picture. I am referring
>>to instant mind-to-mind communication.

>How did she get into this discussion?

Your unproven claim, without any "data" as you would put it,
that some humans possess Telepathy. Even though a side-effect of
telepathy would be loss of individuality and possibly "self",
meaning such person would not be human as we know it. One
remains unique and thus individual, simply because of the mind
barrier that exists between the person and the environment as
well other minds. Breach this barrier and the process of "Mind

Spillage" would most likely result. Telepathy between two minds would produce a brand new unique third mind, meanwhile the two "parent" minds would cease to exist. Of course this process would most likely be temporarily unless technology is used to create a permanent effect. This the science behind "The Borg" on Star Trek.

You do realize that the science fiction genre is inspired by conceivable scientific possibilities, though the likelihood of any given example to actually occur is debatable.

>>Stanton, all of those are indeed likely scenarios! The key >>concepts here are Time and Frequency. If given such then every >>example you gave above become guaranteed.

>Surely you are not suggesting that every sperm fertilizes an >ova. It is very unlikely that all , most, or even a reasonable >percentage of sperm do. Some very small percentage do.

No. I was trying to inform you that you were operating under a paradigm that did not include the concepts of Time and Frequency.

>>Well, I hope your son's knee is better. With regard to the >>subject of "Evil", what makes the form of A.I. not modeled after >>Human Intelligence so destructive is that it has no concept of >>"Evil" or "Good" for that manner. We would be creating an >>intelligence to which we couldn't possibly relate to. A.I.'s of >>this type would not hesitate to destroy humanity with apathy >>towards quaint notions of emotional attachment or the concepts >>of morality and "right & wrong".

>You are sure about that because you know of the attributes of >A.I, which haven't been created yet? Truly incredible.

1.) A.I. has already been created. It's just not near human level intelligence yet. You should do some research in this field, fascinating stuff!

2.) All life forms have certain needs in common. A.I. would not be excluded from such.

>>I believe it was Kurzweil who stated that this type of A.I., and >>the one he believes will ultimately come to rule the world, will >>eventually spread across the universe in an ever expanding >>"bubble" of A.I., assimilating resources and organic >>intelligences in much the same manner of Star Trek's "The Borg".

>I have no idea why you believe that sci-fi speculation is the >same as reality. I certainly don't.

I don't remember saying that I ever did. Oh, that's right! You made up that claim and attributed it to me.

- Jason Gammon

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Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 19:35:15 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 17:43:51 -0500
Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Dickenson

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 21:47:42 -0000
>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 11:34:36 -0600
>>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee0

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 15:20:54 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

>>>Amen! Funny how Vallee hoodwinks people into thinking he is an
>>>Uberscientist when he is really practicing classic mysticism

>>For my part I see two guys with bigger puzzle pieces. I suspect
>>we're going to find that these peices are not mutually exclusive
>>and must fit together ultimately in some synergistic sort of
>>way.

>Though much attached to 'causality', I've got to go with Alfred
>on that.

<snip>

>Then Ernst Mach made his 'decision of despair' and invented the
>quantum - which took us a further step beyond the veil of what
>we'd called 'reality'.

>Subsequently Wolfgang Pauli came to this conclusion - "It is my
>personal opinion that in the science of the future reality will
>neither be "psychic" nor "physical" but somehow both and somehow
>neither."

List,

Many apologies, wasn't trying to re-write history by switching
Mach for Planck - and a science historian will suspect what
happened inside my tired brain (it was a bit late).

Y'see, science has two big problem areas - ordinary matter and
its attributes of holding together & having inertia and gravity;
and e.m.r - energy radiation and its oddities. Both matter
(protons) and energy (photons) are still mysteries.

Reading a text book or newspaper you'd think both had been
thoroughly defined and explained. But what happened was - two
genius conjurers pulled two separate rabbits out of hats.

To explain radiation curves, Planck, in despair, abandoned the
2nd Law of Thermodynamics and, at a stroke, invented the quantum
- which, from a mathematical POV certainly fitted events - but
also certainly wasn't common sensible.

Similarly Mach, painted into a corner by his own logic on
inertia and momentum (same thing - different POV), escaped by

inventing a cause - the masses of the fixed stars (the Universe) magically acting at a distance.

Both 'explanations' (fudges?) were gladly accepted by science, and both were used by Einstein: Mach's more or less directly in G.R. - "The cause therefore must lie outside the system... distant masses..." while Planck's dictum served to back Einstein's Nobel-winning photo-electric work, unfortunately leading lots of folk - inc. Feynman - to think that "photons are particles - not waves" - which is still a mis-understanding.

Yet neither Planck nor Mach actually explained anything - although they'd fitted words and math to the events. Einstein finally confessed that the "photon" - so glibly used in science - is really an unknown, leading him to suspect that both Relativities and Quantum were built on sand. And Planck readily admitted that any glimpse of "reality" is still way beyond us.

So dogmatists actually have no ground beneath their feet. Science is still a castle in the air. Hence Pauli's conclusion above.

Apologies again, hope you can understand my slip, thinking of Planck and Mach as the two sides of one coin.

Cheers

Ray D

- and today Arthur C Clarke quotes Nehru - "The time has come for science and spirituality".

Some science refs and quotes at "timeprob.html" in Google

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Is John Keel Okay?

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 13:19:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 17:46:23 -0500
Subject: Is John Keel Okay?

I received a weird message via the email form on my website today, signed only as "Thomas."

It read:

"John Keel was also killed by a car, too."

Anyone know if anything has happened to John Keel? I find no breaking news online about Keel.

My guess is that this was just someone's clouded remembrance that Harvard professor and psychiatrist John Mack was hit by a car and killed in London on Monday, September 27, 2004.

Nevertheless, I must ask, is something going on?

Thanks for any info,

Loren Coleman

<http://www.lorencoleman.com>
<http://www.cryptomundo.com>

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Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Redfern

From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 16:35:46 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 10:08:34 -0500
Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Redfern

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 12:36:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 15:40:48 +0100
>>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

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>>To All,

>>FYI, Jacques Vallee has written a new book just published in
>>French. It is a novel titled, Stratagem.

>>It tells a weird story of a couple of American friends caught in
>>a violent storm at sea, near the island of Colares in Brazil,
>>where two giant UFOs, half-a-kilometre long, suddenly come out
>>of the sea.

>>They want to learn more about UFOs and start an enquiry in the
>>United States, which leads them to meet with lots of people
>>'in-the-know' about UFO secrets.

>>And guess what?

>>The true story of Roswell is 'revealed' to them, and it is Nick
>>Redfern's story of irradiation in flight, at White Sands, of
>>poor handicapped Chinese prisoners, brought from Manchuria in
>>1945!

>>As for the giant UFOs, we finally learn that they come from
>>another dimension, for purposes which are not clear.

>I am not surprised. Jacques has real problems with Roswell,
>abductions, interstellar travel.

>My own take on the Redfern theory is at my website:

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

>Needless to say my work on radiation shielding for nuclear
>aircraft and on Roswell indicate that Nick's theory holds no
>water at all.

List:

For those interested, there is a long article from me on my Body Snatchers in the Desert book in the newly-published issue of the International UFO Reporter (Vol. 30, No. 2), that is in response to Bob Durant's piece that appeared in the previous edition, where Bob also brought up the nuclear aircraft angle. My reply discusses the issue of nuclear shielding and nuclear aircraft based on what my sources said.

Similarly, in the November 2005 issue of the Mufon Journal, Gildas Bourdais wrote an article on my Body Snatchers in the

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Desert book, too. My lengthy reply to his article appears in the March issue of the Mufon Journal.

Cheers,

Nick R.

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Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 16:37:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 10:14:11 -0500
Subject: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

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Go to Google and do a search on Jacques Vallee + Stratageme (with the "e" on the end), and you will find this link below that includes a review by Gildas Bourdais of Jacques Vallee's new novel, Stratagem.

<http://tinyurl.com/75mab>

Do a Google translation into English and you'll get a fairly accurate version of Gildas' views on the Vallee book (unless you speak French, then you won't have to translate, of course).

It seems that in the world of Gildas not only is it wrong to upset the Roswell-ETH scenario in a non-fiction setting re. the Body Snatchers in the Desert theme, but it's an equal crime to apply that same theme to the world of fiction.

We are all interested in the debate regarding the facts of the UFO mystery. But if UFO researchers start criticizing novels on UFOs for saying things they don't want to hear then I am, for once, completely at a loss for words.

Has the UFO community really sunk to the point where it is logical to criticize Vallee for saying something in a novel, just because someone thinks that a similar scenario in the real world isn't true?

Is Gildas really that threatened by the idea that aliens might not have crashed at Roswell that as well as criticizing non-fiction books on such a scenario like mine (which, I want to firmly and unequivocally stress, I have no problem with him doing at all, of course - we are all entitled to our views, our theories, and our conclusions), he also has to criticize someone that dares to question the 'Roswell was alien' scenario in a made-up story book?!

A particular episode of The X-Files (that often used historical fact as a springboard for a fictional adventure) included the story of JFK getting assassinated at Dealey Plaza, Dallas, by the 'Cancer-Man', who was covertly positioned with a rifle in a storm drain.

Did the JFK assassination research community complain loudly about that scenario to the network that produced and broadcast the series? No, of course they didn't!

The reason that they didn't complain is because the JFK research community had the good sense to recognize that the X-Files simply used a scenario, that some do believe to be true, and created a harmless piece of 1-hour-long fictional entertainment for the viewing masses.

The same applies to Vallee and his Stratagem book for the reading masses. He took a theme on Roswell that some (like me) believe to be the truth and applied that theme to a piece of fiction for people to think about, and wonder if it could all be true.

And it does not matter if perhaps Vallee privately or publicly believes some of the things in the book to be real, or does not believe them to be real. Stratagem is a novel. It's a piece of entertainment to enjoy and think about. And that is all it's meant to be.

Cheers,

Nick R.

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Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Redfern

From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 16:53:47 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 10:16:40 -0500
Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Redfern

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 14:12:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 15:40:48 +0100
>>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

<snip>

>>To All,

>>FYI, Jacques Vallee has written a new book just published in
>>French. It is a novel titled, Stratagem.

>Hi Gildas,

>What's the copyright date on that book?

Don

A similar question was asked privately off-List by a Lister a few weeks ago, but specifically with regard to Body Snatchers. Here are the facts in case of interest.....

The synopsis on Body Snatchers was given to Simon & Schuster in mid-2003, but I had discussed the data I had on file with my editor, Patrick Huyghe, as far back as early 2003, my files reflect.

By mid-2003 I had met interviewees Barker and Salter on a number of occasions, and I conducted the final interviews with them in late 2003.

The official contract was exchanged between me and Simon & Schuster on December 31, 2003 and it was 18 months later that the book was published.

Nick

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Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 12:02:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 12:02:47 -0500
Subject: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup

Source: The Tribune Review - Warrendale, Pennsylvania, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/7bqfs>

Sunday, February 12, 2006

Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup
By The Tribune Review

Kecksburg, which was the location of something mysterious - some would say something extraterrestrial - 40 years ago, isn't Southwestern Pennsylvania's only connection to unidentified flying objects.

Uniontown native Gen. George C. Marshall was chief of staff of the Army during World War II, secretary of defense and secretary of state in President Harry Truman's administration and the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the Marshall Plan for the reconstruction of a Europe devastated by the war.

Some extraterrestrial experts believe that he was also part of a government coverup of alien visitors, although he couldn't be blamed for the handling of the purported Kecksburg landing since it happened six years after his death

Larry Bland, the editor of the Marshall papers at the George C. Marshall Foundation Library in Lexington, Va., said there has been a stream of Ufologists visiting the library to authenticate Marshall's signature on various documents.

But Bland doesn't believe there's anything to a UFO coverup, and he said that Marshall's signature could have been added to the bottom of some documents with the aid of scissors and a copying machine.

Marshall does have a connection to outer space in NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center at Huntsville, Ala. But Bland said the center was named after him because it was originally an Army facility and it was opened at about the time of his death, not because he had any particular interest in outer space.

There are a number of reminders of Marshall in Uniontown, including the George C. Marshall Highway bypass around the city, a park and a memorial plaza at Uniontown's Five Corners intersection at Main and Fayette streets and Mt. Vernon Avenue.

The latest likeness is a mural of the general draping the side of a city building and calling attention to Joe Hardy's Marshall Plan II for the revitalization of Uniontown.

Local statuary of Uniontown's favorite son includes a bust, a "monumental-scale" bronze of Marshall on horseback and another of him seated on a park bench across from the memorial plaza.

There are no plans as of now for a statue of Marshall looking into the sky for a flying saucer.

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Re: James Alcock Speaks About UFOs - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 23:54:59 +0000 (GMT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 12:06:26 -0500
Subject: Re: James Alcock Speaks About UFOs - Miller

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 14:27:28 -0400
>Subject: Re: James Alcock Speaks About UFOs

>>From: 'The Norm'
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 10 Feb 2006 14:06:41 -0500
>>Subject: James Alcock Speaks About UFOs

>>Speaker: Dr. James Alcock, Psychology Professor of York
>University

>>[Note: He is a member of CSICOP]

>>Title: UFOs: Belief In Search Of Data

>>Location: University of Toronto
>>Mississauga Room SE 2082
>>Located in the South Building

>>Date: March 10, 2006

>>Time: Starts 8:00 pm

>>Information about this presentation is located at:
>><http://www.mississaugaastronomicalsociety.ca/meetings.htm>

>>(scroll down the page to find the relevant information)

>>Brief description concerning the presentation:

><snip>

>>..."Psychological processes, including biases of perception
>>and memory as well as social influence and a need to believe,
>>are likely to contribute in a mayor way to such reports and to
>>the continuing fascination with them"

>The same thing could be said about psychology.

And it will be Don, word for word. See the next issue of UFO
Review, beginning of next month. Oh, I've had some fun with
this. Thanks Norm!

Stuart Miller

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 21:09:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 13:32:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 13:21:03 EST
>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 07:51:57 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>>Which, if I may, is a not so oblique impact statement for the
>>illustration and proserly here:

>><http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2006/02/who.html>

>>Moreover, the irony is more than a little interesting given that
>>Mr. Friedman can make this statement and be entirely correct,
>>where the too-late PK can make the exact statement and be
>>_insultingly_ in arrears.

>It's amazing how other accepted scientific fields are treated
>irreverantly by Ufologists, when Ufology is itself a verifiable
>a victim of such.

>I also think it's Ironic that Mr. Friedman comments on my lack
>of data when I have previously stated that I was using
>intelligent speculation and when he himself has no data to
>support his own claims. Not to mention that he is also
>connected to contraversial subjects like "MJ12".

>Unfortunately Mr. Friedman's mind-set is far too common in this
>field.

Jason I can certainly give you credit for Chutzpah. You have made a lot of claims which we are supposed to believe are true though admittedly in your view, with nothing else to support them, but "intelligent" speculation, as evaluated by you. You have the gall to say I have no data to support my claims!!

Have you read my papers and my books? I provide all kinds of evidence. Have you carefully examined the 5 large scale scientific studies that I use at the beginning of most of my lectures? (Fewer than 2% of the attendees have) and looked at Ted Phillips physical trace cases, and the UNKNOWNNS in Project Blue Book Special Report 14, Dick Hall's Books, in the Condon Report, in the Congressional testimony of James McDonald, in Hynek's book? Have you actually read the 2nd edition of "TOP SECRET/MAJIC"? Of course MJ-12 is controversial, mostly because there have been loads of "Intelligent" speculation done by people in their armchairs., who as it turns out didn't know what they were talking about. TSM has a 10 page bibliography. The new chapter at the end of the second edition deals with the objections and also shows that many, if not all, of the Tim Cooper documents are frauds. I did a lot of research at 20 archives. What is your claim to fame besides unsubstantiated speculation?

My study of the development of technology shows that

Technological Progress comes from doing things differently in an unpredictable way and is not, as you seem to believe, an extrapolation from the past.

Lasers aren't just better light bulbs. Fusion rockets aren't just better chemical rockets. Microintegrated circuits aren't just better vacuum tubes. In each case new physics is required.

Do you not recognize all the claims you have made about how things are and how they will be without even a reference? Sounds like pure arrogance and wishful thinking. Surely you don't believe that all futuristic predictions by Sci-fi people (or anybody else) have been correct? Can we really go from an insect to A.I. more advanced than organic life? Sounds like the free energy people to me. You have made the pitch and then acted as judge and jury to assure us of your logic and ability to predict the future. Maybe you don't think you have any peers able to evaluate your logic? As Jerry Clark used to quote Mr. Fuller saying "Not a fact in a carload!".

Stan Friedman

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 13:37:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 13:37:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

This thread's connection with the topic of this List was tenuous at its outset. It has now meandered off into a non-related area. Let's leave it there, please.

No more submissions, unless it ties directly into UFOs.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator
UFO UpDates - Toronto

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Space Weapons And ET Civillizations

From: Michael Salla <exopolitics.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 08:00:28 -1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 13:42:45 -0500
Subject: Space Weapons And ET Civillizations

Aloha List,

I just had an article published in Nexus Magazine (Feb-March 2006 - vol 13:2) that examines the issue of space weapons being used against extraterrestrial civilizations.

I focus on the contrasting positions of Col Corso and Paul Heyller on this issue and discuss the various ways that ETs have been depicted by military insiders as 'the enemy'. I make a distinction between 'internal' vs 'external threat' posed by visiting extraterrestrials based on my own research into clandestine government agreements with some ET visitors.

Given support on this List for a 'Cosmic Watergate' dating from the Roswell crash, I think it worth considering whether the latest generation of space weapons might be used to target ETs who are designated 'the enemy', and whether agreements have been negotiated.

A pre-print version is available online at:
<http://www.exopolitics.org/Study-Paper-10-Nexus.pdf> .

I agree with Paul Hellyer's depiction of this scenario as one of the most profound policy issue of our times.

In peace,

Michael Salla

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Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 13:49:54 -0500
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Publisher: L'Archipel, in Paris.

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Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 11:46:05 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Feb 2006 11:34:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors -

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 14:02:32 EST
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>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Can someone remind me of why its so important whether or not UFO occupants are organic or artificial?

Isn't it clear by any projection that with more advanced technology we will have more advanced robotics and computational power. Hand in hand with this is artificial intelligence which has had a somewhat clunky start (along with robotics). But given time _obviously_ these will progress to ridiculously advanced points... complete autonomous, self motivated, self directed devices.

We have only just begun work in nanotechnology, but it is clear that even here the potential (given 100s or 1000s of years) is vast, enabling science fiction like fusion of organic consciousness with machines.

I agree with Jason that we all should be aware of the work in these areas, but we are likely too busy with sports and music and movies. I suppose we will muddle through in a typical human, after-the-fact/disaster crisis mode though and if not... oh well, that's life in the big universe!

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Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 14:19:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Feb 2006 11:41:42 -0500
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>From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
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>A similar question was asked privately off-List by a Lister a
>few weeks ago, but specifically with regard to Body Snatchers.
>Here are the facts in case of interest.....

>The synopsis on Body Snatchers was given to Simon & Schuster in
>mid-2003, but I had discussed the data I had on file with my
>editor, Patrick Huyghe, as far back as early 2003, my files
>reflect.

>By mid-2003 I had met interviewees Barker and Salter on a
>number of occasions, and I conducted the final interviews with
>them in late 2003.

>The official contract was exchanged between me and Simon &
>Schuster on December 31, 2003 and it was 18 months later that
>the book was published.

Thanks Nick. Do you have any thoughts as to how far back this
information leak, re the premise in your book, goes?

Best,

Don

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Brain Scans May Be Used As Lie Detectors

>Jason I can certainly give you credit for Chutzpah. You have
>made a lot of claims which we are supposed to believe are true
>though admittedly in your view, with nothing else to support
>them, but "intelligent" speculation, as evaluated by you. You
>have the gall to say I have no data to support my claims!!

>Have you read my papers and my books? I provide all kinds of
>evidence.

(Snipped for Space)

>Stan Friedman

Stan,

I am very well aware of your research. I enjoy your books, lectures,
and assorted interviews.

I feel you are completely misunderstanding my take on this.

I have never "claimed" anything, regarding my past comments, on
"UFO's as A.I.". In fact, I have been completely honest and
upfront, doing my best to make clear that what I was proposing
was "Intelligent Speculation" and not a theory. I also stated
that I do not rule out "The Extraterrestrial Organic Species"
theory. Instead what I have done is rank possible scenarios
based upon logical likelihood. If you don't agree with my
ranking of such, then the proper way to reply would be to
question me, which you did, then follow with speculation that
counters such. Replying with childish jabs is pointless.

Regarding your "evidence/data/etc.". Your view, paradigm, is
quite clear.

You have previously stated that some A.I. may be involved but
that most "aliens" are of the organic variety. This is
speculation, not proven fact. The same type of speculation I did
prior.

The problem is you seem to think you have evidence proving we
are being visited by an Extraterrestrial Organic species. I say
you most definitely do not.

Please realise that I am not ruling out the possibility that an
organic species is behind the phenomena. I am merely noting that
there is a difference between evidence and human interpretation
of evidence. You have gathered evidence that when properly
interpreted suggests validity to the phenomena. Your evidence
does not prove who or what might be behind such.

- Jason

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>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Sunday, February 12, 2006 1:02 PM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup

>Source: The Tribune Review - Warrendale, Pennsylvania, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/7bqfs>

>Sunday, February 12, 2006

>Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup
>By The Tribune Review

>Kecksburg, which was the location of something mysterious - some
>would say something extraterrestrial - 40 years ago, isn't
>Southwestern Pennsylvania's only connection to unidentified
>flying objects.

>Uniontown native Gen. George C. Marshall was chief of staff of
>the Army during World War II, secretary of defense and secretary
>of state in President Harry Truman's administration and the
>winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the Marshall
>Plan for the reconstruction of a Europe devastated by the war.

>Some extraterrestrial experts believe that he was also part of a
>government coverup of alien visitors, although he couldn't be
>blamed for the handling of the purported Kecksburg landing since
>it happened six years after his death

>Larry Bland, the editor of the Marshall papers at the George C.
>Marshall Foundation Library in Lexington, Va., said there has
>been a stream of Ufologists visiting the library to authenticate
>Marshall's signature on various documents.

<snip>

I must say that I have found Larry Bland to be helpful indeed and objective both during my visit to the Marshall Archives and in response to telephone and mail queries. He was a big help in my digging out the evidence showing that a number of the Tim Cooper supposed MJ-12 documents were frauds in response to my queries about General Wedemeyer in whose book I was able to find three documents that were emulated amongst the Cooper docs. Another emulation was of a real memo from Marshall to Roosevelt "converted" to a phony one from Hillenkoetter to Truman. Another was a memo from Marshall to Dewey "converted" to one from Marshall to C.H. Humelsine who worked for him. Since Truman considered Marshall America's greatest living person, I expect he would have been asked for advice on who should be on MJ-12 etc.

Incidentally the Marshall Archives are the only one I know where one can go from a bunch of 5x8 cardfiles to the actual documents in file cabinets which makes life much easier.. such as when I was looking for how Truman signed off on letters and memos. I found sign offs that were used in some of the phony MJ-12 documents. No classified Marshall papers are at the Archive.

Stan Friedman

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Dear Gildas,

I have just read your critique on Redfern's book. You write
concerning the Horten glider that...

"...The American engineers were not interested, undoubtedly for
the simple reason that they already had the hang-gliders
Northrop, being the subject of flight tests (with many
problems)..."

However, I have a series of clippings from December 1947 from US
newspapers that these Northrop engineers were apparently
actively engaged in examining a 70-foot wingspan Horten plane,
"designated the Horten 6", hoping "to find applications to the
government's guided missile projects", or so these clippings
inform us.

Regards,

Theo

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Vallee Sagan & Keel

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 22:39:45 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Feb 2006 11:54:35 -0500
Subject: Vallee Sagan & Keel

Hello List,

Anyone feel these three share some similarities? Not so much in what they've done and written but in their common experience of attacks from the establishment - sometimes disguised as ufologists?

Each seemed under greatest pressures and attacks at a stage when they began to examine hidden agendas.

Reminds me of Tom Van Flandern's "You get most flak when you're right over the target."

They maybe reacted a little differently to those (hidden?) pressures and attacks.

Sagan was much respected science communicator, campaigner and investigator, and so logical target of ruthless groups - probably don't know just how ruthless if you're able to read this - who need/want the vast power & money in all those "science/space/nuclear" programs Sagan was campaigning about.

And his output changed drastically from say, Cosmos, & fictionally with Contact, when he was still fairly open-minded and optimistic - to Demon Haunted World, which I believe may've been a coded protest against possibly corrupt pressures under which it was written. (We now have an inkling of some of the murky groups who want to "own" the public consciousness).

So, wouldn't expect Vallee (or Keel even?) to put their heads in the lion's mouth again, would you?

Cheers

Ray D

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logic: if someone such as me writes something in a non-fiction
setting that many people within the UFO research community
subsequently disagrees with, then it is also wrong for someone
like Vallee, who writes UFO fiction as well as fact, to use the
same angle in a novel?

Following on from that point, are you therefore saying that a UFO novelist (Vallee or anyone else) should only write novels on issues that are acceptable and agreeable to the ETH adherents of Ufology? That's dangerously close to elitist censorship.

Nick R.

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Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings' - Mackay

From: Glennys Mackay <gem60.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 01:57:04 +1000
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Feb 2006 12:08:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings' - Mackay

>Source: The Advertiser - Adelaide, South Australia

><http://tinyurl.com/clxzk>

>08feb06

>Logic 'Explains Most UFO Sightings'
>By Roberta Mancuso

>Most UFOs are just jet planes while mysterious Min Min lights
>from the Aboriginal dreamtime are nothing more than big Mack
>trucks, according to a space expert.

>Queensland University of Technology academic Stephen Hughes said
>today most UFO phenomena could be explained with logic after a
>string of sightings across Queensland in the past week.

>Dr Hughes, from the university's School of Physical and Chemical
>Sciences, said one sighting near Mackay was actually Venus
>burning brightly while another in Brisbane was simply aircraft
>vapour trails.

>He said while people did see things in the sky, in most cases
>they were aircraft, satellites and meteors.

I wonder if this bright spark - Stephen Hughes - academic knows
what the word UFO stands for?

Unidentified Flying Object.....

Amazing how he has an explanation for everything from Min Min
lights to flying objects in the Sky.

I wonder if he ever leaves his little rooms at the University to
go and see.

Min Min Lights have been reported for near on 100 years in the
Outback, they did not have trucks or cars in these isolated
cattle stations back then.

I have had many reports from station hands when in the outback
herding cattle on horse back.

They also report Craft hovering over cattle, and when they have
been out sleeping under the stars, so I am sure they cannot all
be the reflection of road trains hundreds of miles away... also
there are many day sightings of UFOs and have been seen to land
on properties even during the day... multiple witnesses.

These country people are not prone to illusions or making up
stories, they tell it as they see it, and I am sure they are not
interested in some academic twit trying to tell them what they
see are reflections from heavy vehicles.

I have been in some of these very isolated areas and seen for
myself the Min Min Lights and not even a vehicle in sight...

So what are they?

Reflections off the clouds?

Gosh give me a break!

To think these idiots are given grants to research this area of phenomena.....

Probably a member of the Sceptics Association.

Maybe, just maybe, they could be reflections of our thoughts... who knows?

Grrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr.....

Beam me us Scotty.

Regards,

Rev. Glennys Mackay J.P.
Australian National Director MUFON
Brisbane, Australia.

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>>>>Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2006 15:40:48 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: An Interview With Jacques Vallee

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>>>>FYI, Jacques Vallee has written a new book just published in
>>>>French. It is a novel titled, Stratagem.

>>>What's the copyright date on that book?

>>>A similar question was asked privately off-List by a Lister a
>>>few weeks ago, but specifically with regard to Body Snatchers.

>>>Here are the facts in case of interest.....

>>>The synopsis on Body Snatchers was given to Simon & Schuster in
>>>mid-2003, but I had discussed the data I had on file with my
>>>editor, Patrick Huyghe, as far back as early 2003, my files
>>>reflect.

>>>By mid-2003 I had met interviewees Barker and Salter on a
>>>number of occasions, and I conducted the final interviews with
>>>them in late 2003.

>>>The official contract was exchanged between me and Simon &
>>>Schuster on December 31, 2003 and it was 18 months later that
>>>the book was published.

>>>Thanks Nick. Do you have any thoughts as to how far back this
>>>information leak, re the premise in your book, goes?

Don

Working backwards chronologically, we have the following (this
includes the people whose links I sent you privately, off-List,
a few days ago).

Late 2005:

A new source surfaced on the Project 1947 List from Australia.

He talked about his knowledge of the human experiment angle of Roswell but without a specific Japanese angle. However, the scenario was very similar, with high-altitude balloons and handicapped people. I interviewed this source extensively in November 2005.

2004 (I think or maybe 2005):

Steve Bartholomew. See:

http://chargedbarticle.org/truth_about_roswell.htm

This is a story that provoked a lot of controversy and even I am in agreement with a lot of that controversy. But I have dug deep into his background and he did have an interesting military career in the 1950s. He talks about balloons, gondolas, etc., in connection with the 1947 crashes.

Also 2004 (I think):

Jim Phelps. See:

<http://members.aol.com/doewatch/ufo.html>

He talks about White Sands, human experiments, etc., for the 1940s UFO crashes.

January 2004:

My first formal interviews with the "Colonel" from Body Snatchers.

Early 2002:

The first contact I had with Al Barker and Bill Salter from Body Snatchers (the interviews in the book, however, date from late 2003 onwards).

July 2001:

Interview with the "Black Widow" from Body Snatchers.

August 1996:

Interview with Levine from Body Snatchers.

1991:

Leonard Stringfield, in his Status Report V1, published the details of a nurse who talked to Tim Cooper about what were rumored to be physically handicapped Japanese bodies, with large heads, taken to Los Alamos in 1945-47 for use in radiation experiments. Contrary to what some have alleged, the nurse is real, and I spoke with her in 2003. She is elderly and lives in Colorado. I did not interview her for Body Snatchers. Stringfield also talks in the same Status Report about an interview Cooper had with Albert Collins, who discussed "bizarre biological experiments" in the NM desert and nuclear aircraft research in 47. Also in the same report, Stringfield notes, in his Epilogue that an "informant" had then recently told him about a crashed saucer in NM in July of 1947 that was connected with a "US biological experiment."

1991:

Jacques Vallee's Revelations book discusses the theory that a crashed saucer story for Roswell might have been used to hide something else, such as a "special type of balloon."

1990:

In Fate Magazine John Keel offered the theory that what came down at Roswell was possibly a Fugo balloon.

May 1949: FBI memoranda talks about rumors to the effect that Robert Ripley was in possession of the "only authentic Japanese flying saucer." This story was completely bogus, but the FBI dug into this deeply.

Two pages on this surfaced years ago when the FBI declassified its large, 1700-page UFO file. Since then, I have followed up deeply on this story and have obtained additional material via the FOIA on this, which shows the military attempted to prevent the FBI digging into the Japanese Saucer rumor.

I suspect that even though this case was utterly bogus, the fact that (ironically) there was, in my view, a real Japanese link to Roswell is what prompted the military's panicky reluctance to divulge data to the FBI.

There is good material in this new file that I will be publishing that talks about how a certain Colonel in Army Intelligence believed that "channels" in the military were exhibiting concern about discussing this Japanese angle with him, and so this Colonel went on a private quest with friends and colleagues in the military.

He still got the stock answer though: no saucers of any kind have ever crashed in the US (regardless of whether they were Japanese or alien, or something else).

Nick

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>>The problem is that Vallee has put your highly controversial
>>Body Snatchers story in his new book, in the midst of a very
>>hot debate, so that it cannot be seen as just an 'innocent'
>>novel. Therefore, it is perfectly legitimate, it seems to me,
>>to criticise it just the same way.

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>logic: if someone such as me writes something in a non-fiction
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>UFO novelist (Vallee or anyone else) should only write novels
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Nick,

I said that I am entitled to criticize the 'novel' of Vallee just
the same as your book, considering how it comes up, in the midst
of a heated controversy.

Gildas

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>So, wouldn't expect Vallee (or Keel even?) to put their heads in
>the lion's mouth again, would you?

Ray, et. al,

A good point except... from all indications of the incompetent
power broker's and corporate Soprano-types that run this country
at the present time, I don't buy the concept you're pushing
here.

Hassled? Yes. Absolutely. It happens to free thinkers.
Threatened? I seriously doubt it.

Most likely the true scenario runs something like this:

Big, bad, Gumm'nt snoops, etc., are protecting their paychecks
by pretending to be on top of the situation...can you spell K-a-
t-r-i-n-a? When they actually don't know diddly-squat about
UFOs, so monitor those who do.

When they regurgitate the data they stole from researchers, their
bosses pat them on the head and tells them they're doing a
heckofajob.

You don't really believe these types of people actually have
original thoughts, do you?

Wendy Connors
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The Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No.6

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The Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No.6

"Living in the light", and being "completely" in the dark with BUFO.

Well, here we are again, about to venture into the murky thinking of Mary Sutherland, Ron Hannivig and Frank Scassellati of Burlington UFO and Paranormal Radio fame. But, it's much easier to simply think of them as BUFOONians or UFOOLOGists. (Take your pick!)

This entry will deal with Mary's latest post on the so-called Carbondale UFO crash and coverup: as well as her silly attempts at discrediting retired Carbondale Police Sgt. Francis X. Dottle, Rick Fisher of Paranormal Pa. and my investigative efforts on the hoax incident of November 1974. It's interesting to note that neither Mary, Ron or Frank were actually present during the investigation of the incident nor, were any of the three present when the rail road lantern was recovered from the pond's floor by a volunteer scuba diver (Mark Stamey).

Yet, to read all their accusations, suspicions and fantasies about the incident one might get the distinct impression that they really do know precisely what they're talking about. But, the impression is just that, a fleeting "illusion" and nothing of substance at all.

Of course, there is also BUFO field investigator Frank Scassellati's claim that he was there as a teenager but, his story has changed sooooo many times, I don't think Ol' Frank really knows where he was then or now - he just seems to be a flip-flop'n fellow that is all-over-the-place!

So, rather than taking the reader on long and boring expose of Mary Sutherland's latest nonsensical and highly conspiracy-minded diatribe, I will simply respond to a few of her latest baseless accusations and ridiculous remarks about the Carbondale UFO hoax of November 9-11, 1974.

Shortly after the Carbondale UFO Crash Chronicles Entry No5 was posted by UFO UpDates and then appeared at the "carbondale, pa. ufo crash" site. Mary Sutherland posted a new page with an audio link that one must subscribe to in order to hear her ramble on about the '74 incident: while she also presents startling new "Unidentified" witness accounts along with an "audio program" which she promises to be informative, entertaining and comical. (Sounds like a bit of "serious" UFO researching to me, how about you?)

Mary sees her new audio program as a kind of ongoing "soap opera" in which she is probably cast on the roll of a victim and heroine defending her veracity from the horrible "Forces which do not want you to know the truth about the Carbondale UFO crash". Cast in the roll of two of these sinister forces are a fellow named Rick Fisher of Paranormal, Pa. (Whom I have never met) and myself. Mary seems to be a bit confused as to exactly how we two are linked but, she and her top investigator Ron Hannivig believe we are conspiratorial associates because we live relatively close to one another.

Of course, this suspicion is based entirely on Ron's subjective understanding of the word close. For I reside in the suburbs of Philadelphia, Pa. and Mr. Fisher resides near Lancaster, Pa. That's about 60 miles from my home, and since I'm legally blind I cannot drive out to Pennsylvania Dutch country to conspire with him. Yet somehow, Mr. Fisher and I are in league with one another, and our whole existence on this planet seems to be involved with the debunking of an alleged UFO case that was resolved as a hoax over thirty years ago.

Further compounding the BUFOONian confusion on the matter is the fact that Mr. Fisher does not believe the case was a hoax, and strongly desires to learn as much as he possibly can about the incident for a book he is presently writing on his investigation into the affair. Obtaining a portion of such information from me is the extent of our so-called association, and was also the apparent extent of his brief association with BUFO prior to his becoming their arch enemy because of (you guessed it).. his "assumed" association with me.

In fact, Mary Sutherland has devoted two entire BUFO pages to an attempted discrediting of Mr. Fisher:

http://www.burlingtonnews.net/rick_fisher.html

and

http://www.burlingtonnews.net/rick_fisher2.html

To read Mary's rather caustic low-down on me just go to "carbondale, pa. ufo crash" and scroll down to Mary's suspicion-packed new feature page

<http://www.burlingtonnews.net/carbondale.html>

Well, I'm certain that by this point you are wondering "why" Mary would even bother to post such lengthy and disparaging remarks about Mr. Fisher and I. Well, it seems that Mary has "leaped" to the conclusion that it was she I was referring to when I mentioned in Chronicles Entry No.5 that I had received word from an informant that an internet ufo promoter has engaged in fraudulent online business practices and was even directly involved in the suicide of a youthful member of the same internet promoter's group. Hmmm.

As you can clearly see, I never mentioned anyone's name, simply because I wanted to verify that the informant's claims were both unbiased and factual. But, Mary seems to have a very assumptive nature, such as when she readily assumed that Pennsylvania highway signs reading Susquehanna County, Susquehanna Township and Susquehanna River, were "root-words" derived from Native American language describing "Sasquatch-anna" or, the so-called creature known as "Bigfoot". Actually, a simple phone call placed to the Susquehanna Township Public Library would have informed Mary that such was definitely not the case...Duh!

Yet, Mary seems to feel that Mr. Fisher's and my investigative methods are shoddy. Well, judging by what I've read on her BUFO sites, Mary is well acquainted with and quite comfortable with the woefully shoddy investigative work of her pair of saucer-sleuths, Ron Hannivg and Frank Scassellati. I'll cite just one example.

Ron and Frank had gone to the Russell Park Pond about a year and a half ago on a field investigative venture, (that's the location where they believe a UFO had crashed 29 years earlier). The pair noticed that a small section of fence separating the pond from the park property had been replaced. Frank wrote Mary an e-mail message proclaiming that this mismatched section of fence "probably" was the section the military replaced after they covertly backed up a flat bed trailer and loaded the downed UFO upon before spiriting it away.

Frank excitedly wrote Mary, "The investigation is going great!" Now, I'd like to ask a very simple question of Ron, Frank and Mary. Why would the military not have removed a section of fencing and then put the same section back in place to conceal their secretive activities? Moreover, putting back the same section of fence would have spared them the trouble of sending a small contingent of troops to the local Home Depot for

mismatching fence supplies.

As you can clearly see this story doesn't make any sense at all but, I guess that because the investigation was "going so great" no one at BUFO thought of contacting the Carbondale Department of Public Works, the city's Department of Parks and Recreation, or the pond owner to find out "when" and "why" the fence had been mended. Somehow, Mary never seemed to notice (or question) these obvious fatal flaws in her investigator's work..I wonder why?

But, As Mary points out, back in '74 I told the press that if the Air Force had suspected that something of significance splashed down in the pond, they probably would have been there. Mary says, that I should have known that the Air Force halted it's Blue Book inquiry into the UFO phenomenon several years before the Carbondale incident occurred - therefore, according to Mary, the Air Force would NOT have been there. Mary is absolutely right on this point, the Air Force was not there, and I am truly enthralled to hear the Mary finally "agrees" with me on this point. There was no military presence at the scene of the hoax.

Mary also claims in her attempted discrediting of my investigative efforts that I'm not careful about reporting facts and spelling witness names. She cites one example saying that the volunteer scuba diver from New York is a fellow named Mark Stanley, not Stamey as I reported back in 1974. She says, I can't even tell a "M" from an "N". Actually, if Mary were correct, (which she isn't), it would be far more accurate to say that I failed to tell an "NL" from an "M".(That Mary can certainly be a stickler for details at times).

But "StaMey" is the name the driver gave me and that's the name he also gave to the Philadelphia press reporters at the scene. Did Stamey have a speech impediment or a harelip...I do not recall, perhaps Mary can straighten this nagging question out for us too?

Then of course, there is Mary's strong suspicion that I may have known Stamey prior to the incident, and actually summoned him to the site to assist me in the coverup of the UFO crash. If that were the case, wouldn't it make sense that I probably would have known his name was Stanley, not Stamey! Ahh, but that wouldn't fit with Mary's silly conspiratorial coverup theory would it.

Another facinating point that Mary seems to believe reveals my investigative short-comings lies in the fact that several local newspapers reported that Officer Joseph Jacobina fired FOUR shots from his service pistol at the submerged light in the pond during the wee morning hours of November 10, 1974: While I incorrectly reported that he had fired SIX shots at the submerged lantern.

As I recall, I was told by police officials that Jacobina "emptied" his revolver into the pond, generally speaking, that's a spending of six shots not four but, what has the number of bullets fired at a sunken lantern have to do with proving Mary's UFO/coverup point- when she herself has a great deal of difficulty understanding that the submerged lantern was battery-powered and not a kerosene lamp. As she snidely points out, a lantern's flame needs oxygen to burn! Double Duh!!

Beisdes, unless one is forensically investigating a homicide or writing a pithy epetaph of some sort, it really doesn't matter how many bullets killed a person. All that matters is that they were shot to death. I remember reading a tombstone inscription that was located on one of the wild west's many "Boot Hills", it simply read, " Here lies the body of Lester Moore, took four slugs from a 44... No less, no more!"

My hasty count of Mary's misspelled names in her latest post, shows that Mary continually misspells Doug Dains name (Mr.Dains was Dr.Hynek's representative at the scene), and she claims that I've been treating someone named Robert Gray quite poorly too. Unfortunately, I never heard of a Robert Gray being associated with the Carbondale incident but, Mary might mean Robert Barry the man whose tall tale UFO crash story she has "borrowed" and is currently promoting for herself. Mary seems to be a chronic and unapologetic borrower of other researcher's photographs and writings.

You can read all about the late Mr.Barry in Chronicles Entry No.5. However, it suffices to say that Mr.Barry was well-known in objective UFO circles as something of a loose cannon and a teller of very tall tales.

Well, that's enough UFOological enlightenment on Mary Sutherland and her pair of defective detectives for now. However, as always, I'd like to remind everyone that there is usually two (or more) sides to every story so, I encourage you to read what Mary, Ron and Frank have to say about the perfectly dreadful coverup of the UFO crash at Carbondale, that mean ol' Rick Fisher and that nasty Matt Graeber too! Log on to "<http://www.burlingtonnews.net/carbondale.html>"

So, while Mary is supposedly "Living in the light" (a state of heightened spiritual awaress and emotional bliss), she seems to be also expending a great deal of time and energy with self-promotion, mean-spirited verbal assaults on others, and the attempted resurrection of a long-dead UFO hoax incident. One wonders "why" this obvious non-UFO case is soooo important to her when, as she quips, there are many others out there.

Perhps while Mary and Frank continue to bask in the warm and fuzzy light of ever blossoming fantasy, they might take a moment ar two to examine their own conscience and admit that they have both been bamboozled by Mr.Barry and his wannabe heir apparent Ron Hannivig. Perhaps too, Mary will even go so far as to tell us her side of the story regarding other matters that "she herself " has prompted people to become concerned about. (?) Frank Scassellati has already confessed to leading Mr.Fisher down the "misinformation highway" concerning his numerous "at the pond" stories.

But, thanks to ace UFOologist and "Root-Wordologist" Mary Sutherland, at least we now know that "Sasquatch-anna" is currently running about in the wooded areas of Pennsylvania's Lackawanna County.

NEWS FLASH! Mary has recently revealed that another new "unidentified" witness has come forward with information concerning the coverup lantern being placed in the pond. Apparently, the witness observed (Through Binoculars), a brand new lantern with a "Sugarman's department store" sales tag on it. This allegedly occurred as the lantern was being dropped into the water. If Mary could just come up with the sales receipt and the original box the lantern camre in I think she might be able to convince someone that this tale isn't just another self-serving BUFO fantasy.

Keep on watch'n the skies and the ol' silt pond too,

Matt Graeber

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>Anyone feel these three share some similarities? Not so much in
>what they've done and written but in their common experience of
>attacks from the establishment - sometimes disguised as
>ufologists?

>Each seemed under greatest pressures and attacks at a stage when
>they began to examine hidden agendas.

>Reminds me of Tom Van Flandern's 'You get most flak when you're
>right over the target.'

>They maybe reacted a little differently to those (hidden?)
>pressures and attacks.

>Sagan was much respected science communicator, campaigner and
>investigator, and so logical target of ruthless groups - probably
>don't know just how ruthless if you're able to read this - who
>need/want the vast power & money in all those
>'science/space/nuclear' programs Sagan was campaigning about.

>And his output changed drastically from say, Cosmos, &
>fictionally with Contact, when he was still fairly open-minded
>and optimistic - to Demon Haunted World, which I believe may've
>been a coded protest against possibly corrupt pressures under
>which it was written. (We now have an inkling of some of the
>murky groups who want to 'own' the public consciousness).

>So, wouldn't expect Vallee (or Keel even?) to put their heads in
>the lion's mouth again, would you?

I personally wouldn't include Sagan in the mix. I find Vallee and Keel interesting and have even attempted to think of ways to unify both their takes with mainstream Ufology. Both Vallee and Keel, as well as standard Ufology, have noted elements of 'deception' with regard to the behavior of the phenomena and how it seems to delight in teasing the human mind.

I've also attempted to connect certain 'traits' regarding experiences with crafts and occupants. I'm starting to see a more broader picture.

For one, the majority of the crafts reported are similar in that they are structured and metallic. They come in a variety of shapes but seem composed of the same elements. There are very few accounts of crafts made of crystal, light, etc. However, the occupants of the crafts do vary widely. Why is that? Not only that, but the fact that the differing occupants do not seem connected to a specific style or shape of craft. All crafts should have the features necessary for function as well as having may characteristic unique to the creators. 'Decor' if you will. Returning to the 'occupants', has anyone pondered why they seem to say extremely similar things to witnesses? For example;

"We will not hurt you", "You have been chosen", and "You are special" are very common from both contactees and abductees. Also note the frequency of 'telepathy' is reported. Is it possible that the majority of alien species in the univers use telepathy? Of course I don't know. I do believe that the similar forms of communication reported is very important to discerning any 'truth' that may be concealed in these encounters.

My speculation is quite simple. I say it is quite possible we are dealing with only one 'type' of visitor, a type that has already been noted for displaying 'deceptiveness'. I speculate that the differing occupants yet same crafts and similar means of communication, could be nothing other than further displayed 'deceptiveness' from our visitors.

I take it a step further. I believe said visitors are well aware that they cannot truly conceal their presence on this planet. All they can do is confuse humanity of their intentions. I believe 'contactees' could be one of their first plans of such. When I consider 'contactees' I immediately feel this intuitive feeling that their minds have been tampered with. That they have been lied to. Is it possible that they were the first disinformationist in this field?

Could it be that both Vallee and Keel are also victims of our visitors? I am reminded of a comment in 'The Mothman Prophecies' where John Leek asks a man the reasons why he is being targeted for these experiences. The man replied 'Because you noticed them... and they noticed that you noticed them.' I feel this comment is extremely apt in this situation.

I speculate that our visitors noticed that Vallee and Keel where not buying into the propaganda that most Ufologists have. They could very well have been veiwed as a threat by any visitor monitoring our status of knowledge of their presence and agenda. Perhaps our visitors embarked to specificly confuse Vallee and Keel, to purposefully throw them off track with all manner of weird phenomena, knowing the human mind will attach some form of explanation, and in this case, one which still conceal the visitor's goals.

One last thing, take into consideration the fact that the ability to alter perception is reported, or hinted at, in nearly all cases.

So, where you really abducted by hairy dwarfs?

Were you truly violated by reptilian overlords?

Or could the experiencers be victims of far more deception than they realized?

- Jason

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List,

I've got to support Nick's point. Vallee's novel is fiction
folks, fiction. And anything goes in fiction.

I can't see how including any idea or concept derived from
ufology in a fictional context can be viewed as irresponsible or
threatening if the reader has a firm grip.

Wasn't it crack-headed attitudes like this that drove Vallee
largely underground during most of the 1990 up to now?

Chris Burns

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Interview With Glennys Mackay

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Following is a link to an interview by Ireland Radio with Australian medium, healer and contactee Glennys Mackay.

<http://tinyurl.com/8z9nt>

Glennys began life as a stillborn baby, has had 3 NDEs, works as a medium and had contact with ETs throughout her life.

In this interview she talks about how ETs helped her heal from cancer, her experiences with tall whites, an early sighting of a UFO landing on her family farm and much more.

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Preparing For Contact

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 12:50:08 -0500
Subject: Preparing For Contact

Hi list,

I'd like to offer the following thoughts on preparing for contact. It seems to me that preparing for ET contact requires a multipronged approach but has one basic requirement, that is, to change our world view.

Changing peoples world views to accept ETs into their reality is an extremely big challenge. UFO researchers have always underestimated just how difficult it would be and in their ignorance they've often become frustrated by it. The biggest part of the UFO subject that has been almost overlooked is the psychology behind it all.

Whether people are witnesses or experiencers and have to deal with their world view being changed unexpectedly by a sighting or encounter, whether it's researchers who work hard to dig up evidence so as to present proof and gasp when people ignore it, or whether it's the general population who accept or reject what their own eye balls see or their own mind tells them is true. From my standpoint, it's all about the psychology.

People's minds have been conditioned to think one way and social pressures perpetuate that conditioning. Windows of opportunity into the human psyche are fleeting at best. When they open in the public mind the UFO community needs to be ready. We need:

- (1) To understand that peer group pressure never ceases no matter what age or status we attain in life;
- (2) To educate ourselves about the triggers that shut people down towards the UFO subject so that we might then understand what will open the public mind to the subject;
- (3) To change public perception from the notion that if one goes down the UFO "path" one will have everything to lose, to the idea that one will have everything to gain;
- (4) To help individuals transcend the status quo;
- (5) To cease perpetuating an 'us versus them' attitude towards general society. Create a compassionate approach to ignorance and fear of the UFO subject rather than intolerance. We are all in this together and great change will not come about until more bring it about together;
- (6) To help those who are ready to change their world view find a 'new home' and place to belong in an inclusive and friendly environment.

We have greatly underestimated what needs to be done in order to bring about a true and lasting change of attitude towards the UFO subject including educating ourselves about the human psyche, particularly if we are ever going to break through it.

We need to do some changing ourselves and accept that the UFO phenomenon is just as much about humanity as it is about ETs. Doing so might just throw some light on the real barriers we are up against. Australian biologist Jeremy Griffith states in his book

A Species In Denial, "the problem may very well be the need for psychological rehabilitation of the western mind" and that might just be the real challenge for the UFO community after all.

Sheryl

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Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 13:11:43 -0500
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>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
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>Date: Mon, 13 Feb 2006 19:21:26 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 17:38:59 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 17:47:10 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>>The problem is that Vallee has put your highly controversial
>>>Body Snatchers story in his new book, in the midst of a very
>>>hot debate, so that it cannot be seen as just an 'innocent'
>>>novel. Therefore, it is perfectly legitimate, it seems to me,
>>>to criticise it just the same way.

>>Let me see if I have it correct from the perspective of your
>>logic: if someone such as me writes something in a non-fiction
>>setting that many people within the UFO research community
>>subsequently disagree with, then it is also wrong for someone
>>like Vallee, who writes UFO fiction as well as fact, to use the
>>same angle in a novel?

>>Following on from that point, are you therefore saying that a
>>UFO novelist (Vallee or anyone else) should only write novels
>>on issues that are acceptable and agreeable to the ETH adherents
>>of Ufology? That's dangerously close to elitist censorship.

>Nick,

>I said that I am entitled to criticize the 'novel' of Vallee just
>the same as your book, considering how it comes up, in the midst
>of a heated controversy.

Gildas

The only reason, as far as I can determine, for criticizing a
novel is because the author cannot write good fiction, or the
plot is useless, or there are no believable characters.

Criticizing a novel like Vallee's just because it contains an
account and a scenario that you don't believe happened in the
real world is truly bizarre.

A couple of questions for you:

Are you critical of all UFO novels that say things which are
contrary to what you personally believe has happened in the real
world re. UFOs?

Or are you only critical of UFO novels that dare to suggest that
Japanese people crashed at Roswell?

Nick R.

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Re: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup - Balaskas

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Subject: Re: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup - Balaskas

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Date: Sunday, February 12, 2006 1:02 PM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup

>>Source: The Tribune Review - Warrendale, Pennsylvania, USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/7bqfs>

>>Sunday, February 12, 2006

>>Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup
>>By The Tribune Review

>>Kecksburg, which was the location of something mysterious - some
>>would say something extraterrestrial - 40 years ago, isn't
>>Southwestern Pennsylvania's only connection to unidentified
>>flying objects.

>>Uniontown native Gen. George C. Marshall was chief of staff of
>>the Army during World War II, secretary of defense and secretary
>>of state in President Harry Truman's administration and the
>>winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the Marshall
>>Plan for the reconstruction of a Europe devastated by the war.

>>Some extraterrestrial experts believe that he was also part of a
>>government coverup of alien visitors

<snip>

>Incidentally the Marshall Archives are the only one I know where
>one can go from a bunch of 5x8 cardfiles to the actual documents
>in file cabinets which makes life much easier.. such as when I
>was looking for how Truman signed off on letters and memos. I
>found sign offs that were used in some of the phony MJ-12
>documents. No classified Marshall papers are at the Archive.

Hi Everyone!

Below are a few quotes from 'Flying Saucer Review', January/
February 1956, that suggests Marshall was indeed part of the UFO
cover-up.

"The United States Authorities have established that flying
saucers are manned by visitors from outer space." [statement
made in 1951 by U.S. Secretary of State, General George Marshall
in Mexico, according to Gordon Creighton of FSR]...

"One morning during the summer of 1951, news reporters, news
photographers and movie camera men moved into the airport at
Mexico City to meet a V.I.P. [General Marshall] from the United
States. The group was gathered together, and waiting for the

visitor, when somebody looked up and gave a shout. Three saucers were hovering over the airport at a height of about 5,000 feet."

"Immediately the cameras went into action, and many photographs, in colour, black and white, stills, and movies were taken. People poured out of the waiting rooms and restaurant, and several hundred had a fine view of the saucers before they darted off at high speed in a southerly direction. The day following, the newspapers of Mexico broke the story but there were no pictures. It was reported that the pictures had all been taken by the authorities..."

"Asked why such emphasis had been imposed on denying their existence, and on censoring reports, the V.I.P. official [General Marshall]... said that the U.S.A. wanted her people to concentrate on the real menace, Communism; and not to be distracted by the visitors from outer space."

Has anyone seen these photos or movies of the three flying saucers over Mexico City at the time Marshall arrived there in the summer of 1951? Although the Marshall archives do not have classified material, I wonder if they have documents with his comments or views on the subject of flying saucers and our visitors from outer space. Maybe Mexican newspaper archives will have more to say about these flying saucers over Mexico City and just which authorities, Mexican or U.S., confiscated the images and covered up this truly puzzling and widely witnessed early UFO flotila over Mexican skies.

Nick Balaskas

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Wikipedia's 'UFO History Wars'?

From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 15:39:21 -0500
Subject: Wikipedia's 'UFO History Wars'?

I would be very interested to hear of anyone's experience with trying to improve the accuracy and content of UFO related entries on Wikipedia.

Recently, a number of us here down have been having largely futile fun and games trying to add accurate content to an entry that appeared entitled "Australian Ufology":

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_Ufology

Initially I described this entry the "Australian Ufology" document on the Wikipedia site as appearing to be an effort at creating a version of history. Much of it is correct, and much of it replicates the information that has emerged through the recent Australian Disclosure project.

<http://disclosure.freewebsite.org/>

However there are many omissions, so much so that it is difficult to argue that it is an accurate history, rather a skewed history that seems to spend a lot of space offering a history that approximates what many Australian UFO researchers know but with some aspects few of us are familiar with, in particular the alleged history of AMPR APRV PRV to what is now known as PRA.

If we go to the sources section of the Wikipedia entry to confirm the documentation for the claimed history it becomes clear that that particular aspect must be described in the 2 documents few of us have seen, let alone have access to - namely John Auchettl's 34 page 1985 VUFORS document The Roots Of Australian Ufology, and the 6 page Brian Boyle document The Early Years: From Saucers to UFOs. As Auchettl left VUFORS years ago it seems doubtful, on past performance, that he is likely to share this material. It would be extremely useful if he would, as they might shed light on some of these early aspects of Australian Ufology. Without this primary source material (including the "non-government meeting minutes" of 1949 that apparently led to the formation of AMPR) we are just left to the declarations within this anonymous Wikipedia document.

I say "anonymous" as the author uses the handle "Vufors". I connected the well known group VUFORS to check if my suspicions were correct, that this was not the work of the VUFOS committee. Indeed Tony Cook the VUFORS secretary confirmed it was not the work of their committee.

One is left to ponder that the choice of the handle "Vufors" was meant to confuse and create mischief? Given the document content, style and direction it seems remarkably reminiscent of the anonymous fragmented content and style that often appeared on the demented Paul de Blog Australasian Ufologist blog site, which happily seems to have expired in July 2005, except for a brief gasp in late November 2005. Given the form of that blog appropriating Diane & Robert Frola's Australasian Ufologist magazine name, it seemed underwhelmingly unsurprising to me to ponder the possibility that the VUFORS name had been appropriated as well.

As the "Vufors" owner of the Wikipedia Australian History entry is censoring efforts to correct and edit this skewed and incomplete history it would be appropriate to highlight the questionable nature of the document and its attempt at whitening out a lot of history and contributions, seemingly in an effort to create a biased and sometimes flawed history.

With my book, The OZ Files, back in 1996 I try to provide a modest popular history. I would be the first to admit its incompleteness, but this was not due to intent, rather it was the result of trying to get a book through a commercial publishing process. Clearly it was just the 'tip of the iceberg', however I did my best to provide a primer of sorts that was anchored in documentation, referencing and transparency.

Some of my other contributions on Australian history are to found on the web at sites like Project 1947 and my own web site:

http://www.theozfiles.com/australian_ufology.html
http://www.theozfiles.com/preservation_of_australian_ufo_history.html
http://www.theozfiles.com/australian_official_involvement.html
http://www.theozfiles.com/early_australian_historical_encounters.html

As many of you will know I have had this material freely available up on the web for years, to assist the course of focusing on and documenting UFO history in all its dimensions.

Clearly many additional sources have surfaced, but some seem rooted in a lack of transparency, and seem more focused on obscuring or manipulating history in an agenda or ego based way.

The Wikipedia site claims that it allows a kind of democratic and open editing process to produce accurate entries. The "Australian Ufology" entry and its manipulated and controlled editing, through censorship, via what seems to be an anonymous entity identifying itself as "Vufors" is a poor example of the Wikipedia objective. Instead it seems to approximate the skewed and agenda based efforts that dominate anonymous blog sites.

Characterising efforts at adding more content to address gaps and oversights etc, as "Vandal & Commercial spam" is absurd in the extreme. Instead the "Australian Ufology" Wikipedia effort seems more like the efforts of someone trying to put into place a limited version of history. While much of it replicates the history that has already been well documented openly by others, it is its omissions, errors and distortions that should concern all who are interested in legitimate, documented and transparent history.

I have a strong interest in the documentation, preservation, and research of UFO history. As can be seen, much of that has had an Australian focus for obvious reasons. I am passionate about the open and transparent documentation of UFO history. An anonymous party that seems focused on manipulating and maintaining a skewed history for whatever agenda is disappointing in this era of extraordinary opportunities in information exchange, such as exemplified in such sites as UFO Update, Sign Historical group, Project 1947, Magonia exchange, and the many others.

While this little 'UFO history war' bears little in stature to the much larger canvases of 'history wars' being played out in many countries on topics as diverse as Australian colonialism and the treatment of aborigines, the dropping of the bomb on Japan, the 'rape' of Nanking, etc, the accuracy, documentation and transparency of ufology's history is very important to all who practice in its shadow.

Our experience here would lead us to conclude it would be a brave soul who would rely on a Wikipedia entry as their sole point of reference. Clearly one needs to apply a critical and close inspection of the reliability, background and substance of information resources that seek to inform us about UFO history. Nothing new or revolutionary there I would have to say given my perspectives which are deeply rooted in an attempt to understand and elaborate on UFO history, and to use that experience to better inform ourselves about today's controversies and issues, and our future progress.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

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>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 17:47:10 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>Nick and All, It is not "the world of Gildas" that we are talking
>>about. It's rather the world of Nick Redfern, and now of Jacques
>>Vallee!

>>Yes, I have written a sharp critique of the book, as well as of
>>yours, and for reasons that I have tried to expose in a rational
>>way. And I am under the impression that a lot of people share
>>the same point of view. For instance, the editor of the Mufon
>>UFO Journal, even if he gives you now a right of answer, the
>>same as the editor of IUR, in answer to the article of Bob
>>Durant. That's fine with me.

>I have just read your critique on Redfern's book. You write
>concerning the Horten glider that...

>"...The American engineers were not interested, undoubtedly for
>the simple reason that they already had the hang-gliders
>Northrop, being the subject of flight tests (with many
>problems)..."

>However, I have a series of clippings from December 1947 from
>US newspapers that these Northrop engineers were apparently
>actively engaged in examining a 70-foot wingspan Horten plane,
>"designated the Horten 6", hoping "to find applications to the
>government's guided missile projects", or so these clippings
>inform us.

Theo and all,

First, let me correct your quotation. I did not write "hang-
gliders" and I don't know what that means.

I wrote that the Horten H IX V 3, second prototype with two jet
engines, was brought back from Germany, but it was not finished
then, and never was.

On the other hand, you are right about another model being
brought to the United States, the small glider Horten H VI.

According to a well documented book that I have on all flying
wings, it was studied by Northrop engineers but did not fly.
There was another model of small glider, the Horten H IV, which
was tested in Enland, and was then sold to a private American
who used it later at the American national Soaring Contest, in
1952. That's all there is to say, apparently, about the Horten
wings in the US.

Gildas

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Mysterious Lights Over Caracas Venezuela

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
February 14, 2006

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Venezuela: Mysterious Lights Over Caracas

Residents of the Polvorin community, parish of La Pastora, Puerta de Caracas sector, reported the sighting of a strange luminous object in the skies over this Venezuelan locality to the north of the capital city. The unusual event took place on Wednesday, February 8 at night by a group of local residents while the object sped in a south to north direction.

Leonardo Duque, who was with his family at the time of the event, said that the object was orange in color and had a circular shape. He also added that the clear night skies and "total absence of clouds" enabled visual contact by the witnesses.

Carmen Perez, moreover, stated that at first everyone beleived that it was "an airliner" flying over the area. However, Mrs. Perez indicated that this hypothesis began losing credibility when after a few seconds the object appeared to divide itself in equal halves, giving the appearance of two large "sources of light"

[Map of the local area, showing Puerta de Caracas]

Other residents, who did not wish to provide greater details on what had ocured, manifested their doubts regarding the manifestation of this sort of phenomenon and claimed that it could have been any other object -- but not an airliner, "unless it is a new model"

According to the eyewitnesses, the UFO managed to conceal itself almost immediately behind Cerro El Avila after having crossed the capital area's airspace for a period of approximately 2 minutes. It was likewise reported that its movment was not linear.

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City of Caracas with Cerro El Avila in the background

Venezuelan agencies responsible for weather forecasting and determining atmospheric conditions did not report any anomalies in their daily reports. Nor was any photographic evidence obtained by the witnesses.

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Experts Meet To Discuss Life In Space

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3/02/2006

Experts Meet To Discuss Life In Space

Discussions are being held in London by leading experts about the emergence of life on earth and the possibilities of life elsewhere in the universe.

Scientists from across the globe will meet for a two-day event at the Royal Society today and the discussion meeting will feature presentations from experts on the origins of life.

Among those appearing at the event is Max Bernstein of the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) Institute in the United States, who will outline the possible role played by dust containing carbon from comets and asteroids in making the earth inhabitable. He will also look at ways of detecting signs of life elsewhere in the solar system.

Monica Grady of the Open University will present a report on investigations into whether or not there is evidence that life could occur on Mars, with particular emphasis on studies of the chemistry of carbon in the planet's meteorites.

Professor Ian Smith, co-organiser of the meeting, said:
"Understanding how life emerged on Earth within 1,000 million years of its formation is both a fascinating scientific problem and an essential step in predicting the presence of life elsewhere in the universe.

"This meeting will bring together leading figures from several different scientific disciplines to discuss the origin of the raw materials from which life emerged, and the conditions and processes involved in the genesis and early evolution of primitive life forms."

Gunter Wachtershauser of Munich university, Germany, will examine the theory that life originated on earth about 4,400 million years ago from volcanic eruptions and David Deamer of the University of California at Santa Cruz will report on recent experiments with natural geothermal environments and in laboratories.

The US transportation secretary stated last week that commercial space travel could become a reality from America as early as 2008.

Addressing a gathering of space entrepreneurs, Norman Mineta said he expected to start handing out permits for test flights in 2007 and licences for passenger travel the following year.

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Darwin's Warm Pond Theory Tested

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<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/4702336.stm>

Monday, 13 February 2006

Darwin's Warm Pond Theory Tested

By Rebecca Morelle
BBC News science reporter

Life on Earth was unlikely to have emerged from volcanic springs or hydrothermal vents, according to a leading US researcher.

Experiments carried out in volcanic pools suggest they do not provide the right conditions to spawn life.

The findings are being discussed at an international two-day meeting to explore the latest thinking on the origin of life on Earth.

It is taking place at the Royal Society in London.

Darwin's Theory

David Deamer, emeritus professor of chemistry at the University of California at Santa Cruz, said ahead of his presentation: "It is about 140 years since Charles Darwin suggested that life may have begun in a 'warm little pond'. We are now testing Darwin's idea, but in 'hot little puddles' associated with the volcanic regions of Kamchatka [Russia] and Mount Lassen [California, US]."

"The results are surprising and in some ways disappointing. It seems that hot acidic waters containing clay do not provide the right conditions for chemicals to assemble themselves into 'pioneer organisms.'"

Professor Deamer said that amino acids and DNA, the "building blocks" for life, and phosphate, another essential ingredient, cling to the surfaces of clay particles in the volcanic pools.

"The reason this is significant is that it has been proposed that clay promotes interesting chemical reactions relating to the origin of life," he explained.

"However," he added, "in our experiments, the organic compounds became so strongly held to the clay particles that they could not undergo any further chemical reactions."

Martian Existence?

While our understanding of the world is rapidly increasing, the answer to how life began on Earth remains elusive.

The conference, involving more than 200 leading international

scientists, will also explore other theories including whether life arrived from space.

"It is presumed that life arose in a soup rich in carbon compounds, but where did these organic molecules come from?" said Dr Max Bernstein from the US-based Seti Institute.

He believes the answer may lie in interstellar dust, and will be talking about the possibility that a comet or asteroid may have provided Earth with the raw ingredients needed for life.

The researchers will also be asking whether life could exist elsewhere in the Universe.

Professor Monica Grady from the UK's Open University will explore the possibility of a Martian existence at the meeting.

She will discuss whether a Martian biosphere once existed by examining research into the carbon chemistry of Mars.

Professor Ian Smith, from the University of Cambridge, the organiser of the conference said: "Understanding how life emerged on Earth within 1,000 million years of its formation is both a fascinating scientific problem and an essential step in predicting the presence of life elsewhere in the Universe."

Professor Deamer said that his research, which is not yet published, will help to narrow down the theories about how life on Earth emerged.

"One possibility is that life really did begin in a 'warm little pond', but not in hot volcanic springs or marine hydrothermal vents," he added.

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Sited This Week: UFOs

By Michael Herman

Claes Elmberg, of the small Taranaki settlement, Okato, will be in Christchurch next month to present a slideshow and lecture on the Eduard Albert "Billy" Meier UFO contact case.

Meier's supporters say the 69-year-old Swiss man's claims about physical contacts with extraterrestrial human beings have met "all standards for a preponderance of proof beyond a reasonable doubt".

Keen to elevate an example of folklore to scientific fact, Elmberg and his disciples would have you believe that all challenges by scientists and skeptics to debunk the physical and prophetic evidence "have been soundly defeated", ignoring among others, the report by UFO authority and Total Research chief executive Kal K. Korff that revealed how the Swiss farmer "hatched and continues to maintain the most elaborate UFO hoax" ever.

They Fly =96 www.theyfly.com

Is the proof presented by "Billy" Meier of his contact with an extraterrestrial human race the world's biggest hoax or is it evidence of "the most important event in all of human history?"

Michael Horn, the "authorised" American media representative for Billy Meier Contacts, says 25 years of "diligent research" by him has "conclusively proven" the veracity of Meier's claims.

Horn's website They Fly is a paean to Meier and prophecies transmitted through him by the Plejaren, the benevolent extraterrestrial human race he has had contact with for 61 years. Click on the Evidence link to access photos, the movie gallery and "UFO sounds".

Fortean Times =96 www.forteantimes.com

Founded in 1973 to continue the work of 20th-century anti-scientist Charles Fort, the print edition of Fortean Times has a companion website that features articles from the monthly magazine of "strange phenomena and experiences, curiosities, prodigies and portents".

Fort is credited by some as being the first person to speculate

that mysterious lights in the sky might belong to alien crafts. You'll find many well-written articles and reviews of peculiar occurrences, scientific discoveries and, seemingly, humankind's efforts to understand its role in the cycle of life and death.

Space Mysteries =96 www.mystery.sonoma.edu

A series of three puzzles that use the scientific approach to solve problems, Space Mysteries takes advantage of the natural curiosity found in children to build critical thinking and analytical skills. You can choose from Alien Bandstand, Star Market Scandal and Live!

=46rom 2-Alpha, each of which requires players to access and analyse data from Nasa missions. Each mystery has been constructed to teach at least one of the important physical science standards (eg interactions of energy and matter, structures and properties of matter, energy, motion, or forces), and is accompanied by classroom materials.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead on this and the previous post]

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Crop Circles & Beer Commericals

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 18:40:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 18:40:59 -0500
Subject: Crop Circles & Beer Commericals

Source: ABC Southern Queensland - Toowoomba, Queensland,
Australia

<http://www.abc.net.au/southqld/stories/s1568732.htm?backyard>

Monday, 13 February 2006

[PhotoCap: Mysterious sightings on the Darling Downs can be
attributed to American beer]

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[PhotoCap: Director Rob Cohen in action]

Crop Circles And Beer Commericals; We're not in Kansas anymore=09

Life is returning to normal on a Darling Downs farm after a well-known Hollywood director wrapped up filming of a multi-million dollar beer commercial.

Rob Cohen, director of blockbusters including xXx, The Skulls, Dragonheart, The Fast and the Furious and Stealth set his sights on a property near Cecil Plains, for one main reason; Corn.

"This time of year in the United States is winter, there's no corn", Cohen explains, "this spot revolves around crop circles in the corn. I looked up in the world where corn was a crop in season, and the two places were Argentina and Australia. I had made Stealth here only a few years ago, knew Australia well, knew my crew well, so I pulled the trigger on Australia."

The shoot lasted for six days for two sixty second spots, "Most of the time people have no idea when they watch any movie of what it took to get those resources, logistics and execution of performance, what we go through, but it's not important what we go through, what's important is audience entertainment and satisfaction", Cohen says, "I've employed on this commercial at least 200 Australians=85Movies are actually a clean industry, we come, we stay in the hotels, we drink in the bars, eat in the restaurants, we ask to be permitted to use a street or a factory or a corn field, we come, we shoot, we don't make smoke or pollution, we don't ask for sewer lines to be put in like other businesses, and we leave. And we leave an enormous amount of cash!"

Cohen says there's something special about Australian workers, "They work hard and if you give them respect they go the extra mile, they are real 'can-do' people. I would rather shoot here than in America which is an over unionised, entitled group of spoiled people, and there's a reason that film production has left California in droves and it's not just economic, it's just so jaded now".

It's not only our work ethic the director likes, it's our location too, "I think that this looks like the American heartland. So any story or commercial that could have taken place in Iowa or Kansas would be perfect here".

The crew did have to contend with one unknown factor, our weather, "When people said 'don't worry, it hasn't rained on the Darling Downs for six years', I knew we were going to get flooded, that's the nature of movies! The story takes place during a brutal heatwave, and the aliens have come down and made a crop circle and have made a beer logo, a beer you don't have in Australia".

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 12:04:44 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 18:56:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>From: Chris Burns <Thurstonoreggae.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Feb 2006 15:47:31 EST
>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 17:38:59 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 17:47:10 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>Let me see if I have it correct from the perspective of your
>>logic: if someone such as me writes something in a non-fiction
>>setting that many people within the UFO research community
>>subsequently disagrees with, then it is also wrong for someone
>>like Vallee, who writes UFO fiction as well as fact, to use the
>>same angle in a novel?

>>Following on from that point, are you therefore saying that a
>>UFO novelist (Vallee or anyone else) should only write novels on
>>issues that are acceptable and agreeable to the ETH adherents of
>>Ufology? That's dangerously close to elitist censorship.

>I've got to support Nick's point. Vallee's novel is fiction
>folks, fiction. And anything goes in fiction.

>I can't see how including any idea or concept derived from
>ufology in a fictional context can be viewed as irresponsible or
>threatening if the reader has a firm grip.

>Wasn't it crack-headed attitudes like this that drove Vallee
>largely underground during most of the 1990 up to now?

Chris

Exactly. Criticizing a novel on UFOs purely because the reader
doesn't like the theories contained within serves no purpose at
all. And it does the UFO research community no favors either.

Nick

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Re: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 15:45:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 07:03:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup - Friedman

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Feb 2006 22:38:43 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 15:34:15 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup

>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>>Date: Sunday, February 12, 2006 1:02 PM
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup

>>>Source: The Tribune Review - Warrendale, Pennsylvania, USA

>>><http://tinyurl.com/7bqfs>

>>>Sunday, February 12, 2006

>

>>>Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup
>>>By The Tribune Review

<snip>

>>Incidentally the Marshall Archives are the only one I know where
>>one can go from a bunch of 5x8 cardfiles to the actual documents
>>in file cabinets which makes life much easier.. such as when I
>>was looking for how Truman signed off on letters and memos. I
>>found sign offs that were used in some of the phony MJ-12
>>documents. No classified Marshall papers are at the Archive.

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>just which authorities, Mexican or U.S., confiscated the images
>and covered up this truly puzzling and widely witnessed early
>UFO flotila over Mexican skies.

The classified material was segregated years ago by Dr. Forrest Pogue. I wonder what the actual source of the quote was. There have been plenty of phony claims about what officials have said. It is hard to believe Marshall made such a public statement.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 19:56:26 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 07:04:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup - Allan

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Feb 2006 22:38:43 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
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>and covered up this truly puzzling and widely witnessed early
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I think Jerry Clark has demolished this story many years ago
(forget reference).

Of course none of the photos have ever appeared, or ever will.

However, if motivated enough, someone may, with luck (!), track
down the relevant newspaper story at the time. But don't expect
it to give a version of the story anything like the one
portrayed by Gordon Creighton in FSR.

And we need not expect that Marshall ever uttered the remarks attributed to him above.

CDA

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Re: Wikipedia's 'UFO History Wars'? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 18:44:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 07:10:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Wikipedia's 'UFO History Wars'? - Kaeser

>From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 16:39:49 +1100
>Subject: Wikipedia's 'UFO History Wars'?

>I would be very interested to hear of anyone's experience with
>trying to improve the accuracy and content of UFO related
>entries on Wikipedia.

William Wise, who's helping with the Project Blue Book Microfilm scanning project, would be a good source. However, I would suggest that a dedicated wikipedia site for UFO related information, which could be vetted in some way and allow for the addition of counterpoints, would be a better idea.

Steve

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Re: Preparing For Contact - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 01:24:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 07:35:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Preparing For Contact - Maccabee

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 09:26:34 +1000
>Subject: Preparing For Contact

>Hi list,

>I'd like to offer the following thoughts on preparing for
>contact. It seems to me that preparing for ET contact requires a
>multipronged approach but has one basic requirement, that is, to
>change our world view.

>Changing peoples world views to accept ETs into their reality is
>an extremely big challenge. UFO researchers have always
>underestimated just how difficult it would be and in their
>ignorance they've often become frustrated by it. The biggest
>part of the UFO subject that has been almost overlooked is the
>psychology behind it all.

<snip>

>We need to do some changing ourselves and accept that the UFO
>phenomenon is just as much about humanity as it is about ETs.
>Doing so might just throw some light on the real barriers we are up
>against. Australian biologist Jeremy Griffith states in his book
>A Species In Denial, "the problem may very well be the need for
>psychological rehabilitation of the western mind" and that might
>just be the real challenge for the UFO community after all.

In my book, Abduction In My Life, I indicate that when trying to
look closely at the alien we find out more about ourselves.

In case someone/some entity(ies) is(are) 'out there' looking at
us, we'd better straighten up our 'act'.

Seeing ourselves as others see us is, or should be, a learning
experience.

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 06:27:25 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 07:45:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <UFOUpdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Feb 2006 11:46:57 -0700
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 22:39:45 -0000
>>Subject: Vallee Sagan & Keel

<snip>

>>So, wouldn't expect Vallee (or Keel even?) to put their heads in
>>the lion's mouth again, would you?

>A good point except... from all indications of the incompetent
>power broker's and corporate Soprano-types that run this country
>at the present time, I don't buy the concept you're pushing
>here.

>Hassled? Yes. Absolutely. It happens to free thinkers.
>Threatened? I seriously doubt it.

>Most likely the true scenario runs something like this:

>Big, bad, Gumm'nt snoops, etc., are protecting their paychecks
>by pretending to be on top of the situation...can you spell K-a-
>t-r-i-n-a? When they actually don't know diddly-squat about
>UFOs, so monitor those who do.

>When they reguritate the data they stole from researchers, their
>bosses pat them on the head and tells them they're doing a
>heckofajob.

>You don't really believe these types of people actually have
>original thoughts, do you?

Hey Wendy,

I'm with you (I think).

Correspondents send in word of abusive authority - minor and
major conspiracies - all the time and from all over the place.

I have to believe their overwhelming evidence, but try to step
back and see it as systemic rather than just say a "religion
thing", or a "political thing", or any other single thing.

And have come down to the basic - it's a "power thing".

Seems that someone who wants power badly enough to make sure
they get it - apart from a possible saint - is going to be an
abuser of some kind.

And abusers in local or national authority tend act complicitly
in oppressing anyone who sticks their head above the parapet -
that I also know, personally and from many others' experiences.

Ok - so we're not the types to roll over - but can understand

those who give up and opt for what they hope will be the easy
life.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Interview With Glennys Mackay - Harrison

From: Diane Harrison <aufor.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 17:04:16 +1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 07:52:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Interview With Glennys Mackay - Harrison

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 08:56:01 +1000
>Subject: Interview With Glennys Mackay

>Following is a link to an interview by Ireland Radio with
>Australian medium, healer and contactee Glennys Mackay.

><http://tinyurl.com/8z9nt>

>Glennys began life as a stillborn baby, has had 3 NDEs, works as
>a medium and had contact with ETs throughout her life.

>In this interview she talks about how ETs helped her heal from
>cancer,

Hi List,

As a researcher of the UFO subject I am often asked questions about well-known Australian UFO researchers and their claims of ET contact, experiences and the claim of ET cures.

One of the questions being asked by many non-UFO researchers is:

"If a UFO researcher or a member of the public claims to have had ET contact, an Alien abduction or even an alien cure then should the researcher/person provide whatever proof they have to help verify their claim?"

What do you think?

Unfortunately, we all know verifiable-proof/hard evidence can and still does elude some UFO researchers, but it's not from their lack of trying to collect it.

Have you noticed, over the years, the changing climate we ufologists have had to work in?

Have you noticed it is no longer acceptable for UFO researchers to present a case study built on blind faith without presenting verifiable-evidence to back up the case.

Have you noticed we are now being asked to provide proof that we have left no stone unturned when investigating a UFO sighting, an ET encounter or an alien abduction by our peers?

Have you noticed we are now being asked by our peers and the public to provide the hard evidence needed to scientifically prove Alien abductions do happen and such claims of Alien cures of any illness must be verified and backed up with hard evidence?

We would all like to believe in miracles and maybe some people are truly blessed and cured by the hand of God or even aliens as Glennys Mackay stated on Irish Radio.

It is then not unreasonable to ask anyone who makes such a claim of being cured of cancer by Aliens or another such matter to provide proof of their remarkable cure?

I'm sure the UFO community would like Glennys to provided the evidence which indicates she had cancer in both her lungs & larynx in the first instance.

Glennys should be able to reference her medical history, the date which she was diagnosed with lung cancer & larynx cancer and the name of the doctor who diagnosed her condition.

The treatment and blood tests, result of any biopsies which are normally performed on abnormal areas of the larynx and lungs etc, etc.

Source: http://www.medicinenet.com/larynx_cancer/article.htm

Source http://www.lungcancer.org/patients/fs_pc_lc_101.htm

I look forward to reviewing Glennys's evidence on this List.

Regards,

Diane Harrison

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Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 11:08:32 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 07:54:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

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>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>Nick,

>>I said that I am entitled to criticize the 'novel' of Vallee just
>>the same as your book, considering how it comes up, in the midst
>>of a heated controversy.

>Gildas

>The only reason, as far as I can determine, for criticizing a
>novel is because the author cannot write good fiction, or the
>plot is useless, or there are no believable characters.

>Criticizing a novel like Vallee's just because it contains an
>account and a scenario that you don't believe happened in the
>real world is truly bizarre.

>A couple of questions for you:

>Are you critical of all UFO novels that say things which are
>contrary to what you personally believe has happened in the real
>world re. UFOs?

>Or are you only critical of UFO novels that dare to suggest
>that Japanese people crashed at Roswell?

Nick,

Not Japanese people, Chinese prisoners of the Japanese, who were
not handicapped and who were all killed before the arrival of
the Russians in Manchuria in July 1945.

To endorse such a preposterous tale, even in the form of a fancy
novel, deserves a serious treatment, it seems to me.

Gildas

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Wednesday, 15 February, 2006

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London -- London's X-Files have been opened to the public. Reports of "lights in a worm shape wriggling around in the sky", a shiny "doughnut-shaped object" and a "massive light in the shape of an iron" are among sightings of UFOs which were meant to have been secret for 25 years.

The files show that Loughton in Essex is the UFO capital of the Home Counties.

The ministry of defence has six sightings listed there - five on the night of September 10 last year, when there was a series of reports of three mysterious orange lights in the sky.

The sightings in Greater London, dating from 2002 and kept on Ministry of Defence files, have been released after a request under the Freedom of Information Act by the Evening Standard.

The ministry receives hundreds of reports of sightings every year, most of which are dismissed as aircraft lights or natural phenomena.

But some have no rational explanation, and as a result, the government remains "totally open-minded" about the concept of flying saucers and spaceships.

Following the Standard's request, the ministry of defence's UFO department - SF4 - revealed details of 34 sightings with their date, time and location.

Among them are descriptions of "a black cigar-shaped object which accelerated to a speed which would outstrip a fighter jet" over south-east London and a "rectangle-shape white light" hovering above Primrose Hill.

Nick Pope, who ran the government UFO project between 1991 and 1994, said the data was unsurprising. He said: "London has the most sightings because there are more people living there to witness any unusual activity.

"Almost 95% of sightings can be explained away but that still leaves five percent. I am not out to spook anyone but I do believe it is totally feasible that we are not alone in this universe."

One of the witnesses, Robert Sloan, said: "There was a triangle of three piercing globes. It reminded me of a scene out of Close Encounters. Everyone was gobsmacked. There was no way a plane would look or move that fast."

Other UFOs spotted include three over St John's Wood, two over Hornchurch, Essex, and three over Wimbledon.

Timothy Good of Beckenham, an author of several novels on UFOs, said: "UFOs remain the most sensitive subject in British intelligence. It is wonderful that some of this information is now being made public even though I believe they are withholding even more.

"The sheer number of sightings over London and the fact that none has a rational explanation is both fascinating and exciting to me."

A ministry spokesman said there was nothing to suggest alien activity. "We examine reports of UFOs solely to establish whether there is any evidence that the UK's airspace has been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity," he said.

"We do not know of any evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena."

-- London Evening Standard

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February 14, 2006

Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

By Colin Barker
Special to CNET News.com

The British man charged with hacking into a series of computers belonging to the U.S. government began the next stage in his fight against extradition to the United States.

Gary McKinnon is facing extradition on charges of hacking and causing damage to U.S. defense sites. If found guilty, he could face 60 years in prison.

When the U.S. request for extradition was first made, McKinnon admitted that the prospect of facing court in the U.S. "terrified him." Beginning Tuesday he faces a hearing scheduled to last three days to see if he will remain a free man.

McKinnon was arrested in June of last year on charges of computer fraud, and claims that he had illegally accessed 97 U.S. government computers. In July, McKinnon said that his actions were prompted by an interest in the U.S. space program and the search for extraterrestrial life.

The U.S. prosecution team alleges that McKinnon hacked into sensitive equipment over a one-year period from February 2002 and caused \$700,000 worth of damage. McKinnon, though, denies causing serious damage.

Although McKinnon was arrested in the U.K. shortly after his alleged hacking activities were first exposed, he was released under caution. Since being charged by the U.S. authorities, he has been banned from using the Internet.

Colin Barker of ZDNet UK reported from London.

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State & Municipality UFO Files?

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 08:55:22 -0500
Subject: State & Municipality UFO Files?

Yes, the Federal Government has it's files, but what about State and local municipalities.

I'm sure there are tons of material classified and not stashed away that we need to take a look at.

I'm aware that some if not most are upstaired to the Federal files but not all.

Any tips for accessing these files and the challenges to doing so?

Best,

Greg

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>Subject: Re: Wikipedia's 'UFO History Wars'?

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>William Wise, who's helping with the Project Blue Book Microfilm
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>information, which could be vetted in some way and allow for the
>addition of counterpoints, would be a better idea.

Well said!

I've mentioned this regarding encyclopedias with inaccurate and
outdated UFO information.

Can you imagine if just the statistics alone were posted? That'd
change the public's attitude real quick. Just the data on the
education and IQ level of people who believe and report UFOs
alone is sufficient. What about documents that are still
classified? Percentage of knowns versus unknowns. Demographics
of the global scale of the issue. Roper and Gallup polls.

The statistics are in our favor to a point of no contest.

Not to mention the bona fide documentation from government
sources from around the world.

That data needs to be compiled and easily accessible by the
public instead of them having to hunt and skip and search around
hundreds of websites.

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>>that Japanese people crashed at Roswell?

>Not Japanese people, Chinese prisoners of the Japanese, who were
>not handicapped and who were all killed before the arrival of
>the Russians in Manchuria in July 1945.

>To endorse such a preposterous tale, even in the form of a fancy
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Chris, Alfred, List:

I think a more likely scenario is that Vallee simply used themes
that are current in ufology to write a piece of fictional
entertainment for the masses.

My reason for saying that is simple: if he thought it was all
true, why not just go ahead and write the book in a non-fiction
format instead of fictionalizing it?

Nick R.

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 16:50:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Feb 2006 14:21:26 EST
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Feb 2006 22:39:45 -0000
>>Subject: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>Anyone feel these three share some similarities? Not so much in
>>what they've done and written but in their common experience of
>>attacks from the establishment - sometimes disguised as
>>ufologists?

<snip>

>>And his output changed drastically from say, Cosmos, &
>>fictionally with Contact, when he was still fairly open-minded
>>and optimistic - to Demon Haunted World, which I believe may've
>>been a coded protest against possibly corrupt pressures under
>>which it was written. (We now have an inkling of some of the
>>murky groups who want to 'own' the public consciousness).

<snip>

>I personally wouldn't include Sagan in the mix. I find Vallee and
>Keel interesting and have even attempted to think of ways to
>unify both their takes with mainstream Ufology. Both Vallee and
>Keel, as well as standard Ufology, have noted elements of
>'deception' with regard to the behavior of the phenomena and how
>it seems to delight in teasing the human mind.

Hi Jason,

Right, scenario is that Sagan suffered more than a hard warning.

To go from Cosmos to Demons is to go from hope and reason to
pain and bitterness. What's the cause?

<snip>

>I've also attempted to connect certain 'traits' regarding
>experiences with crafts and occupants. I'm starting to see a
>more broader picture.

<snip>

>My speculation is quite simple. I say it is quite possible we
>are dealing with only one 'type' of visitor, a type that has
>already been noted for displaying 'deceptiveness'. I speculate
>that the differing occupants yet same crafts and similar means
>of communication, could be nothing other than further displayed
>'deceptiveness' from our visitors.

<snip>

>One last thing, take into consideration the fact that the ability
>to alter perception is reported, or hinted at, in nearly all

>cases.

<snip>

You summed up what I meant: that they'd reached a dangerous stage of questioning or investigation.

What they saw, and you/I see now is that the phenomenon is typified by a drastic, sometimes traumatic shift in perceptions, as if a coercive force is applied to the brains of the witnesses. This seems confirmed by "Nearness/Strangeness" correlation.

A conclusion so dangerous that investigators get warned off or punished? Why?

Cheers

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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government censorship or indifference and reach a broader
spectrum of readers in hopes of influencing change. Charles
Dickens was a master in this area. Where the cold hard facts can
be just that, cold, and clinical in their presentation, turning
to fiction while using the cold, hard facts but injecting human
emotion and making the reader care for the affected subject.
Compare this with the paragraph that follows.

Billy Smith-7 years-succumbed to malignant neoplasm of the lungs
and was interred on Thursday morning.

Or:

Billy Smith, a freckled-faced boy of seven years, known to all
of his school friends as Little Will, died of lung cancer after
a 2 year fight that was worthy of some much stronger adult. he
was interred in Henster United Church cemetary on Thursday
morning. Little Will loved to play baseball, when he was able
and would run the bases until he could run no more, gasping for
air, cheered on by his little league friends and the parents who

watched their children from the stands. They cheered as much for his courage as they did for his accomplishment. Little Billy Smith fought his cancer to the very end. The little church yard in Heston was filled to capacity with his school mates and adults, each there to show in some small way.....

You get the idea. This could be expanded upon in a more fictional manner, incorporated into some larger story, without distorting the fact of Little Will's death. Which scenario would have you writing out a check for your favorite cancer society? Which scenario would move the government to provide additional funding to cancer research? Which one makes you pay attention?

Maybe Jacques Vallee's intention in the first place was to draw the attention of a wider UFO interested audience which has diminished greatly since the mid 1990s, back to the phenomenon.

Don Ledger

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terrestrial officers." He said his motive for hacking to begin
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<http://www.guardian.co.uk/weekend/story/0,3605,1523143,00.html>

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>>contrary to what you personally believe has happened in the real
>>world re. UFOs?

>>Or are you only critical of UFO novels that dare to suggest
>>that Japanese people crashed at Roswell?

>Nick,

>Not Japanese people, Chinese prisoners of the Japanese, who were
>not handicapped and who were all killed before the arrival of
>the Russians in Manchuria in July 1945.

>To endorse such a preposterous tale, even in the form of a fancy
>novel, deserves a serious treatment, it seems to me.

Gildas

It depends on how you qualify the word "endorse". If Vallee
wrote this strictly as a piece of fiction and nothing else,
then he is obviously not endorsing the data in Body Snatchers.

Novelists often use themes that are in the public domain in non-
fiction settings as springboards for novels. Again, this doesn't
imply endorsement on their part.

And I don't buy these theories about people having to write something in a fictional format because they dare not say it in a non-fiction format for fear of retribution from sinister forces in 'the Government', etc.

And so, I come back to what I have said to others on-List who have emailed me privately off-List: I think the correct explanation is probably the simplest one, that Vallee took themes that are current in Ufology and applied them to his novel.

And if people look at the Vallee book as a novel, and if Vallee says he views it himself as a novel, then I truthfully cannot see how someone (such as Gildas) can say that this is an example of specific endorsement of my book, as he states it is.

Nick R.

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MOD UFO Files

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 18:38:06 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 17:02:39 -0500
Subject: MOD UFO Files

The Evening Standard (London's evening newspaper) recently acquired details of UFO sightings over the capital, following a Freedom of Information Act request to the Ministry of Defence.

The paper ran the story on Tuesday and it has subsequently been picked up by the Daily Star, Metro and the Gulf Times.

See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/feb/m15-008.shtml>

The story has also been featured on BBC Radio Five Live and Capital Radio, with further media coverage in the pipeline.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Secrecy News -- 02/15/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 13:28:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 17:04:45 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/15/06

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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NUCLEAR SECRECY IMPEDES OVERSIGHT OF HEU EXPORTS, CRITICS SAY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is no longer disclosing the amounts of highly enriched uranium (HEU) that are sought for export to foreign research reactors, prompting complaints that the new non-disclosure policy undermines effective oversight of the traffic in nuclear weapons-grade material.

"Under prior longstanding policy the Commission publicly disclosed such information, and this enabled the public to submit comments that in several cases demonstrated to the Commission that an applicant had requested an amount of HEU exceeding its documented need," wrote Alan J. Kuperman of the University of Texas at Austin and Paul Leventhal of the Nuclear Control Institute.

"In these [prior] cases, either the application was withdrawn, the Commission reduced the amount approved for export, or the Commission required that the approved amount be exported only in small tranches as the applicant subsequently demonstrated imminent need -- to avoid the accumulation of surplus HEU by the applicant."

But the opportunity for meaningful public comment on two pending applications for export of HEU -- to Belgium and to Canada --

"has been vitiated by the Commission's new policy of withholding from the public both the amount of HEU requested and the applicant's documentation that its existing inventory of HEU is insufficient to satisfy its imminent needs," wrote Kuperman and Leventhal.

See their February 13, 2006, letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/02/nci021306.pdf>

DOE MANUAL ON INFORMATION SECURITY

The Department of Energy recently approved a comprehensive

manual on procedures for protecting all manner of classified or controlled information in the Department's possession.

>From RD (Restricted Data) and FRD (Formerly Restricted Data) to SAPs (Special Access Programs) and SPECATs (Special Category programs), it's all in there. (Or almost all. A complete roster of all of the "sigma" categories of nuclear information is not included.)

The manual has not been readily available online, but a copy was obtained was obtained by Secrecy News and posted on the Federation of American Scientists web site.

See "Information Security," DOE Manual 470.4-4, approved August 26, 2005 (2 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/m470-4-4.pdf>

PUBLIC INTEREST DECLASSIFICATION BOARD TO MEET

Equipped with a one million dollar budget for the current fiscal year, the Public Interest Declassification Board will hold its first meeting on Saturday, February 25.

The Board, which serves a purely advisory function and does not have independent declassification authority, is chaired by L. Britt Snider, the former CIA Inspector General, and supported by the Information Security Oversight Office, which serves as executive secretariat.

The first meeting will be devoted mainly to administrative matters and will not be open to the public. A press release may be issued following the meeting, an official said. The Board is not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The Bush Administration requested \$655,000 for the Public Interest Declassification Board in Fiscal Year 2007.

IN THE NEWS

The challenges posed by so-called "sensitive but unclassified" information, and Administration efforts to bring order to this problematic policy area, were explored in "Government withholds 'sensitive-but-unclassified' information" by Lance Gay, Scripps Howard News Service, February 2, 2006:

<http://www.knoxstudio.com/shns/story.cfm?pk=UNCLASSIFIED-02-02-06&cat=AN>

The consequences of the government's unprecedented use of the Espionage Act to prosecute non-governmental employees for mishandling classified information in the AIPAC case were considered in "Big Impact Seen In Israel Spy Case" by Josh Gerstein, New York Sun, February 13, 2006:

<http://www.nysun.com/article/27429>

CRS REPORTS ON INDIA, PAKISTAN

The Congressional Research Service has recently issued several newly updated reports on India and Pakistan, including the following, obtained by Secrecy News.

"India: Chronology of Recent Events," updated February 7, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RS21589.pdf>

"India-U.S. Relations," updated February 9, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/IB93097.pdf>

"Pakistan: Chronology of Events," updated February 7, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RS21584.pdf>

"Pakistan-U.S. Relations," updated February 10, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/IB94041.pdf>

A HEARING ON WHISTLEBLOWERS

The House Government Reform Committee held an extraordinary hearing yesterday on the vulnerabilities of national security whistleblowers who challenge what they see as agency misconduct.

"Breaking bureaucratic ranks to speak unpleasant and unwelcome truths takes courage and risks invoking the wrath of those with the power and motive to shoot the messenger," said Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT), who chaired the hearing.

In an unusual move, Chairman Shays gave pride of place to several whistleblowers who testified in the first panel of the hearing, while agency representatives waited to testify in the third panel.

All of the prepared testimony from the February 14 hearing may be found here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/index.html

Today, "there are no meaningful protections for [national security] whistleblowers," wrote former FBI linguist Sibel Edmonds in response to a New York Times op-ed last week by DCIA Porter Goss.

See "Porter Goss' Op-ed: 'Ignotum per Ignotius!'" by Sibel Edmonds, February 11:

<http://www.buzzflash.com/contributors/06/02/con06058.html>

"Ignotum per ignotius" is a Latin expression referring to an explanation which is harder to understand than that which it is meant to explain.

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Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 21:11:53 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 14:54:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 11:08:32 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>Nick,

>Not Japanese people, Chinese prisoners of the Japanese, who
>were not handicapped and who were all killed before the arrival
>of the Russians in Manchuria in July 1945.

>To endorse such a preposterous tale, even in the form of a
>fancy novel, deserves a serious treatment, it seems to me.

Interesting discussion - and there's still far worse in the real world: the fatwa on Salman Rushdi for his fictional Devil's Verses has just been pronounced as being for life; Opus Dei is protesting against the ending in the fictional Da Vinci Code; and here on this list, albeit in a much more restrained, courteous and civilised manner, another novel of fiction gets the harsh treatment. As above, so below methinks.

However, should we then extend this form or method of criticism to other ufologists who wrote fiction? Aside from Whitley Strieber, names like Charles Fort? Donald Keyhoe? Gerald Heard? Desmond Leslie? John Keel? Kevin Randle? Jimmy Guieu? Nick Pope? James Oberg? Or debunkers and sceptics like Phil Klass, Donald Menzel, Carl Sagan and Willy Ley? And what about Hynek's cameo appearance in the science fiction film CE3K?

And in the right corner - what about science fiction writers who wrote about ufo's like Clifford D. Simak, Otto Binder or H.P. Lovecraft?

Somehow I still fail to see the logic behind the criticism of Vallee's novel of fiction, other than that its fictional premise does not tally with a certain ufological point of view.

Regards,

Theo

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Need Help With Info Please

From: **Sheryl Gottschall** <gottscha.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 07:39:39 +1000
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 14:56:44 -0500
Subject: Need Help With Info Please

Hi list,

Can anyone remember a case, maybe back in the early 80s or late 70s, where a plane was flying out of Africa (I think) with a flight of burns victims. The plane then came in close proximity to a UFO which (I think) swept a light across the plane and the burns healed almost instantaneously.

Some of these details may be wrong but my memory is pretty fragmented. Thanks in advance for any help.

Sheryl

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Re: Ministry Files On UFO Sightings Opened To

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 20:45:53 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 14:58:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Ministry Files On UFO Sightings Opened To

>Source: The Gulf Times - Doha, Qatar

><http://tinyurl.com/al4ue>

>Wednesday, 15 February, 2006

Originally in the London Evening Standard, 14 February:

>Ministry Files On UFO Sightings Opened To Public

>London -- London's X-Files have been opened to the public.
>Reports of "lights in a worm shape wriggling around in the sky",
>a shiny "doughnut-shaped object" and a "massive light in the
>shape of an iron" are among sightings of UFOs which were meant
>to have been secret for 25 years.

<snip>

>Nick Pope, who ran the government UFO project between 1991 and
>1994

Oh, no, not again! Please note that there has never been such a
thing as the British government's 'UFO Project'.

--

John Rimmer
Director, Magonia's Unjustified Claims Detection Project

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Re: Preparing For Contact - Gottschall

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 07:56:45 +1000
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 14:59:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Preparing For Contact - Gottschall

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 01:24:09 -0500
>Subject: Re: Preparing For Contact

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Feb 2006 09:26:34 +1000
>>Subject: Preparing For Contact

>>I'd like to offer the following thoughts on preparing for
>>contact. It seems to me that preparing for ET contact requires a
>>multipronged approach but has one basic requirement, that is, to
>>change our world view.

>>Changing peoples world views to accept ETs into their reality is
>>an extremely big challenge. UFO researchers have always
>>underestimated just how difficult it would be and in their
>>ignorance they've often become frustrated by it. The biggest
>>part of the UFO subject that has been almost overlooked is the
>>psychology behind it all.

><snip>

>>We need to do some changing ourselves and accept that the UFO
>>phenomenon is just as much about humanity as it is about ETs.
>>Doing so might just throw some light on the real barriers we are up
>>against. Australian biologist Jeremy Griffith states in his book
>>A Species In Denial, "the problem may very well be the need for
>>psychological rehabilitation of the western mind" and that might
>>just be the real challenge for the UFO community after all.

>In my book, Abduction In My Life, I indicate that when trying to
>look closely at the alien we find out more about ourselves.

<snip>

Hi Bruce,

Isn't that so true? But then what else could we find considering
we are looking through our own perceptual framework?

You know how when people are faced with death they discover a
new appreciation for life and find beauty in what would normally
be the ugliest things? I guess it's a bit like that.

When you are faced with death, you live life more deeply. When
you are faced with extraterrestrials, you live more
terrestrially. It's sort of an inverse response... and isn't it
interesting that many people who become keenly involved in the
UFO community also have or develop an active interest in global
issues? It's all very intriguing to me.

Sheryl

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Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 16:24:07 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 15:02:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 13:47:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>From: Chris Burns <Thurstonoreggae.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 10:15:51 EST
>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 08:16:27 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

<snip>

>Maybe Jacque Vallee's intention in the first place was to draw
>the attention of a wider UFO interested audience which has
>diminished greatly since the mid 1990s, back to the phenomenon.

>Don Ledger

Bruce Maccabee produced a fine work of 'fiction' in which every
word was more or less true. I suspect that his effort had a
little more penetration as a result.

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Airships

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 18:48:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 15:04:25 -0500
Subject: Airships

Aviation Week and Space Technology ran a pictured article of Lockheed Martin's Advanced Development Projects [AKA Skunkworks] newest-or one of-DARPA's contract. It's the P-791 airship which was photographed as it "flew" at Palmdale California. the P-791 is about the size of the Fuji blimp but is a tripled side by side with each side module blended in with the central section. Again this is another case of re-inventing the wheel if we are to believe that many of the FTs observed by witnesses over the last 25 years are of this technology. Note the sentence stating that the military are expressing interest in the short piece provided below. A similar, rigid design was built in late 50s by Aereon Corp and this one is similar in design to the "..proposed full-scale version of the British SkyKitten, called the SkyCat. They have similar overall shapes however "..the Skunk Works design is wider, similar propulsion layouts, and both use air cushion landing gear. Perhaps the two programs have people in common.." Respecting their copyright, I'll forward this article with the JPEGs to those wanting it, off-line. A small blurb is reprinted below.

Those with AW&ST subscriber privileges can go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/76pg9>

Don Ledger

Source: Aviation Week & Space Technology

02/06/2006, page 24

Lockheed Martin's Secretly Built Airship Makes First Flight

Michael A. Dornheim
Los Angeles

Quietly built airship makes unannounced spin above the desert

Printed headline: Skunks Working

Lockheed Martin Advanced Development Projects is making perhaps the first realistic tests of a hybrid airship - a concept that dates back many decades but that is just now being tried at a significant scale.

The Skunk Works had secretly built the craft and hoped for a quiet first flight at its Palmdale, Calif., facility, but a few passers-by noticed the strange object in the sky.

The Defense Dept. is showing interest in two categories of airships - those that can carry large cargo at low altitude, exemplified by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (Darpa) Walrus program, and those that can operate in high-altitude low-wind conditions and remain on station for long periods of time. The configuration of the Skunks Works ship indicates it is the former - a hybrid heavy-load carrier.

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1990 UFO Reports By RAF Fighter Pilots

From: **Frits Westra** <fw-nx.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 00:59:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 15:06:42 -0500
Subject: 1990 UFO Reports By RAF Fighter Pilots

New Page On UFO Reports By British RAF Jet Fighter Pilots (1990)

Dear all,

One of the most intriguing UFO cases in recent Dutch history is from 1990: In that year, British jet fighter pilots reported a large unknown object over the Netherlands. A few months ago, we presented the radio communications recording on our website. Six military aircrew on board of three Tornado jet fighters were involved in this UFO incident.

Now there is a fully revised web page where old research is combined with new information from the radio communications. This case illustrates how certain perceptual processes may lead to a UFO report.

Please read the article at:

<http://www.ufonet.nl>

Click on the British flag (bottom left), then click on News.

Thank you for your interest.

Best wishes,

Frits Westra
UFO Working Group Netherlands

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Re: Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

From: **Jeff Olson** <jlolson.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 17:23:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 15:07:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 09:53:38 -0800
>Subject: Re: Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

>Just to remind everybody, this is the same guy who said he saw
>files showing that the U.S. has antigravity drive and "non-
>terrestrial officers." He said his motive for hacking to begin
>with was to come up with proof of UFOs.

Would this not be a public relations nightmare for the USG? I
can hardly imagine they'd want this guy involved in a public
trial. I wonder if he might be designated an "enemy combatant"
or somesuch, and whisked quickly out of public view.

What do you predict will happen, David?

Best,

Jeff

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Re: State & Municipality UFO Files? - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 09:05:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 15:10:11 -0500
Subject: Re: State & Municipality UFO Files? - Aldrich

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 08:06:15 EST
>Subject: State & Municipality UFO Files?

>Yes, the Federal Government has it's files, but what about State
>and local municipalities.

>I'm sure there are tons of material classified and not stashed
>away that we need to take a look at.

>I'm aware that some if not most are upstaired to the Federal
>files but not all.

>Any tips for accessing these files and the challenges to doing
>so?

WWII: The Aircraft Warning Service existed on the East Coast until 1943 and on the West Coast until May 1944. We have several reports of unusual objects spotted by members, but no attempt to obtain AWS records has been made. AWS records existed in both state and local files.

Until the Navy was able to take over the patrolling the sea frontiers around the US in early WWII a number of vessels and personnel were pressed into service as observers, Sea Lane Patrols and a number of other organizations, one know as the Hooligan Navy. Their records are unknown. Ditto the Civil Air Patrol whose pilots had to supply their own aviation fuel.

Ground Observer Corps (GOC) logs and USAF Filter Center logs. Several unsuccessful attempts to retrieve this type of material. In 1954 the GOC logs for Buffalo, NY and Wilmington, DE were made available to the local press, however, USAF Air Defense Filter Center logs have been r eleased. The Wilmington log contained over 100 UFO sightings. In July 1952, Wright Field sent a special team to New Haven, CT to look at sightings reported to the New Haven Filter Center.

CUFOS records had a report from Mrs. Zapp's GOC post in Washington, D. C. from 1957 on the official GOC report form.

A number of Canadian Filter Center logs are up on the web at Pinetree site, but none have significant UFO material.

Civil Defense (CD). In some cases, the Air Force used Civil Defense personnel as auxillery investigators.

On the morning of Sept 6, 1952 an unusual object was spotted in the sky over Enfield, CT by guards and prisoners at the Osborn Prison Farm. CD personnel interviewed guards and prisoners. The incident was reported to the New Haven Filter Center.

CD personnel have repeatedly been involved in UFO incidents and investigations. Roswell, GA police officer Michael Hitt found that even after Project Blue Book was disbanded, UFO reports were collected by CD officials, but apparently were never reported to anyone outside of Georgia.

In August 1952 Third Army Intelligence asked North Carolina CD officials to request UFO reports from the public. E. Z. Jones, State Civil Defense Director relayed the request in North Carolina newspaper. Regional and local CD directors in the state echoed the request. I have clippings which mentioned to Jones recieved a number of such reports. He recruited a local police chief to help him investiate a CEIII case from 1951. I checked all CD records opened to the public in the NC State Archives, no mention was made of this program, but the records were far from complete.

I interviewed the son of one of the local CD directors whose requested f or UFO info appeared in the local newspaper. He remembered that his father put in many hours working on civil defense, but did not recall any mention of UFOs.

State and local police.

In the early 1960s there were several interesting sightings of triangle-shaped objects in Connecticut, one involved State Police in the investigation.

We had recently formed NICAP-CONN, the Connecticut Affiliate of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) Our attempts to get more info out of the State Police was met with stonewalling.

However, in 1966 we had set up a reportings system with local police departments who relayed UFO reports to the control tower at Bradley Field. A number of police officer sightings were also obtained by direct contact of NICAP-CONN members with local police.

In 1997, a woman who managed the local book store asked me to give a short talk about UFOs. After I had finished, a police officer who attended called me aside and told me he was assigned to destroy old police records.

He said that he came across a number of UFO reports in the police blotter and in more detailed reports. He had saved the UFO reports instead of destroying them, but was unwilling to share them as he felt he might get in trouble.

When I talked to the store manager, she asked me if any leads came out of my talk. I mentioned the police officer. She told me that she knew him very well as they were brother and sister. She promised I would get copies of the reports which arrived less than a week later. So police reocrds are definitely important sources of reports.

Morris K. Jesup in his UFO books also suggested a number of sources of UFO reports, such as small airport records.

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Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 12:47:41 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 15:37:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 12:04:12 -0800
>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 11:08:32 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>>From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Feb 2006 18:37:49 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

<snip>

>>>The only reason, as far as I can determine, for criticizing a
>>>novel is because the author cannot write good fiction, or the
>>>plot is useless, or there are no believable characters.

>>>Criticizing a novel like Vallee's just because it contains an
>>>account and a scenario that you don't believe happened in the
>>>real world is truly bizarre.

>>>A couple of questions for you:

>>>Are you critical of all UFO novels that say things which are
>>>contrary to what you personally believe has happened in the
>>>real world re. UFOs?

>>>Or are you only critical of UFO novels that dare to suggest
>>>that Japanese people crashed at Roswell?

>>Nick,

>>Not Japanese people, Chinese prisoners of the Japanese, who were
>>not handicapped and who were all killed before the arrival of
>>the Russians in Manchuria in July 1945.

>>To endorse such a preposterous tale, even in the form of a fancy
>>novel, deserves a serious treatment, it seems to me.

>Gildas

>It depends on how you qualify the word "endorse". If Vallee
>wrote this strictly as a piece of fiction and nothing else,
>then he is obviously not endorsing the data in Body Snatchers.

Nick, and List,

I maintain that the new novel of Jacques Vallee raises a very
serious question. I have friends here in France who are admirers
of Vallee, and who were already "buying" it. This is why I felt
necessary, and even urgent, to criticize it.

To be more to the point, one his followers told me that Vallee,
with whom he corresponds, had recommended reading your book.

So, the fact that Vallee repeated your amazing, impossible story, in detail in his book, is no coincidence and no accident.

Its presentation as fiction looks as just a little umbrella to me. In addition to that, if the intention of Vallee was just to interest a larger public to ufos and ufology, let me have a good laugh.

In his novel, ufologists are portrayed as nuts and crackpots. What a great publicity !

Gildas

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Summary Of January 2006 Puerto Rican UFO Cases

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 09:07:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 15:40:54 -0500
Subject: Summary Of January 2006 Puerto Rican UFO Cases

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Summary of UFO Cases in Puerto Rico - 2006-02-15<
Reported to or Researched by OVNI.NET
and/or its collaborators

Compiled by: Lucy Guzman, OVNI.NET <http://ovni.net>
Updated on: 2-14-06

JANUARY

Ponce, Puerto Rico: Low Flying UFO Reported

Type: I

Date: 01.08.06/ 04.03.05
Time:P 6:27 pm
Place: Ponce, P.R.
Evidence: None

Summary: "I would like to report the strange movement of an object flying over Ponce last weekend on 01.08.26 at 6:27 pm. The object was dark and made erratic movements on its axis. Its forward movement was very slow. At first it resembled a balloon, but its flight path was orderly. Given its altitude, it is unlikely that it could have been a conventional remote-control plane. I can more or less place the elevation at 1000 feet. I love aviation and am planning to take courses to obtain my license, as I have studied aircraft since middle school fifteen years ago. As far as I'm concerned, it was neither a Cessna or Tiger small aircraft - the observation lasted some three minutes as it moved from west to east at between 15 to 30 MPH. It flew behind OfficeMax and Wal-Mart; once it was over this last store, it made a left turn of some 100 degrees and headed toward Playa de Ponce. That's where I lost visual contact with the object. I don't know if you've received a report from anyone else, so I'm informing you just in case. I began looking at other drivers, but as you can imagine, they were all staring straight forward as though they were sleepers awake. My wife managed to see a silver detail to the object, but since I was driving, I was limited to seeing it as dark. I couldn't see a tail rudder or wings."

Case referred by: The witness himself to Andrew =Cllvarez at:

<http://www.andrewalvarez.net> and Lucy Guzm=Eln de Ovni.Net

Source: Andrew =Cllvarez de <http://www.andrewalvarez.net> and Ovni.Net

<http://www.ovni.net>

Yauco, Puerto Rico: Low-Flying Aircraft Flies Over Urban Area Dropping a "Spray" from its Wings and Causing Allergies,

Respiratory Problems in Local Residents.

Type: I

Day: Either Wednesday January 25 or Thursday, January 26 2006

Location: Yauco

Time: 10:00 to 11:00 A.M.

Witnesses: Rafael - father of Rafi-; schoolteacher; Rafi himself.

Evidence: None

Summary: "My father told me a story that has caused many to phone in regarding a C-130 Hercules that flew over the entire area last week as it dropped a "spray" from its wings (not from its engines). Papi told me that he saw it and its color was nearly black, flying well under what is normal for an urban area. I asked if he managed to notice any distinguishing features in its tail, but he said nothing could be seen. In Yauco there has been much talk about respiratory problems: my cousin and his wife took ill on Wednesday or Thursday; I myself came down with allergies and chest complaints and a hoarseness that nearly clouded my voice. My daughter developed strong nasal allergies. But since Wednesday to the present, there haven't been any allergies. From my work place I was able to perceive the rumble of engines between Wednesday or Thursday. I was surprised that the object was flying so low, but I was dealing with students at the time and I was unable to leave the school library. It was between 10:00 and 10:30 am. One of the teachers told me she saw one in Yauco proper last week and that it was flying very low and engaging in maneuvers over Yauco. She said that it looked strange because it made many turns (coming and going many times) over the are. She was on her way to school, and told me that this took place before 11:00 am."

Case referred by: Rafy to Andrew =Cllvarez de <http://www.andrewalvarez.net> and

Lucy Guzm=Eln de Ovni.Net

Fuente: Andrew =Cllvarez, <http://www.andrewalvarez.net> and Ovni.Net

<http://www.ovni.net>

Guaynabo, Puerto Rico: Alleged "Alien" Says Anthropologist and Paranormal Researcher Andrew Alvarez is an "Extraterrestrial".

On Thursday, January 27 2006, Puerto Rico=92s El Despelote radio show (on Mega Station 106.9 FM). [a call was received] from a woman identifying herself as "Mar=EDa" who claimed to be an alien, owned a spaceship, professed to have the ability to hypnotize people, and spoke in an alien language, saying that Andrew Alvarez was a space alien; Andrew=92s mother had told her that her two children were the offspring of an alien father; Andrew had not learned his knowledge, but rather had it since the age of 3, and that she was a witness to this. She added that she was also writing a book in which she would discuss aliens and their languages. On Sunday the 29th, on the Marcano [TV] show, after Andrew spoke on terrorism, Marcano asked him if it was really true that he was a space alien. Andrew smiled, as this was the question he least expected. He listened to the recording of the woman=92s allegations (as Marcano played it for him) and said that he knew that her name was Minerva and that when he was 14 years old, she had been one of her mother=92s students. Boys, he added, would chase her in an attempt to rip her wig off, since she said she was an alien and had little antennae on her head. He, on the other hand, was thoroughly human!

Note: The woman has continued to phone Mega and other stations with the same story.

Source: La Mega Estaci=F3n, Marcano TV Program and Ovni.net

<http://www.ovni.net>

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Summary of Puerto Rico UFO Cases - February 2006

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FEBRUARY

Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico: UFO Photo

Type: I

Date: Tuesday 7 February 2006
Location: Juana D=EDaz
Time: 2:57 P.M.
Witnesses: Mr. ADC (Pseudonym)

Evidence: Two Photos, one showing the UFO

Summary: "I am sending you a photo attached to this e-mail, as I found the results curious. The description of the event is the following.

I was taking some sample shots of the sky to show the color difference when adjusting the white-balance, a common characteristic in digital photography. I took several sample shots and it wasn't until I verified them on a computer that I noticed that a mark appeared on one of the photos, in the clouds, and at least I cannot identify what it is. I know that it isn't a "sun flare" because they appear differently and are visible in the photos. I am dismissing the possibility of a dusty lens, as I had cleaned it prior to making the test. Seconds later another photo was taken without this "object" appearing. The photos are unretouched, only compressed to send them by e-mail. Should you have any use for them, I will gladly send you the originals on a CD.

The photo data is as follows.

They were taken on February 7, 2006. The first photo (IMG_3699) was taken at 2:57 pm from the camera in my hand, standing in the carport, pointing south with a slight inclination to the west. But you can still notice the same cloud composition in the photographed area. I included this photo because it shows the same clouds but without the mark or object that appeared in the first photo. EXIF data for the photos is attached. You will find info on the focal length, shutter speed and lens opening. The camera used to take these photos was a Canon EOS 350D (Digital Rebel XT) 8.0 megapixel and a Canon 28-105mm lens USM. The lens has a UV haze filter on it at the time of the photo.

Evidence analyzed by: Alexander Rivera

Conclusions: Under analysis

Case referred by: The witness to Andrew Alvarez,

<http://www.andrewalvarez.net> and Lucy Guzman de Ovni.Net

Source: Andrew alvarez de <http://www.andrewalvarez.net> and Ovni.Net

<http://www.ovni.net>

Moca: Another Low-Flying C-130 Hercules

Type: I

Day: Thursday 9 February 2006

Location: Moca

Time:

Witnesses: Anonymous

Evidence: None

Summary: "There=92s a C-130 flying at low altitude. I don=92t know if it=92s dumping anything, but I=92ll try to notice if it is. There are many strange things going on around here, in the Ramey air base vicinity. Almost every day you see an airplane circling around. Unless I=92m mistaken, it=92s a military 4-engine plane."

Case referred by: the witness himself to Lucy Guzman, Ovni.Net

Source: Ovni.Net <http://www.ovni.net>

Yauco: More Low-Flying Aircraft Over Urban Area

Type: I

Day: Friday 10 February 2006

Location: Seen from Yauco Plaza

Time: 12:30 P.M.

Witnesses: Rafael=92s father

Evidence: None

Summary: "My dad told me that they saw the C-130=92s flying over the city of Yauco again. Today he was at Yauco Plaza when two Hercs flew over the area at low altitude. He told me that they fly exceedingly low and brushing the television and cell-phone towers on the hill that can be seen from Hwy#2 in Barinas. One of them was completely black and the other olive green (this latter one had regular cammo colors). He says that they turned in such a way that the wing tilted downward, almost touching the hillside. He says people phoned San Juan to report the presence of these vehicles over the area, and that it=92s becoming a weekly routine. I will keep you informed as the events continue to occur. Curiously enough, an island-wide display of Federal operations took place today."

Case refered by: Rafy, son of Rafael to Andrew alvarez,

<http://www.andrewalvarez.net> and Lucy Guzman de Ovni.Net

Source: Andrew alvarez de <http://www.andrewalvarez.net> and Ovni.Net

<http://www.ovni.net>

Lares, Puerto Rico: C-130 Sightings Continue Over Urban Areas

Type: I

Day: Saturday 11 February 2006

Location: Lares

Time: Daytime

Witnesses: An employee of researcher Alexander Rivera

Evidence: None

Summary: "Today (Saturday) one of my employees from Lares came to get his paycheck and out of the blue told me that there was a military airplane (which he believes to be the C-130) flying low over the house of his mother-in-law in Lares. The aircraft makes turns and then comes back."

Case referred by: The witness himself to Alexander Rivera and in turn, to Lucy

Guzman, Ovni.Net

Source: Alexander Rivera and Ovni.Net <http://www.ovni.net>

Adjuntas, Puerto Rico: An Invisible "Something" Throws Coins and Stones at Elderly Couple

Type: Paranormal

Date: 13 February 2006 (From 2004 to the present) Location: Adjuntas Time: Various, but mostly in the morning, when the woman is making coffee.

Witnesses: The couple

Evidence: The change and the coins, which she keeps.

Summary: The woman was widowed in 2003. In 2004 she re-married to a man 15 years her senior. She is a farmer and he is a retiree. They lived on the lower floor of a two-storey house. Since they married, some invisible presence has pelted them with coins or river stones. There is a river =BD mile away from their home. They decided to move to another 500 feet away from the first, where her children stay. They have also been pelted with stones and coins at this location, and also when she goes out to work the fields. No activity is currently taking place at the original hime. The husband confessed that he underwent these experiences prior to the marriage, leading to the understanding that it isn=92t the woman=92s late husband who is tossing coins and stones, but something that the new husband "dragged in".

Reported by: The woman=92s brother to Andrew Alvarez, by means of a cellphone call from Lucy Guzman

Researched by: Pending

Conclusion: Pending

Source: Andrew Alvarez <http://www.andrewlavarez.net> Lucy Guzman

<http://www.ovni.net>

Caguas, Puerto Rico: Grandparents Accosted by Humanoid Ball of Light; Hear Voices in Unknown Language

Type: Paranormal

Date: February 13 2006, but has occured on other occasions.

Location: Caguas, Puerto Rico

Time: Mostly during the evening

Witnesses: The couple

Evidence: None

Summary: The couple sees a small, human-shaped ball of light. In

one instance, the woman went outside and saw the ball. On another, the the ball emerged from the bathroom; the husband went into the bathroom and the ball followed him, only to vanish. The woman has heard voices in a strange language. The air conditioner perspires by day and she has to place a bucket to catch the water, but does not do this at night.

Reported by: Her nephew to Andrew Alvarez, and by phone to a Lucy Guzman

Researched by: Pending

Conclusions: Pending

Source: Andrew Alvarez <http://www.andrewlavarez.net>, Lucy Guzman

<http://www.ovni.net>

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Secrecy News -- 02/16/06

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** CONFRONTING THE WHITE HOUSE'S "MONARCHICAL DOCTRINE"
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CONFRONTING THE WHITE HOUSE'S "MONARCHICAL DOCTRINE"

More and more Americans of all political stripes are concerned that the Bush Administration has exceeded its legal authority by conducting intelligence surveillance outside of what the law permits.

Anxiety over illegal surveillance is heightened by the prospect that an ideologically subservient Congress may not insist on the primacy of law, but will simply defer to the Administration, or authorize whatever the White House wishes.

"The administration's stance that warrantless surveillance by the National Security Agency targeting American citizens on American soil is a legal exercise of the president's inherent powers as commander in chief, even though it violates the clear language of the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act" is a "monarchical doctrine," wrote columnist George Will today.

"Monarchical" is a curse word in conservative thought, and for an American conservative monarchy is a provocation to revolutionary opposition.

"We cannot continue to claim we are a nation of laws and not of men if our laws, and indeed even the Constitution of the United States itself, may be summarily breached because of some determination of expediency or because the President says, 'Trust me'," said Sen. Robert Byrd in a Senate floor statement yesterday.

"I plead with the American public to tune in to what is happening in this country. Please forget the political party with which you may usually be associated and, instead, think about the right of due process, the presumption of innocence, and the right to a private life."

"This President, in my judgment, may have broken the law and most certainly has violated the spirit of the Constitution and the public trust," Sen. Byrd said.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/byrd021506.html

In an unusual rebuke, the American Bar Association this week

found it necessary to urge President Bush to comply with the law.

"The American Bar Association calls upon the President to abide by the limitations which the Constitution imposes on a president under our system of checks and balances and respect the essential roles of the Congress and the judicial branch in ensuring that our national security is protected in a manner consistent with constitutional guarantees."

See the report of the American Bar Association Task Force on Domestic Surveillance in the Fight Against Terrorism:

<http://www.abanet.org/op/domsurv/>

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY

"Is it your view that a Vice President has the authority to declassify information?" Vice President Cheney was asked yesterday by Fox News' Brit Hume.

"There is an executive order to that effect," replied the Vice President.

This was a simple answer to a straightforward question, but the matter is actually a bit more complicated.

The executive order in question is E.O. 13292 on classified national security information, issued by President Bush in March 2003:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/bush/eoamend.html>

It states in section 1.3 that "The authority to classify information originally may be exercised only by: (1) the President and, in the performance of executive duties, the Vice President; (2) agency heads and officials designated by the President in the Federal Register..."

Remarkably, the phrase "and, in the performance of executive duties, the Vice President," which dramatically elevates the Vice President's classification authority to that of the President, was added to the executive order in 2003.

Prior to that, the Vice President only had classification authority comparable to that of an agency head, having been delegated such authority in a 1995 presidential order:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/clinton/oca.html>

So much for classification authority. What about declassification?

Declassification authority is defined in Section 6.1(1) of E.O. 13292. It is granted to: "(1) the official who authorized the original classification...; (2) the originator's current successor in function; (3) a supervisory official of either; or (4) officials delegated declassification authority in writing by the agency head or the senior agency official."

So the Vice President has authority to declassify anything that he himself classified. He also clearly has authority to declassify anything generated in the Office of the Vice President, which he supervises.

But is the Vice President, like the President, "a supervisory official" with respect to other executive branch agencies such as the CIA? Did the 2003 amendment to the executive order which elevated the Vice President's classification authority also grant him declassification authority comparable to the President's?

"The answer is not obvious," said one executive branch expert on classification policy.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT DECLASSIFICATION PLAN

The Department of Energy expects to complete the declassification review of 12.7 million pages of its 25 year old

historically valuable permanent records by December 31, 2006, the Department advised the Information Security Oversight Office last month.

The January 2006 Department of Energy Declassification Plan was obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by Michael Ravnitzky. A copy is posted here (1.1 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/doe/declass.pdf>

IN THE NEWS

"Since the Sept. 11 attacks, the number of insiders alleging wrongdoing in government - either through whistle-blower channels or directly to the press - has surged, as have reprisals against them."

See "A surge in whistle-blowing ... and reprisals" by Gail Russell Chaddock, Christian Science Monitor, February 16, 2006:

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2006/0216/p01s01-uspo.html>

"If the Bush administration's interpretation of espionage law is upheld, then everyone is breaking the law, all the time." That's the conclusion that emerges from the Bush Administration's unprecedented use of the Espionage Act to prosecute non-government employees for mishandling classified information.

See "You're a Spy" by Fred Kaplan, Slate, February 15, 2006:

<http://www.slate.com/id/2136324/>

Jack Shafer sorts out what appeared to be an early post-9/11 disclosure of warrantless domestic surveillance, and takes a poke at DCIA Porter Goss for flogging discredited leak allegations.

See "NSA Scoop or Just Bad Writing?" by Jack Shafer, Slate, February 15, 2006:

<http://www.slate.com/id/2136184/>

HEARING ON ABLE DANGER

The ABLE DANGER data mining program was the subject of a House Armed Service Committee hearing yesterday featuring testimony from Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Stephen A. Cambone.

"Members must decide for themselves what to believe from the testimony presented today -- there will be some inconsistencies," cautioned Rep. Jim Saxton, who co-chaired the hearing.

The prepared testimony from that February 15 hearing is posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/index.html#ad

CRS ON DATA MINING

A recently updated report from the Congressional Research Service addresses data mining -- what it is, what it can and cannot do, and some of the controversies that have arisen around it.

A copy of the CRS report was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Data Mining and Homeland Security: An Overview," updated January 27, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/intel/RL31798.pdf>

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Scientists Propose 80 Day Flight To Alpha Centauri?

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Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 16:46:55 -0500
Subject: Scientists Propose 80 Day Flight To Alpha Centauri?

<http://english.pravda.ru/science/tech/16-02-2006/76045-0>

Yes it's Pravda but it presents a look at propulsion that has often been debated on this List.

I know Mr. Friedman worked on advanced systems and has pointed out a number of times the science and mechanics of making such trips possible.

Do we really have the technology to achieve these feats or is it just wishful thinking?

If we do, why aren't they being used?

Best,

Greg

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Marshall Blamed For UFO Coverup

>>"The United States Authorities have established that flying
>>saucers are manned by visitors from outer space." [statement
>>made in 1951 by U.S. Secretary of State, General George Marshall
>>in Mexico, according to Gordon Creighton of FSR]...

>>"Asked why such emphasis had been imposed on denying their
>>existence, and on censoring reports, the V.I.P. official
>>[General Marshall]... said that the U.S.A. wanted her people to
>>concentrate on the real menace, Communism; and not to be
>>distracted by the visitors from outer space."...

>>Has anyone seen these photos or movies of the three flying
>>saucers over Mexico City at the time Marshall arrived there in
>>the summer of 1951? Although the Marshall archives do not have
>>classified material, I wonder if they have documents with his
>>comments or views on the subject of flying saucers and our
>>visitors from outer space. Maybe Mexican newspaper archives will
>>have more to say about these flying saucers over Mexico City and
>>just which authorities, Mexican or U.S., confiscated the images
>>and covered up this truly puzzling and widely witnessed early
>>UFO flotilla over Mexican skies.

>I think Jerry Clark has demolished this story many years ago
(forget reference).

As unreliable sources go, the late Gordon Creighton was almost in
a class by himself, even as the chronically gullible and paranoid go.
He would rush into print whenever he heard a story he wanted to
believe, however unlikely that story was on its face.

The FSR yarns about the late Gen. Marshall had as their
source a notorious hoaxer and con man who styled himself
"Rolf Alexander, M.D." "Alexander" was a convicted criminal
whose real name was Alexander Stirling. See The UFO
Encyclopedia, 2nd ed., p. 277.

Jerry Clark

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>What do you predict will happen, David?

This case is like something out of a comic book ;)

What this man has accomplished is nothing short of astounding.
The damage has a dollar value but what about the incaluable
damage he's done? Yet he was also able to prove all the money
allocated to the military went to spit as he was able to achieve
what he has.

He's going to walk. Why? Because all he has to do is wave that
banner of threat of disclosing UFO data whether factual or not
and no one will touch him.

The fact he accomplished this feat gives him so much to work
with. He can either pay out factual data or make up the most
wild, dragged on through the UFO community, talk show, motion
picture circuit til he's blue in the face and everyone will be
chomping at the bit for the next morsel.

As it stands, he can make or break the UFO debacle one way or
another. I personally wouldn't buy a word he says henceforth
because of the unimaginable damage he's done to our government.

He has the U.S. by the beans and he knows it.

Hopefully, he's what he claims to be, just a guy who got into
something stupid and damaging and he's going to shut the hell up
and not do it again.

This story will be well worth watching.

Best,

Greg

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>Menzel, Carl Sagan and Willy Ley? And what about Hynek's cameo
>appearance in the science fiction film CE3K?

<snip>

Hi Theo,

Hope I'm not poking a sore spot, but think anyone who'd read
Contact shouldn't call Sagan a "skeptic & debunker" per se.

Although will admit his last stuff - which the List knows I've a
theory about - was extremely bitter; but that may've been for
other reasons.

His earlier stuff, including his first public speech, was
extremely affirmative, to the point of endangering his career.

In years to come believe much of what folk are getting angry
about today, in Ufology especially, will be seen for what it is
- smoke-screens and diversions.

Divide and rule.

Cheers

Ray D

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>>Nick,

>>Not Japanese people, Chinese prisoners of the Japanese, who
>>were not handicapped and who were all killed before the arrival
>>of the Russians in Manchuria in July 1945.

>>To endorse such a preposterous tale, even in the form of a
>>fancy novel, deserves a serious treatment, it seems to me.

>Interesting discussion - and there's still far worse in the real
>world: the fatwa on Salman Rushdi for his fictional Devil's
>Verses has just been pronounced as being for life; Opus Dei is
>protesting against the ending in the fictional Da Vinci Code;
>and here on this list, albeit in a much more restrained,
>courteous and civilised manner, another novel of fiction gets
>the harsh treatment. As above, so below methinks.

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>And in the right corner - what about science fiction writers who
>wrote about ufo's like Clifford D. Simak, Otto Binder or H.P.
>Lovecraft?

>Somehow I still fail to see the logic behind the criticism of
>Vallee's novel of fiction, other than that its fictional
>premise does not tally with a certain ufological point of view.

Theo:

You make excellent points.

As far as I can tell, Gildas Bourdais' hostile review of
Vallee's Stratagem novel stems solely from the fact that he,
Vallee, includes the central premise of Body Snatchers within
its pages.

Gildas disagrees with the data in Body Snatchers, so he takes
the view that it is wrong for Vallee to use that scenario - even
though Vallee is clearly not saying he is endorsing the Body
Snatchers material, and even though the Vallee book is clearly
presented as a work of fiction.

I find it notable that Gildas refused to answer my question posed in an earlier post this week regarding whether he was critical of all UFO novels that said things that went against what the ETH-ers of Ufology believed in.

As I pointed out, to be critical of things presented in a novel purely because they might portray things that, in the real world, someone does not personally think happened, sets a dangerous precedent re. elitist censorship.

You mentioned Nick Pope: in his 1999 novel, Operation Thunderchild, Nick talked about aliens bodies taken to Porton Down, the British Government's biological and chemical defense research establishment in Wiltshire.

In 1996, British researcher Tony Dodd surfaced with a story about alien bodies supposedly taken to Porton Down from the site of an alleged UFO crash on the Berwyn Mountains in North Wales in 1974.

It could be argued that Nick Pope got his idea to use the Porton Down angle in his Thunderchild novel from the account of Tony Dodd's source, who was given the pseudonym of James Prescott by Dodd, and who claimed he was telling Dodd a true story.

Now, Andy Roberts vehemently disagrees with the idea that anything ET-based crashed on the Berwyn Mountains in January 1974. But did Andy vehemently criticize Nick Pope for using the Porton angle in his Thunderchild novel? Of course he didn't! Why? Because Andy had the sense to recognize that Nick's novel was just that - a novel - and had no bearing on the real world in which we all live.

Regardless of what independent researchers think happened on the Berwyn Mountains in 1974 (and, appropriately, there are a mountain of views), it should not matter (and does not matter) in the slightest if Nick Pope picks up on one of the strands of the story and uses it in his novel.

It isn't endorsement on Nick Pope's part, and it isn't vague truths hidden behind a fictional banner - unless Nick knows more than we do! It's just a piece of fiction for people to read and that's it.

Your final sentence perfectly sums up the situation and is spot on.

Again, I come back to my stance: Gildas is criticizing the Vallee book purely and only because it contains the Body Snatchers theme and Gildas doesn't like that theme, so Vallee becomes a target for his criticism.

But if someone wants to criticize a ufological theory, they should at least save it for the real world, not novels!

Nick R.

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: State & Municipality UFO Files?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 08:06:15 EST
>>Subject: State & Municipality UFO Files?

>>Yes, the Federal Government has it's files, but what about State
>>and local municipalities.

>>I'm sure there are tons of material classified and not stashed
>>away that we need to take a look at.

>>I'm aware that some if not most are upstaired to the Federal
>>files but not all.

>>Any tips for accessing these files and the challenges to doing
>>so?

>WWII: The Aircraft Warning Service existed on the East Coast
>until 1943 and on the West Coast until May 1944. We have several
>reports of unusual objects spotted by members, but no attempt to
>obtain AWS records has been made. AWS records existed in both
>state and local files.

>Until the Navy was able to take over the patrolling the sea
>frontiers around the US in early WWII a number of vessels and
>personnel were pressed into service as observers, Sea Lane
>Patrols and a number of other organizations, one know as the
>Hooligan Navy. Their records are unknown. Ditto the Civil Air
>Patrol whose pilots had to supply their own aviation fuel.

>Ground Observer Corps (GOC) logs and USAF Filter Centerlogs.
>Several unsuccessful attempts to retrieve this type of material.

>In 1954 the GOC logs for Buffalo, NY and Wilmington, DE were
>made available to the local press, however, USAF Air Defense
>Filter Center logs have been r eleased. The Wilmington log
>contained over 100 UFO sightings. In July 1952, Wright Field
>sent a special team to New Haven, CT to look at sightings
>reported to the New Haven Filter Center.

>CUFOS records had a report from Mrs. Zapp's GOC post in
>Washington, D. C. from 1957 on the official GOC report form.

>A number of Canadian Filter Center logs are up on the
>web at Pinetree site, but none have significant UFO material.

>Civil Defense (CD). In some cases, the Air Force used Civil
>Defense personnel as auxillary investigators.

>On the morning of Sept 6, 1952 an unusual object was spotted in
>the sky over Enfield, CT by guards and prisoners at the Osborn
>Prison Farm. CD personnel interviewed guards and prisoners. The
>incident was reported to the New Haven Filter Center.

>CD personnel have repeatedly been involved in UFO incidents and investigations. Roswell, GA police officer Michael Hitt found that even after Project Blue Book was disbanded, UFO reports were collected by CD officials, but apparently were never reported to anyone outside of Georgia.

>In August 1952 Third Army Intelligence asked North Carolina CD officials to request UFO reports from the public. E. Z. Jones, State Civil Defense Director relayed the request in North Carolina newspaper. Regional and local CD directors in the state echoed the request. I have clippings which mentioned to Jones received a number of such reports. He recruited a local police chief to help him investigate a CEIII case from 1951. I checked all CD records opened to the public in the NC State Archives, no mention was made of this program, but the records were far from complete.

>I interviewed the son of one of the local CD directors whose requested for UFO info appeared in the local newspaper. He remembered that his father put in many hours working on civil defense, but did not recall any mention of UFOs.

>State and local police.

>In the early 1960s there were several interesting sightings of triangle-shaped objects in Connecticut, one involved State Police in the investigation.

>We had recently formed NICAP-CONN, the Connecticut Affiliate of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) Our attempts to get more info out of the State Police was met with stonewalling.

>However, in 1966 we had set up a reportings system with local police departments who relayed UFO reports to the control tower at Bradley Field. A number of police officer sightings were also obtained by direct contact of NICAP-CONN members with local police.

>In 1997, a woman who managed the local book store asked me to give a short talk about UFOs. After I had finished, a police officer who attended called me aside and told me he was assigned to destroy old police records.

>He said that he came across a number of UFO reports in the police blotter and in more detailed reports. He had saved the UFO reports instead of destroying them, but was unwilling to share them as he felt he might get in trouble.

>When I talked to the store manager, she asked me if any leads came out of my talk. I mentioned the police officer. She told me that she knew him very well as they were brother and sister. She promised I would get copies of the reports which arrived less than a week later. So police records are definitely important sources of reports.

>Morris K. Jesup in his UFO books also suggested a number of sources of UFO reports, such as small airport records.

Hats off to Jan Aldrich! You've always been one of the investigators we can depend on.

You're mirroring many of the local file stories I've continually run across. The police officer story is case in point.

I took two or three years of going through newspaper files and local records in upstate NY. No shortage of UFO type stories that went as far back as 1836. Crop circle story there.

There was always someone with a story about a family member and an encounter with some beings that went way back.

Jan, please let us know the next time you go on C2C or Rense or Strange Days. I hope C2C has you on soon so that the public can listen to these documented accounts and realize they can do some sleuthing as well. I never tire of visiting your site.

Did you ever get that news story from '47 where the feds put forth the ETH? If memory serves it appeared in the NY Times or

Daily News from a wire story twixt March and June '47. That really got my attention because the other news stories didn't point to or even mention the ETH.

Next time I'm back east I'll dig through my files and find it.

Best,

Greg

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Read the article I linked to and the guy said he tried to get
the gummint off his back by threatening to reveal what he had
seen. But obviously they don't care because it is just his say-
so and he can't prove anything. Therefore making him an enemy
combatant is unnecessary. The charges about him causing severe
damage to the military network seem grossly exaggerated, but I
think they want to make an example of him and put him away for a
long time.

The really scary part is that he said military security on their
networks was almost a joke and he had no trouble getting in.
Further, he said he was never alone when he hacked in. There
were always other hackers there, including a number from Eastern
Europe. This guy was just interested in finding out what the
U.S. military knew about UFOs. He wasn't interested in harming
national security. But that probably doesn't apply to the other
hackers.

If the military was really smart, they would drop charges in
exchange for him helping to secure their networks, using his
knowledge of their vulnerabilities.

David Rudiak

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>>It depends on how you qualify the word "endorse". If Vallee
>>wrote this strictly as a piece of fiction and nothing else,
>>then he is obviously not endorsing the data in Body Snatchers.

>I maintain that the new novel of Jacques Vallee raises a very
>serious question. I have friends here in France who are admirers
>of Vallee, and who were already "buying" it. This is why I felt
>necessary, and even urgent, to criticize it.

>To be more to the point, one his followers told me that Vallee,
>with whom he corresponds, had recommended reading your book.

>So, the fact that Vallee repeated your amazing, impossible
>story, in detail in his book, is no coincidence and no accident.

>Its presentation as fiction looks as just a little umbrella to
>me. In addition to that, if the intention of Vallee was just to
>interest a larger public to ufos and ufology, let me have a good
>laugh.

>In his novel, ufologists are portrayed as nuts and crackpots.
>What a great publicity !

Gildas

So, now, you are not only criticizing Vallee's novel, but you
are criticizing Vallee himself for daring to suggest to one of
his correspondents that he should read my book!

Are you actually saying it is wrong for Vallee to suggest to
people that they should take a look at Body Snatchers, and then
come to their own conclusions? Or do you think that you have the
personal right to try and influence them to think as you do re.
Roswell?

Should people not have the freedom to read a book and come to
their own conclusions? Of course they should.

Do you really endorse the idea of trying to discourage other people from reading a book, just because you personally disagree with its content?

Would you complain if Vallee suggested to the people that he corresponds with that they go out and buy Stan's Crash at Corona or Kevin Randle's many books on Roswell? No, you wouldn't. The reason being that you believe that the data that is presented in those books presents the reader with correct scenarios.

Personally, as you know, I no longer believe that aliens crashed at Roswell. However, I always encourage people to read all of the available data on the case and then come to their own conclusions. I present my data to them and if it's acceptable to them, then fine. If it isn't I'm hardly going to lose sleep over it. There are far more important things in the world than fretting over what did or did not happen in the New Mexican desert 60 years ago.

There is one thing I know for certain: we need to examine all of the data in an unbiased fashion if we are going to get anywhere and get real, definitive answers.

Stan, Kevin, Bob Durant and many others would rightly blow a fuse if I started criticizing people who steered people towards their work - and rightly so, too. I no longer agree with the stance of Stan, Kevin and Bob with regard to Roswell, but I have no personal insecurities at all about all three of them (and whoever else) being given a considerable platform to air their pro-ET views on Roswell.

You should note, too, that every magazine editor whose publication included an article that was critical of Body Snatchers (Fate - Kevin; UFO Mag - Stan; IUR - Bob; and the Mufon Journal - you) gave me considerable space for a reply.

This suggests strongly that even if they don't agree with the data in the book, the respective editors of each of these mags do recognize that steering people away from a book, or not giving the author right-of-reply, does the UFO subject, or a debate about the subject, no favors at all.

There is enough secrecy in the subject generated at an official level, without UFO researchers telling us what is right or wrong to read.

Nick R.

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Jeff,

Well, lets see now. If he had committed this crime in the UK, he would be, err, severley harassed by the authorities, given a sharp kick up the backside, and warned as to his future behaviour.

If he is successfully extradicted to the USA, a country don't forget that actually elects its judges (FFS) and which promotes a penal system that produces jail sentences that are so out of touch with reality as to be beyond human understanding, and for which the principles of rehabilitation and redemption are but a distant memory from 30 years or so ago, and which, when all is said and done, is really just into good old fashioned biblical revenge, then he will almost certainly get life in a maximum security institution, with a further ten-years to run concurrently for the gum he dropped on the way into court and then and only then can the world breathe easily again because another heinous criminal is finally removed from the face of this planet.

Stuart Miller

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Profile: Gary McKinnon

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A decision is expected soon in the case to extradite Gary McKinnon to the US to face hacking charges. Here the BBC News website profiles the hacker, his history and his motives.

To hear the US government tell it, Gary McKinnon is a dangerous man, and should be extradited back to America to stand trial in a Virginia courtroom.

One US prosecutor has accused him of committing "the biggest military computer hack of all time".

If extradited, Mr McKinnon could face decades in US jail, and fines of close to \$2m.

'Bumbling nerd'

The charges against Mr McKinnon are extensive.

The US government alleges that between February 2001 and March 2002, the 40-year-old computer enthusiast from North London hacked into dozens of US Army, Navy, Air Force, and Department of Defense computers, as well as 16 Nasa computers.

It says his hacking caused some \$700,000 dollars worth of damage to government systems.

What's more, they allege that Mr McKinnon altered and deleted files at a US Naval Air Station not long after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 and that the attack rendered critical systems inoperable.

The US government also says Mr McKinnon once took down an entire network of 2,000 US Army computers. His goal, they claim, was to access classified information.

In July 2005, Mark Summers, another official representing the US government, told a London court that Mr McKinnon's hacking was "intentional and calculated to influence and affect the US government by intimidation and coercion".

But Gary McKinnon, or Solo as he was known online, paints a very different picture of himself, and his motivation. In a BBC interview last summer, Mr McKinnon said that he was not a malicious hacker bent on bringing down US military systems, but rather more of a "bumbling computer nerd".

He said he's no web vandal, or virus writer, and that he never acted with malicious intent.

But he did admit that he hacked into dozens of US government computer systems. In fact, he calmly detailed just how easy it was to access extremely sensitive information in those systems.

"I found out that the US military use Windows," said Mr McKinnon in that BBC interview. "And having realised this, I assumed it would probably be an easy hack if they hadn't secured it properly."

Using commercially available software, Mr McKinnon probed dozens of US military and government networks. He found many machines without adequate password or firewall protection. So, he simply hacked into them.

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But for some, his method of hacking is not nearly so interesting as his reason for doing it.

Mr McKinnon got his first computer when he was 14 years old, and has been a hobbyist ever since. He left school at 17, and became a hairdresser. But, in the early 1990s, some friends convinced him to get a qualification in computers. After completing a course, he started doing contract work in the computing field.

By the late 1990s, Mr McKinnon decided to use his hacking skills to do what he calls "research" on an issue he firmly believes in. Mr McKinnon told the BBC that he is convinced that the United States government is withholding critical information about Unidentified Flying Objects.

"It wasn't just an interest in little green men and flying saucers," said Mr McKinnon. "I believe that there are spacecraft, or there have been craft, flying around that the public doesn't know about."

Mr McKinnon further explained that he believes the US military has reverse engineered an anti-gravity propulsion system from recovered alien spacecraft, and that this propulsion system is being kept a secret.

In that sense, Mr McKinnon said he sees his own hacking as "humanitarian." He said he only wanted to find evidence of a UFO cover-up and expose it. He called the alleged anti-gravity propulsion system "extra-terrestrial technology we should have access to".

"I wanted to find out why this is being kept a secret when it could be put to good use," he said in the BBC interview last year.

Gary McKinnon's search turned into an obsession, an addiction. As he probed high-level computer systems in the United States, his life in Britain fell apart. He lost his job, and his girlfriend dumped him. Friends told him to stop hacking, but to no avail.

"I'd stopped washing at one point. I wasn't looking after myself. I wasn't eating properly. I was sitting around the house in my dressing gown, doing this all night."

Net lockdown

Eventually, Mr McKinnon got sloppy. He started leaving behind clues. At one point, Mr McKinnon began posting anti-war diatribes on the screens of the US government computers that were his targets. He has insisted, however, that he never attempted to sabotage any operations.

When Britain's hi-tech crime unit finally came for him 2002, Mr McKinnon was not surprised. He told the BBC: "I think I almost wanted to be caught, because it was ruining me. I had this classic thing of wanting to be caught so there would be an end to it."

He thought he would be tried in Britain, and that he might get, at the most, three to four years in prison.

Then, later that year, the United States decided to indict him with charges that could mean up to 70 years in a US prison. It has never been entirely clear why it took US officials until 2005 to begin extradition proceedings.

Gary McKinnon's been fighting extradition ever since, on the grounds that he never intended anything malicious by his hacking. He's been free on bail, but it has been a strange kind of freedom.

Until recently, he had to sign in at his local police station every evening, and could not leave his house at night. The court also forbade him from using any computer connected to the internet.

Some of those restrictions were eased this past Christmas. He can now use the internet, but the authorities are making him register the IP address with the local service provider.

Mr McKinnon remains contrite about what he did, although he has admitted that he thinks US officials are making him a scapegoat. He has said that in the course of his hacking, he found evidence that hundreds of others from around the world were also trying to hack the same networks.

His supporters say that instead of prosecuting him, the US government should thank him for pointing out massive computer security lapses in critical systems.

As for his quest to find evidence of a UFO cover-up, Mr McKinnon has said that he found some circumstantial evidence online to back his claims, including what he said are photos with what he speculated were alien spacecraft airbrushed out of the picture.

He said the photos in question were too large to download to his own computer.

When the BBC asked him last summer if he ever felt like hacking again, Mr McKinnon replied, "No, not at all." He said he wished he had listened to his friends when they told him, nearly three and a half years ago, to stop.

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Biocosm, The New Scientific Theory of Evolution
Intelligent Life Is the Architect of the Universe
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Why is the universe life-friendly? Columbia physicist Brian Greene says it's the deepest question in all of science. Cosmologist Paul Davies agrees, calling it the biggest of the Big Questions.

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It is, in the view of Columbia physicist Brian Greene, the deepest question in all of science. Renowned cosmologist Paul Davies agrees, calling it the biggest of the Big Questions.

And just what is this momentous question?

Not the mystery of life's origin, though the profundity of that particular puzzle prompted Charles Darwin to remark that it was probably forever beyond the pale of human comprehension. A dog, Darwin commented famously, might as easily contemplate the mind of Newton.

Not the inscrutable manner in which consciousness emerges from the interaction and interconnection of neurons in the human skull, though a cascade of Nobel prizes will undoubtedly reward the teams of neuroscientists who achieve progress in understanding this phenomenon.

And not even the future course of biological and cultural evolution on planet Earth, though the great Darwinian river is surely carving a course that today's most visionary evolutionary theorist will have difficulty even imagining.

No, the question is more profound, more fundamental, less tractable than any of these. It is this: why is the universe life-friendly?

Life-friendly, you might ask incredulously? The universe is life-friendly? The heck it is!

We have been taught since childhood that the universe is a horrifyingly hostile place. Violent black holes, planets and

moons searing with unbearable heat or deep-frozen at temperatures that make Antarctica look tropical, and the vastness of interstellar space dooming us to perpetual physical isolation from our nearest starry neighbors=97this is the depressing picture of the cosmos beyond Earth that dominates the popular imagination.

This vision is profoundly wrong at a fundamental level. As scientists are now beginning to realize to their astonishment, the truly amazing thing about our universe is how strangely and improbably life-friendly or anthropic it is. As Cambridge evolutionary biologist Simon Conway Morris puts it in his new book *Life=92s Solution*, "On a cosmic scale, it is now widely appreciated that even trivial differences in the starting conditions [of the cosmos] would lead to an unrecognizable and uninhabitable universe."

Simply put, if the Big Bang had detonated with slightly greater force, the cosmos would be essentially empty by now. If the primordial explosion had propelled the initial payload of cosmic raw materials outward with slightly lesser force, the universe would long ago have recollapsed in a Big Crunch. In neither case would human beings or other life forms have had time to evolve.

As Stephen Hawking asks, "Why is the universe so close to the dividing line between collapsing again and expanding indefinitely? In order to be as close as we are now, the rate of expansion early on had to be chosen fantastically accurately."

It is not only the rate of cosmic expansion that appears to have been selected, with phenomenal precision, in order to render our universe fit for carbon-based life and the emergence of intelligence. A multitude of other factors are fine-tuned with fantastic exactitude to a degree that renders the cosmos almost spookily bio-friendly. Some of the universe=92s life-friendly attributes include the odd proclivity of stellar nucleosynthesis=97the process by which simple elements like hydrogen and helium are transmuted into heavier elements in the hearts of giant supernovae=97to yield copious quantities of carbon, the chemical epicenter of life as we know it.

As British astronomer Fred Hoyle pointed out, in order for carbon to exist in the abundant quantities that we observe throughout the cosmos, the mechanism of stellar nucleosynthesis must be exquisitely fine-tuned in a very special way.

Yet another bio-friendly feature of the cosmos is the physical dimensionality of our universe: why are there just three extended dimensions of space rather than one or two or even the ten spatial dimensions contemplated by M-theory? As has been known for more than a century, in any other dimensional setup, stable planetary orbits would be impossible and life would not have time to get started before planets skittered off into deep space or plunged into their suns.

For centuries, it seemed that the dimensionality of the universe=97three dimensions of space plus one dimension of time=97was a matter of axiomatic truth. Rather like the propositions of geometry. In fact, precisely like the propositions of geometry. That was before the birth of superstring theory, and its successor, M-theory. I am going to get into M-theory more deeply in a moment but for now I want to highlight its insistence on the fact that there are, in fact, ten dimensions of space and one dimension of time. The mystery is why only three of the spatial dimensions got inflated into cosmic proportions by the Big Bang while the remaining seven stayed inconceivably minuscule. If anything else had happened=97if only two spatial dimensions had been inflated or if four had been inflated=97then the universe would not have been set up to allow the emergence of life and mind as we know them.

Collectively, this stunning set of coincidences render the universe eerily fit for life and intelligence. And the coincidences are built into the fundamental fabric of our reality. As British Astronomer Royal Sir Martin Rees says, "There are deep connections between stars and atoms, between the cosmos and the microworld Our emergence and survival depend on very special =91tuning=92 of the cosmos." Or, as the eminent Princeton physicist John Wheeler put it, "It is not only that man is adapted to the universe. The universe is adapted to man. Imagine a universe in which one or another of the

fundamental dimensionless constants of physics is altered by a few percent one way or the other? Man could never come into being in such a universe."

Scientists have been aware of this set of puzzles for decades and have given it name=97the anthropic cosmological principle=97but there is a new urgency to the quest for a plausible explanation because of two very recent discoveries=97the first at nature=92s largest scale and the second at its tiniest.

The first was the discovery of dark energy, which resulted from the observations of supernovae at extreme distances. Contrary to all expectations, the evidence showed that the expansion of the universe was speeding up, not slowing down. No one knows what is causing this phenomenon, although speculative explanations like leakage of gravity into extra unseen dimensions are beginning to show up in the scientific literature.

But for our purposes, what is particularly puzzling is why the strength of dark energy=97which the new Wilkinson microwave probe has revealed to be the predominant constituent of our cosmos=97is so vanishingly small, yet not quite zero. If it were even a tad stronger, you see, the universe would have been emptied long ago, scrubbed clean of stars and galaxies well before life and intelligence could evolve.

The second discovery occurred in the realm of M-theory, whose previous incarnation was known as superstring theory. Those of you who have read Brian Greene=92s terrific book *The Elegant Universe* or watched the *Nova* series based on it will know that M-theory posits that subatomic particles like quarks, electrons and neutrinos are really just different modes of vibration of tiny one-dimensional strings of energy. But what is truly strange about M-theory is that it allows a vast landscape of possible vibration modes of superstrings, only a tiny fraction of which correspond to anything like the sub-atomic particle world we observe and that is described by what is known as the Standard Model of particle physics.

Just how big is this landscape of possible alternative models of particle physics allowed by M-theory? According to Stanford physicist and superstring pioneer Leonard Susskind, the mathematical landscape is horrifyingly gigantic, permitting 10⁵⁰⁰ power different and distinct environments, none of which appears to be mathematically favored, let alone foreordained by the theory. And in virtually none of those other mathematically permissible environments would matter and energy have possessed the qualities that are necessary for stars, galaxies and carbon-based living creatures to have emerged from the primordial chaos.

This is, as Susskind says, an intellectual cataclysm of the first magnitude because it seems to deprive our most promising new theory of fundamental physics=97M-theory=97of the power to uniquely predict the emergence of anything remotely resembling our universe. As Susskind puts it, the picture of the universe that is emerging from the deep mathematical recesses of M-theory is not an "elegant universe" at all! It=92s a Rube Goldberg device, cobbled together by some unknown process in a supremely improbable manner that just happens to render the whole ensemble miraculously fit for life. In the words of University of California theoretical physicist Steve Giddings, "No longer can we follow the dream of discovering the unique equations that predict everything we see, and writing them on a single page." Or a tee-shirt! "Predicting the constants of nature becomes a messy environmental problem. It has the complications of biology." Note the key word Giddings uses=97"biology"=97because we will be coming back to it shortly.

This really is, as Brian Greene says, the deepest problem in all of science. It really is, as Paul Davies says, the biggest of the Big Questions: why is the universe life-friendly?

If we put to one side theological approaches to this ultimate issue, what rational pathways forward are on offer from the scientific community? I suggest that three basic approaches are available. Two are familiar while the third is radically novel.

The first approach is to continue searching patiently for a unique final theory=97something that you really could write on your tee-shirt like $E = 3D mc^2$ =97which might yet, against the odds,

emerge from M-theory or one of its competitors (like loop quantum gravity) aspiring to the status of a so-called "theory of everything." This is the fond hope of virtually every professional theoretical physicist, including those who have been driven to desperation by the horrendously messy and complex landscape of theoretically possible M-theory-allowed universes that distresses Susskind and other superstring theorists. Perhaps the laws and constants of nature=97an ensemble the late New York Academy of Sciences president and physicist Heinz Pagels dubbed the cosmic code=97will, in the end, turn out to be uniquely specified by mathematics and thus subject to no conceivable variation. Perhaps the ultimate equations will someday slide out of the mind of a new colossus of physics as slickly and beautifully as $E = 3D mc^2$ emerged from Einstein=92s brain. Perhaps, but that appears to be an increasingly unlikely prospect.

A second approach, born of desperation on the part of Susskind and others, is to overlay a refinement of Big Bang inflation theory called eternal chaotic inflation with an explanatory approach that has been traditionally reviled by most scientists which is known as the weak anthropic principle. The weak anthropic principle merely states in tautological fashion that since human observers inhabit this particular universe, it must perforce be life-friendly or it would not contain any observers resembling ourselves. Eternal chaotic inflation, invented by Russian-born physicist Andrei Linde, asserts that instead of just one Big Bang there are, always have been, and always will be, zillions of Big Bangs going off in inaccessible regions all the time. These Big Bangs create zillions of new universes constantly and the whole ensemble constitutes a multiverse.

Now here=92s what happens when these two ideas=97eternal chaotic inflation and the weak anthropic principle=97are joined together. In each Big Bang, the laws, constants and the physical dimensionality of nature come out differently. In some, dark energy is stronger. In some, dark energy is weaker. In some, gravity is stronger. In some, gravity is weaker. This happens, according to M-theory-based cosmology, because the 10-dimensional physical shapes in which superstrings vibrate=97known as Calabi-Yau shapes=97evolve randomly and chaotically at the moment of each new Big Bang. The laws and constants of nature are constantly reshuffled by this process, like a cosmic deck of cards.

And here=92s the crucial part. Once in a blue moon, this random process of eternal chaotic inflation will yield a winning hand, as judged from the perspective of whether a particular new universe is life-friendly. That outcome will be pure chance=97one lucky roll of the dice in an unimaginably vast cosmic crap shoot with 10500 unfavorable outcomes for every winning turn.

Our universe was a big winner, of course, in the cosmic lottery. Our cosmos was dealt a royal flush. Here is how the eminent Nobel laureate Steve Weinberg explained this scenario in a New York Review of Books essay a couple of years ago: "The expanding cloud of billions of galaxies that we call the big bang may be just one fragment of a much larger universe in which big bangs go off all the time, each one with different values for the fundamental constants." It is no more a mystery that our particular branch of the multiverse exhibits life-friendly characteristics, according to Weinberg, than that life evolved on the hospitable Earth "rather than some horrid place, like Mercury or Pluto."

If you find this scenario unsatisfactory=97the weak anthropic principle superimposed on Andrei Linde=92s theory of eternal chaotic inflation=97I can assure you that you are not alone. To most scientists, offering the tautological explanation that since human observers inhabit this particular universe, it must necessarily be life-friendly or else it would not contain any observers resembling ourselves is anathema. It just sounds like giving up.

In my view, there are two primary problems with the Weinberg/Susskind approach. First, universes spawned by Big Bangs other than our own are inaccessible from our own universe, at least with the experimental techniques currently available to scientists. So the approach appears to be untestable, perhaps untestable in principle. And testability is the hallmark of genuine science, distinguishing it from fields of inquiry like

metaphysics and theology.

Second, the Weinberg/Susskind approach extravagantly violates the mediocrity principle. The mediocrity principle, a mainstay of scientific theorizing since Copernicus, is a statistically based rule of thumb that, absent contrary evidence, a particular sample (Earth, for instance, or our particular universe) should be assumed to be a typical example of the ensemble of which it is a part. The Weinberg/Susskind approach flagrantly flouts the mediocrity principle. Instead, their approach simply takes refuge in a brute, unfathomable mystery—the conjectured lucky roll of the dice in a crap game of eternal chaotic inflation—and declines to probe seriously into the possibility of a naturalistic cosmic evolutionary process that has the capacity to yield a life-friendly set of physical laws and constants on a nonrandom basis. It is as if Charles Darwin, contemplating the famous tangled bank (the arresting visual image with which he concludes *The Origin of Species*), had confessed not a magnificent obsession with gaining an understanding of the mysterious natural processes that had yielded "endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful," but rather a smug satisfaction that of course the earthly biosphere must have somehow evolved in a just-so manner mysteriously friendly to humans and other currently living species, or else Darwin and other humans would not be around to contemplate it!

Indeed, the situation that confronts cosmologists today is eerily reminiscent of that which faced biologists before Charles Darwin propounded his revolutionary theory of evolution. Darwin confronted the seemingly miraculous phenomenon of a fine-tuned natural order in which every creature and plant appeared to occupy a unique and well-designed niche. Refusing to surrender to the brute mystery posed by the appearance of nature's design, Darwin masterfully deployed the art of metaphor to elucidate a radical hypothesis—the origin of species through natural selection—that explained the apparent miracle as a natural phenomenon.

The metaphor furnished by the familiar process of artificial selection was Darwin's crucial stepping stone. Indeed, the practice of artificial selection through plant and animal breeding was the primary intellectual model that guided Darwin in his quest to solve the mystery of the origin of species and to demonstrate in principle the plausibility of his theory that variation and natural selection were the prime movers responsible for the phenomenon of speciation. So, too, today a few venturesome cosmologists have begun to use the same poetic tool utilized by Darwin—the art of metaphorical thinking—to develop novel intellectual models that might offer a logical explanation for what appears to be an unfathomable mystery: the apparent fine-tuning of the cosmos.

The cosmological metaphor chosen by these iconoclastic theorists is life itself. What if life, they ask in the spirit of the great Belgian biologist and Nobel laureate Christian de Duve, were not a cosmic accident but the essential reality at the very heart of the elegant machinery of the universe? What if Darwin's principle of natural selection were merely a tiny fractal embodiment of a universal life-giving principle that drives the evolution of stars, galaxies, and the cosmos itself?

This, as you may have guessed, is the headline summarizing the third (and radically novel) approach to answering the biggest of the Big Questions: why is the universe life-friendly? It is the approach outlined at length in my new book *BIOCOSM*.

Before I get into this third approach in more detail, I want to say something upfront about scientific speculation. The approach I am about to outline for you is intentionally and forthrightly speculative. Following the example of Darwin, I have attempted to crudely frame a radically new explanatory paradigm well before all of the required building materials and construction tools are at hand. Darwin had not the slightest clue, for instance, that DNA is the molecular device used by all life-forms on Earth to accomplish the feat of what he called "inheritance." Indeed, as cell biologist Kenneth R. Miller noted in *Finding Darwin's God*, "Charles Darwin worked in almost total ignorance of the fields we now call genetics, cell biology, molecular biology, and biochemistry." Nonetheless, Darwin managed to put forward a plausible theoretical framework that succeeded magnificently despite the fact that it was utterly

dependent on hypothesized but completely unknown mechanisms of genetic transmission.

As Darwin=92s example shows, plausible and deliberate speculation plays an essential role in the advancement of science. Speculation is the means by which new scientific paradigms are initially constructed, to be either abandoned later as wrong-headed detours or vindicated as the seeds of scientific revolutions.

Another important lesson drawn from Darwin=92s experience is important to note at the outset. Answering the question of why the most eminent geologists and naturalists had, until shortly before publication of *The Origin of Species*, disbelieved in the mutability of species, Darwin responded that this false conclusion was "almost inevitable as long as the history of the world was thought to be of short duration." It was geologist Charles Lyell=92s speculations on the immense age of Earth that provided the essential conceptual framework for Darwin=92s new theory. Lyell=92s vastly expanded stretch of geological time provided an ample temporal arena in which the forces of natural selection could sculpt and reshape the species of Earth and achieve nearly limitless variation.

The central point is that collateral advances in sciences seemingly far removed from cosmology can help dissipate the intellectual limitations imposed by common sense and naive human intuition. And, in an uncanny reprise of the Lyell/Darwin intellectual synergy, it is a realization of the vastness of time and history that gives rise to the crucial insight. Only in this instance, the vastness of which I speak is the vastness of future time and future history. In particular, sharp attention must be paid to the key conclusion of Princeton physicist John Wheeler: most of the time available for life and intelligence to achieve their ultimate capabilities lie in the distant cosmic future, not in the cosmic past. As cosmologist Frank Tipler bluntly stated, "Almost all of space and time lies in the future. By focusing attention only on the past and present, science has ignored almost all of reality. Since the domain of scientific study is the whole of reality, it is about time science decided to study the future evolution of the universe."

That is exactly what I have attempted to do in BIOCOSM in order to explore, in a tentative way, a possible third pathway to an answer to the biggest of the Big Questions. I call that third pathway the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis.

Originally presented in peer-reviewed scientific papers published in *Complexity*, *Acta Astronautica*, and the *Journal of the British Interplanetary Society*, my Selfish Biocosm hypothesis suggests that in attempting to explain the linkage between life, intelligence and the anthropic qualities of the cosmos, most mainstream scientists have, in essence, been peering through the wrong end of the telescope. The hypothesis asserts that life and intelligence are, in fact, the primary cosmological phenomena and that everything else=97the constants of nature, the dimensionality of the universe, the origin of carbon and other elements in the hearts of giant supernovas, the pathway traced by biological evolution=97is secondary and derivative. In the words of Martin Rees, my approach is based on the proposition that "what we call the fundamental constants=97the numbers that matter to physicists=97may be secondary consequences of the final theory, rather than direct manifestations of its deepest and most fundamental level."

I began developing the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis as an attempt to supply two essential elements missing from a novel model of cosmological evolution put forward by astrophysicist Lee Smolin. Smolin had come up with the intriguing suggestion that black holes are gateways to new "baby universes" and that a kind of Darwinian population dynamic rewards those universes most adept at producing black holes with the greatest number of progeny. Proliferating populations of baby universes emerging from the loins (metaphorically speaking) of black hole-rich "mother universes" thus come to dominate the total population of the "multiverse"=97a theoretical ensemble of all mother and baby universes. Black hole-prone universes also happen to coincidentally exhibit anthropic qualities, according to Smolin, thus accounting for the bio-friendly nature of the "average" cosmos in the ensemble, more or less as an incidental side-effect.

This was a thrilling conjecture because for the first time it posited a cosmic evolutionary process endowed with what economists call a utility function (i.e., a value that was maximized by the hypothesized evolutionary process, which in the case of Smolin=92s conjecture was black hole maximization).

However, Smolin=92s approach was seriously flawed. As the computer genius John von Neumann demonstrated in a famous 1948 Caltech lecture entitled "On the General and Logical Theory of Automata," any self-reproducing object (mouse, bacterium, human or baby universe) must, as a matter of inexorable logic, possess four essential elements:

1. A blueprint, providing the plan for construction of offspring;
2. A factory, to carry out the construction;
3. A controller, to ensure that the factory follows the plan; and
4. A duplicating machine, to transmit a copy of the blueprint to the offspring.

In the case of Smolin=92s hypothesis, one could logically equate the collection of physical laws and constants that prevail in our universe with a von Neumann blueprint and the universe at large with a kind of enormous von Neumann factory. But what could possibly serve as a von Neumann controller or a von Neumann duplicating machine? My goal was to rescue Smolin=92s basic innovation=97a cosmic evolutionary model that incorporated a discernible utility function=97by proposing scientifically plausible candidates for the two missing von Neumann elements.

The hypothesis I developed was based on a set of conjectures put forward by Martin Rees, John Wheeler, Freeman Dyson, John Barrow, Frank Tipler, and Ray Kurzweil. Their futuristic visions suggested collectively that the ongoing process of biological and technological evolution was sufficiently robust, powerful, and open-ended that, in the very distant future, a cosmologically extended biosphere could conceivably exert a global influence on the physical state of the entire cosmos. Think of this idea as the Gaia principle extended universe-wide.

A synthesis of these insights lead me directly to the central claim of the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis: that the ongoing process of biological and technological emergence, governed by still largely unknown laws of complexity, could function as a von Neumann controller and that a cosmologically extended biosphere could serve as a von Neumann duplicating machine in a conjectured process of cosmological replication.

I went on to speculate that the means by which the hypothesized cosmological replication process could occur was through the fabrication of baby universes by highly evolved intelligent life forms. These hypothesized baby universes would themselves be endowed with a cosmic code=97an ensemble of physical laws and constants=97that would be life-friendly so as to enable life and ever more competent intelligence to emerge and eventually to repeat the cosmic reproduction cycle. Under this scenario, the physical laws and constants serve a cosmic function precisely analogous to that of DNA in earthly creatures: they furnish a recipe for the birth and evolution of intelligent life and a blueprint, which provides the plan for construction of offspring.

I should add that if the fabrication of baby universes, which is the key step in the hypothesized cosmic reproductive cycle that I just outlined, sounds to you like outrageous science fiction=97an "X-file too far," in the words of one of my critics=97you should be aware that the topic has begun to be rigorously explored by such eminent physicists as Andrei Linde of Stanford, Alan Guth of MIT (who is the father of inflation theory), Martin Rees of Cambridge, eminent astronomer Edward Harrison, and physicists Lawrence Krauss and Glenn Starkman.

This central claim of the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis offered a radically new and quite parsimonious explanation for the apparent mystery of an anthropic or bio-friendly universe. If highly evolved intelligent life is the von Neumann duplicating

machine that the cosmos employs to reproduce itself=97if intelligent life is, in effect, the reproductive organ of the universe=97then it is entirely logical and predictable that the laws and constants of nature should be rigged in favor of the emergence of life and the evolution of ever more capable intelligence. Indeed, the existence of such propensity is a falsifiable prediction of the hypothesis.

Now, at this point you are probably saying to yourself, "Wow, with a theory that crazy and radical, this Gardner fellow must have been shunned by the scientific establishment." And indeed some mainstream scientists have commented that the ideas advanced in my book BIOCOSM are impermissibly speculative or impossible to verify. A few have hurled what scientists view as the ultimate epithet=97that my theory constitutes metaphysics instead of genuine science.

On the other hand, some of the brightest and most far-sighted scientists have been extremely encouraging. John Barrow and Freeman Dyson have offered favorable comments and reviews. In particular, BIOCOSM has received outspoken endorsements from Sir Martin Rees (the UK Astronomer Royal and winner of the top scientific prize in the world for cosmology) and Paul Davies (the prominent astrophysicist and author and winner of the Templeton Prize).

As I continue to explore this hypothesis in the future, what will be of utmost interest to me and my sympathizers is whether it can generate what scientists call falsifiable implications. Falsifiability or testability of claims, remember, is the hallmark of genuine science, distinguishing it from metaphysics and faith-based belief systems.

I believe that the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis does qualify as a genuine scientific conjecture on this ground. A key implication of the hypothesis is that the process of progression of the cosmos through critical thresholds in its life cycle, while perhaps not strictly inevitable, is relatively robust. One such critical threshold is the emergence of human-level and higher intelligence, which is essential to the scaling up of biological and technological processes to the stage at which those processes could conceivably exert an influence on the global state of the cosmos.

The conventional wisdom among evolutionary theorists, typified by the thinking of the late Stephen Jay Gould, is that the abstract probability of the emergence of anything like human intelligence through the natural process of biological evolution was vanishingly small. According to this viewpoint, the emergence of human-level intelligence was a staggeringly improbable contingent event. A few distinguished contrarians like Simon Conway Morris, Robert Wright, E. O. Wilson, and Christian de Duve take an opposing position, arguing on the basis of the pervasive phenomenon of convergent evolution and other evidence that the appearance of human-level intelligence was highly probable, if not virtually inevitable. The latter position is consistent with the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis while the Gould position is not.

In my book BIOCOSM and in a preceding scientific paper delivered at the International Astronautical Congress, I suggest that the issue of the robustness of the emergence of human-level and higher intelligence is potentially subject to experimental resolution by means of at least three realistic tests: SETI research, artificial life evolution, and the emergence of transhuman computer intelligence predicted by computer science theorist Ray Kurzweil and others. The discovery of extraterrestrial intelligence, the discovery of an ability on the part of artificial life forms that exist and evolve in software environments to acquire autonomy and intelligence, and the emergence of a capacity on the part of advanced self-programming computers to attain and then exceed human levels of intelligence are all falsifiable implications of the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis because they are consistent with the notion that the emergence of ever more competent intelligence is a robust natural phenomenon. These tests don=92t, of course, conclusively answer the question of whether the hypothesis correctly describes ultimate reality. But such a level of certainty is not demanded of any scientific hypothesis in order to qualify it as genuine science.

Let me conclude by asking whether the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis promotes or demotes the cosmic role of humanity. Have I introduced a new anthropocentrism into the science of cosmology? If so, then you should be suspect on this basis alone of my new approach because, as Sigmund Freud pointed out long ago, new scientific paradigms must meet two distinct criteria to be taken seriously: they must reformulate our vision of physical reality in a novel and plausible way and, equally important, they must advance the Copernican project of demoting human beings from the centerpiece of the universe to the results of natural processes.

At first blush, the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis may appear to be hopelessly anthropocentric. Freeman Dyson once famously proclaimed that the seemingly miraculous coincidences exhibited by the physical laws and constants of inanimate nature=97factors that render the universe so strangely life-friendly=97indicated to him that "the more I examine the universe and study the details of its architecture, the more evidence I find that the universe in some sense knew we were coming." This strong anthropic perspective may seem uplifting and inspiring at first blush but a careful assessment of the new vision of a bio-friendly universe revealed by the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis yields a far more sobering conclusion.

To regard the pageant of life=92s origin and evolution on Earth as a minor subroutine in an inconceivably vast ontogenetic process through which the universe prepares itself for replication is scarcely to place humankind at the epicenter of creation. Far from offering an anthropocentric view of the cosmos, the new perspective relegates humanity and its probable progeny species (biological or mechanical) to the functional equivalents of mitochondria=97formerly free-living bacteria whose special talents were harnessed in the distant past when they were ingested and then pressed into service as organelles inside eukaryotic cells.

The essence of the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis is that the universe we inhabit is in the process of becoming pervaded with increasingly intelligent life=97but not necessarily human or even human-successor life. Under the theory, the emergence of life and increasingly competent intelligence are not meaningless accidents in a hostile, largely lifeless cosmos but at the very heart of the vast machinery of creation, cosmological evolution, and cosmic replication. However, the theory does not require or even suggest that the life and intelligence that emerge be human or human-successor in nature.

The hypothesis simply asserts that the peculiarly life-friendly laws and constants that prevail in our universe serve a function precisely equivalent to that of DNA in living creatures on Earth, providing a recipe for development and a blueprint for the construction of offspring.

Finally, the hypothesis implies that the capacity for the universe to generate life and to evolve ever more capable intelligence is encoded as a hidden subtext to the basic laws and constants of nature, stitched like the finest embroidery into the very fabric of our universe. A corollary=97and a key falsifiable implication of the Selfish Biocosm theory=97is that we are likely not alone in the universe but are probably part of a vast, yet undiscovered transterrestrial community of lives and intelligences spread across billions of galaxies and countless parsecs. Under the theory, we share a possible common fate with that hypothesized community=97to help shape the future of the universe and transform it from a collection of lifeless atoms into a vast, transcendent mind.

The inescapable implication of the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis is that the immense saga of biological evolution on Earth is one tiny chapter in an ageless tale of the struggle of the creative force of life against the disintegrative acid of entropy, of emergent order against encroaching chaos, and ultimately of the heroic power of mind against the brute intransigence of lifeless matter.

In taking full measure of the seeming miracle of a bio-friendly universe we should obviously be skeptical of wishful thinking and "just-so" stories. But we should not be so dismissive of new approaches that we fail to relish the sense of wonder at the almost miraculous ability of science to fathom mysteries that once seemed impenetrable=97a sense perfectly captured by the great British innovator Michael Faraday when he summarily dismissed

skepticism about his almost magical ability to summon up the genie of electricity simply by moving a magnet in a coil of wire.

As Faraday said, "Nothing is too wonderful to be true if it be consistent with the laws of nature."

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Coast to Coast AM Is No Wack Job

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<http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,70218-0.html?tw=rss.index>

Feb, 15, 2006

Coast to Coast AM Is No Wack Job
By Randy Dotinga

Omar is phoning from the future. "I'm in the year 2063," he declares during an open-lines segment on Coast to Coast AM, a nationally syndicated late-night radio show.

Show host George Noory listens with the same respectful tone he uses whether callers have Ph.D.s in microbiology or advanced degrees in wacko. "So what's going on?" he asks, getting an impenetrable answer about the decline of money.

And then it's on to the usual calls about alien-human hybrids, spiritual visitations and global conspiracies. But that's not all. Noory combines the unexplained with something unexpected -- in-depth chats with some of today's most respected scientists.

An estimated 4.5 million listeners tune in to Coast to Coast each night, reportedly making the show No. 1 in its time slot in cities from Los Angeles to Albuquerque (where it gets a whopping 22 percent of the audience) to San Diego (where it attracts more listeners than the next two most popular stations combined).

Three years after the departure of Coast to Coast host Art Bell, this bizarre brew of the strange and the serious appears to be on a roll, boasting nearly 500 affiliates, podcasts and a satellite radio feed.

"I've brought in new topics, seeking more answers and the truth," said Noory, 55. "Will we have a cashless society? Will they try to put chips in us one day? That's made us even more successful."

Its popularity dipped severely several years ago after one of several departures by Bell, an unusual character who hosted the show from Pahrump, Nevada, not too far from Area 51. (Bell still hosts the show on weekends.) But ratings reportedly went up after the affable Noory began hosting.

Noory, like Bell, talks about more than alien bases on the moon. Within the past few weeks, shows have examined bird flu, string theory and computer security.

One might assume mainstream scientists would steer clear of the show's guest list of astrologers and psychics. In fact, many gainfully employed scientists and doctors make regular appearances.

"We need to go on that show," said Tess Gerritsen, a physician and best-selling novelist who has discussed death and forensic science on Coast to Coast.

"It's the way I feel (about) evolutionists and biologists, that they need to go and argue about creationism," she said. "You need to go out and say there's another point of view, this is what science believes."

Frequent guest Michael Shermer, publisher of Skeptic magazine, agrees. He appears on the show even though he devotes his life to battling the very things Coast to Coast stands for -- the acceptance of time travel and premonitions, for example.

"We want to chase out bad ideas with good ideas," Shermer said, "and just explain what science is. Why don't most scientists accept psychic powers as real or UFOs are real? Why do we have high standards of evidence before you accept something?"

And besides, many of the stories told on Coast to Coast are "so outrageous that you have to really be a nincompoop to take the far-out stuff seriously," said Peter D. Ward, an author and paleontologist at the University of Washington. He appears on the show, which he views as "entertainment with some good science in it."

It helps that Noory treats everyone with respect, even if they're skeptics. "It's a non-confrontational show. At that hour of the night and into the morning, people don't want some show host screaming and yelling," Noory said. "They want to be informed and entertained."

The show is certainly entertaining. More than a few callers have outlandish stories to tell, and many of the guests aren't far behind. Tales of spiritual visitations are especially popular -- the show transforms into Ghost to Ghost on Halloween -- and more than a few callers claim to have seen the now-infamous Old Hag lurking in their bedrooms.

Show host Noory is a believer in unexplained phenomena himself: He had an out-of-body experience as a young boy and remains fascinated by the paranormal. While he's skeptical of things like Ouija boards -- saying "I don't know anyone who's had a good spirit come through that thing," and worrying about their connection to evil spirits -- he's probably the last person to challenge callers with scientific theories about why they think they were abducted by aliens.

"If they think their dead grandmother is visiting them at night, more power to them. They don't need me telling them (it's) true or not true," he said. "There are those few people who may challenge the facts and say some of the stuff may not be true. I say to them, 'Chill out, relax and have an open mind.'"

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Determining The Truth About Disinformation

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Source: Paul Kimball's Blog - The Other Side Of Truth

<http://tinyurl.com/bu6tj>

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Determining The Truth About "Disinformation"

The recent column about Phil Klass's FBI files has prompted me to give some thought to the concept of "disinformation" in general. It is perhaps the most overused term in the ufological lexicon - a stock, catch-all excuse to employ whenever one needs to explain why the facts don't fit a particular interpretation of them ("oh, it must be disinformation").

Which is not to say that governments do not employ disinformation from time to time, for a host of reasons, many of which have nothing to do with the subject of the disinformation itself. Call it the old bait and switch. It is a technique neo-Nazis used to use - they would pretend to be interested in UFOs in order to lure in impressionable young people. Things would then graduate to conspiracy theories, and the next thing you know, they would have some converts to the neo-Nazi cause. It had nothing to do with UFOs - their efforts were designed to achieve another aim.

So, if the government is engaged in UFO-related disinformation, the question is "to what end?" Is it being used to cover up a vast Cosmic Watergate?

Maybe (more on this below). However, with most of it, particularly during the Cold War years, I suspect their motives were, and remain today, more... earthly.

Such as?

Well, here's a hypothetical:

The United States military has a vested interest in promoting the Ballistic Missile Defence project. The flip-side of that is that it may well have an interest in undermining and discrediting those people and groups which are opposed to BMD.

If I was someone tasked with that job, how would I go about it?

First, one must always be aware that the easiest way to discredit someone is to link them with someone - or something - that is not particularly credible. There are many suspects. After all, disinformation can run in many different directions at the same time, all designed to achieve the same aim. You would certainly want to link them with the far left as much as possible, for example (given this particular context - in other cases you might actually want to link people to the far right). If you could tie them with Chavez's Venezuela, or maybe China, or Cuba, so much the better.

On a smaller scale, however, would be other targets - one of which could well be UFOs.

How? Why?

A good way to start would be to try and link the peace movement, and the anti-BMD movement in particular, with some sort of UFO cause (why UFOs and BMD? Because both are understood as relating to "space.") Not the serious UFO stuff, mind you (no mention of the Sturrock Panel, or someone like Dr. Jacques Vallee or Dick Hall); rather, the wacky stuff - you know, about establishing diplomatic relations with myriad alien races who are in cahoots with the government and are helping us reverse engineer advanced technology and/or to fight the "evil alien races" with exotic super-BMD space weapons ... etc, etc, blah blah blah, ad infinitum.

In other words, the stuff that the sensible ufologists think is, to be polite, a bit "out there".

In the 1950s, the contactee movement would have been a good bet for this kind of thing.

Today?

Exopolitics.

Imagine putting forth people who will, in the same interview, talk about aliens being in cahoots with the government, the threat of an intergalactic war (whatever happened to a good old "intragalactic war?"), and... by the way... BMD, which is of course aimed at the aliens, and which is bad. Very bad.

Aliens linked to anti-BMD. Chuckles galore on the evening news. The anti-BMD movement discredited, if ever so slightly (remember, these things can be a cumulative effort, so every little bit helps), in the eyes of those watching at home, or surfing the Internet.

Gold. Job well done. Give that disinfo guy a raise.

Now, does this mean that exopolitics is actually part of some disinformation scheme, or that, even if it is, all of the people involved in it in some way or another are part of a disinformation scheme?

Of course not. If it was part of a disinformation scheme, it would be a few people, not many. The rest, like all of the dupes that the Soviets hooked in the 1930s and 1940s, would be just that - well-meaning dupes.

Still, who knows? But someone has just started a blog to "expose UFO disinformation", and listed Drexel University student newspaper columnist Aaron Sakulich (Aaron Sakulich!!) as the first target (although not in a "he's a government agent" context... yet). The fringier ufologists make a habit out of saying that this skeptic is a disinfo specialist, or that one is - or that everything is disinformation. And that doesn't even begin to take into account the ravings of someone like William Cooper, i.e. the "fringe" of the "fringe", who thought that pretty much everyone in ufology was working for "them". It's almost as if they can't think of anything more intelligent to say. They bandy the term "disinformation" about without really knowing what it means, or how it works.

Why? Because the facts don't always fit the paradigm they have adopted, or because someone like Sakulich, or Klass, or Kevin Randle (yes, he's been a target as well) says something they don't like, or agree with.

None of that makes much sense (frankly, a guy like Klass, clumsy to the core, would be the last guy you would pick, unless you wanted to discredit CSICOP for some reason). What does make sense, if you're a believer in disinformation, is using the "aliens are on Earth" stuff to discredit something like the anti-BMD movement, or the peace movement. There would be a logical reason for it - at least it would be logical to the people running any such scheme. By associating anti-BMD activists with aliens and space wars one makes the very concept of opposition to BMD seem like looney tunes. BMD would seem like scientific reality. Anti-BMD is made to look like science

fiction.

Of course, there's another possibility, too - that the government (or part of it) may also be trying to discredit the serious study of the UFO phenomenon, and to undermine in particular any attempt to hold hearings at a government level, i.e. Congress, or the House of Commons, on the subject of UFOs (it must be noted that this does not necessarily imply that they "know the truth" about aliens, or that "they" have anything more to hide than their own general incompetence).

There's a fairly simple way to check for this possibility. It isn't foolproof, but it's a good start. Examine the writings of the exopolitics types closely, and check to see of whom they are critical - if it's everybody, chances are that they are legit (if a bit nutty). But if there is one government group that seems to be getting a free pass - oh, say the Air Force, who would probably be mighty embarrassed by any hearings on the UFO phenomenon - then you might want to take a closer look at these people, and what their agenda really is.

And if you think I'm way off base here, ask yourself this question - whatever happened to the prospect of Congressional hearings in the late 1990s? Who effectively scuttled any hope of any hearings ever taking place? And are these not the same people "pushing" for similar hearings in Canada right now, where Canada's participation in the BMD program is a hot political topic, and where opposition is significant?

Paul Kimball

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MoD UFO Files At VSN

From: Gary Anthony <garyant.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 04:32:34 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 09:03:33 -0500
Subject: MoD UFO Files At VSN

Dear Errol,

Since I am not a subscriber of UFO UpDates and have little time available to post frequently, would you consider posting the following to the List in response to Nick Pope's recent MoD Files thread.

It is the results and response of an FOI enquiry made by me last November to the MoD concerning reported sightings to the Ministry of Defence for the last four years. It may help others narrowing down reports for their locale and at the very least prevent some duplication of effort in requests made to the MoD, especially by the media.

'For all who may be interested here are brief details of all UFO reports made to the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence for the last four years, compliments of Gary Anthony.'

All best regards
Gary
gary.nul-ufo.org

[The four files, as .PDFs are available via the direct links to the Virtually Strange.Network, below:

- 2002 - <http://tinyurl.com/d68em>
- 2003 - <http://tinyurl.com/aug25>
- 2004 - <http://tinyurl.com/exk4p>
- 2005 - <http://tinyurl.com/d25ya>

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Re: 1990 UFO Reports By RAF Fighter Pilots -

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 22:15:58 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 09:11:13 -0500
Subject: Re: 1990 UFO Reports By RAF Fighter Pilots -

Hi Frits,

>From: Frits Westra <fw-nx.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 00:59:21 +0100
>Subject: 1990 UFO Reports By RAF Fighter Pilots

>New Page On UFO Reports By British RAF Jet Fighter Pilots (1990)

<snip>

>Please read the article at:

><http://www.ufonet.nl>

>Click on the British flag (bottom left), then click on News.

>Thank you for your interest.

>Best wishes,

>Frits Westra
>UFO Working Group Netherlands

Kudos to UWN for an excellent example of international co-operation and objective research and presentation. I appreciate the effort that has gone into not only obtaining the facts, but also the work on the web-site, especially the translation into English.

It is interesting to note that I have seen no evidence that the MoD were aware of the true cause of the report in spite of their space surveillance facilities such as Fylingdales, yet a number of civilian resources were able to achieve conclusive identification with relative ease. I think this exemplifies the lack of MoD interest and their impotence in relation to the topic of UFOs.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 16:17:50 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 09:12:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 13:01:04 -0800
>Subject: Re: Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

>>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 17:23:52 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 09:53:38 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

>>>Just to remind everybody, this is the same guy who said he saw
>>>files showing that the U.S. has antigravity drive and "non-
>>>terrestrial officers." He said his motive for hacking to begin
>>>with was to come up with proof of UFOs.

>>Would this not be a public relations nightmare for the USG? I
>>can hardly imagine they'd want this guy involved in a public
>>trial. I wonder if he might be designated an "enemy combatant"
>>or somesuch, and whisked quickly out of public view.

>>What do you predict will happen, David?

>Read the article I linked to and the guy said he tried to get
>the gummint off his back by threatening to reveal what he had
>seen. But obviously they don't care because it is just his say-
>so and he can't prove anything. Therefore making him an enemy
>combatant is unnecessary. The charges about him causing severe
>damage to the military network seem grossly exaggerated, but I
>think they want to make an example of him and put him away for a
>long time.

>The really scary part is that he said military security on their
>networks was almost a joke and he had no trouble getting in.
>Further, he said he was never alone when he hacked in. There
>were always other hackers there, including a number from Eastern
>Europe. This guy was just interested in finding out what the
>U.S. military knew about UFOs. He wasn't interested in harming
>national security. But that probably doesn't apply to the other
>hackers.

>If the military was really smart, they would drop charges in
>exchange for him helping to secure their networks, using his
>knowledge of their vulnerabilities.

David and List:

As Stuart Miller knows, a development that has a bearing on this
case will surface around March 1, and may radically change the
way this case is progressing.

Nick R.

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Re: 1990 UFO Reports By RAF Fighter Pilots - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 00:14:56 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 09:18:26 -0500
Subject: Re: 1990 UFO Reports By RAF Fighter Pilots - Pope

>From: Frits Westra <fw-nx.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 00:59:21 +0100
>Subject: 1990 UFO Reports By RAF Fighter Pilots

>New Page On UFO Reports By British RAF Jet Fighter Pilots (1990)

>One of the most intriguing UFO cases in recent Dutch history is
>from 1990: In that year, British jet fighter pilots reported a
>large unknown object over the Netherlands. A few months ago, we
>presented the radio communications recording on our website. Six
>military aircrew on board of three Tornado jet fighters were
>involved in this UFO incident.

>Now there is a fully revised web page where old research is
>combined with new information from the radio communications.
>This case illustrates how certain perceptual processes may lead
>to a UFO report.

>Please read the article at:

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>Click on the British flag (bottom left), then click on News.

>Thank you for your interest.

I believe I spoke to you or one of your colleagues about this.

The incident happened about six months before I joined the
British Government's UFO Project, so it was my predecessor who
would have carried out the investigation and not me. I saw the
official report from the pilots though. Very interesting.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 19:44:21 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 09:35:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Gammon

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 17:25:28 -0000
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>Hi Jason,

>Right, scenario is that Sagan suffered more than a hard warning.

>To go from Cosmos to Demons is to go from hope and reason to
>pain and bitterness. What's the cause?

IMO, he went through life with the fantasy that he would be the one selected by the visitors to act as "Diplomat for the Human Race", due to his own "Superior Intellect". After coming free of this delusion he reacted by claiming there is no truth to the phenomena simply out of a desire to say face, even if for only personal reasons.

><snip>

>You summed up what I meant: that they'd reached a dangerous
>stage of questioning or investigation.

Yes, if we assume that our visitors are here for nefarious reasons then certain "deceptive" behavior of the phenomena is explained. If we take this further, our visitors would realize that they could never completely keep their presence here a secret. Instead, all they could hope for would be to keep their motivations secret. Visitors displaying curiosity about technology could very well also be monitoring our current level of knowledge concerning their presence and motivations, with special emphasis placed on those humans who have dedicated themselves to do just this. I suggest that disinformation and deception regarding the phenomena were first enacted by our visitors themselves, only later to be followed by the acting governments. I suggest that Keel, Vallee, and a host of other researchers are not "dangerous" because they have correct theories. Instead, they are "dangerous" because of their uniqueness of thought and their ability to see beyond certain confusion and deception directly caused by the visitors. Back to the quote from the movie "The Mothman Prophecies"

"You noticed them and they noticed that you noticed them."
What's the next course of action? Special treatment applied to those humans in order to deceive, confuse, and divert them from their current path before "noticing" become "comprehension".

>What they saw, and you/I see now is that the phenomenon is
>typified by a drastic, sometimes traumatic shift in perceptions,
>as if a coercive force is applied to the brains of the
>witnesses. This seems confirmed by "Nearness/Strangeness"
>correlation.

Exactly. The visitors have shown the ability to alter human perception. Therefore we must never automatically trust anything a witness or abductee says, especially so in cases where people claim to have had actual attention directed at them from the

craft or actual interaction with the visitors themselves.

>A conclusion so dangerous that investigators get warned off or
>punished? Why?

>Cheers

>Ray D

I suggest that the reason for such treatment is that the visitors are currently at a vulnerable stage of their plans, plans where we humans have the potential to interfere or even prevent from attaining fruition. If am correct, this "vulnerable" phase will eventually pass and our visitors will begin acting in a more aggressive and sure manner, not threatened by any human interference.

-Jason

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Re: Coast to Coast AM Is No Wack Job - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 22:25:24 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 09:38:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Coast to Coast AM Is No Wack Job - Boone

>Source: Wired News.Com

><http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,70218-0.html?tw=rss.index>

>Feb, 15, 2006

>Coast to Coast AM Is No Wack Job
>By Randy Dottinga

<snip>

>Show host George Noory listens with the same respectful tone >he
>uses whether callers have Ph.D.s in microbiology or advanced
>degrees in wacko. "So what's going on?" he asks, getting an
>impenetrable answer about the decline of money.

<snip>

One has to give a 'hats off' to George Noory. Having to fill Art Bell's shoes is quite a challenge. Here in Hollywood people talk about George everyday. He's often the first topic during our morning coffee get togethers. From cops to postal workers to artists and celebs. People really have taken a cotton to him.

C2C is more than a radio show. It's become more of a way for kinfolk to communicate to kinfolk. I have an enormous family. I mean enormous! From all over the world and often I'll get an email or phone call and C2C will be the topic. People really love Art Bell too. His openness about his life really hits home with folks because he doesn't act like a prima donna and folk relate to that. I'm around cops all day here and celebs too. A day doesn't go by without a reference to the previous night's C2C show. Recently several Hindu friends of mine were scared silly by one of the C2C broadcasts about abduction. I mean it scared the buttons off their shirts. We chatted about UFOs and abductions and I was fortunate enough to be able to settle their fears and point them to references and websites of many of this list's members so they could get data from those who do the walk.

It seems as though everyone has a UFO or spiritual story to tell. I'd have to say more than 80% of the people I chat with from cops to gang kids to celebs all concur their beliefs in spiritual things! I thought it was passe' but no way! Every race and culture. One Armenian chap overheard us one day talking about C2C and aliens and he told us a story about how as children he and his siblings were staring at the stars one night wondering if life existed out there. His grandmother walked outside and asked them what they were doing and when they relayed their ponderings she shot back without missing a beat that why were they wasting their time wondering about life from the stars because from her viewpoint and knowledge they were the life from the stars they were wondering about. He told how his grandmother was quite the learned lady and very Christian which is something I've found numerous times chatting with Christians and Jews from the old countries. To them it's no big deal.

Personally the only thing that drives me crazy about Noory is when he gives away the endings to Twilight Zone episodes. There

are still millions of people who've not seen them. New people are born every day which means new Serling fans to be.

All of the UFO/Paranormal/Conspiracy radio programs benefit from C2C. Sure there are differences of opinion and some pretty hostile confrontations have erupted. Yet these programs do a great service to mankind even if sometimes they get way out of hand.

One day perhaps C2C will be 24/7 and many Listers will be hosts and build a news/talk network that addresses the issues the mainstream news cannot or will not address.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 23:00:10 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 09:43:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 13:01:04 -0800
>Subject: Re: Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

>>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 17:23:52 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Alleged NASA Hacker Faces Extradition Hearing

<snip>

>Read the article I linked to and the guy said he tried to get
>the gummint off his back by threatening to reveal what he had
>seen. But obviously they don't care because it is just his say-
>so and he can't prove anything. Therefore making him an enemy
>combatant is unnecessary. The charges about him causing severe
>damage to the military network seem grossly exaggerated, but I
>think they want to make an example of him and put him away for a
>long time.

I had read it, and my understanding now, after having checked up
on it more today, is that the USG is looking to declare McKinnon
an "enemy combatant." In any case, their offer of a secret trial
without possible appeal does sound awfully "enemy combatantish,"
even if that wasn't technically the deal.

I would think McKinnon's remarks would have more force than the
usual "just his say-so," owing to the credibility of being so
harshly sanctioned by the USG. Anyone can make up stories - and
plenty have - but few can claim to the official imprimatur of
the US as being responsible for the "biggest military computer
hack of all time." That's pretty darn good "street cred," as my
son would say. As a result, I think people will - and should -
be paying close attention to what McKinnon says, as well as to
his fate.

Best,

Jeff

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Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 11:43:55 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 09:46:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 15:36:18 -0800
>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 12:47:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>>From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 12:04:12 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2006 11:08:32 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

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>>>>To endorse such a preposterous tale, even in the form of a
>>>>fancy novel, deserves a serious treatment, it seems to me.

>>>>It depends on how you qualify the word "endorse". If Vallee
>>>>wrote this strictly as a piece of fiction and nothing else,
>>>>then he is obviously not endorsing the data in Body Snatchers.

>>>>I maintain that the new novel of Jacques Vallee raises a very
>>>>serious question. I have friends here in France who are admirers
>>>>of Vallee, and who were already "buying" it. This is why I felt
>>>>necessary, and even urgent, to criticize it.

>>>>To be more to the point, one his followers told me that Vallee,
>>>>with whom he corresponds, had recommended reading your book.

>>>>So, the fact that Vallee repeated your amazing, impossible
>>>>story, in detail in his book, is no coincidence and no
>>>>accident.

>>>>Its presentation as fiction looks as just a little umbrella to
>>>>me. In addition to that, if the intention of Vallee was just to
>>>>interest a larger public to ufos and ufology, let me have a
>>>>good laugh.

>>>>In his novel, ufologists are portrayed as nuts and crackpots.
>>>>What a great publicity !

>Gildas

>So, now, you are not only criticizing Vallee's novel, but you
>are criticizing Vallee himself for daring to suggest to one of
>his correspondents that he should read my book!

To Nick, and others who criticize me,

You are misinterpreting me again.

You argue that Vallee cannot be criticized for presenting in his novel, shortly after you, your impossible Body Snatchers story. You sustain, with others, that everything may be said in fiction, any time. I, and a few others, exposed your story as full of holes, to begin with the impossible tale of deformed Chinese prisoners being brought back from Manchuria. Take any history book, for instance the book of Williams and Wallace, "Unit 731: Japan's Secret Biological warfare in World War II", that you referenced in your book, and you see that such a story, as told to you, separately over the years, by a several insiders, is a grotesque lie. You must know that, it's as simple as that.

Yes, I resent bitterly that such a lie could be promoted that way. And now comes Vallee who tells the same tale in a novel, at almost the same time. Let me guess : was he contacted by the same "informers", or did you pass your manuscript to him?

We are very, very far from innocent fiction here. Especially considering that Vallee recommended your book to his followers in France. All this looks very much like a concerted operation to me. Name it as you like.

And, no, of course I am not against fiction using the theme of UFOs, whether as novels or films. To suggest that I am is a ridiculous argument, completely out of place in this discussion.

Gildas

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UFOs & Nukes

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Subject: UFOs & Nukes

[Non-Subscriber Post]

My name is Robert Hastings. Since 1973, I have interviewed over 50 former and retired U.S. Air Force personnel who were involved in nuclear weapons-related UFO sightings, at various Strategic Air Command bases and remote sites, between 1963 and 1996.

My article, UFO sightings at ICBM sites and nuclear Weapons Storage Areas, was just posted on the nicap.org website:

http://www.nicap.org/babylon/missile_incidents.htm

- RH
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Aliens Don't Eat Chicken Or Other Lower Life Forms

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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 08:33:32 -0500
Subject: Aliens Don't Eat Chicken Or Other Lower Life Forms

Source: The Register-Herald - Beckley, West Virginia, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/7wvpx>

February 16, 2006

Aliens Don't Eat Chicken Or Other Lower Life Forms
John A. Blankenship
Point Blank

Sooner or later, I knew it was bound to happen. It's nearly impossible to avoid the subject: UFOs and alien abductions.

Now, wait a minute, before you reach for the phone.

So what, maybe I did have a UFO experience while studying journalism at Marshall University. The truth is, so did a lot of undergraduates in the late 1960s.

Case in point: A number of psychic scenarios commonly were discussed in the old student union =97 aliens, UFOs, ghosts, hypnosis, the Lost Continent of Atlantis, Edgar Cayce, and an assortment of seemingly unexplainable "supernatural occurrences".

It happened shortly after a Huntington UFO enthusiast and I traveled to Point Pleasant to scrutinize a family of subjects who confessed to having had visits from "alien men in black suits." The family seemed normal enough. And though I didn't believe in the reports, it was difficult to dismiss them out of hand.

Later that week, I dreamed about flying saucers and aliens. At least, I thought it was a dream. Only now, after years of reading American journalism, I'm not so sure.

In my dream, I talked to visitors from another galaxy via hand signals (the ring finger of the right hand, to be precise). "In the universe there are many life forms, and this is only one life form that we are going through at the moment," a mysterious figure in a space suit told me. "But what we don't understand about your planet is: The higher forms eat the lower forms."

After that cosmic revelation, I shunned fried-chicken eateries for weeks.

And yet, if you are a dyed-in-the-wool UFO skeptic as I am, it is jarring to realize that prestigious universities allow conferences on similar topics to be held on their campuses regularly.

MIT, for instance, held a five-day conference devoted to the subject of alien abductions. In attendance were numerous psychologists, physicians, physicists, hypnotherapists, folklorists and even a few astronomers.

A great many of the audience consisted of abductees, those who claimed to have had a close encounter of the fourth kind, in which physical contact with an individual is initiated by occupants of alien spacecraft.

Preposterous! you say.

But look again. There are some intriguing psychological aspects to these reports. For one thing, although the details of the accounts vary, there are many singular commonalties reported by people who do not appear to be seeking their 15 minutes of fame, who do not know each other and who come from a wide variety of backgrounds in terms of education, social class and media exposure (which often gets blamed for these abduction stories).

And whether you believe in UFOs or not, reports of alien abductions are on the increase. In the U.S. alone, experts estimate that some 900,000 people believe they have been abducted by aliens.

My question is this: Why do so many people believe they are being abducted by aliens?

Interestingly enough, their reasons have nothing to do with seeking fame or attention, which is how many skeptics may explain these behaviors.

On the contrary, in the vast majority of cases, abductees do everything they can to avoid the public eye. Only when the symptoms of their suppressed abduction intrude on their lives do they seek help.

Even at the MIT conference, where they could have basked in the media limelight, name tags were inscribed only with first names.

Not surprisingly, though, the abduction episodes often are blamed on social and psychological pressures.

Others, meanwhile, unabashedly declare that abductees are only reporting what they experience, that indeed they are being abducted by alien beings.

What is the reason? No one really knows.

Some experts speculate that we may be witnessing the emergence of a new psychological disorder, or what college professors might tag as the "unknown social paradigm."

This, or at least something similar, must be the force at work behind the alien abduction phenomenon. After all, society-wide psychological ailments such as "seasonal affective disorder" and "chronic fatigue syndrome" were not diagnosed until recently by psychotherapists. Perhaps "alien abduction disorder" falls into the same category.

But how would such a disorder evolve? It is in the nature of human beings to look for meaning and purpose in life: a satisfying career, true love, God.

Are some folk so removed from faith that they fantasize help coming from the skies in the form of aliens =97 aliens, I might add, that often behave sinisterly?

And yet, we are witnessing the voices of millions of tormented individuals who for some inexplicable reason share the alien abduction experience. "But what we don't understand about your planet is: The higher forms eat the lower forms." Could this be the manifestation of a collective guilt?

Whatever it is, the alien-UFO psychic experience is not so much about encounters with a race of extraterrestrials as it is about encounters with some unknown aspect of our own nature.

A quote from literature comes to mind: "Our faults lie not in our stars, dear Brutus, but in ourselves."

Top o' the morning!

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White Sands Radar Op Saw Discs Circle V-2 Rockets

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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 08:39:00 -0500
Subject: White Sands Radar Op Saw Discs Circle V-2 Rockets

Source: Linda Moulton Howe's Earthfiles.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/d9dws>

February 17, 2006

White Sands Navy Radar Operator Saw Discs Circle V-2 Rocket
Launches

c. 2006 by Linda Moulton Howe

"On several occasions, Dad could see flying saucers circling the
V-2 rockets.

...He said they were a large, silvery disc that looked like a
pie pan turned upside down."

- Eyewitness, U. S. Navy DC1 Lloyd Eugene Camp

Algood, Tennessee - For the past year, I have been reporting
about the revelations of former New Mexico State Representative,
Andrew Kissner, from Las Cruces in Dona Ana County. Las Cruces
is not far from White Sands Missile Range. Andy's work in local
construction projects brought him in contact with White Sands
employees who told him about flying discs that interfered with
rocket launches from 1947 onward.

Back in the Truman Administration, it was called White Sands
Proving Ground. That's where German physicists were brought
after World War II in Project PAPERCLIP to work on American
research and development of captured German V-2 and Wasserfall
rockets.

In May 1947, at least two German rockets launched from White
Sands went off course and crashed. In both instances, round,
aerial discs were seen visually and on radar near the rockets
just before the rapidly moving missiles veered from their
trajectories. One on May 29, 1947, turned 180 degrees in mid-air
and crashed near the new airport in Juarez, Mexico. The result
was a huge crater in the ground, but nothing was left of the
large rocket. Andrew Kissner's sources told him the truth was
that the launched rocket had evaporated. The implication was
that the disc technology was responsible. The Base Commander
explained to the media that "peculiar phenomena" had interfered
with the rocket tests. The "peculiar phenomena" were the
unidentified aerial discs.

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NASA Hacker Case Adjourned Over Extradition Fears

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: NASA Hacker Case Adjourned Over Extradition Fears

Source: CNet News.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/9ewhn>

February 16, 2006

NASA Hacker Case Adjourned Over Extradition Fears
By Graeme Wearden
Special to CNET News.com

Gary McKinnon, the U.K. citizen accused of hacking into computer systems run by NASA and the U.S. military, will not be extradited across the Atlantic to face trial unless the U.S. can guarantee he won't be treated as a terrorist.

At a hearing at Bow Street Magistrates' Court on Wednesday, McKinnon's lawyers claimed that he could be detained indefinitely by the U.S. authorities. McKinnon is charged with illegally accessing 97 U.S. government computers and causing \$700,000 worth of damage over a 12-month period starting in Feb. 2001.

Last year, McKinnon told ZDNet UK that he had accessed the computers because he was looking for evidence that the U.S. had found extraterrestrial life. He denied causing serious damage.

Lawyers for the defense told the court that the U.S. could choose to treat McKinnon under its "military order No. 1," which allows suspected terrorists to be tried under military law.

District Judge Nicholas Evans, who is hearing the case, ruled that the extradition request would be denied unless American officials could guarantee they would not prosecute McKinnon under the order.

"All you have to do is satisfy the court he is not at risk," said Evans, according to The Guardian. "And if you cannot, then there is a problem."

The case is due to resume on March 14.

Graeme Wearden of ZDNet UK reported from London.

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Artist Creates Alien/Hybrid Images From 'Child'

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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 08:50:02 -0500
Subject: Artist Creates Alien/Hybrid Images From 'Child'

Source: Synchro_Journal [Re-B00T]

<http://shuffle2012.livejournal.com/34728.html>

Artist Creates Alien/Hybrid Images From 'Child' Skull

Bill Mcdonald is known in UFO circles for having drawn an accurate image of the Roswell crashed ETV based on descriptions from military witnesses. In addition he has done work with 'hybrid' skulls found by startled archaeologists. The numerous instances of finding remains that do not comply to Darwin's linear laws of evolution hint at a history of civilization far different to that we've been taught is factual and flawless.

The Unusual "Starchild" Skull: The Forensic faces front cranial-facialreconstruction - both the human version assumed by the artist Bill Mcdonald and Lloyd Pye's human/alien "hybrid" version...

[More & images at site...]

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From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 09:21:27 -0500
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Gildas

No, of course I did not give Jacques Vallee my manuscript. Why
on Earth would I need to? If Vallee wanted the information that

is contained in my book, all he had to do was click on Amazon and buy a copy and read it for himself. Or, if he had asked, I would certainly have sent him a copy of the book myself after it was published.

Someone asked me a hypothetical question the other day regarding if it would be possible for an author (such as Vallee) to read my book in June of last year when it was published, incorporate some of the data into their book, and then get their book edited and still have time to have it published all by early 2006, as Vallee has done.

That is a good question. But the answer is: yes. You might be surprised to know how quickly the book publishing world can churn a book out when it wants to, particularly with current technology, and even more particularly with current POD formats, etc.

Plus, for all we know, most of the writing on the Vallee book was completed a while back, and the Roswell material was just a late entry to his manuscript. Someone should ask Vallee these questions, otherwise we are going around in circles.

Now, in answer to your question about whether or not Vallee had his own sources for the Japanese angle, that is a question that only Vallee can answer. And unless or until he makes a definitive statement, anything that is discussed on this List specifically with regard to whether Vallee did have additional sources, will be speculation and nothing more.

It should be noted, however, that despite what some have said, my sources are far from being the only ones making these claims about human experiments. So there could indeed be still more people out there with similar accounts.

As I pointed out on-List in response to a question from Don Ledger a few days ago, there are a number of people talking about the human experimentation angle of Roswell.

Take a look at that chronological list I posted in response to Don's question. The people making such claims originate in the US, the UK and, as per the Project 1947 List revelations, even in Australia. And the ones I listed are only those that have gone public. The on-the-record stories of all of the other 20-plus who have surfaced and that are not in the public domain yet, will be eventually.

Here is the link to the chronological list:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/feb/m13-010.shtml>

Note the final entry in the above-link about the FBI/military files of 1949: You are going to be very surprised, upset I dare say too, when I publish those files, along with an on-the-record interview with one of the still-surviving official players in the saga.

But the important fact is that I see no reason why the above scenario about other informants should apply to Vallee. Now, it could but the fact that he referred one of his correspondents to my book suggests very strongly that this is where he got the scenario from to use in his book.

Plus, if Vallee wants to privately email someone and he tells them to read my book, that is his private right to do so. You should note, too, that by doing it privately in an email, he's hardly shouting it from the rooftops and demanding that everyone goes out and buys Body Snatchers because he agrees with the data.

Ironically, the only reason we know that Vallee told one of his correspondents to read my book is because you decided to tell UFO Updates. In other words, Vallee was not going out at a very public level to tell one and all about my book. By default, you did that for him by revealing the email-correspondent story.

Otherwise, it would have just been a private email exchange between two colleagues until you made it something else. So that is hardly a huge public endorsement by him, is it?

Or do you think that an email meant privately for the eyes-only of the person who Vallee sent it to, does imply widespread endorsement? To me it does not.

As I mentioned yesterday on-List, I recommend to people that they read all of the data on Roswell. That includes the Air Force reports on Mogul and the crash-test dummies. Do I endorse the crash-test dummy report? Of course I don't. But I do recommend people read it (and everything else on Roswell) so that they can get the full picture. To me that approach is rational.

Nick R.

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Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe -

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>February 10, 2006

>Biocosm, The New Scientific Theory of Evolution
>Intelligent Life Is the Architect of the Universe
>by
>James N. Gardner

>Why is the universe life-friendly? Columbia physicist Brian
>Greene says it's the deepest question in all of science.
>Cosmologist Paul Davies agrees, calling it the biggest of the
>Big Questions.

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>This is a transcript of a lecture originally delivered at Hayden
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>lecture series. Reprinted on KurzweilAI.net February 10, 2006.

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>It is, in the view of Columbia physicist Brian Greene, the
>deepest question in all of science. Renowned cosmologist Paul
>Davies agrees, calling it the biggest of the Big Questions.

>And just what is this momentous question?

>Not the mystery of life's origin, though the profundity of that
>particular puzzle prompted Charles Darwin to remark that it was
>probably forever beyond the pale of human comprehension. A dog,
>Darwin commented famously, might as easily contemplate the mind
>of Newton.

>Not the inscrutable manner in which consciousness emerges from
>the interaction and interconnection of neurons in the human
>skull, though a cascade of Nobel prizes will undoubtedly reward
>the teams of neuroscientists who achieve progress in
>understanding this phenomenon.

>And not even the future course of biological and cultural
>evolution on planet Earth, though the great Darwinian river is
>surely carving a course that today's most visionary evolutionary
>theorist will have difficulty even imagining.

>No, the question is more profound, more fundamental, less
>tractable than any of these. It is this: why is the universe
>life-friendly?

<snip>

>As Faraday said, "Nothing is too wonderful to be true if it be
>consistent with the laws of nature."

Aloha Listerions,

I believe that this spelling of Listerions is correct because I originated the term for use on our List. I took the above spelling idea from the name of a psychedelic band "Question Mark and the Mysterions", who took the name "Mysterions" from an earlier film.

Of course I spell it List rather than Lyst since we are a mailing list full of mysterious people. Some of those people (Wendy Connors) were the first to come up with a different spelling. Of course I have not trademarked the name because if I did, everyone would use other spellings. That would mean I would not have the delectable pleasure of making list members pay me for its use.

So, go ahead and spell it your own ways but you have been warned to spell it my way. Just remember that it is my way or the highway! Beware, I won't pick you up if you are hitchhiking and no one will give you the Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy. You will be lost in the frozen vacuum of deep space. Even dark energy won't help you. You would be sucked up and crushed by a black hole. :-)

Now that my commercial has ended I want to say that the above article is fascinating. Stuart Miller, thanks for posting this. Because of its length I did a major snip. If you did not really read the article and given time to ponder its questions I would highly recommend reading the full article from the archives. It is very interesting to ponder the question of why this universe is life friendly.

In some ways we understand the Big Bang and how our universe is developing. About 5 years ago (I'm too lazy to walk 10 feet away to my bookshelves for the exact date) the Australian physicist Paul Davies wrote a book entitled The Mind of God, in which it was proven that nothing supernatural was required to take us from the Big Bang to intelligent humanity.

This may sound juvenile (but I don't care). I have usually thought of the Big Bang as an explosion of sorts. Since it gave birth to our universe, Big Bang may also mean a slang expression of making universal love. There is a term akin to, in one example, I banged that person, which means I made love to that person. It was a BIG Bang to seed a universe. There may be many other universes. Would they be life friendly like our own or would they be vastly different?

On more fundamental levels, what caused the Big Bang and why we have developed as a life friendly universe are subjects of various theories. In Mbrane theory there are 10 dimensions plus 1 of time. There are 10,500 different arrangements of that property. Are there 10,500 universes that are chaotically formed? Or are the majority of universes life friendly? If so, was Einstein wrong when he stated God does not play dice with the universe? From what I know from Einstein's statements, he did not believe in a God as portrayed in most major religions.

I myself do not believe in the anthropomorphic God of the three major religions. I believe that idea came from a human lack of knowledge of any of the sciences, the constitution of earth, other planets, the universe, and human psychology. In my own beliefs I feel we created that kind of God, rather than being created by that kind of God. These are only my beliefs and I can't prove that he, as the religions have sexed him, doesn't exist. I would think that kind of God would be somewhat more than a him or her.

What is life force? We humans may or may not be capable of understanding that question. Inquiry and time will tell.

We have no idea of the origin of what force or forces brought us to the Big Bang. It would be great to be in contact with a much higher and many years advanced intelligence. We could find out if they have come to new scientific conclusions or if they are still embroiled in homage to a God of their belief's choosing.

Why was the universe born to be life friendly when minor variations in the Big Bang could have created an anthropic unfriendly universe? The above article and its implications gives me much food for thought.

In addition, Ray Kurzweil is known for using his knowledge in other areas. Some years ago (I can't remember exactly when but it was in the 1980s) he used his knowledge of artificial intelligence to devise a digital music keyboard, the Kurzweil, that has used AI to give it special qualities that have made it better in some areas than any other comparable keyboard. I have used it in recording and still love it. The Kurzweil company is still marketing several models of the keyboard. It is still like a Rolls Royce of digital music keyboards.

Josh Goldstein

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Dear List

The posted essay by James N. Gardner (of whom I'd not heard until now) prompts me to share the following highly speculative piece, "Some Thoughts on a Technological Homogeneity Paradox", which connects with Gardner's thesis and also with discussions of the "Fermi Paradox" on the List and elsewhere.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/feb/ml6-024.shtml>

This sort of speculation can come uncomfortably close to the fringes of the "Intelligent Design" furore and risks being dismissed completely by those whose obverse ideology insists that intelligent agency can never be a valid part of a scientific hypothesis. But most ufologists do not subscribe to that extremism. As long as we're clear that it is speculation at the moment there is nothing wrong with it; whether productive hypotheses along these lines will ever be testable remains a question for the future.

Hope somebody finds something interesting in it.

Martin Shough

[draft discussion paper]

Some Thoughts on a "Technological Homogeneity Paradox".

Martin Shough

Abstract

These very informal speculations grew out of arguments with myself and others about the status of the Fermi Paradox. Fermi's question, "If they exist why aren't they here by now?" is here generalised to the question, "If they ever existed why aren't they everywhere by now?" Considered as a problem in dynamical systems theory this invites us to investigate the processes by which the cosmos might be driven to technological equilibrium (defining technology as the instrumentalisation of nature by intelligent species).

Equilibrium solutions for the technological state of the cosmos after n billion years depend on the character of the system. One expects boundary point attractors of a simple dynamical system to be possibly very smooth, with minimum-energy, maximum-entropy solutions. But the phase portraits of interacting adaptive biological systems tend to evolve towards complex chaotic attractors. The attractor for a complex chaotic living system far from a minimum-energy equilibrium (i.e. from death) will tend to have a lot of structure on many scales.

However observation suggests that the technological state of the cosmos, measured in terms of departures from what we characterise as underlying physical norms, is very smooth, i.e. it appears to be effectively zero everywhere on all distance scales (absent human activity here and now). If the probability

of evolution of technical societies is proportional to available cosmic time, this smoothness suggests that the apparent null technological state of the cosmos is an improbable special state, leading to what we can call the Technological Homogeneity Paradox.

Some interpretations of this paradox are considered. It is concluded that, in the case of a cosmos where intelligent species are not isolated miracles, a smooth equilibrium is more likely to indicate a saturation equilibrium than a null equilibrium. In other words the cosmos has probably been globally re-engineered, which poses a problem analogous to the cosmological Horizon and Flatness Problems, in that the processes driving towards such an equilibrium invite a technological "inflationary" hypothesis (TIH). This can be characterised either as an early global phase of accelerated technological development, or as a faster-than-light technological equilibration of remote regions.

Probability of technological transformations of nature

We start with some conservative propositions.

Proposition 1: The standard big bang cosmological model is basically sound as far as it goes.

Proposition 2: Intelligent life is not a special miracle unique to Earth at this epoch >10 billion years after the big bang, but occurs when and where the physics and chemistry allow.

Proposition 3: The variation in biology, sociology, psychology (or their analogues) and technology of intelligent societies in any local-real "snapshot" of the universe may be arbitrarily large, limited only by biochemistry and fundamental physics.

Proposition 4: It is possible, in principle, for intelligent societies to modify nature on arbitrary scales limited only by time and energy and fundamental physics.

Firstly, consider the the universe to be in the order of 10 billion years old. The stable lifetime of an average G-type star similar to the sun is also in the order of 10 billion years.

For a flavour of the numbers, note that in about 10 billion years just one single star-system niche suitable for life could have undergone 100,000 development phases each 100,000 years long. Each of those 100,000 phases is long enough to contain all of human evolutionary time since the extinction of homo erectus.

How many such niches are there likely to be in the universe? Say very conservatively there is only one seed location for life per 100 billion suns, that's about one per galaxy, then we have about 100 billion seed points in the observable universe, each of which could have initiated 1000 consecutive phases of technological evolution, each of 10 million years duration. 10 million years takes us from primitive hominids like ramapithecus, ancestor of the orangutang, to NASA. Man could evolve from the earliest tool-user (homo habilis) to a nuclear physicist about 5 times over during 10 million years.

Or let's allow 100 consecutive opportunities, in each place, for 100 million years of evolution. In terms of orders of magnitude we are now talking about the opportunity for development all the way from primitive multicellular fossils to starflight occurring 100 times consecutively in the same 10^{-9} part of any one galactic volume.

How many such life-generating small corners might there really be in any one galaxy of 100 billion small corners?

These are gigantic numbers, and all this assumes that any evolutionary phase that is terminated is terminated abruptly and another starts independently from scratch. It assumes the statistics are all serial and independent. But possible carry-overs from one concluded phase of technical development to the next would cause the probabilities for the scale of technological advance to increase over time. Also, experience suggests that the longer the period of technical development in any one society the faster the rate of change; the growth is exponential. The same type of curve seems likely when we consider collections of interacting societies. Given multiple

independent sources of technological advance, effects due to cross-fertilisation and competition etc among parallel interacting strands of development should come into play at a relatively early stage, since we know already, from our primitive experience at the bottom of the curve, that the mass accelerations required for achieving galactic distances in human lifetimes are quite modest.

There seems to be the potential for a heck of a lot of technology out there.

The Homogeneity Paradox

Obviously many of the potential spacetime loci for life are in the local future, as far as we are concerned, because of finite light speed - remote parts of the universe as we see them "here and now" are really "there and then". Galaxies more than about 9 billion light years away are less than about 5 billion years old, which is the time we know it took the Earth to form and produce NASA.

So, remaining conservative, let's look at only that nearby region of the universe which might have sufficient history.

The light reaching us from any point on a shell 9 billion light years radius from earth set out at the end of about 5 billion years of local evolution, comparable to stellar middle-age, so the state of this spherical shell indexes 5 billion years of the local cosmic history back to the big bang. What do we see there?

We notice that the distribution of matter and energy on opposite sides of this sphere 18 billion light years across looks very much the same. Why?

Why is the technological state of the universe (whatever % transform there may be overall) apparently so smooth on this scale? According to our four propositions it does not have to be. But within this sphere, about 1/4 the volume of the observable universe, we see in the order of a hundred billion galaxies, and the galaxies over here look much the same as galaxies over there, describable by the same generalised physical laws without recourse to local "miracles". In a universe containing technological societies this does not have to be so; consequently there needs to be a reason why it is so.

Maybe the reason is that there is technological alteration everywhere, but that the technological alteration is the same everywhere, over all scales, and we cannot discriminate between this uniform global "miracle" and a uniform state of nature? This is admittedly hard to falsify, but is it even possible in principle? How could such a global state of technological equilibrium have occurred?

Evidently these far-flung antipodal regions of the universe would have to have been in contact with one another over a period of time sufficient to induce uniformity. But the indexed local history of any region on this sphere only allows about 5 billion years of local star formation - just enough to evolve us - before information at the speed of light needs to have begun setting out from it to reach its antipodal point. This is the fastest local-real connection between these regions according to GR, and to have become so smooth, i.e. to have been technologically "thermalised" by dissipatory cultural exchanges, all points on our sphere must realistically have been in contact for a significant time. They can only have begun to influence each other technologically within 5 billion years if the rate of evolutionary development from star-formation to intelligent life is much more rapid "there and then" than it appears to have been "here and now".

We are a Johnny-come-lately species. We are, by definition, occupying the "here and now" in a universe where everything we see is in our past, so there has been a lot of time passing. But in fact, the light we see coming from more than 99% by volume of the observable universe started out towards us before our solar system formed. So the technological homogeneity we see is a relatively ancient state of the cosmos. How can a smooth saturation have been achieved so rapidly?

We might conclude that smoothness of the universe on this scale cannot indicate that it has been technologically homogenised, if

our 4 propositions are valid. But by the same token, if they are valid, there is no reason why we should not see gross technological inhomogeneity. Indeed we should expect it.

If intelligent societies exist in a variety of ages and stages of advancement, and if they may modify nature in a variety of ways and on a variety of arbitrary scales limited only by time and energy and fundamental physics, then there needs to be a reason why the sky over here does not look "miraculously" different from the sky over there.

One alternative answer is that not only have technical societies lacked the time to completely "thermalise" the technological state of the whole celestial sphere on our chosen scale, they have - all of them - lacked the time individually even to modify their own local galactic space in any detectable way. So the technological contribution is indeed undetectable because it is uniform, but in this case the underlying reason for the uniformity is that the contribution of technology in upwards of 10 billion years is effectively zero everywhere we look.

Is this plausible? Given the 4 propositions, given what we know of the general properties of living systems and our own accelerating technological economy, and given the colossal numbers (about 10^{21} possible culture-years of development - that's a total time equal to one hundred thousand million times the age of the universe - based on a hyper-conservative estimate of serial occupation of just one habitable locus per galaxy) I'm not convinced that the observable impact of all technological cultures everywhere should be uniformly zero. Certainly not with a high probability.

This is what I call the Homeogeneity Paradox, analogous to the cosmological Flatness or Horizon Problem.

A technological "inflationary hypothesis"

Let us suppose that the mean rate of evolutionary advance of biospheres was much more rapid in the cosmic past. We would have to consider the physics of biosphere-viability in a space populated with first-generation stars and presumably a paucity of heavy elements. But this would then be a "technological inflationary hypothesis" (TIH) to explain the present Technological Flatness Problem.

If during the first few billion years of the cosmos the rate of biosphere evolutionary development was very much more rapid than it is here and now - i.e. much less than the 4 or 5 billion years so far expended to produce us - then there might be time for local-real contact between the antipodes of our 9LY-radius sphere to have begun the process of technological "thermalising" towards equilibrium. Obviously the more rapid the average rate then the more opportunity there could be to achieve technological equilibrium throughout spheres of larger and larger radius.

We can think of reasons why the rate of homogenisation could have been much faster in the early universe. If the mean intergalactic distance is much less, the mean interaction distance between biospheres is also closer and the mean cosmic energy density rises exponentially. From an early maximum, mean cosmic interaction rates should decrease over time like the inverse cube of the horizon radius. But as we push the radius of our 9 billion LY shell out towards the horizon distance we find technological homogeneity at earlier and earlier epochs when it is impossible for equilibrium to have been achieved by dissipation due to local-real light-speed connections. It is possible that at some point we reach a wholly pre-technological cosmic epoch and that uniformity at the greatest distances reveals a primordial natural equilibrium. But this seems an unlikely explanation since the crossover from natural to technological homogeneity should not be so smooth everywhere.

If technological homogeneity can be traced back to the most ancient epochs without evident discontinuity, then an alternative to accelerated early development (TIH) is faster-than-light technological expansion (FTL).

FTL technological expansion hypothesis

The curious thing about this possibility is that it makes no

difference at what epoch of cosmic expansion FTL occurs. Eliminating the constraint of local-reality at any epoch is potentially equivalent to eliminating the constraint of cosmic time on the technological state of the cosmos at all epochs. There may be particular practical constraints, but there is no longer any general constraint of fundamental physical principle.

And the notion of a rate of transformation ceases to have meaning for us. If technological connections tend towards homogenisation in the limit, and if these connections occur nonlocally, then any rate of interaction whatever leads inevitably to that limit in zero real time. So the implication is that if FTL is attainable by intelligent species at any epoch then we should assume as the most likely case that the technological transformation of the cosmos approaches the saturation equilibrium.

This would obviously have rather intriguing consequences for understanding the human condition here and now. Since technology is just the instrumentalisation of nature then, in the limit, nature at large, including ourselves, becomes ex hypothesi an instrument or expression of intelligent agency. But conversely to normal notions of "intelligent design" this would be an intelligent agency evolved by nature within nature. A cosmic "Gaia hypothesis", perhaps - call it "Pangaia" - where the vectors of the system's self-organised complexity are these self-generated nonlocal technological connections.

Some implications of a saturation equilibrium attained by Pangaia might be a) that the cosmos is a technologically ancient relic and has already been effectively "used up", or b) has been thoroughly instrumentalised for future purpose. The cosmic gravitational potential would in these cases be either a waste product (like engine heat) or a stored energy, respectively. Either view is consistent with observation and with thermodynamic models as there is no way of giving meaning to a distinction between positive and negative entropy on the scale of the cosmos as a whole.

In either case such an inversion of global cosmic causality would leave our local history as one of an indefinite number of interpermeating local domains embedded within a nonlocal matrix governed globally by final rather than initial causes. The mathematical representations of these two infolded or superposed states would be (technically speaking) real and imaginary respectively, leading to a complex state at each "here and now". Such a complex representation is of course required by the formalism of QM. The conceptually powerful Cramer "transactional interpretation" of QM, like the conventional spacetime representation of Feynman from which it springs, shows that this is formally equivalent to a superposition of positive and negative time signs.

Final causes and cosmic structure

This line of thought invites another speculation. We said that the distribution of galaxies in all directions is describable by the same generalised physical laws without recourse to local "miracles". However, remember that the uniformity of the mass distribution is not a simple scalar homogeneity. It is uniform in the special sense that the underlying galactic dynamics is held to have a uniform representation in terms of smooth fields, allowing the global gravitational gradient to be described by some Friedman-Lemaitre-Robertson-Walker (FLRW) type of GR theory, consistent with our Proposition 1. This type of theory says that the universe becomes homogeneous for all practical purposes on a certain large scale - the so-called 'homogeneity scale'.

Obviously the mass distribution is not actually homogeneous and isotropic. The basic FLRW model postulates that the inhomogeneity can be validly averaged away for the purposes of modelling with GR, but the argument in support of this postulate depends on the validity of GR as a robust final theory. The circularity of this position tends to be hidden because GR has for many decades been the only cosmological game in town. But there are several issues here: 1) When the FLRW class of structural models was conceived the principles of complexity theory were not understood; 2) GR is famously not a quantum theory; and 3) GR is only as strong as its agreement with observation.

It is not very controversial to suspect that GR is an effective theory, i.e. a smooth-field representation valid in a certain range for an underlying quantum theory of a different and discrete character. The nature of this theory is at present unknown, and consequently the true gravitational organisation of the universe is also unknown. Observationally there is evidence that the galaxy distribution on scales below the supposed homogeneity scale actually has a fractal structure. If this is true then the concept of an "average" matter density is no longer valid, and the homogeneity scale does not really exist. A radically fractal structure cannot be explained by smooth-field GR (which incidentally already needs tweaking with inflation, dark matter and dark energy, and also has problems with the origin of inertia). So it is arguable that the "isotropy and homogeneity" postulate of GR-type representations should really be replaced with a "ubiquitous fractality" postulate, inside a dynamical systems theory model of a far-from-equilibrium edge-of-chaos structure. In this case it might be productive to view the cosmos at large as exhibiting some features of the self-interaction of an organic system.

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ABA URGES REVIEW OF "SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED" POLICY

The American Bar Association (ABA) adopted a resolution this week calling on the Attorney General to affirm that designating a record as "sensitive but unclassified" does not provide a legal basis for withholding that record.

The ABA also called for establishment of a standardized policy for employing the "sensitive but unclassified" (SBU) marking.

The increasingly common SBU designation has become problematic because SBU records are neither fish nor fowl -- neither formally classified nor publicly available -- and there are no commonly agreed upon standards for invoking the term.

"Agencies allow the marking of many types of records as SBU. This patchwork of definitions for safeguarding such records contributes to confusion regarding whether information should be withheld under FOIA. Such confusion is exacerbated by the fact that the term SBU is not derived from an existing FOIA exemption," according to the ABA.

"Our Recommendation seeks the issuance of public guidance from the U.S. Attorney General, clarifying that the SBU classification does not constitute grounds for withholding information that would otherwise be disclosed under FOIA... Such a policy directive would help to reduce instances of excessive withholding caused by the confusion and lack of oversight concerning this designation."

See the ABA Resolution (adopted on February 13), along with an informational report (which was not formally adopted), here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2006/02/aba-sbu.pdf>

As it happens, a government-wide effort to standardize SBU policy is now underway, as previously reported (Secrecy News, 12/20/05).

HOMELAND SECURITY INTELLIGENCE STRATEGIC PLAN

Efforts by the Department of Homeland Security to assert itself as a viable member of the U.S. intelligence community have yielded a new strategic plan for homeland security intelligence and a management directive organizing the Department's intelligence activity.

The new strategic plan is a handsome document, but largely devoid of significant content.

See "DHS Intelligence Enterprise Strategic Plan," January 2006 (3.3 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dhs/stratplan.pdf>

And see "Intelligence Integration and Management," DHS Management Directive 8110, January 30, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dhs/md8110.pdf>

Relatedly, "DHS Has Not Implemented an Information Security Program for Its Intelligence Systems," according to the title of a new DHS Inspector General report (flagged by BeSpacific.com):

http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interweb/assetlibrary/OIG_06-13-Dec05.pdf

CRS REPORTS ON CHINA

Several recently updated reports of the Congressional Research Service deal with the People's Republic of China, including the following.

"China and Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Missiles: Policy Issues," updated January 31, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL31555.pdf>

"China's Economic Conditions," updated January 12, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/IB98014.pdf>

"China's Trade with the United States and the World," updated January 23, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL31403.pdf>

"China-U.S. Relations: Current Issues and Implications for U.S. Policy," updated January 20, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL32804.pdf>

The use of commercial satellite photographs to identify an underground Chinese submarine base was reported in the FAS Strategic Security Blog on February 16:

<http://www.fas.org/blog/ssp/>

IN THE NEWS

In discussing the Vice President's declassification authority yesterday, we should have noted that some categories of information are protected by statute, not just by executive order. Such information, including intelligence sources and methods that are protected by the National Security Act, cannot simply be declassified by presidential (or vice presidential) fiat.

The point was made in "The White House's maestro of secrets," Roanoke Times, February 17:

<http://www.roanoke.com/editorials/wb/wb/xp-53021>

The AIPAC case, involving the use of the Espionage Act to prosecute the receipt (and not merely the disclosure) of classified information, was viewed from Israel in "Washington: Lobbying for freedom of speech" by Nathan Guttman, Jerusalem Post, February 16:

<http://tinyurl.com/8bxjp>

"Criticism rained down on Vice President Dick Cheney this week for failing to disclose his hunting accident to the public for a day, but advocates of open government said the episode was nothing new. For five years, they said, Cheney has led the Bush administration's efforts to curtail the flow of government information."

See "Activists assert secrecy is Cheney's hallmark" by Charlie Savage, Boston Globe, February 17:

<http://tinyurl.com/72pxt>

SSCI CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

The records of two confirmation hearings conducted by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence have just been published: that of Benjamin A. Powell to be General Counsel in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and that of John S. Redd to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center.

Each contains some interesting details about the nominees, and some useful questions for the record presenting their views of their respective positions (in the full PDF versions only, linked within the pages below).

The hearing record for Mr. Powell, the new ODNI General Counsel, also features (in the PDF version) a reprint of a technical paper he co-authored in the journal "Computers and Chemical Engineering" entitled "Adaptive Networks for Fault Diagnosis and Process Control."

See the Powell confirmation hearing here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2005_hr/shrg109-242.html

and the Redd confirmation hearing here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2005_hr/shrg109-241.html

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Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 18:55:56 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 09:30:14 -0500
Subject: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 19:44:21 EST
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>I suggest that the reason for such treatment is that the
>visitors are currently at a vulnerable stage of their plans,
>plans where we humans have the potential to interfere or even
>prevent from attaining fruition. If am correct, this
>"vulnerable" phase will eventually pass and our visitors will
>begin acting in a more aggressive and sure manner, not
>threatened by any human interference.

Jason,

I'd like to think you're wrong - however ...

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 15:25:00 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 09:32:02 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Boone

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Best,

Greg

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Re: Scientists Propose 80 Day Flight To Alpha

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 17:17:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 09:33:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Scientists Propose 80 Day Flight To Alpha

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 13:48:44 EST
>Subject: Scientists Propose 80 Day Flight To Alpha Centauri?

><http://english.pravda.ru/science/tech/16-02-2006/76045-0>

<snip>

>Do we really have the technology to achieve these feats or is it
>just wishful thinking?

>If we do, why aren't they being used?

How do you know they - or any other advanced propulsion tech -
are not being used, Greg?

Eleanor White

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Seeking 2 Canadian UFO Articles

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 00:10:53 +0100 (CET)
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 09:35:32 -0500
Subject: Seeking 2 Canadian UFO Articles

Dear Colleagues,

I am seeking the following two articles on UFOs printed in Canadian journals in 1968. I will appreciate any photocopies or scans.

A.B. Barnes, article published in Product Design and Value Engineering, Vol 13, No 2, February 1968, page 14 (and following)

Author unknown, article published in the Canadian Scientist of September 1968.

Thank you indeed and best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
Apartado de Correos 12140
46080 Valencia
Spain

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Documents Wanted For Slate Columns

From: Larry W. Bryant <overtci.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 19:02:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 09:41:52 -0500
Subject: Documents Wanted For Slate Columns

LWB Note: I realize that the item quoted below bears a copyright notice; but dare I suppose that it's okay, in this case, to circulate it amongst us "documentarians" for the mutual edification and input of all concerned? Otherwise, how is Mr. Noah going to stock his "ark" with enough (juicy) docs to make his effort bear fruit for thought? -- O-ver and O-ut

From: <hfinley.nul>
To: <overtci.nul>
Subject: Slate Article: Documents Wanted!
Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 16:11:43 -0500

chatterbox
Documents Wanted!
Announcing a new Slate feature.
By Timothy Noah
Posted Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at 12:31 PM ET

You may have noticed that "Chatterbox," the column I've been writing since 1998, has tapered off. That's because I've been preparing to launch a new Slate feature called "Document of the Day." The column will be a sort of cross between The Smoking Gun, the Harper's "Annotation" feature, and the Washington Monthly's late, lamented "Memo of the Month," combined with certain elements all our own that company scientists are still developing at our state-of-the-art laboratory facility in Huntsville, Ala. Barring a severe industrial accident, "Document of the Day" will debut in early March.

What I need from you, dear reader, is documents. White House memos, wiretap transcripts, financial disclosure forms, college transcripts, wills, e-mails, police reports, pending regulations, expense account filings=E2=80=94anything sufficiently piquant to interest the lay public. I'm especially interested in documents that have not previously been made public, but I won't exclude from consideration interesting documents that the public has overlooked. I'm just as interested in government documents as I am in documents from the private sector. I intend to define "documents" as broadly as possible, so that it would include, say, a particularly asinine instruction manual or a particularly cowardly liability waiver for some consumer product, or an especially interesting billboard, or something telling that's been scribbled in the margin of a book.

The success of this column will depend entirely on the quality of the material I'm able to scare up. I'll be beating the bushes, but any help readers can provide will be greatly appreciated. If you have a document that you think would be of interest to strangers, please alert me at

documents.nul

Write "tip" in the subject line, leave a phone number where you can be reached, and indicate whether you want to be credited publicly for unearthing the document. I'll assume that anyone who doesn't indicate either way prefers to remain anonymous. Please state where you got the document; if you're cagey about

that, I won't use it. We won't run any documents whose provenance is unknown.

As for my Chatterbox column, it will be preserved in the same cryogenic warehouse where Ted Williams currently resides. It can be reanimated, like Mel Gibson in Forever Young, or cloned, like Michael Keaton in Multiplicity, or destroyed, like the dictator's nose in Sleeper, as needed. But you won't see new entries for a while. Timothy Noah writes "Chatterbox" for Slate.

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Richard Doty And Project Serpo

From: Michael Salla <exopolitics.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 20:00:26 -1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 09:45:03 -0500
Subject: Richard Doty And Project Serpo

Exopolitical Comment # 41 - Richard Doty and Project Serpo:
"Public Acclimation" or "Deception Program"?

In February 2006, UFO Magazine released an edition that focused on the Project Serpo, an alleged alien exchange program from 1965-1978 that involved twelve US military personnel who traveled to a planet 'Serpo' in the Zeta Reticulum binary constellation. UFO Magazine had a number of statements by some of the key figures involved in this unfolding case. Among these statements was one by Richard Doty, a former Special Agent assigned to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), concerning what he directly experienced during his military service, and how this corroborated parts of the Project Serpo story. Doty is among a group of former 'insiders' with access to classified information on UFOs that have come forward to confirm parts of this alleged alien exchange program leaked by up to three anonymous Defense Intelligence Agency personnel (see: www.serpo.org). Doty is the most prominent of these former insiders due to widespread public knowledge of his former position as an AFOSI 'special agent' assigned with dealing with UFO reports from 1979 to 1988.

Doty's testimony is most revealing since much of it is based on a number of first hand experiences concerning classified information as opposed to the hearsay testimonies of others. Hearsay testimony is easy to manipulate in the hands of skilled intelligence agents participating in an officially sanctioned 'deception program' aimed at misleading researchers, witnesses and the general public over UFOs. Direct personal testimony of classified information directly experienced is far more difficult to manipulate, especially when published in print by an individual such as Doty whose background and credentials are well known. Written statements on what an individual has directly experienced can be checked and any inconsistencies can be found. Consequently, it is useful to examine closely Doty's claims concerning his own personal experiences while responsible for gathering UFO information as an AFOSI special agent, and the extent to which this lends credence to the Project Serpo information. Doty may be participating in an officially sanctioned 'acclimation program' to inform a skeptical public of UFO related information or part of an elaborate 'deception program' designed to mislead the general public and researchers.

For rest of article go to:

<http://www.exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-41.htm>

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Re: Need Help With Info Please - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 13:45:14 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 10:18:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Need Help With Info Please - Balaskas

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 07:39:39 +1000
>Subject: Need Help With Info Please

<snip>

>Can anyone remember a case, maybe back in the early 80s or late
>70s, where a plane was flying out of Africa (I think) with a
>flight of burns victims. The plane then came in close proximity
>to a UFO which (I think) swept a light across the plane and the
>burns healed almost instantaneously.

>Some of these details may be wrong but my memory is pretty
>fragmented. Thanks in advance for any help.

<snip>

Hi Sheryl!

I do not recall reading or hearing about such an incident as the one you recalled but there are many other such reported accounts of UFO healings.

A couple of these were alluded to by the late UFO researcher/author Hugh F. Cochrane in his article 'UFOs: What You're Not Told' that can be found on the MUFON Ontario web site.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/mufonontario/cochrane.htm>

Below is a short clip from this article:

"Most bizarre are the claims of miraculous physical healing and transformations experienced by those who have been targeted by beams of light from UFOs or had close encounters with these aerial objects. Typical were the 1970s... claims of a French doctor who was cured of old war wounds and a policeman who was instantly healed of an alligator bite on his arm when the wounded arm was struck by a beam of light from a nearby UFO. Those involved in these encounters often claim to have acquired heightened psychic abilities from the event and the claims of healing parallel the healing reported at religious shrines and the remissions have been proven by physical tests and past hospital records."

Hugh Cochrane's mention of healings reported at religious shrines reminds me of the apparitions - beings and aerial objects - associated with the miraculous events that happened in Fatima, Portugal in 1917 which some people interpret as an encounter with ETs and UFOs.

Also, I seem to recall Errol once telling me something very related when he met with Col. Philip J. Corso in New Mexico at the 50th anniversary of the Roswell UFO crash. Unless my memory is fragmented too, Corso told Errol that they had a device, that

when it was passed over a wound, would heal it completely with no scar. This was possible since this device was a kind of time machine which would go back locally in time to before the accident which caused the wound - not unlike what was allegedly achieved at the NRC labs in Ottawa in the 1950s when they were able to slow down or speed up time around a stationary object with the New Science obtained from the "Boys Topside".

Nick Balaskas

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MOD UFO Files Media Coverage

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 10:48:47 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 10:20:05 -0500
Subject: MOD UFO Files Media Coverage

Media coverage of the recent FOIA release of further details of UFO sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence continues, with features on BBC Radio Northern Ireland, BBC Radio WM and BFBS (British Forces Broadcasting Service) Radio 2.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Saucer Spies - Are You Being Watched?

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 11:34:13 +0000 (GMT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 10:23:08 -0500
Subject: Saucer Spies - Are You Being Watched?

The world of Ufology is filled with courageous people who have been prepared to push the authorities to the limits of their patience in their search and quest for the truth. People who won't take "no" for an answer, they feel they are entitled to be told what their government knows about Unidentified Flying Objects, regardless of the consequences for themselves.

And if the government won't tell them, then they'll go and find out for themselves

Troublemakers, in simple terms. And "trouble making" can come at a personal price. Ask Gary Mckinnon and his predecessor Matthew Bevan. Or ask Matthew Williams or Larry Bryant, or Stan Friedman, or anybody else that has been watched by the authorities and has a file on them somewhere.

Because if you push too hard, they push back. And they watch and they wait. And they're bigger than you.

There is a long and rich history of surveillance of Ufologists but surprisingly, not because they are interested in UFOs but because either they might be using the subject of Ufology as a cover for other less patriotic activities or because in the course of their snooping, they might just come across things they shouldn't. Like the concept of "non-terrestrial officers" for example, or in Paul Bennewitz's case, NSA secret communication satellite testing.

For the first time, a new book on the subject uncovers the truth and the stories behind this snooping by the authorities. Nick Redfern, whose own activities were closely monitored by Special Branch for a number of years, lifts the lid on what went on and why. And in particular, for the delight of British Ufologists, Nick finally reveals the truth about APEN, the mysterious organisation that plagued British Ufology for close to twenty years and caused in fighting and disruption to the UK Ufological community.

Saucer Spies is published at the beginning of March by Anomalist books and UFO Review will be carrying a detailed and inevitably long interview with Nick about the book. If you thought Body Snatchers turned the world of Ufology upside down, then be prepared to be spun around again.

<http://www.anomalistbooks.com/redfern.html>

Amazon US:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1933665106/>

Amazon UK:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/1933665106/>

Next issue of UFO Review issue 15 out at the beginning of March.

<http://www.uforeview.net>

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Dark Skies The Write Stuff

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Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 10:48:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 10:48:56 -0500
Subject: Dark Skies The Write Stuff

Source: Bryce Zabel's Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/7381o>

February 17, 2006

Dark Skies

NBC-TV -- 20 hours -- 1996-1997

<http://tinyurl.com/a3lfe>

Created by Bryce Zabel & Brent V. Friedman

Dark Skies: The Write Stuff

I still get letters about this series. And e-mails. And questions. About when the DVD set will be coming out... about what happened to our characters after the last episode... about whether I really believe in UFOs or not...

Dark Skies was an NBC series with just possibly the most unusual twist on the UFO phenomenon that you've seen. We constructed an entire premise -- and shot 20 hours of episodes -- laying out the case that John F. Kennedy was assassinated because he was going to tell the nation the truth about UFOs if he was re-elected to a second term. It got weirder from there.

In the course of that first and only season, we told the story of the years from 1961 to 1967. Characters who had a personal encounter with flying saucers included Ronald Reagan, Carl Sagan, Timothy Leary, Jim Morrison, Dan Rather, Bobby Kennedy, Jack Ruby and others, and we told stories set in Vietnam, the Civil Rights movement, the Space Program, etc. Man, was it fun.

In order to sell the series, Brent and I created an ultra-classified "Briefing Book" which laid out the entire history of UFOs going back to 65-million BC through our present day. It was sealed with a gold foil seal and wrapped in brown paper tied in twine and stamped "Top Secret." The essence of the pitch was that Brent and I had met a man named John Loengard who wanted to get the truth out about UFOs and felt that telling the story as fiction was the only way. This led to the so-called "Loengard letter" which was the centerpiece of the notebook. Click on it to see a larger version if this isn't readable on your screen:

<http://tinyurl.com/baack>

Dark Skies has achieved at least a sub-cult status among certain sci-fi fans because of its NBC airing, followed by multiple cycles on the Sci-Fi Channel. As for the DVD question, the series has yet to be released on disks, although I'm not sure why. SONY, which owns the rights, is the place where opinions should be taken. Good luck. Anyway, here is the script for the

2-hour pilot episode:

Dark Skies, "The Awakening".pdf

<http://tinyurl.com/dktv2>

This script was co-written with the amazingly talented Brent Friedman, someone who I'm friends with and collaborate with to this day. One of our main characters, the head of Majestic-12, Frank Bach, utters the line that became our mantra: "The truth is overrated." This is our JFK episode film.

And here is the script for my favorite episode, a solo sample, "Prey in Darkness."

Dark Skies, "To Prey in Darkness".pdf

<http://tinyurl.com/738lo>

This script deals with the New York City power black-out of 1965 and how it ties in with the death of columnist Dorothy Kilgallen and her investigation into the death of John Kennedy. It's pretty crazy stuff, but I like it.

I hope you enjoy reading these as much as we enjoyed writing and producing them. As we said in our main titles (which won an Emmy) --

"They're here. They're hostile. And powerful people don't want you to know."

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 14:57:18 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Feb 2006 11:22:28 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Hall

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Although I detest that sort of program of pseudoscience, gossip,
and wild speculation, your question is nevertheless a valid and
rather profound one. My preliminary answer would be this: I
don't think one size fits all. (On this or as an analogy re:
"Homeland Security.") Some people are in more danger or have
more to fear than others.

Like the fearful person you describe, a lot of it depends on
what is going on in their minds. Are they superstitious,
fundamentalists, analytical thinkers, well educated, gullible
believers, etc? This problem no doubt has a lot to do with
government secrecy. Some people can't handle the truth. However,
I still don't believe that secrecy is justified on those
grounds, but some people with a lot more power than I have do
think so.

Educational programs are needed to prepare people, and going to
the other extreme of pretending that nothing is going on only
compounds the problem. We need to have all the facts, all the
data, and if they seriously bother some people, then we need some
sort of help for those people. In a nutshell. I look forward to
others' comments.

- Dick

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Re: Richard Doty And Project Serpo - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 15:03:05 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Feb 2006 11:24:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Richard Doty And Project Serpo - Hall

>From: Michael Salla <exopolitics.nul>
>To: <Ufoupdates.nul>,
>Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 20:00:26 -1000
>Subject: Richard Doty And Project Serpo

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>position as an AFOSI 'special agent' assigned with dealing with
>UFO reports from 1979 to 1988.

<snip>

Michael,

I still have a limited number of tickets available at \$100 each
for a tour of the Brentwood underground vaults where the bodies
are stored. I accept PayPal.

- Dick

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Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe -

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 17:09:27 -0000
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From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
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Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 08:55:02 -0800
Subject: Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe

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>February 10, 2006

>Biocosm, The New Scientific Theory of Evolution
>Intelligent Life Is the Architect of the Universe
>by James N. Gardner

Hi Josh,

Hoyle and Wickramasinghe did the math on life-friendly coincidences (see "magic2.html") and they're quite striking. But think the Weak Anthropic Principle answers most of those questions: if the Universe weren't life friendly we wouldn't be here to talk about it.

However, did a review of failures of GR and total misunderstanding of Quantum results (there's no theoretical model for QED, as there's no theoretical models for Gravity or Inertia: see "inertfey.txt").

That review suggests an explanation of quantum entanglement, significant since mainstream science is presently refusing to face the consequences shown by Bell's Inequalities and Alain Aspect's results (and many others' since).

I.e. science really has to choose between an 'unreal universe' (no cause and effect) or an instantaneously inter-connected universe. But scientists are scared of both, and so they're just refusing to discuss it.

The suggested answer to entanglement also solves the matter versus (dark) energy question. Problem is, the solution brings us right back to possible interference by external/alien intelligence, and on a grand scale - universe-wide!

[See "worse, it's possibly an externally applied Force" - in Google]

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Dickenson

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>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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>Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 15:25:00 EST
>Subject: What's The UFO Danger Level?

<snip>

>So the question from the common folk is how worried should we
>be? How dangerous is the situation if at all?

Hello Greg,

Feel we should ask - "How dangerous are our rulers if promised
ultimate power?"

I have a suspicion it's the same question.

Cheers

Ray D

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Revisiting Riddle Of The Thing

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Revisiting Riddle Of The Thing

Thirty years ago, two teenage lads from Warminster were up on the nearby Cradle Hill every week to watch for UFOs, inspired by a local journalist's book about the flying saucer flap which by that time had been flustering the Wiltshire town for more than a decade. Arthur Shuttlewood's book of 1967 was entitled The Warminster Mystery, and much of the mystery still abounds.

But now those same lads, Steve Dewey and John Ries, are the authors of a remarkable new book, In Alien Heat: The Warminster Mystery Revisited, an in-depth investigation of the UFO fever that gripped the town in the 1960s and 1970s.

Modestly, the pair - Steve now lives at Westbury, Wiltshire, and John in Shropshire - say it was not a book waiting to be written.

The Warminster case, if not forgotten, is an embarrassment to modern-day ufologists, they say, and the story of the Warminster Thing almost unknown outside the UK.

But I would say this is a book that was waiting to be written. It's a riveting social document, objectively placing the phenomenon in its cultural and historical context, and providing a highly engaging and revealing analysis of those strange days.

"When we were younger, with all the enthusiasm of youth, we were much more into it all," Steve, a technical author, told me. "We thought things were happening and a UFO landing was imminent.

"We went to Cradle Hill a lot; we were too young to go to the pub! We were there once a week for at least two years.

"But watching the sky-watchers made us sceptical because they would get so excited about things which were quite mundane. We began to think it was all in the UFO culture."

While the book clears up some aspects of the Warminster mystery - some lights in the sky could be explained by military exercises on nearby Salisbury Plain - other questions remain unanswered.

"We think there is a genuine mystery behind what happened," said Steve. "It all started with a strange noise from the sky and there have never been any conclusions about what it was."

From Christmas 1964, humming or droning sounds were reported to Shuttlewood - sonic disturbances which flung people to the ground and damaged buildings.

Shuttlewood blamed what he called The Thing and became the prime

focus for the whole saucer circus that followed.

What was to mark out Warminster particularly was the sheer volume of UFO sightings, several thousand, and that the whole town seemed to be caught up in the fantastic affair.

Steve and John say it's clear that the ufologists who flocked into Warminster helped to create the phenomenon.

They demanded that the weird sounds be spaceships, and the populace duly saw them.

The Warminster Journal, Shuttlewood's paper, also played a role by its reporting, and providing a forum for UFO debate, and Shuttlewood created the national media interest, often embellishing or exaggerating incidents.

A photograph of a flying saucer over the area, taken by local man Gordon Faulkner in 1965, and which came to be the emblematic image of The Thing, now used for the cover of In Alien Heat, later turned out to be a hoax. In January 1969, the veteran TV astronomer Patrick Moore visited Warminster, poked fun at Shuttlewood, and cracked that several of the objects seen in the sky "looked like balls".

However, Shuttlewood, who died in 1996, wrote two further books in which he claimed to have had contacts with extraterrestrials wanting to save humans from destroying the planet. Just how a straightforward, respected journalist in a small West town turned into a deluded UFO guru is not the least part of the Warminster mystery.

In Alien Heat is published by Anomalist Books for 11 Pounds Sterling.

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Science And The Flying Saucers

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<http://www.patmorais.com/?p=98>

Ufology: Science And The Flying Saucers

When you think of UFOs, the first things that usually come to mind are little green men, conspiracy theories, sci-fi buffs and uncomfortable probes. But to members of the Hong Kong UFO Club, the study of UFOs (Ufology) is a serious science. Pat Morais discovers that if the UFO Club has their way, someday soon you may be able to study for a degree in Ufology at your local university.

Hong Kong's UFO Club meets once a month at UFO Station, a Tsim Sha Tsui cyber cafe filled with books, newsletters, and old news clippings of close encounters in order to explore otherworldly topics like "E.T. Civilization" and "Alien Kung Fu." The club is made up of members such as scientists and university professors who study subjects including physics, history and even some paranormal activities and a number of broad studies in order to understand as much as they can about UFO phenomena.

The members of the Hong Kong UFO Club are not dreamy stargazers, but researchers who see their passion as a science. So much so that they're lobbying for a university degree programme in Ufology. In an interview with CNN, Hong UFO Club members Albert So, a professor at Hong Kong University and Joseph Wong, a lab manager at Hong Kong's City University said: "The graduates of this programme will grasp at least all major knowledge available in order to understand UFO phenomena, including various disciplines such as mathematics, physics, history, philosophy and also other technologies and any other skills related to UFOs.

After students finish this degree, hopefully they will be able to apply their knowledge to the real world; they may have their own understanding about this universe. Maybe they will be able to come up with a new universe model, a new way of life, or whatever. For them, it is very important whether or not there really is a UFO that can fly. Through the process of investigating questions like this, helps the group understand more about themselves and our planet. It is a common error to assume that the only question of interest provided by Ufology is whether UFOs represent alien intelligence. Putting aside the question of physical reality of UFOs, there have been studies of UFOs and UFO enthusiast subcultures from a folklore or anthropological perspective, and some feel the subject, at the very least, may provide new insights in the fields of psychology (both individual and social), sociology, and communications.

The UFO Club is not alone when studying UFOs as a science. Mainland China, which has had waves of mass UFO sightings since 2000, treats the topic of UFOs with an unexpected seriousness. The conservative state-run newspapers and television media often

report UFO sightings. China has a bimonthly UFO magazine devoted to UFO research, The Journal of UFO Research, which was launched in February 1981, circulation 400,000 -. UFO buffs claim support from eminent scientists and liaisons with the secretive military, giving their work a scientific sheen of respectability.

China had its first massive UFO sighting on the night of July 24, 1981. It caused such pandemonium that the Astronomical Observatory of Zijingshan released a communique stating, "the population of 14 provinces in our country sighted this celestial phenomenon."

Ufology, formerly a forbidden subject in this country of more than one billion people, has only recently emerged from the shadow of Chairman Mao when authorities in China lifted a ban on reporting UFO sightings in 1979. Modern research shows, however, that UFOs are not a new phenomenon in China. For thousands of years, Chinese have looked to the skies for portents of change on Earth, historical records cite strange celestial objects during the Tang, Yuan, and Ming dynasties. There is even an old Chinese fairy tale where the emperor meets a 'flying boat' which looks surprisingly similar to the conventional image of a modern day UFO.

When the modern UFO era began 50 years ago in 1947, flying saucers were reported in China. However, they were quickly forgotten when the country was engulfed in a civil war. All mention of UFOs was strictly forbidden during Mao's long reign, when China was mostly closed to foreign influences.

Chinese Ufology re-emerged in the late 1970s during Deng Xioping's program of economic reforms. In November 1978, The People's Daily finally gave the official green light for UFO reporting. Other reporters began to cover UFO news, and by 1980, a group of students from Wuhan University in Hebei province formed the China UFO Research Organization (CURO) and obtained moderate support from the National Academy of Social Sciences. During the turn of the century (2000) China had its first eruption of UFO sightings; with over 500 reported sightings in 1999 alone and every year since then, the numbers have grown. Shen Shituan, honorary director of the China UFO Research Association (CURO - membership 50,000) believes that all UFO phenomena are worth researching. The Truth is that 95 to 99% of the sightings can be explained naturally, like airplanes or satellites, but a minority may be real UFOs and we should take them seriously

CURO's president Shen Shituan, a (real) rocket scientist and president of Beijing Aerospace University believes that serious research into UFOs will help spur new forms of high-speed travel, unlimited sources of energy and faster-growing crops.

Others aren't so sure, Geremie Barme, a Chinese culture watcher at Australia National University believes that China's fascination with UFOs can be blamed on cultural beliefs, stating, While China was passing through its first millennium using the West's Gregorian calendar, the traditional lunar calendar was ushering in the Year of the Dragon, regarded as time of tumultuous change.

People in China and Asia in general, are more open to believe in the supernatural. That sort of millennial fear and trepidation fits in so nicely with Chinese cosmology - and also the Hollywood millennium propaganda that everybody has been lapping up.

Another theory going around is that aliens may find China attractive for the same reason foreign investors and tourists do. Generally, well-developed areas like the United States have reported more sighting UFO activity than any other country. It is very possible that relatively rapid development attracts investigations by flying saucers, and China has been going through a phase of rapid development over the last few years.

In Beijing, a dedicated group of enthusiasts forming the core membership of the Beijing UFO Research Association are on constant alert, ready to move out and investigate observations of mysterious phenomena in the night sky. They take photos, record videos and interview witnesses, all in the interest of addressing the issue from a scientific point of view. As it has

in most other areas of human endeavor, China is also an emerging force to be reckoned with in Ufology.

Though it has been disregarded in the past as the work of quacks, Ufology has started to gain respectability in the scientific communities of countries in the western world. A formal survey of the American Astronomical Society revealed that a majority of those who responded to the survey thought that UFOs deserved scientific study, and were willing to contribute their time and expertise to such studies.

The legitimacy of UFOlogical research will a hot topic on September 8-10 when top experts from around the world gather in Dalian, China when the International Chinese UFO Association holds one of the first international meetings on Ufology and UFO research.

So whether you believe in UFOs or not, the world scientific community is starting to realize that there are answers behind the UFO mythology and the applications of those answers could soon change the way we live our life down here on Earth.

Remember, the realistic chances of anyone seeing a UFO is quite remote, however, you can attend a sky-watch and learn more about what naturally flies around in the sky and discover the source of many a reported UFO sighting. Contact the Hong Kong UFO Club to learn more on sky-watching and UFOs in general, visit the HK UFO Club's website at <http://hkufo.org.hk/> or send an Email to the HK UFO Club at Ufology.nul

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Top Stars Picked In Alien Search

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19 February 2006

Top Stars Picked In Alien Search
By Paul Rincon
BBC News science reporter, St Louis

A US astronomer has drawn up a shortlist of the stars most likely to harbour intelligent life.

Scientists have been listening out for radio signals from other solar systems in the hope of detecting civilisations other than our own.

Margaret Turnbull at the Carnegie Institution in Washington DC looked at criteria such as the star's age and the amount of iron in its atmosphere.

Her top candidate was beta CVn, a Sun-like star 26 light-years away.

Dr Turnbull had previously identified about 17,000 stellar systems that she thought could be inhabited.

From these, she has selected five stars that look most likely to support intelligent extraterrestrial life forms - if they exist.

"I've chosen five to advertise the very best places to move to if we had to, or to point the telescope at," she told the BBC.

Shortlist

Seti, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, is an exploratory science that seeks evidence of life in the universe by looking for some signature of its technology.

Astronomers principally do this by using telescopes to look for radio signals from distant stars.

But the enormity of the task means that scientists have been looking for ways to narrow down the search.

"There are bazillions of stars in the sky to look at, but we can't look at every single one with the scrutiny that we'd like to," said Dr Turnbull.

"We have been able to prioritise our search so that we are looking at stars that are most like the ones around which we live. We need to know which ones to spend our telescope time on."

Several of the criteria she used were related to age.

For stars to be considered in the shortlist, they had to be at least three billion years old - long enough for planets to form and for complex life to develop.

"Fully-formed advanced civilisations don't just spring up overnight. On planet Earth, it took billions of years for civilisation to arise."

Looking for Goldilocks

Candidate stars also had to have at least 50% of the iron content of the Sun.

If the atmosphere of a star is low in iron, it is likely there were not enough heavy metals present early in its existence for planets to form.

Dr Turnbull threw out variable stars prone to lots of flares because they tend to be young.

Stars more than 1.5 times the mass of the Sun do not tend to live long enough to produce so-called "habitable zones".

This is the area around the star where a planet within the zone can support copious amounts of liquid water on the surface - a key requirement for life.

Put the planet too close and the heat will evaporate the water, put it too far away and any water freezes.

Budget cuts

The Carnegie Institution researcher also removed from her shortlist any stars with a companion.

These companion stars can interfere with the habitable zone.

Astronomers have put together a set of principles - called the Seti principles - that outline what should be done if a signal from an extraterrestrial civilisation is ever detected.

"The scientific community - and the world - is told right away," said Gill Tarter, from the Seti Institute in California.

"Before a decision is made to send a message back everyone will consult - that's in the ideal world."

The search for life in other stellar systems has been hit by cuts in the 2007 Nasa budget.

Dr Turnbull announced details of her work at the American Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting in St Louis, US.

[Thanks to Nick Pope for the lead]

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Re: Richard Doty And Project Serpo - Miller

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>Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 20:00:26 -1000
>Subject: Richard Doty And Project Serpo

>Exopolitical Comment # 41 - Richard Doty and Project Serpo:
>"Public Acclimation" or "Deception Program"?

><http://www.exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-41.htm>

Michael,

It was an interesting read Michael, if only for the amusement of seeing you being pulled in two or three different directions simultaneously.

But just for the record, this would only work as an acclimatisation programme if it were to receive wider distribution than the UFO community, which it has not so far achieved.

And despite the protestations of Richard Helms, the former CIA director who assured us that we should always believe what Mr. Doty tells us about UFOs, somehow the assurances of two liars doesn't fill me with overwhelming confidence.

For the record, I don't think Doty is working here with any official autonomy. I think this is something off his own bat. The content is just too childish for this day and age and would have been more appropriate 30 years ago or so. So if I'm right, then we are dealing with an extremely dysfunctional personality who appears to miss the limelight just a little.

Because your article walks the line Michael, it may fall two ways. There may be some who were critical of Exopolitics previously who might welcome your more critical discernment displayed here.

And for others, I'm afraid the mere fact that you have given him serious consideration at all will only confirm what they already believed about the Exopolitical ethos.

If I may be permitted to offer some advice, I would keep the subject of Rick Doty a very serious arms length away. Because if you show him any encouragement, after chewing up and spitting out Victor Martinez, he may well zone in his sites on Exopolitics. And if he does that, then it will be well and truly curtains.

Stuart Miller

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>February 10, 2006

>Biocosm, The New Scientific Theory of Evolution
>Intelligent Life Is the Architect of the Universe
>by
>James N. Gardner

>Why is the universe life-friendly? Columbia physicist Brian
>Greene says it's the deepest question in all of science.
>Cosmologist Paul Davies agrees, calling it the biggest of the
>Big Questions.

>This is a transcript of a lecture originally delivered at Hayden
>Planetarium, as part of the "Distinguished Authors in Astronomy"
>lecture series. Reprinted on KurzweilAI.net February 10, 2006.

>It is, in the view of Columbia physicist Brian Greene, the
>deepest question in all of science. Renowned cosmologist Paul
>Davies agrees, calling it the biggest of the Big Questions.

snip

>No, the question is more profound, more fundamental, less
>tractable than any of these. It is thiswhy is the universe
>life-friendly?

So, the answer is that there are many universes born every
"second"and only those which have black holes have progeny (baby
universes) and intelligent life is necessary to "help" the
universe have black holes... or something like that!

Therefore, those universes that have the proper atomic/nuclear
and "empty space" constants and elements to "bear" intelligent
life are most likely to have black hole baby universes and, over
time - long time... very long time... by "natural selection"
will populate the multiverse with their progeny. But for these
universes to succeed requires intelligent life. And therefore it
is no accident that the atomic/nuclear constants are just right
for life. They were "designed" that way when our universe was
born.

Of course, that suggests that our universe ought to have lots of
intelligent life... besides ours!

And so what does this guy say about that?

>Finally, the hypothesis implies that the capacity for the
>universe to generate life and to evolve ever more capable
>intelligence is encoded as a hidden subtext to the basic laws
>and constants of nature, stitched like the finest embroidery

>into the very fabric of our universe. A corollary and a key
>falsifiable implication of the Selfish Biocosm theory is that we
>are likely not alone in the universe but are probably part of a
>vast, yet undiscovered transterrestrial community of lives and
>intelligences spread across billions of galaxies and countless
>parsecs. Under the theory, we share a possible common fate with
>that hypothesized community to help shape the future of the
>universe and transform it from a collection of lifeless atoms
>into a vast, transcendent mind.

<snip>

>As Faraday said, "Nothing is too wonderful to be true if it be
>consistent with the laws of nature."

This theory doesn't answer the big questions I have asked myself
for years before I became interested in UFO stuff:

- 1) How did it all start?
 - 2) Why did it all start?
 - 3) When did it all start
 - 4) Is there a "start"?
- and the really big one

Where does it all fit?!

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<snip>

>>>So, now, you are not only criticizing Vallee's novel, but you
>>>are criticizing Vallee himself for daring to suggest to one of
>>>his correspondents that he should read my book!

>>You are misinterpreting me again.

>>You argue that Vallee cannot be criticized for presenting in his
>>novel, shortly after you, your impossible Body Snatchers story.
>>You sustain, with others, that everything may be said in
>>fiction, any time. I, and a few others, exposed your story as
>>full of holes, to begin with the impossible tale of deformed
>>Chinese prisoners being brought back from Manchuria. Take any
>>history book, for instance the book of Williams and Wallace,
>>"Unit 731: Japan's Secret Biological warfare in World War II",
>>that you referenced in your book, and you see that such a story,
>>as told to you, separately over the years, by a several
>>insiders, is a grotesque lie. You must know that, it's as
>>simple as that.

>>Yes, I resent bitterly that such a lie could be promoted that
>>way. And now comes Vallee who tells the same tale in a novel, at
>>almost the same time. Let me guess : was he contacted by the
>>same "informers", or did you pass your manuscript to him?

>>We are very, very far from innocent fiction here. Especially
>>considering that Vallee recommended your book to his followers
>>in France. All this looks very much like a concerted operation to
>>me. Name it as you like.

>>And, no, of course I am not against fiction using the theme of
>>UFOs, whether as novels or films. To suggest that I am is a
>>ridiculous argument, completely out of place in this
>>discussion.

>No, of course I did not give Jacques Vallee my manuscript. Why
>on Earth would I need to? If Vallee wanted the information that
>is contained in my book, all he had to do was click on Amazon
>and buy a copy and read it for himself. Or, if he had asked, I
>would certainly have sent him a copy of the book myself after
>it was published.

>Someone asked me a hypothetical question the other day regarding

>if it would be possible for an author (such as Vallee) to read
>my book in June of last year when it was published, incorporate
>some of the data into their book, and then get their book edited
>and still have time to have it published all by early 2006, as
>Vallee has done.

>That is a good question. But the answer is: yes. You might be
>surprised to know how quickly the book publishing world can
>churn a book out when it wants to, particularly with current
>technology, and even more particularly with current POD
>formats, etc.

Nick,

Yes, he might have, but my little finger, as we say in French,
tells me that he had written it before. And Vallee praised your
book publicly on a Paris radio ("Ici et maintenant") no later
than last Tuesday.

But let's drop this side track and come back to the basic
question : the story of handicapped Chinese prisoners, as told
to you by several insiders, does not hold water. It's a lie. So,
it raises the question of yet another operation of
disinformation about Roswell. If you don't want to face that, I
am not going to repeat it endlessly.

Gildas

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Kinross Incident & Praying Mantis Accounts Pt. III

From: Gord Heath <gheath.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Feb 2006 13:02:30 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:12:14 -0500
Subject: Kinross Incident & Praying Mantis Accounts Pt. III

I have posted a report of my investigation of the Kinross Incident onto the UFO*BC website. The main page for the report is reached through this link:

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

Any one who can provide any additional relevant information on this case, or others referenced on the site are encouraged to use the contact information on the main page.

Martin Jasek has also posted a new article Part III of the Praying Mantis Accounts which have been submitted to UFO*BC from Jim B. who lives in a small town on the outskirts of London, UK. I found his description of his encounter with a holographical earth to be very similar to something I seem to remember from my distant past.

<http://www.ufobc.ca/Beyond/prayingmantis3.htm>

I'm sure you may find that this sort of echos the discussions on Strange Days... Indeed show last night.

I wish to add my personal comments about Jim's encounter, is that his experience relating to the pending collapse of our planetary ocean ecosystems is totally true and is widely known and discussed by many prominent scientists.

On one hand we are fishing the fish stocks to extinction and on the other, we are polluting the oceans to the point where life will become threatened. In my past, I worked for ten years with the Marine Life Sanctuaries Society of BC and the Canadian Marine Environment Protection Society trying to establish some no-take sanctuaries modelled on New Zealand's marine reserves, where some fish stocks might hopefully have a chance of refuge. One tiny sanctuary was created in Whytecliff Park off West Vancouver in the dying days of the Mulroney government. Since then, not a single additional refuge was created in our most threatened coastal areas, despite a great amount of hype and self-congratulatory talk about "Canada's First Marine Protected Area" spoken by the government on at least five occasions. In one case they changed a provincial Ecological Reserve to a federal one but provided no additional protection to that which was already provided. In another, they managed to say they wouldn't rape and pillage a few unique and exotic organisms clinging around a deep ocean vent off the Pacific. I believe this was mostly politics about Canada demonstrating a claim on offshore resources, but I have become quite cynical in my view about the motives of government.

I hope the readers of UFO UpDates will find the material UFO*BC has posted to be of interest.

Gord Heath
UFO*BC

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Feb 2006 17:09:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:15:04 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - White

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 14:57:18 +0000
>Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level?

<snip>

>>So I was asked what the UFO/Alien danger level was.

My impression of that original question was not about the
perceived level of danger, but the _actual_ level of danger of
becoming an abductee.

I'm far from a researcher, but over my 64 years, it seems to me
that the higher one's income, education, and place in the human
power structure, the _less_ likely one is to be abducted.

Eleanor White

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Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Feb 2006 22:36:58 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:17:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 11:43:55 +0100
>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 15:36:18 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 12:47:41 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>You argue that Vallee cannot be criticized for presenting in his
>novel, shortly after you, your impossible Body Snatchers story.
>You sustain, with others, that everything may be said in
>fiction, any time. I, and a few others, exposed your story as
>full of holes, to begin with the impossible tale of deformed
>Chinese prisoners being brought back from Manchuria. Take any
>history book, for instance the book of Williams and Wallace,
>"Unit 731: Japan's Secret Biological warfare in World War II",
>that you referenced in your book, and you see that such a story,
>as told to you, separately over the years, by a several
>insiders, is a grotesque lie. You must know that, it's as simple
>as that.

>Yes, I resent bitterly that such a lie could be promoted that
>way. And now comes Vallee who tells the same tale in a novel, at
>almost the same time. Let me guess: was he contacted by the
>same "informers", or did you pass your manuscript to him?

Let's see...

Gildas claims that Nick Redfern's story "is a grotesque lie". I,
plus a great many others, equally claim that the story that an
extraterrestrial craft crashed in New Mexico in 1947 and that
the US government has had the proof of this, in the form of
documents, alien bodies, and actual wreckage, in its Top Secret
archives for six decades, is also "a grotesque lie".

But to Gildas, and others, it is "truthiness".

See: <http://www.macmillandictionary.com/resourcenew.htm>

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Koi Chrono Movies

From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi2.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:07:50 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:18:55 -0500
Subject: Koi Chrono Movies

Koi Chrono Movies (another stocking filler)

Greetings,

In October 2005, one of my emails to the UFO UpDates List included a list of the movies included in the draft UFO/SETI chronology I've been working on. See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/nov/m01-016.shtml>

I'm now happy to make the relevant entries from the Chronology available as a short document (Koi Chrono Movies) at the link below, thus providing relevant references for anyone wishing to read more about any of the particular movies:

<http://tinyurl.com/f3oou>

For no extra charge, I've also quickly selected a few other relevant entries (e.g. relating to various television broadcasts and some film footage of alleged ufo incidents) from my draft core chronology and included them in Koi Chrono Movies.

As noted in my previous email, a list of UFO movies compiled by Chris Rutkowski at the link below is definitely worth a look since it includes short comments on many different UFO/alien films:

<http://www.geocities.com/thecynicalview/ufomovies.htm>

A couple of Britain's most enterprising computer experts (well, they know a lot more about such matters than me) are working on a couple of technical issues which need to be resolved before the full core chronology is made available. I might continue to make a more few stocking fillers available while you wait for the main present.

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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Re: Richard Doty And Project Serpo - Salla

From: Michael Salla <exopolitics.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 05:56:59 -1000
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:21:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Richard Doty And Project Serpo - Salla

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 15:03:05 +0000
>Subject: Re: Richard Doty And Project Serpo

>>From: Michael Salla <exopolitics.nul>
>>To: <Ufoupdates.nul>,
>>Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 20:00:26 -1000
>>Subject: Richard Doty And Project Serpo

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>>UFO reports from 1979 to 1988.

><snip>

>Michael,

>I still have a limited number of tickets available at \$100 each
>for a tour of the Brentwood underground vaults where the bodies
>are stored. I accept PayPal.

Dick, will the guide look the other way if I use my cell phone
camera to take some shots like in the guided tours in the vaults
of the Great Pyramid? Is the 'incentive' for the Brentwood
guides to look the other way something I can pay by Paypal as
well or is it strictly cash?

Aloha,

Michael

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Re: Richard Doty And Project Serpo - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 12:27:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:23:41 -0500
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Richard Doty lost his Top Secret clearance prior to his
departure from the Service. Loss of clearance is not considered
an adverse personnel action. However, there is a wall between
what intelligence/counter-intelligence develops and examination
for suitability for continued Service.

If someone's security clearance is suspended, he is moved out of
a position which requires a clearance, this happened to Doty. He
was not an AFOSI agent when he left the Service! There is
multiple-level appeals process for the permanent suspension of a
security clearance which can go on for a long time. Only after
all appeals have been exhausted is the matter referred to a
suitability board which may or may not recommend various
administrative or judicial actions or punishments or even trial.
However, I have participated in such processes in which the
subject with a lot of time in the military can retire before
suitability actions can be taken. In such cases adverse
information is not even in their military records because due

process was not completed prior to the members departure.

Generally, law enforcement and counter-intelligence may be investigating such an individual at the same time, for the same offense(s), but information developed exclusively by counter-intelligence cannot be shared with law enforcement except in the manner described above. Adverse information developed in counter intelligence investigations are available only to the organization's security personnel and the commander. They may not reveal the information to anyone and can only use it in matters involving access to classified information. Violations of security regulations do not have to wait for suitability determinations. The violator is arrested on the spot, however, this is much more serious than excessive indebtedness, drug and alcohol abuse or various actions which make the person a security risk.

In a letter circulated to various UFO researchers Doty admits that he lost his clearance in Germany. He contends that he had nothing to do with his UFO activities, but he was out of AFOSI before his retirement from the Air Force.

In one case in my unit, the counter-intelligence agents visited the S-2 and told us that they were so appalled at the information they had developed on one member of our command that they wondered if somehow they could throw out some hints out to law enforcement. Instead we were able to tell them, that the subject had been bragging to people about fooling the IRS using made up dependents and false social security numbers. My officer referred this to the IRS representative at the US Embassy. The IRS' subsequent investigation developed information on a GI drug smuggling ring using a military customs agent and corrupt law enforcement personnel.

Another loss of clearance by one of my own security personnel involved contacts with the Irish Republican Army which he failed to report. He was of Irish descent and could not see the harm in getting drunk with people who tried to recruit him to become an active member of the IRA.

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GOVT PRESSES AIPAC PROSECUTION

In its prosecution of two former officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the Bush Administration is staking out new legal territory, arguing that it is a crime for a reporter or any other non-government employee who does not hold a security clearance to receive and communicate classified information.

"The government respectfully submits that an 'ordinary person exercising ordinary common sense' [...] would know that foreign officials, journalists and other persons with no current affiliation with the United States government would not be entitled to receive information related to our national defense," according to the government's January 30 response to a motion to dismiss filed by the AIPAC defendants.

This is a novel view of the press and the American public.

The idea that the government can penalize the receipt of proscribed information, and not just its unauthorized disclosure, is one that characterizes authoritarian societies, not mature democracies.

The government bases its position on a narrow reading of the Espionage Act of 1917 (18 U.S.C. 793), which prohibits certain communications of national defense information by "whoever" may do so.

"There plainly is no exemption in the statutes for the press, let alone lobbyists like the defendants," the government said.

Prosecution of a member of the press "would raise legitimate and serious issues and would not be undertaken lightly," the government volunteered. But the AIPAC defendants "are not members of the press and enjoy no constitutional rights reserved to the press."

Of course, anyone who commits espionage should expect to be prosecuted for that crime. But that is not the issue in the AIPAC case, where the government seeks to penalize the non-espionage transmission of information that it considers

classified.

"Whether a defendant was an agent of a foreign government is not relevant. The statute applies to any person, whether they are acting as an agent, or acting on their own," the government said.

This is precisely what makes the AIPAC case a matter of broad public consequence. The prosecution's expansive interpretation of the Espionage Act potentially applies to every American, indeed every person in the world ("anyone"), not just accused spies.

"The fact that the defendants were not agents of Israel, or any foreign nation, does not negate any element of the offense, and cannot be exculpatory."

See "Government's Consolidated Responses to Defendants' Pretrial Motions," United States of America v. Steven J. Rosen and Keith Weissman, filed January 30, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/aipac013006.pdf>

A closed hearing on the motions was held on February 16 and will resume on March 2.

WHAT'S CLASSIFIED AND WHAT'S NOT

It is important to understand that there is no rigorous, consensual definition of what constitutes classified information. Instead, in a practical sense, classified information is whatever the executive branch says it is.

(A minority of classified information, such as nuclear weapons design information, is specified and protected by statute. The remainder, the large majority, is classified by executive order.)

In 1997, the Central Intelligence Agency declassified the total intelligence budget for that year (\$26.6 billion). But intelligence budget figures from three, four and five decades earlier remain classified. Why? Because the CIA says so!

One might argue that it should be the other way around -- budget figures from the remote past should be declassified while more recent figures should perhaps be classified. But such logic is foreign to CIA classification policy, and to the classification system as a whole.

By far the most sensitive government document Secrecy News has obtained in recent years is a January 2006 military manual that explains in nearly 200 pages of detail exactly how to use a particular type of weapon that is known to pose a significant threat in the hands of terrorists.

If there is anything that should be classified in the interests of national security, this manual would seem to be it. Yet it is unclassified. Distribution is "unlimited."

The conclusion that emerges from the chaos of government information policy is that the classification system is essentially an administrative tool used by the executive branch for its own internal purposes. It is a poor index of what is sensitive and what is not.

CONGRESS FUMBLES OVER WARRANTLESS SURVEILLANCE

On February 16, Senate Intelligence Committee Vice Chairman Sen. Jay Rockefeller presented a proposal to investigate the National Security Agency warrantless surveillance program.

A copy of Sen. Rockefeller's motion, outlining the scope of the proposed investigation, is here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/rockmot021606.pdf

But Committee chairman Sen. Pat Roberts blocked a vote on the motion until March 7.

"If, by that time, we have reached no detailed accommodation with the Administration concerning the Committee's oversight role, it is possible that the Committee may vote to conduct an inquiry into the program," Sen. Roberts said.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/roberts021606.html

"If we are prevented from fully understanding and evaluating the NSA program, our committee will continue its slide into irrelevance," said Sen. Rockefeller.

"Like Senator Rockefeller, I will not sit idly by and allow the President's possible breaking of the law to be swept under the rug," said Sen. Robert Byrd in a February 17 floor statement.

"I am today announcing my intention to submit to the Congress legislation that will establish a nonpartisan, independent, 9-11-style commission to investigate and determine the legality of the President's actions," Sen. Byrd said.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/s021706.html

IN THE NEWS

"Selectively applied, the declassification process can become political and sleazy," according to an editorial in the Buffalo News.

See "Cheney misuses expanded powers," Buffalo News, February 18:

<http://www.buffalonews.com/editorial/20060218/1032471.asp>

The spectrum of opinion and analysis on the Vice President's declassification authority was surveyed in "Cheney's Secret Powers" by Dan Froomkin, White House Briefing, February 17:

<http://tinyurl.com/9gx78>

"Another House Republican committee chairman has joined criticism of the Congressional Research Service for its legal analysis of the administration's program of counterterrorist electronic surveillance."

See "Lawmaker hits wiretap memo" by Shaun Waterman, UPI/Washington Times, February 20:

<http://washingtontimes.com/national/20060219-105047-1615r.htm>

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And, even more heretically, that the UFOs and their occupants come to us not from interstellar space, but step through doorways that open inside our skulls.

>Exactly. The visitors have shown the ability to altar human
>perception. Therefore we must never automatically trust anything a
>witness or abductee says, especially so in cases where people
>claim to have had actual attention directed at them from the
>craft or actual interaction with the visitors themselves.

If the encounter process involves alteration/manipulation of human consciousness, we might not be dealing with structured crafts and their occupants at all. That's the dangerous idea.

I posted recently about the possibility that the UFO experience is a non-physical (or partly non-physical) interaction between human consciousness and an "other." I also detailed my own experience with an apparent summoning of LITS. It fell like a lead brick into a tub of mud. I suppose that's to be expected. Anecdotal stories do not science make. It sure turned my head around, though ;-)

I'm not sure why the theories of Vallee and Keel (and Harpur, and others) have gained so little traction -- in fact, I find it hard to reconcile the actual evidence with more common ETH, "hardware" explanations. It's not like it's an original idea that there is a non-physical aspect to UFOs, but it gets relegated to the dustbin, while those chasing the ETH find themselves spinning in circles, year after year, decade after decade, grasping for the holy grail of *solid evidence* until their arms are ready to snap.

Yes, the phenomenon is deceptive. It seems to have a capricious personality. It has resonance and similarities with mythology and folklore, Jungian psychology, ritual magic, magnetic manipulation (a la Persinger), so-called paranormal phenomena, altered states accessed via chemicals (especially DMT), and threshold consciousness episodes (including the oft-derided "sleep paralysis").

Many of us are quick to accept the physical evidence but dismiss the more esoteric data - even when the stranger stuff is much

more common, and might be more useful in pinning down what is happening.

Until we begin acknowledging those elements of the UFO enigma, instead of whispering sheepishly and sweeping them under the rug, we're missing the big picture.

Mike

<http://www.charm.net/~profpan>

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Oh, for crissake. These are not "dangerous" ideas. Neither new nor novel, they're the subject of a considerable literature, good, bad, and indifferent, going back to the mid-1960s, and they have a considerable following among ufologists and Fortean. It's easier to find material like this than there is discussing the ETH in any informed manner, which is a pity and one consequence of the paucity of scientific and technical input into ufological analysis.

The intellectual fallacy at issue, it seems to me, is the complacent presumption that the UFO question is a simplistic either/or. I have been convinced for some time that what we call UFOs are probably several things which are unrelated beyond superficial appearances. My reasons for this conclusion have been published elsewhere, and I have neither the time nor the desire to go into them here.

It is absurd to imply that Keel's and Vallee's ideas are immune to criticism and to charge that those who question or reject them do so only for the most unworthy reasons. That sort of tedious self-righteousness, which cuts off any meaningful discussion at the root, gets us nowhere.

From my personal point of view (for details see my article in Fortean Times, March 2002) Keel holds views that are, shall we say, neither empirically sustainable nor intellectually coherent. Vallee, on the other hand, has some interesting ideas as well as some misguided ones, in my observation. Sometimes he makes sense, and sometimes he doesn't. In other words, he's not unlike other smart, adventurous thinkers on all sides of the UFO debate, individuals who may sometimes let attractive hypotheses outrun the evidence but who do open up fresh ways of thinking. Like them, Vallee merits respectful - but by no means uncritical - consideration.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 16:09:21 -0800
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Gildas

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In fact, that is all the Air Force has, too, with Project Mogul
- comments from people like Charles Moore, and no documentation
to confirm anything of a Mogul nature at Roswell.

So with the above in mind, I would ask you this specific question: with actual hard, confirmatory evidence utterly lacking in the Mogul, Unit 731, _and_ UFO scenarios, from your perspective why is it that I am overwhelmingly _wrong_, why is it the Air Force is overwhelmingly _wrong_, but you are overwhelmingly _correct_?

At the end of the day, the lack of _any_ officially declassified evidence of _any_ kind to confirm with _any_ degree of certainty what happened at Roswell means that all of us are forced to go with which scenario we think is the most likely and acceptable, based on what we have been told. (And I stress the word "told" because testimony is _all_ we have on the case).

So, really, your own personal denial of the scenario given to me and your own personal acceptance of the ET theory, can only be based on whose account you personally believe is genuine. Nothing more. No evidence. No wreckage to touch that could conclusively prove things. No mangled body to poke and prod.

At least I found documents concerning people that were suffering from various forms of dwarfism and Progeria (take a good look at a Progeria sufferer) who were the subject of radiation experiments in the _summer_ of 1947_.

And where did I find those documents on dwarfs and progeria? In the files of Oak Ridge (home of the early nuclear aircraft program, and to whose specific office the files were also sent!) that were themselves contained in the human radiation experiment files that surfaced in the 1990s under the Clinton Administration.

At least I found _official_ documents showing that the Nuclear Aircraft people were actually trying to get permission in 1949 to use American "life prisoners" in nuclear aircraft tests (Americans! Never mind foreigners!).

And at least I found official files showing that as late as 1955 the US military was able to snatch body parts from a "native hospital" - in Formosa, no less - for use in radiation experiments.

And I have the new, unseen files demonstrating how panicky the military got in 1949 when the FBI began poking its nose into rumors about Japanese crashed saucers. The fact that the case the FBI looked into in 1949 was a hoax matters not a bit when you see (as you will) that it was the _theme_ of Japanese crashed saucers that had the military running scared.

When you find an official file showing that unusual materials were found in the desert, or that aliens were found, I hope you will let us know.

When you find data showing that human dwarfs and progeria sufferers were not the only small people of an unusual appearance who were of interest to Government radiation research labs at Oak Ridge in the summer of 1947, I hope you will let us know that, too.

Until then, I agree that a continued debate on this is pointless because it all boils down to one thing and one thing _only_: who you want to believe is telling us the truth: the sources of ET-based data, my sources, or the Air Force.

Nick R.

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 17:58:11 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Hall

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 19 Feb 2006 17:09:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level?

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 14:57:18 +0000
>>Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level?

>>>So I was asked what the UFO/Alien danger level was.

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- Dick

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Government Has Been Spying On Its Citizens

For More Than 50 Years

Wake up, America. There is nothing new about President Bush=92s secret domestic spying program of American citizens. The Government has been secretly spying on its citizens for more than half a century in the cause of national security =96 and particularly on those citizens who have seen, been abducted by, or study UFOs.

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Nick Redfern is one of the world=92s foremost authorities on UFOs. His previous books include *A Covert Agenda*; *The FBI Files*; *Cosmic Crashes*; *Strange Secrets* (with Andy Roberts); *Three Men Seeking Monsters*; and *Body Snatchers in the Desert*. He has written for *Military Illustrated*; *Eye-Spy*; *Fate*; *Fortean Times*; *Phenomena Magazine*; and the *London Daily Express*.

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Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe -

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 23:11:47 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 08:12:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Feb 2006 08:10:17 -0500
>Subject: Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe

>>Source: Kurzweil AI.Net
>><http://tinyurl.com/alrzi>
>>February 10, 2006
>>Biocosm, The New Scientific Theory of Evolution
>>Intelligent Life Is the Architect of the Universe
>>by
>>James N. Gardner

>This theory doesn't answer the big questions I have asked myself
>for years before I became interested in UFO stuff:

>1) How did it all start?
>2) Why did it all start?
>3) When did it all start
>4) Is there a "start"?
>and the really big one
>Where does it all fit?

Bruce,

Can't resist joining you in that speculation:-

1) age of the universe is presently set at 13.5 billion yrs but suspect that's going to look stupidly short in just a few years, because it depends on the constants of nature being constant - in particular the nature and speed of light; there are indications that's decreasing.

2) expansion of the universe is now definite (and so the establishment now wants us doomed by lack of future starlight), however Hoyle's idea of constantly renewing matter is looking quite likely, partly due to that change in the speed of light (try < "space matter thought" > in Goggle).

3) creativity of the universe is now known, that is, `organic' molecules are made naturally in deep space and more complex stuff like proteins look likely to be found, so it's probable that life is ubiquitous.

Assuming that the universe could be a lot older, even possibly - Hoyle and Wickramasinghe's word - eternal, are we going to say it must be a construct made just to fool us? Or accept that we're part of waves of life inevitable in a long-lived, creative universe.

Making the pragmatic 2nd choice we could assume `mediocrity' is our position - meaning there are older and wiser/cleverer folk around (as well as younger stupider ones we won't meet because they're as planet bound as we are). It's probably the cleverest ones who get/got to us first.

That's just considering organic life-forms. Those not bound in matter could have been around for a lot longer.

Cheers

Ray D

BTW I realize that didn't answer those questions - sorry.

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 17:15:10 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 08:13:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Clark

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:17:07 -0600
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>From: Mike Hughes <profpan.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 14:06:04 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 19:44:21 EST
>>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>>I suggest that Keel, Vallee, and a host of other
>>>researchers are not "dangerous" because they have correct
>>>theories. Instead, they are "dangerous" because of their
>>>uniqueness of thought and their ability to see beyond certain
>>>confusion and deception directly caused by the visitors.

>>I suggest they are dangerous to mainstream Ufology because they
>>have suggested that UFO entities are not "visitors" at all, but
>>are as much denizens of this planet as humans.

>>And, even more heretically, that the UFOs and their occupants
>>come to us not from interstellar space, but step through
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Actually, as I reflect on it (and recall some of what I've
written myself on the historical origins of this strain of
theorizing), these sorts of ideas are older than the mid-1960s -
maybe as much as 20 years older. Keel's speculations (as he
himself has acknowledged on occasion) borrow not just from
medieval demonology but also from the 1940s writings of
occultist N. Meade Layne, founder of the San Diego-based
Borderland Sciences Research Associates. An unacknowledged
source is Trevor James (pseud. of Trevor James Constable) whose
late-1950s/early '60s pieces in FSR and his 1958 book They Live
in the Sky anticipate Keel's later work in all significant
particulars.

For a full discussion, see the entry "Paranormal and Occult
Theories About UFOs" in The UFO Encyclopedia.

Jerry Clark

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Abduction Video Government Doesn't Want You To See

From: William H Bolt <AB5SY.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:16:03 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 08:16:45 -0500
Subject: Abduction Video Government Doesn't Want You To See

You will need the Quicktime player to view this video

<http://www.kozothehippo.com/snowman.htm>

I suspect the powers that be are tracking the internet to locate those in possession of this video. Having received it from a unnamed source this morning, I've notice a strange van with tinted windows parked down the street from my apartment, I would not have noticed except for the large dish on top.

After studying the video, I found it to be quite interesting and at least a 1% possibility of this occuring at some point in the past, present or future, so I think it is time to share this info with the World.

*Disclaimer: if you choose to watch this, you are subject to a visit from the MIB.

A UFO arrives on Earth, using its tractor beam it abducts a snowman, but their attempt to use the brain probe ends in disaster (unless the video has been edited, they never try using the anal probe) Returning the snowman (I should say pouring him out of their craft) they, then beam up a plastic Santa from the roof top.

Maybe E.T.'s are not as intelligent as we think.

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 18:33:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 08:19:51 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - White

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You are right - I haven't been a voracious reader of abduction reports. But I have done some reading, and of course listening to Strange Days Indeed and other talk shows touching on UFOs over the years.

I can't remember any abductees who were doctor so-and-so, or major executives, or members of Congress, or military generals or admirals, for example.

(I recognize that those with 'higher' positions may be much less likely to report their abductions publicly, of course.)

Can you point out a few examples of people in significant academic, military or political positions who have been abducted?

Eleanor White

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Ultimate UFO FAQ?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 08:23:11 -0500
Subject: Ultimate UFO FAQ?

Pardon if I've asked before.

Is there a UFO/FAQ that you all would recommend for the rank and file?

If not how about compiling one?

I'm sure we've all had the same questions asked repeatedly or the real important ones that should be, not.

I've read many books, attended lectures and had some solid data presented to us by pros and cons regarding UFOs but always felt there should be a one-stop introduction FAQ that the public can access and carry with them if need be to get the hard nosed facts laid out.

It would really help in cutting to the chase when interviewing witnesses etc. so that they could be enlightened as to what has been proven so far and what has yet to be. With the references to the hard facts that are irrefutable and notation to what is speculation based on data and phenomena. Keeping the facts from the friction.

Best,

Greg

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Body Snatchers Redux [was: Bourdais On Vallee...]

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Your primary sources are admitted self-confessed disinformation-
psychological warfare agents, i.e., professional liars. That's
not what I claim on my own authority but what you yourself say
in your book except I added the explanatory part about
"professional liars" and I am paraphrasing your book not
quoting.

We can go through all the quotes all over again citing chapter
and verse from your book "BS in the Desert" until you admit that
you are intentionally choosing to believe the admitted
professional liars. I would rather not believe the

disinformation agents' peddled stories.

I do believe them when they say they are disinformation agents as that is an "admission against interest" in law. It is against the personal interest of a conman to admit he is a conman, as that exposes him to possible censure, liability and prosecution, and it potentially ruins his cover story in perpetrating cons, so he must be telling the truth in that instance as it is at a personal cost that he says he is a conman or disinformation peddler.

The fact that you or they can drag in a few supporting secondary sources is irrelevant, as any professional disinformation agent worth his salt can and would do that to bolster his lies.

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Unlike Mogul which is evidentially weak or false, your NEPA War Crimes scenario is scientifically preposterous as well as lacking in any credible and direct evidence. Your NEPA scenario from your disinfo liars is confused and twisted, wrapped in convolutions about whether a many-ton nuclear reactor was flown in a flimsy glider at White Sands with deformed Japanese prisoners aboard in 1947 which became the Roswell crash" or whether it was a conveniently nebulous "atomic energy generator" (whatever the hell that could be in 1947 only a year after NEPA started) or whether it was all of the above, or none of the above. Very evasive and slippery.

You and your disinformation (liar) sources cannot seem to make your minds up whether the alleged flight was or was not intensely radioactive. Just answer the simple question Nick: Was that purported White Sands flight intensely (thus dangerously) radioactive or not? If it was, then a crash risked exposing the entire population of the White Sands-Alamogordo AAF base to deadly radiation and death, all for what? Why on earth fly such a thing in that case???

There is no sensible and compelling reason from either a scientific or engineering standpoint to fly such a flimsy and deadly radiation-spewing contraption. What useful scientific data would be obtained that they would not already have from 100,000 radiation victims at Hiroshima and Nagasaki and a number of deadly radiation accidents?? What data would they get from flying it that they could not get from running it on the ground where they could keep it concealed and it could not crash anywhere???

Oh, before you slander me as just another lunatic-ETH believer trying to defeat you because of some ulterior motive to support ETH, let me remind you I have long rejected the ETH and have had knock-down dragout arguments right on this List against ETH, so spare me that all-too-predictable canard.

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Last Chance For Declassified Files?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 23:49:44 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 09:02:51 -0500
Subject: Last Chance For Declassified Files?

The NY Times is reporting that previously declassified documents are now being removed from public access.

I can't post the website link as it's a subscription link but keep an eye out for the story especially on www.drudgereport.com

Could this hamper the public and researcher's access to files pertaining to UFOs as well?

Best,

Greg

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Hughes

From: Mike Hughes <profpan.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 01:29:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 09:08:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Hughes

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:17:07 -0600
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>I suggest they are dangerous to mainstream Ufology because they
>>have suggested that UFO entities are not "visitors" at all, but
>>are as much denizens of this planet as humans.

>>And, even more heretically, that the UFOs and their occupants
>>come to us not from interstellar space, but step through
>>doorways that open inside our skulls.

>Oh, for crissake. These are not "dangerous" ideas. Neither new
>nor novel, they're the subject of a considerable literature,
>good, bad, and indifferent, going back to the mid-1960s, and
>they have a considerable following among ufologists and
>Fortean. It's easier to find material like this than there is
>discussing the ETH in any informed manner, which is a pity and
>one consequence of the paucity of scientific and technical input
>into ufological analysis.

Understood, but by "dangerous" I mean to the popular conception
of aliens from space. And as I stated, the hypotheses are not
new, but they remain mostly closeted among those who aren't as
well read as most of us. I never suggested I was proposing
anything novel, only that the views I expressed are heretical to
what is commonly understood as aliens from space flying to Earth
and experimenting on its inhabitants.

Perhaps the reason there is more material is because the facts -
the data - support non-ETH explanations, or at the very least
suggest it is seriously flawed and needs extrapolation?

>The intellectual fallacy at issue, it seems to me, is the
>complacent presumption that the UFO question is a simplistic
>either/or. I have been convinced for some time that what we call
>UFOs are probably several things which are unrelated beyond
>superficial appearances. My reasons for this conclusion have
>been published elsewhere, and I have neither the time nor the
>desire to go into them here.

I am with you here. I don't think it's either/or, nor do I think
the ETH should be discarded, nor that both hypotheses can't be
reconciled into a unified theory. But the bias against non-ETH
theories is well-entrenched, and outside of Fortean circles, it
doesn't get much play. It's like a the brain-damaged cousin held
in chains in the attic - we all know he's there, but we'd rather
not discuss him in polite company.

The alternative views come out when the cognoscenti are
gathered behind closed doors, and they certainly haven't
penetrated public consciousness.

>It is absurd to imply that Keel's and Vallee's ideas are immune
>to criticism and to charge that those who question or reject
>them do so only for the most unworthy reasons. That sort of
>tedious self-righteousness, which cuts off any meaningful
>discussion at the root, gets us nowhere.

I didn't mean to imply that their research is faultless or immune to criticism. When we delve into theories of consciousness, we're all grasping in the dark. But little by little we can put some of our more outre thinking to the test - as in Persinger's experiments, DMT studies, and analysis of sleep paralysis. Instead, when a mainstream psychologist points to the similarities between sleep paralysis and abductions, many UFO researchers cry foul and smear the messenger. Similarly, when Rick Strassman's DMT subjects started talking about communicating with alien beings, the mainstream psychologists ignored it as whacky fantasies of spaced out druggies.

I'm suggesting that we need more meaningful discussion, not less.

>>From my personal point of view (for details see my article in >Fortean Times, March 2002) Keel holds views that are, shall we >say, neither empirically sustainable nor intellectually >coherent. Vallee, on the other hand, has some interesting ideas >as well as some misguided ones, in my observation. Sometimes he >makes sense, and sometimes he doesn't. In other words, he's not >unlike other smart, adventurous thinkers on all sides of the UFO >debate, individuals who may sometimes let attractive hypotheses >outrun the evidence but who do open up fresh ways of thinking. >Like them, Vallee merits respectful - but by no means uncritical >- consideration.

Thanks, I will go back and see if I can find that article. If it's archived online, or you have a copy, could you contact me offlist?

I consider Keel a guy who toils in the field with his stenographer's notebook, a crusty, old school news reporter, whereas Vallee is more of a theoretician thinking about the "big picture." Keel's views might not be coherent, but I trust his integrity in collecting anecdotal material. And it's hard to maintain a coherent theory when the data itself is contradictory, inconsistent, and antithetical to common sense and current scientific explanations.

Ultimately, Ufology must reconcile the best data from both camps or it will be doomed to tail-chasing.

Mike Hughes

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Koi Chrono Police

From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi2.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 06:50:28 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 09:17:28 -0500
Subject: Koi Chrono Police

(I'm resending the email below since it did not make it to the List, although one of my later emails appeared yesterday. By the way, I should have mentioned the size of the zipped Word files at the links I provided. In zipped form, Koi Chrono Police is about 89K, while Koi Chrono Movies (mentioned in my email which appeared on the List yesterday) is about 246k.)

Greetings,

Back in November I indulged in a short lived attempt to attract more British supporters of the ETH to join Joe McGonagle's email list (Ufologyinuk) here in the UK. That attempt generated more heat than light and I quickly abandoned it. However, part of that little experiment involved putting together some material relating to frequently discussed police reports, including a short document in which I included a number of the entries relating to police officers from my draft Chronology.

Since the Socorro sighting and various other sightings involving police officers keep coming up on this List and elsewhere, I thought I'd make a revised version of that document (entitled "Koi Chrono Police") available. It can be downloaded as a zipped Word document from the link below.

<http://tinyurl.com/lkjnd>

While all the good boys and girls on this List wait for their main (and rather delayed.) Christmas present, this document should give a small taste of the style of the complete Chronology which I will be making available as a free download in the near future. (I recommend downloading such a sample before downloading the full Chronology, simply because the full Chronology is a rather large file and I'd hate for anyone to think they had wasted their time in downloading the full thing).

Koi Chrono Police is not, of course, a complete listing of ufo reports involving police officers. It is merely intended to provide references to some of the more frequently discussed sightings involving police officers. Anyone that wants more comprehensive lists of such sightings may be interested in the following:

a. UFOCAT, the largest UFO database that I'm aware of. Sightings involving police officers can also be searched for by selecting the flag "+" in the MISC field of the database. Also, UFOCAT comes packaged with a number of "Customized Lists" of reports relating to particular types of reports. Those "Customized Lists" include one relating to reports involving police officers, which is a 54 page list of incidents that includes dozens of reports.

b. The PRUFOS ("Police Report UFO Sightings") Database - Edited by a British detective constable, Gary Heseltine. This database used to be online at <http://www.prufos.co.uk/> but that link has not worked for some time. However, the "Fourth Annual PRUFOS Police Database" was released by Gary Heseltine on 7 January 2006 and can be downloaded as a PDF document using the link at

the bottom of the webpage below:

<http://www.rense.com/general69/reportufo.htm>

c. An article by sergeant M D Davies entitled "Police and Unidentified Flying Objects", The Police Review (1971.1224). This article is discussed by Shuttlewood, Arthur in his "The Flying Saucerers" (1976) at pages 32-37 (in Chapter 3) of the Sphere paperback edition.

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 10:58:13 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 09:21:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 16:09:21 -0800
>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 19 Feb 2006 17:20:28 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

<snip>

>I agree that an endless debate on all of this is very
>pointless, particularly when neither of us is going to change
>our respective positions. But, I will say this:

>You have made it very clear to me and to the List that the
>reason you believe the data in Body Snatchers to be
>disinformation is because it cannot be verified, and because no
>historical, official documentation has surfaced to confirm such
>a scenario.

Nick,

I must admit that you show great skill in avoiding my simple, basic question. No, my argument is not that there is no official documentation to confirm your scenario (although it is true). It is much more direct and simple: all serious historical sources show that it is impossible because all the remaining prisoners at Unit 731 were killed before the arrival of the Russians in Manchuria, who took over the country in less than two weeks in a sweeping offensive with a huge army. The US army could not have come there and taken any of these prisoners. In addition to that, Japanese doctors said clearly that they used healthy people, in order to have significant results. So, yes, the tale of your informers is not open for debate: it's a lie.

Your other argument, that there is no proof either of a UFO crash, and that, therefore I am a "believer", is equally twisted. First, I never said that we have definitive proof of that. I agree that we don't. On the other hand, the story of a Mogul balloon can be refuted with very simple arguments. Here is just one. As the story goes, Roswell officers mistook balsa wood sticks for radar targets with extraordinary material from a flying saucer. To see how preposterous this is, just go to an art and craft store, buy a balsa wood stick, 8 mm thick, and see how easily it breaks in your hands. Not the kind of stuff to provoke the press release of Roswell.

In other words, there is no final proof of a UFO crash, but there is no proof at all of a confusion with balloons and radar targets. So the debate of a UFO crash remains open. On the contrary, the tale of handicapped Chinese prisoners is closed: it's a lie.

Gildas

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 11:55:31 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 09:23:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:17:07 -0600
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>From: Mike Hughes <profpan.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 14:06:04 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

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>UFOs are probably several things which are unrelated beyond
>superficial appearances. My reasons for this conclusion have
>been published elsewhere, and I have neither the time nor the
>desire to go into them here.

<snip>

Right Jerome,

It's an intellectual mistake to rush to judgment - always
ignores evidence.

- a) there's a consistent body of high strangeness evidence
(indicating who knows what?) - which must be considered;
- b) there's a consistent body of ETH evidence (indicating at
least a physical presence) - which also must be considered.

Vallee wrote: "this is a complex phenomenon ... Let's step back
and look at what it's doing to us" - and his Messengers of
Deception strongly hinted at fairly massive investment in
subterfuge, presumably for political (or mind control?)
purposes.

Reason enough for him subsequently being warned to keep quiet?

Cheers
Ray D

BTW - Ufology's purists might not like the intrusion of
politicos - but it would seem to have been the politicians'
choice.

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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U.S. Re-Classifies Documents In Secret Review

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 12:15:55 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 09:30:10 -0500
Subject: U.S. Re-Classifies Documents In Secret Review

Source: The New York Times - New York, NY, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/jd63n>

February 21, 2006

U.S. Reclassifies Many Documents in Secret Review
By Scott Shane

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 =97 In a seven-year-old secret program at the National Archives, intelligence agencies have been removing from public access thousands of historical documents that were available for years, including some already published by the State Department and others photocopied years ago by private historians.

The restoration of classified status to more than 55,000 previously declassified pages began in 1999, when the Central Intelligence Agency and five other agencies objected to what they saw as a hasty release of sensitive information after a 1995 declassification order signed by President Bill Clinton. It accelerated after the Bush administration took office and especially after the 2001 terrorist attacks, according to archives records.

But because the reclassification program is itself shrouded in secrecy =97 governed by a still-classified memorandum that prohibits the National Archives even from saying which agencies are involved =97 it continued virtually without outside notice until December. That was when an intelligence historian, Matthew M. Aid, noticed that dozens of documents he had copied years ago had been withdrawn from the archives' open shelves.

Mr. Aid was struck by what seemed to him the innocuous contents of the documents =97 mostly decades-old State Department reports from the Korean War and the early cold war. He found that eight reclassified documents had been previously published in the State Department's history series, "Foreign Relations of the United States."

"The stuff they pulled should never have been removed," he said. "Some of it is mundane, and some of it is outright ridiculous."

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Re: Darwin's Warm Pond Theory Tested - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 21:52:31 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 09:33:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Darwin's Warm Pond Theory Tested - Balaskas

Hi Everyone!

Regarding the BBC News story 'Darwin's Warm Pond Theory Tested', if you were to ask my biology colleagues what special conditions had to be present on the young Earth for these living "pioneer organisms" to emerge which later evolved to the greatly diverse lifeforms (including us) billions of years later, they would tell you with absolute confidence. Although they claim to know how life appeared on Earth, even with the ideal conditions found in the laboratory, after all these years they have failed to replicate what Nature allegedly accomplished under much less favourable conditions.

When a colleague of mine forwarded this BBC News story before it appeared on the UFO UpDates list, I visited his office and dropped off a follow-up science article to one that appeared recently in the respected AAAS journal 'Science'. This article was titled 'Soft-tissue vessels and cellular preservation in Tyrannosaurus rex' ('Science' 307(5717):1952-1955,2005.).

He was speechless when he saw the pictures of well preserved soft tissue, including blood vessels, cells and connective tissue from a dinosaur skeleton of a T-Rex that scientists believe all died off at least 65 million years ago. This article not only suggested that their scientific beliefs were wrong (again) but it also implied that their theory of biological evolution was wrong too. Scientists believe that birds evolved from dinosaurs but faced with this proof that at least one unevolved T-Rex was wandering through Montana, U.S. as recently as a few years ago was just too much for them. The disturbing article ended up in the waste basket unread...

Science is not necessarily what scientists do being very much like you and me with their own biases, prejudices and beliefs. Scientists will continue to speculate and amuse themselves at meetings and conferences and even argue over details but when faced with facts that challenge their popular beliefs or threatens to shatter their scientific worldview, they are more likely to collectively ignore the data or attack the messenger instead of engaging curious inquiry, critical evaluation and debate.

They did both of these things (ignore and attack) to a physics colleague of mine who just published what I believe will prove to be a revolutionary paper. This paper even describes how one could build a saucer shaped spacecraft like the one with the same physical properties found in Dr. Peter Sturrock's 'The UFO Enigma' (page 202) and explains how it is propelled by the space energy of a vacuum which his incredible "Basic Structures of Matter Supergravitation Unified Theory" predicts!

Getting back to the startling T-Rex discovery, what do I think? The fact that there are close similarities between dinosaur and bird skeletons or similar biological makeups between Man and apes is not proof that one evolved from the other (or are separate branches of evolution from common ancestors) but is evidence of the obvious brush strokes of the same Artist that created them. This Artist is understood by some as an advanced ET Being, the "Creative and Intelligent Energy of the Cosmos" by

others and as God by our parents and ancestors.

Disclaimer: The above are simply my own personal views as to the genesis of life on Earth and throughout the universe (which we believe must be present but not yet established as fact) and are not being forced on anyone, especially Dick Hall.

Last Thursday night I attended a special advance screening of 'Down the Rabbit Hole' which had plenty of New Age concepts that invoked the many things science cannot explain, let alone understand, to justify the validity of their views. Though New Age views are growing in popularity, even among seemingly rational and critical thinking people, we should not dismiss everything we disagree with as such lest we risk overlooking important findings (such as the amazing fresh T-Rex dinosaur bones discovery) and prevent us from coming closer to the truth about who we are and our special place in the universe.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 12:34:25 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 09:35:03 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Dickenson

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 22:40:31 +0000
>Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level?

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 19 Feb 2006 17:09:38 -0500
>>Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level?

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>>I'm far from a researcher, but over my 64 years, it seems to me
>>that the higher one's income, education, and place in the human
>>power structure, the less likely one is to be abducted.

>Your impression is very mistaken. Apparently you haven't even
>read the basic literature which indicates quite otherwise.

Hold on Richard,

Confess to only random (but intensive) reading, even so have to
admit to getting same impression as Eleanor: that "safe" members
of the establishment did not have "strangeness" experiences.

Or - that they didn't report them.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 08:50:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 09:37:26 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Kaeser

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 18:33:08 -0500
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>>>power structure, the less likely one is to be abducted.

>>Eleanor,

>>Your impression is very mistaken. Apparently you haven't even
>>read the basic literature which indicates quite otherwise.

>You are right - I haven't been a voracious reader of abduction
>reports. But I have done some reading, and of course listening
>to Strange Days Indeed and other talk shows touching on UFOs
>over the years.

>I can't remember any abductees who were doctor so-and-so, or
>major executives, or members of Congress, or military generals
>or admirals, for example.

>(I recognize that those with 'higher' positions may be much
>less

>likely to report their abductions publicly, of course.)

>Can you point out a few examples of people in significant
>academic, military or political positions who have been
>abducted?

Since only a small fraction of abductees seek publicity and
write a book, and the number of health care professionals who
work with them and write books about it, are also limited. So
finding data to develop good statistics is difficult, at best.

I have never heard of an abduction case involving a homeless
person, or someone who is struggling on a day to day basis to
get by. I think this has more to do with whether or not they
would have the time or resources to seek help. IMO, those who
are spending all their time trying to survive at the lower end
of the economic spectrum aren't likely to seek mental health
support.

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Re: Ultimate UFO FAQ? - Henningsen

From: Ole Henningsen <oleh.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 15:20:47 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 09:40:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Ultimate UFO FAQ? - Henningsen

-----Oprindelig meddelelse-----
Fra: UFO-Updates-bounces.nul
Sendt: 21. februar 2006 14:23
Til: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
Emne: UFO UpDate: IUltimate UFO FAQ?

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 18:57:04 EST
>Subject: Ultimate UFO FAQ?

>Pardon if I've asked before.

>Is there a UFO/FAQ that you all would recommend for the rank and
>file?

>If not how about compiling one?

Hi Greg,

Yes, its a good idea, but... we all have the same questions.....

But more than 45 years in this business have learnt me, that we
don't have the same answers!

Not even within a very small country as mine - Denmark.

Best regards,

Ole Henningsen
Scandinavian UFO Information

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Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe -

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 15:06:00 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 07:46:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe -

>Biocosm, The New Scientific Theory of Evolution
>Intelligent Life Is the Architect of the Universe
>by
>James N. Gardner

<snip>

>In my book BIOCOSM and in a preceding scientific paper delivered
>at the International Astronautical Congress, I suggest that the
>issue of the robustness of the emergence of human-level and
>higher intelligence is potentially subject to experimental
>resolution by means of at least three realistic tests: SETI
>research, artificial life evolution, and the emergence of
>transhuman computer intelligence predicted by computer science
>theorist Ray Kurzweil and others. The discovery of
>extraterrestrial intelligence, the discovery of an ability on
>the part of artificial life forms that exist and evolve in
>software environments to acquire autonomy and intelligence, and
>the emergence of a capacity on the part of advanced self-
>programming computers to attain and then exceed human levels of
>intelligence are all falsifiable implications of the Selfish
>Biocosm hypothesis because they are consistent with the notion
>that the emergence of ever more competent intelligence is a
>robust natural phenomenon.

This incredibly lazy, sloppy abuse of the term "falsification" really does irritate me. It's a necessary criterion of falsification that a theory can in principle be falsified by a single experiment. If the predicted result is not obtained, then the theory is falsified, definitively. However the alleged "falsifiable implications" presented here are not falsifiable even in principle - there is simply no point at which one could say definitively that extraterrestrial intelligence did not exist, or that computers were incapable of exceeding human-level intelligence. This sort of open-ended, non-terminating process is exactly what the Popperian philosophy of science was intended to avoid.

<snip>

>Let me conclude by asking whether the Selfish Biocosm hypothesis
>promotes or demotes the cosmic role of humanity. Have I
>introduced a new anthropocentrism into the science of cosmology?
>If so, then you should be suspect on this basis alone of my new
>approach because, as Sigmund Freud pointed out long ago, new
>scientific paradigms must meet two distinct criteria to be taken
>seriously: they must reformulate our vision of physical reality
>in a novel and plausible way and, equally important, they must
>advance the Copernican project of demoting human beings from the
>centerpiece of the universe to the results of natural processes.

Just what is wrong with our modern scientific education that people still do not get the message, that science is not about deferring to authorities, and it has nothing to do with embracing philosophical or ideological dogmas? The Copernican doctrine is accepted in science because it works. Whether it will turn out to apply in other areas of science is a purely empirical matter.

Cathy

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Re: Richard Doty And Project Serpo - Salla

From: Michael Salla <exopolitics.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 05:12:27 -1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 07:53:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Richard Doty And Project Serpo - Salla

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 16:58:57 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Richard Doty And Project Serpo

>>From: Michael Salla <exopolitics.nul>
>>To: <Ufoupdates.nul>,
>>Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 20:00:26 -1000
>>Subject: Richard Doty And Project Serpo

>>Exopolitical Comment # 41 - Richard Doty and Project Serpo:
>>"Public Acclimation" or "Deception Program"?

>><http://www.exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-41.htm>

>Michael,

<snip>

>Because your article walks the line Michael, it may fall two
>ways. There may be some who were critical of Exopolitics
>previously who might welcome your more critical discernment
>displayed here.

>And for others, I'm afraid the mere fact that you have given him
>serious consideration at all will only confirm what they already
>believed about the Exopolitical ethos.

>If I may be permitted to offer some advice, I would keep the
>subject of Rick Doty a very serious arm's length away. Because if
>you show him any encouragement, after chewing up and spitting out
>Victor Martinez, he may well zone in his sights on Exopolitics.
>And if he does that, then it will be well and truly curtains.

Stuart, thanks for the advice. Doty is an interesting character
and it's fascinating to see the role he is taking in the Project
Serpo information and his statement published in UFO magazine.

While the Serpo case hasn't gone mainstream yet, interviews on
Coast to Coast, statements in UFO Magazine, etc., are getting
the word out and who knows when or if any major media jumps into
this story.

I think it fair to say that many who read the Serpo material
think there is some core truth there based at the very least on
Reagan's alleged comment in 1982 to Steven Spielberg after
viewing Close Encounters: "You know, there aren't six people in
this room who know how true this really is." I think many will
naturally speculate about the significance of the final scene of
12 military personal (as well as Dreyfuss as the only civilian)
going into the UFO and whether that is what Reagan was referring
to. It certainly got my attention given Reagan's other public
comments on UFOs indicating he was briefed at some level on this
information.

Something to keep in mind is that the three people so far who
have gone on the record to claim the Project Serpo information
is based on a classified project do have documented careers in
military intelligence where they may have had access to this

kind of classified information.

At the same time, we know these three, Doty, Loscowski (Lakes) and McGovern can be associated with "deception programs" since they worked with DIA or AFOSI. I think simply dismissing these whistleblower testimonies is throwing out the baby with the bathwater.

I think it important not to reflexively dismiss whistleblowers due to their past military associations and analyse their testimonies on its merits.

Then there is also the hearsay testimony from different sources that is less reliable and more easily manipulated which provides a shakey basis for the Project Serpo material.

Finally, there are those two or three anonymous sources leaking the information in the first place who are presumably DIA personnel. If one or more of these publicly step forward, presenting their credentials, what would happen then? Would the major media jump in to the "story of the century" or would it simply be another case of a credentialled whistleblower coming forward and the major media ignoring it.

My main goal in writing the article was to help clarify the main sources of information and see how much of the information is based on credible whistleblower testimony which is something I'm very interested in to see given proper recognition in UFO/exopolitical research.

Despite my own personal views towards Doty's past work in disinformation and the Bennowitz case, he nevertheless is a whistleblower with documented credentials whose testimony has to be seriously considered albeit with some reservations given his history in deception programs and retractions of key parts of his testimony.

I don't see Jan Aldrich's point that somehow the retraction of Doty's clearance shortly before his retirement makes him unreliable. That appears to me to be the kind of reflexive dismissal of a whistleblower that often happens in UFO research and isn't very helpful.

If one excludes Doty as unreliable as whistleblower given his history and recent retractions (and not just him losing his clearance before retirement), then there are still the two other sources Lakes and McGovern who have come forward to claim the Project Serpo material is based on a highly classified program. Research has to be done on them to see how credible they are.

My conclusion is that the Project Serpo material is more likely a deception program than an acclimation program, and the best way of responding to it is to expose its problems as opposed to a reflexive dismissal of its leading advocates.

I think the general public is tiring of the reflexive dismissal of whistleblower testimonies that occurs in mainstream UFO research. That is not objective scholarship but a deep methodological bias that has handicapped UFO/exopolitical research for decades.

Aloha,

Michael

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Smith

From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 10:27:09 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 07:55:18 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Smith

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 19 Feb 2006 17:09:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level?

>I'm far from a researcher, but over my 64 years, it seems to me
>that the higher one's income, education, and place in the human
>power structure, the less likely one is to be abducted.

I think the problem with abductee reports is likely the same as the harassment reports you often refer to. People are not likely to want to report such things regardless of what level they are in society since society has a predefined explanation of the experiences as being due to mental illness. If one is higher up in society, one has much more to lose by saying anything regardless of whether it really happened or not.

Checking the records of mental hospitals may indicate how many people think they are abducted (or harassed) and maybe its possible to get some statistics on economic, educational level, but it would still not clear if they are experiencing "real" or mental phenomena unless someone tries to gather evidence in proving it (which seems to be too hard for abductees...as well as for harassment it seems).

As to the "UFO Danger Level" for the world, its likely pretty low (terrorist nuclear bomb is much higher), but like an asteroid hit (which is low too) can change everything if it happens.

It seems a low threat level for individuals too, but so is murder/car theft/rape/robbery, and the victims take little solace in that.

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 09:30:07 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 07:57:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Clark

>From: Mike Hughes <profpan.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 01:29:27 -0500
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:17:07 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>>I suggest they are dangerous to mainstream Ufology because they
>>>have suggested that UFO entities are not "visitors" at all, but
>>>are as much denizens of this planet as humans.

>>>And, even more heretically, that the UFOs and their occupants
>>>come to us not from interstellar space, but step through
>>>doorways that open inside our skulls.

>>Oh, for crissake. These are not "dangerous" ideas. Neither new
>>nor novel, they're the subject of a considerable literature,
>>good, bad, and indifferent, going back to the mid-1960s, and
>>they have a considerable following among ufologists and
>>Fortean. It's easier to find material like this than there is
>>discussing the ETH in any informed manner, which is a pity and
>>one consequence of the paucity of scientific and technical input
>>into ufological analysis.

>Understood, but by "dangerous" I mean to the popular conception
>of aliens from space. And as I stated, the hypotheses are not
>new, but they remain mostly closeted among those who aren't as
>well read as most of us. I never suggested I was proposing
>anything novel, only that the views I expressed are heretical to
>what is commonly understood as aliens from space flying to Earth
>and experimenting on its inhabitants.

Well, the ETH is an enormous heresy to much of the world. You
seem to be treating it as if it were conventional wisdom out
there. It isn't, not by a long shot. Not even remotely.

>Perhaps the reason there is more material is because the facts -
>the data - support non-ETH explanations, or at the very least
>suggest it is seriously flawed and needs extrapolation?

I have no idea what you mean by this. Right or wrong, the ETH is
a reasonable tentative inference from UFO data, especially hard
data, which appear to document the existence of a nonterrestrial
technology, not magical processes.

Most other theories are based on softer, anecdotal evidence.
That doesn't mean they don't merit consideration - I myself have
a fondness for the most extreme sorts of claims which I am
reasonably confident have nothing at all to do with ET visitors
- but those who advocate them really ought to exercise restraint
and modesty about what they can claim. Unfortunately, they
seldom do that. One definition of lunacy is to take the most
extreme and unfashionable position and lead with your softest
evidence.

>I am with you here. I don't think it's either/or, nor do I think

>the ETH should be discarded, nor that both hypotheses can't be
>reconciled into a unified theory. But the bias against non-ETH
>theories is well-entrenched, and outside of Fortean circles, it
>doesn't get much play. It's like a the brain-damaged cousin held
>in chains in the attic - we all know he's there, but we'd rather
>not discuss him in polite company.

This is just silly. The bias against the ETH is massive, even
overwhelming. If you think of ETH proponents as heresy hunters
rather than heretics, you're living in an alternative universe.

>The alternative views come out when the cognoscenti are
>gathered behind closed doors, and they certainly haven't
>penetrated public consciousness.

I don't understand this, either. Beyond the simple consideration
that your assertion is demonstrably false, I fail to grasp your
point. I can only infer that your definition of ufology is what
happens on numbskull cable-TV specials.

>>It is absurd to imply that Keel's and Vallee's ideas are immune
>>to criticism and to charge that those who question or reject
>>them do so only for the most unworthy reasons. That sort of
>>tedious self-righteousness, which cuts off any meaningful
>>discussion at the root, gets us nowhere.

>I didn't mean to imply that their research is faultless or
>immune to criticism. When we delve into theories of
>consciousness, we're all grasping in the dark. But little by
>little we can put some of our more outre thinking to the test -
>as in Persinger's experiments, DMT studies, and analysis of
>sleep paralysis. Instead, when a mainstream psychologist points
>to the similarities between sleep paralysis and abductions, many
>UFO researchers cry foul and smear the messenger.

"Smearing the messenger" is a lamentable practice hardly
confined to ufologists and Forteans, and it's at least as true
of those whose views you're advocating as of those you're
criticizing. You seem to be doing some of it yourself.

In any event, as I take it you are unaware, there are pointed,
informed criticisms of the inadequacies of the Persinger
approach. (I know of one being written - by an academic
nonufologist - even now.) I suggest you seek out that
literature. You appear to have the idea that disagreements in
anomalistics are always driven by mere petulance, never by
honest dissent based on careful albeit conflicting reading of
the relevant evidence. It's that notion - that disputes are
caused by character flaws, and the character flaws are the sole
property of those with whom you disagree - that caused me to
enter this discussion in the first place.

And sleep paralysis (by which I presume you allude to the Old
Hag phenomenon) is a whole can of worms in itself, rather more
threatening, it can be (and has been) argued, to orthodox
approaches than to heterodox ones.

I happen to be in sympathy with the abduction ideas of David
Hufford, the Penn State medical scientist who has written
insightfully on Old Hag and its relationship to the problem of
anomalies generally. Believe me, Hufford's views are as radical
as any abduction literalist's. In my own autobiographical essay
in the current issue of Journal of Scientific Exploration, I
cite Hufford's work as influencing my own view of the meaning of
the abduction phenomenon - which, like Hufford, I regard as
profoundly enigmatic in a manner that belies both literalist and
reductionist readings.

>I consider Keel a guy who toils in the field with his
>stenographer's notebook, a crusty, old school news reporter,
>whereas Vallee is more of a theoretician thinking about the
>"big picture." Keel's views might not be coherent, but I trust
>his integrity in collecting anecdotal material. And it's hard
>to maintain a coherent theory when the data itself is
>contradictory, inconsistent, and antithetical to common sense
>and current scientific explanations.

I have known Keel since the 1960s, and I disagree with just
about everything you say here. "Fundamentally misguided" is the
kindest thing I can think of to say about what he does, and I
say that as one who once admired Keel so much that I dedicated a

book to him. And speaking of "smearing the messenger": Keel responds to critics by spreading stories that they are mentally ill in the literal, clinical sense. I can attest to that from personal experience (Keel actually told people that I have spent most of my adult life in mental institutions; alas, he wasn't joking). If you're concerned about smears, you're defending exactly the wrong guy.

I do not consider intellectual incoherence excusable simply because we are dealing with difficult problems which arguably transcend current knowledge. There is a whole lot of intellectually coherent literature, from various informed points of view (e.g., Hilary Evans on psychosocial perspectives, Swords, Friedman, and Hall on the ETH, Hufford, Ring, and Harpur on high-strangeness material, Bullard and Appelle on abductions, and more), addressing these complex and puzzling matters. The abandonment of reason in the face of the ostensibly unreasonable is an intellectual error of fatal proportions.

>Ultimately, Ufology must reconcile the best data from both camps
>or it will be doomed to tail-chasing.

This is simplistic, based on the common but unfounded presumption that ufology's problems are the consequent of ufologists' iniquity.

Ufologists, even the best of them, are marginalized and ill equipped with even the most elementary tools (e.g., funding and laboratories) that they need to unravel this most complex of scientific mysteries. In any event, ufology as such is doomed anyway, because when scientists turn their attention to the question and deal with it professionally (as I am confident, for all kinds of reasons, that eventually they will be forced to do), ufology as we have known it will cease to exist as surely as amateur naturalists were eclipsed by the rise of modern biological science.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Ultimate UFO FAQ? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 10:39:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 08:03:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Ultimate UFO FAQ? - Kaeser

>From: Ole Henningsen <oleh.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 15:20:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: Ultimate UFO FAQ?

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>Fra: UFO-UpDates-bounces.nul
>Sendt: 21. februar 2006 14:23
>Til: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Emne: UFO UpDate: IUltimate UFO FAQ?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 18:57:04 EST
>>Subject: Ultimate UFO FAQ?

>>Pardon if I've asked before.

>>Is there a UFO/FAQ that you all would recommend for the rank and
>>file?

>>If not how about compiling one?

>Yes, its a good idea, but... we all have the same
>questions..... But more than 45 years in this business have
>learnt me, that we don't have the same answers! Not even within
>a very small country as mine - Denmark.

>Best regards,
>Ole Henningsen
>Scandinavian UFO Information

During the 1980's a UFO FAQ was maintained on a Rutgers
University server, but it has remained unchanged for about 15
years. I believe that it can now be found at:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/ufofaq.html>

I would suggest that Richard Hall's UFO Evidence II is a good
source for general UFO information for those new to the field,
but that's not available free on the Internet.

Steve

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Koi Chrono Polls

From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi2.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 15:43:27 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 08:18:49 -0500
Subject: Koi Chrono Polls

After drafting the email below, I noticed a problem with attempts to download from the Smartgroup link given in the e-mail below (as my download limit has been exceeded in the last 24 hours) and in my previous emails about Koi Chrono Police and Koi Chrono Movies. Until those problems are resolved I've found another temporary method of making the relevant zipped files available. I've attached those files to emails I've sent to koifiles.nul, which anyone is welcome to access using the link below. <http://mail.google.com/>

Simply enter the username "koifiles" and the password "opentoall". Not exactly an ideal solution, but it will have to do for now. My apologies for any inconvenience. At least posting these small samples should allow me to resolve any kinks in the system before making the full core chronology available as a much bigger download.

Isaac

[Text of original email follows:]

Greetings List,

Greg Boone recently posted the following comments on the UFO UpDates List:

"Can you imagine if just the statistics alone were posted? That'd change the public's attitude real quick. Just the data on the education and IQ level of people who believe and report UFOs alone is sufficient. ... Roper and Gallup polls. The statistics are in our favor to a point of no contest."

I do not necessarily agree with Greg Boone's view. Reality is not determined by the opinions of members of the public, although those opinions can influence the phenomena that receive funding for serious research (cf Proxmire's Golden Fleece award in relation to SETI funding). However, I agree with Greg to the extent that I think it would be interesting to collate the results of the various polls about opinions on UFOs, including the Roper and Gallup polls, and present those results in a simple document.

I've quickly cut and pasted entries relating to various polls from the core Chronology I'm finalising. The resulting short document (Koi Chrono Polls) can be downloaded as a zipped Word document from the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/mdx3g>

The zipped file has a file size of about 49K. (I'm assuming that these days everyone has installed software to unzip such zipped (i.e. compressed) files. If not, it is easy to download a program such as Winzip and using such software can make a dramatic difference to the time involved in sending and receiving files.)

The entries in Koi Chrono Polls are currently probably more useful for the bibliographic references they provide to

discussion of the opinion polls, rather than as a direct summary of the results of the polls. I've included limited information about the results for several reasons, not least a desire to limit the length of the overall core Chronology and (more particularly) due to quite dramatic inconsistencies in the figures (and even the dates) given in various books for the results of several of the polls. I'd be more comfortable about including further details if I could get closer to the primary data about the results of the relevant polls. I would like to have, for example, at least the sort of source that I have in relation to the first Gallup poll that included questions about UFOs (i.e. August 1947) i.e. the publication in a book of the complete text of the relevant Gallup release about the poll. (The text of this specific press release is presented by Durant, Robert in "UFO: 1947-1997" (1997) (edited by Hilary Evans and Dennis Stacy) at page 230-231 (in the section entitled "Aspects", in the unnumbered chapter entitled "Public Opinion Polls and UFOs") of the John Brown hardback edition.)

The following may be more immediately useful sources for Greg Boone:

(1) An essay by Durant, Robert in "UFO: 1947-1997" (1997) (edited by Hilary Evans and Dennis Stacy) in a section entitled "Aspects" in the unnumbered chapter entitled "Public Opinion Polls and UFOs".

(2) The entry by Jacobs, David M in "The Encyclopedia of UFOs" (1980) edited by Ronald Story at page 147 (in an entry entitled "Gallup Polls on UFOs") of the NEL hardback edition.

(3) The entry by Sachs, Margaret in her "The UFO Encyclopedia" (1980) at page 254 (in an entry entitled "Polls") of the Corgi softback edition. Online article

I realise that these sources are not online and therefore may not be immediately accessible. Perhaps surprisingly given the general criticisms of the Condon Report (which, to put it mildly, is not generally considered to be biased in favour of ETH proponents), that Report contains one of the more comprehensive online discussions of relevant opinion polls. Section 3, Chapter 7 of the Condon Report is a chapter by Aldora Lee entitled "Public Attitudes toward UFO Phenomena". As I've noted previously, Aldora Lee's section of the Condon Report suggests that there is some evidence that the greater their education, the more likely people are to think that flying saucers are "real". Page 320 of the version of the Condon Report available online at the link below includes the following: "Although the relationships are not strong, the results of the 1966 Gallup poll suggest that education is related to opinions. The greater the education, the higher the proportion who indicated they have heard of flying saucers, who think they are real rather than the product of imagination and who believe that there are people somewhat like ourselves living on other planets." See: <http://ncas.sawco.com/condon/text/s3chap07.htm>

As a professional advocate, I always find that using the words of "the other side" against themselves is quite a good tactic...

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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** CRS ON APPROPRIATION EARMARKS
** A SIXTEENTH MEMBER OF THE US INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

RECLASSIFICATION PROGRAM AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES EXPOSED

U.S. military and intelligence agencies have assigned personnel to review and reclassify declassified historical records at the National Archives where they have withdrawn thousands of records from public access.

The seven year old secret program was reported today on the front page of the New York Times.

See "U.S. Reclassifies Many Documents in Secret Review" by Scott Shane, New York Times, February 21:

<http://nytimes.com/2006/02/21/politics/21reclassify.html>

A detailed examination of the background and conduct of the reclassification program was prepared by historian Matthew M. Aid and posted on the web site of the National Security Archive today.

The Archive also posted several documents that have been withdrawn from public access under the secret review program.

An effort by historians is underway to enlist the Information Security Oversight Office and congressional oversight committees to check the unsupervised reclassification activity.

See "Declassification in Reverse: The Pentagon and the U.S. Intelligence Community's Secret Historical Document Reclassification Program," National Security Archive, February 21:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB179/>

"Worried that sensitive information may have been improperly declassified in the late 1990s, government agencies took to scrubbing public records at the National Archives and elsewhere, pulling untold thousands of public records for 'review' and possible reclassification," I wrote last March in Slate.

"Many 30- or 50-year-old archival collections are a shadow of what they were just a few years ago."

A National Archives official challenged the accuracy of this claim at the time, but it now appears to be validated.

See "The Age of Missing Information" by Steven Aftergood, Slate, March 16, 2005:

<http://www.slate.com/id/2114963/>

CRS ON APPROPRIATION EARMARKS

The number of earmarks included in congressional appropriations bills, directing that money be spent in a particular and often self-interested way, has multiplied over the past decade, according to a study by the Congressional Research Service.

The CRS study has been widely cited in the press, but has not been readily available online. Now it is.

See "Earmarks in Appropriation Acts: FY1994, FY1996, FY1998, FY2000, FY2002, FY2004, FY2005," January 26, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/m012606.pdf>

A SIXTEENTH MEMBER OF THE US INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

With the creation of the Department of Homeland Security in 2002, the U.S. intelligence community gained its fifteenth member.

Last week, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) became the sixteenth member.

"This designation does not grant DEA new authorities, but it does formalize the long-standing relationship between the DEA and the IC," according to a February 17 news release from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2006/02/odni021706.html>

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Cameron

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>>>I'm far from a researcher, but over my 64 years, it seems to me
>>>that the higher one's income, education, and place in the human
>>>power structure, the less likely one is to be abducted.

>>Your impression is very mistaken. Apparently you haven't even
>>read the basic literature which indicates quite otherwise.

>You are right - I haven't been a voracious reader of abduction
>reports. But I have done some reading, and of course listening
>to Strange Days Indeed and other talk shows touching on UFOs
>over the years.

>I can't remember any abductees who were doctor so-and-so, or
>major executives, or members of Congress, or military generals
>or admirals, for example.

>(I recognize that those with 'higher' positions may be much less
>likely to report their abductions publicly, of course.)

>Can you point out a few examples of people in significant
>academic, military or political positions who have been
>abducted?

Could it be that the perpetrators of these abductions don't wish
to draw attention to an abduction scenario with someone of very
significant public status or power? What would that indicate?
That either, number one, people in seemingly high bureaucratic
positions are powerless to stop abductions.

Number two, that the aliens have 'stepped up' their abductions
and are now abducting people in high places or perhaps a third
option - the aliens and members of certain governments around
the world are in agreement not to abduct high-ranking military
or popular human celebrities; perhaps a hands-off list exist?!

Just some food for thought,

Cory

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Vallee Revelation On Rendlesham

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Subject: Vallee Revelation On Rendlesham

To the List, Nick Pope and Georgina Bruni,

Jacques Vallee, in his interview last week on a Paris radio program ("Ici et maintenant"), has supposed again that Rendlesham was in fact a psychological experiment, staging a fake ufo landing. He has argued that some 'people' had visited the radar operators before the incident, and had told them to watch for what was going to come from the sea.

Have you heard of that story? Can you confirm it, and what do you make of it?

Thank you in advance for your comments.

Gildas Bourdais

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Sir Eric Gairy And His E.T. Secret

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Subject: Sir Eric Gairy And His E.T. Secret

Aloha,

Here's a fascinating account of the political events surrounding Sir Eric Gairy who was the Prime Minister of Grenada (1974-79) and prime sponsor of a UN Resolution to study UFOs and extraterrestrial life that was adopted in 1978.

'Coincidentally', Sir Eric's government was 'overthrown' by a Marxist coup just as he was about to meet with UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to further discuss ET/UFO related affairs in 1979. I think Wesley Bateman's account of Sir Eric is likely a very accurate account of what was happening behind the scenes in Sir Eric's profound exopolitical difficulties.

I'm presently trying to confirm what Wesley Bateman was told by Sir Eric so if anyone has any leads, please let me know me.

To read some of my public correspondence with Wesley Bateman, please go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/exopolitics/message/280>

In peace

Michael Salla

Sir Eric Gairy and His E.T. Secret

By Wesley H. Bateman

Sir Eric M. Gairy, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs of the Caribbean Island nation of Grenada, spoke before the United Nations, General Assembly, Thirty-Third Session, 32nd Plenary Meeting, on Thursday, 12 October 1978.

The key points of Sir Eric's U.N. speech which are relative to this article are quoted below an underlined.

182: "During our four years of membership in the United Nations we have raised many matters of importance=EF=BF=BDsome of which have been considered innovative, others were current and regular but our views ushered in new thoughts about them, thoughts that aroused new vistas in an attempt to tackle traditional thought-patterns. And still further we have been introducing some very thought-provoking subjects of world importance and world concern, subjects considered by some to be strange and extraneous, but which we feel are sufficiently important and significant to merit our constant articulation and review of them, however and whenever the opportunity permits. Permit me to refer to only a few: the question of women's rights, the universality of God, economic cruelty, the problems of man and his environment, disarmament, man and his material and spiritual behavior, the Bermuda Triangle, unidentified flying objects and extraterrestrial phenomena, decolonization and territorial integrity, human rights, and undue solace given to terrorists."

It is reported that prior to returning home to Grenada Sir Eric

visited with President Jimmy Carter, during which they discussed their individual UFO sighting experiences and the pending U.N. resolution. It is also reported that Zbigniew Brzezinski attended this meeting.

Sir Eric returned to New York City on March 12, 1979 to meet with the then Secretary General of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim. The official purpose of this meeting was to discuss the fact that on December 18, 1978, the United Nations General Assembly voted to approve decision 33/426, inviting U.N. Member States "to take appropriate steps to coordinate on a national level scientific research and investigation into extraterrestrial life, including unidentified flying objects, and to inform the Secretary-General of the observations, research and evaluation of such activities." The United States was the sole U.N. member nation which unsuccessfully attempted to block that 1978 UN E.T. resolution.

The efforts made by the United States to block this United Nations resolution was by exerting various forms of pressure on a number of other member nations.

On the very day that Sir Eric was to visit with Kurt Waldheim and discuss the UFO resolution, it was learned that he and his government had been overthrown by a Cuban sponsored Marxist group, known as the New Jewel Movement (NJM). The NJM was led by a young attorney named Maurice Bishop, who along with 46 others planned and executed the coup using weapons smuggled into Grenada in a barrel of petroleum jelly.

At this point Sir Eric was stranded in the United States, during which he lived in New York City and spent considerable time broadcasting anti-Cuban and anti-Communist radio messages from station WLIB, to listeners on Grenada and the Caribbean islands of Trinidad and Tobago. During his stay in New York Sir Eric was under constant US Government surveillance.

Maurice Bishop and the NJM responded to Sir Eric's radio messages with some radio messages of their own. Other than trying to hang charges of corruption on him and his cabinet members they concentrated on destroying Sir Eric's character in particular. They emphasized that a search of Sir Eric's home brought to light physical evidence that he practiced "Voodoo." They also said that they learned that he arranged and participated in sexual orgies during which drugs were used. They also said that his declared belief in the reality of UFOs was just another piece of evidence that proved beyond all possible doubt that he was mentally defective.

Oblivious to what was going on the Island of Grenada at the time, I was living in the community of Mira Mesa, which was located a few miles north of San Diego, California. At the time I was director of the "Molecular Energy Research Institute" which was engaged in the construction of a device intended to extract entrapped crude oil from tar sands and shale rock. Our office and laboratories were located directly across the roadway from the "Miramar Naval Air Station."

I remember that it was a Monday morning when Don B.... came into the office filled with excitement. Don was in the public relations business and also managed the funds which a Canadian oil company had invested in our project. As a sideline Don also restored classic cars (a subject that will be mentioned again).

Don started our conversation with the question: "Do you know Sir Eric Gairy?" My answer was "no." The name was slightly familiar, but I had no idea who Don was talking about.

Don went on to explain how he on occasion attended meetings of a group calling itself the "Dilettantes. The group met once a week in La Jolla, California to delve briefly into subjects such as French cooking, art, travel destinations, and even UFOs. The subject of UFOs was one they just could not leave alone, as UFOs were the subject of the previous Friday night meeting that Don attended.

Don went on to say that Sir Eric Gary, the recently deposed Prime Minister of the Caribbean Island of Grenada was also present at the meeting. Sir Eric asked the host if he could address the group and obtained immediate permission to do so.

Sir Eric first asked the group if any one of them could help him locate any of the people he had listed on a a sheet of paper. Don said that he could have fainted when the first name Sir Eric read from his list was mine.

Don was quick to tell Sir Eric that he knew me personally and could arrange for us to meet.

That afternoon I met Sir Eric Gairy in Don B.....'s Point Loma home which was on a hillside that overlooked the Pacific Ocean.

Sir Eric first informed me that he preferred to be addressed as Doctor Gairy.

Dr. Gairy was accompanied by a young African American minister (who's name I can not recall). I really can't remember anything the young man might have said. I did become aware that Dr. Gairy was the Reverend's house guest. Both of these gentlemen were well mannered and very well dressed.

This meeting was one of many that Dr. Gary an I had over the following two weeks. Some times we met as much as two times a day either at Don B..... house, at the Molecular Energy offices and at various restaurants for lunch or dinner.

Eventually Dr. Gairy's companion (the young minister) disappeared and Scot (a friend of mine) or Jennifer B..... (Don B.....'s daughter) became Dr. Gairy's chauffeurs and tour guides. They escorted Dr. Gairy to the Zoo, Sea World and the Ruben H. Fleet Space Center.

I learned from Scot that Dr. Gairy had rented a studio apartment in a very run down part of San Diego and was definitely being followed about by what appeared to be government agents. A number of articles written about Dr. Gairy, all make the point that he was under constant government surveillance when he lived in New York and in San Diego.

On one occasion we went to an early lunch at a restaurant that was located on a pier. In our party was Dr, Gairy, Don B...., his daughter Jennifer, Scot and myself. With in minutes we were joined by 5 young men in black business suits. Each took individual tables which surrounded us. That is none of them sat together.

In the course of our conversation the relative locations of Grenada and the Panama Canal came up. The room which was silent to begin with, suddenly got even more quiet. Dr. Gairy gave me a knowing glance and moved his eyes from side to side to alert me . The conversation was immediately changed to the bird life of San Diego and Grenada.

When we left, we were sure to take some pieces of bread to feed the sea gulls that were waiting patiently on the railing of the deck outside the restaurant. Scot, Jennifer and Dr. Gairy walked down the deck and out of sight. Don and I had parked one of his restored classic cars in another parking area. From our position we watched as one of the "men in black" who was in the restaurant came out and hurried after Dr. Gairy and the others.

Don and I watched as the other 4 men in black came out of the restaurant together and got in to an older model car that had at least 50 antennas placed on the roof, fenders and trunk of the vehicle.

I quickly scribbled a note to Don which said: "The car could be bugged." With in 3 days of the event Don was able to sell the car along with any electronic bugs the men in black might have planted.

Finally one afternoon Dr. Gairy came to the Molecular Energy offices, I sent for some sandwiches from a near by delicatessen. This was the first time we were able to get together privately.

Dr. Gairy looked at me smiled and said : "Any questions?"

I inquired as to what happened to the young minister who he was with when we first met. With no hesitation Dr, Gairy told me that the "young man felt that his wife was becoming infatuated

with him and they mutually agreed it was best for Sir Eric to find another place to live." He added that the whole thing was simply in the young man's mind."

My next question was: Where did he learn of me and my interest in UFOs? He said, that "after a number of UFO sightings that were reported though out the island of Grenada, he put out the word that he wanted to talk to anyone that had any knowledge of UFOs or intelligent extraterrestrial life. From this search, a woman contacted him that claimed she had telepathic contact with extraterrestrials. She gave him the list of names he should contact for more information. When he mentioned that he wanted to learn as much as possible from me about the "Frequency Barrier" I knew Dr. Gairy was seriously trying to solved the UFO mystery.

Dr. Gairy went on to tell me that he always believed that UFOs were extraterrestrial space craft, but he had very little time to study the subject. The Grenada sightings force him give the subject his full attention. The question in his mind was: What interest could any extraterrestrial race have in the island of Grenada? If they made an open physical contact by landing on the island, how was he going to deal with them? His advisors were at a total loss as to what should be done.

Dr. Gairy owned a string of restaurants on the island. Nightly he could be found at the "Evening Palace" one of his night clubs at Morne Rouge above the western point of a five-mile white sand beach. From this club it is said Sir Eric conducted business like a small town American Mayor, who also owned the local hardware store.

It said that for a fee or a bottle or two of champagne a person could sit with the Prime Minister and present him with a petition or complaint.

Dr. Gairy confirmed this story to me about his nightly audiences at the "Evening Palace." For as he said, "it was during an late evening at this night club that a fisherman from the north east coast of Grenada came to him with a story that would change his life forever." With in minutes of hearing the fisherman's story, he put together a group of people he trusted, a small military unit with two trucks, and a photographer.

They followed the fisherman north and arrived at the coast just before dawn. There they met with two other fisherman that were standing guard over a tarp covered object. The tarp was removed to reveal a giant human body that was between 7 1/2 to 8 feet in length. One of the fisherman directed Dr. Gairy to the fact that the body had six fingers on each hand. The body appeared to be of a white skinned man that had long white braided hair. Sir Eric said the body appeared to be of a young man, who if compared to a man of normal size would have been in his early thirties.

By now Sir Eric had concluded that he and his group were looking at an extraterrestrial. He ordered the photographer to take pictures of the body with flash bulbs, but had the foresight to tell the photographer to save some film and wait for better day light.

The alien was dressed in a skin tight 1 piece dark blue suit the footwear was attached. This appearance first fooled the fisherman that found him to think that the body was that of a scuba diver that met with some misfortune. After a closer examination they quickly realized that this was not a scuba diver from this world.

Dr. Gairy said that one could stretch the alien's suit to about two feet from the body. The weave did not separate. After releasing the material it would slowly return to its original position on the body and during the course of it doing so, emitted a low audible "humming" sound.

As the sun rose it became evident to Sir Eric and his excited group that the beach was covered by metal wreckage of various sizes. There were also pieces of metal and "containers" rolling about in the surf. These items were photographed.

When all the wreckage they could find on the beach and in the

surf was gathered it filled about 1/2 the bed of one of the two pick up trucks that they brought with them. With considerable physical effort they placed the covered alien body on the bed of the second truck.

Among an estimated number of 8 metal containers, they found that they were able to force open two of them. The largest of the two contained specimens of fish and plant life, as well as packets of sand and coral from the sea bed.

Sir Eric had the fisherman go further out to sea to search for more bodies and wreckage. Three soldiers were left at the site to look for more wreckage and wait for the fisherman to return. The fishermen never returned. The soldiers were eventually ordered back to their barracks with additional orders not to say anything about what they had seen.

Sir Eric paused in his story at this point, and stared at me as he waited for my reaction:

I asked him: What happen to the body? Was there an autopsy? Was the body preserved?

His answer was that the only place that he would trust to perform a proper autopsy was at the "Medical School." Though he would not say where he sent the body, I got the feeling that he did in fact send the body to the school for preservation, if not for an autopsy. I think he did this in order to give himself time to think about who else he was going to tell about the alien, and what he could gain for his country and possibly what he might gain for himself (?).

I also asked if he ever got any of the other containers open? If so, what was in them? His reply was he never saw any of the other containers opened, He said that he ordered that any one who tried to open one would be strongly punished.

My next question was: Who else knows about this event?

His answer was: "There is a small number of people that I have confided in. Not being on Grenada the orders I gave to those in the know, not to talk about this matter are not able to be enforced. I have no idea who these people might have told."

I asked if he told Kurt Walheim. He said he never got the time or opportunity. "Although the alien body was really my only reason for arranging a one on one talk with him, I was emotionally reacting to the rebellion and I knew I could not prove the story, unless I was back in Grenada and personally showed him the alien body. Returning to Grenada and being reinstated as Prime Minister was my first priority."

My next question was: What do you intend to do about this matter in the future?

Sir Eric answered: "I am still formulating my plans."

After this meeting I never met with or talked to Sir Eric Gairy again. He suddenly vacated his apartment. I never heard a word as to where he went or what he did.

On October 19, 1983 Bernard Coard, a hard line member of the New Jewel Movement (the group that over threw Sir Eric) led a military coup and placed Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and other leading moderates under arrest. When a mob of Bishop supporters freed the ousted prime minister and his allies from prison, troops responded by killing dozens of protesters and executed Bishop and also two other cabinet members.

THE U.S. INVASION of GRENADA

It is reasonable to assume that a U.S. invasion of Grenada was planned as early as two years before the revolution's self annihilation (the Bishop over throw), which gave the United States (Reagan Administration) the excuse it had been waiting for.

The U.S. invasion of Grenada came in the fall of 1983. The bloody coup in Grenada, along with a presumed threat to American students attending the St. George's Medical School on the island, provided the U.S. with an excellent excuse to eliminate

a Marxist regime which was allied with Cuba.

The island quickly fell under American control. They were met by considerable resistance from the Grenadian army and Cuban military units stationed on the island. Heavy combat continued for several days, but as the invasion force grew to more than 7,000 troops. The defenders either surrendered or fled into the island's hill country. Some fighting continued as U.S. troops hunted down those who resisted the invasion to the bitter end.

U.S. combat forces left Grenada in the middle of December, after pro-American government was established on the Island.

The following is quote from an article titled;" Foreign Policy In Focus" By Stephen Zunes. Zunes is an associate professor of politics and chair of the Peace & Justice Studies Program at the University of San Francisco, and serves as the Middle East editor for the Foreign Policy in Focus Project. He is the author of Tinderbox: U.S. Middle East Policy and the Roots of Terrorism (Common Courage, 2002).

"The major justification for the invasion was the protection of American lives. Reagan administration officials falsely claimed that the island's only operating airport was closed, offering the students no escape. In reality, scores of people left the island on charter flights the day before the U.S. invasion, noting that there was not even a visible military presence at the airport and that customs procedures were normal. Regularly scheduled flights as well as sea links from neighboring Caribbean islands had ceased as of October 21, however, though this came as a direct result of pressure placed on these governments to do so by U.S. officials. Apparently, by limiting the ability of Americans who wished to depart from leaving, the Reagan administration could then use their continued presence on the troubled island as an excuse to invade. The Reagan administration admitted that no significant nonmilitary means of evacuating Americans was actively considered.

Particular concern was expressed over the fate of 800 American students at the U.S.-run St. George's University School of Medicine. The safe arrival in the United States of the initial group of happy and relieved students evacuated from Grenada resulted in excellent photo opportunities for the administration. It appears, however, that the students' lives were never actually in any danger prior to the invasion itself.

Grenadan and Cuban officials had met only days earlier with administrators of the American medical school and guaranteed the students' safety. Urgent requests by the State Department's Milan Bish to medical school officials that they publicly request U.S. military intervention to protect the students were refused. Five hundred parents of the medical students cabled President Reagan to insist he not take any "precipitous action." Staff members from the U.S. embassy in Barbados visited Grenada and saw no need to evacuate the students.

The medical school's chancellor, Charles Modica, polled students and found that 90% did not want to be evacuated. Despite repeated inquiries as to whether Washington was considering military action, he was told nothing of the sort was being considered. As the invasion commenced, Dr. Modica angrily denounced the invasion as totally unnecessary and a far greater risk to the students' safety than Grenada's domestic crisis. Vice-chancellor Geoffrey Bourne and Bursar Gary Solin also declared their steadfast opposition. The U.S. media focused great attention on the students who were first evacuated and "debriefed" by U.S. officials who generally supported the invasion. However, virtually no attention was given to those who stayed behind, who tended to be more familiar with the island and who largely opposed U.S. intervention. There were no confirmed reports of any American civilians harmed or threatened before or during the invasion. It was three days after U.S. troops initially landed before they decided to take control of the second medical school campus, raising questions as to whether the safety of Americans was really the foremost priority."

It is now clear that the St. George's Medical School was a prime location the U.S. Military wanted to capture as soon as possible. Even though it is also now very evident that the American students at the school were at no time in any danger.

I think it is safe for me to conclude that Sir Eric by this time had passed on to the U.S. government where he had place the giant alien body and the metallic debris that was recovered that early morning on the island of Grenada.

It is known that a team of specially selected Graves Registration (GRREG) personnel were assembled on 27 October 1983 at the Dover Air Force Base mortuary in Dover, Delaware. This group of experts which were to serve as an Identification team were assigned to the US forces occupying the St. George's Medical School on the Island of Grenada. Their cover story was they were sent there to identify the bodies of the crew members of two helicopters that accidentally crashed during the invasion. Why were specialists needed for this purpose?

Sir Eric Matthew Gairy returned to Grenada in 1984, from exile in the United States. There he suffered from a stroke, and became totally blind , he also became mentally incapacitated. Sir Eric Gairy died on 23 August 1997. He was given a state funeral as he was recognized for being a unique personality in the history of Grenadian politics.

The reader can find a great deal about Sir Eric Gairy by searching the Internet. You will find that he is mostly described as once being a despotic dictator of the Island nation of Grenada who was over thrown by a Marxist group of rebels. Furthermore the reader will find that most author's of these articles relish in the fact that they have the opportunity to say that Sir Eric was a strange person that believed that extraterrestrials existed and were visiting the planet Earth.

I am pleased that I had the personal honor and privilege of meeting Sir Eric Gairy. I found him to be a gentleman of exceptional intelligence and truthfulness. I believe that the real Sir Eric that I met would be best understood by reading the speech he gave before the United Nations, General Assembly, Thirty-Third Session, 32nd Plenary Meeting, on Thursday, 12 October 1978.

After the Invasion of Grenada President Ronald Reagan in several speeches he said variations of the following statement:

"At our meeting in Geneva, the U.S. President said that if the earth faced an invasion by extraterrestrials, the United states and the Soviet Union would join forces to repel such an invasion. I shall not dispute the hypothesis, although I think it's early yet to worry about such an intrusion. It is much more important to think about the problems that have entered in our common home."

I wonder what put this idea in his head???

Possible related material:

Marine life treasure trove found
By Rebecca Morelle
BBC News science reporter
Tuesday,14 February 2006

Key points of this Article:

"The find was made in the Saba Bank Atoll, a coral-crowned sea mount, 250km southeast of Puerto Rico in the Netherlands Antilles.

New species

It is ranked as the third largest atoll in the world and has an enormous active reef."

The reef mentioned above is located to the northeast of the island of Grenada

The fact that Sir Eric said that one of the alien metal boxes that was found on the beach with the alien body contained specimens of fish and sea plant life does bring to mind the possibility that the alien met with a disaster after visiting this unique marine reef. Or maybe he was part of a expedition to restock the reef.

Take note of the fact that animals thought to be extinct are beginning to reappear on the Earth along with a considerable number of species never before seen or cataloged. There is evidence that this repopulation of extinct animals and initiation of new species to the Earth is being carried out by extraterrestrials.

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Spinning 'UFO' Footage?

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Updates Listers,

A colleague of mine passed along a link to a short .wmv clip of a (supposed) UFO. I've not seen mention of it on UpDates, though I did see one previous mention (May 2005, by Terry Groff) of another clip on this same site, wimp.com.

<http://www.wimp.com/ufofootage/>

It's an interesting clip, particularly the spinning effect. I venture no opinion as to the veracity and 'real'-ness of the object in the clip. Maybe something can be learned from it.

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>Vallee wrote: "this is a complex phenomenon... Let's step back and look at what it's doing to us" - and his Messengers of Deception strongly hinted at fairly massive investment in subterfuge, presumably for political (or mind control?) purposes.

>Reason enough for him subsequently being warned to keep quiet?

Hardly. Messengers is surely Vallee's worst book.

As my friend the prominent religious scholar J. Gordon Melton (University of California at Santa Barbara) once cracked to me, if Vallee had read one book on the sociology of religion, he never would have written Messengers. It's a conspiracy-theory exercise, and even as such things go, remarkably evidence-free. It also is extraordinarily naive in its depiction of how religious ideas arise and circulate through society.

Vallee is capable of better, and he has done better. Vallee's defenders would be well advised to look elsewhere in their effort to defend him as a serious thinker. In my opinion, Vallee is a serious thinker, but not in Messengers, which is not a serious book. I say that, by the way, as one who has written books I wish I hadn't. It's always possible to head down a dead-end road, and Vallee and I have, each in his own way, driven that lost highway.

Jerry Clark

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>>>That is a good question. But the answer is: yes. You might be
>>>surprised to know how quickly the book publishing world can
>>>churn a book out when it wants to, particularly with current
>>>technology, and even more particularly with current POD
>>>formats, etc.

>>Yes, he might have, but my little finger, as we say in French,
>>tells me that he had written it before. And Vallee praised your
>>book publicly on a Paris radio ("Ici et maintenant") no later
>>than last Tuesday.

>>But let's drop this side track and come back to the basic
>>question : the story of handicapped Chinese prisoners, as told
>>to you by several insiders, does not hold water. It's a lie.

>>So, it raises the question of yet another operation of
>>disinformation about Roswell. If you don't want to face that, I
>>am not going to repeat it endlessly.

>I agree that an endless debate on all of this is very
>pointless, particularly when neither of us is going to change
>our respective positions. But, I will say this:

>You have made it very clear to me and to the List that the
>reason you believe the data in Body Snatchers to be
>disinformation is because it cannot be verified, and because no
>historical, official documentation has surfaced to confirm such
>a scenario.

Nick,

I must admit that you show great skill in avoiding my simple,
basic question. No, my argument is not that there is no official
documentation to confirm your scenario (although it is true). It
is much more direct and simple: all serious historical sources
show that it is impossible because all the remaining prisoners at
Unit 731 were killed before the arrival of the Russians in
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come there and taken any of these prisoners. In addition to that,
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order to have significant results. So, yes, the tale of your informers is not open for debate : it's a lie.

Your other argument, that there is no proof either of a UFO crash, and that, therefore I am a "believer", is equally twisted. First, I never said that we have definitive proof of that. I agree that we don't.

On the other hand, the story of a Mogul balloon can be refuted with very simple arguments. Here is just one. As the story goes, Roswell officers mistook balsa wood sticks of the radar targets with extraordinary material from a flying saucer. To see how preposterous this is, just go to an art and craft store, buy a balsa wood stick, 8 mm thick, and see how easily it breaks in your hands. Not the kind of stuff to provoke the press release of Roswell.

In other words, there is no final proof of a UFO crash, but there is no proof at all of a confusion with balloons and radar targets. So the debate of a UFO crash remains open. On the contrary, the tale of handicapped Chinese prisoners is closed - it's a lie.

Gildas

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Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But...

From: Laurent Leger <exophys.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 18:59:20 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 18:57:06 -0500
Subject: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But...

Some of you discussed on the List the point whether the facts related in Jacques Vallee's novel are totally fictitious or not. About this subject, I would like to add the following facts.....

The author gave an interview on a French FM station last Tuesday (14 Feb.) and a few minutes at the end were dedicated to the novel itself. Answering to some critical comments, he recalled that "it is a novel" but he also stated that "there is a lot of things between the lines" (in french: "il y a beaucoup de choses entre les lignes"), and that the authors of the criticisms "have not seen the real goal of the book". Unfortunately, he has not said what was this goal.

More specifically, about the part of the story that joins the content of Nick Redfern's book, he recalls:

"In the novel, it is an old doctor of medicine, quite senile, and utterly drunken who tells this story, in a shady bar in Oklahoma". [sic]

"It is not Jacques Vallee, climbing on a pedestal who claims this story urbi et orbi, it is a character one can doubt".

Then he recalled the thesis of Nick Redfern's book, adding he did not copy it. Jacques Vallee added that Nick Redfern did all of us a good turn by bringing this approach to the Roswell incident up for discussion (doubts about what really crashed at Roswell). He concluded that at that time many crashes occurred in Roswell region and that it was the place where aeronautic experiments were done (human body resistance to acceleration, etc...)

"There is a Roswell secret, but ufology's error is to make this the case number one".

This text explanation will probably help a little about the real nature of Vallee's last novel. However, I am not sure it will remove more haze than it adds, on a field that really doesn't need it!

Regards,

Laurent Leger

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Re: Body Snatchers Redux - Redfern

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>Subject: Body Snatchers Redux [was: Bourdais On Vallee...]

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>Your primary sources are admitted self-confessed disinformation-
>psychological warfare agents, i.e., professional liars. That's
>not what I claim on my own authority but what you yourself say
>in your book except I added the explanatory part about
>"professional liars" and I am paraphrasing your book not
>quoting.

Brad

Yes that is exactly what I am saying and that I have always
said - that these people worked in the field of spreading
disinformation and for decades. I have always admitted that.

Now some people would argue that they are still spreading
disinformation. However, my argument is that the fact that some
of them were involved in spreading bogus crashed UFO stories in
the 50s and 60s is what gave them an insight into the real
story they were hiding and now telling - the human experiment
angle.

Also, take a look at the testimony of Bill Salter. I spoke with
Salter extensively and all he knew was enough data to fill half
of page 90 and all of page 91 of a 248 page book. That's it: one
and a half pages, and nothing else. Plus he admitted he knew
nothing first-hand.

That hardly sounds like the game-plan of a master disinformation
artist trying to firmly reinforce a scenario with an extensively
laid-out story. But it does sound like the story of a man
recalling something from memory that he was told years before.

>We can go through all the quotes all over again citing chapter
>and verse from your book "BS in the Desert" until you admit that
>you are intentionally choosing to believe the admitted
>professional liars. I would rather not believe the
>disinformation agents' peddled stories.

No, I did not "intentionally" choose to believe them. It serves no purpose at all for me to (by default) intentionally say that everything I wrote about the case (or other crashes) in books or magazine articles before was wrong and now lacks credibility.

There is no reason for me to do that to myself - other than the fact that I am honest enough as a person to admit that I now think I was wrong in my earlier beliefs and assumptions.

As for belief, as you and the entire List know, I have never denied the possibility that I was deceived. I don't think I was deceived though.

>I do believe them when they say they are disinformation agents
>as that is an "admission against interest" in law. It is against
>the personal interest of a conman to admit he is a conman, as
>that exposes him to possible censure, liability and prosecution,
>and it potentially ruins his cover story in perpetrating cons,
>so he must be telling the truth in that instance as it is at a
>personal cost that he says he is a conman or disinformation
>peddler.

>The fact that you or they can drag in a few supporting secondary
>sources is irrelevant, as any professional disinformation agent
>worth his salt can and would do that to bolster his lies.

But an equally valid scenario is that their admittance that they had worked in the field of disinformation was an attempt to be honest, and put all of their cards on the table, and share with me the background of who they were and what they did and be honest.

On this same track: they could have told me that they learned of the Japanese angle from just reading such files in the course of their careers and not reveal to me that they worked in the field of disinformation.

It served them no purpose (that I can see, at least) to admit to me that their careers in the 1950s and 1960s revolved around spreading disinformation - unless, as I believe, this was an attempt to be honest about what they had done in the past and wipe the slate clean now that they are old dodderers in their 80s.

>Unlike Mogul which is evidentially weak or false, your NEPA War
>Crimes scenario is scientifically preposterous as well as
>lacking in any credible and direct evidence. Your NEPA
>scenario from your disinfo liars is confused and twisted,
>wrapped in convolutions about whether a many-ton nuclear reactor
>was flown in a flimsy glider at White Sands with deformed
>Japanese prisoners aboard in 1947 which became the Roswell
>crash" or whether it was a conveniently nebulous "atomic energy
>generator" (whatever the hell that could be in 1947 only a year
>after NEPA started) or whether it was all of the above, or none
>of the above. Very evasive and slippery.

I agree that the revelations on this aspect of the story from the Colonel are evasive. I said so myself on page 106 of Body Snatchers when I asked for clarification of what exactly it was that he said was aboard the aircraft. My words on page 106: "The Colonel became distinctly uneasy when I asked for further clarification. He repeated that he had no wish to elaborate on certain data pertaining to this aspect of the story."

Given the fact that this raises the types of questions you are raising, the easiest thing for me to have done would have been to omit the NEPA story and focus on the other material in the book. But I felt the need to inform the reader of everything - including those aspects where even I couldn't get a straight answer from the sources.

I will say this though: the official, summer of 1947 documents that refer to a "revolutionary method" of "converting heat energy from atmospheric and other sources such as atomic pile directly into electrical energy at high power levels," quoted in the book on the same page, and the research conducted by the German trio that developed this was found in NEPA files by me based upon direct interview leads. Colonel Gasser, of NEPA, had a meeting with them too.

As I note in the book on page 139-140, Colonel Gasser (cited in FBI documents) stated that he had personal awareness that pre-1949 attempts had been made by the US to develop saucers but that nothing practical had been achieved.

One might ask: where did Gasser get this info (he was a highly credible source), and how does it tie in with these "revolutionary methods" documents? It may be nothing. But it may be everything, too.

>You and your disinformation (liar) sources cannot seem to make
>your minds up whether the alleged flight was or was not
>intensely radioactive. Just answer the simple question Nick: Was
>that purported White Sands flight intensely (thus dangerously)
>radioactive or not? If it was, then a crash risked exposing the
>entire population of the White Sands-Alamogordo AAF base to
>deadly radiation and death, all for what? Why on earth fly such
>a thing in that case???

No, it is not that I cannot make up my mind, as you say. I have been honest to say (even in the book!) that the answer is that I do not know, because the Colonel declined to elaborate on it. Saying that I do not know the answer is very different from saying I cannot make up my mind.

The Colonel said it was hot, and that the experiment was borne out of this "revolutionary method" as cited above. People should be aware that that term "revolutionary method" is contained in the official files sent to Gasser; they are not my words.

But I admit that the issue is far from conclusive and is shrouded in both debate and mystery - because I could not get a straight answer. However, I have always admitted that as per my statements on page 106 of the book.

>There is no sensible and compelling reason from either a
>scientific or engineering standpoint to fly such a flimsy and
>deadly radiation- spewing contraption. What useful scientific
>data would be obtained that they would not already have from
>100,000 radiation victims at Hiroshima and Nagasaki and a number
>of deadly radiation accidents?? What data would they get from
>flying it that they could not get from running it on the
>ground where they could keep it concealed and it could not
>crash anywhere???

Again, I cannot answer those questions because I could not get the data from the sources - as you know from the book, and as I openly admitted in the book. Again, too, it serves me no purpose or benefit to say that the Colonel was evasive to me on this point, beyond that I am trying to demonstrate my honesty by admitting he was evasive and that his unwillingness to discuss this in detail was troubling.

But, he did have deep awareness of the people and the players involved in this "revolutionary method" as described above. So he got that data from somewhere. And based on his leads I got the files on the guys involved and the new files on Gasser knowing all about this "revolutionary method" - which I will be publishing.

>Oh, before you slander me as just another lunatic-ETH believer
>trying to defeat you because of some ulterior motive to support
>ETH, let me remind you I have long rejected the ETH and have had
>knock-down dragout arguments right on this List against ETH, so
>spare me that all-too-predictable canard.

Brad, your words show that you definitely know nothing about my character. I have no interest in slandering you (or anyone), for 2 main reasons: First, because UFOs simply are not that important in the bigger scheme of what I call life; and second because I have no problem with people having opinions and beliefs that are utterly different to mine. I have no interest in turning people into Nick Redfern clones (many on-List, I am sure, are saying amen to that!).

By the way, I find it interesting that you bring up the slander issue, but then you proceed to refer to "lunatic" ETH believers. Isn't that exactly the type of slander that you suggest I don't use against you?

Even I don't think that ETHers are "lunatics." In fact, as

anyone who knows me personally on this List will know (such as Dave Clarke, Stuart Miller), I am absolutely convinced that we do have an unexplained UFO presence among us. I just no longer think it's specifically ET based and I don't think it crashed at Roswell.

I get mad about a lot of things in life, but aliens? Nope. If they are here, it will be an amazing thing. If they are not, I'm hardly going to have a nervous breakdown. So for me to slander you or anyone because they don't agree with me is so far off target as to be laughable.

Why on Earth would I waste energy on such things when there are far more valuable and rewarding things to do in life than slander a person just for their UFO interests and beliefs?

And I am not some type who imagines there is an "ulterior motive" behind the disbelief of any of the people who have read Body Snatchers and who disagree with the data. I think the simplest explanation for any motivation of disbelief is simple: they don't agree with the data because they think that other data and other scenarios fits the facts better.

I have far better things to do with my time than try and "defeat" (as you put it) anyone who disagrees with me. Why would I? If people accept the data, fine. If they don't, fine. I put the information out there so that people could see what I had been told. If they embrace it or not is entirely up to them.

On this same track: the only reason why, 9 months after publication of the book, Body Snatchers is still being debated on Updates is because Listers bring it up in emails and I have to reply - which, I stress, I have no problem doing.

But, in other words, I am not going out of my way to keep forcing this data down the throats of the collective UFO community or trying to "defeat" ETHers. I am just replying to emails from people who are still debating me.

If I was trying to "defeat" someone (or anyone!) I would be posting things all over the place. I'm not. My posts are in response to people who bring up the issue of the book.

And there is one other thing that I think we have debated (or I debated it with someone, at least), and that is what would motivate these people to spread such disinformation?

I told Paul Kimball that I thought that if it was not a true story, then there were probably just two valid scenarios: official disinformation and private disinformation.

As far as private disinformation is concerned, I think this falls down because they are telling their accounts to a UFO author. UFO books do not sell massively for the most part, so what would be the point of constructing such an elaborate private disinformation scheme only to merely have it read by probably a couple of thousand people at most and the Updates List?! There is no sense in that because it doesn't get the private disinformation out to a big audience, which I would think would be the purpose of any such scheme.

As for official disinformation, I still stand by what I have always said: if something truly strange (or controversial - regardless of its origin) happened at Roswell that the Government (and I use that word as a catch-all term for the agencies and the military, etc.) needs to keep secret, what purpose does it serve to have these people come forward and stir up the controversy again?

Remember that when the bulk of this story was given to me (01 to 04), Roswell was not that high profile anymore. It was at stalemate. The Air Force had its Mogul Balloons and crash-test dummies. And there wasn't much more surfacing in the UFO community aside from David Rudiak's material on the Ramey document.

Now, I think that David's work on the document-deciphering is highly valid. But the "victims of the wreck" reference isn't a smoking gun specifically about aliens. It could be, if people agree with Body Snatchers, a reference to those victims.

But the point is that I do not think the Ramey expose is sufficient reason for these people to use that as the basis for spreading new bogus accounts. Because although the Rudiak-Ramey work is extremely interesting, it doesn't tell us enough to say with certainty that it is a reference to aliens - hence not a big enough reason to spread new disinformation by these people.

So my point is this: having disinformation people come forward to start up the Roswell controversy again after it had gone quiet for a number of years is totally illogical, particularly if Roswell is something that people have to be kept away from.

The reason it is illogical is because surely the whole point in the minds of many was that the Government put out the Mogul and the crash-dummies to try and lay Roswell to rest.

But, if the Government was actively pushing my people and their accounts, then that effectively makes it look like the Government was lying about its previous Mogul and Dummy stories - which can only create more suspicions that something truly significant happened at Roswell!

So, again, why the need for the Government spread new tales and by definition say it was lying about Mogul? To me, that defies logic.

Finally, Brad: didn't you say that (even though you don't obviously endorse the Japanese or ET angle for Roswell), that you had uncovered data that did link the NEPA people to the story, and that you had written a paper on this? Will we see this paper? Surely, the best way to lay my data to rest would be for you to publish yours?

Regardless of what you may personally think of me Brad (you may think nothing personally about me, which is fine!), my only interest in Roswell is in determining the truth. And if that truth surfaces, regardless of the theory, I will embrace that theory, even if it is ET based, or Mogul based, or Body Snatchers base, and even if it goes against Body Snatchers. I just happen to think that the human experiment angle is the correct one, based on the data I have in hand now.

Nick R.

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Gildas

We are only going to go around in circles here and an endless
debate is, as I said, pointless. And I am not trying to show
great skill in avoiding anything!

The facts are that all of the historical data suggests there
were no survivors from Unit 731. Although, a comprehensive Net
Search on Unit 731 + survivors does pull up interesting data as
I am sure you know, much of which revolves around villages that

were subjected to bio-attacks, etc., going back to the early years of work in this area.

But also: all of the historical data of the entire US Government suggests no aliens crashed at Roswell.

The fact is that if I am right or you are right, both scenarios require a re-write of official history. So, in other words, it still comes down to whose testimony on Roswell we accept as genuine. And only that.

Nick R.

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Koi Chrono 1950s

From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi2.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 18:34:42 -0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 19:02:48 -0500
Subject: Koi Chrono 1950s

Greetings,

To give a flavour of the preliminary draft of the UFO/SETI Chronology I'll be making available as a free download shortly, I thought it would be worth making the entries for a representative decade or two available so that people can decide whether to bother downloading the full document. I've called the relevant files "Koi Chrono 1950s" and "Koi Chrono 1960s". I hope the titles give some indication of the contents!

Making these documents available and receiving feedback about problems also helps to identify (and ideally resolve) problems in this method of delivery.

I've already encountered one such problem in the method of delivery in relation to the small samples over the last day or two. Unfortunately, the test samples so far have indicated that, even with these small files, my download limit with Smartgroups has been exceeded within 24 hours. So, unless and until that problem is resolved I've had to come up with an alternative source for the downloads. The best I've come up with this afternoon is to email the relevant zipped Word documents to a Gmail account and make the password available on this List so that anyone can login to that account and download the attachment. Not ideal or very elegant, but it will do for today. My apologies for any inconvenience.

Anyway, the files have been to emailed to:

[koifiles.nul](#)

which anyone is welcome to access using the link below. Simply enter the username "koifiles" and the password "opentoall".

<http://mail.google.com/>

The entries relating to events in 1950-1959 should be available to download as a zipped Word document from Smartgroup's file storage at the link below. (If the download limit error message persists, I'm afraid you will have to look for the email entitled "Koi Chrono 1950s" in the "koifiles" email account referred to above).

<http://tinyurl.com/o8gpn>

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<http://tinyurl.com/m8s9t>

These extracts are a bit larger than previous samples from the core Chronology. Koi Chrono 1950s has a file size of about 775K and Koi Chrono 1960s has a file size of about 650K.

I'm determined to resolve the problem with downloading from

Smartgroups, or find another reasonable solution, before making the full core Chronology available.

I hope these entries are of interest to Francis Ridge, as these particular decades were selected primarily to make it easier for me to provide comments to him on material on the interesting "NICAP" website. Most of you are probably familiar with that website, but just in case I'll give a link below:

<http://www.nicap.org/>

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Hall

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>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 18:33:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level?

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 22:40:31 +0000
>>Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level?

>>>I'm far from a researcher, but over my 64 years, it seems to me
>>>that the higher one's income, education, and place in the human
>>>power structure, the less likely one is to be abducted.

>>Eleanor,

>>Your impression is very mistaken. Apparently you haven't even
>>read the basic literature which indicates quite otherwise.

>You are right - I haven't been a voracious reader of abduction
>reports. But I have done some reading, and of course listening
>to Strange Days Indeed and other talk shows touching on UFOs
>over the years.

>I can't remember any abductees who were doctor so-and-so, or
>major executives, or members of Congress, or military generals
>or admirals, for example.

>(I recognize that those with 'higher' positions may be much less
>likely to report their abductions publicly, of course.)

>Can you point out a few examples of people in significant
>academic, military or political positions who have been
>abducted?

Eleanor,

Talk to anyone who has investigated, say, 100 or more cases (as I have) and they will tell you that abductions are reported by people from all walks of life. Read Budd Hopkins' books; he reports cases involving corporation officers, academics, etc. I have been in the homes of high-ranking military officers, academics, senior government employees, whose families include abductees.

- Dick

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What If There Is Bias In Selecting Abductees?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 16:21:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 19:13:09 -0500
Subject: What If There Is Bias In Selecting Abductees?

Suppose that some type of consistent bias could be found in the selection of abductees?

If substantial, might not that be a powerful argument against the Susan Clancy "mental process/aberration" explanation for abductions? Would it not indicate some sort of intelligent effort to select certain humans and not others?

Eleanor White

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Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe -

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 22:56:35 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 19:16:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe -

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Feb 2006 17:09:27 -0000
>Subject: Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe

>Hi Josh,

>Hoyle and Wickramasinghe did the math on life-friendly co-
>incidences (see "magic2.html") and they're quite striking. But
>think the Weak Anthropic Principle answers most of those
>questions: if the Universe weren't life friendly we wouldn't be
>here to talk about it.

How could we even begin to state such with our knowledge and
understanding of the Universe to be embarisingly incomplete?

>However, did a review of failures of GR and total mis-
>understanding of Quantum results (there's no theoretical model
>for QED, as there's no theoretical models for Gravity or
>Inertia: see "inertfey.txt").

>That review suggests an explanation of quantum entanglement,
>significant since mainstream science is presently refusing to
>face the consequences shown by Bell's Inequalities and Alain
>Aspect's results (and many others' since).

Well, there's a lot more problems in Quantum Mechanics, than
mere "quantum entanglement". For one, we use terms like
"particles", "strings", "membrains", etc... when matter at this
scale is not anything like the words we choose to both define
and describe them. Haven't we yet realized that if the data
suggests a "fuzzyness" to such, that our comprehension must also
be "fuzzy"? Seems not to be the case, with all manner of
scientists making bizare claims that subatomic matter is actualy
a "string". That's just as silly as saying it is a "particle"!

The truth is that the human brain cannot comprehend a new
concept or idea without first connecting or super-imposing a
prior paradigm to it or upon it. Since all of our paradigms
originate in the realm of physics, we therefore do not possess
the accurate paradigms needed to even begin comprehending the
Quantum World.

>I.e. science really has to choose between an `unreal universe'
>(no cause and effect) or an instantaneously inter-connected
>universe. But scientists are scared of both, and so they're just
>refusing to discuss it.

What about the third possibility, that the human mind is not
capable of understanding the quantum world, let alone the
Universe?

>The suggested answer to entanglement also solves the matter
>versus (dark) energy question. Problem is, the solution brings
>us right back to possible interference by external/alien
>intelligence, and on a grand scale - universe-wide!

Now that's just silly! ;) I am currently forming a model that
both connects and explains Dark Matter and Dark Energy, as

nothing more than regular baryonic matter being perceived in an unfamiliar context. For example, these problems don't make sense to us because we assume we know the shape of space, as well as the origin of the universe. I propose that our current beliefs about such are incorrect. If the shape of the universe is like a crumbled up piece of the aluminum foil-like material supposedly recovered in Roswell, then as soon as the pressure is released, it will revert back to it's original shape.

I suggest that space has just this shape, but far more dimension than we can think in. Not only do I suggest that space is crumbled up, but I also suggest that matter accumulates along the folds and creases in crumbled-up space.

I also suggest that the folds and creases themselves have been warped to such a degree that light cannot reach us from the normal baryonic matter existing on the other side of a fold or from a nearby one.

Gravity, however, would be able to influence us. As the folds and creases in space revert back to normal, matter would be pushed forward in a way that we humans would interpret as expansion.

Now, my theory explains both Dark Energy and Dark Matter, and even includes a way in which it could be tested. If gravity does influence us from places on the other sides of folds, then theoreticly we would be able to observe such. My theory is testable!

However, nothing is free and my theory comes at a great price. It would imply that "The Big Bang" created our universe, but didn't actually occur in our universe.

I am suggesting that the point, in our current model of the universe, just prior to the break down of our equations, is the actual begining of our universe. I am suggesting that there is no such thing as a "singularity", instead we are misinterpreting the data. What we now refer to as singularity, is in fact, proof that we have passed the boundry of our universe and have attempted to use our physics in a completely different universe, one in which our rules don't apply. Thus my attempt at Scientific Heresy is now complete.

- Jason

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 23:00:10 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 19:18:24 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Gammon

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 19 Feb 2006 17:09:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level?

>My impression of that original question was not about the
>_perceived_ level of danger, but the _actual_ level of danger of
>becoming an abductee.

>I'm far from a researcher, but over my 64 years, it seems to me
>that the higher one's income, education, and place in the human
>power structure, the _less_ likely one is to be abducted.

How do you figure that? Especially since the skeptics agree that
abduction claims come from all classes of society, but just are
caused by psychological reasons or out-right lying?

- Jason

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 23:30:36 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 19:20:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Gammon

>From: Mike Hughes <profpan.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 14:06:04 -0500
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 16 Feb 2006 19:44:21 EST
>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

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>>I suggest that Keel, Vallee, and a host of other
>>researchers are not "dangerous" because they have correct
>>theories. Instead, they are "dangerous" because of their
>>uniqueness of thought and their ability to see beyond certain
>>confusion and deception directly caused by the visitors.

>I suggest they are dangerous to mainstream Ufology because they
>have suggested that UFO entities are not "visitors" at all, but
>are as much denizens of this planet as humans.

O.K.

>And, even more heretically, that the UFOs and their occupants
>come to us not from interstellar space, but step through
>doorways that open inside our skulls.

Not O.K. The comments directly above leave no room for
reasoning. It's like saying "Case Closed", rubbing your hands
and walking away.

Now, If I were to take your comments above and expand on them It
would lead me to conclude that scenarios similar to movies like
"The Matrix", are indeed occuring. We are being decieved.

>>Exactly. The visitors have shown the ability to altar human
>>perception. Therefore we must never automaticly trust anything a
>>witness or abductee says, especialy so in cases where people
>>claim to have had actual attention directed at them from the
>>craft or actual interaction with the visitors themselves.

>If the encounter process involves alteration/manipulation of
>human consciousness, we might not be dealing with structured
>crafts and their occupants at all. That's the dangerous idea.

If you re-read a previous post of mine, I commented on the fact
how the craft are all similar, it's just the occupants who
differ. I think this observation is an important one.

>I posted recently about the possibility that the UFO experience
>is a non-physical (or partly non-physical) interaction between
>human consciousness and an "other."

I agree with what you stated, just not your interpretation.
Remember that we humans are creatures of both the physical and
non-physical, in the way of possessing a physical body and an
elusive mind.

>I also detailed my own
>experience with an apparent summoning of LITS. It fell like a
>lead brick into a tub of mud. I suppose that's to be expected.
>Anecdotal stories do not science make. It sure turned my head
>around, though ;-)

I don't know what a "LITS" is. I am weary of how far you are taking this whole line of thought.

>I'm not sure why the theories of Vallee and Keel (and Harpur, and others) have gained so little traction -- in fact, I find it hard to reconcile the actual evidence with more common ETH, "hardware" explanations. It's not like it's an original idea that there is a non-physical aspect to UFOs, but it gets relegated to the dustbin, while those chasing the ETH find themselves spinning in circles, year after year, decade after decade, grasping for the holy grail of *solid evidence* until their arms are ready to snap.

Yes, but that doesn't mean that the theories of Keel and Vallee are correct either.

>Yes, the phenomenon is deceptive. It seems to have a capricious personality. It has resonance and similarities with mythology and folklore, Jungian psychology, ritual magic, magnetic manipulation (a la Persinger), so-called paranormal phenomena, altered states accessed via chemicals (especially DMT), and threshold consciousness episodes (including the oft-derided "sleep paralysis").

Now I realize that you have definatley crossed the line.

>Many of us are quick to accept the physical evidence but dismiss the more esoteric data - even when the stranger stuff is much more common, and might be more useful in pinning down what is happening.

>Until we begin acknowledging those elements of the UFO enigma, instead of whispering sheepishly and sweeping them under the rug, we're missing the big picture.

>Mike

I disagree. I feel you are attempting to bend the phenomena to your view. You wouldn't be the first to do such, but you would have to ignore any information that doesn't fit your take of the situation.

- Jason

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 23:48:03 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 19:22:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Gammon

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 11:55:31 -0000
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>Right Jerome,

>It's an intellectual mistake to rush to judgment - always
>ignores evidence.

>a) there's a consistent body of high strangeness evidence
>(indicating who knows what?) - which must be considered;

Yes. Now if we pay close attention to the "when" part of an encounter, we realize that most strangeness occurs when a person interacts with a being. This is important. Smacks of masking to me.

>b) there's a consistent body of ETH evidence (indicating at
>least a physical presence) - which also must be considered.

Yes. The craft are similar, just not the occupants nor their supposed motivations for visiting.

>Vallee wrote: "this is a complex phenomenon ... Let's step back
>and look at what it's doing to us" - and his Messengers of
>Deception strongly hinted at fairly massive investment in
>subterfuge, presumably for political (or mind control?)
>purposes.

Yes. I agree completely. It has even been suggested that the the military is using "alien abduction" with regard to various mind control experimentation programs, like MK-ULTRA for example. If the subject believes they are being abducted by aliens, then they are far less likely to seek the help of local authorities.

But, this is not what I feel is happening. I feel our visitors are behind this form of "mind-control". I feel that it's purpose is two-fold;

- 1.) To disguise the true motivations of our visitors and
- 2.) to gain the level of knowledge of the human mind necessary for wide-spread control.

I've often wondered if the abductees are examples of individuals who think differently than most people. I would like to see a study done showing the level of gifted/genius to those of average intelligence.

>Reason enough for him subsequently being warned to keep quiet?

I disagree. I feel they wanted him to shout it to the mountains! Communicate the falsehoods and thus conceal the truth.

- Jason

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UFO Videoed Near Brisbane

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 18:02:57 +1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 19:27:53 -0500
Subject: UFO Videoed Near Brisbane

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Have just seen a sketchy report on TEN News regarding a woman's sighting of an extremely bright light 60 kms away from Amberley Airbase, Queensland. The woman's baby daughter brought her attention to the light and she rushed for her video camera and managed to capture what at first seemed like a full moon with the bottom quarter/eighth in darkness. Looking closer it did seem to have a pattern of dark spots all over it.

Amberly Airforce base was called and they said they definitely had nothing in the sky at that time.

On first look at the very clear video, it reminded me a little of the Kaikoura sighting in New Zealand in 1988(?) without the movement.

Other news services may have given the time/date etc and the woman was quite open in speaking, but as usual the Aussie Media tended to laugh it off hence the piece being so short. I think it was last night the 21st Feb I will try to get more info or perhaps Sheryl Gottschall may be able to tell us more.

Regards

William

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Evidence Of Children's UFO & ET Encounters

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 08:12:38 -0500
Subject: Evidence Of Children's UFO & ET Encounters

Source: PR Web.Com

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2006/2/prweb349025.htm>

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Evidence of Children's UFO and Extraterrestrial Encounters to be Presented at a United Nations Affiliated Conference in Montreal

After being involved with over 1000 experiencers (alien abductees), a former registered nurse, who is now a professional counselor and clinical hypnotherapist, has concluded that alien "abductions"=94 are not only real encounters, but that they are about spiritual awakening and galactic contact. Mary Rodwell is not alone, as a growing number of academics, scientists and politicians, such as the former Canadian Minister of Defense Hon. Paul Hellyer, are starting to support the core of her paradigm shifting views about life in the Universe and that some UFOs are extraterrestrial spaceships.

Perth, Australia (PRWEB) February 22, 2006 -- A former registered nurse who has worked with hundreds of clients, including many children, will be revealing evidence of their encounters with extraterrestrial beings at an upcoming conference in Montreal, Canada.

After a decade of research as a professional counselor and clinical hypnotherapist, Australia's Mary Rodwell says that there is now enough evidence to conclude that these "beings"=94 appear to come from other planets and other dimensions parallel to our own.

She will be making her presentation at the 31st annual conference of the International Institute of Integral Human Sciences (IIIHS) taking place in Montreal May 5th to 14th, 2006.

The IIIHS is a non-profit organization affiliated with the United Nations Department of Public Information. It serves over 10,000 general members and students from many nations towards the convergence of new sciences with spirituality and universal human values, creating inter-religious and inter-cultural understanding for world peace.

Rodwell will be one of more than 60 speakers to address the IIIHS, with other distinguished professionals such as medical doctors, psychiatrists, physicists, scientists, psychologists, spiritual leaders, and even a former NASA astronaut (www.iiihs.org).

She is a co-founder of the Australian Close Encounter Resource Network (ACERN), vice-President of Star Kids Project Ltd., founded by Dr. Richard Boylan, and the author of "Awakening: How Extraterrestrial Contact can Transform Your Life"=94.

Rodwell says that after being involved with over 1,000

"experiencers=94 (alien abductees) nothing had prepared her for what she discovered.

"My clients include both adults and children who exhibit transformative changes such as telepathy, clairvoyance and healing as they become more spiritually aware and begin to operate on a multi-dimensional band of reality=94, says Rodwell. "In the last 10 years, clients have come to me from the U.K, North America, Europe, Russia, Japan and South America=94.

Rodwell also explains that part of her client's contact experiences seems to inspire them to draw complex artwork, scripts, symbols and sometimes speaking strange languages.

"An eight year old has called her downloading of information =91knowledge bombs', as complex data conveyed through mental images and concepts seem to create a heightened consciousness level=94, says Rodwell. "These =91Star Children' exhibit a maturity and wisdom beyond their years and often describe their connection to spirit and angelic realms=94.

This former registered nurse is not the only one to have noticed a change with today's children. A May 2005 USA Today article quotes James Twyman, producer of films on "Indigo Children=94, as saying that a new generation of special children are among us who have increased telepathic abilities and are spiritually awakened.

The name "Indigo Children=94 comes from a blue indigo colored aura that some people say they can see around these children, as per a January 2006 New York Times article.

ABC News' Diane Sawyers has also explored the issue of these extraordinary children in a November 2005 interview with an entire family of "Indigo Children=94. Sawyers said that this phenomenon was "fascinating=94 and was "across the country=94.

Rodwell explains that while many "Star Children=94 and "Indigo Children=94 have telepathic abilities, are spiritually awakened and often describe seeing "Beings of Light=94 (angels), the main difference is that "Star Children=94 have recollections of having had encounters with extraterrestrial beings and of sometimes having been on alien spaceships.

Though many medical professionals are still skeptical, in November 2003, Rodwell's work was featured in the Australian Doctor Focus Magazine, a prestigious Australian medical journal.

Rodwell is not alone with her views as a growing number of professionals in the medical community share her conclusions and have spoken publicly.

Such people include the late world-renowned Harvard Medical School professor of psychiatry, Dr. John E. Mack, author of "Passport to the Cosmos=94. and Dr. Janet Colli, author of "Sacred Encounters =96 Spiritual Awakenings During Close Encounters=94. Dr. Colli will also speak at Montreal's IIIHS conference.

Rodwell's work continues to raise serious questions that were raised in February 2005 on ABC News by the late Peter Jennings in his two hour Primetime Special: "UFOs =96 Seeing is Believing=94.

Jennings' millions of viewers were presented with a small portion of the 150 interviews conducted by ABC in regards to the controversial and enigmatic issue of UFOs and extraterrestrial encounters. Jennings concluded that many UFOs were indeed unidentified and that questions about their origin remained unanswered.

To Rodwell, the answer is that we are being visited by extraterrestrial civilizations. Her conclusion is echoed by the former Canadian Minister of National Defense Hon. Paul Hellyer, who, in September of 2005, went public saying that UFOs were as real as the airplanes that fly over our heads, and were indeed extraterrestrial vehicles.

During a December 2005 NBC News interview with Tucker Carlson, Hellyer quoted former high level Pentagon officials as the source of his information. One of his sources includes an unnamed retired US Air Force General who spoke with him directly and confirmed that some UFOs were indeed "identified" and were

piloted by extraterrestrial intelligences.

Hellyer is not the only politician who has raised the issue of UFOs. A CNN November 2002 article quoted President Clinton's former White House Chief of Staff, John Podesta, asking for the Pentagon to come clean and to declassify their UFO files.

Podesta currently supports a Coalition for Freedom of Information lawsuit against NASA asking for the declassification of their top secret files in relations to the 1965 UFO crash in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania.

Though her evidence does not include an actual UFO, Rodwell says that she has evidence from a scientific, medical, psychological, and historical perspective to support her paradigm shifting conclusion that children are being evolved and transformed on many levels through extraterrestrial encounters.

This evidence will be presented in her first Canadian presentation in Montreal May 5th-14th, 2006 at the IIIHS conference. Rodwell is available for media interviews.

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Re: Spinning 'UFO' Footage? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 10:14:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 08:14:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Spinning 'UFO' Footage? - Kaeser

>From: Ralph Howard <rhjr.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 12:21:02 -0500
>Subject: Spinning 'UFO' Footage?

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><http://www.wimp.com/ufofootage/>

WEBSense won't allow this page to be viewed, and I'm not sure of the reason. It could be too many pop-up ads, or some nefarious activity in the background. Of the program could be screwing up ... <g>

Just thought I'd mention it.

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Re: Spinning 'UFO' Footage? - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 10:58:57 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 08:16:07 -0500
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>It's an interesting clip, particularly the spinning effect. I
>venture no opinion as to the veracity and 'real'-ness of the
>object in the clip. Maybe something can be learned from it.

Now why would you waste your time on such an obvious fraud?

- Jason

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Re: Sir Eric Gairy And His E.T. Secret - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 13:11:17 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 08:28:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Sir Eric Gairy And His E.T. Secret - Balaskas

>From: Michael Salla <exopolitics.nul>
>To: <UFOupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 06:55:26 -1000
>Subject: Sir Eric Gairy And His E.T. Secret

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>Here's a fascinating account of the political events
>surrounding Sir Eric Gairy who was the Prime Minister of Grenada
>(1974-79) and prime sponsor of a UN Resolution to study UFOs and
>extraterrestrial life that was adopted in 1978.

>'Coincidentally', Sir Eric's government was 'overthrown' by a
>Marxist coup just as he was about to meet with UN Secretary
>General Kurt Waldheim to further discuss ET/UFO related affairs
>in 1979. I think Wesley Bateman's account of Sir Eric is likely a
>very accurate account of what was happening behind the scenes in
>Sir Eric's profound exopolitical difficulties.

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><http://groups.yahoo.com/group/exopolitics/message/280>

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>Sir Eric Gairy and His E.T. Secret

>By Wesley H. Bateman

<snip>

>My next question was: Where did he learn of me and my interest
>in UFOs? He said, that "after a number of UFO sightings that
>were reported though out the island of Grenada, he put out the
>word that he wanted to talk to anyone that had any knowledge of
>UFOs or intelligent extraterrestrial life. From this search, a
>woman contacted him that claimed she had telepathic contact with
>extraterrestrials. She gave him the list of names he should
>contact for more information. When he mentioned that he wanted
>to learn as much as possible from me about the "Frequency
>Barrier" I knew Dr. Gairy was seriously trying to solved the UFO
>mystery.

<snip>

Mrs. Francis Swan was another woman that was allegedly in
"telepathic" contact with extraterrestrials (eg. AFFA, one of
the ETs in the two mysterious objects that entered Earth orbit
in 1952). There was very much interest in the revelations of
these ETs by Canadian and U.S. government and military
officials. Project Magnet scientist Wilbert B. Smith built and
experimented with a radio device that enabled him to make mental
contact with these ETs.

>I asked if he told Kurt Walheim. He said he never got the time
>or opportunity. "Although the alien body was really my only
>reason for arranging a one on one talk with him, I was
>emotionally reacting to the rebellion and I knew I could not
>prove the story, unless I was back in Grenada and personally

>showed him the alien body. Returning to Grenada and being
>reinstated as Prime Minister was my first priority."

<snip>

Although Wilbert B. Smith never knowingly met with ETs in person, according to close friends and his family, he was shown dead ET bodies which he could not talk about openly. The debris from crashed UFOs and other artificial ET material that he and fellow Canadian scientists were allowed to examine was returned to a high level secret group (not the USAF, etc.) which he was not at liberty to name or talk about.

>It is now clear that the St. George's Medical School was a prime
>location the U.S. Military wanted to capture as soon as
>possible. Even though it is also now very evident that the
>American students at the school were at no time in any danger.

>I think it is safe for me to conclude that Sir Eric by this time
>had passed on to the U.S. government where he had place the
>giant alien body and the metallic debris that was recovered that
>early morning on the island of Grenada.

Going through the many thousands of pages of correspondence, documents, books and audio/visual media in the Smith/Bray UFO collection at the University of Ottawa archives I found many other interesting comments. Below is one by Wilbert B. Smith to a Mr. Caswell dated February 23, 1959 (45 years ago!).

For your information EVERY nation on this planet has been officially informed of the existence of the space craft and their occupants from elsewhere, and as nations they must accept responsibility for any lack of action or for any official position which they may take. There is nothing more to be done along these lines, and effort in this direction is effort wasted. [Box 1126, File 03, Page 043]

In an article in the newsletter 'UFO Contact' we find that Paul Hellyer was indeed aware of a secret pre-Project Magnet and pre-Project Second Storey Canadian effort to make direct contact with the "visitors". Below is a short quote from this newsletter. [Box 1126, File 05, Page 033]

Now we discover that the Canadian authorities had a very REAL interest in flying saucers. Canadian Defense Minister Paul Hellyer has recently disclosed that "the Canadian government 13 years ago made available the defence research board experimental station at Suffield, Alberta, as a landing site for Unidentified Flying Objects."

"The special Canadian committee, checking out reports of UFO sightings over Canada, ceased to function about 10 years ago, according to Mr. Hellyer."

The interview with the Defense Minister, reported in the "Ottawa Journal", goes on: "The investigation in recent times have been cursory and on a hit-or-miss basis, it is understood."

(This obviously indicates that the earliest investigation was a more thorough affair. - R.C.)

There is obviously a lot more that Paul Hellyer can tell us about UFOs - which is also confirmed by his closest friends. Canada and probably "every nation on this planet" has already been briefed about UFOs in secret but why the continuing secrecy? I am reminded what British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told Georgina Bruni while she was researching the Rendlesham Forest UFO landings. Thatcher told Bruni "You can't tell the people" and "You must get your facts right".

If the public cannot be told the truth about UFOs, apparently at any cost, we at least deserve to know why not. Although they support the continuing secrecy about UFOs, no single government in the world is in control of real truth behind UFOs and the "visitors". This knowledge is held by a few who are not directly accountable to us, the public. I agree with Grant Cameron (he spoke on Errol's 'Strange Days... Indeed' radio program on UFOs recently) that it will be at least another half a century, if at all, before we get full disclosure about UFOs.

Nick Balaskas

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Secrecy News -- 02/22/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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SCHOPENHAUER AND UNCONSCIOUS THOUGHT

"Contrary to conventional wisdom, it is not always advantageous to engage in thorough conscious deliberation before choosing," according to a paper published in the latest issue of Science magazine.

Unconscious thought, defined as "thought or deliberation in the absence of conscious attention directed at the problem," can sometimes yield superior results, University of Amsterdam psychologists found. And they suggest that the same effect can be "generalize[d] to other types of choices -- political, managerial, or otherwise."

See "On Making the Right Choice: The Deliberation-Without-Attention Effect" by Ap Dijksterhuis, et al, Science, vol. 311, 17 February 2006 (free abstract):

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/abstract/311/5763/1005>

So does that mean that the processes of political deliberation should be restructured to place greater emphasis on intuition and "hunches"? Not exactly.

The strengths and limits of "unconscious thought" were considered by author Sue Halpern in a review of Malcolm Gladwell's book "Blink" in the New York Review of Books (April 28, 2005):

<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/17954>

"Intuition is often understood as an antithesis to analytic decision-making, as something inherently nonanalytic or preanalytic," Halpern quotes neuropsychologist Elkhonon Goldberg. "But in reality, intuition is the condensation of vast prior analytic experience; it is analysis compressed and crystallized."

In other words, the productivity of "unconscious thought" is probably dependent upon all of the conscious thought, analysis and experience that precedes it.

(Making a similar point, a favorite teacher once advised that

"It is one thing for Aldous Huxley to take LSD," since Huxley was immensely learned. "It is something else for *you* to do it.")

"The possibility of unconscious thought (as well as the term) was explicitly used for the first time by Schopenhauer," write Dijksterhuis et al in their new Science paper.

The German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860) was also credited by Freud as a forerunner of psychoanalysis.

"Schopenhauer argued at length, and with a psychological insight which was altogether unprecedented, that empirical evidence points to the conclusion not only that most of our thoughts and feelings are unknown to us but that the reason for this is a process of repression which is itself unconscious," wrote Bryan Magee in his magnificent "The Philosophy of Schopenhauer" (Oxford, rev. 1997).

In several respects Schopenhauer was an unsavory character. He had a bad case of anti-semitism which earned him a favorable mention in Hitler's Mein Kampf.

But Magee does for Schopenhauer what the late Walter Kaufmann did for Nietzsche several decades ago -- he makes him intelligible to the non-specialist reader, as well as interesting and, quite unexpectedly, important.

Magee served briefly in British intelligence (to return to more familiar territory) and wrote a quasi-existentialist spy novel called "To Live in Danger" (1960, long out of print) that is not entirely bad.

CRS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY

Several reports of the Congressional Research Service on nuclear weapons policy have recently been updated, including the following:

"Nuclear Weapons: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," updated January 23, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/IB92099.pdf>

"North Korea's Nuclear Weapons Program," updated January 17, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/IB91141.pdf>

"Nonstrategic Nuclear Weapons," updated January 13, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL32572.pdf>

"Nuclear Arms Control: The U.S.-Russian Agenda," updated January 3, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/IB98030.pdf>

WASHINGTON POST ON THE AIPAC CASE

The Washington Post took further note today of the potentially severe implications for the press of the controversial prosecution of two former officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

"The Bush administration said that journalists can be prosecuted under current espionage laws for receiving and publishing classified information but that such a step 'would raise legitimate and serious issues and would not be undertaken lightly,' according to a court filing made public this week," the Post reported.

See "Press Can Be Prosecuted for Having Secret Files, U.S. Says," by Walter Pincus, Washington Post, February 22:

<http://tinyurl.com/ng76c>

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Olson

From: **Jeff Olson** <jlolson.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 12:37:40 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 09:37:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Olson

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:17:07 -0600
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>I do not consider intellectual incoherence excusable simply
>because we are dealing with difficult problems which arguably
>transcend current knowledge. There is a whole lot of
>intellectually coherent literature, from various informed points
>of view (e.g., Hilary Evans on psychosocial perspectives,
>Swords, Friedman, and Hall on the ETH, Hufford, Ring, and Harpur
>on high-strangeness material, Bullard and Appelle on abductions,
>and more), addressing these complex and puzzling matters. The
>abandonment of reason in the face of the ostensibly unreasonable
>is an intellectual error of fatal proportions.

Very well-said indeed, Jerry. It's as though some so-called
Ufologists throw their hands in the air when faced with the
puzzling confluence of facts and speculations which attend this
subject. They seek refuge in magical/New Age thinking in much
the same way our ancestors, lacking modern scientific
methodology and knowledge, dreamed up gods and spirits when
confronted with puzzling aspects of nature.

The last thing we should do when faced with the inexplicable is
to abandon logic and to seek solace in incoherent mysticism. On
the contrary, that's the time to gear up our reasoning abilities
- to apply even more logical rigor to the mysteries at hand.

These same people who cry "paranormal" when faced with unusual
technology today would no doubt, if living in an earlier age,
pronounce a Ford Mustang to be a "chariot from heaven"
(actually, some modern-day fans say something similar, but
that's another story:-).

Jeff

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Re: Vallee Revelation On Rendlesham - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 21:51:30 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 09:38:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Revelation On Rendlesham - Pope

>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 17:38:15 +0100
>Subject: Vallee Revelation On Rendlesham

>To the List, Nick Pope and Georgina Bruni,

>Jacques Vallee, in his interview last week on a Paris radio
>program ("Ici et maintenant"), has supposed again that
>Rendlesham was in fact a psychological experiment, staging a
>fake ufo landing. He has argued that some 'people' had visited
>the radar operators before the incident, and had told them to
>watch for what was going to come from the sea.

>Have you heard of that story? Can you confirm it, and what do
>you make of it?

The theory has been around for some years and is sometimes
linked to stories about holographic projections (the so-called
'ghost gun'), deception, Psyops, etc. There's quite a lot of
material about this on the internet and Georgina Bruni touches
on this in 'You Can't Tell The People', in the chapter entitled
'The Case for the UFO'.

I've neither seen any documents nor heard anything from official
sources that would support this theory.

My own view is that it's highly unlikely.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - White

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 19:12:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 09:40:03 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - White

>From: James Smith <zeus001002.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 10:27:09 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level?

<snip>

>I think the problem with abductee reports is likely the same
>as the harassment reports you often refer to.

Interesting - I didn't think about it at the time, but we haven't heard of any really seniou people in the power sense being targeted.

The majority, before becoming targets, were neither the powerful and well connected, nor as far as we know, were we down and outers in the street. (We can't confirm that without going into shelters and doing a lot of interviews.)

We were people with viable careers, at least average in financial and educational status before becoming targeted. From my very limited knowledge of abductees who make reports, we were probably not much different statistically.

Eleanor White

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Re: What If There Is Bias In Selecting Abductees?

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 00:32:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 09:41:16 -0500
Subject: Re: What If There Is Bias In Selecting Abductees?

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 16:21:21 -0500
>Subject: What If There Is Bias In Selecting Abductees?

>Suppose that some type of consistent bias could be found in
>the selection of abductees?

>If substantial, might not that be a powerful argument against
>the Susan Clancy "mental process/aberration" explanation for
>abductions? Would it not indicate some sort of intelligent
>effort to select certain humans and not others?

You can suppose this, that, and the other but what does that have to do with empirical data? I try to stay empiracally grounded. There are no strong or convincing statistics one way or the other; the main `data' are anecdotal, with a measure of not-too-well documented physical supporting evidence.

What it comes down to in my mind is evaluation of individual witness credibility, for which I have some credentials. My very subjective (but well-grounded in serious investigation) reading is that the posited abductors are equal opportunity abductors. They have no yet observable biases as to whom they pick up.

Anyone who claims otherwise should be able to cite chapter and verse, or otherwise admit that they are only guessing. And when those raising this issue admit, as you have candidly done, that they really are not familiar with the literature, then the lesson is that you should read it before guessing and supposing things that are not supported by the findings of actual, deeply involved investigators. - Dick

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Re: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But... - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 19:53:46 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 09:45:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But... - Friedman

>From: Laurent Leger <exophys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 18:59:20 +0100
>Subject: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But...

>Some of you discussed on the List the point whether the facts
>related in Jacques Vallee's novel are totally fictitious or not.
>About this subject, I would like to add the following facts.....

<snip>

I am on vacation, but would like to point out that Roswell Army
Air Force Base was not a research facility but a SAC base.

The acceleration data were obtained at White Sands Missile Range
some distance away.

Colonel Stapp's sled is still on display at the Tombaugh museum
in Alamogordo.

There is a range of mountains between there and Roswell.

Stan Friedman

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 20:30:25 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 09:52:50 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Boone

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Feb 2006 15:25:00 EST
>Subject: What's The UFO Danger Level?

>For those of you with the experience and knowledge what would
>you say to the folks out there quite scared of things that go >beam
>in the night?

I've just realized my initial question was already answered and
I chalk my lack of awareness to fatigue.

I should have realized if the UFO situation was that dangerous
then the ufologists and those abductees would have been long
gone hiding out in bunkers surrounded with sandbags and wearing
those WWI pit helmets.

My fatigue was due to year after year of grief from losing loved
ones to mishaps during surgery and other malpractice issues.

In one week alone I've found out about three new cases in regard
to family and friends. This is a national crisis that far
exceeds any threat from beyond we could imagine or muster.

Methinks I should have asked what the danger level is regarding
the terrestrials not the extraterrestrials.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Sighting In Rosewood Queensland Australia -

From: Diane Harrison <aufor.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 12:10:36 +1000
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 09:55:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Sighting In Rosewood Queensland Australia -

UFO Sighting Rosewood Queensland Australia

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Time reported: 9.29 am.
Date: 22.02.06

A Rosewood Woman Believes She Has Proof That There Really Is
Life Out Of This World

Story by: Andrew Leahy Channel 10 TV
& Channel 10 News reporter Marie-Louise Theile
Date: 22nd February 2006

Transcribed from Channel 10s TV interview:
by Vivian Jensen & Diane Harrison AUFORN

Some images can be found at this link:

<http://www.aufor.nul.com/rosewoodFeb2006.html>

Marie-Louise Theile: A Rosewood woman believes she has proof
that there really is life out of this world. Nicole Compton
captured images with her video camera that she says are of a UFO
hovering near her house.

Andrew Leahy: Its a view thats out of this world, but early this
morning Nicole Compton saw something through her bedroom window
that sent shivers down her spine.

Nicole Compton: In the sky there was just a really awesome
bright white light, like just really blindingly like white.

Andrew Leahy: Eerily it was the crying of her two year old that
woke her, the Rosewood mother of two grabbed her video camera
and captured these images just after three this morning.

Nicole Compton: I'm not one to believe in that kind of thing but
I reckon it might have been a UFO .

Andrew Leahy: She woke her husband Matt who was pessimistic at
first but he couldn't explain the light either.

Matt Kanofski: Obviously it was something different, there was
no noise you know like a plane or a chopper.

Andrew Leahy: She even woke her sister who lives twenty minutes
away and made her look out her window to verify it was really
there. Ironically enough where Nicole lives is called 'The
Bluff', and with Amberly Airbase just 15 km away the skeptic's
would say the lights had to be an aircraft, but the RAAF have
assured us that they had nothing in the air at that time.

While it could be a weather balloon the Bureau of Meteorology
says thats highly unlikely. While astronomers from Brisbane
Planetarium believe it could have been Venus rising .

Nicole Compton: I've never seen anything like that it was pretty
frightening really.

Re: Sighting In Rosewood Queensland Australia -

Andrew Leahy: No matter the theories Nicole says she knows what she saw and says she'll never forget it.
Andrew Leahy Ten News.

[Case under investigation]

Regards Diane Harrison

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Re: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But... - Redfern

From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 18:24:54 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 09:56:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But... - Redfern

>From: Laurent Leger <exophys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 18:59:20 +0100
>Subject: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But...

>Some of you discussed on the List the point whether the facts
>related in Jacques Vallee's novel are totally fictitious or not.
>About this subject, I would like to add the following facts.....

>The author gave an interview on a French FM station last Tuesday
>(14 Feb.) and a few minutes at the end were dedicated to the
>novel itself. Answering to some critical comments, he recalled
>that "it is a novel" but he also stated that "there is a lot of
>things between the lines" (in french: "il y a beaucoup de choses
>entre les lignes"), and that the authors of the criticisms "have
>not seen the real goal of the book". Unfortunately, he has not
>said what was this goal.

>More specifically, about the part of the story that joins the
>content of Nick Redfern's book, he recalls:

>"In the novel, it is an old doctor of medecine, quite senile,
>and utterly drunken who tells this story, in a shady bar in
>Oklahoma". [sic]

>"It is not Jacques Vallee, climbing on a pedestal who claims
>this story urbi et orbi, it is a character one can doubt".

>Then he recalled the thesis of Nick Redfern's book, adding he
>did not copy it. Jacques Vallee added that Nick Redfern did all
>of us a good turn by bringing this approach to the Roswell
>incident up for discussion (doubts about what really crashed at
>Roswell). He concluded that at that time many crashes occurred in
>Roswell region and that it was the place where aeronautic
>experiments were done (human body resistance to acceleration,
>etc...)

>"There is a Roswell secret, but ufology's error is to make
>this the case number one".

>This text explanation will probably help a little about the real
>nature of Vallee's last novel. However, I am not sure it will
>remove more haze than it adds, on a field that really doesn't
>need it!

Laurent

Thanks for updating us on this. Very interesting, regardless of
what it does or does not imply. If there is some "goal" behind
the book, and Vallee did not use the scenario directly from Body
Snatchers, then (as per that chronological list of other
informants and accounts I put on-List a few days ago) there may
very well be even more people speaking about this than has been
assumed.

It will be interesting to see what this "goal" might turn out to
be.

I do agree with Vallee on the point that far too much emphasis is put on Roswell. A lot of people outside of our community, I am sure, imagine that Ufology stands or falls on Roswell.

It doesn't. There are plenty of strong cases to show that there is a genuinely unexplained phenomenon at work. And that phenomenon does not stand or fall on whether it crashed at Roswell or not.

Nick R.

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Brian Bessent Confess To Hoax

From: **Santiago Yturria Garza** <syturria.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 05:45:56 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 10:01:25 -0500
Subject: Brian Bessent Confess To Hoax

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I received a message from Scott Davis, producer for KTVK-TV Channel 3 News in Phoenix regarding the infamous Brian Bessent, the one who tried to deceive the world with a clearly-hoaxed UFO video on June 5, 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona. Bessent finally confessed how he created the a fraud just to make money.

Santiago Yturria

>From Scott Davis:

Remember Brian Bessent and his "incredible" UFO video from last June? The Newsroom called him out as a faker and fraud. At the time, Bessent put up quite a fight. Now it appears he's changed his tune.

Before you visit his web site, know a few things: It is vulgar, it is immature and it is unconfirmed at this point. After all, it could have been hacked. But from our experiences with Mr. Bessent, I'm guessing this is as close as we'll get to the REAL Brian Bessent, a self-described stoner and drunk who had a few laughs at the expense of many people's fragile beliefs.

Proceed with caution:

<http://www.ufotheatre.com>

~unexplained~
Scott Davis
KTVK-TV
Phoenix, AZ
(and by the way, I'm 5'11" in my bare feet)

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:26:25 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:06:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 08:42:57 -0600
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 11:55:31 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>Vallee wrote: "this is a complex phenomenon... Let's step
>>back and look at what it's doing to us" - and his Messengers of
>>Deception strongly hinted at fairly massive investment in
>>subterfuge, presumably for political (or mind control?)
>>purposes.

>>Reason enough for him subsequently being warned to keep quiet?

>Hardly. Messengers is surely Vallee's worst book.

>As my friend the prominent religious scholar J. Gordon Melton
>(University of California at Santa Barbara) once cracked to me,
>if Vallee had read one book on the sociology of religion, he
>never would have written Messengers. It's a conspiracy-theory
>exercise, and even as such things go, remarkably evidence-free.
>It also is extraordinarily naive in its depiction of how
>religious ideas arise and circulate through society.

Hi Jerome,

You may be right about Messengers literary or documentary
qualities. However my comments were about Vallee's (at the time)
apparently growing worry that manufactured "dis-info" was being
thrown into the pot - presumably for power-purposes.

Quote - "The group of people who will first manage to harness
the fear of cosmic forces and the emotions surrounding UFO
contact to a political purpose will be able to exert incredible
spiritual blackmail" - from Messengers.

We might even have witnessed a trial run. During Oct / Nov '02
several things happened:-

- a) big-deal political elections in USA
- b) "UFO photo at NY airport" flap (that rod-like thing)
- c) Search-engines "lose" all or most HTML links to
perceptions reports.txt

in Google (i.e. "psyche storms" & "exosci" `disappeared' from 29
Oct - 09 Nov)

- d) US elections went (I think) the "fear / aggression" way -
more or less as that reports.txt (and Vallee?) had suggested.

There's no way to know if those were connected. Yet it was very

frustrating not being able to "see" a page which, before and after the election period, was and still is automatic top return for "psyche storms" (the loss happened simultaneously on Google, Allthe Web and BBC searches as well as smaller S/Es).

If it was an experiment, and goodness knows there are enough well-funded black-ops psychos in the security agencies who're willing and able, then we might find out in 50 years or so.

However, given the increased re-write of history by just 'disappearing' documents, wouldn't count on it even then.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:39:18 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:08:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Hall

>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 12:37:40 -0800
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:17:07 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>I do not consider intellectual incoherence excusable simply
>>because we are dealing with difficult problems which arguably
>>transcend current knowledge. There is a whole lot of
>>intellectually coherent literature, from various informed points
>>of view (e.g., Hilary Evans on psychosocial perspectives,
>>Swords, Friedman, and Hall on the ETH, Hufford, Ring, and Harpur
>>on high-strangeness material, Bullard and Appelle on abductions,
>>and more), addressing these complex and puzzling matters. The
>>abandonment of reason in the face of the ostensibly unreasonable
>>is an intellectual error of fatal proportions.

>Very well-said indeed, Jerry. It's as though some so-called
>Ufologists throw their hands in the air when faced with the
>puzzling confluence of facts and speculations which attend this
>subject. They seek refuge in magical/New Age thinking in much
>the same way our ancestors, lacking modern scientific
>methodology and knowledge, dreamed up gods and spirits when
>confronted with puzzling aspects of nature.

>The last thing we should do when faced with the inexplicable is
>to abandon logic and to seek solace in incoherent mysticism. On
>the contrary, that's the time to gear up our reasoning abilities
>- to apply even more logical rigor to the mysteries at hand.

>These same people who cry "paranormal" when faced with unusual
>technology today would no doubt, if living in an earlier age,
>pronounce a Ford Mustang to be a "chariot from heaven"
>(actually, some modern-day fans say something similar, but
>that's another story:-).

Jeff,

Very well said yourself. Absolutely dead on. The trouble is, at least I have come to believe this, that the New Agers don't even realize they are doing it. They really think they have an epistemology that is superior to scientific method. However, they often do betray an underlying current of anti-science which pops up here and there in their rhetoric, and that tends to show that they are spiritual questors looking for something superior to bad ol' science. They confuse bad uses and bad products of science (atomic weapons, poisonous chemicals unleashed in the environment) with the method. Indeed the approach does get badly misused all too often, but that is a human failing, not a fault of the method.

- Dick

"The abandonment of reason in the face of the ostensibly unreasonable is an intellectual error of fatal proportions."
-- Jerry Clark, UFO Updates, Feb. 22, 2006.

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:46:33 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:09:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 12:37:40 -0800
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>pronounce a Ford Mustang to be a "chariot from heaven"
>(actually, some modern-day fans say something similar, but
>that's another story:-).

Hi Jeff,

Quite agree, but problem is that many hard-liners claim "logic"
as an excuse for excluding speculation and even evidence.

Whereas, as your second para illustrates, we presently have few
real scientific or logical grounds for excluding almost anything
- because we know so very little.

Cheers
Ray D

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Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe -

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 16:08:09 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:10:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe -

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 22:56:35 EST
>Subject: Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe

>I am suggesting that the point, in our current model of the
>universe, just prior to the break down of our equations, is the
>actual begining of our universe. I am suggesting that there is
>no such thing as a "singularity", instead we are misinterpreting
>the data. What we now refer to as singularity, is in fact, proof
>that we have passed the boundry of our universe and have
>attempted to use our physics in a completely different universe,
>one in which our rules don't apply. Thus my attempt at
>Scientific Heresy is now complete.

Congratulations Jason,

However, personally often come back to things rarely discussed
by cosmologists:

- a) - what happens (is happening) at the edge of their theoretical universe?
- b) is there an 'outside' of their theoretical universe?
- c) what is the mechanics of 'time' in their theoretical universe?
(for example. is it an 'internal' or 'external' mechanism?)

Although a few folk (like John D Barrow in his last two books on
'Constants of Nature' - which may be changing) have sometimes
referred to these questions in passing, there don't seem to be
any answers available, at least not to primitives like us.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Spinning 'UFO' Footage? - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 10:29:22 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:11:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Spinning 'UFO' Footage? - Groff

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 10:14:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Spinning 'UFO' Footage?

>>From: Ralph Howard <rhjr.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 12:21:02 -0500
>>Subject: Spinning 'UFO' Footage?

>>Updates Listers,

>A colleague of mine passed along a link to a short .wmv clip of
>a (supposed) UFO. I've not seen mention of it on UpDates, though
>I did see one previous mention (May 2005, by Terry Groff) of
>another clip on this same site, wimp.com.

>><http://www.wimp.com/ufofootage/>

>WEBSense won't allow this page to be viewed, and I'm not sure of
>the reason. It could be too many pop-up ads, or some nefarious
>activity in the background. Of the program could be screwing up
>... <g>

>Just thought I'd mention it.

This footage has been brought up before. I believe it's a hoax
and it almost appears to have been done by the same people that
did the fake WTC footage. The CGI looks very similar.

Terry

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Seeking Cryptozoologic Info

From: Cory Cameron <corycameron_510.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 12:04:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:13:18 -0500
Subject: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info

Dear list:

Can someone please advise me as to whether or not
cryptozoologists have studied the purported 'Mothman',
'Chupacabra' or cattle mutilation theories and to where/what
extent if any, were made of the conclusions of these studies,

Kindest Regards,

Cory

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Secrecy News -- 02/23/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 11:29:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:15:14 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/23/06

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES RESPONDS TO RECLASSIFICATION

Responding to a February 21 New York Times story indicating that thousands of declassified documents had been reclassified by executive branch agencies and removed from public access in questionable circumstances, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announced yesterday that an official investigation into the matter was underway.

An audit is being conducted by the Information Security Oversight Office, a NARA component, to determine the number of documents that have been withdrawn, the authorization and justification for the withdrawal, and the appropriateness of the reclassification action.

(Agencies dispute that any documents have been "reclassified." Instead, they contend, the withdrawn records were never properly declassified and so have remained classified all along.)

"The audit will result in a public report designed to provide the greatest feasible degree of transparency to this classification activity," NARA said. "It is anticipated that the report will be available within the next 60 days."

See "The National Archives Responds to Reclassification of Documents," NARA news release, February 22:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/02/nara022206.html>

The reclassification issue is more than a minor bureaucratic glitch. It has become a threat to the integrity of the entire national security classification and declassification program.

It would not be surprising if there were isolated cases of mistaken declassification. But because many of the now-withdrawn documents are widely available in the public domain, on the National Security Archive web site and elsewhere, anyone can see that the authority to reclassify and remove them has been improperly exercised in many cases. Government officials have admitted as much.

"If those sample records [reviewed by the Information Security

Oversight Office] were removed because somebody thought they were classified, I'm shocked and disappointed," ISOO Director Bill Leonard told the New York Times. "It just boggles the mind."

But if records were mistakenly withdrawn in this case, what confidence can anyone have that classification authority is being properly invoked, for example, in the ongoing review of declassified historical records conducted by the Department of Energy? That review, conducted under the 1999 Kyl/Lott amendment, has also led to the removal of many thousands of DOE and other agency records that supposedly contain classified nuclear weapons information.

And what about Bush Administration classification of present-day records, which has accelerated to a record high level? How credible are those classification actions?

Finally, what is the role of the National Archives? Is NARA the guardian of public access to historical records? Or has it become a passive accomplice to the classification abuses of other agencies?

Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT) announced that his House Government Reform subcommittee on National Security will hold a third hearing on classification policy on March 14.

RECLASSIFICATION AND THE ESPIONAGE ACT

Could the National Security Archive be prosecuted under the Espionage Act for publishing historical documents that U.S. intelligence agencies now say are classified?

Could Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice be detained for continuing to publish historical intelligence records on the State Department web site that the CIA has flagged as classified?

Could thousands of historians and librarians around the country be arrested for retaining and circulating volumes of the State Department's Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) series that are now considered to contain classified documents?

These seem to be silly questions.

And yet the theory of the Espionage Act that has been adopted by the government in its prosecution of two former officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (who are not charged with espionage) may extend even to silly cases such as these.

The Espionage Act's prohibitions on the unauthorized retention and transmission of national defense information apply to "whoever" may violate them, the government insisted in a January 30 motion.

"Whoever means, 'no matter who'," the government contended. "The statute covers 'anyone'."

Until now, the Espionage Act has never been interpreted this broadly, and for good reason. Using the Act to penalize the public receipt and distribution of government information leads to absurd conclusions.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DECLASSIFICATION PLAN

The Department of Justice described its progress towards meeting the December 31, 2006 deadline for automatic declassification of 25 year old historical records in an updated Declassification Plan submitted to the Information Security Oversight Office last year.

Significant exemptions to the automatic declassification program have been sought by the FBI and the DoJ Office of Intelligence Policy and Review. Otherwise some 30 million pages of DoJ records have been subjected to declassification review in recent years.

A copy of the Plan was obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by Michael Ravnitzky.

See "2003 Declassification Plan (Revised October 27, 2005)," U.S. Department of Justice:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/doj-declass.pdf>

SELECTED CRS REPORTS ON NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY

Some notable, newly updated reports of the Congressional Research Service, obtained by Secrecy News and published on the Federation of American Scientists web site, include the following:

"Conventional Warheads For Long-Range Ballistic Missiles: Background and Issues for Congress," updated February 13, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/nuke/RL33067.pdf>

"U.S. Nuclear Weapons: Changes in Policy and Force Structure," updated January 27, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/nuke/RL31623.pdf>

"U.S. Armed Forces Abroad: Selected Congressional Roll Call Votes Since 1982," updated January 27, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL31693.pdf>

"Interrogation of Detainees: Overview of the McCain Amendment," updated January 24, 2006:

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>another clip on this same site, wimp.com.

This video known as the Bulgaria UFO was discussed here in
November 2005. I provided the information about the source. The
footage remains inconclusive.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/nov/m30-002.shtml>

Santiago

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Re: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But... - Leger

From: Laurent Leger <exophys.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 18:55:56 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 09:14:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But... - Leger

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 19:53:46 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But...

>>From: Laurent Leger <exophys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 18:59:20 +0100
>>Subject: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But...

>>Some of you discussed on the List the point whether the facts
>>related in Jacques Vallee's novel are totally fictitious or not.
>>About this subject, I would like to add the following facts.....

><snip>

>I am on vacation, but would like to point out that Roswell Army
>Air Force Base was not a research facility but a SAC base.

>The acceleration data were obtained at White Sands Missile Range
>some distance away.

>Colonel Stapp's sled is still on display at the Tombaugh museum
>in Alamogordo.

>There is a range of mountains between there and Roswell.

>Stan Friedman

Dear Dr Friedman and List,

In fact, Jacques Vallee mentioned both Roswell and White Sands, which one could understand as belonging to the same "region". It is the same word in French and the same semantic content, except perhaps that each one has his own view of a region size. Your comment is relevant, as it may be excessive to merge both areas into the same region.

Here is the transcription/translation of this passage:

"That something fell at Roswell, is clear.

In fact, if you look at it closely, heaps of things were falling around Roswell at that time. For the good reason that they were doing experiments with rockets, balloons, capsules, etc...

Roswell was at that time the unique base in the world with atomic bombs, and the planes to fly them. So, there was an extraordinary security level around this base.

It is also the region, Roswell and White Sands region etc..., the region where the first research... advanced research in the U.S., on the bodies resistance to acceleration... both for future jets and the space capsules, was done."

Laurent Leger

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Magonia Essay Competition

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 19:37:09 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 09:17:15 -0500
Subject: Magonia Essay Competition

Roger Sandell Memorial Essay Competition

This year it is 10 years since our great friend and colleague Roger Sandell died, and many times in those years we have wondered what he would have made of some strange developments in the fields we study. With his characteristically incisive mind, encyclopaedic knowledge of the subject's literature, and his sheer wit and humour, it would undoubtedly be something which would illuminate the topic and help us understand it better.

To remember Roger we have on a couple of occasions held essay competitions on topics which were of particular interest to him, to try to encourage and develop discussion, and we felt that this sad anniversary would be a suitable time for another.

One of Roger's particular interests, as long-time Magonia readers will know, was the world of conspiracy theories - he was perhaps at the time the leading British expert on the subject of conspiracy theories surrounding the Kennedy assassination. Of course, this does not mean to say that he believed any particular theory, but that as a historian it was necessary to know about and understand them, and the climate in which they arose.

Similarly with the Satanic Abuse panic of the early nineties he brought an understanding of earlier conspiracy claims and rumours to bear on a contemporary issue. He also contributed articles to a number of political publications which stripped away some of the myths surrounding political conspiracy theories and, indeed, revealed some of the realities behind them as well.

So we are inaugurating the third Roger Sandell Memorial Essay Competition, with two topics for you to choose from, as set out below:

Conspiracy Theories

Obviously we are not asking you to advocate any one particular theory, but to look at the history of theories, how they develop, the effects they have on society and the individual and the ways in which they shape their surroundings.

We are a UFO-oriented magazine, so our main interest will be in UFO-related theories, but in many ways, as Roger demonstrated in his essays, this whole field is indivisible - right-wing politics infiltrates ufology, UFOs turn up in 9/11 conspiracies - so no aspect of the subject can be ruled out.

Make Ufology History

There is another topic which we would like to offer for your consideration. We've had a bit of fun lately with The Pelican's "Make Ufology History" campaign, but it does have a serious point. It is in fact asking if ufology really exists as a science or "proto-science". Is there any coherent intellectual structure to the study of UFOs, or is it simply a hobby, which involves collecting random pieces of data and arranging them into patterns, rather like a stamp collector might set out an album page - an interesting exercise, and in many ways

satisfying, even educational, but hardly a scientific endeavour. We would welcome your thoughts on this as well - is ufology a science, could it ever be a science, or is The Pelican right, and we should "Make Ufology History"?

There will be a prize of =A3100 (or equivalent) for the best essay, which will be judged by the editors of Magonia. The winning entry and any other suitable essays will, subject to agreement with the authors, be published in Magonia. We are looking for contributions of about 6000-7000 words length, which should be in English. The closing date for entries will be 1 June 2006. Entries may be submitted typed on A4 paper and sent to:

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United Kingdom

They may also be submitted by e-mail. Please use plain text or RTF format and email your essay to magonia.nul with "Essay Competition Entry" in the subject line. The winning entry will be announced in our autumn issue in August or September.

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Olson

From: **Jeff Olson** <jlolson.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 12:49:53 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 09:23:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Olson

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:46:33 -0000
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>Quite agree, but problem is that many hard-liners claim "logic"
>as an excuse for excluding speculation and even evidence.

Ray, I hear much the same thing from my "belief in UFOs is tantamount to religious faith" friends. It seems that one person's logic is another person's "gullible faith," and what one person considers "evidence," another considers "insignificant."

These kinds of disputes point to the indispensability of philosophic enquiry into the nature of evidence in any discussions of this kind. That's one reason, on a philosophy list, I'm attempting to develop a methodology for assessing evidence, mainly as a challenge to my many "skeptic" friends, with whom I have much in common on subjects other than UFOs.

>Whereas, as your second para illustrates, we presently have few
>real scientific or logical grounds for excluding almost anything
>- because we know so very little.

That statement raises some bright red flags for me, Ray. It seems fairly absurd, in my opinion, to suggest that the evidence is that egalitarian. Surely, some hypotheses can be reasonably rejected out of hand on general principle? Otherwise, we'll need an infinite amount of time to consider them.

Best,
Jeff

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Re: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info - Coleman

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:53:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 09:28:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info - Coleman

>From: Cory Cameron <corycameron_510.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 12:04:58 -0500
>Subject: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info

>Dear list:

>Can someone please advise me as to whether or not
>cryptozoologists have studied the purported 'Mothman',
>'Chupacabra' or cattle mutilation theories and to where/what
>extent if any, were made of the conclusions of these studies,

The major theme of my 2002 book, *Mothman and Other Curious Encounters*, was to examine and analyze the evidence, and theorize, regarding Mothman, Chupacabras, Lizardmen, and related "out-of-the-mainstream" cryptids.

I place Mothman in the context of cryptozoology, and reclaim it for cryptozoology.

As a quick side note, it might be important to acknowledge that the original eyewitnesses to the winged creatures seen during the fall of 1966 in the Point Pleasant, West Virginia, area reported a "big bird." Only after a copyeditor at a newspaper in Ohio coined the word "Mothman" and John Keel, a demonologist/ufologist, got involved, did these reports get shifted from the cryptozoology file to that of something more bizarre, perhaps ufological, and certainly more occult than real.

The whole conclusion of *Mothman and Other Curious Encounters* demonstrates how cryptozoological the so-called "Mothman" accounts really are.

Sincerely
Loren Coleman

Mothman and Other Curious Encounters is available for \$25 postpaid from the author at PO Box 360, Portland, ME 04112, or in the US at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ldjdu>

in Canada at:

<http://tinyurl.com/pctcz>

in the UK at:

<http://tinyurl.com/q928j>

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Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe -

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 16:12:35 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 09:30:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe -

>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 16:08:09 -0000
>Subject: Re: Intelligent Life Is Architect Of Universe

>Congratulations Jason,

>However, personally often come back to things rarely discussed
>by cosmologists:

I can have a go at the questions below but I must warn you that I don't buy into the assumptions or "paradigms" of those who would ask such questions to begin with. To me, science is not an attempt comprehend the universe. I feel science is an attempt to "tack down" the mind to the universe itself, therefore making the mind "real".

>a) - what happens (is happening) at the edge of their theoretical
>universe?

Define edge? The reason I ask is that my theory suggests that there is a boundary of the universe, but it only exists in time. Also, realize that it is possible that a universe may have defined edges but that any matter contained in the universe would not be able to ever cross such.

>b) is there an `outside' of their theoretical universe?

Yes. Most scientists have moved beyond the standard definition of Universe as all that we can see. In fact, many people are now using the world Multi-Verse to describe "everything". String Theory has it's "11th Dimension" as well. So is there an "outside" of the universe. Yes. Can it be physical seen or experienced by human beings. Nope.

>c) what is the mechanics of `time' in their theoretical universe?
>(for example. is it an `internal' or `external' mechanism?)

Well, I personally believe that time in our universe is different from time in other universes. Define "internal" and "external", are you referring to time as perceived by humans?

>Although a few folk (like John D Barrow in his last two books on
>`Constants of Nature' - which may be changing) have sometimes
>referred to these questions in passing, there don't seem to be

I think a lot of the problems in science are ultimately due to our failure to properly understand the mind. In fact we might have to even consider "mind" as the 4th dimension, shaping and influencing our observations.

- Jason

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Re: Brian Bessent Confess To Hoax - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 14:25:38 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 10:06:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Brian Bessent Confess To Hoax - Hatch

>From: Santiago Yturria Garza <syturria.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 05:45:56 +0000
>Subject: Brian Bessent Confess To Hoax

>Dear Friends and Colleagues,

>I received a message from Scott Davis, producer for KTVK-TV
>Channel 3 News in Phoenix regarding the infamous Brian Bessent,
>the one who tried to deceive the world with a clearly-hoaxed UFO
>video on June 5, 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona. Bessent finally
>confessed how he created the a fraud just to make money.

>Santiago Yturria

> ---

>>From Scott Davis:

>Remember Brian Bessent and his "incredible" UFO video from last
>June? The Newsroom called him out as a faker and fraud. At the
>time, Bessent put up quite a fight. Now it appears he's changed
>his tune.

>Before you visit his web site, know a few things: It is vulgar,
>it is immature and it is unconfirmed at this point. After all,
>it could have been hacked. But from our experiences with Mr.
>Bessent, I'm guessing this is as close as we'll get to the REAL
>Brian Bessent, a self-described stoner and drunk who had a few
>laughs at the expense of many people's fragile beliefs.

>Proceed with caution:

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

>~unexplained~ Scott Davis
>KTVK-TV Phoenix, AZ
>(and by the way, I'm 5'11" in my bare feet)

- - -

Hello Santiago and Scott:

Whether this is on the level or not, I think its required
reading. It depends on which keywords one uses of course, but I
have doubts about ufotheater being at the top of the major
search engines.

Notice how lost in all of this, is the work of serious UFO
people doing good work, how the hype and the pigeons take center
stage to the virtual exclusion of sober inquiry.

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But... -

From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans.nul>
Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 01:34:16 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 10:08:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But... -

>From: Laurent Leger <exophys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 18:59:20 +0100
>Subject: Vallee's Stratagem Is A Novel But...

>He concluded that at that time many crashes occurred in Roswell
>region and that it was the place where aeronautic experiments
>were done (human body resistance to acceleration, etc...)

I have in the past remarked that Goddard tested his rockets in
the air near Roswell, New Mexico. At one time, Roswell was
America's interplanetary space port:)

Regards,

Theo

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 20:05:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 10:09:26 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - White

>From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 23:00:10 EST
>Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level?

<snip>

>>I'm far from a researcher, but over my 64 years, it seems to me
>>that the higher one's income, education, and place in the human
>>power structure, the less likely one is to be abducted.

>How do you figure that? Especialy since the skeptics agree that
>abduction claims come from all classes of society, but just are
>caused by psychological reasons or out-right lying?

As I mentioned in later emails, Jason, I'm not a voracious
reader of UFO literature. What brought about my comment is that
I personally haven't heard of general so-and-so, or leading
scientist or MD so-and-so, or U.S. senator so-and-so, or
president of General Motors so-and-so who has been abducted.

I recognize this might be because higher ups keep a lid on it;
but I was just raising the issue. If any solid bias could be
determined which could indicate intelligent deliberate choice of
abductees, I would think that would help dispel the idea that
it's some sort of mistaken perception on the part of abductees.

Eleanor White

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Re: New Fossil Find Overturns Mammal Theories -

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 22:27:22 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 10:11:09 -0500
Subject: Re: New Fossil Find Overturns Mammal Theories -

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/TECH/science/02/23/jurassic.beaver.ap/index.html>

It's getting so nowadays that I expect a groundbreaking scientific discovery every other day.

This article shows how the theories on mammals, large mammals in particular has now been re-written by a team of archaeologists in China.

100 million year toss back for large mammalian life forms and that ain't hay.

Often people theorize of ancient civilizations and life forms of intelligence that may have existed in the distant past. Then some boulderheaded opinionist would spout how science has proven that this or that is impossible. Then a few months or years later they're proven wrong and end up looking for work making cookies in a hollow tree.

This new discovery will be interesting to follow and shows how the Chinese archaeologists are really making a go of rich fossil deposits in Mongolia and I would love to spend some time with a pick and shovel up there!

What is scientifically impossible or ridiculous is often how hard headed so called scientists are.

Best,

Greg

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Truth Is Out There For UFO Spotters

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 10:15:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 10:15:25 -0500
Subject: Truth Is Out There For UFO Spotters

Source: Worcester News, Worcester, Worcestershire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/nt732>

24 February 2006

The Truth Is Out There For The UFO Spotters

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A STORM of periwinkles raining down on Worcester's streets?
Vertical blue lights shooting out of the ground in Crowle? 'Out
of this world' flashes in the sky?

These bizarre incidents certainly sound stranger than fiction,
but all have graced the pages of the Worcester News and its
sister paper the Berrow's Journal over the years.

The vertical blue lights spotted by Pershore man Paul Pritchard
last July have been explained as being a sun pillar - a
phenomenon caused by light hitting ice and dust in the upper
atmosphere.

The periwinkles fell on Oldbury Road, St John's, in profusion in
1881 prompting hundreds of locals to spend days gathering them
up - and while it may have seemed unexplained at the time, it
was caused by what is now known as the 'water spout' phenomenon.

The snail-like sea molluscs would have been lifted by a typhoon
on the coast or over the sea before being deposited in the
Faithful City.

And the flashes of light witnessed by many Worcester News
readers in February 2004 were most likely caused by one of the
city's beloved swans flying into power lines.

But there are many more incidents that have just come to light
that don't have any reasonable explanations.

This week, the Ministry of Defence published its entire list of
UFO reports from 2002 to 2005, showing dates and times, location
and brief description of the sighting.

And there are several from Worcestershire.

Perhaps the most bizarre is a sighting at 11pm on August 23,
2003, over the A38 in the south of the city.

According to one witness, heading north over the road on this
day was a "helium-type balloon, the size of a moon, with
flashing blue and red lights". On April 15, 2002, "one big,
round, bright star coloured yellow and red moved upwards" over
Worcester, while on July 15, 2003 "a light was seen, erratic
movement and stationary" above Malvern.

Then, on August 14, 2003, at 11.57pm, a "very bright white light, bigger than a star, but quickly diminishing in size until it completely disappeared" was also spotted in Worcester.

Michael Soper, of UFO group Contact UK International, said the sightings were very exciting.

Michael himself has every reason to believe that the little green men seem to favour our county as the very reason he became interested in UFOs was because of something he witnessed in Malvern in 1960.

"I was walking on the hills when I saw an A-bomber fly over with a silver disc oscillating around it.

"It was completely silent and as the plane travelled north east and into cloud, the object zoomed off."

Since then, Michael has witnessed other strange phenomenon in the county - including tumbling black and fawn objects that seemed to do acrobatics in the air, and white falling 'luminocities' that gave off an 'extremely memorable' light.

"Worcestershire has a long history with the unexplained," he added.

"In seeing something out of the ordinary you have to rise above the rest of the human race," he said.

If you spot anything unusual you can call Mr Soper on 01865 726908.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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UFO Sightings Prove The Truth Is Out There?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 10:19:29 -0500
Subject: UFO Sightings Prove The Truth Is Out There?

Source: The Wimbledon Guardian, London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/gp73d>

24th February 2006

Do UFO Sightings Prove The Truth Is Out There?

Mulder and Scully would have their hands full if they decided to come out of retirement to investigate strange phenomenon in the skies over south west London.

Reported UFO sightings dating from 2002 have been revealed for the first time by the Ministry of Defence, under the Freedom of Information Act.

Last week, unexplained phenomenon hovered over Merton and Wandsworth, adding to the area's growing X Files.

Debbie, from Mitcham, saw strange lights in the skies as she passed through Tooting on her way home from work at about 8.40pm on Wednesday, February 15.

She said: "I saw what I thought was a plane and another one coming towards it," said Debbie. "I thought that's a bit close someone at Heathrow or Gatwick will be in trouble for that'.

"But they weren't planes. The second white light came right up to the other one and then a third appeared. All three then moved together two at the front and one following at the back.

"They hovered for a bit and then one light disappeared and came back again. They went off in the same direction and then split up," she said.

Debbie pulled over in her car for five minutes to try and capture the moment on her camera phone.

"All I wanted to do was get home and have a cup of tea so I must've thought it was something pretty unusual to pull over," said Debbie.

"I don't know if I really believe in all this stuff but I've never seen anything like it before. I was looking at the sky all the way home and couldn't wait to tell my boyfriend who obviously thought I was bonkers."

According to records, UFOs were seen in the skies above Wimbledon in June 2003 and October 2004 and, in September 2003 a resident saw a copper-coloured triangular object hovering above their house for a minute before disappearing.

There were also two unexplainable sightings in Southfields, in February and March 2003.

The MoD receives hundreds of reports each year about UFOs but

most are dismissed as aircraft lights or natural phenomenon.
However, some are unexplainable and the MoD remains "totally
open-minded" on the subject.

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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'Tell Us The Truth On Moorland UFO'

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Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 10:25:14 -0500
Subject: 'Tell Us The Truth On Moorland UFO'

Source: The Daily Post - Llandudno Junction, Conwy,
North Wales, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/q2d7g>

Feb 23 2006

'Tell Us The Truth On Moorland UFO'
By Hywel Trewyn, Daily Post

A UFO investigator hopes to unravel a 30-year mystery - did spacemen land on a North Wales mountain?

Unexplained lights in the sky, an earthquake and secretive men in suits all happened on a dark winter's night in 1974 as the people of Llandderfel and Llandrillo, villages in the Berwyn mountains near Bala, sat down to their evening's TV.

But the quiet was shattered by the rumbles of an earthquake, registering 3.5 on the Richter scale.

As people ran from their houses, fearing another tremor, they witnessed a blaze of light on the mountainside above.

A local nurse and her daughters watched as a huge eggshaped craft lay on the ground with a pulsating orange and red glow.

Police converged on the mountains, expecting to dis-cover a crashed passenger jet - but what they did find has never been divulged.

Some think it was an experimental man-made top secret military aircraft, possibly a prototype Stealth bomber. Others believe it was an alien craft from another world.

The incident fired the imagi-nation of many, including UFO researcher Russell Kellett ,who now is trying to get to the bottom of the mystery.

Next month Mr Kellett, 42, will reveal what he claims are "the true facts" at a meeting in Bala. It will be at the White Lion Hotel on March 25, at 1pm.

Mr Kellett, who lives in Filey, North Yorkshire, says he has 115 pages of documents about the "UFO crash" about which he insists there was a "cover-up."

Last night Mr Kellett said: "I've had some information given to me, testimonies from a group of gentlemen. I have 115 pages of documents but the Ministry of Defence have told me that under the Freedom of Information Act I can't have documents "because of the fractious and conjure of internal discretion".

Mr Kellett believes "they're talking gobbledegook."

Mr Kellett said on that night some personnel were given

information to "expect 50 flashes of light in the sky".

But, strangely, there are no records this exercise took place.

What was in those mystery boxes?

In true X-Files style there were reports of soldiers mysteriously arriving in the area and stopping people on their way home.

One woman claimed she saw "coffin shaped" boxes being loaded aboard MOD vehicles.

Previous UFO researchers said they were contacted by soldiers claiming they removed "bodies" to Porton Down, the top-secret MOD germ warfare laboratory.

Farmer Hugh Lloyd, of Garthiaen, Llandrillo, who was 14 at the time, remembers seeing "this incredibly bright light lit up the sky, like an arc welder, two or three miles away, lasting for about 20-30 seconds."

Although he never discovered the source of the light, a mysterious, colourful rock was found nearby by his sister a couple of days later.

It was sent to London University but they have never seen it since.

Mr Lloyd said: "I do not believe that it was a UFO but I would like to find out exactly what it was."

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 07:32:37 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 10:31:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Lehmberg

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:39:18 +0000
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 12:37:40 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:17:07 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>>I do not consider intellectual incoherence excusable simply
>>>because we are dealing with difficult problems which arguably
>>>transcend current knowledge. There is a whole lot of
>>>intellectually coherent literature, from various informed points
>>>of view (e.g., Hilary Evans on psychosocial perspectives,
>>>Swords, Friedman, and Hall on the ETH, Hufford, Ring, and Harpur
>>>on high-strangeness material, Bullard and Appelle on abductions,
>>>and more), addressing these complex and puzzling matters. The
>>>abandonment of reason in the face of the ostensibly unreasonable
>>>is an intellectual error of fatal proportions.

>>Very well-said indeed, Jerry. It's as though some so-called
>>Ufologists throw their hands in the air when faced with the
>>puzzling confluence of facts and speculations which attend this
>>subject. They seek refuge in magical/New Age thinking in much
>>the same way our ancestors, lacking modern scientific
>>methodology and knowledge, dreamed up gods and spirits when
>>confronted with puzzling aspects of nature.

>>The last thing we should do when faced with the inexplicable is
>>to abandon logic and to seek solace in incoherent mysticism. On
>>the contrary, that's the time to gear up our reasoning abilities
>>- to apply even more logical rigor to the mysteries at hand.

>>These same people who cry "paranormal" when faced with unusual
>>technology today would no doubt, if living in an earlier age,
>>pronounce a Ford Mustang to be a "chariot from heaven"
>>(actually, some modern-day fans say something similar, but
>>that's another story:-).

>Jeff,

>Very well said yourself. Absolutely dead on. The trouble is, at
>least I have come to believe this, that the New Agers don't even
>realize they are doing it. They really think they have an
>epistemology that is superior to scientific method. However,
>they often do betray an underlying current of anti-science which
>pops up here and there in their rhetoric, and that tends to show
>that they are spiritual questors looking for something superior
>to bad ol' science. They confuse bad uses and bad products of
>science (atomic weapons, poisonous chemicals unleashed in the
>environment) with the method. Indeed the approach does get badly
>misused all too ofetn, but that is a huiman failing, not a fault
>of the method.

I think science is fine for "spin," "rate," "charge," and "angular momentum," but I suspect it may err setting itself up as the default arbiter of that which it has itself discounted, shall not credit, and otherwise complacently ignore. Moreover, with regard to the ufological et al, science may be trying to look down the wrong end of the telescope. Consider. Science presupposes entropy and heat death for all of creation, ignoring the accelerating tendency towards complexity and novelty of everything it is otherwise trying to measure or qualify... and blithely attempts to obviate the UFO, the UFO seeming to regularly, and so effectively, point up science's shortcomings.

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Ball Lightning Created In Lab

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Subject: Ball Lightning Created In Lab

* Mysterious Ball Lightning Created in the Lab

<http://tinyurl.com/pmdem>

Scientists create a laboratory-version of the mysterious floating fireballs.

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22nd February Sighting Rosewood QLD

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Subject: 22nd February Sighting Rosewood QLD

UFO Sighting Rosewood 22nd February QLD
[an up date]

Investigator Diane Frola & Daniel Sims AUFORN QLD

More details:

After speaking with Nicole this morning I have been able to gather a few more details about her sighting.

Time of sighting: 3.40 am to 4.00 am
Duration of sighting: 20 minutes.
Location: The Bluff.
Location of object: looking out towards Flinders Peak in a South Easterly direction.
Movement of Object: Up - down - left to right.
Flight direction: Object shoot off in a Northwesterly direction at great speed.
Objects Shape: First thought to be round then changed form into a triangle shape.
Witnesses: 3 -2F - 1M

Nicole said: Channel 10 came out they did a very long interview with her but did not report the relevant details on TV of what she saw or what the object did while she observed it.

Nicole said: She woke to the crying of her two year old son at 3.40 am. While getting out of bed She noticed a very very brighter light out side her window which appeared to be fading in and out.

She got out of bed and attended to her two year old then called her husband to come look at the bright light to see if he could make out what it was.

Both Matt & Nicole watched the light for a few minutes then Nicole decided to call her sister who lives 10 minutes away time of the call 3.45 am to see if her sister could see the light, her sister said she could.

The light appeared to fade in and out and sometimes appeared to move closer to their location. Nicole raced inside grabbed her Sony handycam at approximately 3.50 am and started filming the light. She filmed it until the film ran out some 5- 10 minutes later.

Nicole said she got a feeling the light was hovering as though observing the area. While Matt Nicole and Karen watched the light it then changed form into a triangle and shoot off at great speed to the North west.

In the morning Nicole rang the RAAF base to ask if they had anything in the sky at that time, they said no. She rang the Sydney Observatory to see if any planets or bright stars could be seen in her location a female person working there said, not that she was aware of.

After the story went to air yesterday Nicole has received some unusual calls to her home. One being a farmer from Flagstone

Creek location situated the other side of Flinders Peak. He rang to reassure Nicole she wasn't seeing things as he too saw an object fly over his head that morning while attending his cows.

A member of the Ipswich police rang to ask if anyone else had reported seeing the UFO. Today Nicole informed me her local newspaper the Queensland Times want to run a story tomorrow about the sightings and asked if AUFORN would mind supply the images we had captured and placed on our web page as Channel 10 have not yet returning her film or video camera.

<http://www.auforn.com/rosewoodFeb2006.html>

[Case Still Under investigation]

Will keep you posted.

Regards Diane Harrison/Frola

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Lovekin Is A General But...

From: **Kevin Randle** <KRandle993.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 10:41:30 -0500
Subject: Lovekin Is A General But...

Well, the fuse that I lit back in July has finally burned down to the explosive and the firestorm has erupted. Yes, after asking questions for the last several months, those who know Stephen Lovekin have finally responded with a somewhat nasty and slightly misleading attack on me. How dare I ask these questions and post the information that I have about "Brigadier General" Lovekin.

Here's what I learned after I received a copy of the rant launched by Dr. Steven Greer. (For the full story and links to the documentation, you can go to my blog at:

www.KevinRandle.blogspot.com.

He was not a brigadier general on active duty with the Army, he was not a member and brigadier general in the North Carolina National Guard and he was not a brigadier general in the Army Reserve. He is, as I speculated, a brigadier general in the State Guard of North Carolina Association, a volunteer, civilian organization.

Yes, this seems to be splitting a fine hair here, but it is not. During World War II, when the National Guard in all states was activated, the states responded by creating the State Guard. It was an organization that took on the role of the National Guard while those soldiers were deployed. When the war ended and the National Guard soldiers were demobilized, these state guards were disbanded or allowed to disintegrate. Their charters, in many cases expired. In the 1990s, many of these organizations were revitalized, but often without the state recognition they once held.

With the information, supplied by Greer, I learned about Lovekin's military connection. I used Google to find the State Guard of North Carolina. It has a one page web site that explains in their mission statement:

"The NCSGA (North Carolina State Guard Association) is deicated (sic) to provide an organized trained group of volunteers to help in times of emergency and as a manpower multiplier force for the CERT program in the State of North Carolina."

This organization is somewhat similar to the Air Force's Civil Air Patrol (CAP). All CAP members wear the Air Force uniform, but they are not members of the Air Force. The CAP is the official auxiliary and they perform a great service in search and rescue. But they are civilian volunteers who serve without pay and often with little recognition.

And so it is with the North Carolina State Guard Association. They perform service and are a benefit to the community, but they are an organization of civilian volunteers in a paramilitary organization who serve without pay.

So, the answer to the question in the original article, "Is Lovekin a Brigadier General," is yes. But it is a qualified yes, meaning that he holds a commission as a Brigadier General in an organization that has little or no official recognition.

If I was to complain about the way he is listed in the various articles and on various web sites, it would be about the claim of National Guard Reserve. As I have said, there is no such thing though both the National Guard and the Army Reserve are parts of the Reserve Component. In all official planning for the force structure the National Guard and the Army Reserve are featured. The North Carolina State Guard Association is not.

To correct the problem, all that needs to be done is to change the listing from National Guard Reserve to North Carolina State Guard Association. Those who wish to understand the significance of Lovekin's commission can then find their way to the web sites. They will have the information necessary to understand what is going on.

But let's go just a little bit further. I now understand why my search failed to find any reference to an officer named Lovekin in the Army Registry. When Lovekin said that he was assigned to the White House Signal Agency, he was not an officer. He was a specialist, meaning he was a low ranking enlisted man. Given the timing, and Lovekin's biography, it means he entered the Army shortly after he finished high school, served for a limited time, and then went to college. I wouldn't be surprised to learn that he joined the Army for the GI Bill which would have helped pay for college.

Where does that leave us? Well, Lovekin was a member of the White House Signal Agency, but as an enlisted man. He serves, or served, as a Brigadier General in North Carolina State Guard Association but has not held that rank in the Armed Forces of the United States. What this does is clarify his position and helps us understand and assign credibility to his claims of what he heard at the Eisenhower White House.

I'll make one more quick comment. I laid out the information I have carefully. I showed that there were no official documents that showed Lovekin served as a general in any of the officially sanctioned military services. I suggested then that he might have been appointed a general in this loosely organized State Guard, which is the case. I had asked for help from those supporting Lovekin such as Dr. Michael Salla, who said he would find out and let me know. I wrote to Lovekin's cousin, twice, asking for documentation and said I would post it immediately. I received nothing. Instead, I'm attacked for wanting to get to the truth. This I knew would happen.

So, for those who want to believe, Lovekin is a general. For those who want the truth, the source of his commission is important. If the media were to check on this, what conclusion do you think they would draw? And it is those people who are disinterested that should drive the train.

KRandle

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Sasquatch Saucers And Spirits

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Friday, February 24, 2006

Sasquatch, Saucers And Spirits! Oh My!

By Jeff Himler
Staff writer

To borrow a catch phrase from a defunct television drama still alive in syndication, "The Truth Is Out There"--in more ways than one.

Long before the "X-Files" became a hit with those intrigued by bizarre happenings and alien conspiracy theories, Greensburg resident Stan Gordon was researching all manner of strange occurrences in western Pennsylvania and beyond.

Specializing in such material since 1959, Gordon has become a noted authority and lecturer on the odd and unexplained.

He's shared his expertise about UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects, or flying saucers in old-school terms) with producers of recent cable TV documentaries: "Unsolved History: Beyond Area 51," for The Discovery Channel; and The History Channel's "Conspiracy? Kecksburg UFO."

He also spoke at the Fourth Annual PA Paranormal Conference last year in Gettysburg.

With the new year now upon us, Gordon has checked in with his annual report on alleged area sightings of unusual phenomena such as Bigfoot and UFOs.

While noting that he's never personally met up with either strange element, he says years of sifting through thousands of cases from across the state has convinced him they may exist.

He passed along the following account of a hairy encounter in the early evening hours of Jan. 2, 2005, in an unspecified locale near Westmoreland County's Chestnut Ridge.

According to Gordon, an unnamed male witness reported hearing the sound of brush snapping in a field about 40 feet away and expected to find a deer.

Crossing the road to take a closer look, the curious fellow instead came upon "a huge man-like creature with dark hair and huge arms. " The witness sized up the broad-shouldered, shaggy being at well over 7 feet tall and about 500 pounds.

It "moved uphill, and covered a large distance quickly with its huge stride."

Gordon continues to investigate the mysterious Kecksburg UFO case. The main topic of the afore-mentioned History Channel show, the case involves reports of an acorn-shaped object

crashing near the village south of Latrobe. Gordon is seeking information from witnesses to the 1965 incident as well as purported photos of the object.

Interest in the incident is as strong as ever. Hundreds of folks from as far away as Canada gathered at the Kecksburg VFD social hall Dec. 10, for an event commemorating the 40th anniversary of the UFO controversy.

If you'd rather see him in person, he'll be making a presentation on the Kecksburg incident and will be autographing copies of a DVD he's produced on said subject--"Kecksburg The Untold Story"-- March 21 at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Route 30 East, Greensburg.

In a similar, though otherworldly, vein, Ghost Researchers in Pennsylvania (GRiP) will be offering a ghost hunting workshop Saturday through IUP's office of continuing education. The event includes an optional evening field experience at an undisclosed local haunted location.

Based in Indiana, GRiP uses video footage and photographs in an attempt to document the presence of ghosts. The members also listen for EVPs (Electronic Voice Phenomena).

A university spokesman indicates all seats have been taken for the popular workshop this time around, but another session is being planned for the Fall 2006 semester--just in time for Halloween, perhaps?

WORD UP: An alternate name for the mysterious Bigfoot creature, "Sasquatch" reportedly has its origin in Native American terminology, but it was coined by an early 20th century researcher.

While serving as a school teacher at the Chehalis reservation in 1920s British Columbia, J.W. Burns compiled Native American tales of large, hairy creatures that were said to live in the wilderness and were considered totem animals by the local clan. Burns' native sources called the creatures a variety of similar-sounding names.

He finally settled on Sasquatch, which resembles the word for the monstrous being in the Chehalis dialect: "sesqac," with the final letter "c" pronounced as "ts."

The term Sasquatch initially was used primarily in the Pacific Northwest. It became more widespread in the 1950s, when reports of Bigfoot sightings in California gained national attention. Because it is less associated with sensationalistic tabloid coverage, Sasquatch has become the term of choice for many researchers.

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If you've spotted something strange, you can let Stan know about it by e-mailing him at paufo.nul Or: write him at P.O. Box 936, Greensburg, PA 15601; call his 24-hour PA UFO Hotline at 724-838-7768.

Or you can peek into his latest files at www.stangordon.com

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UFOs Over Primrose Hill

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24 February 2006

The Truth Is Out There =96 UFOs Over Primrose Hill
Chris Leggett

[editorial.nul](#)

Unidentified flying objects have been sighted floating in the skies above Primrose Hill and St John's Wood.

But before residents take to arms in fear of an alien invasion, experts say the incidents are unlikely to lead to a close encounter of the third kind.

The sightings of strange lights were revealed in files published by the Ministry of Defence under the Freedom of Information Act.

The records reveal the ministry received a report of "a rectangle shape with a white light" from a resident in Primrose Hill at 8.50am in April 2004.

Nearly two years earlier in May 2002, "an object with red and green flashing lights" was spotted in the skies above St John's Wood.

In the early hours in September the same year, another UFO was seen.

"The object was a triangle shape with red flashing lights that went round the inside edges of the object," the MoD file claimed.

The MoD says it does not take action over the hundreds of incidents reported nationally each year.

Enthusiast groups were unable to explain the strange sightings.

Robert Rosamond, chairman of the British UFO Researchers Association said two sightings in St John's Wood over four months was not unusual.

"It's only when there are 20 or so different sightings in one area in a short period that people tend to get really excited," he said.

"Around 95 per cent of incidents have explainable causes, either atmospheric or man-made.

"There are satellites and all sorts of junk up there that we don't know about."

Mr Rosamond said Londoners could still regularly spot UFOs despite the city's light pollution, as he had once seen a

"boomerang shaped stealth craft" fly overhead in Harrow.

Roy Lake, chairman of London UFO Studies, said Primrose Hill was "a good place to see UFOs".

He said: "I'd recommend people go to high spots like Primrose Hill and take a look for themselves.

"The MoD only let us have what they want us to see but just because something is unidentified, it doesn't mean it is necessarily a flying saucer or a spacecraft."

A MoD spokeswoman said the ministry had a "limited" interest in UFOs but remained "totally open-minded" about the existence of aliens despite having no evidence.

"Unless there is evidence of a potential threat from an external source, and to date no UFO report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting.

"It is not the function of the MoD to provide this kind of aerial identification service.

"We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit."

[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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Research Sheds New Light On Panspermia

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PRESS RELEASE

Date Released: Friday, February 24, 2006

Texas State Research Sheds New Light On Panspermia

When the space shuttle Columbia broke apart during reentry Feb. 1, 2003, more than 80 on-board science experiments were lost in the fiery descent.

Texas State University-San Marcos biologist Robert McLean, however, has salvaged some unexpected science from the wreckage. A strain of slow-growing bacteria survived the crash, a discovery which may have significant implications for the concept of panspermia. The findings will be published in the May 2006 issue of *Icarus*, the international journal of solar system studies.

Panspermia is the idea that life--hitchhiking on rocks ejected from meteorite impacts on one world--could travel through space and seed other worlds with life under favorable conditions. Because the conditions under which panspermia could function are so harsh, however, there's been little direct testing of the hypothesis.

"That might have been in the back of my mind when we recovered our payload," McLean said. McLean, along with a team of Texas State researchers, had placed an experiment package aboard the Columbia to investigate the interactions of three different bacterial species in microgravity. When the shuttle broke up over Texas, they assumed the experiment lost--until it turned up, relatively intact, in the parking lot of a Nacogdoches convenience store. "My first thinking when we found our payload was, 'Let's look for survivors.'"

And survivors he found--a bacteria called *Microbispora*. Ironically, *Microbispora* wasn't one of the three species McLean expected to find. The slow-growing organism is normally found in the soil, and McLean determined that it had contaminated the experiment prior to launch. With the *Icarus* publication, McLean anticipates request for samples of this rugged strain to come in from researchers around the world.

"This organism appears to have survived an atmospheric passage, with the heat and the force of impact," he said. "That's only about a fifth of the speed that something on a real meteorite would have to survive, but it is at least five or six times faster than what's been tested before."

"This is important for panspermia, because if something survives space travel, it eventually has to get down to the Earth and survive passage through the atmosphere and impact. This doesn't prove anything--it just contributes evidence to the plausibility of panspermia. Realistically, that's all it can do," McLean

said. "Out of respect for the seven people who gave their lives for this research, I feel it's very important these results don't get lost."

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Re: Magonia Essay Competition - Freeman

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 19:37:09 -0000
>Subject: Magonia Essay Competition

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<Make Ufology History

>There is another topic which we would like to offer for your
>consideration. We've had a bit of fun lately with The Pelican's
>"Make Ufology History" campaign, but it does have a serious
>point. It is in fact asking if ufology really exists as a
>science or "proto-science". Is there any coherent intellectual
>structure to the study of UFOs, or is it simply a hobby, which
>involves collecting random pieces of data and arranging them
>into patterns, rather like a stamp collector might set out an
>album page - an interesting exercise, and in many ways
>satisfying, even educational, but hardly a scientific endeavour.
>We would welcome your thoughts on this as well - is ufology a
>science, could it ever be a science, or is The Pelican right,
>and we should "Make Ufology History"?

John,

IMO, for the serious investigator or abductee/experiencer the study of UFOs is more than a science, but a search for the truth regarding the onslaught of paranormal/UFO activity on what the mainstream line of thought perceives as reality.

In case you haven't realized the basic truth behind the intrusions of such activity on the lives of those who have sighted/experienced such manifestations, not only may there be physical effects on him/her, but the psychological mindset that results from having such experiences requires that a certain amount of truth/reason be uncovered in the search for that truth.

In light of the fact that mainstream science, and skeptics/debunkers like yourself, refuse to seriously look at the subject of UFOs/paranormal at an objective level, how as "onlookers" can they, or you for that matter, determine whether or not the subject is worthy of scientific investigation?

Anyone who researches UFOs/paranormal should have an open mind peppered with a little common sense. The problem arises when common sense and logic are challenged by the "improbable" that UFOs and the paranormal present to us on a daily basis.

Keep on flying in circles, John. But the truth lies outside that circle of fate.

Have a great Pelican day,

Kelly Freeman [Mr.]

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>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
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>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:39:18 +0000
>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 22 Feb 2006 12:37:40 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 20 Feb 2006 15:17:07 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>>I do not consider intellectual incoherence excusable simply
>>>because we are dealing with difficult problems which arguably
>>>transcend current knowledge. There is a whole lot of
>>>intellectually coherent literature, from various informed points
>>>of view (e.g., Hilary Evans on psychosocial perspectives,
>>>Swords, Friedman, and Hall on the ETH, Hufford, Ring, and Harpur
>>>on high-strangeness material, Bullard and Appelle on abductions,
>>>and more), addressing these complex and puzzling matters. The
>>>abandonment of reason in the face of the ostensibly unreasonable
>>>is an intellectual error of fatal proportions.

>>Very well-said indeed, Jerry. It's as though some so-called
>>Ufologists throw their hands in the air when faced with the
>>puzzling confluence of facts and speculations which attend this
>>subject. They seek refuge in magical/New Age thinking in much
>>the same way our ancestors, lacking modern scientific
>>methodology and knowledge, dreamed up gods and spirits when
>>confronted with puzzling aspects of nature.

>>The last thing we should do when faced with the inexplicable is
>>to abandon logic and to seek solace in incoherent mysticism. On
>>the contrary, that's the time to gear up our reasoning abilities
>>- to apply even more logical rigor to the mysteries at hand.

>>These same people who cry "paranormal" when faced with unusual
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>of the method.

>"The abandonment of reason in the face of the ostensibly

>unreasonable is an intellectual error of fatal proportions."
> -- Jerry Clark, UFO Updates, Feb. 22, 2006.

Dick, Jeff, Jerry,

Is this a new thought that suddenly just occurred to you all, or is it something you've been mulling over for a while?

I guess the discovery that "intellectual incoherence" was lurking on the List made you all sit up and take notice.

If I get your drift, you're implying that when confronted by an alien or other "ostensibly unreasonable" matter, its better to not panic and forsake reason. In fact, doing so will probably be deadly or disastrous.

There must be something I'm missing? Could you cite a few concrete examples of "The abandonment (abandoning?) of reason in the face of the ostensibly unreasonable"?

Ed

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Re: Magonia Essay Competition - Maccabee

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Subject: Re: Magonia Essay Competition - Maccabee

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 19:37:09 -0000
>Subject: Magonia Essay Competition

>Roger Sandell Memorial Essay Competition

>This year it is 10 years since our great friend and colleague
>Roger Sandell died, and many times in those years we have
>wondered what he would have made of some strange developments in
>the fields we study. With his characteristically incisive mind,
>encyclopaedic knowledge of the subject's literature, and his
>sheer wit and humour, it would undoubtedly be something which
>would illuminate the topic and help us understand it better.

<snip>

>Make Ufology History

>There is another topic which we would like to offer for your
>consideration. We've had a bit of fun lately with The Pelican's
>"Make Ufology History" campaign, but it does have a serious
>point. It is in fact asking if ufology really exists as a
>science or "proto-science". Is there any coherent intellectual
>structure to the study of UFOs, or is it simply a hobby, which
>involves collecting random pieces of data and arranging them
>into patterns, rather like a stamp collector might set out an
>album page - an interesting exercise, and in many ways
>satisfying, even educational, but hardly a scientific endeavour.
>We would welcome your thoughts on this as well - is ufology a
>science, could it ever be a science, or is The Pelican right,
>and we should "Make Ufology History"?

I have sometimes been asked whether or not there is any science in ufology. My answer is that there is, but not in the way one usually thinks of science. It is more like forensic science. A "crime" has been committed: a witness (or several) has testified or reported an event which is considered "impossible" by ordinary standards. It is then the job of the investigator (a la CSI - Crime Scene Investigation - in the USA) to determine the nature or cause of this "crime." One proceeds by proposing conventional explanations and then rejecting one after another by scientific comparison with the reported details of the sighting. This requires that each possible explanation, each Candidate Explanatory Phenomenon (CEP) be analyzed in terms of its known characteristics and then compared with the reported characteristics of the "UFO." In most cases there are sufficient matches in known characteristics between the UFO and some known phenomenon (CEP) to declare a match with high probability. In some cases there is not enough information in the UFO report for one to be certain (Insufficient Information cases, or "II") and in some cases there are so few or zero matches between the characteristics of known phenomena and the characteristics (as reported) of the UFO that any suggested match is of low or zero probability. Furthermore in most of the cases with low probabilities of match to a CEP, there are one or more of the reported characteristics which severely conflicts with the characteristics of all the proposed CEP, as, for prime example,

when Philip Klass proposed that cameraman David Crockett filmed the flashing red beacon on top of the aircraft he was traveling in when he obtained as-yet unexplained footage (see URL below).

When I discovered that skeptics were proposing explanations with characteristics which severely conflicted with the reported characteristics of the unknown in some cases, I became Skeptical of the Skeptics!!! (Yes, I know, that is a form of heresy since skeptics sit at the right hand of... whether they are believers or not.) I can point to specific cases, and have done so in my ESSAY, Prosaic Explanations: the Failure of UFO Skepticism at

<http://brumac.8k.com/prosaic1.html>.

The need for "science " is especially evident in cases where there is physical evidence that accompanies the testimony (and sometimes recordings done during the sighting) such as photos, film, videos, landing traces, radar, magnetic or electromagnetic effects, etc.

Of course, there are other scientific approaches such as theory based on cosmology that suggests that the probability of life elsewhere (Intelligent Life Elsewhere) is high. And that theory can be extended by arguing that they CAN get here from there (warp space, time travel, multidimensional effects, etc.) but none of these theories is sufficiently well known to allow one to argue that because of a certain cosmological theory they ARE here. Only direct evidence of "their" presence will be sufficient for that. And we have such evidence (in abundance).

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

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Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 15:42:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Dickenson

>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:46:33 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>Whereas, as your second para illustrates, we presently have few
>>real scientific or logical grounds for excluding almost anything
>>- because we know so very little.

>That statement raises some bright red flags for me, Ray. It
>seems fairly absurd, in my opinion, to suggest that the evidence
>is that egalitarian. Surely, some hypotheses can be reasonably
>rejected out of hand on general principle? Otherwise, we'll need
>an infinite amount of time to consider them.

Jeff,

Don't like to sound on particular campaign here, but that's like
saying the `legal' death penalty has never been / will never be
used to get rid of witnesses or investigators of corruption.

Here's up-to-date science knowledge - "We know how to use
[quantum mechanics] and how to apply it to problems; and so we
have learned to live with the fact that nobody can understand
it" - Murray Gell-Mann.

That just means we can calculate things precisely, but cannot
decide a priori if a thing is possible or not!

As Richard P Feynman wrote "There is no way of showing
mathematically that a physical conclusion is wrong or
inconsistent. If we find that certain mathematical assumptions
lead to a logically inconsistent description of Nature, we
change the assumptions, not Nature".

If we disbar some questions, we may be disbaring the right
answers.

Cheers

Ray D

"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com/>

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Re: New Fossil Find Overturns Mammal Theories -

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 10:36:10 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 08:26:11 -0500
Subject: Re: New Fossil Find Overturns Mammal Theories -

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>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 22:27:22 EST
>Subject: New Fossil Find Overturns Mammal Theories

><http://www.cnn.com/2006/TECH/science/02/23/jurassic.beaver.ap/index.html>

>It's getting so nowadays that I expect a groundbreaking scientific
>discovery every other day.

Thanks for the link to this interesting article.

>This article shows how the theories on mammals, large mammals in
>particular has now been re-written by a team of archaeologists
>in China.

>100 million year toss back for large mammalian life forms and
>that ain't hay.

It all depends on your definition of how large "large" is. The article says this was actually a small aquatic mammal weighing in between 1.1 and 1.7 pounds, about the size of a modern small female platypus, or a small house cat or large rat if you prefer.

This is only "large" in comparison to the shrew-like or mouse-like size usually given to early mammals.

>Often people theorize of ancient civilizations and life forms of
>intelligence that may have existed in the distant past. Then
>some boulderheaded opinionist would spout how science has proven
>that this or that is impossible. Then a few months or years
>later they're proven wrong and end up looking for work making
>cookies in a hollow tree.

It's a bit of a jump from a primitive mammal the size of a large rat to ancient civilizations and intelligent beings on Earth, don't you think?

>What is scientifically impossible or ridiculous is often how
>hard headed so called scientists are.

That's not the way I read the article. What it actually says is:

"Matthew Carrano, curator of dinosaurs at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, called the find 'a big deal.' An important factor is how specialized the creature was, said Carrano, who was not part of the research group. 'It gives a hint that early mammals were not just these shadowy creatures at the time of dinosaurs' but were having their own evolution. There have been hints of such animals in the past but nothing equal to the remains found by Luo and colleagues, he said."

Thus the scientist quoted said there had been previous indications of larger early mammals, not that scientists were saying it was "scientifically impossible or ridiculous." This fossil find simply proved that such mammals did exist. Again, it is a HUGE jump from a primitive mammal that is small by modern standards to ancient civilizations.

Against that, I certainly wouldn't rule out previous visitations by aliens and temporary colonization of Earth in the very distant past. But there is currently no evidence of a naturally occurring intelligent species that arose here on Earth that created civilizations prior to mankind.

David Rudiak

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Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
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Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel - Hall

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>>From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 15:46:33 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

>>Quite agree, but problem is that many hard-liners claim "logic"
>>as an excuse for excluding speculation and even evidence.

>Ray, I hear much the same thing from my "belief in UFOs is
>tantamount to religious faith" friends. It seems that one
>person's logic is another person's "gullible faith," and what
>one person considers "evidence," another considers
>"insignificant."

>These kinds of disputes point to the indispensability of
>philosophic enquiry into the nature of evidence in any
>discussions of this kind. That's one reason, on a philosophy
>list, I'm attempting to develop a methodology for assessing
>evidence, mainly as a challenge to my many "skeptic" friends,
>with whom I have much in common on subjects other than UFOs.

>>Whereas, as your second para illustrates, we presently have few
>>real scientific or logical grounds for excluding almost anything
>>- because we know so very little.

>That statement raises some bright red flags for me, Ray. It
>seems fairly absurd, in my opinion, to suggest that the evidence
>is that egalitarian. Surely, some hypotheses can be reasonably
>rejected out of hand on general principle? Otherwise, we'll need
>an infinite amount of time to consider them.

Jeff,

I agree completely with your last paragraph, and started to
reply along the same lines but decided not to bother. However, I
would have said (and this applies to your earlier comments as
well) that plenty of good methodology exists for evaluating
claims, facts, evidence, and all notions advanced clearly are
not equally valid.

I think (having a degree in philosophy and formal training in
logic) that both of you are misusing the word "logic" here.
Logic only has to do with legitimate reasoning (deduction, etc.)
and consistency, not with the factual validity of the
assumptions or assertions (premises); only with the validity of
the reasoning about them. You can apply logic perfectly well to
totally false statements and draw out errors of reasoning,
absurdities, contradictions, and the like.

Dick

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Re: Lovekin Is A General But... - Salla

From: Michael Salla <exopolitics.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 08:31:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Lovekin Is A General But... - Salla

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 09:34:07 EST
>Subject: Lovekin Is A General But...

>Well, the fuse that I lit back in July has finally burned down
>to the explosive and the firestorm has erupted. Yes, after
>asking questions for the last several months, those who know
>Stephen Lovekin have finally responded with a somewhat nasty and
>slightly misleading attack on me. How dare I ask these questions
>and post the information that I have about "Brigadier General"
>Lovekin.

>Here's what I learned after I received a copy of the rant
>launched by Dr. Steven Greer. (For the full story and links to
>the documentation, you can go to my blog at:

>www.KevinRandle.blogspot.com.

>He was not a brigadier general on active duty with the Army, he
>was not a member and brigadier general in the North Carolina
>National Guard and he was not a brigadier general in the Army
>Reserve. He is, as I speculated, a brigadier general in the
>State Guard of North Carolina Association, a volunteer, civilian
>organization.

>Yes, this seems to be splitting a fine hair here, but it is not.
>During World War II, when the National Guard in all states was
>activated, the states responded by creating the State Guard. It
>was an organization that took on the role of the National Guard
>while those soldiers were deployed. When the war ended and the
>National Guard soldiers were demobilized, these state guards
>were disbanded or allowed to disintegrate. Their charters, in
>many cases expired. In the 1990s, many of these organizations
>were revitalized, but often without the state recognition they
>once held.

>With the information, supplied by Greer, I learned about
>Lovekin's military connection. I used Google to find the State
>Guard of North Carolina. It has a one page web site that
>explains in their mission statement:

>"The NCSGA (North Carolina State Guard Association) is deicated
>(sic) to provide an organized trained group of volunteers to
>help in times of emergency and as a manpower multiplier force
>for the CERT program in the State of North Carolina."

>This organization is somewhat similar to the Air Force's Civil
>Air Patrol (CAP). All CAP members wear the Air Force uniform,
>but they are not members of the Air Force. The CAP is the
>official auxiliary and they perform a great service in search
>and rescue. But they are civilian volunteers who serve without
>pay and often with little recognition.

>And so it is with the North Carolina State Guard Association.
>They perform service and are a benefit to the community, but
>they are an organization of civilian volunteers in a
>paramilitary organization who serve without pay.

>So, the answer to the question in the original article, "Is
>Lovekin a Brigadier General," is yes. But it is a qualified
>yes, meaning that he holds a commission as a Brigadier General
>in an organization that has little or no official recognition.

>If I was to complain about the way he is listed in the various
>articles and on various web sites, it would be about the claim
>of National Guard Reserve. As I have said, there is no such
>thing though both the National Guard and the Army Reserve are
>parts of the Reserve Component. In all official planning for the
>force structure the National Guard and the Army Reserve are
>featured. The North Carolina State Guard Association is not.

>To correct the problem, all that needs to be done is to change
>the listing from National Guard Reserve to North Carolina State
>Guard Association. Those who wish to understand the significance
>of Lovekin's commission can then find their way to the web
>sites. They will have the information necessary to understand
>what is going on.

>But let's go just a little bit further. I now understand why my
>search failed to find any reference to an officer named Lovekin
>in the Army Registry. When Lovekin said that he was assigned to
>the White House Signal Agency, he was not an officer. He was a
>specialist, meaning he was a low ranking enlisted man. Given the
>timing, and Lovekin's biography, it means he entered the Army
>shortly after he finished high school, served for a limited
>time, and then went to college. I wouldn't be surprised to learn
>that he joined the Army for the GI Bill which would have helped
>pay for college.

>Where does that leave us? Well, Lovekin was a member of the
>White House Signal Agency, but as an enlisted man. He serves, or
>served, as a Brigadier General in North Carolina State Guard
>Association but has not held that rank in the Armed Forces of
>the United States. What this does is clarify his position and
>helps us understand and assign credibility to his claims of what
>he heard at the Eisenhower White House.

>I'll make one more quick comment. I laid out the information I
>have carefully. I showed that there were no official documents
>that showed Lovekin served as a general in any of the officially
>sanctioned military services. I suggested then that he might
>have been appointed a general in this loosely organized State
>Guard, which is the case. I had asked for help from those
>supporting Lovekin such as Dr. Michael Salla, who said he would
>find out and let me know. I wrote to Lovekin's cousin, twice,
>asking for documentation and said I would post it immediately. I
>received nothing. Instead, I'm attacked for wanting to get to
>the truth. This I knew would happen.

>So, for those who want to believe, Lovekin is a general. For
>those who want the truth, the source of his commission is
>important. If the media were to check on this, what conclusion
>do you think they would draw? And it is those people who are
>disinterested that should drive the train.

Major Randle, I think your reply is deficient in a number of
respects since the hair splitting you engage in does fail to
mention that the North Carolina State Guard is officially under
the command of Governor of North Carolina and is assigned to the
State's Military Department. Furthermore, the NCSG does act as
reserve force to the National Guard when the latter is called
away so it is not incorrect to describe it as a 'National Guard
Reserve' even though this is not its official title. So the NCSG
is an 'official' state organization and not the 'unofficial
voluntary militia' you suggest. In fact, the official website of
the NCSG pointedly distinguishes itself from the voluntary non-
state sanctioned militias you mention. Furthermore, Steven Greer
has supplied a number of documents that provide documentary
evidence to a number of points you initially raised in
speculations about Stephen Lovekin that need to be clarified for
the sake of the list. Furthermore, I think you evade
responsibility for your erroneous conclusion regarding Stephen
Lovekin's rank as a Brigadier General in an 'official' capacity
and his possible service in the White House Signals Agency.
What follows is my reply to the documents Greer supplied on his
website and which address several of the points you raise above.

Michael Salla

Source: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/exopolitics/message/283>

In his recent article, The Enablers of Secrecy, Dr Steven Greer has supplied a number of documents in response to Major Kevin Randle's speculations and conclusions regarding the military service and rank of Brigadier General Stephen Lovekin. Major Randle's article is at:

<http://kevinrandle.blogspot.com/2006/01/is-lovekin-general.html>

, the documents supplied by Dr Greer are at:

<http://www.disclosureproject.org/lovekin/documents.htm>

and Dr Greer's response to Major Randle at:

<http://www.disclosureproject.org/enablersofsecrecy.htm>

With regard to Lovekin's rank as a Brigadier General, Major Randle offered the following speculation as to the official status of this rank:

"These state guards have been pulled together in an unofficial national organization of state militia. Lovekin might hold his brigadier general commission in just such an organization. It might suggest his claim to be a brigadier general, while unofficial and not recognized by either the Army or the North Carolina National Guard would allow him to claim the rank. This is all speculation on my part."

In the documents offered by Stephen Greer, one is a duty roster for the North Carolina State Guard which lists Stephen Lovekin as a Brigadier General.

<http://www.cseti.org/LovekinDocuments/LovekinNCStateGuardRoster-page1.jpg>

As to the official status of the NCSG, this is what their website declares:

The SGAUS is the national association for the organized state militia, often known as State Defense Force, State Guard, or State Military Reserve. These state military forces are the official "well regulated" Militia of their respective states. The SGAUS does not support private groups who may call themselves "militia," but who are not officially recognized, unless the group is bona fide and seeking such official state recognition. These state military forces are in addition to and separate from the National Guard of the respective states, although both organizations are under the command of the Governor and are assigned to the state's Adjutant General or Military Department.

<http://www.ncstateguard.org/>

Consequently, the rank of Brigadier General assigned to Stephen Lovekin is officially recognized by the Governor of North Carolina and officially is part of that state's Military Department. So Major Randle was incorrect in his speculation regarding the 'unofficial status' of the State Guard that Stephen Lovekin attained his rank. This documentary evidence proves that Stephen Lovekin has an official status as a Brigadier General in an official military organization recognized by the State of North Carolina.

Another error in Kevin Randle's article concerns Stephen Lovekin's service in the White House where he speculates:

"Then there was the claim by Lovekin that he worked in the Eisenhower White House. Well, if Stephen L. Lovekin and the attorney in North Carolina are the same man, this makes little sense. According to the information Stephen L. Lovekin, the attorney, was born in August 1940. His biography at the law firm web site does not mention any military service, nor does it suggest that he was ever a brigadier general. That in and of itself seems strange. To further complicate the matter, if these are the same men, then Lovekin was 18 when he worked in the Eisenhower White House. While it is not unheard of for a teenager to be an Army officer (I was a warrant officer at 19), it is extremely unlikely that someone of that age to be assigned to the White House. Those postings are normally reserved for more experienced soldiers."

Again, documentary evidence supplied Dr Greer proves that

General Lovekin did serve in the White Housel Signals Agency as he claimed:

<http://www.disclosureproject.org/lovekin/documents.htm>.

Again, Major Randle is incorrect in his speculations regarding General Lovekin. Finally, we have the final conclusion from Maj Randle regarding the claims of Brig General Lovekin:

"This all suggests to me that the "whistle blower" testimony offered by Stephen L. Lovekin is of little use in developing any policies related to UFOs or extraterrestrial visitation. There is no corroboration of his many claims of military service as a high-ranking officer, no verification of his positions in the White House and little reason to believe he was witness to the things he claims. Like so many of the other whistle blowers, he should be removed from our lists."

Documentary evidence has now emerged that Maj Randle was wrong both in a number of speculations he offered concerning Brig General Lovekin, and dramatically wrong in the conclusion he offered. His advise to remove the testimony of Gen Lovekin from the lists of serious UFO researchers amounts to a character assassination against a man who has served with distinction both in the US Army and the State of North Carolina. It would be appropriate for Maj Randle to publicly apologize for his unjust dismissal and criticisms of the claims offered by Brig General Stephen Lovekin regarding both his military service and UFOs/extraterrestrial visitation.

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>Subject: Re: Vallee Sagan & Keel

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Jerry Clark said:

>>>>I do not consider intellectual incoherence excusable simply
>>>>because we are dealing with difficult problems which arguably
>>>>transcend current knowledge. There is a whole lot of
>>>>intellectually coherent literature, from various informed points
>>>>of view (e.g., Hilary Evans on psychosocial perspectives,
>>>>Swords, Friedman, and Hall on the ETH, Hufford, Ring, and Harpur
>>>>on high-strangeness material, Bullard and Appelle on abductions,
>>>>and more), addressing these complex and puzzling matters. The
>>>>abandonment of reason in the face of the ostensibly unreasonable
>>>>is an intellectual error of fatal proportions.

>>>Very well-said indeed, Jerry. It's as though some so-called
>>>Ufologists throw their hands in the air when faced with the
>>>puzzling confluence of facts and speculations which attend this
>>>subject. They seek refuge in magical/New Age thinking in much
>>>the same way our ancestors, lacking modern scientific
>>>methodology and knowledge, dreamed up gods and spirits when
>>>confronted with puzzling aspects of nature.

>>>The last thing we should do when faced with the inexplicable is
>>>to abandon logic and to seek solace in incoherent mysticism. On
>>>the contrary, that's the time to gear up our reasoning abilities
>>>- to apply even more logical rigor to the mysteries at hand.

>>>These same people who cry "paranormal" when faced with unusual
>>>technology today would no doubt, if living in an earlier age,
>>>pronounce a Ford Mustang to be a "chariot from heaven"
>>>(actually, some modern-day fans say something similar, but
>>>that's another story:-).

>>Jeff,

>>Very well said yourself. Absolutely dead on. The trouble is, at
>>least I have come to believe this, that the New Agers don't even
>>realize they are doing it. They really think they have an
>>epistemology that is superior to scientific method. However,
>>they often do betray an underlying current of anti-science which
>>pops up here and there in their rhetoric, and that tends to show
>>that they are spiritual questors looking for something superior
>>to bad ol' science. They confuse bad uses and bad products of
>>science (atomic weapons, poisonous chemicals unleashed in the
>>environment) with the method. Indeed the approach does get badly
>>misused all too often, but that is a human failing, not a fault
>>of the method.

Alfred Lehmborg said:

>I think science is fine for "spin", "rate", "charge", and
>"angular momentum", but I suspect it may err setting itself up
>as the default arbiter of that which it has itself discounted,

>shall not credit, and otherwise complacently ignore. Moreover,
>with regard to the ufological et al, science may be trying to
>look down the wrong end of the telescope. Consider. Science
>presupposes entropy and heat death for all of creation, ignoring
>the accelerating tendency towards complexity and novelty of
>everything it is otherwise trying to measure or qualify... and
>blithely attempts to obviate the UFO, the UFO seeming to
>regularly, and so effectively, point up science's shortcomings.

Dick Hall sez:

You, sir, are doing exactly what I said: confuising the scientific method with science as it is sometimes (all too often) practiced by humans, sometimes bad scientists, sometimes misguided goals. Because some scientists (and politicians) abuse scientific method and misuse science for military or political goals doesn't mean that the method is faulty. I agree with you that science as practiced especially in modern times is often way-off the mark.

However, there is no method for seeking truth better than the scientific method and no one on this List or elsewhere has ever advanced a case for arguing to the contrary. We badly need for real scientific method to be applied to UFOs. It has not been so far. Mysticism and crystal ball reading, and "pure reason" (devoid of empirical study) have nothing to offer in its place.

- Dick

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Re: 'Tell Us The Truth On Moorland UFO' - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 19:41:14 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 08:35:17 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Tell Us The Truth On Moorland UFO' - Allan

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Friday, February 24, 2006 3:25 PM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: 'Tell Us The Truth On Moorland UFO'

>Source: The Daily Post - Llandudno Junction, Conwy,
> North Wales, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/q2d7g>

>Feb 23 2006

>'Tell Us The Truth On Moorland UFO'
>By Hywel Trewyn, Daily Post

>A UFO investigator hopes to unravel a 30-year mystery - did
>spacemen land on a North Wales mountain?

>Unexplained lights in the sky, an earthquake and secretive men
>in suits all happened on a dark winter's night in 1974 as the
>people of Llandderfel and Llandrillo, villages in the Berwyn
>mountains near Bala, sat down to their evening's TV.
>The incident fired the imagi-nation of many, including UFO
>researcher Russell Kellett ,who now is trying to get to the
>bottom of the mystery.

>Next month Mr Kellett, 42, will reveal what he claims are "the
>>true facts" at a meeting in Bala. It will be at the White Lion
>Hotel on March 25, at 1pm.

>One woman claimed she saw "coffin shaped" boxes being loaded
>aboard MoD vehicles.

>Previous UFO researchers said they were contacted by soldiers
>claiming they removed "bodies" to Porton Down, the top-secret
>MoD germ warfare laboratory.

Is Mr Kellett out to prove that this case, and not Rendlesham,
is the true "British Roswell"? Or has the UK now got a Kecksburg
as well as a Roswell?

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Re: Koi Chrono 1950s - Koi

From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi2.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 20:04:29 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 08:43:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Koi Chrono 1950s - Koi

>From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi2.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 18:34:42 -0000
>Subject: Koi Chrono 1950s

>Greetings,

>To give a flavour of the preliminary draft of the UFO/SETI
>Chronology I'll be making available as a free download shortly,
>I thought it would be worth making the entries for a
>representative decade or two available so that people can
decide whether to bother downloading the full document. I've
called the relevant files "Koi Chrono 1950s" and "Koi Chrono
1960s" . I hope the titles give some indication of the contents!

>Making these documents available and receiving feedback about
>problems also helps to identify (and ideally resolve) problems
>in this method of delivery.

Okay, I think we're getting there...

With thanks to those that have provided feedback on the
downloading problems and/or suggested solutions (particularly
Gary C Matteson, Joe McGonagle, Gary Anthony and Mick Jones), I
think I've found a workable solution for making the full
Chronology available as a free download.

It looks like I can now give direct links to the files without
having to worry about download limits or users having to login to
a gmail account.

The zipped sample Word document for the 1950s (Koi Chrono 1950s)
should download by clicking below:

<http://tinyurl.com/f2ncc>

The zipped sample Word document for the 1960s (Koi Chrono 1960s)
should download by clicking below:

<http://tinyurl.com/hvho7>

By the way, I should have mentioned that the relevant samples
are both several hundred pages long. At least one reader
attempted to print one of the documents without realizing its
length. (Sorry Fran!).

Since I know that there are others out there that have prepared
sizeable reference documents that could usefully be shared with
the wider ufological community, I think its worth mentioning a
few of the methods of making files available that I've explored
in the last couple of days. (I know that in relation to some
researchers the reason for not distributing their material
widely is due to matters other than mere practicalities, but I
hope the following details may help somebody).

Firstly, in relation to the file storage used, I've tried a
number of options suggested by various people. I started off
with using file storage on Smartgroups, but hit the download
limit within hours of posting a few links on Updates. I next

tried simply emailing the documents to a Gmail email account and made the passwords available to others, but this obviously is something of a rignmarole. After suggestions from several members of this List and Ufologyinuk, I tried a file hosting service known as yousendit.com, but that service unfortunately has a limit of 25 downloads of each file each week. Finally, Gary C Matteson provided a solution which (I hope!) solves previous problems. That solution involves using a publishing website, www.lulu.com. It is possible (although as a lawyer, it goes somewhat against the grain) to set the sale price of an uploaded publication as \$0.00. Although it appears users would have to login to their lulu.com account to download even a free ebook, the author can upload a "sample" and a link can be provided to that "sample". I've successfully uploaded a full document as a "sample" of the publication, and given relevant links to each "sample" above. Since the "sample" file can be up to 2Mb in size, this is sufficient to make available a Word document several thousand pages long. As a result of some wizardary by Joe McGonagle and Gary Anthony in the UK, I should be able to make the full Chronology available by this means.

(Using lulu.com also allows authors to quickly and easily change the price from \$0.00 to whatever figure they think they can get away with).

Secondly, in relation to the file type used, again I'm grateful for various suggestions that have been made and experiments conducted. I've tried saving the documents as RTF files, but this results in the loss of all the tables (thus preventing sorting the references alphabetically, chronologically or by length of discussion). No-one has yet reported any problems opening a file saved as a doc file using Word 2002, but it appears that a dramatic reduction in file size can be achieved by having someone using Word 97 open the file and save it under a different file name (thanks again to Joe McGonagle for this very useful bit of information). I'll circulate the full document as a file saved using Word 97 (which may also eliminate any problems for those with older versions of Word). Given the file sizes involved, I'll continue using zipped files unless anyone reports a problem with this. If anyone has not yet installed software to zip/unzip files, an evaluation version of Winzip 10 can be downloaded from the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/8xfnt>

For those (like me) that wish to anonymise their work, Microsoft has produced a little tool that can be used in Word 2002 (and later versions) and some other software. Further details, and the relevant download, can be found at the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/4mnrw>

Thanks also to Mick Jones for the following:

For those without a MS office suite or compatible software there is a free Word reader available at the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/64atx>

The file size can also be significantly reduced by converting the file to a PDF document using, for example, the free software from primopdf.com. (Unfortunately, converting the Word file to a PDF appears to render inactive the hyperlinks to the endnote references). I'll probably make the full document available as a PDF document, in addition to a doc file saved using Word 97.

I hope some of the above is useful to (and encourages) others that may wish to share their work.

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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Re: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <ufomiami.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 18:11:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 09:26:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info - Sanchez-Ocejo

>From: Cory Cameron <corycameron_510.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 12:04:58 -0500
>Subject: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info

>Can someone please advise me as to whether or not
>cryptozoologists have studied the purported 'Mothman',
>'Chupacabra' or cattle mutilation theories and to where/what
>extent if any, were made of the conclusions of these studies,

Dear Cory,

Our Chupacabra's field investigation in Miami (1996) and in Chile (2000) indicate that it's a real physical being with the characteristics of a predator, but not an ordinary predator.

Our study is based not only on eyewitnesses interview. It leaves physical evidences, such as tracks, body hair (so far, there are no references to compare a DNA profile) and the evidence of thousands of dead animals left behind.

This creature is real, but we just don't know what it is yet.

Regards,

Virgilio

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George Pal's The War Of The Worlds DVD

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 18:31:57 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 09:29:24 -0500
Subject: George Pal's The War Of The Worlds DVD

I've just had more fun than I can describe.

Being a fan of sci-fi I had to purchase the collector's edition of film legend George Pal's The War Of The Worlds.

It's full of goodies including commentary by the film's stars Gene Barry and Ann Robinson.

Ann Robinson is still a babe after all these years and her commentary during the film is lively and rich regarding the behind the scenes production and Hollywood history. She and Mr. Barry just rule this DVD and their contributions should be listed as college credits for anyone listening in.

Also on the DVD are good ol' Bob Burns the ultimate memorabilia collector's commentary! The original Orson Welles' Mercury radio broadcast that frightened the nation and even the great Forrest J. Ackerman makes an appearance during one of the documentaries.

Of course H.G. Wells appears too! :)

Mind you, this is important to Ufology as it covers over 100 years of this story created by H.G. Wells. Wells wrote the classic way before the modern day of saucers and ET's came about. Yet it still holds it's own to this day! Even the past year saw a remake of the story by three different film directors!

Wells' aliens weren't the happy-camper 'space brothers' come to Earth to deliver a message of warning and hope. No, they came to exterminate us and that was that.

Notice how our views of aliens went from hostiles to 'space brothers' to, recently, 'we just don't know'.

I recall as a child seeing this film on tv during a cousin's first birthday party. It reached a high on my 'Ma!' factor scale of scary. This meaning how many times one screams 'Ma!' during a fright moment. It still has chills to this day and there's no computer razzle dazzle either, just good ol' fashioned great acting, storytelling, score and special effects.

I learned something so frightening about the history of bringing Wells' book to film and that is that at one time Alfred Hitchcock had intended to bring it to cinema. The mere concept of Hitchcock and Wells is far too much for my mind to handle. It would have scared humanity into a new iron age.

Something else of note while glancing at the Wikipedia entry regarding the work The War Of The Worlds. It notes that H.G. Wells was a proponent of evolution and that he felt all life was in a constant brutal battle for survival.

Could he be right about our reported modern day visitors? Would that not be the basics for their reported actions?

Don't even get me started on Jules Verne :)

Best,

Greg

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Re: Lovekin Is A General But... - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 16:58:38 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 09:31:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Lovekin Is A General But... - Rudiak

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 09:34:07 EST
>Subject: Lovekin Is A General But...

>Well, the fuse that I lit back in July has finally burned down
>to the explosive and the firestorm has erupted. Yes, after
>asking questions for the last several months, those who know
>Stephen Lovekin have finally responded with a somewhat nasty and
>slightly misleading attack on me. How dare I ask these questions
>and post the information that I have about "Brigadier General"
>Lovekin.

>Here's what I learned after I received a copy of the rant
>launched by Dr. Steven Greer. (For the full story and links to
>the documentation, you can go to my blog at:

>www.KevinRandle.blogspot.com.

I am going to join the ranks of those critical of how Kevin Randle has handled this. The "somewhat nasty and slightly misleading attack" on Kevin came after Kevin's somewhat nasty and misleading attack on Lovekin on his blog, which I detail further below. Thus Kevin's complaints about being attacked is a little like the pot calling the kettle black.

>He was not a brigadier general on active duty with the Army, he
>was not a member and brigadier general in the North Carolina
>National Guard and he was not a brigadier general in the Army
>Reserve. He is, as I speculated, a brigadier general in the
>State Guard of North Carolina Association, a volunteer, civilian
>organization.

Here is a good example of Kevin being slightly misleading. Lovekin never said was a brigadeer general on active duty with the Army. If that was ever said, it came from others, not Lovekin. As for the confusion between his brig. general status in the State Guard or the National Guard, it is unclear to me at this point whether this was Lovekin's fault or perhaps a simple misunderstanding by civilian folk in the Disclosure Project who didn't understand the difference. (I, for one, didn't either.) State Guard could easily be misconstrued as State National Guard by the uninitiated.

>Yes, this seems to be splitting a fine hair here, but it is not.
>During World War II, when the National Guard in all states was
>activated, the states responded by creating the State Guard. It
>was an organization that took on the role of the National Guard
>while those soldiers were deployed. When the war ended and the
>National Guard soldiers were demobilized, these state guards
>were disbanded or allowed to disintegrate. Their charters, in
>many cases expired. In the 1990s, many of these organizations
>were revitalized, but often without the state recognition they
>once held.

>With the information, supplied by Greer, I learned about
>Lovekin's military connection. I used Google to find the State
>Guard of North Carolina. It has a one page web site that
>explains in their mission statement:

>"The NCSGA (North Carolina State Guard Association) is deicated
>(sic) to provide an organized trained group of volunteers to
>help in times of emergency and as a manpower multiplier force
>for the CERT program in the State of North Carolina."

>This organization is somewhat similar to the Air Force's Civil
>Air Patrol (CAP). All CAP members wear the Air Force uniform,
>but they are not members of the Air Force. The CAP is the
>official auxiliary and they perform a great service in search
>and rescue. But they are civilian volunteers who serve without
>pay and often with little recognition.

>And so it is with the North Carolina State Guard Association.
>They perform service and are a benefit to the community, but
>they are an organization of civilian volunteers in a
>paramilitary organization who serve without pay.

>So, the answer to the question in the original article, "Is
>Lovekin a Brigadier General," is yes. But it is a qualified
>yes, meaning that he holds a commission as a Brigadier General
>in an organization that has little or no official recognition.

Whether they are "official" or not strikes me as a little bit of
semantic hair splitting. Here's what the North Carolina State
Guard has to say about the "official" position of the various US
State Guards:

<http://www.ncstateguard.org/>

"The SGAUS [State Guard Assoc. of the US] is the national
association for the organized state militia, often known as
State Defense Force, State Guard, or State Military Reserve.
These state military forces are the ***official*** "well
regulated" Militia of their respective states. The SGAUS does
not support private groups who may call themselves "militia,"
but who are not officially recognized, unless the group is bona
fide and seeking such official state recognition. These state
military forces are in addition to and separate from the
National Guard of the respective states, although both
organizations are under the command of the Governor and are
assigned to the state's Adjutant General or Military
Department."

Thus, according to this, and contrary to what Kevin says, they
are an officially sanctioned state militia under ultimate
command of the Governor and Adjutant General, who also commands
the state National Guard. Even though voluntary, they have a
military organization and receive some military training, to be
used primarily in cases of emergency to assist local authorities
and the National Guard. Thus they might be called in to assist
in emergency evacuations or to patrol streets and maintain order
after a natural disaster, just like the National Guard.

Having said that, they obviously don't have the level of
importance of the National Guard. Also, unlike the National
Guard, they are official only at the state level and not part of
the national defense establishment. Thus they are not going to
get involved in actual military combat. Unlike the National
Guard, Bush and Rumsfelt can't do a backdoor draft on the State
Guard and send them to Iraq.

Thus Kevin's point that being a brigadier general in the State
Guard isn't much, which is valid. Lovekin's "general" status has
been used to promote the credibility of his story, including by
me, and I for one am going to have to clarify the significance
of his rank over on my website.

On the other hand, this is mostly besides the point. Lovekin's
core story has nothing to do with him being a brigadier general
when he served in the White House Army Signal Corp.

>If I was to complain about the way he is listed in the various
>articles and on various web sites, it would be about the claim
>of National Guard Reserve. As I have said, there is no such
>thing though both the National Guard and the Army Reserve are
>parts of the Reserve Component. In all official planning for the
>force structure the National Guard and the Army Reserve are
>featured. The North Carolina State Guard Association is not.

So is this Lovekin's fault or the fault of the web sites, such

as the Disclosure Project? It seems Lovekin is being attacked based on the hearsay or misunderstanding of others.

This reminds me a bit of how Jesse Marcel's statement in one interview that he was promoted to Lt. Colonel soon after Roswell. Marcel was in fact so promoted, but in the A.F. Reserve, which Marcel didn't make explicitly clear in the interview. This then got blown all out of proportion by debunkers because others writing about Marcel misrepresented this as Marcel saying he was a Lt. Colonel on active duty.

>To correct the problem, all that needs to be done is to change
>the listing from National Guard Reserve to North Carolina State
>Guard Association. Those who wish to understand the significance
>of Lovekin's commission can then find their way to the web
>sites. They will have the information necessary to understand
>what is going on.

>But let's go just a little bit further. I now understand why my
>search failed to find any reference to an officer named Lovekin
>in the Army Registry. When Lovekin said that he was assigned to
>the White House Signal Agency, he was not an officer. He was a
>specialist, meaning he was a low ranking enlisted man. Given the
>timing, and Lovekin's biography, it means he entered the Army
>shortly after he finished high school, served for a limited
>time, and then went to college. I wouldn't be surprised to learn
>that he joined the Army for the GI Bill which would have helped
>pay for college.

>Where does that leave us? Well, Lovekin was a member of the
>White House Signal Agency, but as an enlisted man. He serves, or
>served, as a Brigadier General in North Carolina State Guard
>Association but has not held that rank in the Armed Forces of
>the United States. What this does is clarify his position and
>helps us understand and assign credibility to his claims of what
>he heard at the Eisenhower White House.

What Kevin is again trying his best not to discuss is that he repeatedly implied in his January 5 blog on Lovekin that he was flat-out lying about his service in the White House Army Signal Corp.

>I'll make one more quick comment. I laid out the information I
>have carefully. I showed that there were no official documents
>that showed Lovekin served as a general in any of the officially
>sanctioned military services. I suggested then that he might
>have been appointed a general in this loosely organized State
>Guard, which is the case. I had asked for help from those
>supporting Lovekin such as Dr. Michael Salla, who said he would
>find out and let me know. I wrote to Lovekin's cousin, twice,
>asking for documentation and said I would post it immediately. I
>received nothing. Instead, I'm attacked for wanting to get to
>the truth. This I knew would happen.

Unfortunately this is Kevin in spin control mode. What happened is he essentially called Lovekin a liar about ever being in the military, much less in the White House Signal Corp. He also badly misrepresented what Lovekin had to see about his importance in the Signal Corp and his role in the White House, again seemingly in an effort to discredit him.

This is why Kevin is being attacked, not for trying to get at the truth, but for NOT getting at the truth. He was inaccurate and rushed to judgment before he had all the facts. Lovekin's reputation got badly smeared because of Kevin's misunderstandings, incomplete investigation, and then how he wrote it up. He needs to publicly apologize to Lovekin for that.

>So, for those who want to believe, Lovekin is a general. For
>those who want the truth, the source of his commission is
>important. If the media were to check on this, what conclusion
>do you think they would draw? And it is those people who are
>disinterested that should drive the train.

As far as I know, Lovekin never represented himself as an active duty Army general nor any high officer when he was in the White House Signal Corp. As for the confusion between him being a Brig. General in the Army National Guard instead of the State Guard, that may have been a simple confusion on the part of Steven Greer and the Disclosure Project. Not many civilians would know the difference. An important point is that Lovekin

didn't make up his rank, even if it was an appointed one and in a "lowly" military organization like the State Guard.

And again, Kevin seems to be glossing over what is the important part of Lovekin's story, that he was indeed in the White House Army Signal Corp between 1959 and 1961 as he claimed, was briefed on the UFO situation (including crash retrievals), and heard Eisenhower's musings on the subject. That he was in the WHASC certainly doesn't prove his story, but it does lend it some support. In contrast, if he hadn't been in the WHASC, then his whole story obviously would have been a fraud.

As for the hostility Kevin says he is getting, perhaps it has something to do with the way he misrepresented Lovekin in his blog.

For example, Kevin was very obviously insinuating that Lovekin never served in the White House Signal Corp when he said the following in his January 5 blog:

"Then there was the claim by Lovekin that he worked in the Eisenhower White House. Well, if Stephen L. Lovekin and the attorney in North Carolina are the same man, this makes little sense. According to the information Stephen L. Lovekin, the attorney, was born in August 1940...

"To further complicate the matter, if these are the same men, then Lovekin was 18 when he worked in the Eisenhower White House. While it is not unheard of for a teenager to be an Army officer (I was a warrant officer at 19), it is extremely unlikely that someone of that age to be assigned to the White House. Those postings are normally reserved for more experienced soldiers."

He also said:

"His biography at the law firm web site does not mention any military service, nor does it suggest that he was ever a brigadier general. That in and of itself seems strange."

So he was clearly insinuating that not only was it highly unlikely that Lovekin was in the WHASC, he probably was never even in the Army. His "evidence"--Lovekin didn't mention his military service on his web page in giving his lawyer biography, which Kevin for some reason found to be "strange."

Now it turns out Kevin was completely wrong about this. Lovekin was in the WHASC as a teenager, just as he stated, but which Kevin proclaimed was "extremely unlikely."

(For documents confirming Lovekin in the WHASC from 1959 to 1961, see Disclosure Project website:

<http://www.disclosureproject.org/lovekin/documents.htm>

Download the scans of the "White House Letter" and "White House Certificate". The latter document gives his dates of service in the "White House Army Signaling Agency" from May 9, 1959 to August 12, 1961.)

Kevin again implied that Lovekin couldn't have been in the White House or the Army when he incorrectly said the following:

"Once again, if we read Lovekin's law biography carefully, we find no time for him to have been trained and then serve as an Army officer, complete his under graduate training and then attend law school. He received his law degree in 1964. He would have had to graduate from high school in 1957 or 1958, complete OCS which, in that time frame lasted six months, serve his military term, attend college and then go on to law school, all in six or seven years."

But what Lovekin's law biography actually says is that he got his bachelors degree in 1964, not his law degree, which it says he received in 1967, not "1964", and was admitted to the North Carolina bar in 1968. That completely changes things, doesn't it? This give him ample time after high school to have been in the Army (and White House), as he said, left the service in 1961, then got a college degree and attended law school.

<http://www.lawyers.com/lovekinyoungandorndoff/jsp2553409.jsp>

But in Randle's not-so-"careful" reading of Lovekin's law biography, he got the date and degree wrong, then again jumped to the conclusion that this demonstrated that Lovekin's Army and White House service was all made up.

Furthermore Kevin said the following about what Lovekin had supposedly claimed, which is again inaccurate and misleading:

"According to what Lovekin said, and ***which was related by others*** [emphasis mine], Lovekin worked directly under President Eisenhower in May of 1959 in the White House Army Signaling Agency and later under Kennedy with an above top-secret clearance..."

"This is important stuff, if it could be confirmed. A general officer, one who had once held the ear of the president and who could report on the president's interest in UFOs, would make an impressive witness, especially if he could talk of a UFO crash and recovered debris. It should be relatively simple to verify Lovekin's credentials as a general."

So here Kevin was claiming that Lovekin said he "worked directly under President Eisenhower" was a "general officer" in the White House and even "once held the ear of the president." Where did he get that? Possibly from what "was related by others," not Lovekin.

What Lovekin did say (from the recordings I've heard) is that when Eisenhower was at Camp David (and the Signal Corp would follow him because they were providing high-level communications), he would sometimes talk to the Signal Corp people there because he felt comfortable with Army people like himself. That's when Lovekin claimed he heard Eisenhower bemoaning the fact that he was "sold out" and losing control of the UFO situation to the corporations.

Thus Lovekin never said anything like he "once held the ear of the president" or "worked directly under Eisenhower." What he did say, is he heard Eisenhower talking about the UFO situation at Camp David along with the other guys in the Signal Corp. But Kevin's loose blog language implied that Lovekin misrepresented himself as somebody important in the White House, perhaps a personal military aide or advisor to Eisenhower, with the President's "ear" no less.

Now I do believe the Disclosure Project at one time said Lovekin was a young lieutenant while serving at the White House, and based on that, I myself have sometimes given that as his rank there. That does not appear to be the case. As Kevin _correctly_ points out, the first White House document provided by Lovekin, dated June 1960, says he was a "Specialist 4", the same pay grade as "Corporal." However, a photo provided by Lovekin (unspecified date) shows him with three sergeant stripes, or pay grade 5. The Wikipedia article on Army enlisted rank says the following about this:

"The rank of Specialist is a soldier of paygrade E-4 who has not yet attained non-commissioned officer status. It is common that a soldier may never be a Corporal and will move directly from Specialist to Sergeant, attaining NCO status immediately."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Army_enlisted_rank_insignia

So it seems likely that Lovekin, soon after 1960, moved from Specialist to Sergeant, or became a non-commissioned officer. However, that's still a far cry from lieutenant.

But is this Lovekin exaggerating his credentials or is this perhaps yet another misunderstanding? Let us try not to rush to judgment AGAIN until all the facts are in.

Perhaps the following happened. _Maybe_ Lovekin left the service as an NCO but attended OCS in college and became a 1st lieutenant in the Army Reserve. Thus maybe his final Army grade was lieutenant, but not when he was on active duty or when serving at the White House. It could be something like that that got lost in translation when the Disclosure Project got a hold of it.

The important point remains that Lovekin was in fact in the

White House Army Signal Corp between 1959 and 1961, exactly as he claimed, and what Kevin implied over and over again was a fabrication. Kevin rightly deserves to be criticized for this.

David Rudiak

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Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

From: Gildass Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 15:13:43 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 09:36:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 12:20:54 -0800
>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 10:58:13 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>><snip>

>>I must admit that you show great skill in avoiding my simple,
>>basic question. No, my argument is not that there is no official
>>documentation to confirm your scenario (although it is true).
>>It
>>is much more direct and simple: all serious historical sources
>>show that it is impossible because all the remaining prisoners
>>at Unit 731 were killed before the arrival of the Russians in
>>Manchuria, who took over the country in less than two weeks in a
>>sweeping offensive with a huge army. The US army could not have
>>come there and taken any of these prisoners. In addition to
>>that, Japanese doctors said clearly that they used healthy
>>people, in order to have significant results. So, yes, the tale
>>of your informers is not open for debate: it's a lie.

>>Your other argument, that there is no proof either of a UFO
>>crash, and that, therefore I am a "believer", is equally
>>twisted. First, I never said that we have definitive proof of
>>that. I agree that we don't. On the other hand, the story of a
>>Mogul balloon can be refuted with very simple arguments. Here
>>is just one. As the story goes, Roswell officers mistook balsa
>>wood sticks of the radar targets with extraordinary material from
>>a flying saucer. To see how preposterous this is, just go to an
>>art and craft store, buy a balsa wood stick, 8 mm thick, and see
>>how easily it breaks in your hands. Not the kind of stuff to
>>provoke the press release of Roswell.

>>In other words, there is no final proof of a UFO crash, but
>>there is no proof at all of a confusion with balloons and radar
>>targets. So the debate of a UFO crash remains open. On the
>>contrary, the tale of handicapped Chinese prisoners is closed:
>>it's a lie.

>We are only going to go around in circles here and an endless
>debate is, as I said, pointless. And I am not trying to show
>great skill in avoiding anything!

>The facts are that all of the historical data suggests there
>were no survivors from Unit 731. Although, a comprehensive Net
>Search on Unit 731 + survivors does pull up interesting data as
>I am sure you know, much of which revolves around villages that
>were subjected to bio-attacks, etc., going back to the early
>years of work in this area.

Nick

So, you admit at last that there were no survivors from Unit

731! This contradicts directly the "revelations" of your informers in your book. Should I list them again?

Now, you give a new lead, bio-attacks in villages of Manchuria. So what?? What does it have to do with your story? This was in a country occupied during the war by the Japanese. Therefore it's totally irrelevant again.

>But also: all of the historical data of the entire US
>Government
>suggests no aliens crashed at Roswell.

There are three main "official" documents:

First the 1995 USAF Roswell Report with the Mogul explanation. To test it, just buy a balsa wood stick!

Secondly, the 1995 GAO Report which said: "the debate on what crashed at Roswell continues".

Third, the 1997 USAF book "Roswell Case Closed", which added the story of parachute dummies. Few people believed it.

What happens, with time, is that the Mogul balloon (Mogul 4 which was never launched) looks more and more like a phantom fading away, like the legendary ship!

So, yes, it may have seemed timely to try a new one, just to fill the void.

>The fact is that if I am right or you are right, both scenarios
>require a re-write of official history. So, in other words, it
>_still_ comes down to whose testimony on Roswell we accept as
>genuine. And _only_ that.

There are dozens of credible testimonies on the ufo crash, including more than 30 sworn affidavits.

There is not one public testimony on your body snatcher story.

Gildas

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Re: 'Tell Us The Truth On Moorland UFO' - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <ray.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 14:27:25 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 09:38:01 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Tell Us The Truth On Moorland UFO' - Dickenson

>From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 19:41:14 -0000
>Subject: Re: 'Tell Us The Truth On Moorland UFO'

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Date: Friday, February 24, 2006 3:25 PM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: 'Tell Us The Truth On Moorland UFO'

>>Source: The Daily Post - Llandudno Junction, Conwy, North Wales, UK
>><http://tinyurl.com/q2d7g>

<snip>

>>Next month Mr Kellett, 42, will reveal what he claims are "the
>>true facts" at a meeting in Bala. It will be at the White Lion
>>Hotel on March 25, at 1pm.

<snip>

>Is Mr Kellett out to prove that this case, and not Rendlesham,
>is the true "British Roswell"? Or has the UK now got a Kecksburg
>as well as a Roswell?

Hi Christopher

We had a (very bad) "De-bunking Berwyns" program from the BBC,
asking us to accept impossible co-incidences - like different
'meteors' arriving from different directions (impossible) over a
mountain in N Wales, at same time as a local earthquake (so
highly improbable it's not believable).

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m04-017.shtml>

That should have raised the alarm.

As Stuart was quoted in that mail - "The only comment I would
care to make about the Berwyn Mountain incident was that it was
indeed a bizarre combination of geological coincidences that
seemed to have been produced that night."

But that's without all those eye-witness accounts - a quick a
look by Tom Slemen is at
<http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/Park/4065/berwyn.html>

The almost immediate 'curfew/clamp-down' - by military, police
and 'security' - should've set further alarm bells ringing, as
should have the subsequent suppression of national news stories.

Personally believe suppression of truth and insertion of dis-
info has always been easier in authoritarian UK - this is just
an example.

Cheers

Ray D

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Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 09:54:55 -0500
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To: Errol Bruce-Knapp <sdi.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 09:02:41 -0700
Subject: An Interesting Nuclear Weapons Connection

Hi Errol,

Thanks for having me on the show. I really enjoyed it and
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UFO incidents. Given the specifics of their testimony, as
summarized in my recent online article, I believe that the
information below is relevant.

Regards,

Robert

From: Robert Hastings <hastings444.nul>
To: Schaefer, Susan <xxxx.nul>
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2004 7:34 PM
Subject: An Interesting Nuclear Weapons Connection...

Susan,

By the way, speaking of the UFO/nuclear weapons connection:

You are perhaps aware of the Committee for the Scientific
Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), and familiar
with the overzealous, anti-UFO articles which frequently appear
in CSICOP's magazine Skeptical Inquirer.

The editor of Skeptical Inquirer is Kendrick C. Frazier. Some
years ago, I learned that Frazier has been employed as a public

relations specialist at Sandia National Laboratories, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, since the early 1980s. Sandia, as you perhaps know, is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and has been essential to the U.S. nuclear weapons program, engineering components for bomb and missile warhead systems.

You are of course now very familiar with the numerous references in declassified government documents, and in the statements of former military personnel, concerning UFO sightings at nuclear weapons development, testing, and deployment sites - decade after decade.

Considering these disclosures - which clearly establish a link between UFOs and nukes - I find it interesting, to say the least, that the editor of the leading debunking magazine - whose pages routinely feature articles discrediting UFOs and those who report them - should be employed as a public relations spokesman by one of the top nuclear weapons labs in the United States.

Perhaps significantly, Skeptical Inquirer's publisher's statement, which appears at the beginning of each issue, doesn't mention Frazier's employment at the highly secretive, government-funded laboratory. Instead, the magazine merely lists his profession as "science writer" - a reference to his having written books and articles on various scientific subjects.

Furthermore, an online biography on Frazier also fails to mention his Sandia Labs connection:

<http://www.annonline.com/interviews/971009/biography.html>

On the other hand, I have found two fairly obscure CSICOP-originated references to his nuclear weapons-related employment:

<http://www.csicop.org/events/dc.html>

http://www.csicop.org/events/conference-2003/kendrick_frazier.html

I have also found a few other online references to his PR position with Sandia.

Nevertheless, I have discovered over the years, that those skeptics in my lecture audiences who challenge my findings about the UFO/nukes connection - and cite CSICOP's debunking-style utterances as the final word on UFOs - are always unaware of Frazier's employment by the nuclear weapons industry. Since 1981, when I first began speaking publicly about UFOs, not one of those skeptics whom I questioned about Frazier's day job knew of it.

Moreover, curiously, even after all this time, only a very few individuals engaged in ufological research seem to be aware of Frazier's two-decade association with Sandia Labs.

Over the years, Frazier has been quick to dismiss the astonishing revelations about UFOs contained in government documents declassified via the Freedom of Information Act. He claims that the researchers who have accessed thousands of U.S. Air Force, CIA, and FBI files have consistently misrepresented their contents. In one interview he stated, "The UFO believers don't give you a clear and true idea of what these government documents reveal. They exaggerate the idea that there is a big UFO cover-up."

Just as Frazier strives to minimize the significance of the declassified revelations about UFOs, it is likely that he will also attempt to downplay the relevancy of his employment with one of the U.S. government's top nuclear weapons labs, as it pertains to his magazine's relentless debunking of UFOs. He will presumably assert that his skeptical views on the subject are personal and sincere, and are in no way related to, or influenced by, his public relations position at Sandia National Laboratories.

However, regardless of his response, I believe that his employment at Sandia is very relevant, and raises questions about his impartiality - if nothing else - when he publishes stridently anti-UFO articles such as those routinely featured in Skeptical Inquirer.

I assume, Susan, that your program will feature brief interviews

with UFO skeptics - for the purpose of balance. That is to be expected, and is of course warranted. There remain many unanswered questions about UFOs and a skeptical perspective - if sincere and informed - can only lend credibility to an objective assessment of the phenomenon.

However, having said that, it must be recognized that while there are credible UFO skeptics, there are also the "skeptics" who have interesting U.S. government connections - even though those connections are not always immediately obvious. In my view, it is very important for your team to differentiate between the two when choosing spokespersons for the skeptical camp...

Robert

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Re: George Pal's The War Of The Worlds DVD - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 09:54:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 12:59:07 -0500
Subject: Re: George Pal's The War Of The Worlds DVD - Kaeser

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 18:31:57 EST
>Subject: George Pal's The War Of The Worlds DVD

>I've just had more fun than I can describe.

>Being a fan of sci-fi I had to purchase the collector's edition
>of film legend George Pal's The War Of The Worlds.

>It's full of goodies including commentary by the film's stars
>Gene Barry and Ann Robinson.

<snip>

A program on local cable called "International Profile" has a good profile of H. G. Wells and provides a look at the man behind this story.

Wells was a great believer in the true goodness of mankind and felt that it would come to the surface if allowed to, and was very disillusioned by the inhumanity shown by the holocaust and the atomic bomb.

In the 1920s, Wells had been a proponent of a world organization that would mediate disagreements and eliminate the need for war. The League of Nations, as it existed, was powerless, and he believed that this should be accepted by mankind.

One of his most famous works in its day was The Outline Of History, in which he describes man's historical roots.

A very interesting program.

Steve

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Re: CSICOP's Kendrick C. Frazier & Sandia Labs -

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 15:51:30 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 13:00:48 -0500
Subject: Re: CSICOP's Kendrick C. Frazier & Sandia Labs -

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
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This is further very strong evidence that somebody at Peter Jennings Productions (probably the producer) finked out on that ultimately wishy-washy (at best) UFO special. I, too, worked with Susan Schaefer and she very conscientiously followed up on many of the important leads to significant witnesses that we gave her.

The bottom line is that they had accumulated a very strong case for the reality of "hardware" UFOs being observed and tracked at security sensitive installations, by pilots and aircrew members, etc. They seemed on the verge of broadcasting a blockbuster program, and then someone chickened out. Why? Were they pressured in some way?

Some investigative reporter might find it immensely rewarding to interview the production company staff members and try to find out what happened. We have their names amongst us.

- Dick

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Seeking Cryptozoologic Info - Cameron

From: Cory Cameron <corycameron_510.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 10:58:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 13:04:06 -0500
Subject: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info - Cameron

>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 18:11:32 -0500
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: Re: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info

>>From: Cory Cameron <corycameron_510.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 12:04:58 -0500
>>Subject: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info

>>Can someone please advise me as to whether or not
>>cryptozoologists have studied the purported 'Mothman',
>>'Chupacabra' or cattle mutilation theories and to where/what
>>extent if any, were made of the conclusions of these studies,

>Dear Cory,

>Our Chupacabra's field investigation in Miami (1996) and in
>Chile (2000) indicate that it's a real physical being with the
>characteristics of a predator, but not an ordinary predator.

>Our study is based not only on eyewitnesses interview. It leaves
>physical evidences, such as tracks, body hair (so far, there
>are no references to compare a DNA profile) and the evidence of
>thousands of dead animals left behind.

>This creature is real, but we just don't know what it is yet.

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To: ufoupdates.nul
Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 10:58:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info - Sanchez-Ocejo

Thank you Virgilio:

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The question one might ask about this predator is such: Why does it seem to possess such a high level of intelligence and how is it able to keep the sightings of itself to such a bare-minimum? With these questions and the seeming unreal eyewitness testimony, it's no wonder why critics point out that the reality of the creature is in doubt. But again, these same critics can be silenced with the evidence you have provided me here. I would like to point out another thing as well. For those critics of the Chupacabra who cast doubt upon its' authenticity they should also study the predatory nature of N. America's big cat, the cougar. This is also a stealthy, rarely seen apex predator but nobody doubts its' authenticity. And too, how can one doubt the

strangeness but apparently very real nature of the United Kingdom's 'big-cats'.

A very convinced believer in things that do more than 'bump-in-the-night',

Cory

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Dee Proctor Last Roswell Crash Witness Dies

From: **Anthony Bragalia** <envcol.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 11:56:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 08:14:13 -0500
Subject: Dee Proctor Last Roswell Crash Witness Dies

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Although I am not a List member, I wanted to alert readers that William "Dee" Proctor passed away last month (January 22) in Ruidoso, NM of an apparent heart attack. He was 66 years old.

Dee was the last living witness to the actual Roswell crash, having been at the site as a 7 year-old while visiting rancher Mac Brazel.

I am amazed that no mention has been made of his death on this List.

I am also profoundly disappointed that he never spoke publicly about the incident. Strangely, his mother Loretta spoke for him.

The truth is that Dee Proctor knew a great deal about the crash and remembered it very well. It is unfortunate that Roswell researchers were not more aggressive and creative in their pursuit of Dee.

Instead, so many years have been wasted talking to second and third-hand witnesses and charlatans.

Dee left family including his companion Mary, two sons, a daughter, 3 brothers, and 4 sisters. I can assure you that they know far more than any of us about the Roswell Incident. In fact, they are perhaps the last leads to the solution. But, like, with contacting Dee, I am sure that laziness, lack of ingenuity, and a want to perpetuate the mystery will keep researchers on this List from every contacting them either. It is regrettable, because had they done so, researchers would have known that Dee could affirm the ET nature of the crash.

I have detailed information on all this I would be happy to share with appropriate people who want to know the truth.

Best,

Tony Bragalia
envcol.nul

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Re: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info - Shell

From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 14:45:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 10:55:58 -0500
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I had to go to Puerto Rico on business back in the mid-90s when
the Chupacabras events were at their peak. I spent a little bit
of my free time talking to people about this and came away with
the strong feeling that this was not just some regional folk
tale. People were seeing something and were scared.

BTW, Cory, the name is Chupacabras. It means "sucker of goats"
in Spanish. There is no such word as Chupacabra, even though
this misspelling has appeared a lot. Let's try to at least keep
our terminology correct.

Bob Shell

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Re: Lovekin Is A General But... - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 16:16:42 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 11:01:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Lovekin Is A General But... - Randle

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 16:58:38 -0800
>Subject: Re: Lovekin Is A General But...

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 09:34:07 EST
>>Subject: Lovekin Is A General But...

>>Well, the fuse that I lit back in July has finally burned down
>>to the explosive and the firestorm has erupted. Yes, after
>>asking questions for the last several months, those who know
>>Stephen Lovekin have finally responded with a somewhat nasty and
>>slightly misleading attack on me. How dare I ask these questions
>>and post the information that I have about "Brigadier General"
>>Lovekin.

>>Here's what I learned after I received a copy of the rant
>>launched by Dr. Steven Greer. (For the full story and links to
>>the documentation, you can go to my blog at:

>>www.KeinRandle.blogspot.com.

>I am going to join the ranks of those critical of how Kevin
>Randle has handled this. The "somewhat nasty and slightly
>misleading attack" on Kevin came after Kevin's somewhat nasty
>and misleading attack on Lovekin on his blog, which I detail
>further below. Thus Kevin's complaints about being attacked is a
>little like the pot calling the kettle black.

Critical yes, but nasty, no. And I don't see what I said was
nasty. I just asked questions about the source of Lovekin's
commission and the timing of his early career.

>>He was not a brigadier general on active duty with the Army, he
>>was not a member and brigadier general in the North Carolina
>>National Guard and he was not a brigadier general in the Army
>>Reserve. He is, as I speculated, a brigadier general in the
>>State Guard of North Carolina Association, a volunteer, civilian
>>organization.

>Here is a good example of Kevin being slightly misleading.
>Lovekin never said was a brigadeer general on active duty with
>the Army. If that was ever said, it came from others, not
>Lovekin. As for the confusion between his brig. general status
>in the State Guard or the National Guard, it is unclear to me at
>this point whether this was Lovekin's fault or perhaps a simple
>misunderstanding by civilian folk in the Disclosure Project who
>didn't understand the difference. (I, for one, didn't either.)
>State Guard could easily be misconstrued as State National Guard
>by the uninitiated.

Here I was trying to be fair. I was making sure that Lovekin had
not been a general on active duty or in either the National
Guard or Reserve because the implication was there that he had
been. He was listed as National Guard Reserve, and I have said
repeatedly that it could be a mistake by those unfamiliar with
the composition of the military. Even the main stream media

have trouble with the organization of the military. The mistake certainly could have been made by those at the Disclosure Project and not the fault of Lovekin. However, I checked out all the possibilities.

What I was doing was clarifying the situation by saying that there was no evidence that Lovekin served as a general in what I think of as the Army=E2=80=A6 active, Reserve or National Guard.

>>Yes, this seems to be splitting a fine hair here, but it is not.
>>During World War II, when the National Guard in all states was
>>activated, the states responded by creating the State Guard. It
>>was an organization that took on the role of the National Guard
>>while those soldiers were deployed. When the war ended and the
>>National Guard soldiers were demobilized, these state guards
>>were disbanded or allowed to disintegrate. Their charters, in
>>many cases expired. In the 1990s, many of these organizations
>>were revitalized, but often without the state recognition they
>>once held.

>>With the information, supplied by Greer, I learned about
>>Lovekin's military connection. I used Google to find the State
>>Guard of North Carolina. It has a one page web site that
>>explains in their mission statement:

>>"The NCSGA (North Carolina State Guard Association) is deicated
>>(sic) to provide an organized trained group of volunteers to
>>help in times of emergency and as a manpower multiplier force
>>for the CERT program in the State of North Carolina."

>>This organization is somewhat similar to the Air Force's Civil
>>Air Patrol (CAP). All CAP members wear the Air Force uniform,
>>but they are not members of the Air Force. The CAP is the
>>official auxiliary and they perform a great service in search
>>and rescue. But they are civilian volunteers who serve without
>>pay and often with little recognition.

>>And so it is with the North Carolina State Guard Association.
>>They perform service and are a benefit to the community, but
>>they are an organization of civilian volunteers in a
>>paramilitary organization who serve without pay.

>>So, the answer to the question in the original article, "Is
>>Lovekin a Brigadier General," is yes. But it is a qualified
>>yes, meaning that he holds a commission as a Brigadier General
>>in an organization that has little or no official recognition.

>Whether they are "official" or not strikes me as a little bit of
>semantic hair splitting. Here's what the North Carolina State
>Guard has to say about the "official" position of the various US
>State Guards:

><http://www.ncstateguard.org/>

>"The SGAUS [State Guard Assoc. of the US] is the national
>association for the organized state militia, often known as
>State Defense Force, State Guard, or State Military Reserve.
>These state military forces are the ***official*** "well
>regulated" Militia of their respective states. The SGAUS does
>not support private groups who may call themselves "militia,"
>but who are not officially recognized, unless the group is bona
>fide and seeking such official state recognition. These state
>military forces are in addition to and separate from the
>National Guard of the respective states, although both
>organizations are under the command of the Governor and are
>assigned to the state's Adjutant General or Military
>Department."

>Thus, according to this, and contrary to what Kevin says, they
>are an _officially_ sanctioned _state_ militia under ultimate
>command of the Governor and Adjutant General, who also commands
>the state National Guard. Even though voluntary, they have a
>military organization and receive some military training, to be
>used primarily in cases of emergency to assist local authorities
>and the National Guard. Thus they might be called in to assist
>in emergency evacuations or to patrol streets and maintain order
>after a natural disaster, just like the National Guard.

They imply an official status and they say they are commanded by the governors and the Adjutant Generals of the various states, but in reality, most are not. They may be recognized as a source

of volunteer help but only because they have the manpower to assist not unlike the Lions or Optimists.

>Having said that, they obviously don't have the level of
>importance of the National Guard. Also, unlike the National
>Guard, they are official only at the state level and not part of
>the national defense establishment. Thus they are not going to
>get involved in actual military combat. Unlike the National
>Guard, Bush and Rumsfelt can't do a backdoor draft on the State
>Guard and send them to Iraq.

Mainly because they have no legal military standing and are made up of people who are volunteers. And their claim of an official status doesn't make it so. Some states actively fight this notion that the state guard is some how part of the overall military of the state.

>Thus Kevin's point that being a brigadier general in the State
>Guard isn't much, which is valid. Lovekin's "general" status has
>been used to promote the credibility of his story, including by
>me, and I for one am going to have to clarify the significance
>of his rank over on my website.

Which was my point.

>On the other hand, this is mostly besides the point. Lovekin's
>core story has nothing to do with him being a brigadier general
>when he served in the White House Army Signal Corp.

Which is why I said nothing about his core story.

>>If I was to complain about the way he is listed in the various
>>articles and on various web sites, it would be about the claim
>>of National Guard Reserve. As I have said, there is no such
>>thing though both the National Guard and the Army Reserve are
>>parts of the Reserve Component. In all official planning for the
>>force structure the National Guard and the Army Reserve are
>>featured. The North Carolina State Guard Association is not.

>So is this Lovekin's fault or the fault of the web sites, such
>as the Disclosure Project? It seems Lovekin is being attacked
>based on the hearsay or misunderstanding of others.

No, it's not his fault, and I tried to make that clear in some of the other arenas. I understood that the mistake might be that of those who don't understand those things. But I have also listened to Stan Friedman correct those who call him doctor. And yes, there are those who still do but Stan actively discourages this. I have seen no evidence that Lovekin has attempted to clarify this difference (and before you ask, no, I'm not sure that it is Lovekin's responsibility to do so).

>This reminds me a bit of how Jesse Marcel's statement in one
>interview that he was promoted to Lt. Colonel soon after
>Roswell. Marcel was in fact so promoted, but in the A.F.
>Reserve, which Marcel didn't make explicitly clear in the
>interview. This then got blown all out of proportion by
>debunkers because others writing about Marcel misrepresented
>this as Marcel saying he was a Lt. Colonel on active duty.

Not quite the same thing...

>>To correct the problem, all that needs to be done is to change
>>the listing from National Guard Reserve to North Carolina State
>>Guard Association. Those who wish to understand the significance
>>of Lovekin's commission can then find their way to the web
>>sites. They will have the information necessary to understand
>>what is going on.

>>But let's go just a little bit further. I now understand why my
>>search failed to find any reference to an officer named Lovekin
>>in the Army Registry. When Lovekin said that he was assigned to
>>the White House Signal Agency, he was not an officer. He was a
>>specialist, meaning he was a low ranking enlisted man. Given the
>>timing, and Lovekin's biography, it means he entered the Army
>>shortly after he finished high school, served for a limited
>>time, and then went to college. I wouldn't be surprised to learn
>>that he joined the Army for the GI Bill which would have helped
>>pay for college.

>>Where does that leave us? Well, Lovekin was a member of the

>>White House Signal Agency, but as an enlisted man. He serves, or
>>served, as a Brigadier General in North Carolina State Guard
>>Association but has not held that rank in the Armed Forces of
>>the United States. What this does is clarify his position and
>>helps us understand and assign credibility to his claims of what
>>he heard at the Eisenhower White House.

>What Kevin is again trying his best not to discuss is that he
>repeatedly implied in his January 5 blog on Lovekin that he was
>flat-out lying about his service in the White House Army Signal
>Corp.

No, what I was trying to point out was that the timing didn't
work out. I had read repeatedly that Lovekin was an officer and
I was suggesting that such a case would be difficult to make
given the training time necessary and his completion of college.
I tried to make it clear that if the two Lovekins were the same,
then he was very young to be working in the White House. But I
did not say that he was lying, and the implication is yours. I
was, however, pointing out there were problems here and there
are.

>>I'll make one more quick comment. I laid out the information I
>>have carefully. I showed that there were no official documents
>>that showed Lovekin served as a general in any of the officially
>>sanctioned military services. I suggested then that he might
>>have been appointed a general in this loosely organized State
>>Guard, which is the case. I had asked for help from those
>>supporting Lovekin such as Dr. Michael Salla, who said he would
>>find out and let me know. I wrote to Lovekin's cousin, twice,
>>asking for documentation and said I would post it immediately. I
>>received nothing. Instead, I'm attacked for wanting to get to
>>the truth. This I knew would happen.

>Unfortunately this is Kevin in spin control mode. What happened
>is he essentially called Lovekin a liar about ever being in the
>military, much less in the White House Signal Corp. He also
>badly misrepresented what Lovekin had to see about his
>importance in the Signal Corp and his role in the White House,
>again seemingly in an effort to discredit him.

I did not call him a liar. I said that there were some problems
with the story as it had been laid out. Lovekin was too young to
have been an officer in the White House at the time he said he
was there. And this turns out to be true.

>This is why Kevin is being attacked, not for trying to get at
>the truth, but for NOT getting at the truth. He was inaccurate
>and rushed to judgment before he had all the facts. Lovekin's
>reputation got badly smeared because of Kevin's
>misunderstandings, incomplete investigation, and then how he
>wrote it up. He needs to publicly apologize to Lovekin for that.

You know, I really have no problem with apologizing to Lovekin
because I think most of the trouble comes from those who are
attempting to promote a personal agenda. However, those same
people would not answer questions and would not respond to
email.

And actually, when you look at where we are today, it is not all
that far from where I thought we would be. Lovekin's commission
is in the State Guard and he was not an officer in the White
House.

>>So, for those who want to believe, Lovekin is a general. For
>>those who want the truth, the source of his commission is
>>important. If the media were to check on this, what conclusion
>>do you think they would draw? And it is those people who are
>>disinterested that should drive the train.

>As far as I know, Lovekin never represented himself as an active
>duty Army general nor any high officer when he was in the White
>House Signal Corp. As for the confusion between him being a
>Brig. General in the Army National Guard instead of the State
>Guard, that may have been a simple confusion on the part of
>Steven Greer and the Disclosure Project. Not many civilians
>would know the difference. An important point is that Lovekin
>didn't make up his rank, even if it was an appointed one and in
>a "lowly" military organization like the State Guard.

And again, I never said he did. The implication was that he had

an important story to tell and it was told by a brigadier general. And, as I said, as it is posted on my blog, Lovekin is a general but his story comes from a time when he was a low ranking enlisted soldier... It certainly is more dramatic to say brigadier general but it would be more accurate to say a man who became a brigadier general in the state guard association who was, at the time, a specialist serving with the White House Army Signal Agency.

>And again, Kevin seems to be glossing over what is the important part of Lovekin's story, that he was indeed in the White House Army Signal Corp between 1959 and 1961 as he claimed, was briefed on the UFO situation (including crash retrievals), and heard Eisenhower's musings on the subject. That he was in the WHASC certainly doesn't prove his story, but it does lend it some support. In contrast, if he hadn't been in the WHASC, then his whole story obviously would have been a fraud.

Not glossing over because that was never the thrust of the investigation. The implication was that Lovekin, as an officer had worked in the White House and that isn't true.

But really, as a young signaleer, he was briefed on the UFO situation and crash retrievals? For Heaven's sake, why?

>As for the hostility Kevin says he is getting, perhaps it has something to do with the way he misrepresented Lovekin in his blog.

>For example, Kevin was very obviously insinuating that Lovekin never served in the White House Signal Corp when he said the following in his January 5 blog:

>"Then there was the claim by Lovekin that he worked in the Eisenhower White House. Well, if Stephen L. Lovekin and the attorney in North Carolina are the same man, this makes little sense. According to the information Stephen L. Lovekin, the attorney, was born in August 1940...

>"To further complicate the matter, if these are the same men, then Lovekin was 18 when he worked in the Eisenhower White House. While it is not unheard of for a teenager to be an Army officer (I was a warrant officer at 19), it is extremely unlikely that someone of that age to be assigned to the White House. Those postings are normally reserved for more experienced soldiers."

>He also said:

>"His biography at the law firm web site does not mention any military service, nor does it suggest that he was ever a brigadier general. That in and of itself seems strange."

>So he was clearly insinuating that not only was it highly unlikely that Lovekin was in the WHASC, he probably was never even in the Army. His "evidence"--Lovekin didn't mention his military service on his web page in giving his lawyer biography, which Kevin for some reason found to be "strange."

Actually, I was suggesting that Lovekin had not been an Army officer on active duty in the White House because the timing just didn't work out. I also pointed out that there were teenagers who had been officers in the military. I was one. George Bush, during World War II had been one.

And it turns out that this was correct as well. Lovekin was not an officer in the White House.

>Now it turns out Kevin was completely wrong about this. Lovekin was in the WHASC as a teenager, just as he stated, but which Kevin proclaimed was "extremely unlikely."

Yes, I did. I said it was extremely unlikely because those sorts of positions are normally reserved for more experienced soldiers.

>(For documents confirming Lovekin in the WHASC from 1959 to 1961, see Disclosure Project website:

<http://www.disclosureproject.org/lovekin/documents.htm>

>Download the scans of the "White House Letter" and "White House
>Certificate". The latter document gives his dates of service in
>the "White House Army Signaling Agency" from May 9, 1959 to
>August 12, 1961.)

>Kevin again implied that Lovekin couldn't have been in the White
>House or the Army when he incorrectly said the following:

>"Once again, if we read Lovekin's law biography carefully, we
>find no time for him to have been trained and then serve as an
>Army officer, complete his under graduate training and then
>attend law school. He received his law degree in 1964. He would
>have had to graduate from high school in 1957 or 1958, complete
>OCS which, in that time frame lasted six months, serve his
>military term, attend college and then go on to law school, all
>in six or seven years."

>But what Lovekin's law biography actually says is that he got
>his bachelors degree in 1964, not his law degree, which it
>says he received in 1967, not "1964", and was admitted to the
>North Carolina bar in 1968. That completely changes things,
>doesn't it? This give him ample time after high school to have
>been in the Army (and White House), as he said, left the service
>in 1961, then got a college degree and attended law school.

Yes it does. I should have said he received his degree in 1964.
It expands the time frame, but still makes it difficult, given
he was born in 1940. But it really doesn't matter because he was
not an officer in the Eisenhower White House, but an enlisted
man. The training there is shorter and it eliminates some of the
hurdles. But then, it's not quite as impressive as having an
officer come forward with the information as has been implied by
all those others. Once again, I'm not laying the blame for this
error at Lovekin's door step because I'm sure it originated with
others.

><http://www.lawyers.com/lovekinyoungandorndoff/jsp2553409.jsp>

>But in Randle's not-so-"careful" reading of Lovekin's law
>biography, he got the date and degree wrong, then again jumped
>to the conclusion that this demonstrated that Lovekin's Army and
>White House service was all made up.

No, I didn't say made up, I suggested that the timing was a
little quick, but not impossible. Of course, Dave fails to note,
I was operating under the impression that Lovekin had been an
officer in the White House, and impression created by all those
other web sites and the Disclosure Project but not Lovekin
himself=E2=80=A6 And what did your web site say about it before you
changed it sometime in the recent past?

>Furthermore Kevin said the following about what Lovekin had
>supposedly claimed, which is again inaccurate and misleading:

>"According to what Lovekin said, and ***which was related by
>others*** [emphasis mine], Lovekin worked directly under
>President Eisenhower in May of 1959 in the White House Army
>Signaling Agency and later under Kennedy with an above top-
>secret clearance..."

>"This is important stuff, if it could be confirmed. A general
>officer, one who had once held the ear of the president and who
>could report on the president's interest in UFOs, would make an
>impressive witness, especially if he could talk of a UFO crash
>and recovered debris. It should be relatively simple to verify
>Lovekin's credentials as a general."

>So here Kevin was claiming that Lovekin said he "worked directly
>under President Eisenhower" was a "general officer" in the White
>House and even "once held the ear of the president." Where did
>he get that? Possibly from what "was related by others," not
>Lovekin.

Precisely, which is why I qualified it.

>What Lovekin did say (from the recordings I've heard) is that
>when Eisenhower was at Camp David (and the Signal Corp would
>follow him because they were providing high-level
>communications), he would sometimes talk to the Signal Corp
>people there because he felt comfortable with Army people like
>himself. That's when Lovekin claimed he heard Eisenhower

>bemoaning the fact that he was "sold out" and losing control of
>the UFO situation to the corporations.

>Thus Lovekin never said anything like he "once held the ear of
>the president" or "worked directly under Eisenhower." What he
>did say, is he heard Eisenhower talking about the UFO situation
>at Camp David along with the other guys in the Signal Corp. But
>Kevin's loose blog language implied that Lovekin misrepresented
>himself as somebody important in the White House, perhaps a
>personal military aide or advisor to Eisenhower, with the
>President's "ear" no less.

Which is precisely the impression that is being created by
others. I tried to qualify it by noting it came from others and
not Lovekin, but obviously did a poor job of that. Again, my
main point was that Lovekin's commission as a brigadier general
was the starting point of his credibility.

>Now I do believe the Disclosure Project at one time said Lovekin
>was a young lieutenant while serving at the White House, and
>based on that, I myself have sometimes given that as his rank
>there. That does not appear to be the case. As Kevin
>_correctly_ points out, the first White House document provided
>by Lovekin, dated June 1960, says he was a "Specialist 4", the
>same pay grade as "Corporal." However, a photo provided by
>Lovekin (unspecified date) shows him with three sergeant
>stripes, or pay grade 5. The Wikipedia article on Army enlisted
>rank says the following about this:

>"The rank of Specialist is a soldier of paygrade E-4 who has not
>yet attained non-commissioned officer status. It is common that
>a soldier may never be a Corporal and will move directly from
>Specialist to Sergeant, attaining NCO status immediately."

>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Army_enlisted_rank_insignia

>So it seems likely that Lovekin, soon after 1960, moved from
>Specialist to Sergeant, or became a non-commissioned officer.
>However, that's still a far cry from lieutenant.

Yes, and at least one of the documents posted by Greer say that
Lovekin was a specialist. But even a buck sergeant is still a
fairly low ranking soldier.

>But is this Lovekin exaggerating his credentials or is this
>perhaps yet another misunderstanding? Let us try not to rush to
>judgment AGAIN until all the facts are in.

>_Perhaps_ the following happened. _Maybe_ Lovekin left the
>service as an NCO but attended OCS in college and became a 1st
>lieutenant in the Army Reserve. Thus maybe his final Army grade
>was lieutenant, but not when he was on active duty or when
>serving at the White House. It could be something like that
>that got lost in translation when the Disclosure Project got a
>hold of it.

Isn't this the type of speculation I was just criticized for?
Maybe, maybe and maybe. He was not an officer in the White House
Army Signaling Agency.

>The important point remains that Lovekin was in fact in the
>White House Army Signal Corp between 1959 and 1961, exactly as
>he claimed, and what Kevin implied over and over again was a
>fabrication. Kevin rightly deserves to be criticized for this.

I suggested then that the timing seemed to be off. I suggested
that Lovekin was not a general in the active duty force, the
National Guard or the Army Reserve. I suggested that he wasn't
an officer in the White House Army Signal Agency=E2=80=A6 and all this
was correct. I did not say that he had not been in the White
House Signal Agency, nor did I suggest anything about the tale
he told about Eisenhower. And it does change the importance of
the testimony to learn that Lovekin was not an officer when
these conversations took place.

I will note one additional thing here. Dave sent his criticisms
in a cordial, intelligent matter and didn't slip into the nasty
or into personal attacks. It would seem to me that if we are
going to learn the truth, we need to have these sorts of
discussions. Look what we have learned here in the last few
days.

KRandle

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Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

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<snip>

>>We are only going to go around in circles here and an endless
>>debate is, as I said, pointless. And I am not trying to show
>>great skill in avoiding anything!

>>The facts are that all of the historical data suggests there
>>were no survivors from Unit 731. Although, a comprehensive Net
>>Search on Unit 731 + survivors does pull up interesting data as
>>I am sure you know, much of which revolves around villages that
>>were subjected to bio-attacks, etc., going back to the early
>>years of work in this area.

>So, you admit at last that there were no survivors from Unit
>731! This contradicts directly the "revelations" of your
>informers in your book. Should I list them again?

>Now, you give a new lead, bio-attacks in villages of Manchuria.
>So what?? What does it have to do with your story? This was in a
>country occupied during the war by the Japanese. Therefore it's
>totally irrelevant again.

>>But also: all of the historical data of the entire US Government
>>suggests no aliens crashed at Roswell.

>There are three main "official" documents:

>First the 1995 USAF Roswell Report with the Mogul explanation.
>To test it, just buy a balsa wood stick!

>Secondly, the 1995 GAO Report which said: "the debate on what
>crashed at Roswell continues".

>Third, the 1997 USAF book "Roswell Case Closed", which added the
>story of parachute dummies. Few people believed it.

>What happens, with time, is that the Mogul balloon (Mogul 4
>which was never launched) looks more and more like a phantom
>fading away, like the legendary ship!

>So, yes, it may have seemed timely to try a new one, just to fill
>the void.

>>The fact is that if I am right or you are right, both scenarios

>>require a re-write of official history. So, in other words, it
>>_still_ comes down to whose testimony on Roswell we accept as
>>genuine. And _only_ that.

>There are dozens of credible testimonies on the ufo crash,
>including more than 30 sworn affidavits.

>There is not one public testimony on your body snatcher story.

Gildas

No I am absolutely _not_ saying I do not believe there were no
Unit 731 survivors. You are _massively_ distorting my words.

Read what I said: I said that the _official_ record states that
there were no survivors from Unit 731. That is true: that _is_
what the official record says. But, as I said, the _official_
record also says that no aliens crashed at Roswell.

My point (which I thought I had made clear - apparently not) was
that regardless of which scenario for Roswell is true (UFO or
731 or, arguable even Mogul), it will require a re-write of
official history.

So that there can be _no_ discrepancy: I do believe the official
story of Unit 731 to be incomplete and that the Body Snatchers
scenario is valid.

Now before you argue that the _official_ story for 731 _has_ to
be correct, Gildas, you should remember very carefully that for
the ET scenario to be correct that, too, requires a
significant re-write of _official_ history.

So I come back to what I have said before: why is it ok for
official history to be re-written to support the ET angle, but
not the Body Snatchers angle?

But that does not mean I no longer stand behind my sources. Of
course, I do.

And as for a search on Unit 731 and survivors, Gildas, I
recommend you do a _very deep_ and extensive Internet dig. I'm
most certainly not going to do the work for you, but you may be
genuinely surprised by what you find.

And don't just focus on the Net searches. Take the time (as I
have done and as I will be publishing) to contact some of the
lawyers and certain historical researchers in Japan mentioned in
various Net articles who have been involved in lawsuits re.
trying to get compensation for 731 survivors and you will find
some illuminating data.

Or, if you don't want to bother, you will see the results of my
email and letter exchanges with these people when I publish them

Nick R.

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>>Is Mr Kellett out to prove that this case, and not Rendlesham,
>>is the true "British Roswell"? Or has the UK now got a
Kecksburg
>>as well as a Roswell?

>Hi Christopher

>We had a (very bad) "De-bunking Berwyns" program from the BBC,
>asking us to accept impossible co-incidences - like different
>'meteors' arriving from different directions (impossible) over
>a mountain in N Wales, at same time as a local earthquake (so
>highly improbable it's not believable).

I have just listened to my recording of the radio programme and
there is no mention in it of meteors "arriving from different
directions".

That bright meteors were seen on the same evening as a local
earth tremor may be quite a coincidence but Andy Roberts carried
out a thorough investigation, interviewing witnesses, and
examining local police records, records of observations of the
meteors by astronomers, and the files on the investigation of the
earth tremor carried out by the British Geological Survey.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m04-017.shtml>

>That should have raised the alarm.

>As Stuart was quoted in that mail - "The only comment I would
>care to make about the Berwyn Mountain incident was that it was
>indeed a bizarre combination of geological coincidences that
>seemed to have been produced that night."

Yes, it was an unusual combination of circumstances.

>But that's without all those eye-witness accounts - a quick a
>look by Tom Slemen is at
><http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/Park/4065/berwyn.html>

>The almost immediate 'curfew/clamp-down' - by military, police
>and 'security' - should've set further alarm bells ringing, as
>should have the subsequent suppression of national news
stories.

There was no "curfew/clamp-down". The BBC reporters and Andy
Roberts found no evidence to support these wild stories.

>Personally believe suppression of truth and insertion of dis-
>info has always been easier in authoritarian UK - this is just

>an example.

It's no use trying to revive this case; it has been thoroughly investigated and explained, much to the annoyance of the liars and fantasists who like to tell silly stories about crashed UFOs, etc.

John Harney

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PRG/X-PPAC Update - February 26, 2006

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <ParadigmRG.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 15:19:59 -0500
Subject: PRG/X-PPAC Update - February 26, 2006

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Paradigm Research Group

PRG/X-PPAC Update - February 26, 2006

X-Conference

No date has yet been set for a 3rd conference in 2006 pending underwriting (\$55K).

Paradigm Research Group/X-PPAC

After a period of transition PRG and X-PPAC will begin a number of projects for 2006 timed to impact the upcoming election season. The current political environment in the United States is grim. Creating awareness regarding the truth embargo and the disclosure process will not be easy in 2006.

PRG and X-PPAC are committed to remaining nonpartisan (as to political parties) in the pursuit of Disclosure. But the vagaries and circumstances of U.S. party politics are very impacting on the process. PRG is now of the opinion formal efforts within the House of Representatives to impeach the sitting President is likely in 2006 or 2007. If enough Republican members move away from the President in an attempt to save their seat in November, the Democrats will move to impeach this year. If not, and the Democrats achieve a majority in the House, they will move to impeach in 2007. It will take something on the order of finding WMD's in Iraq (or in Syria with proof of their transfer from Iraq) to prevent this.

It is generally accepted the election of John Kennedy in 1960 (the last truly close election prior to 2000) was stolen by the Democrats in Illinois via the Daley machine in Chicago. It is thought the Republicans were trying to steal the election in southern Illinois, but could not match Daley's efforts. Thus, the Democrats had owed the Republicans one stolen election for 40 years. In 2000 the Republicans collected that chit.

By the same token, as a consequence of the efforts to bring down President Clinton in 2000, the Republicans have owed the Dems one impeachment and the Democrats intend to collect that chit. The next 18 months is not going to be pretty.

Wikipedia - open encyclopedia

www.wikipedia.org

If you do not know about this extraordinary site, please check it out. Wikipedia is a glimpse at the potential for the internet to marshal the collective power of millions of people.

It is a component of the long discussed global mind (some even say consciousness) the internet is creating.

Here it is possible to see the public perception and interpretation of new ideas emerge in real time. Right now the conceptual description for "exopolitics" is being edited and shaped, and PRG has entered the fray.

PRG is determined the listing for "exopolitics" will accurately reflect the essence and the full scope of the work being done in this emerging field. It will monitor this listing on a daily

basis and relentlessly edit any additions as needed.

Exopolitics is not going to undergo the same ghettofication as the acronym "UFO."

Wiktionary

www.wiktionary.org

Merriam Webster Open Dictionary

www3.merriam-webster.com/opedictionary

PRG has posted its preferred definition for "exopolitics" at Wiktionary and the new Webster Open Dictionary. It is as basic as possible to help it advance to a listing in the standard dictionaries - a process which can take some time, but is speeding up due to the advent of open dictionaries (which is why Webster created their open version).

Upcoming Conferences

Please support these events which require enormous effort and time and keep the information flowing.

International UFO Congress - Feb 26 - March 4

www.ufocongress.com/

Ozark UFO Conference - April 14-16

www.ozarkufo.com/

Retro UFO - April 29

www.retroufo.com/

Extraterrestrial Civilizations and World Peace - June 9-11

www.exopoliticsinstitute.org/conference.htm

World Peace Forum - June 23-28

www.worldpeaceforum.ca/

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Hilton Gaithersburg - TBA 2006

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Re: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info - Redfern

From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 15:21:44 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 15:22:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info - Redfern

>From: Cory Cameron <corycameron_510.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 10:58:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info - Sanchez-Ocejo

>>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 18:11:32 -0500
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Subject: Re: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info

>>>From: Cory Cameron <corycameron_510.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 12:04:58 -0500
>>>Subject: Seeking Cryptozoologic Info

>>>Can someone please advise me as to whether or not
>>>cryptozoologists have studied the purported 'Mothman',
>>>'Chupacabra' or cattle mutilation theories and to where/what
>>>extent if any, were made of the conclusions of these studies,

>>Our Chupacabra's field investigation in Miami (1996) and in
>>Chile (2000) indicate that it's a real physical being with the
>>characteristics of a predator, but not an ordinary predator.

>>Our study is based not only on eyewitnesses interview. It leaves
>>physical evidences, such as tracks, body hair (so far, there
>>are no references to compare a DNA profile) and the evidence of
>>thousands of dead animals left behind.

>>This creature is real, but we just don't know what it is yet.

>Thank you Virgilio:

>The info. you supplied to me is most unnerving to say the least.
>I find it extremely frightening to think that a creature like
>the Chupacabra may in fact exist and that (from the research you
>mention here) does point to its' reality. Some authors have
>pointed out that the Chupacabra may in fact be a culturally
>based phenomena due to some sort of traditional Latin-American
>folktale but I'm dis-inclined to take this viewpoint due to the
>research you have pointed out. (i.e: hair samples and tracks)

>The question one might ask about this predator is such: Why does
>it seem to possess such a high level of intelligence and how is
>it able to keep the sightings of itself to such a bare-minimum?
>With these questions and the seeming unreal eyewitness
>testimony, it's no wonder why critics point out that the reality
>of the creature is in doubt. But again, these same critics can
>be silenced with the evidence you have provided me here. I would
>like to point out another thing as well. For those critics of
>the Chupacabra who cast doubt upon its' authenticity they should
>also study the predatory nature of N. America's big cat, the
>cougar. This is also a stealthy, rarely seen apex predator but
>nobody doubts its' authenticity. And too, how can one doubt the
>strangeness but apparently very real nature of the United
>Kingdom's 'big-cats'.

>A very convinced believer in things that do more than 'bump-in-
>the-night',

Cory:

Having spent a couple of months, in total, in Puerto Rico, actively looking for the Chupacabras, and interviewing countless people such as officials, police officers, farmers, etc. (my most recent trip was for a week in September of last year with Paul Kimball), I'm inclined to think that the Chupacabras is a combination of several things.

First, there was at least one specific cult on the island back in the 90s whose rites involved animal blood. And I personally think they were involved in exploiting the Chupacabras rumors - for the obvious reasons of killing animals for blood rites, and then discarding the bodies, to instill fear and to cover their tracks under a cultural phenomenon.

For people interested in delving deeper into this, I recommend you avoid UFO literature and, instead, send FOIAs to certain law enforcement agencies in the States for Cult-related files and Puerto Rico. You may be surprised (pleasantly or not) by what you find.

Second (although this I certainly cannot prove), I have heard from a number of people on the island about U.S. military psychological warfare planners spreading Chupacabras tales back in the mid-1990s.

This was supposedly done as a means to determine how rumors spread among a specific, localized body of people. And also to determine how rumors, trends and beliefs in other superstitions might then be used and successfully exploited in other localized scenarios and situations elsewhere in the world, and specifically from a military psy-war perspective.

A classic example of exactly this type of thing is the Edward Lansdale story of the Asuang Vampire. For those unaware of the story or who don't have the printed data, do a Net search on "Edward G. Lansdale + Asuang Vampire" and you will find a story that has all of the key ingredients of a Chupacabras attack - namely, the vampire-like puncture wounds, a body drained of blood, a diabolically fearsome creature, superstitions, and tales exploited by psychological warfare planners, and more.

Bear this case very carefully in mind when considering what the Chupacabras may or may not be. Bear in mind too that the Lansdale thing was totally a creation of the psy-war world. But, to the "target" of the psy-war activities, it was seen as a very real monster/vampire.

Third, although I've certainly seen no evidence for it, there are a lot of claims of other exotic animals on the island being involved. And on one of my trips I received two stories of Big Cats having escaped into the El Yunque rain forest that were owned by wealthy people and that were kept in a private enclosure high in the hills, and that, conceivably, might be relevant to some animal attacks. Certainly, this theory has at least circulated.

Of course, this might also be classic folklore, along the lines of some Big Cats in England supposedly having escaped from "traveling circuses," which is the highly tiresome scenario sometimes presented to explain the UK Big Cats. That's not to say that there haven't been big cat escapes in the UK, though.

For example, in 1998, Elliot Morley, the British Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food stated: "The Ministry is aware that a total of 16 big cats have escaped into the wild since 1977. They include lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars and wild pumas, but all but two animals were at large for only one day."

In other words, if they can escape in the UK (which is heavily populated and that certainly has no rainforest to offer a good hiding place), they could definitely escape in Puerto Rico and thrive by hunting in stealth at night in the lowlands and hiding out in the El Yunque rainforest during the day.

I also found several people who thought that the Chupacabras might be some form of a very large and undiscovered bat -

hence the leathery wings, the predations not unlike a vampire bat, etc. Of course, that is just a theory and nothing else. But it is one that has circulated on the island.

Nick R.

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Re: Lovekin Is A General But... - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 00:15:13 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 15:32:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Lovekin Is A General But... - Gates

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 16:58:38 -0800
>Subject: Re: Lovekin Is A General But...

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 24 Feb 2006 09:34:07 EST
>>Subject: Lovekin Is A General But...

David, Listers,

I have a slightly different take on the Lovekin mess. I see it as an instance of Disclosure not properly documenting the witnesses background and qualifications before vomiting the story all over.

Previously Disclosure have refered to him as "Brigadier General Steven Lovekin: Army National Guard Reserve" which would suggest that he was a Army officer, or National Guard Officer when he served in the White House.

Likewise in a Disclosure campaign letter we read:

"Brigadier General Stephen Lovekin, served under President Eisenhower in 1959 and then later under President Kennedy. He held an above top-secret clearance, and states he was once shown a piece of metallic extraterrestrial debris taken from the 1947 Roswell crash. Lovekin also states that Eisenhower expressed that he had lost oversight of the UFO situation to the military industrial complex." see:
<http://www.disclosureproject.org/campaign.htm>

The way Disclosure "touts" Lovekin, you would reasonably get the impression (false as it turns out) that Lovekin was a Brigadier General serving under Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy.

If they would have said that Lovekin was an enlisted man in the Eisenhower and Kennedy White House Signal Corp, the story would have been more accurate. Instead they chose to refer to him as part of his NC State rank of Brigadier General. Personally I have never seen where Lovekin himself claimed to be a Brigadier General in the White House, so I suspect that this is screw up on the part of Disclosure.

I would hope that Disclosure would be willing to spend time and money documenting all of their witnesses background, similar to what they recently did with Lovekin and all the documents supporting his story rather then waiting until the bomb goes off so to speak..

I would also hope that just as fast as the Disclosure attack Kevin Randle page went up, they would also take the time to clarify that Lovekin was in fact an enlisted man, not a Brigadier General when he had his White House experiences.

Cheers,

Robert

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February 26, 2006

It Came From Outer Space
Scientists who boldly predicted discovering alien life ended up
a stone's throw from controversy.

Reviewed by Charles Seife
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The Rock From Mars

A Detective Story On Two Planets
By Kathy Sawyer

Random House. 394 pp. \$25.95

On Aug. 7, 1996, the war of the worlds began in earnest. At a
press conference in NASA's Washington, D.C., headquarters,
researchers announced that a craggy lump of rock teemed with
evidence of ancient Martian life. If true, E.T. had been found.

Even if E.T. were friendly, the scientific atmosphere
surrounding the discovery of the rock certainly wasn't. However,
it seems that E.T. wasn't friendly. The Mars meteorite press
conference sparked a vicious clash between two increasingly
entrenched scientific camps. Critics immediately started
discrediting the research, and the opposing groups battled for
years about the true meaning of the extraterrestrial rock.
Nearly a decade later, the wounds haven't healed. The fights
were brutal because the stakes were so high.

Kathy Sawyer, who covered outer space for the Washington Post
for 17 years, adeptly tells the saga in The Rock From Mars .
However, the subtitle of her book is somewhat misleading; the
story is more "Rashomon" than The Hound of the Baskervilles .
There's no "Aha!" moment, no final answer to a burning mystery,
no way to know definitively who's right and who's wrong. Good
scientists and good journalists have looked at the same data and
the same evidence and come to very different conclusions about
whether or not the rock once harbored alien life.

This much is not in dispute: The rock is from Mars. It crashed
down on the Antarctic ice about 13,000 years ago. The inside of
the meteorite is dotted with fascinating, carbon-rich orange and
black blobs. Upon closer inspection, the rock also contains
little grains of iron-based material very similar to those found
in some kinds of microbes. And it is full of wiener-like shapes
that look like earthly bacteria, only smaller. NASA had found
microscopic space sausages.

NASA geologist David McKay and his team of researchers took this
data as substantial evidence that the rock was once teeming with
Martian bacteria. Sawyer's book shines when she describes the

team's intellectual struggles; she lovingly takes us into the scientists' laboratories and shows us how they finally reached their jaw-dropping conclusion. Sawyer then shepherds us from the intellectual leap to the political kerfuffle. Once McKay's group decided that they had evidence for ancient life on Mars, events quickly spun out of control. The scientific hypothesis began to take on greater and greater significance as it passed from the researchers to their superiors to NASA administrator Daniel Goldin -- who used the meteorite as a lever to give the struggling NASA a new mission -- and eventually to the White House.

However, the tale isn't all rosy. NASA's handling of the press conference alienated a number of scientists who felt that the researchers were being irresponsible with their claim of extraterrestrial life. In the following months and years, critics tore into the McKay team's conclusion and accused NASA of hyping the research. As the case for life in the Mars rock got fuzzier and fuzzier, the debate slowly sank away from the public gaze and away from the mainstream of scientific discourse.

Sawyer tells the story well, though her sympathetic portraits of NASA scientists and managers rely heavily on their points of view. This causes some problems with balance. From NASA's perspective, criticism of its work might well seem to be "belligerencies" or attacks laced with "sheer personal vitriol," as Sawyer describes them, but to scientists on the other side of the issue, their comments were justified scientific criticism of a high-profile study. Sawyer's prose tends to bolster one side and undermine the other, occasionally even bordering on ad hominem. For example, anti-Mars-life scientists are painted as needlessly pugnacious: one "antagonist" is "fonder of confrontation than most" while another "did not suffer criticism lightly."

It's excusable for a journalist to pick sides in a fight she's studied for so long. Less acceptable, though, is that Sawyer occasionally uses rhetoric to obscure opposing arguments rather than to elucidate them. In the 1990s, she writes, NASA began to present its best science results with "a series of news updates that included video and graphics, dissenting points of view, context, and a tilt toward English over jargon. The perceived success of this approach in attracting media coverage fed a current of indignation among those who considered such efforts unseemly."

This is unfair. Clarity and evenhandedness didn't infuriate NASA critics. The nay-sayers were angry because they thought that NASA's PR machine tended to hype scientific findings beyond reason when political stakes were high -- or, worse yet, that NASA tarted up subpar research and presented it to the public as first-rate science in order to justify otherwise unjustifiable spending. John Glenn's shuttle flight and the "world-class" laboratory work of the International Space Station are arguably prime examples. To some, so is the Mars meteorite.

NASA is in the midst, once more, of cost overruns and budget crises, and is desperately trying to redefine itself. As the agency presents fascinating news from Mars, Saturn and elsewhere in the universe, seeing how it gets its hands dirty politicizing science would provide an interesting counterweight. Even though this might disappoint some die-hard NASA fans, it would be worth seeing how space sausages are made. =B7

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[Thanks to Stuart Miller of <http://www.uforeview.net> for the lead]

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<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2006/2/prweb349282.htm>

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Avian Virus Invades Washington, D.C.

In the real-life world of psychic spies, paranormal goat killers, and Skinwalkers haunting remote regions of Utah, all roads lead to Ron, a high ranking former CIA analyst, and the "core story" of a shadowy group of government insiders popularly known as "The Aviary."

(PRWEB) February 25, 2006 -- An on-going investigation series examines the real life "core story" of alien contact, shared by a group of intelligence and military government insiders, and the man that best selling author Jon Ronson inquired about in his book, "The Men Who Stare at Goats."

In 1995, the CIA took control of a series of secret government programs from the Defense Intelligence Agency, known collectively as STAR GATE.

Project STAR GATE involved both scientific research and operational intelligence using paranormal phenomena. Although STAR GATE officially ended following CIA declassification of many of the original programs, and despite the release of more than 80,000 pages of previously classified documents, rumors persist that paranormal phenomena are of extreme interest in Washington. Thousands of pages of the original program remain classified to this day.

According to British author and filmmaker Jon Ronson, following the 9/11 attacks, psychic Uri Geller confided that he had been reactivated into the ranks of intelligence agency psychic spies. Ronson claims that Uri told him that the name of the man who reactivated his mental powers for intelligence was called Ron.

More is known about Ron than many of his associates thanks to his brief appearance in the New York Times a few years ago. A MITRE document confirms that Ron is involved with the development of a new kind of radar that uses personal computers. The new radar is a passive system intended to detect unwanted intrusions of stealthy unidentified flying objects.

Ron developed the reputation of being the chief phenomenologist at the CIA: something about a file filled with strangeness called the "weird desk." It is alleged that Ron inherited this assignment from a certain retired CIA officer, who continues as government consultant in the critical area of reviewing advanced technologies with possible military applications. This gentleman holds the distinction of appearing in a photograph in the March, 2006 issue of "Reader's Digest."

A Tale of Avian Dreams

Inside the alleged "weird desk" is the "core story" about visitors not of our world. The extraterrestrial tale has spread with some help from a group of present and former intelligence agents and military types in a loose network popularly known as "The Aviary." Another source with close ties to the alleged members of the Aviary group revealed that the same core story of alien contact had been confirmed by the former Director of Central Intelligence, Richard Helms, just prior to his death in 2002. Recently Starstream Research learned that disclosure of an interest in all things alien by members of the DIA sponsored TIGER committee may have provoked a split between some of the key players. TIGER is the "standing committee on Technology Insight-Gauge Evaluate Review."

In 1993 the DIA STAR GATE project initiated a pilot study into the feasibility of using telepathy for command, control and communication for soldiers behind enemy lines, in situations where normal communication wasn't possible. If the government is serious about developing mind to mind com links, then they must also be considering the threat of foreign developments. This is known as C^4: Command, Control, Communication, Computers. Telepathy merely takes this to the next level. It provides a command and control signal line for communication. The computer is the biological material inside the human brain. Wiggle this brain here, and that one over there responds. Wiggle hard enough, and perhaps you have created a remote control system.

Combine the ideas behind passive radar with telepathy, and you have a unique C^4 system capable of distinguishing the flow of unconscious information around the planet. The Aviary is concerned not so much with the hardware of an alien civilization, but with a deeper and more sinister dilemma. Take command and control of the flow of the collective unconscious mind, and you have taken control of the human race. A meme is an idea that spreads like a virus: an idea that replicates, evolves and infects like the common cold, moving from host to host. The Aviary's "core story" has revealed a virus of unearthly intent set upon the leadership of our planet.

The primary conceptual basis for the Space Time Threat Assessment Reports comes from the reports of anomalous information appearing within human perception. Copies of some of original CIA released STAR GATE documents, including "Project 911" and predictions of terror attacks using airplanes can be seen at the Starstream Research website:

www.starstreamresearch.com

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Watching Possible Supernova

From: Larry Hatch <larryhatch.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 02:04:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 15:45:26 -0500
Subject: Watching Possible Supernova

Hello all:

this is a bit off topic, but all eyes (telescopes really) are on a possible supernova in another galaxy. Details at this URL:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/02/23/science/space/22star-web.html>

Extremely energetic a supernova, one dying star, can outshine its entire galaxy of billions of stars.

- Larry

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Re: New Fossil Find Overturms Mammal Theories -

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 11:18:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 15:47:36 -0500
Subject: Re: New Fossil Find Overturms Mammal Theories -

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 10:36:10 -0800
>Subject: Re: New Fossil Find Overturms Mammal Theories

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 22:27:22 EST
>>Subject: New Fossil Find Overturms Mammal Theories

>><http://www.cnn.com/2006/TECH/science/02/23/jurassic.beaver.ap/index.html>
>>in China.

>>100 million year toss back for large mammalian life forms and
>>that ain't hay.

>It all depends on your definition of how large "large" is. The
>article says this was actually a small aquatic mammal weighing
>in between 1.1 and 1.7 pounds, about the size of a modern small
>female platypus, or a small house cat or large rat if you
>prefer.

>This is only "large" in comparison to the shrew-like or mouse-
>like size usually given to early mammals.

>>Often people theorize of ancient civilizations and life forms of
>>intelligence that may have existed in the distant past. Then
>>some boulderheaded opinionist would spout how science has proven
>>that this or that is impossible. Then a few months or years
>>later they're proven wrong and end up looking for work making
>>cookies in a hollow tree.

>It's a bit of a jump from a primitive mammal the size of a large
>rat to ancient civilizations and intelligent beings on Earth,
>don't you think?

Greg, David, EBK, List,

Mammals have around much longer than this. Monotremes have
existed for over two-hundred million years. It only took sixty-
five million years for humans to evolve from tarsiers, and ten
million from Apes. If ancient monotremes eventually occupied a
niche similar to the one occupied by modern apes, then the
transition could be quite rapid. It's the niche that determines
the form and not some willy-nilly chance factors. It is the fact
that humans evolved as we did and in such a short time that
makes the case that other humanoids could have preceded us.

>>What is scientifically impossible or ridiculous is often how
>>hard headed so called scientists are.

>That's not the way I read the article. What it actually says is:

>"Matthew Carrano, curator of dinosaurs at the Smithsonian's
>National Museum of Natural History, called the find 'a big
>deal.' An important factor is how specialized the creature was,
>said Carrano, who was not part of the research group. 'It gives
>a hint that early mammals were not just these shadowy creatures
>at the time of dinosaurs' but were having their own evolution.

>There have been hints of such animals in the past but nothing
>equal to the remains found by Luo and colleagues, he said."

>Thus the scientist quoted said there had been previous
>indications of larger early mammals, not that scientists were
>saying it was "scientifically impossible or ridiculous." This
>fossil find simply proved that such mammals did exist. Again, it
>is a HUGE jump from a primitive mammal that is small by modern
>standards to ancient civilizations.

Yes it is a jump, since we don't consider it probable, but the
time scale and convergent evolution makes it very possible.
Remember, this occurred while there was only one continent and a
vast amount of that continent is still under the Antarctic ice
and impossible to explore in any detail.

>Against that, I certainly wouldn't rule out previous visitations
>by aliens and temporary colonization of Earth in the very
>distant past. But there is currently no evidence of a naturally
>occurring intelligent species that arose here on Earth that
>created civilizations prior to mankind.

I know that we are being visited by creatures and crafts that
are not a part of our civilization. If you view star tourism as
an impossibility, which I do, then the only alternative is
visitation from an older civilization that evolved here on
earth. At least this possibility should be given as much
consideration as the Pleiades or a seventh dimension, etc.

Ed

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Question For Contactee Historians/Students

From: Chris Burns <Thurstonoreggae.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 10:01:51 EST
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 15:49:10 -0500
Subject: Question For Contactee Historians/Students

List,

This is a question for those who are familiar with the contactee literature/subculture. I am wondering if the phrase "she is who is" rings a bell as having some significance in contactee lore.

The origin of the phrase is from a saying in the 'Green' language (sounds like "ee ma rah who"). For those also into channeling literature or magick (I know you're out there!), if this sound familiar I would be interested to know.

Thanks!

Chris Burns

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Dee Proctor Last Roswell Crash Witness Dies

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 08:51:57 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 15:55:59 -0500
Subject: Dee Proctor Last Roswell Crash Witness Dies

>From: Anthony Bragalia <envcol.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 11:56:49 -0500
>Subject: Dee Proctor Last Roswell Crash Witness Dies

>Dee Proctor Last Roswell Crash Witness Dies

>Although I am not a List member, I wanted to alert readers that
>William "Dee" Proctor passed away last month (January 22) in
>Ruidoso, NM of an apparent heart attack. He was 66 years old.

>Dee was the last living witness to the actual Roswell crash,
>having been at the site as a 7 year-old while visiting rancher
>Mac Brazel.

>I am amazed that no mention has been made of his death on this
>List.

>I am also profoundly disappointed that he never spoke publicly
>about the incident. Strangely, his mother Loretta spoke for him.

>The truth is that Dee Proctor knew a great deal about the crash
>and remembered it very well. It is unfortunate that Roswell
>researchers were not more aggressive and creative in their
>pursuit of Dee.

>Instead, so many years have been wasted talking to second and
>third-hand witnesses and charlatans.

>Dee left family including his companion Mary, two sons, a
>daughter, 3 brothers, and 4 sisters. I can assure you that they
>know far more than any of us about the Roswell Incident. In
>fact, they are perhaps the last leads to the solution. But,
>like, with contacting Dee, I am sure that laziness, lack of
>ingenuity, and a want to perpetuate the mystery will keep
>researchers on this List from every contacting them either. It
>is regrettable, because had they done so, researchers would have
>known that Dee could affirm the ET nature of the crash.

>I have detailed information on all this I would be happy to
>share with appropriate people who want to know the truth.

It's indeed regrettable that we never got to hear directly from
Dee Proctor. But I don't think the reason was researcher
laziness, lack of ingenuity, or desire to perpetuate the
mystery.

From what I understand from people who did try very hard to
speak to him, he was very ingenious at avoiding them. Dee
Proctor was a reluctant witness who didn't want to get dragged
into the story. You can't force somebody to talk who doesn't
want to. The same has also been true of the Ramey family.

David Rudiak

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Secrecy News -- 02/27/06

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Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 12:15:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 15:57:43 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 02/27/06

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Anyone can purchase a copy of the 1958 Department of Defense "Emergency Plans Book," an early cold war description of response planning for a nuclear attack on the United States. It is available for sale through Amazon.com and elsewhere under the somewhat lurid title "The Domsday Scenario" (Motorbooks International, 2002).

But don't look for it at the National Archives, where author L. Douglas Keeney originally obtained it in 1997, because it is no longer there. It is among the thousands of government documents that have been reclassified and withdrawn from public access.

"When I returned in 2005 for another round of research in the Secretary of the Air Force Files, RG [record group] 340, the boxes were decimated," Mr. Keeney told Secrecy News. "100% of the documents I retrieved 9 years ago were gone."

In their place, he found a "withdrawal notice" of the sort that has been quietly proliferating at the National Archives. An official stamp ironically certifies that the withdrawal notice itself is declassified and may be safely disclosed. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/02/reclassified.pdf>

The documents in this case were removed from public access in 1997, near the beginning of the ongoing reclassification process that has undermined the integrity of the National Archives.

If it cannot be halted and reversed, bureaucratically-driven reclassification threatens to reduce the Archives to a mere repository of officially-sanctioned history.

"Those who control the past control the future, Orwell famously wrote in '1984'," recalled Fred Kaplan in an article in Slate that supplied some of the back story of the reclassification initiative.

See "Secret Again: The absurd scheme to reclassify documents" by Fred Kaplan, Slate, February 23:

<http://www.slate.com/id/2136480/>

The continuing assault on history was also reported in "U.S. reclassifies government memos" by Andrea Mitchell, NBC News, February 24:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/11546531/>

"This effort to stuff this harmless toothpaste back into the tube would be funny if it weren't so emblematic of a disturbing new culture of government secrecy," a Washington Post editorial opined. See "Classifying Toothpaste," February 27:

<http://tinyurl.com/hykqx>

RESISTANCE TO ONLINE SECRECY BUILDS

Confronted by a government that seems intent on erecting unnecessary new barriers to public access, members of the public are not entirely without resources to oppose such barriers, and even to overcome them.

"Decrying secrecy, citizen groups fight back" is the thrilling headline of a story by reporter Aliya Sternstein in Federal Computer Week today (2/27/06) which explores the withdrawal of government information from the world wide web, and the public response.

"More federal agencies are taking data off the Web, while citizens seek ways to restore public access," as described in the article. See:

<http://www.fcw.com/article92400-02-27-06-Print>

"The concerted use of the Freedom of Information Act by public interest groups and their constituents" offers one way of recovering public access to official information that has been removed from government websites, advises law professor and librarian Susan Nevelow Mart in a new paper.

See "Let the People Know the Facts: Can Government Information Removed from the Internet Be Reclaimed?", Law Library Journal, Volume 98, No. 1 (2006):

http://www.aallnet.org/products/pub_llj_v98n01/2006-01.pdf

CDC POLICY ON "SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED"

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated and revised its policy on "sensitive but unclassified" (SBU) information, the increasingly common twilight category of information that is neither classified nor publicly released.

"Marking information SBU does not automatically qualify it for a public release exemption," the CDC policy observes. (There is no "SBU exemption" to the Freedom of Information Act.)

On the other hand, "the absence of the SBU or other related marking does not necessarily mean the information should be publicly released."

"Therefore, all information should be reviewed and approved prior to its public release," the CDC instructs.

A copy of the revised SBU policy was posted on the CDC intranet and obtained by Secrecy News. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/cdc-sbu-2006.html>

The Government Accountability Office will publish a major report on the use of Sensitive But Unclassified control markings next month.

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From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 10:30:50 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 16:03:33 -0500
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Unfortunately, and is often the case, we UFO folks get into these pissing matches and that becomes the focus, rather than the important research that needs to be taken to task.

Might I suggest we take Kevin at his word, that he meant no malice towards Lovekin and get on with the research of the evidence, i.e., a credible witness with a incredible disclosure.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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Re: Dee Proctor Last Roswell Crash Witness Dies -

From: **Jeff Olson** <jloolson.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 14:20:03 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Feb 2006 07:30:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Dee Proctor Last Roswell Crash Witness Dies -

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>daughter, 3 brothers, and 4 sisters. I can assure you that they
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Well, why don't some of our itinerant Roswell researchers here
look up these relatives and ask them what they know? That Dee
wouldn't talk about it - and that he'd taken his mom there on
her presumed death-bed - is surely suggestive, but more
substance would certainly be nice.

>I have detailed information on all this I would be happy to
>share with appropriate people who want to know the truth.

I'm not sure how appropriate I am, but I would be very grateful
to hear this detailed information.

Best,

Jeff

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Suggested Code Of Ethics For The Investigator

From: Robert A. Goerman <robertgoerman.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 20:01:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Feb 2006 07:33:17 -0500
Subject: Suggested Code Of Ethics For The Investigator

Code Of Ethics

The following Code Of Ethics contains standards of conduct which define the basic essentials of honorable behavior for the investigator:

An investigator will always regard responsibility to the truth as paramount.

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(from WEIRD HAPPENS - Investigator Handbook)

Yours in research,

Robert A. Goerman
Unconventional Investigator
of Unconventional Phenomena

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"Weird happens. Maybe not as frequently as some proponents of the paranormal would have us believe. But certainly more often than debunkers will ever concede."

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I totally agree. The key point remains his now-documented tenure
at the White House Army Signaling Agency, which is when he said
he was briefed on UFO reality, crash retrieval, and heard
Eisenhower bemoaning being sold out and losing control. If his
WHASA tenure had been false, then everything else he said he

witnessed would have been also. The fact that he can also document being a brig. general, even if "only" in a state militia, also adds something to his credibility, since even that had been questioned.

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>needed, e.g., the White House basement, Camp David, Mt Weather
>etc.

Very interesting, and it also adds some corroboration to other parts of Lovekin's story such as having a top secret clearance and going to such places as Camp David and Mt. Weather. Providing crypto secure communications to the President also implies the need to be briefed about the nature of those communications. This would form a plausible basis for Lovekin being briefed about UFOs and crash retrievals (assuming, of course, as we are here, that both are quite real and that Presidential communications might involve such things).

>Unfortunately, and is often the case, we UFO folks get into
>these pissing matches and that becomes the focus, rather than
>the important research that needs to be taken to task.

>Might I suggest we take Kevin at his word, that he meant no
>malice towards Lovekin and get on with the research of the
>evidence, i.e., a credible witness with a incredible
>disclosure.

Well I basically agree. From what we've seen so far, Lovekin was who he says he was in the WHASA. There is currently nothing on the table that discredits Lovekin, he has a remarkable story, and much that lends it credence. On the other hand, I think Kevin badly mishandled his investigation into Lovekin's credentials. As a result, Lovekin got badly and very unfairly maligned and that needs to be corrected.

David Rudiak

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Pine Bush UFOs Meeting

From: **Vinny Polonaise** <Pinebushufo.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 20:36:52 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Feb 2006 07:40:35 -0500
Subject: Pine Bush UFOs Meeting

Just wanted to give everyone on the List a heads-up on the Wednesday night at 7:30pm Pine Bush, New York, monthly meeting.

If anyone needs directions or needs more information please email or post and we will get it to you asap...

See you all there!

Vinny
www.pinebushufo.com

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Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <LuckyHoodoo.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 22:34:42 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Feb 2006 07:43:38 -0500
Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level? - Gammon

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2006 20:05:31 -0500
>Subject: Re: What's The UFO Danger Level?

>As I mentioned in later emails, Jason, I'm not a voracious
>reader of UFO literature. What brought about my comment is that
>I personally haven't heard of general so-and-so, or leading
>scientist or MD so-and-so, or U.S. senator so-and-so, or
>president of General Motors so-and-so who has been abducted.

I understand, however this would be due to a bias, an
assumption, that investigators should most definitely not be
operating under. To think that just because one hasn't heard of
such, doesn't imply that there aren't examples of such.

>I recognize this might be because higher ups keep a lid on it;

I don't think that at all. I think that the V.I.P's who
experience such, either for the most part do not come forward,
or they only do so when they can be guaranteed anonymity.

>but I was just raising the issue. If any solid bias could be
>determined which could indicate intelligent deliberate choice of
>abductees, I would think that would help dispel the idea that
>it's some sort of mistaken perception on the part of abductees.

Yes, and this belief is not new. Many researchers have tried to
find commonalties connecting abductees. For the most part,
little to no data supporting such was obtained.

I believe that our visitors do indeed have a bias for selecting
abductees, and that they employ deceptive measures to conceal
this bias from researchers.

As I mentioned earlier, the easiest way to accomplice this would
be to abduct a small number of individuals fitting one's
paradigm, as well as a large number of people who do not. This
would produce a 'can't see the forest for the trees' effect.

It would be highly effective in disguising the motivation for
abduction in the first place.

Also note, that I mentioned in a prior email that our visitors
must know that they cannot keep their presence here a secret
from us. Instead, all they can hope for is in keeping their
motivations concealed.

-Jason

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Re: Surprising Info On Shuttle RCS Rockets - Lowe

From: **Patience Lowe** <joyinthehills.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Feb 2006 02:04:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Feb 2006 07:49:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Surprising Info On Shuttle RCS Rockets - Lowe

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 22:54:31 -0600
>Subject: Surprising Info On Shuttle RCS Rockets

>It was surprising to me, anyway. There are numerous photos on
>the web showing space shuttle Reaction Control System (RCS)
>thrusters emitting white plumes of exhaust. This has always
>puzzled me because the exhaust gases from thruster burns is
>supposed to be nearly invisible. But what you're actually seeing
>in these pictures is evidently not the hot exhaust gases emitted
>during the thruster firing; it's a plume of "snow" of unburned
>propellant emitted by the thruster after it has been shut off.
>The plume not self-luminous; it's only visible in reflected
>sunlight. I learned about this from a NASA aerospace engineer
>during several discussions related to my work.

>The plumes do not appear at the beginning of a thruster burn or
>at random times during the burn, only at the end. This has major
>implications for the two known cases where a shuttle video
>camera recorded objects in space reacting to a flash of light:
>the STS-48 video in 1991 and the STS-102 ten years later.

>One implication is that if the flash of light in the STS-48
>video came at the end of the 1.2-second thruster burn that
>supposedly was pushing the objects, then they had to be about 4
>kilometers away from the shuttle because that's how far the
>exhaust gases travel in 1.2 seconds (their speed is 3.5 km per
>second). That, of course, is absurd. That and other absurdities
>exist if the thruster explanation is accepted for the events in
>the STS-102 video.

>I've written a detailed account of this (probably more details
>than most people want to know) at URL:

><http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/STS-48/RCS/RCS.htm>

>I see no reason to believe that these two events were at all
>routine for shuttle missions. After all, there have been only
>two such incidents in the last 15 years, and the people who
>first noticed them had already watched a lot of shuttle video
>before they saw these two. I really think the supposedly "naive"
>non-scientists who picked these videos out as something
>extraordinary were right and the hasty and condescending "expert
>analyses" were, for the most part, baloney.

See:

STS51-L MISSION OVERVIEW AND PREFACE TO PRESIDENTAIL COMMISSION
REPORT ON THE CHALLENGER ACCIDENT

obtained from NASA's Spacelink Anonymous FTP server:

<http://tinyurl.com/nm4o7>

Any similarities?

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Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

From: Gildas Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Feb 2006 10:47:09 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Feb 2006 07:54:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>From: Nick Redfern <nickredfern.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 13:51:56 -0800
>Subject: Re: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

>>From: Gildass Bourdais <gbourdais.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 15:13:43 +0100
>>Subject: Gildas Bourdais On Vallee's Novel 'Stratagem'

<snip>

>>>The fact is that if I am right or you are right, both scenarios
>>>require a re-write of official history. So, in other words, it
>>>_still_ comes down to whose testimony on Roswell we accept as
>>>genuine. And only that.

>>There are dozens of credible testimonies on the UFO crash,
>>including more than 30 sworn affidavits.

>>There is not one public testimony on your body snatcher story.

>No I am absolutely not saying I do not believe there were no
>Unit 731 survivors. You are massively distorting my words.

>Read what I said: I said that the official record states that
>there were no survivors from Unit 731. That is true: that is
>what the official record says. But, as I said, the official
>record also says that no aliens crashed at Roswell.

>My point (which I thought I had made clear - apparently not) was
>that regardless of which scenario for Roswell is true (UFO or
>731 or, arguable even Mogul), it will require a re-write of
>official history.

>So that there can be no discrepancy: I do believe the official
>story of Unit 731 to be incomplete and that the Body Snatchers
>scenario is valid.

Nick,

If you want to cling to your impossible tale of handicapped Chinese prisoners being abducted in Manchuria by American troops, when everyone knows that they had been all killed, that there were no handicapped prisoners used for the bio warfare tests, in order to get valid results, and that the Russians took over the country in less than two weeks, then the discussion stops here and I am not going to go into another round of labyrinthic arguments.

I am even going to give you a hand. What about a US paratrooper raid on Unit 731 to abduct those prisoners? And, by the way, I have also an explanation for the strange protective suits of the doctors who performed the 'alien autopsy'. The handicapped Chinese prisoner, killed in the White Sands crash, was radioactive!

Cheers

Gildas

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