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Re: A COMETA Report Report - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 12:38:22 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2006 23:07:12 -0400
Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report - Ledger

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>
>Source: Live Journal.Com - San Francisco, California, USA
><http://rfmcdpei.livejournal.com/1281672.html>
>2006-08-24
>[Many links in page]
>The COMETA Report

<snip>

>In the end, what can be said about the COMETA report? I feel
>comfortable in saying that Hartley misrepresented the report's
>importance, that the French state as such does not believe in
>the extraterrestrial hypothesis for UFOs. More than that
>can't reasonably be said: The fact that, as Bourdais points
>out, so many French government officials are willing to accept
>the extraterrestrial hypothesis says much, but what of? Belief
>can't be made to substitute for reality, no matter how fervent
>it is.

The end reads like someone's little world [everyday and
spiritual] has been threatened by new thoughts.

"Belief can't be made to substitute for reality, no matter how
fervent it is."

Reality... wonder what the heck that is?

Don

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Non-Investigation Of Phoenix Lights

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 09:13:51 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2006 23:12:10 -0400
Subject: Non-Investigation Of Phoenix Lights

Greetings Listers,

Here's a very interesting, heart felt article by "eye witness"
Mike Fortson.

Source: Frank Warren's Blog

<http://frankwarren.blogspot.com>

August 30, 2006

Images, graphics, links etc., an site

The Non-Investigation of the Phoenix Lights - My View

By Mike Fortson
c.2006

The late Doc Berry said it best=97"The Massive UFO Flyover of Arizona, March 13, 1997"; his title best describes what happened that Thursday evening. Moreover, nine years later, I (we) still look for a return visit from our alien friends. I don=92t have a problem saying that feared word "alien" at all. "Nothing of this earth" describes what we saw pass in front of us around 8:30 PM that night. Nothing!

Recalling the event as if it were yesterday, while in the process of closing a window at our then home in Chandler, Arizona I noticed, "three huge, bright white lights angled down and very low to the ground"; after shouting to my wife to come outside we witnessed this "massive V shaped" craft entering our field of vision from the northwest giving us an almost perfect angle for viewing the UFO. This massive black boomerang shaped object was easily determined to be one solid mass as the gray background from all the lights in the surrounding Phoenix metro area allowed this UFO to be visible. It stuck out like a sore thumb!

The reports of our experience have been published on the Internet for over 9 years; I have done over 50 televised shows and been on dozens of radio shows; I have done four documentaries, even one for Fuji TV from Tokyo, Japan, ABC=92s Peter Jennings Reporting, "UFO=92s, Seeing is Believing" and the best by far was "Out of the Blue", by James Fox.

To date, as I write this, I am still encountering new witnesses and hearing new stories of that wonderful day; so many reports will never make the Internet, television, radio, or ever be told to the general public. This is so distressing! One goal I had when we moved to the high country of northern Arizona was to find new witnesses and meet many of those who were just too concerned for their jobs, worried about ridicule from friends or family or just not knowing who to contact. There are many more who I feel have yet to tell their story.

This became apparent shortly after Thursday March 9, 2006, when

The Daily Courier in Prescott, Arizona did a full-page article on my wife and I and our life changing experience. The article was titled, "Eyes on the Sky", and was also posted on UFO Updates on March 11th, as well as Frank Warren=92s blog, "Knowledge is Power" on March 13th, the nine-year anniversary date.

The purpose was to find more witnesses who never had a chance to tell their story or maybe never wanted to "then", for reasons listed earlier. My e-mail address was posted in the article along with parts of our story and our determination to keep looking in hopes of a return visit so this time I could get it on film.

In the following couple weeks I had received some 200+ fascinating e-mails. One especially promising was from a flight instructor from Embry-Riddle. He and a student were flying over Chino Valley when it appeared that all the city and area lights went out; after realizing the lights had not gone out but were "being blocked" by what they described as a "gigantic black chevron shaped craft" that was massive in size and at least a mile long! They literally feared for their lives as they flew above this massive unknown object! However, it quietly passed on it=92s way south towards Phoenix. The instructor is retired, the student pilot is now on active duty in the USAF; neither will go on camera to tell their story. Also, I spoke with a family of 5 who was at the Dairy Queen on HWY 69, in Prescott Valley; they described a huge V shaped craft, a single object for sure, pass over their heads low and slow. No one said the word flare or "ours" in reference to the craft. No one! One thing most, if not all "8 PM witnesses" say . . . what we saw was not ours!"

This is what is so frustrating about this wonderful experience. Very few people ever get told the truth, and thanks to the intentional blunders of the media, they probably never will! Let me try to explain this. First of all, certain members of the media claim that they cannot report a story and have the viewing audience pay attention to it without video. So, enter the five "10:00 PM, MST, videos" of a "military flare drop." These are the famous, "Phoenix Lights" seen at a faint distance at high altitude. These 5 videos of a flare drop were shot around the same time at different locations. All enjoy higher altitudes and none were shot on the desert floor! These videos were shown worldwide, and are more than likely an intentional flare drop by A-10=92s from Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona.

A lot of money has been made off these videos as well as some books, but the truth is no one was close enough to the lights to really know for sure what they were. Both Tom King and Dr. Bruce Maccabee have determined that these lights are more than likely flares, which had to be ignited around 17,000=92 to be seen in the Phoenix area. This is what I call the intentional diversion! Nearly every time a report on television is shown they interview an 8:00 o=92clock witness of the alien events, while showing the 10:00 video of flares in the background--thus presenting erroneous information and confusing everyone!

My worst fear of all this is that in 50 years or so when the so called "real" UFO investigators decide to examine the 8:00 o=92clock events of March 13, 1997, everyone will be dead or lack exact memory of that wonderful night. Giving us another "Roswell type quagmire" of did it happen or not?

I blame almost all the confusion and pretense on two "MUFON investigators and the strange Dr X"; all they did was battle each other for local TV time and argue the lights on the 5 videos. No one made any efforts to record witness testimony early on. There are no MUFON AZ reports to be found. Everyone involved relied on the phone calls to Village Labs or to the office of "Frances Emma Barwood", who was then the noted Phoenix Councilwoman who asked, "why don=92t we investigate the strange events?" Even to this date there are no archives of witness testimony. What little they did record went to their books or DVD documentaries=97not to get the word out, but to make a buck.

My name is Mike Fortson and The Massive UFO Flyover of Arizona, March 13, 1997changed our lives! As you=92ve read I have ardent feelings about the subject and will continue to speak out, as I believe it prudent; I am very disappointed in the erroneous reporting and the complete falsehood that what we were allowed to see that night was flares or some government special project.

What I saw that night was an alien visitation craft of unbelievable size that paraded thru the Phoenix metro area undetected and without noise. It was there for anyone who was outside to see. It was not "ours", and it was not a flare!

I now reside in Prescott Valley, Arizona where I sell real estate. I have multiple cameras at the constant ready, just in case; I want to get the next visit, if possible, on film.

If I am fortunate enough to film our visitors, if in fact they do return, I promise you this=97it will not be for sale=97I will share this with the world for free. It=92s not about greed, but about the truth.

Not e- Mike Fortson continues to investigate what has become known as the Phoenix Lights-he is actively seeking "other" witnesses to the event who have yet to come forward; witnesses are encouraged to "comment" in the section below or can write in here to the e-mail address found in the left side-bar. Mike can be contacted directly at Mike Fortson (E-mail link at site).

Cheers,

Frank

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>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 06:19:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2006 14:00:56 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>Stephen Hawking has most eloquently said that events prior to
>>the Big Bang are unknown because there was no time nor space.
>>Logical arguments like, "which came first, God or the universe
>>we know?" are in error because they imply an either/or condition
>>about things unknowable.

>I'm not sure you understand Hawking. The Big Bang may have
>happened, or it may not have. We don't yet know. But if it did
>happen the way Hawking theorizes, time and space both came into
>being with it. So the phrase "prior to the Big Bang" is
>meaningless. There can be no prior, no before, when time does
>not exist. The whole idea of before and after demands the
>existence of time. "Which came first, god or the universe we
>know?" is a meaningless question.

I think you've both just said the same wrong thing in almost the
same words.

The development of the standard cosmological model (SCM, aka the
Big Bang theory you mention) has had almost nothing to do with
Stephen Hawking but comes from expanding solutions of the
general relativity equations which have in them the spacetime
singularities you both mention. These are usually known as FLRW-
type models, for Friedmann, Lemaitre, Robertson & Walker, where
"Robertson" = Howard P. Robertson of Panel fame (but where
"Friedmann" is not Stan ;-). In all of these space and time are
co-emergent at $t = 0$.

But the variant Hawking championed - replacing real spacetime
with a Euclidean spacetime having an imaginary time coordinate
(for reasons partly connected with desiderata for a quantum
theory of gravity) - would introduce a so-called "no boundary"
boundary condition', meaning in other words that there would be
no special "edge" or "end" of spacetime, no singularity to worry
about, and therefore no question of spacetime "coming into
being" at all.

The thing about this way of removing the "before the
beginning" question is that it removes the answering reductio
argument from the table as well (whether it's ad absurdum, ad
impossibile or ad ridiculum I'm not sure, possibly all three!).
In a universe with no beginning and no real cosmic history there
is no cosmic determinism either. But there might still be a
cosmic causal order because what replaces the FLRW cosmology is
a quantum cosmology of a type unknown, and quantum causal
relationships do not respect the deterministic order, i.e. the
principle of contiguous antecedent cause does not apply to
quantum transitions. In other words the cosmic "effect" may be
contingent on "causal" relationships that point in directions

lying at 90 degs to all possible spacetime directions!

Here's an analogy. A computer simulation of a highly diverse system can be analysed on-screen into a uniform lattice of pixels of a very small size, but the software code which generates this 2D space lives elsewhere and is completely scale-free. Like general relativity the simulation "breaks down" as a bootstrap theory of itself, in the sense that nowhere on the screen can we find the algorithm that generates it. But this is not because there is a limit of resolution in the display. The underlying order does not exist inside those pixels and no amount of reductive analysis of pixels will reveal it. Similarly the causal order of a book is not the same as the narrative order, and is not explained by following the grammatical and logical chains back to page one. The "explanation" of the book lies not in this linear order but in a different category of philosophical objects altogether, in a different "universe" of mentation at 90 degs to the page and which the book can represent but does not embody.

>>We do not fully know God and we do not know fully the universe.

>God _is_ the universe, and vice versa.

An old squaring of the theological circle traditionally favoured by scientists. But which universe would that be? Many cosmologists today are big on the idea of many universes, possibly an infinite number of them. Lee Smolin's "cosmological natural selection" hypothesis, or Linde's multiverse, are among many variations on this theme. Are these universes all one meta-god? Or different gods? Maybe there's an epigenetic landscape of universes where the "fundamental constant" called "god" has many different arbitrary values, leading to a competitive evolutionary selection in a population of gods? What is the outcome? What is the effect of this competitive pressure on our god/universe? If identifying our god with our universe makes our god a redundant notion, is the same kind of identification still a redundancy at the level of interacting universes? Or is the "multicellular" multiverse a complex self-organising quasi-organismic meta-god with emergent properties, in whose (imaginary) future we have an interest? Questions, questions.....

>>Our current condition does not allow
>>full disclosure about either. Our brains are just not big enough
>>yet. The question, "Which came first, God or the universe?" is
>>simply a bad argument because its premises are flawed. Bad
>>arguments can't be made valid or sound without some fundamental
>>changes, like us having full knowledge about the subjects.

>No, it is not a bad argument. It is not an argument at all. It is
>simply a stupid and meaningless question. There is nothing
>there to argue about.

Somehow the less you think about it the more stupid and meaningless it all seems. But if you translate and expand your terms there is much to wonder about. Your thinking is structured around the classical SCM in which causality is identified with the local deterministic order, i.e. the relativistic time order, in a closed curved, continuous, finite-but-unbounded spacetime. Locality is fundamental to it. But remember that this theory grew up divorced from quantum theory and must, even though it works so well, be only an effective theory or a representation of some underlying quantum theory that is dual with it at most length scales.

No one knows what that theory is, but because it is a quantum theory nonlocality is going to be fundamental to it. In other words the causal order might, fundamentally, not be the same as the time order. The cosmic time order, like the Big Bang in a Hawking cosmos where Time is imaginary, might be an illusion of mathematical perspective, whilst the underlying causal connections might go elsewhere, in directions at right angles (so to speak) to all possible directions in spacetime. There may be "no boundary" in such a projection because the boundary is broken up, quantised, dispersed everywhere, so that local-reality is only the warp of a complex fabric shot through with an imaginary weft, and perhaps the substrate of this world is, at all points simultaneously, the immanence of others.

Wildly speculative, yes. But "simplistic moldy old mythology"?

Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Shough

No. Fancy, bright, shiny new mythology ;-)

Martin Shough

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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 09:12:54 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 06:19:40 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

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>>Why are modern, educated people even having such a pointless
>>discussion?

<snip>

>Of course, what were identified as "Angels" have now been
>interpreted by some as "Aliens", which makes this thread all
>the more interesting.

There is some relevance in the discussion of Biblical and Apocryphal accounts of humans and their interactions with fairly well identified non-human intelligences. Particularly the Enochian works detailing the problems humans had with the angels and their hybrid offspring, the Elohim.

If nothing else, the stories recount the odd familiarity humans apparently used to have with these beings before the "ethnic cleansing" of the Deluge. And they're pretty consistent in their descriptions of how the interactions with these things became much less frequent over time to the point where what used to be a kind of "given" is now considered pure mythology. And maybe it is all mythology, although the story is certainly not in the standard form of a heroic tale. The alien angels and hybrids are not indicated as being inherently evil or malevolent, and one of the hybrids (Gilgamesh/Noah) is even cast in a semi-heroic role.

Of course, it would be nice to find some good, solid angel/Elohim artifacts to substantiate the existence of these annoying visitors from heaven. But I don't know of any, unless you want to go all Graham Hancock and attribute these old things to them:

<http://img408.imageshack.us/img408/285/baalbekit1.jpg>

One thing that does seem to ring true about the stories is how these "aliens" could be both wonderful and dreadful at the same time. If aliens do exist, and they show up (again), it's easy to imagine having the same kind of dealings to them. Like, "Oh, they're great with their advanced technology, and all, but their genetic hybridization programs are really screwing things up."

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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 09:12:54 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 06:19:40 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

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>>Why are modern, educated people even having such a pointless
>>discussion?

<snip>

>Of course, what were identified as "Angels" have now been
>interpreted by some as "Aliens", which makes this thread all
>the more interesting.

Oops. I should refresh my memory before posting. The angels were known as the "Elohim," and their hybrid offspring were called the "Nephilim." Sorry for any confusion.

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Re: Residents Of Fort Resolution Report UFO

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 13:55:12 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2006 23:23:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Residents Of Fort Resolution Report UFO

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2006 19:25:48 -0400
>Subject: Residents Of Fort Resolution Report UFO Sightings

>Source: CBC News North - Whitehorse, North West Territories, Canada

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

>Tuesday, August 29, 2006

Further to the CBC news report that a UFO had been filmed in Fort Resolution, North West Territories:

I managed to speak with the witness today. I reached her on a wonky phone line but was able to make out most of what she was saying.

She told me that on Saturday, August 12, 2006, at about 1:00 am MST, her partner called her outside to look at a bright light in the NE sky. They watched it together for a few minutes, and were convinced it was not a plane or satellite. She went inside to get a digital video camera they had recently acquired, came out an shot about 20 minutes of video. The handheld image shows a bright source of light dancing around the frame, flashing different colours, moving in and out of focus. After 20 minutes, the witnesses said they "got tired of looking," and went inside. They came out again after a while and the object was still in view.

(I haven't seen the actual video yet, but this description comes from the witness and also the CBC reporter. I hope to get at least some stills later this week.)

However, in conversation with the witness, it became clear that they were observing a star. Not only is Capella exactly in the area of sky they were looking, but the two witnesses said they could not recall seeing any star in that area of sky, besides the UFO. Furthermore, the UFO was back in the same place the next night and the night after that. In fact, the UFO has been seen repeatedly over the past two weeks, most recently on Tuesday, August 29, 2006, in essentially the same place in the sky.

Based on the conversation with the witness, it seems likely the UFO filmed was Alpha Aurigae, Capella, a frequent culprit in UFO reports.

Chris Rutkowski
Ufology Research

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Re: 'We'll See Aliens In The Next 10 Years' -

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 20:05:07 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2006 23:30:41 -0400
Subject: Re: 'We'll See Aliens In The Next 10 Years' -

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 27 Aug 2006 01:44:37 -0700
>Subject: Re: 'We'll See Aliens In The Next 10 Years'

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 19 Aug 2006 17:33:46 +0100
>>Subject: Re: 'We'll See Aliens In The Next 10 Years'

>>>><http://tinyurl.co.uk/owez>

>><snip>

>>Tim, the rapidly accumulating evidence is that all the materials
>>necessary for life: all the amino acids and maybe even proteins,
>>are somehow more easily made in regions of deep space we now
>>call 'molecular clouds'. Most are 'organic' (carbon-based).

>Not to sound like one of those poor, misguided creationists, but
>you can throw some paint, a brush and a canvas into an empty
>room, and you're still going to have to explain how it all comes
>together to make the Mona Lisa. From what I've read, DNA is a
>complicated business. It doesn't "grow" like a crystal. And if
>you don't have most or all of the parts in place from the get-
>go, it doesn't replicate but just spins back into chaos. Maybe
>you know of a good mechanism that could take bits of amino acids
>and a few stray hydrocarbons and toss them altogether so they
>stick together as fully functional DNA. I admit I don't.

<snip>

Yup Tim, it's already been well described by John Gribbin in
'Stardust' - but down here on Earth the examples are inanimate:
like 'clays' which mimic life and some beach-sands which rather
uniquely also follow unusual patterns of behavior. Gribbin
seemed to think that further stages, of self-organizing to
'organic level', is rather more easily done in deep space.
That's upsetting for Earth chauvinists no doubt.

Coincidentally, here's an update on Gribbin's already surprising
data:

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2006/0824/p16s01-cogn.html>

'Aug. 7 - Outer-space nurseries' in which NASA now admits 'that
a universal prebiotic chemistry is at work.'

But there might be a tinge of chauvinism even in that - for NASA
seems to have labeled the latest batch of organic molecules as
'biologically significant' because they're very useful in
building a carbon-oxygen entity - like us.

Whereas there's around 120 other organic molecules being "grown"
(your expression) in deep space that could start-off other life-
forms, like a sulfur-iron being say, or something using silicon
- depending which type of planet they land on, of course.

[Only mentioned those because there's a whole genre of sightings

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and contacts which feature sulfuric smells and traces - going back decades and even centuries.]

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: UFO Frauds & The Misunderstood Contactees -

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catja90024.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 14:59:21 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2006 23:34:08 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Frauds & The Misunderstood Contactees -

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>Source: Blogspot.Com - Mountain View, California, USA
><http://tinyurl.co.uk/4h05>

>August 30, 2006

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>Some interesting reading... --ebk

>-----

>UFO Frauds And The Misunderstood Contactees

>This blog is to inform the general public of the nature of the UFO phenamona and the people, organizations or others that have used this subject for their own personal, financial or other gain for whatever reason. The blog will point out inconsistant or possible deceptive messages in a comical manner that may or may not have anything to do with this matter and you can determine what may be truthful. The truth is UFOs are flown by ExtraTerrestrials and anyone can call a UFO like ancient history.

><snip>

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

After figuring out how to switch the screen to something that was readable, the paragraph I picked I thought had something to do with the unwrapped mummies of children shown in a photo on the left. Instead it was a paragraph about Whitley Strieber. If the poster thought that mummies of human children looked like ETs, I suggest they check out the adult mummies. As I said, "we have met the aliens, and the aliens is us." All be it, sans skin and muscle tissue.

KK

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Gherman

From: Ed Gherman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 15:53:38 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2006 23:36:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Gherman

>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 16:37:52 +1000
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2006 14:00:56 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>>Source: Science & Theology - Quincy, Massachusetts, USA

>>><http://www.stnews.org/Commentary-890.htm>

>>>March 1, 2004

>>>Bible Leaves No Room For Extraterrestrial Life

>>>By Jonathon D. Sarfati

><snip>

>>>However, Scripture strongly implies that no intelligent life
>>>exists elsewhere, and the long-running Search for
>>>Extraterrestrial Intelligence, or SETI, projects have failed to
>>>refute this.

>><snip>

>>Scriptures are mostly silent on the topic of life occurring
>>elsewhere in the universe. They do not imply anything else on
>>that topic. I expect that the reason is due to the nature of the
>>scriptural texts themselves: they were made by men and women to
>>promote a belief in God. Religious texts were written by
>>believers, for believers. They were not written for scientists.

>Please excuse me for butting in here and changing the context,
>but The 6 fingered Neophilm are spoken of as Aliens(?) in the
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>Then there's the angels that visited Ezechial in a ring of
>fire. Not exactly 'elsewhere in the universe stuff' or life
>elsewhere, but for what its worth it's in there.....

HI William,

Many gods and giants have six fingers:

<http://www.sydhav.no/sixfingers/statues.htm>

Regards,
Ed

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2006 23:41:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2006 23:41:19 -0400
Subject: Eye To The Sky Book Brought Forward

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For Immediate Release

Aug 31, 2006

UFO footage anticipated - book publication brought forward

EcceNova considers multiple requests and heeds warnings of those who suggest UFO footage may fall into the wrong hands if left too late.

VICTORIA, BC =96 EcceNova=92s intended publication date for Paula Thorneycroft=92s Eye to the Sky: A Paranormal Odyssey, which recounts the author=92s amazingly frequent and vivid interactions with both craft and extraterrestrial beings, and which is supplemented with UFO footage filmed from her own back yard, has been brought forward, from December 26, 2006, to October 31, 2006.

Having experienced a number of attempts to steal the video footage, attack our computers, tap our phones, follow us, and bribe us, we finally decided that it would be prudent to get the images out into the public domain as quickly as possible, while still remaining true to our original plan to release the most profound images in concert with the book, to ensure integrity and create context.

We had planned to post certain images online, from the start, and today we have done so. About 25 new stills are posted on the website, revealing just a glimpse of the brilliant light show and =91morphing=92 that was evident on the first of the two night=92s shooting.

We have taken the precaution of copyrighting the entire footage, and have copies of it in several safe places. Reproduction by non-profit and research media of the stills posted online is permissible, with copyright notice attached. For all other uses, permission must be requested.

A second series of more complex and intriguing images will be posted in mid-late September, 2006, and the best stills will be published on the front and back covers of the book.

DVDs of the footage and stills will be sent to bona fide researchers upon written request.

For more information about the book, please go to:

<http://www.eccenova.com/ThorneycroftES.htm>

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Boeche

From: Ray Boeche <rayboeche.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 20:00:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2006 23:55:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Boeche

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 06:19:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

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>anything other than moldy old mythology?

>Why are modern, educated people even having such a pointless
>discussion?

I feel compelled to respond to the many naive and parochial statements regarding Christianity which have been bandied about the list over the last few days. Let me make it clear that I am here concerning myself only with Christianity. I must also make it clear that from my perspective as a Christian pastor and theologian (let alone a UFO researcher), Holy Scripture (that is, the Christian Bible) in no way - implicitly or explicitly - excludes the possibility of extraterrestrial life. Scripture itself states that God created several types of life - plant, animal, human, and angelic. That he could have created more types elsewhere is a distinct possibility.

Without meaning to sound polemical, the attitude displayed above in the quotation from Bob Shell demonstrates the utter lack of understanding of even the basic tenets of Christianity.

Christianity and science are not antagonists - except in the minds of those Naturalist/Mechanists whose painfully limited concepts of cosmology and the natural world are threatened by the very concept of Theism.

There is nothing whatsoever simplistic (Bob's implied meaning evidently being "simple-minded") about the Christian faith; Christianity is anything but "geocentric"; and the depth of the philosophical underpinnings of God's revealed Truth have barely been plumbed by the entire range of human philosophers, from Thales to Russell to the psuedo-philosophical ramblings of the deconstructionists.

I'm uncertain whether those who have such blinding, gut-wrenching reactions to Christianity will be able to understand this, but I'll try anyway. . .

This attitude toward the Christian faith is the same as that which caused humanity's fall from grace - the false idea that with knowledge alone "you will be like God."

But, as Peter Sinfield (not overtly Christian by any stretch of the imagination) wrote nearly thirty years ago, in the classic King Crimson song "Epitaph"

"Knowledge is a deadly friend when no one sets the rules, The fate of all mankind I see is in the hands of fools."

I would be happy to discuss these issues off-List with anyone who would care to develop an accurate understanding of Christianity and how it very much is applicable not only to scientific inquiry in general, but UFO and paranormal research in particular.

Ray

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 18:44:26 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 07:49:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Nielsen

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2006 16:08:44 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2006 14:00:56 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

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>>I appreciate Mr. Sarfati's article as another example of the
>>problem of combining scientific processes with religion.

>I've personally found that the biggest problem with combining
>the two is that the variables in religion are so poorly defined.

<snip>

>Anyway, it's pretty hard to come up with a good hypothesis when
>you throw in a variable such as "God = Love."

<snip>

Thanks for your insights Tim!

I agree with you. I believe that no one can fully know God
without being just like God. At least there has to be more
familiarity than I have personally experienced.

I believe the same may hold for fully knowing the UFO pilots, or
the abducting aliens, given that they exist: we can't know them
without first thinking like them, and then we would be them.
Wouldn't we?

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Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 18:59:33 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 08:01:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Nielsen

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Thanks William you're right! But then a person would have to include the pseudepigrapha _and_ the apocrypha, along with all the canon, and combine it with all the witness testimony of alien and UFO encounters!

Where would that end? Who has time for it if it were possible? Who would everyone trust to do the gleaning? What kind of credibility could we expect from that project?

It still comes down to belief in providence or belief in mutual thought on the topics, _and_ cooperation of the principles: aliens and God. Neither of those have been very cooperative with the desires of humanity.

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>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

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>I'm not sure you understand Hawking. The Big Bang may have
>happened, or it may not have. We don't yet know. But if it did
>happen the way Hawking theorizes, time and space both came into
>being with it. So the phrase "prior to the Big Bang" is
>meaningless. There can be no prior, no before, when time does
>not exist. The whole idea of before and after demands the
>existence of time. "Which came first, god or the universe we
>know?" is a meaningless question.

<snip>

>God is the universe, and vice versa.

<snip>

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>thoughts for simplistic people. Why do we look at them as
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>discussion?

>Bob Shell

Thanks for all your comments Bob!

Stephen Hawking has written many insightful things in most
eloquent ways. I believe he is a master editor of his own work.
It would make reading easier if more folks would practice that.

Much of his work is in his books. But many of his words are
available at his website

<http://www.hawking.org.uk/>

and at other websites

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_hawking

The point at which, I believe, we are in agreement is that his
ideas of the big bang call on logical assumptions regarding
things knowable and things unknowable. Why do you think that is?

Why do modern, educated people still discuss religion? Taking your question seriously, I suppose the answer has to do with the individual. Answering only for myself, I believe many things. I believe that science has provided much which has benefited me personally, in all areas of my life. So have faith-based programs. For a recent example, it's said that faith-based groups did more for Katrina victims, and in a more organized way, than government agencies and insurance companies. I presume that had to do with some belief of the faith-based groups.

Anyway, I still make the point that science and religion, when exclusive, are not good partners, probably because they are based on competing beliefs. The first is based on better living through mutual thought. The other is based on better living through the providence of a higher power. Both beliefs have value because they can lead to good outcomes. To be sure, they also have the opposite capacity.

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Re: Are We Living In A Dark Age? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2006 05:48:36 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 08:04:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Are We Living In A Dark Age? - Dickenson

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2006 00:17:30 -0400
>Subject: Re: Are We Living In A Dark Age?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 26 Aug 2006 20:51:08 +0100
>>Subject: Are We Living In A Dark Age?

<snip>

>>What happened in Washington in '52?

>For supplementary information on the history of 1952 the Year of
>the UFO go to:

><http://brumac.8k.com>

>scroll down a hort distance to "The Legacy of 1952" and
>download the .doc file

>or, for a less detailed version go to:

><http://brumac.8k.com/1952YEAROFUFO/1952YEAROFUFO.html>

Thanks a lot, that was mostly new to me, being an amateur
reader. Interesting to see what the authorities did when
bothered by ufologists - they accused the ufologists of
"disloyalty"!

<http://tinyurl.com/npohz>

find "craze"...

And that Rogue River thing is a pretty clear example of
something-or-other on the authorities' part.

<http://brumac.8k.com/Rogue/RogueRiver.html>

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: A COMETA Report Report - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2006 10:27:46 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 08:07:45 -0400
Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report - Bourdais

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Thursday, August 31, 2006 3:02 PM
>Subject: A COMETA Report Report

>Source: Live Journal.Com - San Francisco, California, USA

><http://rfmcdpei.livejournal.com/1281672.html>

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>The COMETA Report

>Emma Hartley's recent 50 Facts You Need To Know: Europe is an
>interesting read, seeking to expose underrecognized facts about
>Europe and to present old facts in new and interesting ways. The
>book largely succeeds. Perhaps the most interesting topic in the
>book was the suggestion that the French military believed in the
>existence of UFOs as an extraterrestrial phenomenon. The proof?
>The COMETA report, a report allegedly assembled by leading
>French government officials that strongly supported the
>extraterrestrial hypothesis.

<snip>

>The COMETA report appears to have attracted no small measure of
>press coverage soon after its 1999 release, having produced a
>2000 report in the Irish Independent and another in the Boston
>Globe. Indeed, if official France does in fact believe that UFOs
>are extraterrestrial probes, the COMETA report should have
>gotten a lot of press coverage indeed. The problem is that this
>does not seem to be the case.

I have a few corrections to make on this article. First, there was in fact a very limited coverage in the press. Leslie Kean was almost the only journalist to write about it, and it took her some time to be published, as she told me. Secondly, nobody has ever claimed that "official France" believes that UFOs are extraterrestrial. Actually, the prevailing attitude, in scientific circles and in the media, remains one of skepticism. There are people who have a positive opinion, about the reality of UFOs, and about their plausible extraterrestrial origin, but they tend to remain discreet. The aim of the COMETA report was to try to change that situation.

>Also in 2000, ufological writer
>Claude Maug=E9 produced a negative critique of the COMETA report
>in Infoespace, the official publication of the Soci=E9t=E9 Belge
>d'=C9tude des Ph=E9nom=E8nes Spatiaux (Belgian Society for Space
>Phenomenon Study). Maug=E9 argues that the people presenting the
>report have misrepresented it as a report officially
>commissioned by the French government, and that instead it is
>best understood as a private report commissioned by a non-
>governmental organization.

The authors never claimed that their report had an "official"

status. The critics of the report, like Pierre Lagrange (with a violent attack in the French press), Maug=E9 and Petrakis, are the ones who said that. And, of course, when questioned about it, the officials denied it.

BTW, Petrakis has retired from ufology, and it is not a big loss.

<snip>

>These critics' objections have been criticized in
>their turn, though not very well, Gildas Bourdais seeming to
>want to take the existence of the COMETA report as written by
>former French military and civil-service initials as indicative
>of broader tendencies within the French government.

Not so. I never said that.

>In the end, what can be said about the COMETA report? I feel
>comfortable in saying that Hartley misrepresented the report's
>importance, that the French state as such does not believe in
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>many French government officials are willing to accept the
>extraterrestrial hypothesis says much, but what of? Belief can't
>be made to substitute for reality, no matter how fervent it is.

Again, I never claimed that. But, yes, it seems true, apparently, that some (not "many") French officials are willing to consider the extraterrestrial hypothesis. And it is not a matter of "fervent" belief. It is a reasoned opinion, as demonstrated by the COMETA report.

Gildas Bourdais

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Brazilian UFO Magazine # 126, September 2006

From: A. J. Gevaerd <ufo2006.nul>
Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2006 12:05:12 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 08:10:28 -0400
Subject: Brazilian UFO Magazine # 126, September 2006

Introducing the new edition of the monthly Brazilian UFO
Magazine: September 2006 # 126

Main topic:

Author and lecturer Jan Val Ellam: They are coming!

In a comprehensive interview long-time UFO researcher and
bestseller author of 15 books about Spirituality and its
connection with Ufology claims that he has received secure
information from "sources" that an official contact with several
alien races is under process to happen any time from 15 November
2006 to April 2007. Jan Val Ellam gives specific details of
things to happen and make an announcement: "The contact will
leave no doubt to anyone in this world that 'they' exist and are
watching us. No government, no media, no scientific, religious
or military organization will have a chance to deny".

Editor: A. J. Gevaerd aj.nul
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Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2006 18:34:38 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 08:12:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle - Dickenson

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2006 09:05:27 -0700
>Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 26 Aug 2006 13:18:06 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 25 Aug 2006 20:33:07 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle

>>><snip>

>>> ... : color is only the frequency
>>>of light reaching your eyes.

>>Sorry Ray, that's a very old notion, but it has also been proven
>>completely false. Perceiving color is much more complicated than
>>that. Your statement will only be true if you view something in
>>total isolation with a black background, i.e., remove all
>>reference to a surrounding environment. (Something you do
>>further below do justify your frequency definition of "color" in
>>a circular argument.)

<snip>

Hi David, sorry for delay.

It looks like we're mostly saying the same thing but calling it
different names. I.e. like with this particular color retention,
which I called an 'illusion' and you define as a true
'perception'.

Our ambiguity is probably due to the three different reasons for
mis-perception.

1) physiological or 'mechanical':- like the 'blind spot' (the
simplest of quite a few, including autokinesis);

2) animal needs:- like when evolution works out a way to
'retain' perception of a color under moonlight say or to
identify a shape - but can get it wrong, as we've discussed
(these tend to be immediate perceptions, not conscious, and can
be 'cured'. as you illustrate, by looking again in isolated
conditions, like through a cardboard tube).

3) clashes introduced by late evolution - in higher mammals - of
the cortex, a higher-level info processor but getting its input
second-hand, only after primitive perceptions have been formed
by the old-brain (or 'lizard brain'), which contains things like
the hippocampus (deep recalls, identifications, memory) and the
cerebellum (which triggers and controls 'learned' routines).

So you can make a regular commute to the office and five seconds
after slamming the car door you can't recall any detail of the

trip - not having been 'conscious' of the journey because the cortex wasn't involved.

This last area of misperception is important because the display arranged in the visual cortex for the new brain to view is mostly decided by the 'lizard brain' which thinks only in terms of the four f's (first three are fight, flee or feed). That's why we suffer from love (or hate) at first sight and are often (mostly?) wrong but can't admit it. The lizard brain just doesn't understand people.

The biggest trouble with these mis-perceptions is that they come with strong emotional (lizard-brain 4-f's) baggage which means we are unwilling to re-consider, and are prone to black v white decisions (not shades of gray), and to taking sides based on nothing more than a snap perception - not conscious judgment. Advertisers (and politicians) know that: most things are sold on instant color, shape idealizations, not on conscious needs.

In fact, looking at most mis-perceptions (especially disputes), we see very little analytical use of the cortex (new brain) in the decisions of most people, most of the time - which, for an intermediate species like ourselves, is probably what you'd expect.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2006 15:51:52 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 08:20:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Friedman

>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 16:37:52 +1000
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2006 14:00:56 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>>Source: Science & Theology - Quincy, Massachusetts, USA

>>><http://www.stnews.org/Commentary-890.htm>

>>>March 1, 2004

>>>Bible Leaves No Room For Extraterrestrial Life

>>>By Jonathon D. Sarfati

>><snip>

>><snip>

>>>However, Scripture strongly implies that no intelligent life
>>>exists elsewhere, and the long-running Search for
>>>Extraterrestrial Intelligence, or SETI, projects have failed to
>>>refute this.

>><snip>

>>Scriptures are mostly silent on the topic of life occurring
>>elsewhere in the universe. They do not imply anything else on
>>that topic. I expect that the reason is due to the nature of the
>>scriptural texts themselves: they were made by men and women to
>>promote a belief in God. Religious texts were written by
>>believers, for believers. They were not written for scientists.

>Please excuse me for butting in here and changing the context,
>but The 6 fingered Neophilm are spoken of as Aliens(?) in the
>Bible. 'Being 'giants' they mated with the women of earth'...
>I'm not sure how, or what became of them.

>Then there's the angels that visited Ezechial in a ring of fire.
>Not exactly 'elsewhere in the universe stuff' or life elsewhere,
>but for what its worth it's in there.....

Please note the very interesting book The Bible And Flying
Saucers, by Dr. Barry Downing. It notes many UFO sightings in
the old and new testament. Mormons talk of many civilizations,
Don't Hindus and Buddhists as well?

Also SETI is a search for electromagnetic signals. It is not a
search for ET Intelligence. If it was there would be at least
some effort to examine the UFO evidence by SETI guys. There
isn't... Ufology comes much closer.

Stan Friedman

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George Knapp Keynote Speaker

From: Ryan S. Wood <majesticdocuments.nul>
Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2006 14:12:37 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 08:25:32 -0400
Subject: George Knapp Keynote Speaker

KLAS-TV Reporter - George Knapp to Give Keynote Banquet Speech
at 4th UFO Crash Retrieval Conference

BROOMFIELD, CO September 1st, 2006 If you were looking for another reason to sign-up for this years UFO Crash Conference here is one George Knapp. George Knapp has been the chief reporter on Las Vegas Channel 8's I-Team investigative unit since 1990 and earned a national Edward R. Murrow award for his investigative stories on the voter registration fraud in the Clark County election of 2004. He has also won eleven Emmy Awards. And in 1990, his series about UFOs was selected by United Press International as best in the nation for Individual Achievement by a Journalist.

The keynote speech, titled A TV Journalists Perspective of Ufology, will cover Mr. Knapp's first hand experiences at the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) along with interviews of significant witnesses of ufology along with some of the most controversial witnesses, such as, Robert Lazar and Dr. Dan Burish. The talk wont only be about the UFO field, but will include engaging stories and related anecdotes to the TV news process.

The 4th Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference is the worlds only public event dedicated exclusively to compelling evidence, aftermath and implications of crash retrievals. The conference starts Friday evening at 6:00 PM, November 10th through Sunday afternoon, November 12th at the Tuscany Suites Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, just minutes from the airport and downtown. Details are available at:

www.ufoconference.com.

Conference attendees can anticipate the latest hard data on numerous crashed UFOs, off-world artifacts held in secret government facilities, the societal implications of public disclosure of the ET presence, answers to the numerous UFO Why? questions (Why do they crash? Why are they here? What do they want? Why is the government hiding it all?), and new never before discussed UFO crash retrievals and much more. Ryan Wood will also present evidence of a significant new UFO crash retrieval, not covered in his book Majic Eyes Only.

To register for the conference:

<http://www.ufoconference.com/registrationform.html>

\$169 for the Friday to Sunday event

If you need more information or would like to talk with me personally please call 720-887-8171.

Sincerely,

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ATIC Official Histories

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 01:31:21 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 08:28:11 -0400
Subject: ATIC Official Histories

Listarians, Lurkers and MIBs,

While rummaging around in the archive the other day, looking for something else, I ran across an item that some of you may be interested in and that I had forgotten.

In 1999, while working on the book, Alfred Loedding and the Great Flying Saucer Wave of 1947 (Out of Print), with my partner Michael Hall, we were fortunate enough to have retrieved copies of the Official Air Technical Intelligence Histories (ATIC) for 1951 through 1953 and T-2 Intelligence Official Histories for 1945-1947. These histories contain mention of Project Blue Book during it's earliest years.

These official histories had never before been released to the public and we were very fortunate to get copies from the AMC Headquarters at Wright-Patterson AFB during our visit. One of the more memorable things during our trip was actually getting to wander around in the old T-2 Intelligence building and the office where Project Saucer was born in late 1946. Yes, 1946.

I scanned these histories onto CD for posterity after preserving the hard copies in archival sheet protectors and into binders, which are now housed with my other research materials under the consummate care of Rod Dyke.

CD copies are available for a nominal donation to the Audio History of Ufology Project. Query me if you are interested.

Thank You,

Wendy Connors

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Italian Contactee Passes

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 08:42:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 08:42:42 -0400
Subject: Italian Contactee Passes

Source: AGI Agenzia Giornalistica Italia - Roma

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/tbg9>

31-08-06

Man Who Told Of Meeting Aliens Dies In Catania

(AGI) - Catania, 31 Aug - Eugenio Siragusa, the man who in 1962 said that he had met aliens on Sona Hill, at the foot of Etna, has died at the age of 87 at his home on the border between Nicolosi and Mascalucia (Catania). Since that date Siragusa had dedicated himself to the study of cosmology, establishing the Cosmic Fraternity Study Centre "Nonsiamosoli" ('we are not alone')

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

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Re: A COMETA Report Report - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 09:50:05 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 09:38:29 -0400
Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report - Bourdais

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 12:38:22 -0300
>Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report

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>>Source: Live Journal.Com - San Francisco, California, USA
>><http://rfmcdpei.livejournal.com/1281672.html>
>>2006-08-24

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>spiritual] has been threatened by new thoughts.

>"Belief can't be made to substitute for reality, no matter how
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>Reality... wonder what the heck that is?

Let me guess: maybe the "control system" of Jacques Vallee?

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: A COMETA Report Report - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 09:10:40 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 09:39:55 -0400
Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report - Rimmer

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 12:38:22 -0300
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Hmm. More meaningless meandering. I think when we look at the
world around us we can begin to see what happens when belief
does come to be a substitute for reality, and it's not very
nice.

--

John Rimmer

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UFO Watchdog.Com

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 01:30:40 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 09:41:47 -0400
Subject: UFO Watchdog.Com

Greetings,

I hope everyone is enjoying the North American holiday weekend before yet another summer comes to an end.

For those inquiring about the ufowatchdog.com site not being available on-line recently, I am in the process of moving the complete website to a new server. This move should be completed no later than the middle of next week, if not earlier.

My apologies for any inconvenience to faithful readers of ufowatchdog.com.

The website will be back in full shortly.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
ufowatchdog.com
"Don't trip on your open mind"

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 06:26:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 09:49:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Shell

>From: Ray Boeche <rayboeche.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 20:00:22 -0500
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>I must also make
>it clear that from my perspective as a Christian pastor and
>theologian (let alone a UFO researcher) , Holy Scripture (that
>is, the Christian Bible) in no way - implicitly or explicitly -
>excludes the possibility of extraterrestrial life. Scripture
>itself states that God created several types of life - plant,
>animal, human, and angelic. That he could have created more
>types elsewhere is a distinct possibility.

Glad to hear that. You should tell that to my old friend Jerry Falwell, since his interpretation is just the opposite, and he is also considered by many to be a theologian. From my perspective it is completely irrelevant what Christian theologians think about extraterrestrial life. Falwell used to come to dinner at my parents' house, and at one time I worked for Pat Robertson.

>Without meaning to sound polemical, the attitude displayed above
>in the quotation from Bob Shell demonstrates the utter lack of
>understanding of even the basic tenets of Christianity.

OK. I guess spending much of my childhood with my grandfather, a respected Methodist minister and theologian counts for nothing.

He taught me some important things, not the least of which is to think for myself, and that the Christian bible contains the books it does, and excludes others, primarily for political reasons. He introduced me to the Gnostic gospels. He had gone to the trouble to learn to read Greek to further his research.

Later, one of my best friends was a Catholic priest and theological researcher. I learned much from him, as well.

>Christianity and science are not antagonists - except in the
>minds of those Naturalist/Mechanists whose painfully limited
>concepts of cosmology and the natural world are threatened by
>the very concept of Theism.

Religion and science are antagonists. They are two completely opposed ways of viewing reality. One works on unreasoned and unreasoning belief, the other on theory and observation. They are totally incompatible, except in the sense that science can study religion as mythology and/or mental aberration.

Bob Shell

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 06:30:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 09:51:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Shell

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
To: <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 17:39:22 +0100
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>I think you've both just said the same wrong thing in almost the
>same words.

I doubt that. If you believe that you didn't understand either
of us.

>The development of the standard cosmological model (SCM, aka the
>Big Bang theory you mention) has had almost nothing to do with
>Stephen Hawking but comes from expanding solutions of the
>general relativity equations which have in them the spacetime
>singularities you both mention. These are usually known as FLRW-
>type models, for Friedmann, Lemaitre, Robertson & Walker, where
>"Robertson" = Howard P. Robertson of Panel fame (but where
>"Friedmann" is not Stan ;-). In all of these space and time are
>co-emergent at $t = 0$.

>But the variant Hawking championed - replacing real spacetime
>with a Euclidean spacetime having an imaginary time coordinate
>(for reasons partly connected with desiderata for a quantum
>theory of gravity) - would introduce a so-called '"no boundary"
>boundary condition', meaning in other words that there would be
>no special "edge" or "end" of spacetime, no singularity to worry
>about, and therefore no question of spacetime "coming into
>being" at all.

So?

Bob

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Re: Heflin Case Papers - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 12:34:28 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 09:52:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers - Shough

Dear List

As promised, an update on my inquiries about documents from the original NICAP-LANS investigation. (Originally sent 30 August but not posted)

I wrote to Marilyn Epperson approximately a month ago at the suggestion of Ann Druffel about the possibility of arranging access to her mother Idabel's personal research papers, Idabel Epperson having been LANS administrator at the time (and subsequently Chairman after the death of Dr. Leslie Kaeburn). Marilyn was also active in LANS.

I had no direct reply. However in an email yesterday Ann Druffel kindly informed me that she received a 'phone call from Marilyn on Aug 28, explaining that she is "working two jobs and is totally swamped, and the files are in storage". Marilyn apologises but says that access to the files is impossible for the time being.

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How Many Died On The Silver Bridge?

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 09:25:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 09:55:34 -0400
Subject: How Many Died On The Silver Bridge?

The Silver Bridge: How Many Died?

Mothman appeared, Banshee-like, and the bridge fell. With all due respect, do you know how many died in that tragedy?

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Re: A COMETA Report Report - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 09:23:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 17:00:09 -0400
Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report - Lehmborg

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 09:50:05 +0200
>Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>Let me guess: maybe the "control system" of Jacques Vallee?

'Reality' is not only stranger than we imagine it is stranger
than can imagine? Extraordinary realities require Extraordinary
hypothesis? Reality requires that entities must be multiplied
to satisfy necessity?

Someone proposing a fixed reality or definition of same is as
garden bug proposing same. These should be prepared to be
unprepared for their... 'reality'.

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Re: Heflin Case Papers - Hall

From: **Richard Hall** <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 14:44:03 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 17:01:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers - Hall

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 12:34:28 +0100
>Subject: Heflin Case Papers

>Dear List

>As promised, an update on my inquiries about documents from the
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And of course Dick Hall compiled and saw all the Heflin case
materials at NICAP long before the break-up, since he supervised
and coordinated the NICAP investigation. Also he thinks he still
has a binder with some important Heflin case materials, but has
been unable to find it so far.

- Dick Hall

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Re: How Many Died On The Silver Bridge? - Paijmans

From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans.nul>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 17:08:15 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 17:02:59 -0400
Subject: Re: How Many Died On The Silver Bridge? - Paijmans

>From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 09:25:02 -0400
>Subject: How Many Died On The Silver Bridge?

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Because Fortean Times is not what it once was - by far! It has
stooped to the level of a 'Ripley's Believe it or Not' and this
month for the first time in 17 years I stopped buying it,
disgusted as I am with its contents. Sic transit Gloria!

Theo Paijmans

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 12:35:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 17:04:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Shell

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 19:14:13 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>For a recent example, it's said that faith-based
>groups did more for Katrina victims, and in a more organized
>way, than government agencies and insurance companies. I presume
>that had to do with some belief of the faith-based groups.

Yes, and as everybody who has ever had to fight with them knows,
both government and insurance companies are the devil's spawn!

>Anyway, I still make the point that science and religion, when
>exclusive, are not good partners, probably because they are
>based on competing beliefs. The first is based on better living
>through mutual thought. The other is based on better living
>through the providence of a higher power. Both beliefs have
>value because they can lead to good outcomes. To be sure, they
>also have the opposite capacity.

I am not so sure religious belief can really have good outcomes.
If the church had stayed out of the way, we wouldn't have had
the dark ages, and would probably be hundreds of years more
advanced in science and technology today. I'm not singling out
Christianity, since most religions have done far more harm than
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Re: A COMETA Report Report - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 19:38:33 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2006 08:00:33 -0400
Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report - Friedman

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Don,

I think that ending applies well to the debunkers and noisy
negativists of the world. For those who might be interested, I
still have available a few copies of the English translation of
the Cometa report .\$.10. including first class mail from me at
POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958.

Stan Friedman

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Crop Circles Reported Near Moose Jaw

From: **Chaz Stuart** <daydisk2.nul>
Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2006 00:01:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2006 08:20:14 -0400
Subject: Crop Circles Reported Near Moose Jaw

Source: The Star Pheonix - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/ljr7h>

September 2 2006

Crop Circle Seen Near Moose Jaw
Canadian Press

Saturday, September 02, 2006

MOOSE JAW (CP) -- A volunteer researcher with the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network says she's planning to check out some recently discovered circles in Saskatchewan.

Lois Baillie said she has been examining close-up and aerial photos of the circles and said they don't appear to have been man-made.

The impressions resemble two light bulbs connected to a stomach-shaped feature.

The circles were found on a pasture south of Buffalo Pound Lake in the Moose Jaw district. Baillie says both the light bulb shapes measure more than seven metres in diameter.

Theories about how crop circles form vary from extraterrestrial visitors and wind to human pranksters.

It's the first time circles have been found in the area in three years.

"It's different from most crop circles because it is open-ended. The formation of the open loop is surprising," Baillie said.

"The grass movement was made from inside to outside or from outside to inside. It doesn't seem to be something humans could make."

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 21:09:04 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2006 08:21:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Nielsen

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Agreed! All folks go through life with blinders, filters, points
of view, paradigms; call them what you will. They're of the same
silk of humanity's sanities. It's another "what" we humans do.

Change is also one of those things we do. Maybe a little less
frequently with maturity, as we each seek ease to please the
'Me's'. Its a little hardening of the attitudes, eh? But change
is still possible, even changing points of view.

And what has this to do with Ufology? Nothing, outside of
identifying the Ufologists!

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Re: A COMETA Report Report - Boitte

From: **Franck Boitte** <Franckboitte.nul>
Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2006 06:03:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2006 08:25:40 -0400
Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report - Boitte

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2006 10:27:46 +0200
>Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Date: Thursday, August 31, 2006 3:02 PM
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Permit me to say that on this point I entirely back-up Mr. Bourdais' remarks.

The COMETA Report was privately edited by VSD Magazine, which stands just a little above other publications of the so-called "people press" (Voici, Gala...) and made available to the public at large in bookstores.

It was at the same time sent by post to the French Republic President, Mr. J. Chirac and his, at the time, left-wing Prime Minister, Mr. L. Jospin. None of these high-ranking politicians ever made any comment. If it ever reached them.

No one ever heard about the COMETA Committee since then, if it still exists - I personally think it does.

Best regards,

F. Boitte

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Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2006 08:54:02 -0400
Subject: Roswell UFO Museum & UFO Festival Dated?

Source: Dennis Balthaser's Website

<http://www.truthseekeratroswell.com/ed090106.html>

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Is the Roswell UFO Museum & Annual UFO Festival becoming a thing of the past?

As one who remains dedicated to researching the Roswell Incident, it concerns me that the International UFO Museum and Research Center and the annual Roswell UFO Festival seem to have deteriorated to an embarrassment for the city of Roswell and those of us that remain interested in obtaining the truth.

In 1996 I moved to Roswell, was actively involved as a volunteer at the museum (1996-98), and helped promote the museum and the festival. Several local individuals with the purpose of having the whole community involved for the benefit of Roswell for tourism and financial benefits first organized the annual July festival in 1995.

Visitor numbers for the annual event grew each year as more community involvement was added and "peaked" with the 50th anniversary in 1997. This past July the number of visitors to Roswell for the annual event was pathetically low, and no one with the UFO committee involved in organizing this year's festival, headed up by Museum Director, Julie Shuster, has come forward with any numbers of how few attended. The loss of revenue to the museum and the city of Roswell this year appears to be staggering, and many believe it can be directly attributed to the UFO committee, and the manner in which it was presented. If the Museum and the Festival are to prosper and benefit Roswell, changes are needed. Too much hard work has been devoted over the years in promoting Roswell, the Museum, and Festival to let it continue on its present course.

The museum was established by co-founders Glenn Dennis, Walter Haut, and Max Littell in 1991, and none of them had any idea that it would grow as it did the first 10 years, drawing some 200,000 visitors to Roswell each year. The founders were also emphatic that the museum should always remain free to the public. Under the current Museum Director and Board of Directors, that is changing. Currently the museum has a "suggested adult admission donation fee of \$2.00", (\$1.00 for 18 and under), and if in the future the Museum decides to charge an admission fee, it will be a direct violation of the co-founders desire for the museum to remain free to the public.

The music concerts scheduled for this year's festival were moved from a city park to the fairgrounds due to the city not approving a "beer permit" for Ms Shuster. Greed at the museum has caused the city to loose tens of thousands of dollars in annual festival revenue by country music star Merle Haggard withdrawing his annual concert from the festival. A few years

ago when Haggard brought in Willie Nelson, 6000 people attended the concert---this years' three concerts drew 200, 300 and 1000 each, according to the Roswell Daily Record even with beer sales. Research, new displays, community involvement and management seem to be a thing of the past for the Roswell Museum and the Festival under the current Director and Board of the UFO Museum.

Guy Malone has brought in well-known speakers each July on the subject of UFOs for his symposium in conjunction with the annual event. This year Ms Shuster announced on the Roswell 2006 UFO Festival website, "Any events not included in this schedule are not sanctioned by the Roswell 2006 Festival". For the Festival to be a community project, her sanctioning events are not needed or desired. Church on the Move planned an all day event for people to enjoy, which included honoring our veterans and a fireworks display in the evening---Ms Shuster tried to stop that, as reported in the Roswell Daily Record, and again because there was no organization for the Festival or community involvement that were under her leadership, problems arose.

Several of the out-of-town visitors attending this year's festival in July, planned their vacations around coming to Roswell and many indicated to me that they were bored and visited the Historical Museum of Southeast New Mexico because there wasn't anything to do with the UFO Festival. I occasionally lecture at other UFO symposiums around the country and those always have a full slate of speakers, most being all day long for 3 or 4 days. Aztec, NM and the Rachael, Nevada symposiums, where I spoke this year had a minimum of nine speakers for their conferences. As they do every year, Roswell again had Don Schmitt, Tom Carey and Derrell Sims as their headline speakers. In a comment in the Roswell Daily Record newspaper, Carey stated that, " he and Schmitt are the only "active" researchers about the Roswell Incident." Stanton Friedman is the original civilian Roswell researcher, (dating back to 1978). He was invited last year but was not asked to do a lecture. David Rudiak, Don Burleson, myself and several others are very actively researching the Roswell Incident, but not according to Tom Carey.

I have received several contentious letters (two by Certified U.S. mail), from Museum Director Julie Shuster, in the past two years. The board of directors at the museum, is obviously not aware of such tactics by their director, and unlike other organizations with a board of directors, the UFO Museum Director apparently controls the board, rather than the board controlling the Director. All of my research is copyrighted with the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, and I have the documentation to support all lectures I've written, videotaped, and presented. The Museum purchased my lecture videos from me and sold them willingly in their gift shop at a 100 percent markup from 1998 until 2 years ago, and are now telling me I can no longer sell my own copyrighted lecture tapes anywhere. It is not only unethical but also unreasonable to try and claim "my copyrighted work" 8 years later.

Ms Shuster and gift shop manager Sandy James showed up at a local lecture I did in Feb 2006, which I concluded was to try to intimidate me during my lecture, which failed on their part.

New Mexico MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) is not allowed to have their meetings at the UFO Museum because Board President, Jack Swickard, stated that he considers MUFON "competition" for the Museum. Nothing could be further from the truth and shows the mentality and lack of Ufology knowledge of the current leadership at the Museum.

The Mission Statement of the UFO Museum, Article 1-Purpose of Corporation states,

" The International UFO Museum and Research Center at Roswell, New Mexico was organized to inform the public about what has come to be known as "The Roswell Incident." The final sentence of Article 1, states, "The International UFO Museum's constituents are committed to gathering and disbursing to all interested parties, the most qualified and accurate up-to-date information available."

In one of the letters I received from Ms Shuster, I was told, " I could not make any statements about any conversations I ever

had with Museum co-founder Walter Haut."

Censorship and suppression of one's research as has been my own experience with the museum director, is not part of their Mission Statement.

If that Mission Statement is in fact the purpose of the Museum, perhaps changes are needed not only with the Director and certain board members but also with the need to work with the community for the benefit of all of Roswell, and finally to make the "Roswell Incident" a household name again worldwide as it was in the 90's. Many of us that live here and have been involved, or are still involved with the Roswell Incident research are concerned and desire that changes be made for the benefit of Roswell and the entire UFO community. This concern is evidenced by several letters to the editor of the Roswell Daily Record newspaper since the Festival in July from individuals airing their concerns about the museum and the festivals demise in recent years.

As a serious, respected UFO Investigator, Lecturer and Journalist, I continue to believe that the UFO Museum in Roswell is a vitally needed facility for the public, as the original co-founders intended it. Unfortunately, it no longer has the respect of the serious UFO community, and as observed by comments of visitors this year, even the general public has seen a decline in the Museum and the annual Festival.

Revenue generated from the Roswell Incident, for Roswell and southeast New Mexico is of major importance and must not be allowed to continue in the downward spiral it's currently on. Many that come to Roswell are curious and could care less about UFOs, but in the past they came, and businesses in Roswell and surrounding areas benefited from that. We should have learned from those in the past that the annual festival must be a community effort, not an attempt by individuals with their own agenda, who try to sanction their own interests and hurt the whole community in doing so.

As for the UFO Museum, it needs to comply with its own Mission Statement; be a research center as advertised, presenting all sides of the Roswell Incident; and finally, organize a board of directors that is in charge and allowed to voice opinions that may not be in agreement with the Director.

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Source: Inside Bay Area - Oakland, California, USA

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Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

Some scientists and ufologists are convinced that alien life visits earth

By Cheryl Winkelman
Staff Writer
The Tri-Valley Herald

We are not alone in the universe if the numerous sightings of unidentified flying objects are to be believed.

Residents of planet Earth recounted seeing 105 UFOs to the National UFO Reporting Center in only the first 16 days of July, and many were in California.

A Los Angelian saw a craft made up of two circles =97 one with several spinning orbs =97 floating straight up into the sky.

Someone in Pittsburg titled his claim Holy Motherlode of a Mother Ship and wrote about viewing smaller ships entering and leaving a big vessel the size of five football fields.

Both accounts are likely to be believed not just by ufologists, who've spent years investigating those unexplained floaters in the sky, but by astronomers as well. Though the two groups may not agree on much, both have come to the conclusion that we are probably not the only beings in the cosmos.

Many recent UFO sightings have been reported from the Central Valley in Lodi, Stockton and Tracy, said Chuck Reever, the director of investigations for Mutual UFO Network, an international organization trying to resolve the enigma of UFOs that includes actor Dan Akroyd as a lifetime member.

Once a sighting is reported, MUFON, as it is commonly called, may conduct a telephone or face-to-face interview, Reever said.

Photographs and other anecdotal evidence is then collected, including the size of the object, when it was seen and its possible distance from the viewer.

Any physical evidence, such as pieces of material that cannot be identified as man-made, may be turned over to researchers. About 300 scientists donate their time to the all-volunteer organization, said International Director Jack Schuessler, who himself was an engineer with NASAs Johnson Space Center for 25 years.

While about 1,200 cases are investigated annually, only about 10

to 20 percent remain unexplainable. Calls to, for example, the weather bureau to de-terminine if balloons were launched or the military rule out some cases automatically.

MUFON, founded in 1969, is now taking 37 years of paper reports and turning them into electronic files so patterns and commonalities in sightings can be noted, much like any intelligence agency works, Schuessler added.

The group has concluded extraterrestrial life is in fact out there, landing on the Earth, but people shouldn't be too worried.

"I don't think it's frightening. It's hopeful," Schuessler said.

Man could, for example, learn about the advanced propulsion technique used by many of the UFOs.

Members of the science community are equally as optimistic. Jack Welch, professor in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence at the University of California, Berkeley, said finding something somewhere is a chance to view our future. Maybe they've figured out how to live with one another and how to survive their leaders, he said.

The problem is that, to date, no life has been found outside Earth, though its existence seems almost certain, he said.

One reason is that about 200 planets in the Milky Way Galaxy were discovered around stars about 10 years ago.

Scientists are looking =97 and hoping =97 for real, credible, physical evidence, and only one very controversial piece exists, said Seth Shostak, senior astronomer with the SETI Institute (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence).

The discovery, made 10 years ago, was a meteorite containing reportedly fossilized, one-cell Martians, but many scientists still view that skeptically.

Shostak is just as hopeful as the ufologists. SETI, the premier research institute for astrobiology, is in the process of building the Allen Telescope Array that will contain, when completed, 350 antennas each 20 feet in diameter. They will check for, among other things, radio signals from other beings.

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Professor-Turned-Pope Leads A Seminar On Evolution

by Ian Fisher

ROME, Sept. 1 =97 They meet every year, the eminent German professor and his old doctoral students, for a weekend of high-minded talk on a chosen topic. For years it was nothing more than that.

But now the professor, once called Joseph Ratzinger, has become Pope Benedict XVI. And this year, for three days beginning Friday, the topic on the table is evolution, an issue perched on the ever more contentious front between science and belief.

And so the questions rise as the meeting unfolds at a papal palace just outside Rome. Is this merely another yearly seminar? Or is the leader of the world's billion Roman Catholics signaling that he may join in earnest the emotional debate over evolution, intelligent design and all that might mean for politics and faith, especially in the United States?

There is no way to know immediately, though many church experts believe that the Pope has fewer problems with the science of evolution than with its use to wipe God more cleanly from a secular world. No document will be published afterward, no news conference given.

But the seminar comes after a year particularly fraught over the issue of evolution, in America =97 with the fight over intelligent design =97 and in the church. Last year a leading cardinal, who will speak at the meeting, expressed doubts that Darwinism and Catholicism were compatible, and the Pope declared the creation of the universe an "intelligent project."

And so scientists and believers from around the world, on all sides of an extraordinarily charged debate, are watching the meeting carefully.

Proponents of intelligent design, defeated in a high-profile court case last year in Pennsylvania, say they are pleased that their ideas, which posit that life is so complex that it requires an active creator, may get a fair hearing in the lofty circles of Professor Ratzinger's seminars.

"I think this is indicative of an opening and expansion of the discussion, the discussion over Darwinism and evolution generally," said Bruce Chapman, president of the Discovery Institute, one of the main proponents of intelligent design. "It's very helpful to our desire to see an expanded dialogue in many quarters."

On the other side, scientists and theologians who support evolution say they worry that, even inadvertently, the church may be driving a wedge between itself and science.

"If for some reason the Catholic Church gets on the wrong side of the science, then it's going to in the long term do huge damage, just as it did when they went against Galileo," said Lawrence M. Krauss, chairman of the physics department at Case Western Reserve University and a highly visible opponent of intelligent design. "It threatened their credibility."

"Because like it or not," he added, "evolution happened."

The meeting opened Friday morning at Castel Gandolfo, a papal palace that stands as a sort of symbol for the church's coexistence with science. Castel Gandolfo houses a world-class observatory with a telescope that Pope John Paul II enjoyed looking through. He built a century after the church acknowledged its mistake in condemning Galileo for his postulation that planets revolve around the sun.

Similarly, the church has moved from neutrality to something like acceptance of evolutionary theory, though drawing a thick bottom line that God is the ultimate creator.

In 1996, Pope John Paul declared evolution "more than a hypothesis," and in 2004 as Cardinal Ratzinger, Pope Benedict endorsed the scientific view that the earth is roughly four billion years old and that species changed through evolution. Indeed, there has been no credible scientific challenge to the idea that evolution, the foundation of modern biology, explains the diversity of life on earth.

Given that history, scientists and church experts say they cannot imagine the study session ending with any alignment of the Pope or the church with intelligent design or American-style creationism, which often posits that Earth is only about 6,000 years old.

"I suspect they will try to avoid it," said the Rev. Joseph Fessio, an American priest and former student of the Pope's, who is taking part in the meeting, "because intelligent design has been represented either as a religion, which it is not, or as a science, which I think is indefensible."

But Father Fessio and others say the Pope, based on his statements and writings, remains deeply concerned specifically about the contention among some supporters of modern evolution that the theory refutes any role of God in creation.

"Given this ideology, the temptation or danger is real to say that you don't have any need of God, that the spirit doesn't exist," said Msgr. Fiorenzo Facchini, an Italian priest and paleoanthropologist. "And the church should keep guard against this and denounce it."

Monsignor Facchini wrote an influential article this year in the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, praising as "correct" the decision in January by a judge in Pennsylvania that intelligent design should not be taught as a scientific alternative to evolution.

Nonetheless he cautioned that the mechanisms of evolution are not all known and that just as religion has no business in science, science should not overstep its bounds in declaring that God could have no role in creation.

That is a similar line of thinking presented over many years by Benedict, whose main preoccupation is growing secularism, and it is likely to be a central part of the discussions this weekend.

In his book Truth And Tolerance (Ignatius Press, 2004), written when he was Cardinal Ratzinger, he wrote of what he called an effort to turn evolution into a "universal philosophy" that explained all of life.

"This evolutionary ethic that inevitably takes as its key concept the model of selectivity, that is, the struggle for survival, the victory of the fittest, successful adaptation, has little comfort to offer," he wrote. "Even when people try to

make it more attractive in various ways, it ultimately remains a bloodthirsty ethic."

After John Paul died in April 2005, Benedict signaled a similar concern in his homily at the Mass in which he was formally installed as Pope.

"We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution," he said. "Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

But some students of the Pope say his doubts go deeper into the science of evolutionary theory. In his writings he has echoed the questions of anti-Darwinians about how evolution can transform one species into another.

The Pope "does not accept at face value the scientific theory," said Dominique Tassot, director of the French group, the Center for Studies and Prospectives on Science. "He wants to make people reconsider the question."

As might be expected from a German professor, all sides of the evolution question will get a hearing, though with an emphasis on skepticism. The seminar on Friday reportedly began with a presentation by Peter Schuster, an eminent molecular biologist, president of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and a defender of evolution.

There will be three other speakers to the study group, most notably Cardinal Christoph Sch=6nborn of Vienna, who sparked a contentious debate last year after he wrote an Op-Ed article for The New York Times questioning evolution. The article was submitted by the same public relations firm used by the Discovery Institute.

The two other speakers are Professor Robert Spaemann, a German philosopher who has criticized evolution as a full philosophical theory; and the Rev. Paul Elbrich, a Jesuit priest and scientist whose work on proteins questions whether chance alone could play the decisive role in evolution.

The Pope's annual seminars do not shy away from difficult topics. Last year the issue under discussion was Islam.

[Thanks to Hollis Kimball for the lead]

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The COMETA Report was published by VSD Magazine with the support and encouragement of the COMETA group, and I think it's a mistake to implicate that it was altered and edited by the magazine. The Fund for UFO Research sponsored the only "official" translation of the document into English, but was barred from distributing it to the public by copyright agreement. The translation, like the magazine article, was reviewed by the COMETA group and approved. However, the translation does not include the graphics and some other items that can be seen in the original article. I know of no other "official" copy of the report, and to my knowledge they chose VSD as their official outlet.

A quick search of the Internet brings up numerous reports on the "Cometa Report" and how it evolved. I don't think there's need to repeat all that information here.

While I found the recent COMETA article interesting, it was a feature piece and repeated known information.

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Thank you, Mr Boitte, for the compliment, but I see a couple of
mistakes in your comments on the COMETA Report.

If you have not heard of the COMETA Report since, I have, for one,
and you are not well-informed on the matter.

Yes, it still exists, and in fact their report has been re-edited
in book form, by a well known publisher, Editions du Rocher.
Sometimes, people are active, even if they don't send Internet
messages everyday.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Heflin Case Papers - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2006 13:54:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers - Shough

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 14:44:03 +0000
>Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 12:34:28 +0100
>>Subject: Heflin Case Papers

>>Dear List

>>As promised, an update on my inquiries about documents from the
>>original NICAP-LANS investigation. (Originally sent 30 August
>>but not posted)

>>I wrote to Marilyn Epperson approximately a month ago at the
>>suggestion of Ann Druffel about the possibility of arranging
>>access to her mother Idabel's personal research papers, Idabel
>>Epperson having been LANS administrator at the time (and
>>subsequently Chairman after the death of Dr. Leslie Kaeburn).
>>Marilyn was also active in LANS.

>>I had no direct reply. However in an email yesterday Ann Druffel
>>kindly informed me that she received a 'phone call from Marilyn
>>on Aug 28, explaining that she is "working two jobs and is
>>totally swamped, and the files are in storage". Marilyn
>>apologises but says that access to the files is impossible for
>>the time being.

>>Ann reports Marilyn's recollection that the Heflin files were
>>"basically complete" at NICAP before the break up in 1970 but
>>that "many of the Heflin files" then disappeared no one knows
>>where. But Marilyn recalls, says Ann, that "some of the Heflin
>>files were still in the cabinets when NICAP finally closed down
>>and Dick Hall was able to see what was left of the files."

>>Martin Shough

>And of course Dick Hall compiled and saw all the Heflin case
>materials at NICAP long before the break-up, since he supervised
>and coordinated the NICAP investigation. Also he thinks he still
>has a binder with some important Heflin case materials, but has
>been unable to find it so far.

Does he indeed? Well this is good news, and what we had long
been hoping for. Let's hope he manages to find it.

Meanwhile if anyone at all out there is still working on this
case, a few items FYI:

I've been trying to track down Paul Cook, who was a County
Planning Engineer in 1965 and a former co-worker and friend of
Rex Heflin. I had information that he might still be located
through the Transportation dept of Orange County. Unfortunately
the lead I had didn't work out. I'm still keen to talk to him,
if he is indeed still around and active (he may be well into
retirement). On the off-chance that anyone living in the area
has any clues or ideas I'd appreciate hearing about it off-List.

Re the large truck visible emerging from the underpass in Heflin #1. I'm hunting a primary source for the traffic survey that was done, presumably by LANS members, to determine the proportion of traffic coming on down Myers Rd. The only source I have is a brief caption facing p.128 of the 1968 Signet paperback edition of the Lorenzens' "UFO's over the Americas". Ann Druffel has no knowledge or memory of this. Dick Hall did not respond to a query - perhaps he was unwell at the time and may wish to respond now. If anyone can help, again I'd be grateful.

I've located a valuable 1969 article by John Gray which has original LANS survey information on the utility pole heights and spacings as well as other useful things, such as a reproduction of a full _un_cropped version of photo #2. If anyone wants these data off-List they can ask me.

Wendy Connors has very kindly also sent me a copy of the Jan 1968 Gray interview with Heflin, dated just two days after the famous LANS meeting at the Eppersons' when Heflin was grilled by McDonald, Hartmann and others, and one day after the documentary interview by Dr. Stephen Black. Should be interesting!

Finally, I'm presently writing up an organised discussion of all the issues that have been raised with regard to this case, recently and historically (or as many as I can think of), pulling in all the evidence I can find. This is for free circulation in some form as a resource for those studying the case. Anyone who wants to receive information about this or has information or suggestions to share is invited to let me know.

Martin Shough

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 06:30:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 17:39:22 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>I think you've both just said the same wrong thing in almost the
>>same words.

>I doubt that. If you believe that you didn't understand either
>of us.

>>The development of the standard cosmological model (SCM, aka the
>>Big Bang theory you mention) has had almost nothing to do with
>>Stephen Hawking but comes from expanding solutions of the
>>general relativity equations which have in them the spacetime
>>singularities you both mention. These are usually known as FLRW-
>>type models, for Friedmann, Lemaitre, Robertson & Walker, where
>>"Robertson" = Howard P. Robertson of Panel fame (but where
>>"Friedmann" is not Stan ;-). In all of these space and time are
>>co-emergent at $t = 0$.

>>But the variant Hawking championed - replacing real spacetime
>>with a Euclidean spacetime having an imaginary time coordinate
>>(for reasons partly connected with desiderata for a quantum
>>theory of gravity) - would introduce a so-called "no boundary"
>>boundary condition', meaning in other words that there would be
>>no special "edge" or "end" of spacetime, no singularity to worry
>>about, and therefore no question of spacetime "coming into
>>being" at all.

>So?

So: The other 80% of my post would have given you a clue, but
you just throw that away, jut your jaw, and demand, "So?"

You don't deserve a patient re-explanation after that.

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Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle - Rudiak

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Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 07:31:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle - Rudiak

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2006 18:34:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2006 09:05:27 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 26 Aug 2006 13:18:06 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle

>>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Fri, 25 Aug 2006 20:33:07 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle

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>>>>... : color is only the frequency
>>>>of light reaching your eyes.

>>>>Sorry Ray, that's a very old notion, but it has also been proven
>>>>completely false. Perceiving color is much more complicated than
>>>>that. Your statement will only be true if you view something in
>>>>total isolation with a black background, i.e., remove all
>>>>reference to a surrounding environment. (Something you do
>>>>further below do justify your frequency definition of "color" in
>>>>a circular argument.)

><snip>

>It looks like we're mostly saying the same thing but calling it
>different names. I.e. like with this particular color retention,
>which I called an 'illusion' and you define as a true
>'perception'.

I think it's more than just semantics. For one, I honestly don't
think you understand what is meant by "color" as used in modern
neuroscience or perceptual psychology. Secondly, this started
out as a discussion of low-level perceptual anomalies or
illusions, in particularly the autokinetic illusion as related
to a UFO sighting. Below you are mixing it in with high-level
perceptions or "belief systems," for lack of a better term.
That's fine for a separate discussion, but it feels a bit like
you are changing the subject once the fallacies of your previous
arguments about low-level perception were pointed out.

>Our ambiguity is probably due to the three different reasons for
>mis-perception.

>1) physiological or 'mechanical':- like the 'blind spot' (the
>simplest of quite a few, including autokinesis);

OK, low level stuff. Stuff like the sensors being temporarily
miscalibrated or neural fatigue setting in.

Filling in of the blind spot (where the optic nerve enters the retina) is not normally called a "misperception" or "illusion", though I suppose it could be in some circumstances. If one is two-eyed, the two blind spots do not overlap. Those two particular regions of the visual field are thus monocular, receiving no input from the other eye. So what one "sees" there is simply the monocular input.

However, if viewing with only one eye, one does not see a black hole in the visual field where the blind spot is, even though there is no visual input there. The brain fills in the spot from the surrounding areas. That might be called an illusion.

The same "filling in" often also occurs elsewhere in the visual field in pathological conditions. E.g., people with visual migraines have a region of spreading, temporarily blindness. The blindness may not be noticed because the region is filled in. One famous physiologist who suffered from migraines mentioned one incident where a friend of his was standing in front of a wall covered with a repetitive pattern of wallpaper. During his migraine, he was staring directly at where his friend's head should have been, but because he was temporarily blind there, the brain filled in the spot with the wallpaper pattern from the background.

>2) animal needs:- like when evolution works out a way to
>'retain' perception of a color under moonlight say or to
>identify a shape - but can get it wrong, as we've discussed
>(these tend to be immediate perceptions, not conscious, and can
>be 'cured'. as you illustrate, by looking again in isolated
>conditions, like through a cardboard tube).

I find your use of language here very peculiar. (I suppose we Colonials always have found Brits' use of language peculiar, part of the reason for our revolution, so we could corrupt the King's English in our own way.)

Yes, I did say various perceptual constancies evolved because they are critical for long-term survival. It becomes very difficult to function if objects are constantly changing in perceived shape, size, color, etc.

But I do not think of perceptual constancies as "animal needs." In fact, I don't recall ever hearing low-level visual and other perception being referred to as "animal needs" before. I tend to think of "animal needs" as absolutely basic things for short and long-term survival of the species, such as food, water, staying warm, sex, etc.

I also notice you are right back to defining perceptual constancies as "illusions". Well, tell me Ray, what is the real "illusion?" You define "illusion" as the brain's perceptual apparatus maintaining objects with a generally constant shape, size, etc. despite the constant physical change of the retinal image. But I think a far more compelling argument can be made that object constancy is more of the "reality" and that object change on the retina is more of the "illusion". Honestly, do you really think people are constantly changing in size or who they are simply because you are viewing them from different perspectives and distances?

You are also right back to defining color and color constancy as "illusions" that disappear when viewing surfaces in isolation. Just like size or shape constancy is a highly useful perceptual property of objects, so is color constancy. "Color" is really the brain's reconstruction of the constant relative surface reflectance properties of objects despite changes in lighting conditions. And for the hundredth time, it is NOT simply the surfaces' relative mix of light frequencies or wavelengths. That's an OLD notion of what "color" is, which has been proven incorrect. You are using this old notion to define "color" (which is only true in viewing surfaces in isolation) then claiming the brain's _actual_ reconstruction of "color" (based on constant surface reflectance in more complex scenes, the one's we normally view) is somehow "illusion."

Not only is this a circular logical argument, as I previously pointed out, but it again tells me you don't have the faintest idea what you are talking about when it comes to discussions of the nature of color or color constancy. So it is not simply a

matter of us using different words to describe the same thing.
We are not discussing the same things here at all.

>3) clashes introduced by late evolution - in higher mammals - of
>the cortex, a higher-level info processor but getting its input
>second-hand, only after primitive perceptions have been formed
>by the old-brain (or 'lizard brain'), which contains things like
>the hippocampus (deep recalls, identifications, memory) and the
>cerebellum (which triggers and controls 'learned' routines).

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>This last area of misperception is important because the display
>arranged in the visual cortex for the new brain to view is
>mostly decided by the 'lizard brain' which thinks only in terms
>of the four f's (first three are fight, flee or feed). That's
>why we suffer from love (or hate) at first sight and are often
>(mostly?) wrong but can't admit it. The lizard brain just
>doesn't understand people.

I understand what you are trying to say here, but you have some very strange "misperceptions" of you own when it comes to how our brain's are put together. E.g., your statement that "the display arranged in the visual cortex for the new brain to view is mostly decided by the 'lizard rain'" is utter bunk! (Sound's a lot like Carl Sagan's "Brocca's Brain" and his own overly simplistic "lizard brain" expositions--another example of how scientists can sound rather silly when they argue way outside their own fields of expertise.)

No Ray. The "lizard brain" does not "decide" what the visual cortex gets to view. The pathway from the retina to the visual cortex is the direct express line and does not have to pass through some imaginary "lizard brain" censor. Really, where do you dream up some of this stuff?

Now what the rest or "higher levels" of the cortex does with the visual information processed by the visual cortex can sometimes be "colored" or distorted by emotions, or the "lizard brain" if you prefer. E.g., brain imaging shows that the area of the brain used to recognize faces is somewhat depressed in activity when viewing somebody familiar and "dear" to us compared to the activity when viewing strangers. Is this an example of "love is blind" in action, or maybe paying more attention to faces that might represent a potential threat to us, or maybe something else at work? In any case, we do not seem to treat familiar faces in exactly the same way as strange ones.

Also familiar, "beloved" faces will light up other areas of the brain differently from strange faces. E.g., brain imaging indicates a parent looking at the face of their child will activate certain low-level primitive ("lizard") brain areas in the brain stem, in some way probably related to care and nurturing.

>The biggest trouble with these mis-perceptions is that they come
>with strong emotional (lizard-brain 4-f's) baggage which means
>we are unwilling to re-consider, and are prone to black v white
>decisions (not shades of gray), and to taking sides based on
>nothing more than a snap perception - not conscious judgment.
>Advertisers (and politicians) know that: most things are sold on
>instant color, shape idealizations, not on conscious needs.

>In fact, looking at most mis-perceptions (especially disputes),
>we see very little analytical use of the cortex (new brain) in
>the decisions of most people, most of the time - which, for an
>intermediate species like ourselves, is probably what you'd
>expect.

OK, but perceptions of reality based on our personal complicated systems of belief is a very different kettle of fish from low-level sensory perceptions, which is what this whole thread was about originally. Low level perceptual anomalies or illusions are relatively simple and straight-forward, a very noticeable departure of what is perceived from some objective and measurable physical reality. Thus one twin in one corner of a distorted Ame's room looks like a giant while the identical twin in the other corner looks like midget when both can be measured as equal in size.

But how does one objectively gauge whether many beliefs are

"misperceptions" of reality? By their very nature, most beliefs are abstract concepts. We can objectively measure that the twins are equal in size, but how does one objectively measure whether one twin is "evil" and the other "good?"

Trying to bring this now totally confused discussion back around to the topic of UFOs, "belief" is usually a term of ridicule by debunkers used against anybody expressing interest in the topic of UFOs. Thus the term "UFO believer," as if the whole topic was nothing but a belief system like religion and not based on any sort of objective reality. Another way debunkers often try to frame the debate is that UFOs are nothing but the personal perceptions (or rather "misperceptions") of those claiming to see the things, and again has no objective physical reality.

Of course, those of us who think it a serious topic argue that there is an objective physical reality independent of individual belief or perception. There is often corroborating physical evidence associated with UFO sightings, such as radar contact, photos, ground traces, electromagnetic emissions and interference, other forms of radiation, biological and physiological effects, etc. In other words, it's not all in people's heads.

Sure, most UFO reports are the result of misidentification of prosaic phenomena. But not ALL UFO reports can be so explained, as study after study as shown. Probably "misperception" has very little to do with it. As Jerry Clark commonly points out, most UFO reports could not be readily identified from witness descriptions if most were actually the result of "radical misperception." Instead, the descriptions are generally accurate enough to readily figure out a definite or likely explanation. People are usually perplexed about what they are seeing, but not the simpler perceptual details, like color, motion, number, shape, etc., which are usually fairly accurate.

David Rudiak

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The Indian Search For Extraterrestrials

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 07:51:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 07:51:37 -0400
Subject: The Indian Search For Extraterrestrials

Source: Supreet Kaur's The Vignette Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/o2wan>

Monday, September 04, 2006

The Indian Search For Extraterrestrials

An unpardonable character of aliens is that they are spotted usually in white nations. It could be a prejudice influenced by an intergalactic understanding of the balance of power on this blue speck that floats somewhere in the outer reaches of a whirlpool galaxy that God is flushing right now, at the time of writing. After all, a simple interception of the most profitable films on Earth will suggest that no alien invasion is complete until the mayor of New York holds a press conference. Or more probably, alien sightings are the hallucinations of people with social security numbers who crave for fantastic mysteries because food comes easily to them. Whatever be the truth, =91We are not alone=92 is essentially a western anthem. But increasingly, Indians are joining this poignant quest that will one day change our philosophies, religions and the Miss Universe contest. Among these countrymen are respected scientists. But there are also endearing characters who are trying to prove that Ramayana=92s battles, with flying machines and all that, were actually misunderstood records of alien contact. =93And Ravana was an aeronautical engineer who learnt the technology from aliens,=94 according to a former professor of Indian Institute of Science.

The Balloon Over Hyderabad

There is a discomfoting flaw in man=92s many searches for life elsewhere. A space rover somewhere in Mars is searching for water. Telescopes on Earth are trying to spot long organic molecules in distant galaxies. Or they are waiting for a radio signal to arrive. Why does mankind presume that technology is a universal aspiration? Why must life elsewhere be organic? And dependent on water? There are Tamilians who can live without water. Some aliens, in all certainty, may not need it all. It is clear that man is not searching for aliens. Man is searching for man. It=92s poignant. But what if, in the first place, all of humanity is extraterrestrial?

Jayant Narlikar, a much admired astrophysicist, was at the helm of a team that launched two balloons from a Hyderabad launch facility, to an altitude of about 42 km. The idea was to see if there are microbes at that height. The balloon=92s altitude has a significance. Volcanic ash and factory pollutants that may carry microbes up into the atmosphere do not rise beyond 25 km. So the presence of microbes at the height of 42 km will suggest that they were not going up, they were coming down. From space. This is at the heart of what is called the Cosmic Ancestry Theory that says eternal spores carrying genetic material travel through the vastness of space for millions of years riding on orphaned comets. They are dormant agents of destiny that fall on

different worlds. In some propitious circumstances, like on Earth, the life encoded inside the spores emerges. In time, species evolve. If this is true, we were all birthed somewhere far away, in what we call deep space and not in the primeval oceans of Earth.

The first balloon was launched over five years ago. The second went up a year back. These were huge astronomical balloons, 170 meters long. The balloons carried sterilised samplers that captured atmospheric air. =93The results of the second experiment are awaited,=94 Narlikar says. Samples are being studied in India right now and the conclusions are expected by the end of this year. The first experiment yielded curious results. The Cardiff Lab in England had studied one set of samples and an Indian lab another. =93I was not part of the first launch but I am given to understand that the Cardiff Lab said that it saw something. The Indian lab did not,=94 says RK Manchanda from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, who was associated with the second experiment.

Red rain over Kerala

In 2001, between July and September, central Kerala experienced something very strange. There were sporadic red rains. Godfrey Louis, a physicist from Mahatma Gandhi University, has been studying the samples. His conclusions are disturbing. He has found biological cells that multiply at a temperature of 300=BA C, unprecedented on Earth. More curious is his claim that these cells do not have DNA. Never has a self replicating cell been discovered on Earth that does not have a DNA molecule.

=93My hypothesis is that a comet, about 10-20 meters in width, weighing 50 tonnes disintegrated in the atmosphere. Remnant particles floated for days between 20 to 40 km above Earth, moving 500 meters per day in a downward travel.=94 And when they merged with the rain clouds, it poured red over Kerala. The research into red rain has fetched Louis international attention. One of the most famous proponents of the Cosmic Ancestry theory, Chandra Wickramasinghe, paid him a visit. The Cardiff Lab is studying the red rain samples, easing the burden of Louis who dipping into his modest resources for the research.

The signal will come

For many years, huge radio telescopes have gaped at the sky waiting for a radio wave signal from a civilisation which will be inclined to do that. One such telescope is the Arecibo in Puerto Rico which mails observational data by post to the University of California, Berkeley. A software created by the university studies this data which are millions of shuddering computer graphs that represent radio signals. The software tries to find anomalies in the graphs, a steep rise for instance that will represent a radio signal that is not caused by a heavenly body.

The software needs considerable space to scan all the data and that is made possible by what is called a distributed computing project which invites any PC user with a net connection anywhere in the world to lend his disc space. The volunteer downloads the software and it runs on his machine, as it does on over five million computers in the world, making it the largest computation in the history of mankind, according to the Guinness World Records. Hundreds of Indians are involved in this, from a boy aged eight to scores of men in their fifties. (Girls, it seems, seldom search for intelligent life). These participants do not need any computer expertise. They merely lend their computer time for the great cause.

India too has impressive radio telescopes, like the Giant Meterwave Radio Telescopes, an array of white monsters that stand one after the other in the middle of sheer desolation, near Pune. By studying the faint signals from the sky, they piece together a bold understanding of distant bodies. =93But they do not search for ET,=94 says Govind Swarup, sometimes known as the father of radio astronomy in India. =93I have tried to infuse the excitement of SETI in India. Met people. Tried to convince them. Gave lectures to students but it seems, in our country, even young people want to do what they think is serious science.=94

Indra was an alien

The incurable tendency of many Indians to believe that this is a special land, once home to great cerebral advances, has also spawned a research into alien landings here during the vedic period. Such research is usually an interpretation of mythologies. Referring to flying machines and weapons in Mahabharata and Ramayana, a Sanskrit scholar announced some years ago, =93These were space vehicles similar to the flying saucers.=94 Even a former professor of aeronautics from the Indian Institute of Science says after promised anonymity, =93A reason why we were so superior in the olden days may have been because of a technology transfer from aliens. Our gods may have originally been representations of extraterrestrial visitors.=94

It is possible that aliens, not Bangladeshis but proper extraterrestrials still visit the great country. And probably sweeten the Arabian Sea.

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Re: A COMETA Report Report - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 10:49:00 +0200
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 07:57:07 -0400
Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report - Bourdais

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2006 18:10:11 +0200
>Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report

>If you have not heard of the COMETA Report since, I have, for
>one, and you are not well-informed on the matter.

Frank and all,

Of course, I meant the COMETA, not the COMETA report. Sorry for
the mistake.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: A COMETA Report Report - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 10:41:37 +0200
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 07:59:32 -0400
Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report - Bourdais

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2006 09:22:33 -0400
>Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report

>>From: Franck Boitte <Franckboitte.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2006 06:03:38 EDT
>>Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2006 10:27:46 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report

>>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>>><UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thursday, August 31, 2006 3:02 PM
>>>>Subject: A COMETA Report Report

>>>>Source: Live Journal.Com - San Francisco, California, USA

>>>><http://rfmcdpei.livejournal.com/1281672.html>

>>>>2006-08-24

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>>>>The COMETA Report

>A quick search of the Internet brings up numerous reports on the
>"Cometa Report" and how it evolved. I don't think there's need
>to repeat all that information here.

>While I found the recent COMETA article interesting, it was a
>feature piece and repeated known information.

Steven, and The List,

I agree that there is no need to repeat known information. And
to repeat it with errors and depreciative comments. So, I
wonder, why such an inimical article now? Who inspired it?
Presumably, someone in the San Francisco area who does not like
the COMETA and its report. Any guesses?

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 08:34:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 18:00:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Shell

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2006 18:50:03 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>So?

>So: The other 80% of my post would have given you a clue, but
>you just throw that away, jut your jaw, and demand, "So?"

Jeez, I didn't know you were a remote-viewer. You can see my jaw
all the way from there?

>You don't deserve a patient re-explanation after that.

Yup. Don't deserve nothin'. Hows about an impatient
re-explanation, then? Oh, I see, that's too much to ask as well.

Bob Shell

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Re: A COMETA Report Report - Boitte

From: **Franck Boitte** <Franckboitte.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 10:36:35 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 18:06:35 -0400
Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report - Boitte

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2006 18:10:11 +0200
>Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report

>Of course, I meant the COMETA, not the COMETA report. Sorry for
>the mistake.

Dear Gildas and Listers,

Be persuaded of my complete absolution and go in peace.

Of course, I knew about the book, which I confess I didn't read.

But what is new in it that wasn't stood in the original report?
The fact remains that it made little if not no impact on the
French system of belief.

The main subject of discussion for the French people nowadays
is: Who will stand as our next President?

Will Zinedine Zidane have another season in football's Equipe
de France?

Those are the real things that matter.

The rest belongs in X-Files.

Regards,

F. Boitte

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 13:43:52 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 18:10:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Ledger

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2006 15:51:52 -0300
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 16:37:52 +1000
>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2006 14:00:56 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

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>>Please excuse me for butting in here and changing the context,
>>but The 6 fingered Neophilm are spoken of as Aliens(?) in the
>>Bible. 'Being 'giants' they mated with the women of earth'...
>>I'm not sure how, or what became of them.

>>Then there's the angels that visited Ezechial in a ring of fire.
>>Not exactly 'elsewhere in the universe stuff' or life elsewhere,
>>but for what its worth it's in there.....

>Please note the very interesting book The Bible And Flying
Saucers, by Dr. Barry Downing. It notes many UFO sightings in
the old and new testament. Mormons talk of many civilizations,
Don't Hindus and Buddhists as well?

>Also SETI is a search for electromagnetic signals. It is not a
search for ET Intelligence. If it was there would be at least
some effort to examine the UFO evidence by SETI guys. There
isn't... Ufology comes much closer.

>Stan Friedman

It's my suspicion that religion is the cart before the horse.
It's not much of a stretch to imagine that if some some ETI
arrived in our solar system some 10 thousand or more years ago
that it could have planted the seed of a supreme being simply by
their own exploits; but probably not intentionally.

Going back to 2000 years ago with just our own 20th-21st Century
technology would have been enough to have the locals on their
knees. The populations of the day were profoundly ignorant [note
I did not say they were stupid] of the world around them and
what was overhead. Only a few thinkers suspected that more was
going on "in heaven and Earth" than most suspected. Even then
some of them must have wondered why they could find thousands of
sea shells a mile up an mountainside. The Greek philosophers
were on the right track but of course other ignorants as usual,
got in the way, usually for their own self serving ends [read
power, influence and riches]. I've no doubt that technologically
speaking we would be much further along today than we are if it
had not been for religion's Dark Ages and the likes of the

Spanish Inquisition priest Tom=Elis de Torquemada and those that burned the library at Alexandria. The library's demise and its destroyers whether they be Christians, Muslims, the Vandals or the Romans under Julius Caesar was for the same common end; keep the population ignorant.

Not much has changed.

Don Ledger

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Re: A COMETA Report Report - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 13:53:16 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 18:13:26 -0400
Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report - Ledger

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 09:10:40 +0100
>Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 12:38:22 -0300
>>Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report

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>>"Belief can't be made to substitute for reality, no matter
>>how fervent it is."

>>Reality... wonder what the heck that is?

>Hmm. More meaningless meandering. I think when we look at the
>world around us we can begin to see what happens when belief
>does come to be a substitute for reality, and it's not very nice.

I assume you are referring to religion here, John. For once you
and I agree.

Don Ledger

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Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 19:08:55 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 18:15:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle - Dickenson

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2006 14:48:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle

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>No Ray. The "lizard brain" does not "decide" what the visual
>cortex gets to view. The pathway from the retina to the visual
>cortex is the direct express line and does not have to pass
>through some imaginary "lizard brain" censor. Really, where do
>you dream up some of this stuff?

Hi David,

Slow down and think about it. Everything coming in from our sensory organs has to go to the 'lizard brain' first - for the simple reason that it was the only one we had at one time. Evolution added the cortex but evolution can never get to undo an earlier network. [Which is why we can choke on a pretzel - an ancient fish had a crossed air-way and food-way].

Didn't put lots of refs and quotes in (till now), as I like short sharp stuff - but, as you insist, there's a diagram at 'consciousness examined' in Google, and while you're there, check the link 'Alien Senses Summary'.

It has some expert opinion on stuff you'll be interested in - quote 'What we see and hear changes our neural circuitry so that it becomes more able to deal with those features of the sensory world. There must be a lot out there that we have never learned to see at all - it's part of the real universe, but we can't get it into our brains.'

In other words, there's no direct route for sensory inputs - everything is 'learned', and therefore limited to some degree or other.

Which means a) no-one sees the 'truth'; b) no-one sees (exactly) the same as another.

Cheers

Ray D

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John Lear Project Camelot Video Interview

From: Kerry Cassidy <support.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 20:54:47 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 09:32:16 -0400
Subject: John Lear Project Camelot Video Interview

Dear All,

Project Camelot Video Interview With John Lear:

<http://projectcamelot.org/interviews.html>

John Lear is a well known figure in the UFO community. Enigmatic, outspoken and challenging, he is the quintessential man of the world. Framed by close-up photographs of Area 51 and the moon, high tech planes and memorabilia, he launched into the untold story of the 4th Astronaut who died in the tragic Apollo 1 fire, along with Grissom, Chaffee and White back in 1967... and reveals NASA's biggest secret.

In this cutting edge interview, John tells it like it is with no holds barred. He's a man who can tell a great story, keeping you on the edge of your seat the entire time. Under his gruff exterior he's a truly charming guy who's seen it all and has not lost his joie de vivre in the face of really ponderous knowledge.

Best to everyone,

Bill and Kerry

--

Bill Ryan and Kerry Cassidy
Project Camelot

<http://projectcamelot.org>

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Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming6.nul>
Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 16:29:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 09:48:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports -

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2006 09:31:59 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

>Source: Inside Bay Area - Oakland, California, USA

>http://www.insidebayarea.com/trivalleyherald/localnews/ci_4282604

>09/03/2006

>Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

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>Scientists are looking -- and hoping -- for real, credible,
>physical evidence, and only one very controversial piece exists,
>said Seth Shostak, senior astronomer with the SETI Institute
>(Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence).

>The discovery, made 10 years ago, was a meteorite containing
>reportedly fossilized, one-cell Martians, but many scientists
>still view that skeptically.

Apparently, Seth hasn't been keeping current with the Martian
meteorite evidence:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2006/05/060512105730.htm>

"A new study of a meteorite that originated from Mars has
revealed a series of microscopic tunnels that are similar in
size, shape and distribution to tracks left on Earth rocks by
feeding bacteria."

The article goes on to say that the only alternative that the
researches could think of to bacteria etching these channels is
some physical process that they don't know about. That's a
pretty strong statement, even couched in scientific
cautiousness.

I see that Errol also is more up on whats been going on in the
solar system than Shostak. He posted an article on this
meteorite way back in March:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/mar/m25-003.shtml>

This and various other pieces of possible evidence for life on
Mars may not be conclusive. But with Mars as a next-door
neighbor to Earth, it should be much easier to confirm the
presence of life on Mars if NASA wouldn't fill up every probe
with instrumentation designed strictly for geological
investigations.

It should be noted that SETI has gotten a few signals that are
interesting, although too ambiguous to attribute to intelligent
communications. Since the sources of these signals are all
light-years away from Earth, probes can never be sent to follow

up with on-site investigations. So they are evidence that can never lead to any conclusion and it's unlikely that SETI will ever get anything better. Maybe that's just fine with the SETI people. Reporters seldom fail to consult them when the subject of UFOs or other possible evidence of extraterrestrial life in the solar system is covered in the news media, even though orthodox SETI people, fixated on distant stars, have little interest in or knowledge of ET evidence within the solar system. But why worry about producing useful evidence when you can get good publicity just by being an authority figure?

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Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports -

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 18:41:13 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 09:53:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports -

>Source: Inside Bay Area - Oakland, California, USA

>http://www.insidebayarea.com/trivalleyherald/localnews/ci_4282604

>09/03/2006

>Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

>Some scientists and ufologists are convinced that alien life
>visits earth

>We are not alone in the universe if the numerous sightings of
>unidentified flying objects are to be believed.

More conflation of the term UFO with the ETH by the media. Sigh...

<snip>

>While about 1,200 cases are investigated annually, only about 10
>to 20 percent remain unexplainable. Calls to, for example, the
>weather bureau to de-terminine if balloons were launched or the
>military rule out some cases automatically.

The word in there that is really annoying is "only", which immediately makes it seem as if this isn't something out of the ordinary, when, in fact, one would think - accepting the stats as reported here - that 120 to 240 cases per year that remain unexplained would lead a responsible reporter to construct the paragraph as follows:

"Of the approximately 1,200 cases are investigated annually, as many as 10 to 20 percent remain unexplainable."

The story isn't that the majority, or even the vast majority, of cases can be explained. The story is that some of them haven't been.

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com
www.halifaxufo.com

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Condign Update

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 00:29:56 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 09:54:25 -0400
Subject: Condign Update

Following a successful appeal for a review by Dave Clarke, the MoD have released some of the previously retained paragraphs from the condign report. These are available on-line at the MoD web site:

<http://tinyurl.com/rjrsm>

There are one or two items of minor interest, nothing of breathtaking importance. It is interesting to see what the MoD thought was sensitive to start with though.

Joe

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An Indiana 09-03-06 Sighting

From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 00:51:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 10:06:42 -0400
Subject: An Indiana 09-03-06 Sighting

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Any ideas?

--Chaz

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Sawers

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 17:28:18 +1000
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 10:09:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Sawers

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 18:59:33 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 16:37:52 +1000
>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2006 14:00:56 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

><snip>

>>Please excuse me for butting in here and changing the context,
>>but The 6 fingered Neophilm are spoken of as Aliens(?) in the
>>Bible. 'Being 'giants' they mated with the women of earth'...
>>I'm not sure how, or what became of them.

>>Then there's the angels that visited Ezechial in a ring of fire.
>>Not exactly 'elsewhere in the universe stuff' or life elsewhere,
>>but for what its worth it's in there.....

>Thanks William you're right! But then a person would have to
>include the pseudepigrapha _and_ the apocrypha, along with all the
>canon, and combine it with all the witness testimony of alien
>and UFO encounters!

>Where would that end? Who has time for it if it were possible?
>Who would everyone trust to do the gleaning? What kind of
>credibility could we expect from that project?

>It still comes down to belief in providence or belief in mutual
>thought on the topics, _and_ cooperation of the principles:
>aliens and God. Neither of those have been very cooperative with
>the desires of humanity.

Thanks for the link Ed, most interesting

<http://www.sydhav.no/sixfingers/statues.htm>

Yes I take your point Rick, it would be most difficult
getting the said co-operation.

As for Aliens and Gods... depends on if you look at the Bible as
being an religious account inspired by God or an historical
series of UFO encounters. It is rather an odd anomaly the AA was
hoaxed/restored?? with 'six fingers.' I wonder if the Santilli
crew based this on artistic licence as well, or, had they been
reading the Bible?

The pseudepigrapha and apocrypha is the stumbling block. What is
hidden away in the Vatican or other secret places, sects and
cults from Juche to Rastafari, Judaism to Diaspora and even the
Dead Sea Scrolls leads us straight back to your second point!? O

the paradox...

Regards

William

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CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 12:14:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 12:14:29 -0400
Subject: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

Source: CSICOP - Amherst, New York, USA

<http://www.csicop.org/si/2006-04/values.html>

April 2006

Comment And Opinion

In Defense Of The Higher Values

by
Kendrick Frazier

When Paul Kurtz brought us to the SUNY-Buffalo campus thirty years ago to found CSICOP, the nation was awash in what he called "The New Irrationalisms."

Velikovskism saw ancient world history through a bizarre prism of civilization-affecting planetary pinballs.

Von Danikenism attributed major achievements of ancient history, especially in the New World, not to the ingenuity of indigenous peoples but to ancient astronauts visiting Earth and stimulating creation of its archaeological wonders.

Gellerism promoted a showman conjuror as a real psychic with an ability to bend spoons with his mind and to cause several prominent but credulous physicists to lose their grips on reality.

Astrology had gained such a foothold on thought that astronomer Bart Bok and Paul Kurtz provoked worldwide controversy over a simple "Objections to Astrology" statement signed by 192 prominent scientists saying that astrology was bunk and had nothing to do with astronomy.

Paranormalism seemed everywhere, and New Age mystical thought that arose as part of the counterculture revolution of the late '60s influenced and entwined broad segments of society.

And reports of UFOs, despite the critical Condon report only seven years earlier, flew in regularly and gained credulous publicity in the press.

In the intervening three decades the specific claims that we might broadly label paranormal or pseudoscientific have changed dramatically. Most of the specific manifestations of the enthusiasms I just mentioned have waned. Some have even disappeared.

The situation has changed so much that Paul sometimes argues that no one is interested in the paranormal anymore. (I almost detect a certain longing!) We have some interesting internal debates about that, but to the degree it is true I have argued, and still do argue, that one key reason has been the remarkable work of CSICOP and the Skeptical Inquirer . . . and the network of scientists, scholars, and investigators worldwide it

invigorated in forcefully addressing these and similar claims, providing detailed scientific analyses that showed their empirical poverty, and-in the end-debunking them. Solidly. Convincingly. Comprehensively. I think it has been a remarkable achievement.

Of course, as many of us note, although the cultural climate has shifted a lot, and in some respects for the better, the modern communications revolution has multiplied almost exponentially the number and types of outlets now available for the rapid promulgation of all new information and ideas, good and bad, reliable and unreliable-and that goes for pseudoscientific and paranormal nonsense and all its popular manifestations.

I won't even begin to detail all this here. We've dealt with all these matters in the Skeptical Inquirer now for years-and of course will continue to do so. Also, we have never limited ourselves to just the paranormal and pseudoscience. We deal with all topics at the intersection of science, public perception, and public misperception, with emphasis on those that attract large notice or that raise important public issues.

What I want to do here is sketch out some new and-I think-disturbing aspects of the cultural climate we find ourselves in and emphasize the higher values that CSICOP and the Skeptical Inquirer exemplify and promote-values that seem essential to a modern, progressive, humane society; values that are under assault from broad quarters of society here and abroad. No matter the specific, topical subjects we analyze and critique-the defense of these values is what we are really all about.

If thirty years ago Paul Kurtz and others were worried that we were in danger of descending toward a new dark age of superstition, paranormalism, mysticism, and pseudoscience, we in fact seem now to be in danger of descending toward a new dark age of a slightly different-and perhaps even more dangerous-sort. The first was more one of credulous, wide-eyed acceptance of wondrous, incredible claims. In retrospect, it all has a certain air of innocence. These claims all had their counterparts, after all, in science and could be seen or interpreted as just misguided but understandable fascinations uninformed by real science. Show people the real science and they might easily-at least in principle-shift their support to it. UFOs ' the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. Astrology ' astronomy. Van Daniken pseudoarchaeology ' real archaeology. Psychic powers and parapsychology ' experimental psychology and modern studies of neuroscience and cognition. And so on.

But the new areas you and I are most concerned about now aren't like that. Not at all. They arise from deep-seated ideologies. They arise from a dangerous capturing of mainstream, liberal, open-minded, religious viewpoints by those with far more extreme, narrow, rigid, authoritarian, judgmental religious viewpoints. They arise from a willingness, even a devout-many think God-sanctioned-determination to impose those viewpoints on everyone else. We've seen this abroad, but it is happening here in American too.

Their attacks are on many things, but among those that concern us here are:

The open-minded tolerance of others slightly different from oneself that marks a progressive society.

The love of learning and the quest for new knowledge that mark a progressive society.

The willingness to entertain and examine new ideas that marks a progressive society.

A free and open society's distrust of authoritarian dogma, whatever the source-biblical or otherwise.

Freedom of expression and the clear separation of church and state on which this nation was founded.

Reliance on science-based evidence over unexamined belief and prejudice.

The basic rights of women to make their own choices, to be

educated, and to shape their own futures.

A deep appreciation for education and a nurturing of environments for creativity and achieving novel solutions to problems.

A related deep appreciation for not just the useful achievements of science but for the methods of science in determining and advancing provisional new truths, small and large, about the natural world.

An acceptance that those methods of science often result in reliable judgments about what is real and what is not.

A realization that we humans-while unique in our humanity-are nevertheless part of the natural world, and derived from and influenced by a long co-evolutionary history with the other life forms, large to microscopic, of the natural world.

In short, these attacks are on many key aspects of the modern world first shaped by the Enlightenment and the beginnings of science-when we began to develop the first abilities to actually deeply understand nature and, to some degree, exert some fledgling, limited controls of it for the well-being of people. They are attacks on curiosity and learning and on the scientific outlook itself. They are attacks on intellectual inquiry and thought-the open-minded, no-holds-barred examination of competing ideas and claims that is essential to an open, democratic society.

In many respects - although their proponents in America would no doubt dispute being so characterized-these are attacks on democracy itself. For these fundamentalist partisans would-if allowed-willingly impose their own, very specific ideological views on those they oppose.

We have to fight these trends.

We will fight these trends.

Our efforts at CSICOP and in the Skeptical Inquirer can't and don't deal with these issues in the abstract. Instead, we examine, critique, review, and report on specific, concrete topics, within the broad context of science and reason.

But it is important to keep in mind the higher values we nevertheless are defending:

- Reason and rationality, among the highest, most hard-won attributes of thinking, independent people.
- The scientific outlook, with its rich tradition of creative, open-minded, empirical inquiry and evidence-based probing of nature's secrets.
- The skeptical attitude, a key component of the scientific outlook, with its obligation to put all new assertions to tests of empirical evidence.
- The traditions of learning-real learning, deep and broad-and the value of education not only in achieving a better life for each person but in creating reflective minds and in improving the lot of society.
- The deepest traditions of democracy-valuing human dignity and rights, drawing on the free and open interplay of ideas, and depending upon an educated, informed citizenry for making wise decisions.

No small matters. No small challenges.

Are we up to it? We have to be. There is no choice.

About the Author

Kendrick Frazier is the editor of the Skeptical Inquirer. This commentary is based on his talk at the CSICOP 30th anniversary observance at CFI headquarters in Amherst, New York, April 1, 2006.

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Re: Condign Update - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 07:26:53 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:13:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Condign Update - Nielsen

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: UFO updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 00:29:56 +0100
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Thanks very much Joe! You are right; it is very interesting that
MoD has determined these highly sensitive.

These next are directed to you and Nick Pope:

To what do the codes "S-26" and "S-27" refer?

What do the X=92s refer to in the following sections?

=B7 Volume 1: Chapter 5, page 4
=B7 Volume 2: Working Paper 5, page 5-1, paragraph 1 and 3h
=B7 Volume 3: Executive Summary, Page 2, paragraph 4 and 7
=B7 Volume 3: Executive Summary, page 3, paragraph 11
=B7 Volume 3: Chapter 1, page 3, paragraph 11
=B7 Volume 3: Chapter 1, page 4, paragraph 13(d)
=B7 Volume 3: Chapter 1, page 5, paragraph 21
=B7 Volume 3: Chapter 1, page 8, paragraph 27
=B7 Volume 3: Chapter 4, page 1, paragraph 4
=B7 Volume 3: Chapter 4, page 3, paragraph 12

Lastly, what is a "plasma-type entity", as referred to in Volume
3: Chapter 1, page 3, paragraph 11?

How low will we go? Check out Yahoo! Messenger=92s low PC-to-Phone call=
rates.

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Re: An Indiana 09-03-06 Sighting - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 10:51:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:15:06 -0400
Subject: Re: An Indiana 09-03-06 Sighting - Kaeser

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 00:51:16 -0400
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How would distinguish this from a meteor that traveled through
the upper atmosphere and then bounced back into space. There are
some fairly dramatic videos of meteors transversing the entire
sky as they skipped through the atmosphere, and I suspect that
may be what you saw. Of course, this is only a guess.

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 08:01:23 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:19:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Nielsen

>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>,
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 17:28:18 +1000
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

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>William

Thanks William! It would be interesting if someone would take on the task of a meta-analysis of these texts, as well as all the ancient texts of all the other belief systems extant. One source to start with would be:

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/index.htm>

But to do this right, those researchers would have to take all the CE data into account, and then combine it with the sacred texts.

Once completed, what would we have? We would have a quasi-historical-religious account of this phenomenon, with a credibility determined by the authors of the research.

But what good would that do for humanity? It would not change beliefs. It would not change what governments do to their citizens. It would not bring us closer to understanding this phenomenon or the drivers of it.

We might get more bang for our bucks if we invest in each other's welfare.

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - McNatt

From: **Rand McNatt** <randmcnatt.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 08:09:47 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:20:31 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - McNatt

>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 18:27:54 -0400
>Subject: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth?

>Does anyone have any ideas what this is?:

><http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0906/tynemouth.html>

It most likely a kite. The leading and trailing edges are curved, while they are straight on every stealthy aircraft we know about. Not only that, but the left and right "wings" curl in different directions. That seems characteristic of a flat, kitelike object.

The image is overexposed, and has a short scale; try boosting the contrast a bit, and suddenly it looks quite like a diamond kite. There's even a hint of tail. Also, the central "spine" has a lighter component which appears to overlap the objects right edge; to my eye the "spine" is more like the shadow cast by the lighter stick.

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 11:40:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:23:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shell

>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 18:27:54 -0400
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Interesting, and does look like the rumored manta aircraft.

However, in future I'd like some warning when a web site is going to shout at me with an obnoxious ad telling me I've won a free computer. There was no obvious button to shut the bloody thing off! I'll not willingly visit this site again. I've nothing against advertising on web sites, but the ads should keep quiet!

I'm tired of aural assault. Yesterday evening I went to see a movie, and damned if the woman sitting behind me didn't pull out her cell phone and launch into a loud conversation. Noise is everywhere and not only has courtesy seemed to vanish, so has common sense.

Bob Shell

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Re: A COMETA Report Report - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 15:52:10 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:27:11 -0400
Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report - Bourdais

>From: Franck Boitte <Franckboitte.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 10:36:35 EDT
>Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2006 18:10:11 +0200
>>Subject: Re: A COMETA Report Report

>>Of course, I meant the COMETA, not the COMETA report. Sorry for
>>the mistake.

>Dear Gildas and Listers,

>Be persuaded of my complete absolution and go in peace.

>Of course, I knew about the book, which I confess I didn't
>read.

>But what is new in it that wasn't stood in the original report?
>The fact remains that it made little if not no impact on the
>French system of belief.

>The main subject of discussion for the French people nowadays
>is: Who will stand as our next President?

>Will Zinedine Zidane have another season in football's Equipe
>de France?

>Those are the real things that matter.

>The rest belongs in X-Files.

Franck and All,

I am quite aware that UFOs are not a major concern for the
French. That's nothing new.

However, the official study group, formerly called GEPAN and
later SEPRA, has been reactivated last year at CNES (National
Center for Spatial Studies), with Yves Sillard as President.

Sillard, now retired, has been an important figure in the French
scientific establishment. He created the first service, the
GEPAN, in 1979, as president of CNES. He created the European
space base in French Guyanne, where the Ariane rockets are
launched, and he also held a very high post in Defense (D=E91=E9gu=E9
g=E9n=E9ral =E0 l'armement).

Yves Sillard expressed publicly, on UFOs, opinions not very far
from those of COMETA. All this seems to have created some
confusion among the French skeptics.

As an example, the French popular magazine "Science et Avenir"
published last month a series of articles with a rather
provocative title on the cover (and a vigorous publicity with
poster on many news stands), entitled Why UFOs Have Disappeared,
("Pourquoi les OVNIS ont disparu").

The main author was sociologist Pierre Lagrange, with a sophisticated argument as usual, explaining at the end that we don't understand anything about UFOs because we are like "baboons of the cosmos".

However, we gather that UFOs would deserve some serious scientific study, and that he is available to do that, presumably with the new GEIPAN. I don't know if they have been impressed.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 13:35:36 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:30:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports -

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 18:41:13 EDT
>Subject: Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

>>Source: Inside Bay Area - Oakland, California, USA

>>http://www.insidebayarea.com/trivalleyherald/localnews/ci_4282604

>>09/03/2006

>>Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

>>Some scientists and ufologists are convinced that alien life
>>visits earth

>>We are not alone in the universe if the numerous sightings
>>of unidentified flying objects are to be believed.

>More conflation of the term UFO with the ETH by the media.
>Sigh...

><snip>

>>While about 1,200 cases are investigated annually, only
>>about 10 to 20 percent remain unexplainable. Calls to, for
>>example, the weather bureau to de-termine if balloons were
>>launched or the military rule out some cases automatically.

>The word in there that is really annoying is "only", which
>immediately makes it seem as if this isn't something out of
>the ordinary, when, in fact, one would think - accepting the
>stats as reported here - that 120 to 240 cases per year that
>remain unexplained would lead a responsible reporter to
>construct the paragraph as follows:

>"Of the approximately 1,200 cases are investigated annually,
>as many as 10 to 20 percent remain unexplainable."
>The story isn't that the majority, or even the vast majority,
>of cases can be explained. The story is that some of them
>haven't been.

Good point, Paul. Imagine another scenario where an airliner
crashes and the media reports that only 10-20 percent of the
passengers survived. Was that 25 or 50 people? Oh well that's
not important, the big story is that 200 people perished. If it
bleeds it leads.

That is poor writing; In the case of UFO example the 10-20
percent is fudging the numbers to the detriment of the numbers.
For example, that's the difference of between perhaps 500,000 to
1,000,000 unexplained cases. If I was going to fudge the numbers
I'd be more inclined to suspect that 20 plus percent unexplained
would be more the case.

Brad Spark's review of Project Blue Book estimates that over 30
percent of those had no reasonable prosaic explanation. As we
all know, cases are often blown off simply because only one or
two of the a dozen or more details concerning a case can be

associated with some prosaic event.

I'll probably be brow beaten for this, but in my case of the reports [mostly local] that I've personally checked into over the years, I'd be hard pressed to come up with explanations for 20 percent of them. I don't think the public is as uninformed as they are made out to be.

Don Ledger

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Re: Condign Update - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 13:52:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:32:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Condign Update - Ledger

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: UFO updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 00:29:56 +0100
>Subject: Condign Update

>Following a successful appeal for a review by Dave Clarke, the
>MoD have released some of the previously retained paragraphs
>from the condign report. These are available on-line at the MoD
>web site:

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

>There are one or two items of minor interest, nothing of
>breathhtaking importance. It is interesting to see what the MoD
>thought was sensitive to start with though.

Hi Joe,

I think you are right. I've only downloaded a couple so far but
the reasons for leaving them out initially, might well be as
important as the rest of the report.

Don Ledger

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Re: An Indiana 09-03-06 Sighting - Shough

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 17:54:11 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:33:41 -0400
Subject: Re: An Indiana 09-03-06 Sighting - Shough

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 00:51:16 -0400
>Subject: An Indiana 09-03-06 Sighting

>Sunday night while working in Edinburgh, Indiana at 9:31 p.m., I
>happened to glance up at the moon and saw a star-like object
>streaking across the sky. It was faster than any conventional
>plane or jet and certainly faster than any satellite. It may
>have been a meteor but it appeared to be moving horizontally and
>not downward in the slightest. Also, it had no 'tail' or visible
>contrail.

>Details:

>1 - It appeared to be roughly 40 degrees above the western
>horizon and moving from South to North.

>2 - It covered roughly 1/3rd of the sky in about 3 seconds.

>3 - If the size of a plane, it appeared to be above 30,000 feet.
>Best guess.

>4 - It was a small, steady, white light that looked similar to a
>satellite, except for the speed.

>5 - As it moved toward the moon - just below it - I lost it in
>the moon glow. Either that or it moved behind some high patchy
>clouds that were present or just dimmed out. Whatever the
>reason, it faded from view.

>6 - There was no sound and as I said before, it moved in a
>straight, horizontal line.

>Any ideas?

Chaz

The sporadic meteor rate is climbing through September but it's a notably quiet month for shower meteors. There are a couple of active minor showers with radiants in the SE that could maybe send a meteor on a flattish path S-N across the western sky. I think the Alpha Aurigids would be too low, on or below the horizon, but the Piscid radiant could be well up. The Piscids are described as "slow" meteors, not very bright, and with a low rate at maximum of only a few per hour. There seem to be several peak dates through September, one around September 1. Maybe you happened to spot a Piscid?

But if not, the angular rate of about $180/3/3 = 20$ deg/sec at 30,000 ft altitude and 40 deg elevation (~ 47,000 ft slant range) would be about 3.2 miles/sec or 11,700 mph. The "1/3 of the sky" might be an overestimate, but cut the rate in half to 10 deg/sec and we're still well hypersonic at 5,800 mph. Bringing this down by a factor 10 to a more pedestrian subsonic jet speed involves a factor 10 reduction in range to about a mile or less. On a quiet night you'd expect to hear a fast jet only a mile away, and obviously a prop plane would have to be

much slower and closer, which doesn't square either with silence or with the single small white light either.

Short answer: No idea what you saw but hope this is of some use.....

Martin Shough

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From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 12:59:25 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:34:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports -

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 18:41:13 EDT
>Subject: Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

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Hi Everyone!

Sightings of UFOs continue to this day and are made even by professional astronomers. What is there not to believe about unidentified flying objects or UFOs?

For those of you that are interested in UFOs and live in or near Toronto, you may want to attend a special free lecture at the Ontario Science Centre tomorrow, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Peter Brown, the "passive radar" expert with University of Western Ontario. His talk is titled "The Southern Ontario Meteor Network: Status and First Results".

The wonderful thing about this world is what new, strange and very unexpected things one will find when they bother to look. Some of these new discoveries (i.e. UFOs) made in the skies above could be interpreted as evidence for non-human intelligence or ETI in the universe.

As for other "Mars" rocks, extraterrestrial soil and meteorites found on Earth that contain what may be actual physical evidence from ETL, they are available for anyone to examine.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/aug/m29-005.shtml>

Nick Balaskas

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 14:04:50 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:37:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Ledger

>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 18:27:54 -0400
>Subject: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth?

>Does anyone have any ideas what this is?:

><http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0906/tynemouth.html>

Hi Dirk,

As noted off-List I've expressed my puzzlement about this shot.

The wide angle is interesting but also the shot looks to me like an air to air shot. You can see the tops of the clouds, even those behind the clouds in the foreground suggesting the photographer is above the the object.

Additionally the whole photo is very fuzzy which is unusual for the cameras we have these days. The objects are usually fuzzy but the surrounding sky is too, unless this is cropped, the object was at extreme range and the resolution was lost.

As also noted, there is little detail from the photographers.

Caveat emptor.

Don Ledger

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Secrecy News -- 09/05/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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** FRUS ON THE OPENING TO CHINA, 1969-72
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IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL SECURITY

A landmark 1953 U.S. Supreme Court ruling which affirmed the government's use of the "state secrets" privilege to withhold information is the focus of a new book called "In the Name of National Security" by constitutional scholar Louis Fisher.

The 1953 case, *United States v. Reynolds*, revolved around a request by three widows for access to an accident report about a military plane crash in which their husbands died in 1948. The government refused to release the requested report.

Confronted by this dispute, Fisher writes, the Supreme Court had at least two valid options. It could have ruled in favor of the widows, granting their claims for damages in full, as lower courts had done. Or it could have subjected the disputed document to in camera review to determine whether withholding was justified on security grounds.

But the Court did neither. Instead, it upheld the government's denial of the document without bothering to review it, establishing an unfortunate precedent that would resound throughout the coming decades up to the present day.

Fisher traces the fateful *Reynolds* case from its inception throughout the litigation process to its final resolution. And he considers the ramifications of this frequently cited case for current national security policy.

Richly detailed, the new book combines legal scholarship, critical analysis, and even some "Law and Order"-style suspense.

See "In the Name of National Security: Unchecked Presidential Power and the *Reynolds* Case" by Louis Fisher, University Press of Kansas, September 2006:

<http://www.kansaspress.ku.edu/fisint.html>

I will introduce Louis Fisher at a September 11 event at the Library of Congress, where he will discuss the book and sign copies. Come on by:

<http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2006/06-157.html>

SECRECY REPORT CARD 2006

By most available measures, official secrecy continued to expand last year, according to a new "Secrecy Report Card" issued by the coalition OpenTheGovernment.org.

"Every administration wants to control information about its policies and practices," observed coalition director Patrice McDermott, "but the current administration has restricted access to information about our government and its policies at unprecedented levels."

See "Secrecy Report Card 2006: Indicators of Secrecy in the Federal Government," a report by OpenTheGovernment.org, September 2006:

<http://www.openthegovernment.org/otg/SRC2006.pdf>

Perhaps as significant as any of the report's findings is the existence of the OpenTheGovernment.org coalition itself.

"Notwithstanding you," former Information Security Oversight Office director Steven Garfinkel told me in a 1993 interview, "very few people give a tinker's damn about the security classification system."

That is manifestly not the case today. In addition to OpenTheGovernment.org, which is a broad coalition of politically diverse organizations including FAS and other veteran advocates of greater transparency, there are several other new efforts to confront official secrecy, including the Coalition of Journalists for Open Government, the Sunshine in Government Initiative, and Sunshine Week.

NAVY DECLASSIFICATION POLICY

Detailed information on U.S. Navy policy regarding declassification of 25 year old documents is presented in a new Navy Instruction.

Along with policy and procedures, the document provides an extensive listing of Navy programs and systems that may be subject to declassification.

The Instruction is marked For Official Use Only. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Declassification of 25 Year Old DON Information," OPNAVINST 5513.16B, August 2, 2006 (72 pages in an unnecessarily large 30 MB PDF file):

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/opnavinst/5513_16b.pdf

See, relatedly, "Department of the Navy Classification Guides," OPNAVINST 5513.1F, December 7, 2005:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/opnavinst/5513_1f.pdf

See also "Limitations on Public Release and Disclosure of Information About Improvised Explosive Device Efforts," Secretary of the Navy, April 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/dod/navyied.pdf>

FRUS ON THE OPENING TO CHINA, 1969-72

"Engaging the People's Republic of China in a dialogue is perhaps the most dramatic and far reaching decision undertaken by the Nixon administration," as noted in a new volume of the U.S. State Department's official Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) series devoted to that topic.

The full text of the new FRUS volume on China is available here:

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/nixon/xvii/index.htm>

A 1972 NSC memorandum for Henry Kissinger published in the new volume expressed concern about efforts by the Federation of American Scientists and its then-President Jeremy J. Stone to promote scientific exchange with China.

"The Chinese, by encouraging Stone, are effectively undercutting the Committee on Scholarly Communication with the PRC, a group we have recommended to Peking," complained NSC staffer John H. Holdridge in his August 28, 1972 memo to Kissinger (see document 248).

IS CHINA A THREAT TO THE US ECONOMY? (CRS)

"The emergence of China as a major economic superpower has raised concern among many U.S. policymakers," according to a new report from the Congressional Research Service.

"Some express concern that China will overtake the United States as the world's largest trade economy in a few years and as the world's largest economy within the next two decades. In this context, China's rise is viewed as America's relative decline."

See "Is China a Threat to the U.S. Economy?" August 10, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL33604.pdf>

Some other notable new CRS reports include these:

"Israeli-Arab Negotiations: Background, Conflicts, and U.S. Policy," updated August 4, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RL33530.pdf>

"The Public Health and Medical Response to Disasters: Federal Authority and Funding," August 4, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL33579.pdf>

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Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:41:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle - Rudiak

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 19:08:55 +0100
>Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2006 14:48:09 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle

><snip>

>>No Ray. The "lizard brain" does not "decide" what the visual
>>cortex gets to view. The pathway from the retina to the visual
>>cortex is the direct express line and does not have to pass
>>through some imaginary "lizard brain" censor. Really, where do
>>you dream up some of this stuff?

>Slow down and think about it. Everything coming in from our
>sensory organs has to go to the 'lizard brain' first - for the
>simple reason that it was the only one we had at one time.
>Evolution added the cortex but evolution can never get to undo
>an earlier network. [Which is why we can choke on a pretzel - an
>ancient fish had a crossed air-way and food-way].

I see your knowledge of neurophysiology could fit in half a
thimble. Yes, visual input to the visual cortex first goes
through the lateral geniculate nucleus (LGN), which might be
considered "old brain". But despite poking electrodes into the
LGN for many decades, nobody has found the LGN to do anything
remarkable in vision processing. The cell properties there look
pretty much the same as those in the retina that feed into it.
The LGN seems to be little more than a relay station. It does
NOT censor or grossly alter visual input to the cortex because
some "lizard brain" decides it doesn't want you to see
something.

>Didn't put lots of refs and quotes in (till now), as I like
>short sharp stuff - but, as you insist, there's a diagram at
>'consciousness examined' in Google, and while you're there,
>check the link 'Alien Senses Summary'.

Referencing yourself I see and your personal handwaving theories
of human consciousness. Try reading a real book on human
neuroanatomy and neurophysiology instead. You might learn there
is no "lizard brain" censor blocking you from seeing things.

>It has some expert opinion on stuff you'll be interested in -
>quote 'What we see and hear changes our neural circuitry so that
>it becomes more able to deal with those features of the sensory
>world. There must be a lot out there that we have never learned
>to see at all - it's part of the real universe, but we can't get
>it into our brains.'

Yes Ray, there are all sorts of critters and things walking
around out there that our "lizard brain" censors won't let us
"see." Clearly your lizard brain has blocked certain things from
getting into your brain, such a fundamental grounding in
neuroscience.

>In other words, there's no direct route for sensory inputs -
>everything is `learned', and therefore limited to some degree or
>other.

>Which means a) no-one sees the `truth'; b) no-one sees (exactly)
>the same as another.

Sorry, but I'm not into hand-waving "woo-woo" science like you Ray. You seem to be embracing some sort of simplistic cartoon version of how our brains work, grossly overgeneralizing from some statements you've read (but obviously don't understand) and stretching them to fit some personal philosophy of yours.

You also seem to be into the philosophy of nihilism, that it isn't possible to determine any sort of objective truth. Everything is subjective. If that were the case, then repetition of scientific experimental results wouldn't be possible. However, to give but one example, in the real, real world, people when their vision is measured DO pretty much see the same as one another, at least at low levels of visual perception. Of course, at higher levels, individual experience and training determines the ability to recognize and respond to things in their visual world. We don't all recognize the same faces. We can't all read X-rays. We can't all read Sanskrit. What else is new?

But that isn't what this discussion was about originally. It was about low-level visual perception and illusions as related to UFO sightings. But as usual, you've mish-moshed everything together in your blender of psychobabble and personal philosophy. Your point in the end seems to be that there is no "truth" and everything is subjective. Fine, believe what you want, but with that attitude there isn't anything left to discuss.

This will definitely be last post on this matter. I've wasted far too much time on this already.

David Rudiak

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Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:45:39 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values -

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 12:14:29 -0400
Subject: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

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>When Paul Kurtz brought us to the SUNY-Buffalo campus thirty
>years ago to found CSICOP, the nation was awash in what he
>called "The New Irrationalisms."

<snip>

And thirty years later CSICOPians are still illegitimate
Cultists whose so-called scientists have yet to actually take
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From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 16:57:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:48:18 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values - White

>Source: CSICOP - Amherst, New York, USA

><http://www.csicop.org/si/2006-04/values.html>

>April 2006

>Comment And Opinion

>In Defense Of The Higher Values

>by

>Kendrick Frazier

<snip>

>But it is important to keep in mind the higher values we
>nevertheless are defending:

>- Reason and rationality, among the highest, most hard-won
>attributes of thinking, independent people.

Reasonably and rationally, CSICOP should include investigation
of the phenomena they focus on, not just proclamations by
someone with letters after his name. Reasonably and rationally,
every object and event in the universe should be open for
investigation.

And since science history is full of new discoveries, every
object and event in the universe should be open for
investigation even after a previous study has declared said
object or event unworthy of further study. That's reasonable and
rational, isn't it, Mr. Frazier?

>- The scientific outlook, with its rich tradition of creative,
>open-minded, empirical inquiry and evidence-based probing of
>nature's secrets.

In the "rich tradition of creative, open-minded empirical
inquiry," where do "proclamations", especially those published
without comments from investigators with different data and
different viewpoints, fit in?

Does the Skeptical Inquirer, as is often the case with the print
media, interview investigators with opposing opinions and print
their best evidence contrary to the CSICOP view? (Known in the
trade as "presenting both sides of the issue.")

>- The skeptical attitude, a key component of the scientific
>outlook, with its obligation to put all new assertions to tests
>of empirical evidence.

Tests? Where are CSICOP's "tests"? Where are CSICOP's objective
tests concerning UFOs? Who are the UFO investigators on CSICOP's
staff? What do those investigators say about physical trace
cases, multiple witness cases, or radar plus witness cases?

>- The traditions of learning-real learning, deep and broad-and
>the value of education not only in achieving a better life for
>each person but in creating reflective minds and in improving
>the lot of society.

Would the study of the huge amount of UFO cases, including the physical trace cases, multiple witness cases, radar plus witness cases qualify as "real learning?" If not, why not?

>- The deepest traditions of democracy-valuing human dignity and >rights, drawing on the free and open interplay of ideas, and >depending upon an educated, informed citizenry for making wise >decisions.

Does "free and open interplay of ideas" include ideas that UFO incidents and paranormal incidents might be actual events and not faulty perception? Or is that idea banned from "open interplay?" If banned, why, Mr. Frazier?

Eleanor White

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Re: Organizations Seek to Verify UFO Reports -

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 17:49:46 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 18:07:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Organizations Seek to Verify UFO Reports -

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 13:35:36 -0300
>Subject: Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 18:41:13 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

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>>"Of the approximately 1,200 cases are investigated annually,
>>as many as 10 to 20 percent remain unexplainable."
>>The story isn't that the majority, or even the vast majority,
>>of cases can be explained. The story is that some of them
>>haven't been.

>Good point, Paul. Imagine another scenario where an airliner
>crashes and the media reports that only 10-20 percent of the
>passengers survived. Was that 25 or 50 people? Oh well that's
>not important, the big story is that 200 people perished. If it
>bleeds it leads.

>That is poor writing; In the case of UFO example the 10-20
>percent is fudging the numbers to the detriment of the numbers.
>For example, that's the difference of between perhaps 500,000 to
>1,000,000 unexplained cases. If I was going to fudge the numbers
>I'd be more inclined to suspect that 20 plus percent unexplained
>would be more the case.

>Brad Spark's review of Project Blue Book estimates that over 30
>percent of those had no reasonable prosaic explanation. As we
>all know, cases are often blown off simply because only one or
>two of the a dozen or more details concerning a case can be
>associated with some prosaic event.

>I'll probably be brow beaten for this, but in my case of the
>reports [mostly local] that I've personally checked into over
>the years, I'd be hard pressed to come up with explanations for
>20 percent of them. I don't think the public is as uninformed
>as they are made out to be.

Hi Don:

I think it's fair to assume that the number of unexplainable
cases is lower than the figures cited above, i.e. they would go
down if all cases were investigated properly, thoroughly, and
with the required resources.

Still, there would remain some cases that would still be
unexplained. 1%, 3%, 5%, 10%... what difference, really?

The fact that there are some cases that are unexplained after a
thorough investigation is what should be of interest to both
science and the media. They are the true unknowns, and indicate
a subject worthy of serious study.

The RB-47H case is the one that I cite when people ask me what

one case they should look at first. Very few people outside the relatively narrow confines of ufology are aware of it - certainly far fewer people than are aware of Roswell.

There are others, of course - one that gets less attention than it should is the 1996 Yukon case, investigated by Martin Jasek - multiple independent witnesses, in different locations far apart from each other, reporting the same thing observed.

Paul Kimball
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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 08:48:59 -0400
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Dumbing Down a Phenomenon. British Condign Report a disservice
to science By Don Ledger

<http://fatemag.com/issues/2000s/2006-09article2a.html>

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of Ufology
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Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 22:58:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 08:56:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle - Dickenson

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 10:33:29 -0700
>Subject: Re: Celestial Sight Remains A Puzzle

>Referencing yourself I see and your personal handwaving theories
>of human consciousness. Try reading a real book on human
>neuroanatomy and neurophysiology instead. You might learn there
>is no "lizard brain" censor blocking you from seeing things.

Hi David

You might want to check that reference (no, sadly I didn't write it); it was from The Collapse Of Chaos, by Profs. Ian Stewart & Jack Cohen. A book worth reading.

>This will definitely be last post on this matter. I've wasted
>far too much time on this already.

Think you're right there.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values -

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 17:14:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:00:02 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values -

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 18:52:47 +0000
>Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 12:14:29 -0400
>>Subject: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

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I suspect a klasskurtxian credo smells as sweet by any other
name. Remember, it's them from a bully pulpit with hijacked
mainstream support who are boosters - celebrants - of our scurvy
status quo. Moreover, the founder of this scurrilous cult,
Kurtz, knew Philip Klass was a nut, but gladly accepted him as

a CSICOPian nut... his nut, when a nut, too, should smell as sweet by another name...

CSICOPia: Intellectual Bankruptcy From On High!

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Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 17:58:39 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:06:57 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values - Shell

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 18:52:47 +0000
>Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

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I wouldn't go so far as to say they're "dangerous". I think that's wildly overestimating their audience and influence. I also think that a healthy skepticism is the only way a rational person can confront an 'unusual' subject like UFOs. But I don't think they have much say in where the research money goes, which is the literal bottom line here.

Money is power, and the powerful wield the money, and if a UFO researcher can convince some big corporation that his or her research will somehow make them a big profit, then that researcher will be funded, no matter what anybody over at CSICOP says about it.

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 18:08:26 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:08:40 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shell

>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 18:27:54 -0400
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Agreed that there are several things suspect about the photo.

But for what it's worth, to me it looks alive. It doesn't look very much like a manufactured object. There are no obvious flames or contrails indicating a jet propulsion, for instance. Who knows how fast it was going? I'm not saying that it was a living thing for sure, the ghost of some strange, airborne animal from another dimension passing through our reality, maybe, but that's what it looks like to me.

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Re: Condign Update - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 00:06:42 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:11:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Condign Update - Pope

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 07:26:53 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Condign Update

<snip>

>>MoD have released some of the previously retained paragraphs
>>from the condign report. These are available on-line at the MoD
>>web site:

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

>>There are one or two items of minor interest, nothing of
>>breathhtaking importance. It is interesting to see what the MoD
>>thought was sensitive to start with though.

<snip>

>These next are directed to you and Nick Pope:

>To what do the codes "S-26" and "S-27" refer?

These are exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act:

Section 26 - Defence.

Section 27 - International Relations.

See the following link for definitions:

<http://www.dca.gov.uk/foi/yourRights/exemptions.htm>

>What do the X's refer to in the following sections?

>=B7 Volume 1: Chapter 5, page 4
>=B7 Volume 2: Working Paper 5, page 5-1, paragraph 1 and 3h
>=B7 Volume 3: Executive Summary, Page 2, paragraph 4 and 7
>=B7 Volume 3: Executive Summary, page 3, paragraph 11
>=B7 Volume 3: Chapter 1, page 3, paragraph 11
>=B7 Volume 3: Chapter 1, page 4, paragraph 13(d)
>=B7 Volume 3: Chapter 1, page 5, paragraph 21
>=B7 Volume 3: Chapter 1, page 8, paragraph 27
>=B7 Volume 3: Chapter 4, page 1, paragraph 4
>=B7 Volume 3: Chapter 4, page 3, paragraph 12

The Xs indicate material that's still redacted - i.e. withheld because of the various exemptions.

>Lastly, what is a "plasma-type entity", as referred to in Volume
>3: Chapter 1, page 3, paragraph 11?

For "entities", read "phenomena".

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: An Indiana 09-03-06 Sighting - Kimball

From: Hollis Kimball <Choprgo.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 20:11:24 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:13:21 -0400
Subject: Re: An Indiana 09-03-06 Sighting - Kimball

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 00:51:16 -0400
>Subject: An Indiana 09-03-06 Sighting

>Sunday night while working in Edinburgh, Indiana at 9:31 p.m., I
>happened to glance up at the moon and saw a star-like object
>streaking across the sky. It was faster than any conventional
>plane or jet and certainly faster than any satellite. It may
>have been a meteor but it appeared to be moving horizontally and
>not downward in the slightest. Also, it had no 'tail' or visible
>contrail.

>Details:

>1 - It appeared to be roughly 40 degrees above the western
>horizon and moving from South to North.

>2 - It covered roughly 1/3rd of the sky in about 3 seconds.

>3 - If the size of a plane, it appeared to be above 30,000 feet.
>Best guess.

>4 - It was a small, steady, white light that looked similar to a
>satellite, except for the speed.

>5 - As it moved toward the moon - just below it - I lost it in
>the moon glow. Either that or it moved behind some high patchy
>clouds that were present or just dimmed out. Whatever the
>reason, it faded from view.

>6 - There was no sound and as I said before, it moved in a
>straight, horizontal line.

>Any ideas?

Chaz,

Based on all of your information, it probably goes like
this:

Your object was going opposite to the Earth's rotation, but
tangential to the Earth's orbit around the sun and overtaking
'us', but at too high a relative velocity to be drawn 'down' by
Earth's gravity, but just skimmed through the ionosphere (the
very upper layer above the stratosphere that blanks out radio
signals from the returning space shuttle, etc.) to cause it to
be ionized (Northern lights effect) or heated by atmospheric air
friction in the troposphere and glow or burn as a result. It
probably burned out before it 'skipped' back into space,
slingshot style.

NASA uses that slingshot technique all the time for their space
probe missions.

Hollis Kimball

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 20:55:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:15:32 -0400
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Your comment betrays a surprising lack of understanding of how aircraft work.

If you look at the cross section of an airplane wing, a bird's wing, a helicopter rotor blade, you will note that the curvature is such that air passing over the top must travel a greater distance than air passing under the bottom. This creates a pressure differential with lower pressure above the wing and higher pressure below. That is what produces the lift. Not shoving air down.

The only types of aircraft you are likely to encounter that fly by shoving air down are some rare ducted fan types. Rockets, of course, go up by shooting exhaust gasses down, but rockets are a special case. (And what's that jet that can hover by directing it's nozzles down?)

Bob Shell

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 10:03:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:18:31 -0400
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Quite right. This 600 ft silent Mach 9 hovering super-stealthed
TR-3 sounds like fantasy. It looks to me more like a kite,
including the ribbon-like tail. The detail of "control surfaces"
supposedly visible on the "wing" seems imaginary.

However an aviation correspondent of mine suggests: "If it is a
plane, then my money would be on a classified BAE Systems
stealth UAV".

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Ufowatchdog.Com Back On-Line

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 04:51:25 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:21:46 -0400
Subject: Ufowatchdog.Com Back On-Line

Greetings,

I just wanted to let everyone know that the move to the new server is complete and ufowatchdog.com is back online.

Again, many apologies for any inconvenience. The move to this new server will avoid any down time or other pesky technical problems.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
ufowatchdog.com

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Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:41:08 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:41:08 -0400
Subject: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs?

Source: New Scientist, Sutton, Surrey, UK

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/pr7z>

21 July 2006

Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs?

David L Chandler
NewScientist.com News Service

Life on planets such as Earth or Mars could have been seeded by electrically charged microbes from space, suggests a new study.

Since the discovery of meteorites from Mars on Earth in the 1990s, people have speculated that living microbes could have travelled back and forth between the two planets, perhaps allowing one planet to seed the other with life.

The problem with this idea is that such a trip could only happen after a huge asteroid collided with one of the planets, with an impact large enough to blast rocks off the planet's surface, and such strikes are extremely rare: just a handful are thought to have occurred since the solar system formed.

However, a new study suggests there may be a much gentler and steadier way for microbial life to leave a planet and travel to other worlds - and even from one solar system to another, something even the biggest impacts could not do.

The startling conclusion grew out of work by Tom Dehel, an electrical engineer at the US Federal Aviation Administration, who was investigating how electromagnetic fields in the Earth's atmosphere can affect GPS satellites and disrupt their use for aircraft navigation. He presented his findings at the biennial meeting of the international Committee on Space Research (COSPAR), in Beijing, China, this week.

Dehel calculated the effect of electric fields at various levels in the atmosphere on a bacterium that was carrying an electric charge. He showed that such bacteria could easily be ejected from the Earth's gravitational field by the same kind of electromagnetic fields that generate auroras. And these fields occur every day, unlike the extraordinarily large surface impacts needed to eject interplanetary meteorites. Near-vacuum

The measurements of field strength vary greatly at different levels of the atmosphere - the strongest ones are near the surface, generated by thunderstorms. There are large gaps where the fields have not been measured directly, but assuming the fields extend through the whole air column, there could be an ongoing, sustained process of lofting bacteria high into the atmosphere.

Since the upward forces of the magnetic field would balance the

force of gravity for tiny organisms, they could float in the upper atmosphere for years and reproduce there, giving them a chance to evolve capabilities to endure the hardships of that environment, including coping with strong UV and a near-vacuum. Such organisms would thus be well equipped to endure the rigours of a journey through space, Dehel told New Scientist.

The idea that microbes could be electrically levitated into the upper atmosphere was first suggested in 1908 by chemist Svante Arrhenius, but until recently there had been no direct measurements of the strength of electric fields high in the atmosphere to show whether the mechanism would work to propel microbes away from the planet.

Other researchers have already demonstrated that some bacterial spores can survive in conditions thought to exist in interplanetary space, and then be revived. So the possibility of interplanetary spread of life is plausible and deserves further investigation, Dehel believes.

Charged microbes could also be propelled outwards from a planet at high speed by "magnetospheric plasmoids" - independent structures of plasma and magnetic fields that can be swept away from the Earth's magnetosphere. Hitching rides on these structures could accelerate microbes to speeds capable of taking them out of the solar system and on to the planets of other stars.

And because of the potential for a steady outflow of the particles pushed by the electric fields, a single life-bearing world might seed an entire galaxy with life, claims Dehel.

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

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Re: Organizations Seek to Verify UFO Reports -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 08:16:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:49:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Organizations Seek to Verify UFO Reports -

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 17:49:46 EDT
>Subject: Re: Organizations Seek to Verify UFO Reports

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 13:35:36 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

>>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 18:41:13 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

<snip>

>There are others, of course - one that gets less attention than
>it should is the 1996 Yukon case, investigated by Martin Jasek -
>multiple independent witnesses, in different locations far apart
>from each other, reporting the same thing observed.

Pending further reflection of course... Well, stated Mr.
Kimball... forgetting a moment I feel the need to further fret
the dropping of another 'shoe'... a shoe provoked for example on
another couple of ideas you've had.

One regarded a suspicious revulsion for the ETH and so a
redefinition and revisioning of a 'Ufology', so to speak, was
required to move one away from the pollution (presumably) that
is the ETH... The other idea was in favor of doing away with UFO
altogether in the favor of UAP (unidentified Aerial
'Phenomena')... perhaps moving subtly from an 'implied
actuality' to something that doesn't really have to 'be there'
at all...

Both of your ideas, forgetting for a moment the rather gleeful
character assassination of WB Smith both here and abroad, seem
to push the responsibility for real UFOs away beyond your
arm's length and so facilitating the status quo of a well, if
duplicitously intentioned, buffered anthropomorphism (contrary
to evidence your Uncle iterates BTW).

I suspect I'm not being remotely unfair.

Pointing out that there is evidence enough for science and
society to be really interested in UFOs or UAPs is a good
turn, for sure. Verily... a no brainer.

Only...

With you I anticipate a step forward "here", so you can take two
steps back "there..." you know. I regret that I can only be
askance and akimbo with regards to your activity, Sir, but there
it is. At least I'm candid. Eh?

Seriously... how many women? Were any even considered?

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Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 08:30:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:51:24 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values - Clark

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 17:58:39 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 18:52:47 +0000
>>Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

>>They are a Cult only. A dangerous one in my opinion.

>I wouldn't go so far as to say they're "dangerous". I think
>that's wildly overestimating their audience and influence. I
>also think that a healthy skepticism is the only way a rational
>person can confront an 'unusual' subject like UFOs. But I don't
>think they have much say in where the research money goes, which
>is the literal bottom line here.

>Money is power, and the powerful wield the money, and if a UFO
>researcher can convince some big corporation that his or her
>research will somehow make them a big profit, then that
>researcher will be funded, no matter what anybody over at CSICOP
>says about it.

All I know is that the very initials C, S, I, C, O, and P -
which many years ago made my blood boil and race - now cause my
eyelids suddenly to feel heavy, my head to drop chestward,
gentle snores to emanate from my nasal cavity. These guys aren't
dangerous cultists, they're just stultifying bores.

I hope this thread has a short life. I love a good nap as much
as the next guy, but I've got work to do.

Jerry Clark

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Signaling E.T.

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:57:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:57:51 -0400
Subject: Signaling E.T.

Source: OhMyNewsCom - Seoul, Korea

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/562x>

2006-09-06

Signaling E.T.

New optical telescope allows Earth-bound scientists to communicate with aliens

Roberto Spiezio (seong)

16:38 (KST)

"I'll tell you one thing about the universe, though. The universe is a pretty big place. It's bigger than anything anyone has ever dreamed of before. So if it's just us... seems like an awful waste of space. Right?" --Jodie Foster as Dr. Ellie Arroway in Contact. (1997)

Enrico Fermi was one of the most brilliant scientific minds of the 20th century. Born in Italy, he moved to the United States to pursue his research in the field of Physics. Best known for the first controlled nuclear chain reaction and for having been awarded the Nobel Prize in 1938, Fermi also reflected on the existence of life in the universe.

He argued, although statistical probabilities were all in favor of the presence of other intelligent lifeforms in the universe, that there was a stunning lack of evidence about that. Hence his question: "Where are they [the extra-terrestrials]?" The physicist died in 1954 and after more than half a century we are still searching for that evidence.

If human kind weren't fundamentally stubborn, though, many great discoveries wouldn't have ever been made. The search for extraterrestrial life goes on, and a new project seems to be lighting up the hopes of scientists.

The SETI project has been using radio signals to survey the sky in search of aliens. but some scholars have introduced another approach, utilizing optical signals instead of radio waves.

The idea is not new, actually, the Planetary Society funded two study groups, at Berkeley and Harvard University in the late 1990s to perform targeted Optical SETI researches. The background idea was that a "high-intensity pulsed laser, teamed with a moderate sized telescope, forms an efficient interstellar beacon," to send light signals thousands of times brighter than the Sun. The hope was an intelligent civilization, observing this short pulse from another planet, could send a reply.

With the passing of time technology evolved, and a new OSETI project started at the end of 2000. The ambition of Harvard University scientists was a lot greater this time: increasing

the research range, from a targeted and therefore limited search, to a panoramic all-sky survey. The new telescope is located in Oak Ridge, Massachusetts, about 40 miles west of Boston, it has a main circular mirror of 1.8 meters - 72 inches - with a spherical curvature and also features sophisticated electronics.

The modern telescopes tend to have mirrors with a parabolic curvature to ensure a better definition of the image. In the case of OSETI, the different choice was made for a matter of costs and simplicity, in light of the fact that the primary telescope's purpose is not taking photos, but sending light signals. A spherical-curvature mirror costs less and has a simpler design.

Some electronic components, necessary to process the data provided and equip parts of the 200-pound custom-made camera have been purposely created by the project's research team, led by Professor Paul Horowitz.

Funded by the Planetary Society and the Bosack/Kruger Charitable Foundation, OSETI seems very promising, since the potential of the telescope is in fact stunning, according to Prof. Horowitz. He said:

"This new search apparatus performs one trillion measurements per second and expands by 100,000-fold the sky coverage of our previous optical search."

It will take the scientists about 200 clear nights to survey the entire sky visible from the observatory's location.

After years of preparation and hard work, the telescope started looking at the sky last April.

Radio Versus Optical

Optical SETI is not the only project aimed at the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. The more traditional approach has been using radio signals, and nowadays the Allen Telescope Array Project (ATA), which is currently still in development, is also considered very promising and effective by radio astronomers.

Which approach, radio or optical, is better and why?

According to Peter Backus, Observing Programs Manager in the Center for SETI Research at the SETI Institute, California:

"Radio signals are best for SETI (searching for E.T. Intelligence) and optical signals are best for CETI (communicating with E.T. Intelligence). A radio transmitter can more easily send a detectable signal to a very large fraction of our galaxy. A signal at optical wavelengths, even a short laser pulse, is absorbed by dust grains in the interstellar medium. The maximum range of an optical laser signal is about 1000 light years."

Dr. Backus also added: "There is another complication at shorter distances for a laser transmitter. Laser pulses have to be aimed to cover the habitable zone of nearby stars. Depending on the size of the mirror used to direct the pulses, for stars out to some distance the laser might have to point at multiple positions to make sure that the pulse reaches any habitable planets orbiting the star."

"A radio signal can cross the entire galaxy (~75,000 light years), except along the line of sight near the galactic center. The beam of radio energy from an antenna, even a large antenna, is much broader than a laser and so pointing is not an issue. There are other advantages to radio technology that are not available in lasers."

"Once communication is established, optical communication has a clear advantage in terms of bandwidth."

Whether by receiving radio or optical signals, all the people who believe there are other intelligent lifeforms in the universe are expecting an answer to Fermi's question: "Where are they?"

Roberto Spiezio spoke with Peter Backus via email in May 2006.

c. 2006 OhmyNews

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

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Re: John Lear Project Camelot Video Interview -

From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 05:18:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 06:54:44 -0400
Subject: Re: John Lear Project Camelot Video Interview -

>From: Kerry Cassidy <support.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 20:54:47 +0100
>Subject: John Lear Project Camelot Video Interview

>Dear All,

>Project Camelot Video Interview With John Lear:

><http://projectcamelot.org/interviews.html>

>John Lear is a well known figure in the UFO community.
>Enigmatic, outspoken and challenging, he is the quintessential
>man of the world. Framed by close-up photographs of Area 51 and
>the moon, high tech planes and memorabilia, he launched into the
>untold story of the 4th Astronaut who died in the tragic Apollo
>1 fire, along with Grissom, Chaffee and White back in 1967...
>and reveals NASA's biggest secret.

>In this cutting edge interview, John tells it like it is with no
>holds barred. He's a man who can tell a great story, keeping you
>on the edge of your seat the entire time. Under his gruff
>exterior he's a truly charming guy who's seen it all and has not
>lost his joie de vivre in the face of really ponderous
>knowledge.

Aloha my fellow Listerians,

Who are these fools? It seems like they believed every far out story they ever heard. They did an interview with John Lear. They wore blinders and fell for the 4th astronaut hokum. John Lear has for a long time been a very high type rated pilot and a teller of tall tales. The worst was years ago at Lear's house when he and paranoid wacko Bill Cooper used to get drunk together. Lear would get blotto and make up stories on the spot. Cooper would become a lowlife drunken, hateful cursing dog. I think he suffered chronic rabies. I used to see his mouth foam. Lear was disowned by his father, the more famous Bill Lear.

These fools even have an interview with Dan Burisch on their website. How low can you go? Royce, please add them to the list of UFO BSers.

If these fools could raise the money I am sure I could con them into buying a homemade saucer that I would claim was the real thing. But it could not yet fly because I got stuck trying to reverse engineer its damaged powerplant.

For \$4 million I would even throw in the Brooklyn Bridge at no additional cost. I would claim I found the saucer at night damaged on the ground below the bridge. I did not find any aliens. They had left a note saying they had gone to an X-rated movie theater and were then going to find some prostitutes. It said they had come to earth because they would get broadcast signals of XXX rated adult satellite TV stations. They had been told Earth girls are easy, so that was why they came. Once they found their hookers they would come because they learned to have human orgasms watching the XXX rated TV signals.

In the note they did not say what theater they were going to. So I quickly rented a crane and a truck to snatch it away. When I came to a dead end in my attempt to reverse engineer the saucer I decided to put it up for sale. I was hoping Bob Lazar could figure it out but he said he was too wrapped up in his present business.

I am sure it would be easy to con these Kerry Camelot angels.

Josh Goldstein

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Re: Signaling E.T. - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 11:41:18 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 07:00:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Signaling E.T. - Shell

UFO UpDates writes:

>Source: OhMyNewsCom - Seoul, Korea

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>2006-09-06

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>who believe there are other intelligent lifeforms in the
>universe are expecting an answer to Fermi's question: "Where are
>they?"

One of these days we'll notice that some new semiconductor we've
come up with gives the signal it processes a weird little wiggle
that we'll eventually figure out is coming a perturbation in some
extra dimension previously only theorized about. And after a few
tests, we'll find out that somehow in that dimension
communication is instantaneous, regardless of distance. Then
we'll be able to hear the aliens, if there are any out there.

Hopefully, we'll be smart enough to 'lurk' until we get the lay
of the land. Otherwise, we'll probably end up in some alien
stewpot.

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 17:18:01 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 07:01:43 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shough

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 20:55:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth?

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:09:40 -0400
>>Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth?

>>Heavier than air aircraft stay up by shoving air down, and
>>that's not a silent process, especially when the aircraft weighs
>>some thousands of pounds.

>Your comment betrays a surprising lack of understanding of how
>aircraft work.

>If you look at the cross section of an airplane wing, a bird's
>wing, a helicopter rotor blade, you will note that the curvature
>is such that air passing over the top must travel a greater
>distance than air passing under the bottom. This creates a
>pressure differential with lower pressure above the wing and
>higher pressure below. That is what produces the lift. Not
>shoving air down.

This is a basic misunderstanding. The wing is a fluid duct. The whole point of a wing aerofoil is in fact to generate downward momentum in a large region of air behind the wing due to downwash, augmented by the downward momentum in trailing edge vortices. Aerodynamic lift is a reaction force due to a net acceleration of air mass downward.

The Bernoulli's Theorem explanation based on streaming velocities over an aerofoil section is commonly repeated but very misleading. It is a cause and effect mistake. The curvature and camber of the aerofoil are actually inessential in generating lift. The pressure differential is not created by the differential streaming velocities over the foil; rather the increased topside velocity is caused by the decreased pressure, the decreased pressure is caused by angle of attack, and so what generates lift above all is the circulation and resultant downward shedding of momentum caused by the angle of attack.

This is why planes can happily fly upside down without dropping out of the sky. Notice that when a plane inverts, the wing camber is inverted and should (according to the pressure theory) drive the plane into the ground. This doesn't happen because the angle of attack in relation to the horizontal is preserved through the inversion and the wing still works just fine (though not ideally because the camber is now not working to reduce the stall speed). A flat board, a barn door, will generate lift with the right angle of attack. Some wings are flat, some (like the Wright brothers') are basically curved boards, others are perfectly symmetrical with zero camber, and the path length of the airflows on both sides of all such foils are exactly the same. A sailing boat sail can produce sideways lift even though it is a thin membrane - zero difference in surface flow paths but the boat can tack.

The angle of attack is overwhelmingly important in generating the necessary circulation and momentum transfer that causes lift, and this momentum transfer is basically "shoving air down".

See:

<http://user.uni-frankfurt.de/~weltner/Flight/PHYSIC4.htm>

<http://www.av8n.com/how/htm/airfoils.html#sec-flow-intro>

Martin Shough

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Formation Report #4 - Provost Alberta

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 09:25:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 07:03:24 -0400
Subject: Formation Report #4 - Provost Alberta

FORMATION REPORT #4 - PROVOST, ALBERTA

'Trilateral' formation of a double-ringed circle with three connecting straight pathways and outer circles. Found around September 1. Investigation is still on-going by CCCRN Alberta. Initial details, aerial photos and diagrams are now posted. This is the fourth reported formation for 2006. Further details pending.

<http://www.cccrn.ca/formationarchive2006.html>

Also...

Update - Buffalo Pound Lake, Saskatchewan Formation

Additional ground photos have now been posted, showing more of the lateral sideways lay of the prairie grass within the long looping pathway of this unusual formation(?).

It has now been reported that this is actually a dirt bike trail made in early July, with the grass naturally falling over it in subsequent weeks. This could explain both the uncharacteristic shape and lateral lay. Still under investigation.

<http://www.cccrn.ca/formationarchive2006.html>

Update - Armstrong, British Columbia Formation

A report has been posted (Details page) regarding a reported sighting of odd lights in nearby Kelowna, in a similar pattern to that of the formation, around the time that the formation was first found.

<http://www.cccrn.ca/formationarchive2006.html>

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

The Prairie Circular
the weblog of the canadian crop circle research network
<http://www.theprairiecircular.blogspot.com>

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Re: Three Articles From Current Fate Magazine -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 12:49:29 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 06:56:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Three Articles From Current Fate Magazine -

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>Three Articles From Current Fate Magazine

>Dumbing Down a Phenomenon. British Condign Report a disservice
>to science By Don Ledger

><http://fatemag.com/issues/2000s/2006-09article2a.html>

My original title had been Dumbing Down a Phenomenon - At What
Cost?

Don Ledger

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Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 17:31:06 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 07:07:45 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values - Miller

>Source: CSICOP - Amherst, New York, USA

><http://www.csicop.org/si/2006-04/values.html>

>April 2006

>Comment And Opinion

>In Defense Of The Higher Values
>by Kendrick Frazier

<snip>

List

There have been a number of pieces in the last few days on Man's preposity towards "belief". See

Human brain naturally inclined towards the supernatural

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2-2342421,00.html>

and responses of sorts:

Scientists angered by telephone telepathy study

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2-2344196,00.html>

Festival attacked over paranormal 'nonsense'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/09/06/nscience06.xml>

None of it is new of course and we've been there before. The obvious point to make is that if the will to believe is natural and innate, then it follows that CSICOPians are freaks of nature as they go against the grain and while accepting that the days of putting such unusual human specimens in carnivals and sideshows are long gone, for them I'd be happy to make an exception.

Of course, it is easy to mock and they are easy to poke fun at but, the truth is, the main core of the argument, namely that it is an innate condition, is one that affects us as well. We are caught in the crossfire of hypocrisy. "Proper" ufologists don't "believe" either because that is not the scientific method and so materially, if not philosophically, they are on the same side of the fence as the CSICOPians. In theory that is. In practice I think the vast majority of us are really believers and suppress that thought or concept because it is intellectually unacceptable. We deny and suppress. Is that honest?

In fairness, perhaps for most, the bedrock is one of belief but of sceptical belief. That is, "I am prepared to believe and accept. I just want good evidence, whatever that might constitute, to confirm before I commit myself intellectually and emotionally" whereas for CSICOPians, you could probably stick a real alien right under their noses and they still wouldn't have

it.

A Wall of Kimballism is coming at you gradually, part of which will be a monster interview with Paul in the next and very belated issue of UFO Review. In it, Paul says quite unequivocally that he thinks that most sceptics wouldn't have a problem with accepting ET. I completely disagree. I think for most CSICOPians, actual, acceptable evidence of the paranormal or of ET would be the end of the world.

Stuart Miller

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Don Ledger's 'Dumbing Down a Phenomenon'

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 18:44:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 07:10:54 -0400
Subject: Don Ledger's 'Dumbing Down a Phenomenon'

Thanks Don - the article puts into words what many people have been trying to say.

<http://tinyurl.com/r747e>

Suggest anyone with pages link to it - show-up establishment flim-flam and deviousness - lying.

A long time ago the Sunday Times was once a respected crusading newspaper - now they seem not to know the difference between non-existent plasma and non-existent gas.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Organizations Seek to Verify UFO Reports -

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 14:51:41 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 07:16:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Organizations Seek to Verify UFO Reports -

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 17:49:46 EDT
>Subject: Re: Organizations Seek to Verify UFO Reports

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 13:35:36 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

>>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 18:41:13 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Organizations Seek To Verify UFO Reports

><snip>

>>>"Of the approximately 1,200 cases are investigated
>>>annually, as many as 10 to 20 percent remain
>>>unexplainable." The story isn't that the majority, or even
>>>the vast majority, of cases can be explained. The story is
>>>that some of them haven't been.

>>Good point, Paul. Imagine another scenario where an airliner
>>crashes and the media reports that only 10-20 percent of
>>the passengers survived. Was that 25 or 50 people? Oh well
>>that's not important, the big story is that 200 people
>>perished. If it bleeds it leads.

>>That is poor writing; In the case of UFO example the 10-20
>>percent is fudging the numbers to the detriment of the
>>numbers. For example, that's the difference of between
>>perhaps 500,000 to 1,000,000 unexplained cases. If I was
>>going to fudge the numbers I'd be more inclined to suspect
>>that 20 plus percent unexplained would be more the case.

>>Brad Spark's review of Project Blue Book estimates that over
>>30 percent of those had no reasonable prosaic explanation.
>>As we all know, cases are often blown off simply because
>>only one or two of the a dozen or more details concerning a
>>case can be associated with some prosaic event.

>>I'll probably be brow beaten for this, but in my case of the
>>reports [mostly local] that I've personally checked into
>>over the years, I'd be hard pressed to come up with
>>explanations for 20 percent of them. I don't think the
>>public is as uninformed as they are made out to be.

>Hi Don:

>I think it's fair to assume that the number of unexplainable
>cases is lower than the figures cited above, i.e. they would
>go down if all cases were investigated properly, thoroughly,
>and with the required resources.

I'd disagree with the contention that more detail is needed to
explain away most of them. That's too safe, Paul. But it still
has validity so I can't and won't get into that argument.

>Still, there would remain some cases that would still be
>unexplained. 1%, 3%, 5%, 10%... what difference, really? Some
>say it only takes one.

>The fact that there are some cases that are unexplained after
>a thorough investigation is what should be of interest to both
>science and the media. They are the true unknowns, and
>indicate a subject worthy of serious study.

Agreed

>The RB-47H case is the one that I cite when people ask me what
>one case they should look at first. Very few people outside
>the relatively narrow confines of ufology are aware of it -
>certainly far fewer people than are aware of Roswell.

The RB-47 case is one of ufology's best kept secrets.
>There are others, of course - one that gets less attention
>than it should is the 1996 Yukon case, investigated by Martin
>Jasek - multiple independent witnesses, in different locations
>far apart from each other, reporting the same thing observed.

Martin has another case which is in the diary of a Mineral Claims
Surveyor that, as Martin will tell you, floats my boat. He sent
me a hard copy of it some years ago because it interested me so.
It's a single witness encounter [if you don't include the dog]
that the surveyor, Des Clark, recorded in his working diary of
his encounter on March 15 1988 where it languished for 11 years
before an engineer at the company who had contracted Mr. Clark
passed the diary on to Martin and referenced the diary pages for
him to read. It's the purity of the report, reported only to a
diary, embedded in to context of the workweek that gets to me.
But read it for yourself:

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

Des Clark had no ax to grind; just reported it on paper and moved
on with his strenuous task of surveying in the Yukon wilderness.

Don Ledger

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Re: Condign Update - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 11:42:32 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 07:21:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Condign Update - Nielsen

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 00:06:42 +0100
>Subject: Re: Condign Update

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 07:26:53 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Condign Update

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>>To what do the codes "S-26" and "S-27" refer?

>These are exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act:

>Section 26 - Defence.

>Section 27 - International Relations.

>See the following link for definitions:

><http://www.dca.gov.uk/foi/yourRights/exemptions.htm>

>>What do the X's refer to in the following sections?

<snip>

>The Xs indicate material that's still redacted - i.e. withheld
>because of the various exemptions.

<snip>

Thank you very much Nick!

So, we can conclude that all the X'd sections noted with S-26 refer to sensitive info redacted for defense concerns, and all those marked S-27 are for international relations (IR), right?

May we also presume that those redacted statements could potentially harm UK defense and IR?

If so, would the harm to UK defense be related to enemies with superior technology than the UK and its allies? Is this a tacit admission of ET craft?

Also, would the harm to UK IR be due to allied advanced tech flights over non-allied territories? Would this be an implicit admission of advanced allied craft experimentation?

Or am I taking all this too far?

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Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs? -

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 15:17:42 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 07:22:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs? -

>Source: New Scientist, Sutton, Surrey, UK

><http://tinyurl.co.uk/pr7z>

>21 July 2006

>Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs?

>David L Chandler
>NewScientist.com News Service

>Life on planets such as Earth or Mars could have been seeded by
>electrically charged microbes from space, suggests a new study.

<snip>

>Other researchers have already demonstrated that some bacterial
>spores can survive in conditions thought to exist in
>interplanetary space, and then be revived. So the possibility of
>interplanetary spread of life is plausible and deserves further
>investigation, Dehel believes.

>Charged microbes could also be propelled outwards from a planet
>at high speed by "magnetospheric plasmoids" - independent
>structures of plasma and magnetic fields that can be swept away
>from the Earth's magnetosphere. Hitching rides on these
>structures could accelerate microbes to speeds capable of taking
>them out of the solar system and on to the planets of other
>stars.

>And because of the potential for a steady outflow of the
>particles pushed by the electric fields, a single life-bearing
>world might seed an entire galaxy with life, claims Dehel.

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

Physicist Claudius Gros' very important UFO/Fermi Paradox paper which was published by the same British Interplanetary Society journal at about the same time as the paper by Maccabee, Haish, Deardorff and Puthoff follows similar thinking and comes to the same conclusion.

The important difference between Gros's and Dehel's papers is that a spacefaring race of intelligent beings is not required to help seed our entire galaxy with life in a short time (millions rather than billions of years) but can just as easily be done by Nature herself with electified microbes ejected from planet Earth (still the only place in the universe known to harbour life) through their interaction with Earth's magnetosphere.

Since microbes can survive the harse conditions of space (recall that microbes in the camera on the 1966 unmanned Surveyor lunar lander which the Apollo 12 astronauts retrieved and brought back with them revived while back on Earth!) it should not be a big

surprise when organic based ET life is discovered and found to be identical to life on Earth.

Could Earth based microbes be the origin for all life on other worlds in our galaxy? Have we already contaminated the cosmos? If so, would be like gods to all extraterrestrial lifeforms. Should highly advance prehistoric or long forgotten human civilizations also once existed on Earth, they could have attained spacefaring status and thus would easily explain why many of the reported occupants of UFOs look very much like us.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Signaling E.T. - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 17:17:53 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 07:28:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Signaling E.T. - Friedman

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2006 10:57 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Signaling E.T.

>Source: OhMyNewsCom - Seoul, Korea

><http://tinyurl.co.uk/562x>

>2006-09-06

>Signaling E.T.

>New optical telescope allows Earth-bound scientists to
>communicate with aliens

>Roberto Spiezio (seong)

>16:38 (KST)

>"I'll tell you one thing about the universe, though. The
>universe is a pretty big place. It's bigger than anything
>anyone has ever dreamed of before. So if it's just us...
>seems like an awful waste of space. Right?" --Jodie Foster
>as Dr. Ellie Arroway in Contact. (1997)

>Enrico Fermi was one of the most brilliant scientific minds of
>the 20th century. Born in Italy, he moved to the United States
>to pursue his research in the field of Physics. Best known for
>the first controlled nuclear chain reaction and for having been
>awarded the Nobel Prize in 1938, Fermi also reflected on the
>existence of life in the universe.

>He argued, although statistical probabilities were all in favor
>of the presence of other intelligent lifeforms in the universe,
>that there was a stunning lack of evidence about that. Hence his
>question: "Where are they [the extra-terrestrials]?" The
>physicist died in 1954 and after more than half a century we are
>still searching for that evidence.

<snip>

My column in the Current UFO Magazine and MUFON Journal talks
about Fermi and Optical SETI.

Fermi was famous for asking questions as a teaching tool. In a
lunch discussion with colleagues at Los Alamos it was agreed
that once one developed advanced technology, the galaxy should
be colonizable within less than 2 million years. His question
was so "Where is Everybody?" or "Where are they?".

Many different answers have been proposed. He didn't say nobody
is out there or nobody is coming here as the SETI specialists
would like to believe. Obviously answers could include they are
coming here and the government knows all about it... or they
have bases on the back side of the moon or in the asteroid belt,
or under the ocean, etc. etc. etc.

Stan Friedman

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Everything We Sense Is An Illusion To A Degree

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 20:30:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 07:25:44 -0400
Subject: Everything We Sense Is An Illusion To A Degree

Hello List,

Re. the Subject line...

Although it's also my own conclusion, it's a direct quote from latest traceable research

<http://tinyurl.com/zmyrn>

scroll to foot of Vanderbilt University release.

I have greatest respect for experienced observers, and for various reasons believe they could be 'immune' to some illusions to some degree - although maybe more prone to others.

Even so, to save me from getting into arguments over and over again, the fact is: none of us can see 'the truth' - ever.

Google 'exsenses' for some academic publications from '77 to date.

Cheers

Ray D

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Sequoyah Trueblood?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 09:01:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 09:01:20 -0400
Subject: Sequoyah Trueblood?

From: Leonna Brandao <nvopres.nul>
To: <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 14:06:02 -0400
Subject: Sequoyah Trueblood?

[Non-Subscriber Post]

To whomever this may concern,

I am writing on behalf of my son John Anthony Diaz who had written to Nancy Red Star (Tula) in hopes of getting a mailing address for Mr. Sequoyah Trueblood.

Unfortunately, the letter was returned stating that the she was not authorized to receive mail at the address given.

My son has suffered much and he has been in great pain these last ten or more years due to experiences similar to Mr. Trueblood.

If anyone can help him I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Leonna Abraham Brandao

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 16:52:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 09:10:26 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - White

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 20:55:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth?

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2006 17:09:40 -0400
>>Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth?

>>Heavier than air aircraft stay up by shoving air down, and
>>that's not a silent process, especially when the aircraft weighs
>>some thousands of pounds.

>Your comment betrays a surprising lack of understanding of how
>aircraft work.

>If you look at the cross section of an airplane wing, a bird's
>wing, a helicopter rotor blade, you will note that the curvature
>is such that air passing over the top must travel a greater
>distance than air passing under the bottom. This creates a
>pressure differential with lower pressure above the wing and
>higher pressure below. That is what produces the lift. Not
>shoving air down.

As a mechanical engineer who studied airflow, and a former
pilot, I am familiar with the theory of lift. When an airfoil
generates that pressure differential, it's force equals mass
times acceleration, and the result is that air is pushed
downward. In an aircraft at cruise speed, it's not very
noticeable, because a new batch of air is always being
encountered very quickly. But there has to be a downward
movement as a result of that momentary pressure differential.

This is easily seen by noting the downwash under a hovering
helicopter.

Eleanor White

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Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 17:08:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 09:12:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs? - White

>Source: New Scientist, Sutton, Surrey, UK

><http://tinyurl.co.uk/pr7z>

>21 July 2006

>Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs?

>David L Chandler
>NewScientist.com News Service

>Life on planets such as Earth or Mars could have been seeded by
>electrically charged microbes from space, suggests a new study.

>Since the discovery of meteorites from Mars on Earth in the
>1990s, people have speculated that living microbes could have
>travelled back and forth between the two planets, perhaps
>allowing one planet to seed the other with life.

A few scientists, one being James McCanney, insist that heavenly bodies - planets and suns - are not even close to being electrically neutral. A star clearly is likely to, and is observed to, stream subatomic particles at speeds where they won't return. It's not likely the number of positive and negative charges ejected will be equal. And it's not likely planets will capture exactly the same number of oppositely charged particles, given the huge differences in mass between electrons and protons, which implies very different speeds and trajectories.

And it's also likely that different planets hold different net captured charge levels.

So if McCanney is right, differences in net charge levels among planets could further propel interplanetary microbes.

Eleanor White

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Re: Heflin Case Papers - Golubik

From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 01:38:49 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 09:18:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers - Golubik

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2006 18:43:39 +0100
>Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2006 14:44:03 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2006 12:34:28 +0100
>>>Subject: Heflin Case Papers

<snip>

>>And of course Dick Hall compiled and saw all the Heflin case
>>materials at NICAP long before the break-up, since he supervised
>>and coordinated the NICAP investigation. Also he thinks he still
>>has a binder with some important Heflin case materials, but has
>>been unable to find it so far.

>Does he indeed? Well this is good news, and what we had long
>been hoping for. Let's hope he manages to find it.

>Meanwhile if anyone at all out there is still working on this
>case, a few items FYI:

>I've been trying to track down Paul Cook, who was a County
>Planning Engineer in 1965 and a former co-worker and friend of
>Rex Heflin. I had information that he might still be located
>through the Transportation dept of Orange County. Unfortunately
>the lead I had didn't work out. I'm still keen to talk to him,
>if he is indeed still around and active (he may be well into
>retirement). On the off-chance that anyone living in the area
>has any clues or ideas I'd appreciate hearing about it off-List.

>Re the large truck visible emerging from the underpass in Heflin
>#1. I'm hunting a primary source for the traffic survey that was
>done, presumably by LANS members, to determine the proportion of
>traffic coming on down Myers Rd. The only source I have is a
>brief caption facing p.128 of the 1968 Signet paperback edition
>of the Lorenzens' "UFO's over the Americas". Ann Druffel has no
>knowledge or memory of this. Dick Hall did not respond to a
>query - perhaps he was unwell at the time and may wish to
>respond now. If anyone can help, again I'd be grateful.

>I've located a valuable 1969 article by John Gray which has
>original LANS survey information on the utility pole heights and
>spacings as well as other useful things, such as a reproduction
>of a full uncropped version of photo #2. If anyone wants
>these data off-List they can ask me.

>Wendy Connors has very kindly also sent me a copy of the Jan
>1968 Gray interview with Heflin, dated just two days after the
>famous LANS meeting at the Eppersons' when Heflin was grilled by
>McDonald, Hartmann and others, and one day after the documentary
>interview by Dr. Stephen Black. Should be interesting!

>Finally, I'm presently writing up an organised discussion of all
>the issues that have been raised with regard to this case,
>recently and historically (or as many as I can think of),
>pulling in all the evidence I can find. This is for free
>circulation in some form as a resource for those studying the
>case. Anyone who wants to receive information about this or has
>information or suggestions to share is invited to let me know.

>Martin Shough

Thanks Martin,

Spacing on poles is either 205' or 209' feet and the height was 33' according to Gray. It's not completely clear whether he actually measured the spacing since he made an adjustment to it in 1968 upon receiving more data from a later "more complete, photo #1 (referenced below). I've also located many very useful documents, including a chronology of events from Epperson. I too would like to track down more of the names mentioned and wish you luck. If I have time, I might jump in too.

I have a reproduced "constructed" uncropped #1 and the #2 of yours sounds interesting... is it referred to as uncropped? How is it represented?

My analysis is about 2/3 complete. I hope to start posting it on a web link for all to see at some point. Currently, just laying low and keeping really busy at work. I read the comments here about once a week. I hope to post some of these documents too, including Heflin's Affidavit and Gray's detailed analysis of image #1.

Viktor Golubik

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Sawers

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 13:27:38 +1000
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 09:27:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Sawers

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 08:01:23 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>>To: <ufupdates.nul>,
>>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 17:28:18 +1000
>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

><snip>

>>The pseudepigrapha and apocrypha is the stumbling block. What is
>>hidden away in the Vatican or other secret places, sects and
>>cults from Juche to Rastafari, Judaism to Diaspora and even the
>>Dead Sea Scrolls leads us straight back to your second point!?
>>O the paradox...

>Thanks William! It would be interesting if someone would take on
>the task of a meta-analysis of these texts, as well as all the
>ancient texts of all the other belief systems extant.

Meta-analysis of the texts plus meta-analysis of UFO! It would
make for a encyclopaedic series of immense importance though, if
it could be accomplished. That one thesis could make sense of
it all?

>One source to start with would be:

><http://www.sacred-texts.com/index.htm>

>But to do this right, those researchers would have to take all
>the CE data into account, and then combine it with the sacred
>texts.

This is a formidable if not gargantuan task Rick... the mind
boggles and senses reel at it's immensity. One just has to
Google Religion for a starter, then try UFOs! To collate this
into some sort of order would be difficult in itself but then to
make a prototype in combination with the 'sacred texts' is a
tall order.

>Once completed, what would we have? We would have a quasi-
>historical-religious account of this phenomenon, with a
>credibility determined by the authors of the research.

Yes, with still many questions <g>... there would never be a
consensus because of the above point you make...

>But what good would that do for humanity? It would not change
>beliefs. It would not change what governments do to their
>citizens. It would not bring us closer to understanding this
>phenomenon or the drivers of it.

We don't know this because it hasn't been accomplished and It
will be dependant on who took notice. If it is a multitude of
the great unwashed, there wont be a whisper, if it 'lands on the
White House Lawn', and accepted, I think we could very well open
a vessel of infinite proportions and danger.

This study would need, 'disclosure,' as so as to get all available data? I think we move into very complicated, and even perilous terrain?

If I may speculate on the Muslim situation as an example... would the Muslim nations accept the study? For instance, if it is postulated that ET has manipulated the genome of man, and this doctrinal template is touted in the west. Even, (no matter how unlikely) it's adopted as 'likely,' would our Muslim brothers accept this as readily as the 'infidels' would? Or, could they interpret said doctrine as being another effort by the West to undermine Allah, bringing forth a Jihad as ferocious and deadly as the world has never seen before.

We, the West, comfortable in our armchairs feel we could handle disclosure, but where does the third world stand? All many of this multitude have, is their strong faith. You take it away or even confuse them, it will place an even larger blockade between us, with perhaps disastrous results. This is one reason why I think 'disclosure' is not an option in the world as we know it.

Regards

William

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Sawers

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2006 13:43:52 -0300
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2006 15:51:52 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 16:37:52 +1000
>>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

<snip>

>>>Please excuse me for butting in here and changing the context,
>>>but The 6 fingered Neophilm are spoken of as Aliens(?) in the
>>>Bible. 'Being 'giants' they mated with the women of earth'...
>>>I'm not sure how, or what became of them.

>>>Then there's the angels that visited Ezechial in a ring of fire.
>>>Not exactly 'elsewhere in the universe stuff' or life elsewhere,
>>>but for what its worth it's in there.....

>>Please note the very interesting book The Bible And Flying
>>Saucers, by Dr. Barry Downing. It notes many UFO sightings in
>>the old and new testament. Mormons talk of many civilizations,
>Don't Hindus and Buddhists as well?

>>Also SETI is a search for electromagnetic signals. It is not a
>>search for ET Intelligence. If it was there would be at least
>>some effort to examine the UFO evidence by SETI guys. There
>>isn't... Ufology comes much closer.

>It's my suspicion that religion is the cart before the horse.
>It's not much of a stretch to imagine that if some some ETI
>arrived in our solar system some 10 thousand or more years ago
>that it could have planted the seed of a supreme being simply by
>their own exploits; but probably not intentionally.

>Going back to 2000 years ago with just our own 20th-21st Century
>technology would have been enough to have the locals on their
>knees. The populations of the day were profoundly ignorant [note
>I did not say they were stupid] of the world around them and
>what was overhead. Only a few thinkers suspected that more was
>going on "in heaven and Earth" than most suspected. Even then
>some of them must have wondered why they could find thousands of
>sea shells a mile up an mountainside. The Greek philosophers
>were on the right track but of course other ignorants as usual,
>got in the way , usually for their own self serving ends [read
>power, influence and riches]. I've no doubt that technologically
>speaking we would be much further along today than we are if it
>had not been for religion's Dark Ages and the likes of the
>Spanish Inquisition priest Tom=Els de Torquemada and those that
>burned the library at Alexandria. The library's demise and its
>destroyers whether they be Christians, Muslims, the Vandals or
>the Romans under Julius Caesar was for the same common end; keep

>the population ignorant.

>Not much has changed.

It doesn't look like it's about to change in the near future either. The same types of power-bases are rife today as 200-300-1000 yrs ago. Unfortunately this bleak outlook is not just from a pessimist but is the facts based on the reality of of our society. Even 'Disclosure' seems a long, long way off.

William

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Secret NASA Transmissions Video Not Proof

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While Extraterrestrial Life May Exist, The Secret NASA
Transmissions" Video Is Not Proof Of It
by Mike Adams

This is a review of a video called "The Secret NASA
Transmissions: The Smoking Gun." The video is called the most
popular underground tape among astronauts, and it claims to show
video evidence of aliens in space. There's allegedly some form
of intelligent life flying around on the NASA videos.

I decided to take a look at this video because a lot of people
were mentioning it, and they knew that I was interested in
evidence of life beyond Earth (even if it's just microbial life
on Mars). While it's true that I am curious about things out
that run counter to the mainstream, I do not automatically
believe those things. In fact, I'm skeptical of everything I
hear, see or view. I may be one of very few genuine skeptics
taking a serious look at this video, because most so-called
skeptics running around the internet today have already made up
their minds on everything (they either dismiss all UFOs as
nonsense without even bothering to look at the evidence, or at
the other extreme, they automatically believe all UFO videos
without any sense of healthy skepticism).

For me though, I take a look at everything with an open mind and
decide if it makes any sense. And when I view this secret NASA
transmissions video, I don't see anything resembling alien life
or UFOs, I just see a bunch of space dust, floating crystals,
lens effects and camera zooms that are grossly misinterpreted as
showing piloted alien spacecraft. And this is from a guy who
believes, beyond any doubt, that there is extraterrestrial life
beyond planet Earth. It's out there, but as far as I can tell,
it's not on this video.

For example, there's one segment in this video that claims to
show a UFO in outer space that zooms along at a certain angle
and then it suddenly changes course and travels at a different
angle. The narrator points this out very excitedly in the video,
and I've heard other people talk about this particular sequence.
They say, "See? Look! That object changed direction." Well, the
truth is, if you look at what's happening in that video sequence
-- and anybody who knows anything whatsoever about videography
would be able to recognize this -- what's actually happening is
that the camera is filming during a zoom function. That is, the
lens zooms quickly while an object is slowly making its way
across the screen from left to right.

When the zoom stops, it appears that the object that moving from
left to right suddenly and miraculously changes its angle of
motion. In reality, it was always moving in a straight line,

it's just that our frame of reference of it was altered during the zoom of the camera lens. I can reproduce the exact same thing with any video camera. It's very easy to do, and in fact you can see in this video that the camera is zooming because all the stars in the background are zooming too. It's a very abrupt zoom of the camera lens, by the way. It starts suddenly and it ends suddenly, indicating the zoom is undoubtedly motorized (it's not a hand-controlled zoom). This is what makes the object appear to abruptly change direction. In fact, it's just some object floating out there in space, moving along in a straight line without changing direction at all.

But this all gets misinterpreted as "proof" that an object instantly changed direction in outer space. Therefore, it must be an alien spacecraft. Some people, it seems, want to believe in this "proof" so badly that their conscious minds will erase the stars in the background of the video that clearly show the starting and stopping of a camera zoom function. In other words, it's certainly not proof of aliens among us, but it is proof that some people in the UFO community are unbelievably gullible and have absolutely no common sense (or don't understand the laws of physics or basic camera mechanics).

Interestingly, most of the serious UFO folks undoubtedly agree with me. There's far better evidence of UFOs available than what's shown in this video. And the really smart people who follow this topic aren't fooled by camera zoom effects, either. So I don't mean to paint this as something that represents the entire UFO community -- clearly, it doesn't. It's really more of a joke than anything offering serious footage of UFOs. Anybody who takes this video seriously is marching down the wrong path if they want to find hard evidence of extraterrestrial life.

If there's one thing that's missing from a lot of the talk about UFOs today, it's basic skepticism. Having an open mind is great, but you've also got to engage that brain and consider other explanations for what you're seeing on film. One reason the UFO community has so little credibility among mainstream scientists today is precisely because it is steeped in video hoaxes and footage of natural phenomena that are hyped up as proof of alien life. It's sort of like crying wolf one time too many: When real UFOs show up, who will believe it?

A lot of people who've read my work may be surprised by this personal assessment of the secret NASA transmissions video. They might think, "What happened to Mike? I thought he believed in alternative theories?" I do believe in many alternative theories, but I arrived at them all through a process of skepticism. I believe that there is microbial life on Mars right now. There's no question in my mind that there is intelligent life in the universe far beyond what we know about today. I believe in the Drake equation. When you calculate the Drake equation, the result says there should be billions of planets harboring intelligent life in our galaxy alone, not to mention other galaxies. I also believe that NASA is hiding a lot of information, especially about Mars. I believe there is water on Mars and there is microbial life to be found in that water, even if it's largely frozen. Every heard of extremophiles? I think NASA is withholding a lot of information from the public on many subjects. And I'd love to see all that caught on film, but the Secret NASA Transmissions video is definitely not it.

I believe that a lot of what scientists say today about the universe is flat wrong. For example, scientists don't really have a good understanding of what comets are made of. They don't even know what the Earth is made of, or the sun. So, you may find that many of the people who believe in the secret NASA transmissions video are some of the same people that I might tend to agree with on many subjects, but not on this one. I don't see a single thing in this entire video (and I've watched it twice) that is moving in any way that couldn't be explained by the basic physics of common particles. You know, some of this could just be ice crystals. It could be the urine dumps outside the space capsules, it could be space dust, or it could be debris from the capsules. All this stuff is just moving in a constant line of direction, just as things do in space.

At one point in the video, the narrator points to something that's flashing as it moves across the screen, as if the flash itself is supposed to indicate intelligent life. Didn't they consider that maybe it's just a solid piece of metal that just

happens to be spinning and rotating? Of course it's going to flash as it moves through space because once an object is rotating and floating around in space, it will not stop rotating on its own. There's no friction in space, so these objects are going to continue to appear to flash in a steady pattern. It doesn't mean they are alive, it just means they reflect light and are spinning. For the life of me, I can't figure out why so many people don't understand basic physics, especially when it comes to looking for UFOs in space. Do I believe that UFOs exist? Do I believe there is intelligent life in the universe? Absolutely, no question about it; they are just not on this video.

The bigger question is this: Is advanced technology flying around our planet? The answer is undoubtedly yes. There may be some super-advanced military technology. Some of it may be some revamped Nikola Tesla technology, who knows? Maybe the Roswell UFO crash was the real thing and there was some technology taken from that crash as portrayed in the movie "Independence Day." There's a lot of weird stuff flying around out there, but again, I don't see any sign of alien life on this video. In fact, I'm glad this video exists and I hope that the producers of this video continue their search, because maybe they will find some really convincing, hard evidence at some point, but right now, all I see is obvious misinterpretations of what people are seeing on their screens.

On the back of the cover of this DVD, there's a large quote at the top that says, "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof." While I agree with that statement, this video is definitely not the proof. If you believe this video offers proof of aliens among us, you need to retake Physics 101. There's not a single alien on the entire video. Not even a muppet alien.

There is, however, a fascinating array of flashy junk floating around in space that's been caught on film. And if you're interested in watching small particles spin and move in straight lines in outer space, you may love this film.

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No Extra Charge For UFOs And Aliens

Contributor Lloyd Garver Looks At A Vacation That's Out Of This World

(CBS) And you thought your latest hotel bill was high? Las Vegas entrepreneur Robert Bigelow hopes that within 10 years, he'll be able to charge guests somewhere between \$5 million and \$13 million for a weekend at his proposed hotel. Even accounting for inflation and that raise your boss keeps promising you, the price seems a bit steep. On the other hand, you'll be able to bring home some fantastic photos =97 because his proposed hotel will be in space.

Bigelow's idea is to send an inflatable space module on top of a rocket, and then have it inflate and orbit the earth. It's kind of a combination blimp and space station. He launched a one-third scale model on top of a Russian rocket in July, and it's orbiting the earth right now. If he can just get that other two-thirds up there, people will soon be lining up to bribe the bellman to get the best moon-view rooms.

NASA worked on inflatable space modules until 2000, when budget cuts ended the project. So they sold their plans to Bigelow, feeling that he wasn't some nut, but was a guy with a viable research plan.

It's ironic that Bigelow made his fortune with the Budget Suites of America hotel chain. At his hotels, guests often pay \$79 a day for a two-bedroom suite with a kitchen. Now he's thinking of charging people thousands of times that just to go around in circles in a room where you can't even open the window.

Bigelow has had a fascination with space since he was a child. His grandparents told him about a "close encounter" they had had with a UFO; ever since then, he has wanted to become involved in space exploration.

Not everyone who works for and with Bigelow shares his belief in the paranormal. He has hired professors, engineers, and even former astronaut Edgar Mitchell, the sixth man to walk on the moon. Many of his colleagues don't believe in things like UFOs, but they do believe that sending an inflatable object into space might be both possible and practical.

On the surface, it probably seems like the price tag is one of the major hurdles for the project. I know millions of dollars sounds like a lot of money for a weekend, but I'm sure there are a some super-rich people who would be tempted to cancel their

weekend in the Hamptons or Vail for a chance at an outer space experience. It would have great snob appeal. They could brag that they were finally able to relax without worrying about "ordinary people" sharing their vacation space. They won't have to get upset about not being able to park their Mercedes right in front of their favorite wine-and-cheese store because some weekend tourists parked their old Toyota there.

Weightlessness could turn the space hotel into the universe's most desirable health spa. And if guests have any encounters with cute little aliens, they can always treat them as pets like those little dogs they carry in their purses.

But what about those of us who have limits on our Visa card somewhat below \$5 million? How can Bigelow make this kind of travel appealing to us?

I have an idea for him. How much would it be worth to you to travel by air and actually have it be a pleasant experience? You know, like it used to be.

So, Bigelow should hire flight attendants who love their jobs and enjoy serving the public. He should let you use your cell phone in the air. He should have the air conditioning set to a temperature that doesn't freeze or broil you. You shouldn't ever have to sit next to someone who elbows you the whole flight. And passengers should be able to eat meals that are actually edible.

I don't know about you, but perks like those would make it awfully tempting to me. And when you think about it, is \$5 million really that much to pay for a real-sized pillow and enough space so that your feet and your carry-on bag can both fit under the seat in front of you? In fact, I think I'm going to start saving now just so I can fly without today's hassles. If I start buying more generic stuff and make sure the living room light is turned off every night, it shouldn't take me long to save \$5 million, right?

Lloyd Garver writes a weekly column for SportsLine.com. He has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier." He has also read many books, some of them in hardcover.

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Thursday, 7 September 2006

Looking For Life From Outer Space

A conference is marking the retirement of Prof Chandra Wickramasinghe, a pioneer of the theory that life evolved in outer space before coming to Earth. Christopher Sleight reports.

There is an excited atmosphere in lecture room M040 at the mathematics institute of Cardiff University.

There's a lively discussion about Pluto's recent loss of planet status, but the hot topic of conversation is about life in outer space.

The idea is being discussed earnestly and with scientific references - this is no X-Files-style convention, but a gathering of eminent scientists and academics from around the globe.

They are here for a conference on panspermia and to hear from one of its leading proponents, Prof Wickramasinghe.

The Sri Lankan-born academic, who has just retired from his chair at the university after 33 years, is a passionate believer that we are not alone in the universe.

He freely admits his work is often met with "unabashed hostility".

More diplomatically minded fellow scientists have called his theories "optimistic". Others have described them as a "joke", "ridiculous" - even an "unpardonable heresy".

But the 67-year-old professor takes his ideas very seriously.

"I'm completely convinced that we're right. If one had a wrong theory, then sooner or later you would have a conflict with observations," he says.

"But everything that has happened since 1977 - when we first put forward these ideas - has gone in the direction confirming it, not disproving or falsifying it.

"No evidence has turned up that would make me rethink the idea that life came from space."

Many scientists recently criticised the professor for his claims that the virus causing severe acute respiratory syndrome in 2003 and the flu outbreak in 2000 both came from outer space.

The professor, who remains at Cardiff University as director of astrobiology, claimed that solar activity brought cosmic dust

containing the virus into the Earth's atmosphere.

The theory was not universally accepted, to say the least.

It has been much the same for the last 30 years, when Prof Wickramasinghe first unveiled his theories to the wider scientific community.

He says the conference convened to discuss the idea of panspermia in 1981 at the University of Maryland simply tried to debunk the idea.

"It was a group of people who thought they could talk us out of pursuing this crazy idea that life came from space," he says.

Over the past three decades he has also received threatening mail and phone calls because of his ideas "on many occasions".

It is something that irritated him at first, but not now that his theories are becoming a lot more accepted, he says.

"The general idea that life on earth is part of a long chain of connections that extends all the way to the remotest corners of the universe - this idea is beginning to become almost mainstream in science.

"I think the idea is becoming more accepted - so much so that there is huge investment in looking for life from space."

He admits there is still a "huge amount of work" to do in the area, but he remains convinced that conclusive evidence will soon prove that life can exist in the extremes of space.

He says he will continue to ignore his detractors.

"It's essentially a pre-Copernican attitude. Before the middle of the 15th Century the Earth was thought to be the centre of the universe.

"Galileo and Copernicus and others at that time essentially disproved that point of view, but it took a long struggle for people to abandon the Earth-centred view point," he says.

"When you look at the detailed nature of life in terms of molecular complexity it seems extremely unreasonable to suppose that on this tiny speck of dust - which is all that the Earth is - the most complex physical system originated.

"I think the universe must be teeming with sentient life... sooner or later we will make contact with extra-terrestrial intelligence."

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Conspiracy Confab Coming To Kansas City

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Cowtown Confidential

Pssst! Conspiracy Confab Coming To Kansas City
Hearne Christopher Jr.

Be there or be square.

Anyone who ever harbored the slightest suspicion about the lurking presence of Big Brother and the death of JFK, or fretted over fluoride in drinking water or about why cars don't deliver 200 miles per gallon, listen up.

Uptown Theater head Larry Sells is poised to make good on his threat to deliver a state-of-the-art conspiracy convention Dec. 9 at the Uptown.

"It's called Dark Star," Sells says. "That's because we're going to discuss UFOs, talk about 9/11 and some of the ancient technologies that are now being rediscovered on places like the History Channel."

It's not that Sells never met a conspiracy theory he didn't like. But with a library of more than 10,000 magazines, periodicals and books - 5,000 of which deal with assassinations - who better than he to bark at all those mysterious moons?

"I've read parts of all of them," Sells has said of his library. "I read between five and 30 books a month outright and then portions of another 50 books on things I find related to assassinations and (the) involvement of government in everything from bringing Nazis into this country to doing experiments on citizens - things that are considered blasphemous now."

Some of Sells' conspiracies might be said to be a bit out there.

Example: "The computer that dates back to 2,000 B.C.," Sells says. And technology like electro-magnetic pulse-type weaponry so old that it could have brought down Jericho's walls.

Author Jim Marrs will do a two-hour presentation on secret societies and 9/11 at the event, Sells says.

"His best-selling book, Rule By Secrecy, was used by Dan Brown in the Da Vinci Code," Sells says. "And his book Crossfire was what Oliver Stone's movie JFK was based on. Now his new book Terror Conspiracy, comes out Sept. 1 and is about 9/11."

Sells' big bang will feature eight hours of presentations, dinner and a social hour. Tickets will go on sale at the Uptown box office and Ticketmaster Sept. 11 for \$55.

Wrong place, right time

London systems engineer Keyvan Bolorani just happened to be staying on the same floor where Playboy spent two recent days scouting talent and coaxing local lasses out of most of their clothes. "I have to ask, what is this?" the 23-year-old said as he poked his head into an open room by the hotel elevators wherein a handful of women in robes awaited their moments of truth. "This has got to be the best job in the world =97 oh, you=92re very, very lucky people."

- Bolorani=92s take on Playboy today: "It=92s not like your typical adult magazine, because it=92s got more content =97 some very good articles and some amazing pictures."

- His most vivid Playboy memory: "Pamela Anderson," he says. "Yeah, I used to hide it from my parents when I was younger."

- On how the Cowtown stacks up: "Kansas City=92s OK, I went to Blonde. The women of Kansas City, yeah they=92re very, very friendly people. Very open, give out their numbers very easily."

- Ultimate Playboy dream: "To go to the Playboy mansion for an evening. It=92d be amazing."

Speaking of amazing, Playboy model wannabe/attorney Kimberly Ann Johnson applied a nice choke hold on Bolorani as the two posed for a column pic. Bolorani=92s take on the impromptu neck massage: "Excellent, actually," he says. "You can=92t go wrong with choking."

Case cracked?

Not so fast. That Dickies may retool its work pants to prevent so-called "plumber=92s crack" or "backside cleavage" is no biggie to Roger the Plumber.

"We overcame that years ago by buying our uniforms from Walker Uniform in Kansas City," Roger says. "The guys that are out there without uniforms, that=92s where the plumber=92s crack came from."

So does it still exist or is it another urban legend?

"I think it still exists," Roger says. "There are still a lot of guys trying to get by wearing a T-shirt and jeans to work. I don=92t think this will probably make a difference because these guys don=92t care how they look anyway."

Question is, how did plumbers get stuck with the stigma in the first place?

"You know they call it plumber=92s crack even though it may be a painter or an appliance repair guy =97 even a locksmith may show up with plumber=92s crack."

Can women get it?

"Oh yeah, they can have it. I think some of =92em do intentionally, which I think is more fun," Roger quips. "Like with a thong or a tattoo. It=92s kind of a sleazy look, but maybe we set a trend, us plumbers, a fashion trend."

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shell

From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 08:52:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 14:49:44 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shell

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
To: <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 17:18:01 +0100
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth?

>The angle of attack is overwhelmingly important in generating
>the necessary circulation and momentum transfer that causes
>lift, and this momentum transfer is basically "shoving air
>down".

So I guess all of those model airplanes that I built and flew were flying for the wrong reasons? They weren't aware of that.

Apparently, there is no agreement on this, with some people arguing for Bernoulli, as I did, and others arguing for Newton, as you have done. See these sites for more info:

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/fluids/airfoil.html>

<http://tinyurl.com/f9gsn>

http://www.speedace.info/pitot_tube.htm

<http://www.thaitechnics.com/fly/principle.html>

But this is the best discussion I have found:

<http://www.aerospaceweb.org/question/aerodynamics/q0005.shtml>

Quoting, in part:

"Mathematicians would surely prefer the circulation theory, which is certainly a very elegant approach firmly based on mathematical principles, but it fails to explain what force of nature creates circulation or lift. Many would argue that the Newtonian explanation is most fundamental since it is "derived" from Newtonian laws of motion. While this is true to some degree, the theory lacks an explanation as to why an airfoil deflects the flow downward in the first place. Even accepting this principle, the idea that an airfoil deflects the flow and therefore experiences lift also fails to capture the fundamental tools of nature (pressure and friction) that create and exert that force on the body. Proponents of this explanation generally deride the Bernoulli theory because it relies on less fundamental concepts, like the Bernoulli and Continuity equations. There is some truth to this complaint, and the theory may be more difficult for the novice to understand as a result. However, both equations are derived from Newtonian physics, and I would argue from more fundamental and more mathematically sound premises than the Newtonian theory."

So you pays your money and you takes your choice. Personally, I'll stick with Bernoulli, the way I learned it originally.

Bob Shell

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Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values -

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 06:39:30 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 15:45:22 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values -

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 17:31:06 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

<snip>

>List

>There have been a number of pieces in the last few days on Man's
>preponisity towards "belief".

<snip>

>"Proper" ufologists don't "believe" either because that is not
>the scientific method and so materially, if not philosophically,
>they are on the same side of the fence as the CSICOPians. In
>theory that is. In practice I think the vast majority of us are
>really believers and suppress that thought or concept because it
>is intellectually unacceptable. We deny and suppress. Is that
>honest?

>In fairness, perhaps for most, the bedrock is one of belief but
>of sceptical belief. That is, "I am prepared to believe and
>accept. I just want good evidence, whatever that might
>constitute, to confirm before I commit myself intellectually and
>emotionally" whereas for CSICOPians, you could probably stick a
>real alien right under their noses and they still wouldn't have
>it.

<snip>

Thanks Stuart! But isn't that still agnosticism?

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Re: Heflin Case Papers - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 17:06:16 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 15:49:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers - Shough

>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 01:38:49 EDT
>Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>gh
>>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2006 18:43:39 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers

<snip>

>Thanks Martin,

>Spacing on poles is either 205' or 209' feet and the height was
>33' according to Gray. It's not completely clear whether he
>actually measured the spacing since he made an adjustment to it
>in 1968 upon receiving more data from a later "more complete,
>photo #1 (referenced below).

>I've also located many very useful
>documents, including a chronology of events from Epperson. I
>too would like to track down more of the names mentioned and
>wish you luck. If I have time, I might jump in too.

>I have a reproduced "constructed" uncropped #1 and the #2 of
>yours sounds interesting... is it referred to as uncropped? How
>is it represented?

>My analysis is about 2/3 complete. I hope to start posting it on
>a web link for all to see at some point. Currently, just laying
>low and keeping really busy at work. I read the comments here
>about once a week. I hope to post some of these documents too,
>including Heflin's Affidavit and Gray's detailed analysis of
>image #1.

Hi Viktor

I believe Gray measured the spacing. He describes numerous
"measurements recorded at the site" such as the slant distance
to the irrigation standpipe (virtually across the road from the
next pole) and its distance from the pavement, the "measured"
distance from the camera to the freeway overpass, the distances
of camera and poles from one another and from the edge of the
pavement, the width of the pavement, etc., and he incorporates
these into a site drawing - which you may also have, as I
suspect it is based on his 17-page NICAP report of summer 1966,
which is probably your "detailed analysis of image #1"?

However on this 1969 version a unique value is given for the
pole interval - 209 ft. He says that his 1969 calculations of
the possible UFO sizes and shadow positions have been adjusted
since that 1966 report (on which the Rankow Fate/FSR article was
based BTW) because of a reassessment of the angular scale
following discovery of the more complete print, but the ratio
205 : 209 (change <2%) does not appear to be related to the
change in angular scale (almost 8%) so that ambiguity may have
another source.

To answer your question the #2 image is stated to be "uncropped" and is a half-tone repro (75 mm wide) of a Xerox copy, poor quality obviously but apparently showing the very-slightly-irregular image edges. From this I estimate the cropping of the JSE #2 image to be less than 2% linear, so no more than a "tidying" really.

There is also a "slightly cropped" copy of #1, I suspect very slightly. The JSE #1 image would appear to be cropped on both axes by about 4% relative to this version, mostly on the right hand and bottom edges.

Anyway, it's good that you've let us know of the appearance of these important original NICAP-LANS documents. As I said if you do want information from the Gray article or other materials then I'm happy to supply it off-List, along with my under-construction discussion document "A Review of Some Debated Issues" -some 30 issues in fact - which (I should warn everybody!) currently stands at about 24,000 words.

Martin Shough

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Re: Secrecy News -- 09/07/06 - Aftergood

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 12:09:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 15:51:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 09/07/06 - Aftergood

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DOD UNVEILS DETAINEE INTERROGATION POLICY

The Department of Defense, having concluded that its interests would be best served by public disclosure, released a new directive on policy towards enemy detainees and a new Army Field Manual on detainee interrogation.

The new detainee policy explicitly bars "cruel, inhumane and degrading" treatment of detainees who are in Defense Department custody and defines a minimum standard of humane care. The new Field Manual identifies 19 interrogation techniques that may be used, three of which are new, and prohibits others.

Army Gen. John Kimmons said that the Pentagon weighed the costs and benefits of classifying portions of the new policy documents, and decided in favor of full public disclosure.

"We initially considered taking the additional techniques I described, the three new ones, and putting them into a classified appendix of some sort to keep them out of the hands of the enemy, who regularly reads our field manuals as a matter of course," he said at a September 6 Pentagon press briefing.

"We weighed that against the needs for transparency and working openly with our coalition partners who don't have access to all of our classified publications...."

"We also felt that even classified techniques, once you use them on the battlefield over time, become increasingly known to your enemies, some of whom are going to be released in due course. And so on balance, in consultation with our combatant commanders, we decided to go this [unclassified] route. We're very comfortable with it; so are our combatant commanders," Gen. Kimmons said.

The new Army Field Manual is still marked "For Official Use Only" (FOUO). But "in the interest of full transparency" the Army released it anyway.

"The 'FOUO' markings are no longer operative," an Army spokesman said.

See "Human Intelligence Collector Operations," Field Manual FM 2-22.3, September 2006 (11 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm2-22-3.pdf>

See also "Department of Defense Detainee Program," DoD Directive 2310.01E, September 5, 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/d2310_01e.pdf

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence likewise found it advantageous and appropriate to disclose significant new information about 14 "high value detainees" that were formally transferred from the custody of the Central Intelligence Agency to the Department of Defense.

See "Summary of the High Value Terrorist Detainee Program," ODNI, September 6:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2006/09/hivaluedetainees.pdf>

See also ODNI "biographies" of the 14 detainees here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2006/09/detaineebios.pdf>

The occasional triumphs and frequent defects of media coverage of the detention and treatment of enemy combatants were reviewed at length by Eric Umansky in "Failures of Imagination," Columbia Journalism Review, September/October 2006:

<http://www.cjr.org/issues/2006/5/Umansky.asp>

2007 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION BILL STALLED

For the second year in a row, the U.S. Senate may fail to enact an intelligence authorization bill, effectively neutering the intelligence oversight process.

"The failure of the Senate to pass intelligence authorization for 2 years threatens to erode the ability of the Intelligence Committee to carry out the mission assigned to it by the Senate," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), the ranking member of the Committee, in a floor statement.

In an effort to compel Senate action on the intelligence bill, Sen. Rockefeller introduced an amendment that would strip out language in the Defense Appropriations bill that provides a nominal authorization for continuing intelligence activities.

See September 6 statements by Sen. Rockefeller and Sen. Dianne Feinstein here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/s090606.html

DHS LISTS "SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION" TITLES

In an attempt to limit unnecessary controls on unclassified information, Congress last year required the Department of Homeland Security to identify by title all DHS documents that were marked as "Sensitive Security Information" (SSI) that may not be publicly disclosed.

In response, the first DHS report to Congress listed approximately one thousand titles that had been marked as SSI between October 1 and December 31, 2005.

A copy of that report has just been released with minor redactions in response to a Freedom of Information Act request from the Federation of American Scientists.

See "Department of Homeland Security Documents Designated in Their Entirety as Sensitive Security Information (SSI), October 1 Thru December 31, 2005" (3.5 MB PDF):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dhs/ssi-titles.pdf>

ODDS AND ENDS

The National Archives described progress on a new National Declassification Initiative that has the potential to streamline declassification of historical records by eliminating multiple agency reviews of the same document. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/09/nara090606.html>

Two more Army Field Manuals of specialized interest were published this week:

"Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) for the Joint Network Node-Network (JNN-N)," Field Manual-Interim FMI 6-02.60, September 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fmi6-02-60.pdf>

"Army Electromagnetic Spectrum Management Operations," Field Manual Interim FMI 6-02.70, September 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fmi6-02-70.pdf>

Sen. Jon Kyl introduced a bill that would expand the definition of illegal material support to terrorists, modify the Classified Information Procedures Act, and penalize terrorism-related hoaxes. See his introduction of the "Terrorism Prevention Act of 2006" (S. 3848):

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/s3848.html

The record of the March 31, 2006 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on a proposal by Sen. Russ Feingold to censure the President has recently been published. See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/censure.html

LOUIS FISHER ON THE "SOLE ORGAN" DOCTRINE

"The President is the sole organ of the nation in its external relations, and its sole representative with foreign nations," according to a statement made in 1800 by John Marshall.

This so-called "sole organ" doctrine has frequently been invoked by the executive branch "to define presidential power broadly in foreign relations and national security, including assertions of an inherent executive power that is not subject to legislative or judicial constraints," writes constitutional scholar Louis Fisher in a new Law Library of Congress study.

"When read in context, however, Marshall's speech does not support an independent, extra-constitutional or exclusive power of the President in foreign relations."

"The concept of an Executive having sole power over foreign relations borrows from other sources, including the British model of a royal prerogative," Fisher concludes.

Fisher's analysis of the sole organ doctrine is the first in a series of new studies of inherent presidential power prepared at the request of Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV). A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "The 'Sole Organ' Doctrine" by Louis Fisher, Law Library of Congress, Studies on Presidential Power in Foreign Relations, Study No. 1, August 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/eprint/fisher.pdf>

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Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 10:40:44 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 15:56:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life - Nielsen

>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 13:27:38 +1000
>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 08:01:23 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Bible Leaves No Room For ET Life

<snip>

>We, the West, comfortable in our armchairs feel we could handle
>disclosure, but where does the third world stand? All many of
>this multitude have, is their strong faith. You take it away or
>even confuse them, it will place an even larger blockade
>between us, with perhaps disastrous results. This is one reason
>why I think 'disclosure' is not an option in the world as we
>know it.

>Regards

>William

Thanks for your excellent comments William!

The meta-analysis I had in mind would favor the executive summaries and the conclusions. The bulk would be in the data analysis. That analysis provides the path to the conclusions that some readers and researchers like. But the conclusions are where there's real interest for the masses.

I agree with you that this would be a major project; bigger than any I would want to take on alone.

But, even with its bulk, it would still not mean anything to those who aren't now interested, namely governments, religions, and the masses. This type of project most often comes after the paradigm-shifting revelations come from out-of-this-world, or never-before-considered sources and events. Someone smarter than me said something like, every great idea was forced on mankind. No one beats a path to anyone's door, unless there's fame or fortune to be made. And no one ever likes to change their own beliefs.

I see the disclosure you speak of coming in different forms:

- Continued CE events as they are happening now
- Several simultaneous "landing on the White House lawn" events, as you mentioned previously, happening throughout the major population centers; like those portrayed in the "Independence Day" movie
- Sequential or simultaneous revelations from major governments, perhaps as the "real" reason behind the recent attempts to democratize the east
- Or something else

Since past behavior is the best, and perhaps only, predictor of future behavior, I think it would be the first form.

And I am definitely not comfortable with it! I recommend you read what Budd Hopkins and Dr. David M. Jacobs, and others have said on that.

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Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 13:30:13 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 15:58:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs? - Shell

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 15:17:42 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs?

>>Source: New Scientist, Sutton, Surrey, UK

>><http://tinyurl.co.uk/pr7z>

>>21 July 2006

>>Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs?

>>David L Chandler
>>NewScientist.com News Service

>>Life on planets such as Earth or Mars could have been seeded by
>>electrically charged microbes from space, suggests a new study.

><snip>

>>Other researchers have already demonstrated that some bacterial
>>spores can survive in conditions thought to exist in
>>interplanetary space, and then be revived. So the possibility of
>>interplanetary spread of life is plausible and deserves further
>>investigation, Dehel believes.

>>Charged microbes could also be propelled outwards from a planet
>>at high speed by "magnetospheric plasmoids" - independent
>>structures of plasma and magnetic fields that can be swept away
>>from the Earth's magnetosphere. Hitching rides on these
>>structures could accelerate microbes to speeds capable of taking
>>them out of the solar system and on to the planets of other
>>stars.

>>And because of the potential for a steady outflow of the
>>particles pushed by the electric fields, a single life-bearing
>>world might seed an entire galaxy with life, claims Dehel.

><snip>

>Since microbes can survive the harse conditions of space (recall
>that microbes in the camera on the 1966 unmanned Surveyor lunar
>lander which the Apollo 12 astronauts retrieved and brought back
>with them revived while back on Earth!) it should not be a big
>surprise when organic based ET life is discovered and found to
>be identical to life on Earth.

Well, it's an interesting theory, and at least it's one that can be reasonably tested. I just wanted to note, however, that so far there's no indication or solid evidence that anything of the sort ever happens. Surveys of interplanetary dust have thus far failed to reveal any trace of life.

Sure, life is pretty tenacious and tough. But being blown out of an atmosphere via a jet or a sprite, then wafting through space for who knows how many eons, only to face a problematic re-entry through another atmosphere, is a lot to ask of a little microbe. And at this point, we don't know of any that have survived such

a theoretical journey.

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Re: The Material World Radio Programme - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 17:30:02 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 15:55:25 -0400
Subject: Re: The Material World Radio Programme - Dickenson

Hello List,

Some of you might be interested - Brit Assoc for Advancement of Science hosted a BBC program.

In today's 'The Material World' Quentin Cooper invited a panel of four investigators (one a skeptic) - to discuss parapsychology today. Panel was Dr Peter Fenwick, Prof. Deborah Delaney, Dr Rupert Sheldrake and the skeptic Prof. Chris French.

Rundown at:

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

Sheldrake gave a review of his latest telepathy experiments - he's getting ~45% positive results when the expected is 25%.

Interestingly, Quentin had the audience (British Association For The Advancement of Science's annual Festival of Science) give a show of hands to indicate either acceptance of para-, or dismissal. Once at beginning and again at end of program.

Result? The audience shifted (a bit) towards the 'acceptance' position by end of program.

Program should be available (in an hour or two?) at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/aod/radio4.shtml?fm>

or maybe try through

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/realplayer/media/fmg2.ram>

Cheers,

Ray D

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Re: Sequoyah Trueblood - Bueche

From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 09:25:27 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 15:53:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Sequoyah Trueblood - Bueche

>From: Leonna Brandao <nvopres.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 14:06:02 -0400
>Subject: Sequoyah Trueblood?

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>To whomever this may concern,

>I am writing on behalf of my son John Anthony Diaz who had
>written to Nancy Red Star (Tula) in hopes of getting a mailing
>address for Mr. Sequoyah Trueblood.

>Unfortunately, the letter was returned stating that the she was
>not authorized to receive mail at the address given.

>If anyone can help him I would greatly appreciate it.

Sequoyah is listed as being an Elder (an honorary position, not
the board of directors), for this organization:

Ghost River Rediscovery
Suite #303, 227-10th Street NW
Calgary, Alberta, T2N 1V5
Canada

I do not know if you can send mail to him there, but you could
inquire.

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Cattle Mutilations

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 14:08:21 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 16:02:30 -0400
Subject: Cattle Mutilations

A couple of weeks ago, a List member asked for recommendations for research about cattle mutilations. I suggested a couple of the skeptical works, Mute Evidence and the Rommel Report, the investigation made by a former FBI member, simply to provide some balance to those not completely familiar with cattle mutilations.

This provoked a response from Chris O'Brien, asking me several questions about mutilations and how I would answer them.

One of his points, about all the copper being removed from the blood, intrigued me. I wondered if there was a natural cause for this that might have been overlooked and wondered why this was such a big point (or at least assumed big point since it was the first thing he had mentioned).

I looked around on the Web (what a wonderful tool this has become) and found a NIDS report that mentioned this problem.

Chris, when I asked him off-List about the copper, directed me to the same report. It did mention this copper deficiency found in the mutilated animal. But not the complete lack of copper in the blood that Chris had suggested, The NIDS report said, "An extremely copper deficient animal would be expected to suffer weight loss and a patchy coat... Uinta Basin is not noted for high molybdenum..." I will note here that all the copper had not been removed from the blood but the animal was copper deficient which is not exactly the same thing.

I learned, however, that in animals copper deficiency may result in dramatic death from rupture of a major blood vessel or the heart itself. I also learned at:

<http://www.saltinstitute.org./stm/stm-3.html>

that "stress associated with fetal development... may increase copper requirement..." The NIDS report mentioned that the animal had tested positive for pregnancy and that, I believe, could have caused the reduction of copper in it.

At:

<http://www.telsol.co.uk/molybd.html>

it was reported, "Animals with low blood copper may not show any symptoms of copper deficiency but those with molybdenum toxicity usually do," which is consistent with what the NIDS report said about molybdenum not usually being present in the Uinta Basin. That does not mean that other causes of copper deficiency weren't present or that the pregnancy wasn't the cause of it.

At:

<http://www.dexcel.co.nz/farmfacts.cfn?id=58>

it mentioned symptoms that were consistent with those reported by NIDS but also noted that monitoring would require samples of liver biopsy from 6 to 10 animals and for blood it would require samples from 10 animals. The sampling done by NIDS was not of

sufficient size to draw any conclusion about the presence of copper, or copper deficiency in other animals in the herd.

So, the answer to the question about how would I explain the absence of copper in the blood, would be to say that there wasn't an absence of copper but a deficiency of copper which is not quite the same thing. I would point out that copper deficiency can have environmental, dietary or biological causes. In this case, it certainly could have been caused by the pregnancy, apparently a problem that was not considered by the NIDS investigators. I would point out that the conclusion that the problem was not environmental or dietary is invalid because the sample was too small to provide adequate information. I would also note that in one of the two animals tested, there was, in fact, a slight copper deficiency.

The point is that I can now explain, in rational and scientific terms the copper deficiency, which, by the way, could explain some of the other anomalous features found in the animal. I was a little disappointed in the NIDS report simply because it hadn't seemed to examine the issue in depth and due a few conclusions that were not warranted by the evidence gathered.

KRandle

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1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On?

From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 14:50:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 16:13:31 -0400
Subject: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On?

New Great Lakes Dive Company photos and story exclusively
released to ufodigest.com Photos and enhancements.

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0906/kinrossobject.html>

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth - Vander

From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 14:53:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 16:15:50 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth - Vander

Readers have sent in many photos similar to Tynemouth photo.
These, statements and further enhancements have been added to
story.

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0906/tynemouth.html>

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Re: Condign Update - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 19:58:44 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 16:25:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Condign Update - Pope

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 11:42:32 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Condign Update

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 00:06:42 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Condign Update

>>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2006 07:26:53 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Re: Condign Update

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>>>To what do the codes "S-26" and "S-27" refer?

>>These are exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act:

>>Section 26 - Defence.

>>Section 27 - International Relations.

>>See the following link for definitions:

>><http://www.dca.gov.uk/foi/yourRights/exemptions.htm>

>>>What do the X's refer to in the following sections?

><snip>

>>The Xs indicate material that's still redacted - i.e. withheld because of the various exemptions.

><snip>

>Thank you very much Nick!

>So, we can conclude that all the X'd sections noted with S-26 refer to sensitive info redacted for defense concerns, and all those marked S-27 are for international relations (IR), right?

Yes.

>May we also presume that those redacted statements could potentially harm UK defense and IR?

Yes.

>If so, would the harm to UK defense be related to enemies with superior technology than the UK and its allies? Is this a tacit admission of ET craft?

No. This exemption applies, for example, to information that might disclose the capability of equipment in the Armed Forces. Example: "Our Mark 2 radar has a range of X".

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No. This exemption applies, for example, to information that might relate to classified or sensitive information that was passed to the UK by another country, on the understanding that it was not to be passed on. Example: "We are aware that X conducted a highly-classified project into whether plasmas could be used as the basis for a new directed-energy weapon".

>Or am I taking all this too far?

I'm afraid you are. None of this necessarily relates to extraterrestrial technology.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Simulations Find Livable Worlds Abound

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 20:06:20 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 16:33:58 -0400
Subject: Simulations Find Livable Worlds Abound

http://www.world-science.net/othernews/060906_planets.htm

Livable worlds abound, simulations find

Sept. 7, 2006
Courtesy University of Colorado at Boulder
and World Science staff

New computer simulations by astronomers have found that Earth-like planets, warm and wet enough for life, should be common.

"I think there are definitely habitable planets out there," he added. "But any life on these planets could be very different from ours."

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 20:25:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 16:35:32 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Dickenson

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 08:52:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth?

<snip>

> But this is the best discussion I have found:

><http://www.aerospaceweb.org/question/aerodynamics/q0005.shtml>

>Quoting, in part:

>"Mathematicians would surely prefer the circulation theory,
>which is certainly a very elegant approach firmly based on
>mathematical principles, but it fails to explain what force of
>nature creates circulation or lift. Many would argue that the
>Newtonian explanation is most fundamental since it is "derived"
>from Newtonian laws of motion. While this is true to some
>degree, the theory lacks an explanation as to why an airfoil
>deflects the flow downward in the first place. Even accepting
>this principle, the idea that an airfoil deflects the flow and
>therefore experiences lift also fails to capture the fundamental
>tools of nature (pressure and friction) that create and exert
>that force on the body. Proponents of this explanation generally
>deride the Bernoulli theory because it relies on less
>fundamental concepts, like the Bernoulli and Continuity
>equations. There is some truth to this complaint, and the theory
>may be more difficult for the novice to understand as a result.
>However, both equations are derived from Newtonian physics, and
>I would argue from more fundamental and more mathematically
>sound premises than the Newtonian theory."

>So you pays your money and you takes your choice. Personally,
>I'll stick with Bernoulli, the way I learned it originally.

Hi Bob,

Re: Bernoulli - a flight-fan provoked a search a while ago -
which turned up this interesting discussion

<http://forums.radiocontrolzone.com/archive/index.php/t-64202.html>

which had a lot of well-informed people involved - there's a
NASA man in there somewhere.

Cheers
Ray D

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Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values -

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 16:24:09 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 16:39:43 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values -

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 17:31:06 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

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>problem with accepting ET. I completely disagree. I think for
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>or of ET would be the end of the world.

Stuart:

Of course, I disagree with you. I think most skeptics, even of the dreaded CSICOPIAN kind, would have no problem accepting aliens, should they suddenly appear in the flesh, or should we meet them "out there" someday. They simply have a much, much higher standard of proof than those people who have accepted the ETH as the ETF(act) - a standard of proof which I believe is necessary in the circumstances, i.e. beyond a reasonable doubt.

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Your pal,

Paul
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com
www.halifaxufo.com

P.S. Stuart is a modest man, but he makes a great contribution to the ufological discourse with UFO Review. If you want to read Stuart's take on things, you can check out my interview with him at my blog:

<http://tinyurl.com/nowjf>

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Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 16:36:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2006 10:28:56 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values -

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Again! Great suffering Zot! Excuse me? Card carrying Flat-
Earthers hailing from CSICOPia would have no problems accepting
'aliens'? Have you really thought that through? The guys we're
talking about look askance at Mexicans, Mr. Kimball. Moreover,
plenty of genuine truthseekers, my 'self' included would have
real problems internalizing the in your face 'actuality', of
aliens Sir! Still, best get that dentist office behind us.

Does anyone else in here want to call a spade a spade and find
Mr. Kimball's statement ludicrous in extremis? Or must I
laugh... heartily still, on my own?

>or should we meet them "out there" someday.

And that seemed a little incontinently flip, so as not
allowing you to get away with anything.

>They simply have a much, much
>higher standard of proof than those people who have accepted the
>ETH as the ETF(act) - a standard of proof which I believe is
>necessary in the circumstances, i.e. beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mr. Kimball... It has been pointed out many, many times by
persons a lot smarter than you and me that CSICOPia has a
receding evidentiary-horizon, as is evidenced by their

tedious canard about extraordinary claims requiring extraordinary evidence. See, a claim can be dismissed, always, without regard to its veracity, when the denyer sets the standard of "proof".

Extraordinary claims require evidence... that's all. Evidence is evidence, and that is six levels deep, spans recorded history, and captivates the best minds living! Lastly, CSICOPia shall not have any "standard of proof" that convinces one who shall not see. You see? It's in their by-laws, somewhere...

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Oh yes, perfectly 'valid'. Only... 'unacceptable'. You've been quite clear.

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>to pin me down, I find most likely, at least in terms of the
>paranormal explanations on offer.

Oh yeah... if we had to pin you down and drag you to the edge of the obvious fire. It remains as I have written before, the **other** exists. That's the hard pill down isn't it! It doesn't matter if its temporal dimensional psychological or a result of psychedelic mushrooms... the other is obvious. Deal with it. We'll all have to.

>But it's still nothing more
>than that - a good working theory, in search of definitive
>proof.

So, how goes it CSICOPia these days. They get their sewers in yet... got their leach lines dug? Doesn't smell like it from this side of the border.

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Re: Condign Update - Nielsen

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Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2006 10:32:17 -0400
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>be used as the basis for a new directed-energy weapon".

>>Or am I taking all this too far?

>I'm afraid you are. None of this necessarily relates to
>extraterrestrial technology.

Thanks again Nick!

Oh well. I guess that the only readily identifiable value to
consign to the Condign is that UK's MoD thought UAP's odd enough
to make the need for that read.

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Kimball

From: Hollis Kimball <Choprqo.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2006 10:34:21 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Kimball

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 08:52:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth?

>Apparently, there is no agreement on this, with some people
>arguing for Bernoulli, as I did, and others arguing for Newton

No comment, but try these little demonstrations and decide
for yourself:

1. Take an empty soda/pop can, turn on your sink faucet/tap to run a steady stream. Hold the can horizontally and move it slightly into the stream. Move it in further and watch the water below the can.
2. Lay the can horizontally in the palm of your hand. Spread your fingers wide and again move the can into the stream.

Hollis Kimball

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Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 21:22:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2006 10:49:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs? - Ledger

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 13:30:13 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs?

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>To: UFO UpDates -
>>Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>Date: Wed, 6 Sep
>>2006 15:17:42 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time) Subject: Re:
>>Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs?

>>>Source: New Scientist, Sutton, Surrey, UK

>>><http://tinyurl.co.uk/pr7z>

>>>21 July 2006

>>>Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs?

>>>David L Chandler NewScientist.com News Service

>>>Life on planets such as Earth or Mars could have been
>>>seeded by electrically charged microbes from space,
>>>suggests a new study.

>><snip>

>>>Other researchers have already demonstrated that some
>>>bacterial spores can survive in conditions thought to
>>>exist in interplanetary space, and then be revived. So the
>>>possibility of interplanetary spread of life is plausible
>>>and deserves further investigation, Dehel believes.

>>>Charged microbes could also be propelled outwards from a
>>>planet at high speed by "magnetospheric plasmoids" -
>>>independent structures of plasma and magnetic fields that
>>>can be swept away

>>>from the Earth's magnetosphere. Hitching rides on these

>>>structures could accelerate microbes to speeds capable of
>>>taking them out of the solar system and on to the planets
>>>of other stars.

>>>And because of the potential for a steady outflow of the
>>>particles pushed by the electric fields, a single
>>>life-bearing world might seed an entire galaxy with life,
>>>claims Dehel.

>><snip>

>>Since microbes can survive the harse conditions of space
>>(recall that microbes in the camera on the 1966 unmanned
>>Surveyor lunar lander which the Apollo 12 astronauts
>>retrieved and brought back with them revived while back on
>>Earth!) it should not be a big surprise when organic based
>>ET life is discovered and found to be identical to life on
>>Earth.

>Well, it's an interesting theory, and at least it's one that

>can be reasonably tested. I just wanted to note, however, that
>so far there's no indication or solid evidence that anything
>of the sort ever happens. Surveys of interplanetary dust have
>thus far failed to reveal any trace of life.
>Sure, life is pretty tenacious and tough. But being blown out
>of an atmosphere via a jet or a sprite, then wafting through
>space for who knows how many eons, only to face a problematic
>re-entry through another atmosphere, is a lot to ask of a
>little microbe. And at this point, we don't know of any that
>have survived such a theoretical journey.

But here's a thought, Tim. Apparently larger meteors that enter the atmosphere can break up to dust and then the particles fall at only about a foot per second or about 41 miles per hour. Some fall slower, some faster. Microbes are likely less affected by reentry due to their weight ratio to air molecules or water vapor molecules, etc. They would be colliding with them, thereby slowing their progress. Sort of like water spiders and water surface tension.

Size has to matter in some respect; after all they are theoretically being ejected into space by repulsion. It could be it's their very size that protects them. This is just wild speculation on my part so feel free to slap down the possibility.

Don

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Re: John Lear Project Camelot Video Interview -

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 20:48:18 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2006 10:53:31 -0400
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>Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 06:54:44 -0400
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: John Lear Project Camelot Video Interview - Goldstein

>From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 05:18:06 -0700
>Subject: Re: John Lear Project Camelot Video Interview

>>From: Kerry Cassidy <support.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2006 20:54:47 +0100
>>Subject: John Lear Project Camelot Video Interview

<snip>

>>Project Camelot Video Interview With John Lear:

>><http://projectcamelot.org/interviews.html>

>>John Lear is a well known figure in the UFO community.
>>Enigmatic, outspoken and challenging, he is the quintessential
>>man of the world. Framed by close-up photographs of Area 51 and
>>the moon, high tech planes and memorabilia, he launched into the
>>untold story of the 4th Astronaut who died in the tragic Apollo
>>1 fire, along with Grissom, Chaffee and White back in 1967...
>>and reveals NASA's biggest secret.

<snip>

>Who are these fools? It seems like they believed every far out
>story they ever heard. They did an interview with John Lear.
>They wore blinders and fell for the 4th astronaut hokum. John
>Lear has for a long time been a very high type rated pilot and a
>teller of tall tales. The worst was years ago at Lear's house
>when he and paranoid wacko Bill Cooper used to get drunk
>together. Lear would get blotto and make up stories on the spot.
>Cooper would become a lowlife drunken, hateful cursing dog. I
>think he suffered chronic rabies. I used to see his mouth foam.
>Lear was disowned by his father, the more famous Bill Lear.

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

The Apollo Command Modules used on all nine manned flights to the Moon (Apollo 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17) and the six manned orbital flights around the Earth (Apollo 7 and 9, Skylab 2, 3 and 4 and Apollo/Soyuz) were designed and built to accommodate only three astronauts in their spacesuits. There was simply no room for a fourth astronaut in those Apollo capsules and John Lear knows this! Only three astronauts, Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee died in the Apollo 1 fire on January 1967. The three Apollo 1 backup astronauts were okay (although one of them, Donn Eisele, died from a heart attack in Tokyo, Japan 20 years later).

It is interesting to note that Orion, NASA's new crew vehicle which will transport astronauts to the Moon sometime in the next decade, resembles the Apollo capsule - a lot. Orion is designed to carry four astronauts on flights to the Moon or to ferry up to six astronauts to and from the International Space Station.

That said, it is interesting to note that in the early 1970s, NASA decided to modify an Apollo capsule to accommodate up to five astronauts in the event the three astronauts in the orbiting Skylab space station could not return back to Earth in their own Apollo capsule. In fact preparations were made to have astronauts Vance Brand and Don Lind (backup astronauts to the Skylab 3 crew) fly this modified 5-seat Apollo capsule to rescue the Skylab 3 crew already in orbit (astronauts Alan Bean, Jack Lousma and Owen Garriott). When the problem was fixed, the first space rescue mission was no longer necessary and the Skylab 3 crew returned safely to Earth in their own Apollo capsule.

Does the U.S. have a secret manned space program? There is much compelling evidence that it does, but did a fourth astronaut who was a member of this group of still secret astronauts die in the Apollo 1 fire in 1967? With no evidence of any kind other than hearsay rumours and the simple fact that the Apollo capsule could only accommodate three astronauts, the answer must be no.

Were there non-NASA astronauts flying rocket planes back in the late 1950s up until the late 1960s that reached space before and during NASA's Projects Mercury and Gemini? Yes. In 1963 X-15 pilot Joe Walker became the first person to enter space twice.

Did a fourth astronaut die in 1967 but in a spacecraft other than Apollo 1? Yes. X-15 pilot Michael Adams died in 1967 when his rocket plane began to spin and disintegrated. Adams was posthumously awarded astronaut wings for this flight where he attained an altitude of over 80 kilometers and his name was recently added to the Astronaut Memorial.

Is there any truth that U.S. citizens were taken aboard an ET spacecraft to Serpo, an inhabited planet allegedly orbiting the Zeta Reticuli star system? The evidence for this is even less credible than the rumours that a fourth astronaut died in the Apollo 1 fire in 1967. There are more reliable accounts in the Bible or the ancient Indian Sanskrit texts, for example, that this has happened many times the past during early historical contacts with ETs.....

Why the need to make up false stories when fact is more amazing than fiction? People like John Lear may actually be doing a dis-service to ufology, and all humanity, by distracting us from the real truth about our past contacts with ETs.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Cattle Mutilations - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 21:39:52 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2006 10:57:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Cattle Mutilations - Kimball

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 14:08:21 EDT
>Subject: Cattle Mutilations

<snip>

>A couple of weeks ago, a List member asked for recommendations
>for research about cattle mutilations. I suggested a couple of
>the skeptical works, Mute Evidence and the Rommel Report, the
>investigation made by a former FBI member, simply to provide
>some balance to those not completely familiar with cattle
>mutilations.

Kevin:

I would add the following article from the Canadian Veterinary Journal, which is almost never referenced by the mutologists:

"Maggots, mutilation and myth: Patterns of postmortem scavenging of the bovine carcass," Canadian Veterinary Journal, Volume 30, September 1989, pp. 742 - 747.

I've had the article posted at my blog for some time. You can read it here:

<http://tinyurl.com/n2e4g>

The article was written by P. Nick Nation, who was with the Animal Health Division of the Alberta Department of Agriculture, and Elisabeth S. Williams, who was with the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory, Department of Veterinary Services, University of Wyoming.

Neither of them were "just former FBI agents", the criticism so often levelled at the much-maligned Rommel (criticism that ignores all of the experts he consulted, and cited, throughout his report).

The Can Vet Journal article also features in my film, Fields of Fear, which premieres next Friday evening on Space: The Imagination Station, here in Canada, at 10 pm EST.

Kevin is one of the people we interviewed for the film, and he gets a fair bit of quality screen-time, and makes some telling points.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com
www.halifaxufo.com

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Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On? - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 19:52:52 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2006 10:59:38 -0400
Subject: Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On? - Tarbell

>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 14:50:18 -0400
>Subject: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On?

>New Great Lakes Dive Company photos and story exclusively
>released to ufodigest.com Photos and enhancements.

><http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0906/kinrossobject.html>

The link's headline (1953 Kinross F-89 May Have Crashed
"Head-On" with UFO) is not warranted, given the condition of the
aircraft wreckage and the immediate proximity of the alleged
impactor/impactee.

Assuming they are associated, a more likely scenario would seem
to be a glancing impact, with both objects on similar
trajectories.

Mike

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Re: Heflin Case Papers - Golubic

From: Viktor Golubic <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2006 01:39:08 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2006 11:03:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers - Golubic

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 17:06:16 +0100
>Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers

>>From: Viktor Golubic <Diverge247.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 01:38:49 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>gh
>>>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2006 18:43:39 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers

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>>Thanks Martin,

>>Spacing on poles is either 205' or 209' feet and the height was
>>>33' according to Gray. It's not completely clear whether he
>>actually measured the spacing since he made an adjustment to it
>>in 1968 upon receiving more data from a later "more complete,
>>photo #1 (referenced below).

>>I've also located many very useful
>>documents, including a chronology of events from Epperson. I
>>too would like to track down more of the names mentioned and
>>wish you luck. If I have time, I might jump in too.

>>I have a reproduced "constructed" uncropped #1 and the #2 of
>>yours sounds interesting... is it referred to as uncropped? How
>>is it represented?

>>My analysis is about 2/3 complete. I hope to start posting it on
>>a web link for all to see at some point. Currently, just laying
>>low and keeping really busy at work. I read the comments here
>>about once a week. I hope to post some of these documents too,
>>including Heflin's Affidavit and Gray's detailed analysis of
>>image #1.

>Hi Viktor

>I believe Gray measured the spacing. He describes numerous
>"measurements recorded at the site" such as the slant distance
>to the irrigation standpipe (virtually across the road from the
>next pole) and its distance from the pavement, the "measured"
>distance from the camera to the freeway overpass, the distances
>of camera and poles from one another and from the edge of the
>pavement, the width of the pavement, etc., and he incorporates
>these into a site drawing - which you may also have, as I
>suspect it is based on his 17-page NICAP report of summer 1966,
>which is probably your "detailed analysis of image #1"?

>However on this 1969 version a unique value is given for the
>pole interval - 209 ft. He says that his 1969 calculations of
>the possible UFO sizes and shadow positions have been adjusted
>since that 1966 report (on which the Rankow Fate/FSR article was

>based BTW) because of a reassessment of the angular scale
>following discovery of the more complete print, but the ratio
>205 : 209 (change <2%) does not appear to be related to the
>change in angular scale (almost 8%) so that ambiguity may have
>another source.

<snip>

It seems to me that if he would have measured the distance between the poles on an earlier occasion, then this value would have been immutable, invariable, not questioned nor changed based upon the release of a new fuller scale image. It would instead have been a standard for comparison of angular scale. In any case, this adjustment does not instill a measured confidence. Yes, most of his measurements appear measured and trustworthy (underlined if I recall). Perhaps he's re-scaled some average value over several pole separations (3D depth adjustment), having only measured one of them previously?

I believe he passed away in 1999 from some recent e-mail I received? I did look for him but not as diligently as I normally would have done so in the past due to the time constraints in my life today.

Viktor

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Re: Sequoyah Trueblood - Denton

From: Julia Denton <ybr2.nul>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2006 03:57:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2006 11:08:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Sequoyah Trueblood - Denton

>From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 09:25:27 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Sequoyah Trueblood

>>From: Leonna Brandao <nvopres.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 14:06:02 -0400
>>Subject: Sequoyah Trueblood?

>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>To whomever this may concern,

>>I am writing on behalf of my son John Anthony Diaz who had
>>written to Nancy Red Star (Tula) in hopes of getting a mailing
>>address for Mr. Sequoyah Trueblood.

>>Unfortunately, the letter was returned stating that the she was
>>not authorized to receive mail at the address given.

>>If anyone can help him I would greatly appreciate it.

>Sequoyah is listed as being an Elder (an honorary position, not
>the board of directors), for this organization:

>Ghost River Rediscovery
>Suite #303, 227-10th Street NW
>Calgary, Alberta, T2N 1V5
>Canada

>I do not know if you can send mail to him there, but you could
>inquire.

According to the Ponca City News, Oklahoma, Sequoyah E.
Trueblood died this past week, on Sept. 3.

Here is the obit and URL:

Sequoyah E. Trueblood, Marland resident, died Sunday, Sept. 3,
2006, at the Claremore Veterans Center. He was 83. Arrangements
are pending with Trout Funeral Home and Crematory.

<http://www.poncacitynews.com/templates/obits/288911018283261.bsp>

Julia

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Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2006 10:03:06 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2006 11:12:53 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values - Miller

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 06:39:30 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 17:31:06 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

><snip>

>>In fairness, perhaps for most, the bedrock is one of belief
>>but of sceptical belief. That is, "I am prepared to believe
>>and accept. I just want good evidence, whatever that might
>>constitute, to confirm before I commit myself intellectually
>>and emotionally" whereas for CSICOprians, you could probably
>>stick a real alien right under their noses and they still
>>wouldn't have it.

><snip>

>Thanks Stuart! But isn't that still agnosticism?

No. Sceptical belief is rationalism. Agnosticism is cowardice.
And CSICOprians are just plain stupid.

Stuart

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Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values -

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2006 16:19:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 09:53:19 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values -

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 17:31:06 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

>>Source: CSICOP - Amherst, New York, USA

>><http://www.csicop.org/si/2006-04/values.html>

>A Wall of Kimballism is coming at you gradually, part of which
>will be a monster interview with Paul in the next and very
>belated issue of UFO Review. In it, Paul says quite
>unequivocably that he thinks that most sceptics wouldn't have a
>problem with accepting ET. I completely disagree. I think for
>most CSICOPians, actual, acceptable evidence of the paranormal
>or of ET would be the end of the world.

They seem to have a history of it:

Source:

http://www.skepticalinvestigations.org/observer/30yearswar_2.htm

Media Watch

Has CSICOP Lost the 30 Years' War?

Guy Lyon Playfair

Part 2: The Gauquelin Effect

<snip>

"CSICOP's reaction to the exposure of a scandal within
its ranks, he added, was "not to eject the culprits but to eject
those who expose them."

<snip>

--astrophysicist & founder CSICOP member Dennis Rawlins

Cheers

Ray D

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Earth-Like Planets More Common?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 09:59:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 09:59:37 -0400
Subject: Earth-Like Planets More Common?

Source: Space Daily.Com - Sydney South, NSW, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/of45b>

Sep 08, 2006

Earth-Like Planets May Be More Common Than Once Thought

by Staff Writers
Boulder CO (SPX)

More than one-third of the giant planet systems recently detected outside Earth's solar system may harbor Earth-like planets, many covered in deep oceans with potential for life, according to a new study led by the University of Colorado at Boulder and Pennsylvania State University.

The study focuses on a type of planetary system unlike our solar system that contains gas giants known as "Hot Jupiters" orbiting extremely close to their parent stars -- even closer than Mercury to our sun, said CU-Boulder researcher Sean Raymond.

Such gas giants are believed to have migrated inward toward their parent stars as the planetary systems were forming, disrupting the space environment and triggering the formation of ocean-covered, Earth-like planets in a "habitable zone" conducive to the evolution of life, according to the new study.

"Exotic Earths: Forming Habitable Worlds with Giant Planet Migration" was published in the Sept. 8 issue of *Science* and authored by Raymond, Avi Mandell of both Penn State and Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., and Steinn Sigurdson of NASA's Goddard Center.

The study indicates Hot Jupiters push and pull proto-planetary disk material during their journeys, flinging rocky debris outward where it is likely to coalesce into Earth-like planets, said Raymond.

At the same time, turbulent forces from the dense surrounding gas slow down the orbits of small, icy bodies in the outer reaches of the disk, causing them to spiral inward and deliver water to the fledgling planets. Such planets may eventually host oceans several miles deep, according to the study.

"These gas giants cause quite a ruckus," said Raymond of CU-Boulder's Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics. "We now think there is a new class of ocean-covered, and possibly habitable, planets in solar systems unlike our own."

Scientists had previously assumed that as Hot Jupiters plowed through proto-planetary material on their inward migrations toward parent stars, all the surrounding material would be "vacuumed up" or ejected from the system, he said. "The new models indicate these early ideas were probably wrong," said Raymond.

The research team ran exhaustive simulations lasting more than eight months each on more than a dozen desktop computers, starting with proto-planetary disks containing more than 1,000 moon-sized, rocky and icy bodies. The initial conditions for each computer model were based on current theories of how planets form in our own solar system and simulated about 200 million years of planetary evolution.

The team concluded that about one of every three known planetary systems could have evolved as-yet-undetected Earth-like planets in so-called habitable zones like the one Earth is in, he said. A whopping 40 percent of the 200 or so known planets around other stars are Hot Jupiters, although the percentage probably will decrease as more distant planets are discovered, said Raymond.

In addition to Earth-like planets that form in habitable zones outside Hot Jupiters, the simulations showed some rocky planets known as "Hot Earths" often form inside the orbits of Hot Jupiters, said Raymond.

A Hot Earth, with a radius twice that of our own Earth, was discovered in 2005 in a nearby star system orbiting just 2 million miles from its parent star by a team led by University of California, Berkeley, planetary scientist Geoffrey Marcy.

The new simulations showed both Hot Earths and Earth-like planets in habitable zones formed with large amounts of water, up to 100 times the water present on Earth today, he said. The models indicate such water-rich planets would probably contain a lower percentage of iron

- which may be important for the evolution and possible oxygenation of evolving atmospheres - than Earth, he said.

According to the team's simulations, Hot Earths can form astoundingly fast, in just 100,000 years or so. Earth-like planets in habitable zones form much more slowly, taking up to 200 million years, said Raymond. Geologists believe Earth took about 30 million years to 50 million years to fully form.

"I think there are definitely habitable planets out there," said Raymond. "But any life on these planets could be very different from ours. There are a lot of evolutionary steps in between the formation of such planets in other systems and the presence of life forms looking back at us."

The new research effort may allow planet hunters to determine "rough limits" indicating where to search for habitable planets in known systems of giant planets, according to the team, whose research was funded by NASA's Astrobiology Institute headquartered at the NASA Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif.

"Upcoming space missions such as NASA's Kepler and Terrestrial Planet finder and ESA's COROT and Darwin will discover and eventually characterize Earth-like planets around other stars," wrote the authors in Science. "We predict that a significant fraction of systems with close-in giant planets will be found to have a Hot Earth or potentially habitable, water-rich planets on stable orbits in the Habitable Zone."

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I'll check on this; the middle initial is correct, but Sequoyah was born in 1940 according to his military service record, so I'll hold out hope that this is another man by that name.

I'll need to let his literary agent know too... He had an entire manuscript done about his life as a half-white, half-Choctaw man who turned to his Native American side after Vietnam. It was titled The One I Walk Beside.

This is unpleasantly familiar...

I telephoned Robert Patenaude of Kootenay Wilderness Tours, who Sequoyah has been working with.

Robert says that Sequoyah is alive, that he is in frequent communication with him, and he's going to talk to him today to be sure.

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Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2006 12:59:50 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 10:07:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs? - Shell

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2006 21:22:01 -0300
>Subject: Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs?

>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 13:30:13 -0500 (CDT)
>>Subject: Re: Electromagnetic Space Travel For Bugs?

<snip>

>>Well, it's an interesting theory, and at least it's one that
>>can be reasonably tested. I just wanted to note, however, that
>>so far there's no indication or solid evidence that anything
>>of the sort ever happens. Surveys of interplanetary dust have
>>thus far failed to reveal any trace of life.
>>Sure, life is pretty tenacious and tough. But being blown out
>>of an atmosphere via a jet or a sprite, then wafting through
>>space for who knows how many eons, only to face a problematic
>>re-entry through another atmosphere, is a lot to ask of a
>>little microbe. And at this point, we don't know of any that
>>have survived such a theoretical journey.

>But here's a thought, Tim. Apparently larger meteors that enter
>the atmosphere can break up to dust and then the particles fall
>at only about a foot per second or about 41 miles per hour. Some
>fall slower, some faster. Microbes are likely less affected by
>reentry due to their weight ratio to air molecules or water vapor
>molecules, etc. They would be colliding with them, thereby
>slowing their progress. Sort of like water spiders and water
>surface tension.

>Size has to matter in some respect; after all they are
>theoretically being ejected into space by repulsion. It could be
>it's their very size that protects them. This is just wild
>speculation on my part so feel free to slap down the
>possibility.

No, I understand. You can toss an ant from the Empire State
Building and it'll just scurry away. And I recall the
discussions about the heat level inside chondritic meteorites as
possibly being cool enough for a little critter to survive, if
there were any.

I remember reading something in Strange Magazine a few years
back about the carnivorous Venus Flytrap plant actually coming
from outer space, riding in on the flock of meteorites that
supposedly created the Carolina Bays. Nothing else quite like
the plant, really. Very easy to imagine that it either came from
space or was mutated by something that came from there.

And of course, there's the old notion that comets cause
malaria - literally 'bad air', when they appear. Indicating the
deposition on Earth of nasty new viruses for which we have no
natural immunity.

But how much life (freeze-dried, presumably) would there have to
be floating around freely in space for some or any of it to land

on our cozy little planet? I mean, as thick as pollen gets in our atmosphere (and easy to find and measure), most plants still need the help of bees or other insects to pollinate.

So what I'm thinking is that for this panspermia notion to work, any interplanetary life floating around out there would need to be pretty thick - you should see huge clouds of the stuff floating around - or the odds instantly get way too steep for transfer to happen.

Planets are relatively small, and space is really, really big (really). Add to that ambient destructive radiation, the relatively low effect gravity would have on these interplanetary bugs, along with the "repulsion" effect you mention, and it doesn't take long before the whole scenario becomes so unlikely as to approach "impossible".

And the fact that we haven't found a single, tiny little trace of functionable life in space so far - much less big clouds of dormant microbes - doesn't look too good for the theory, either.

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>From: Viktor Golubic <Diverge247.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2006 01:39:08 EDT
>Subject: Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 17:06:16 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Heflin Case Papers

<snip>

>>I believe Gray measured the spacing. He describes numerous
>>"measurements recorded at the site" such as the slant distance
>>to the irrigation standpipe (virtually across the road from the
>>next pole) and its distance from the pavement, the "measured"
>>distance from the camera to the freeway overpass, the distances
>>of camera and poles from one another and from the edge of the
>>pavement, the width of the pavement, etc., and he incorporates
>>these into a site drawing - which you may also have, as I
>>suspect it is based on his 17-page NICAP report of summer 1966,
>>which is probably your "detailed analysis of image #1"?

>>However on this 1969 version a unique value is given for the
>>pole interval - 209 ft. He says that his 1969 calculations of
>>the possible UFO sizes and shadow positions have been adjusted
>>since that 1966 report (on which the Rankow Fate/FSR article was
>>based BTW) because of a reassessment of the angular scale
>>following discovery of the more complete print, but the ratio
>>205 : 209 (change <2%) does not appear to be related to the
>>change in angular scale (almost 8%) so that ambiguity may have
>>another source.

><snip>

>It seems to me that if he would have measured the distance
>between the poles on an earlier occasion, then this value would
>have been immutable, invariable, not questioned nor changed
>based upon the release of a new fuller scale image. It would
>instead have been a standard for comparison of angular scale. In
>any case, this adjustment does not instill a measured
>confidence. Yes, most of his measurements appear measured and
>trustworthy (underlined if I recall). Perhaps he's re-scaled
>some average value over several pole separations (3D depth
>adjustment), having only measured one of them previously?

Possibly, but I'm not sure that there is any real readjustment
of spacing. If there is it appears to be unrelated to the
angular scale, as I just said. You mentioned some ambiguity
("205 or 209"), but did not explain. If you are saying that the
1966 document you have says 205 ft then it would be helpful if
you could tell us so explicitly.

Thanks

Martin

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2006 00:08:55 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 10:12:49 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shough

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 08:52:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth?

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 17:18:01 +0100
>Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth?

>>The angle of attack is overwhelmingly important in generating
>>the necessary circulation and momentum transfer that causes
>>lift, and this momentum transfer is basically "shoving air
>>down".

>So I guess all of those model airplanes that I built and flew
>were flying for the wrong reasons? They weren't aware of that.

This is just a silly remark, facetious without point or content.

>Apparently, there is no agreement on this, with some people
>arguing for Bernoulli, as I did, and others arguing for Newton,
>as you have done.

<snip>

>So you pays your money and you takes your choice. Personally,
>I'll stick with Bernoulli, the way I learned it originally.

First, you did not previously "argue for Bernoulli". You argued (but have now thrown this away) that lift is a local pressure differential caused by the aerofoil camber. This is a quite different thing, and still quite wrong, and the fact that you think this was arguing for Bernoulli shows that you still don't seem to appreciate why it is wrong.

But, second, now you are apparently "arguing for Bernoulli", indicating that you suppose the Bernoulli pressure field picture and the reaction picture to be exclusive alternative explanations of lift, because only this can explain why you believe that "sticking with Bernoulli" justifies your original denial that lift involves accelerating air downward. But they are not exclusive alternatives.

To start by going back to the beginning: Bernoulli's Theorem does not tell you that lift is caused by the camber; it tells you only that low pressure is associated with accelerated streamlines. It came into use as a popular way of describing the pressure/velocity field, but it does not tell you why the streamlines over a wing are accelerated in the first place. Someone had to think of a reason for that.

One erroneous explanation for this acceleration, probably originating with Prandtl, was the equal-time one you cited, i.e. to do with the longer path lengths over the top surface of a cambered aerofoil, the argument being that since the laminar streamlines must rejoin at the trailing edge then the upper stream having the longer route must travel faster than the lower, hence lower pressure. But the buried assumption here,

that two separated halves of the same parcel of air rejoin behind the wing, is proven to be untrue. In fact the upper half travels significantly faster and washes off the back edge of the wing before its lower twin ever gets there. The acceleration of the air is not just a local effect relative to the wing surface, but a bulk displacement relative to the column of air under the wing.

The animation of streamline motion in the fourth of the links you cite, purporting to show the explanation of topside low pressure, shows it as due to the equal-time recombination of streamlines over a cambered foil and is absolutely wrong. In fact camber has almost nothing to do with lift. A plane which relied solely on aerofoil camber for lift would be virtually unflyable, and even if it did this explanation of it would be bogus. At low angles of attack a symmetrical wing (i.e. mirror-identical above and below the chord) actually produces better lift than cambered profiles. The purpose of the camber is generally to control stall resistance at low speeds and its usefulness is proportional to the angle of attack, which is why generally not much camber is built in and (as pilots on the list can explain better than I) camber is effectively added when needed by use of flaps. Again, the angle of attack is paramount, be it a B-47 or a barn door.

So the equal-time argument is wrong and the wing camber is not the explanation for the pressure differential. The pressure field gradient is not caused by the streamline velocity and the velocity is not caused by differential lengths of laminar streamflows over and under the cambered wing, as you claimed. Rather the wing angle of attack causes the low pressure and it is the pressure gradient, resulting in an effective circulation pattern around the wing, that causes the accelerated streamlines.

This is amply demonstrated, as I already pointed out (and must now repeat as you snipped away and ignored almost my entire post) by the ability of planes to fly upside down (camber inverted; this is also shown at the first of your web links.) or to fly with with symmetrical-section wings or even flat wings (no camber at all).

Now, on to your intention to "stick with Bernoulli, the way I learned it originally."

The validity of the reaction picture does not mean that Bernoulli's theorem isn't a good description of the pressure field over the wing. Similarly the usefulness of the pressure-field picture does not mean that lift can occur without the downward shedding of momentum via the air. It is a mistake to say that either Bernoulli or Newton completely explains lift. Functionally these are complementary pictures of parts of the process. So the fact remains that if you were to prevent the downward shedding of momentum from behind the wing then flight would not be a physically conservative process and would need explaining as some quantum miracle. Thus the "shoving of air down" is the indispensable end result of the whole process, it is not some figment of a "surprising lack of understanding", and indeed many would argue that the reaction picture to which it leads is the more fundamental representation of lift.

If you doubt the reaction picture, go from a wing to a rotor (a bunch of wings), where the same principles apply. The downwash momentum is much more noticeable in a hovering helicopter when the opposing resultant momentum vector of the several "wings" is vertical. Then turn the rotor 90 degs and you get a tail rotor, which is applying lateral lift (it is still "lift"), and from there you can see that an airplane propellor is an arrangement of spinning wings producing lateral lift (thrust) by accelerating air backwards.

If you doubt the momentum model of thrust developed by a propellor, call it a turbine and put it in a jet. Whittle realised that a lot of air momentum was wasted so enclosed and channelled the prop wash which is thereby accelerated and produces thrust more efficiently by throwing more of the momentum in the direction you want it. You can think of a wing the same way: A ramjet mechanism using a Bernoulli-type constraint of streamlines to accelerate air mass downward over a surface to produce upward thrust.

Martin Shough

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Jaime Maussan Is Still My Hero

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2006 19:36:34 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 10:14:21 -0400
Subject: Jaime Maussan Is Still My Hero

I was so fortunate to meet Jaime Maussan a couple of years ago when he was here in Hollywood.

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Best,

Greg

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Re: Cattle Mutilations - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2006 21:44:34 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 10:16:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Cattle Mutilations - Randle

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 21:39:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: Cattle Mutilations

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 14:08:21 EDT
>>Subject: Cattle Mutilations

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>>A couple of weeks ago, a List member asked for recommendations
>>for research about cattle mutilations. I suggested a couple of
>>the skeptical works, Mute Evidence and the Rommel Report, the
>>investigation made by a former FBI member, simply to provide
>>some balance to those not completely familiar with cattle
>>mutilations.

>Kevin:

>I would add the following article from the Canadian Veterinary
>Journal, which is almost never referenced by the mutologists:

>"Maggots, mutilation and myth: Patterns of postmortem scavenging
>of the bovine carcass," Canadian Veterinary Journal, Volume 30,
>September 1989, pp. 742 - 747.

>I've had the article posted at my blog for some time. You can
>read it here:

><http://tinyurl.com/n2e4g>

>The article was written by P. Nick Nation, who was with the
>Animal Health Division of the Alberta Department of Agriculture,
>and Elisabeth S. Williams, who was with the Wyoming State
>Veterinary Laboratory, Department of Veterinary Services,
>University of Wyoming.

Paul, List All -

If we are to investigate something we must investigate everything. This is a lesson I forgot while trying to determine the validity of Stephen Lovekin's claim to be a brigadier general and his claim to have worked in the White House. When I could find nothing to suggest he was a general, other than a suggestion that he was a member of this State Guard Association of the United States and the North Carolina State Guard I drew some conclusions that were not warranted... with cattle mutilations we must look at all the evidence and all the reports on both sides of the question so that we can understand what we are finding.

Yes, I have the article on my hard drive, along with a bunch of the NIDS stuff. I should have referenced it since it is an important piece of the puzzle.

KRandle

KevinRandle.blogspot.com

BTW... I keep forgetting to mention this. I have posted a number of new articles in the last few weeks.

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Re: Jaime Maussan Is Still My Hero - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2006 07:37:05 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 11:21:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Jaime Maussan Is Still My Hero - Nielsen

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Rick I'd say you should make up your own mind.

While your doing just that, get hold of the umpteen million
spanish people who will testify to the fact that Jaime has saved
lives, fought gangsters, criminals in ever arena of commerce and
it goes on and on.

The man has faced numerous death threats for just being a good
journalist. He's faced racism and fascism and I'd wager far
more.

I wouldn't care if he made a million mistakes while being a
ufologist if he's saved one life as a journalist that's fair
trade in my book.

So Rick, when you ask those questions ask yourself about the
people who post negative things about others, how many lives

have they saved? How many are they saving now?

Character assassination is like that old saying that it takes one to know one.

Don't fall for it.

Best,

Greg

We've had this discussion _many_ times before - please read the Archive:

<http://tinyurl.com/s6zx7>

End of thread. No more Jaime Maussion discussion, unless its to add something new.

Thank you,

ebk

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Re: Earth-Like Planets More Common? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2006 16:45:58 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 15:38:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Earth-Like Planets More Common? - Dickenson

>Source: Space Daily.Com - Sydney South, NSW, Australia
><http://tinyurl.com/of45b>
>Sep 08, 2006
>Earth-Like Planets May Be More Common Than Once Thought

>"Upcoming space missions such as NASA's Kepler and Terrestrial
>Planet finder and ESA's COROT and Darwin will discover and
>eventually characterize Earth-like planets around other stars,"
>wrote the authors in Science. 'We predict that a significant
>fraction of systems with close-in giant planets will be found to
>have a Hot Earth or potentially habitable, water-rich planets on
>stable orbits in the Habitable Zone."

Risking sounding really picky, that 'habitable zone' term has
been well criticized, as misleading to say the least.

Actually Earth itself is outside of that putative habitable zone
- "The global temperature of the Earth would be below the
freezing point of water if not for the greenhouse effect." -
Carl Sagan - 'Cosmos'

Maybe it's just chauvinism - identifying only with carbon-based
life which uses H2O as a solvent and so wants to live somewhere
between freezing and boiling points.

Cheers

Ray D

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Black Sun Update

From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans.nul>
Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 19:01:33 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 15:40:18 -0400
Subject: Black Sun Update

I have updated my Black Sun blog:

<http://dieschwarzesonne.blogspot.com/>

Read about the German Mars Mission in 1910, the blueprints of a Solar Space Station in 1928, the encounter with humanoids on Sigma in 1931 and the Ancient Gods of Hyperborea who encoded their wisdom in the stars.

Regards,

Theo

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2006 13:46:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 15:42:07 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth? - Shell

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2006 00:08:55 +0100
>Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth?

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>>were flying for the wrong reasons? They weren't aware of that.

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So?

I would appreciate it if you would simply use your delete key
on my posts rather than posting long-winded responses which
do not interest me in the slightest.

Bob Shell

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Mote Of Consciousness

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2006 13:08:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 15:45:36 -0400
Subject: Mote Of Consciousness

Hey Folks;

"My consciousness is just a mote - it inhabits this machine which is used for transportation by a mind that's but a dream. It's transmitted so its floating in a light speed plasma dance which traces out this essay you might read if you've the chance."

Mote Of Consciousness - Which includes a Dave Rudiak Tribute music video.

<http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2006/09/mote-of-consciousness.html>

Thanks...

alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net
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Re: Black Sun Update - Lee

From: **Regan Lee** <rlee15.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2006 14:02:13 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2006 17:15:05 -0400
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This is a great blog.

R. Lee

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Re: Sequoyah Trueblood - Denton

From: Julia Denton <ybr2.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2006 15:44:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2006 09:19:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Sequoyah Trueblood - Denton

>From: Will Bueche <willbueche.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2006 09:10:57 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Sequoyah Trueblood

>>From: Julia Denton <ybr2.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2006 03:57:54 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Sequoyah Trueblood

><snip>

>>According to the Ponca City News, Oklahoma, Sequoyah
>>E. Trueblood died this past week, on Sept. 3.

>>Here is the obit and URL:

>>Sequoyah E. Trueblood, Marland resident, died Sunday, Sept. 3,
>>2006, at the Claremore Veterans Center. He was 83. Arrangements
>>are pending with Trout Funeral Home and Crematory.

>><http://www.poncacitynews.com/templates/obits/288911018283261.bsp>

>I'll check on this; the middle initial is correct, but Sequoyah
>was born in 1940 according to his military service record, so
>I'll hold out hope that this is another man by that name.

>I'll need to let his literary agent know too... He had an entire
>manuscript done about his life as a half-white, half-Choctaw man
>who turned to his Native American side after Vietnam. It was
>titled The One I Walk Beside.

>This is unpleasantly familiar...

What is unpleasantly familiar?

>I telephoned Robert Patenaude of Kootenay Wilderness Tours, who
>Sequoyah has been working with. Robert says that Sequoyah is
>alive, that he is in frequent communication with him, and he's
>going to talk to him today to be sure.

If he was born in 1940 then he would only be 66, not 83. Maybe
the Sequoyah E. Trueblood who passed on Sept. 3 was his father?
A bit young for a father, but not unheard of. Please let us know
what you find out, okay? Thanks.

Julie

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Re: Mote Of Consciousness - Rudiak

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>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2006 13:08:26 -0500
>Subject: Mote Of Consciousness

>Hey Folks;

>"My consciousness is just a mote - it inhabits this machine
>which is used for transportation by a mind that's but a dream.
>It's transmitted so its floating in a light speed plasma dance
>which traces out this essay you might read if you've the
>chance."

>Mote Of Consciousness - Which includes a Dave Rudiak Tribute
>music video.

><http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2006/09/mote-of-consciousness.html>

Dear Almighty Alfred Lord Lehmborg:

I'm not worthy... I'm not worthy... I'm not worthy... [multiple
prostrations]

Wait. About the morphing Rudiak picture at the end - who's side
are you on anyway?

David 'All Is Not Illusion' Rudiak

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Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2006 22:25:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2006 09:33:56 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth - Scheldroup

>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 14:53:55 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Or Secret Plane Over Tynemouth

>Readers have sent in many photos similar to Tynemouth photo.
>These, statements and further enhancements have been added to
>story.

><http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0906/tynemouth.html>

From your site:

Dated: July 30, 2001. Northrop Grumman Corporation's Integrated Systems Sector (ISS), has completed production of the X-47A Pegasus, unmanned air vehicle that will be used to demonstrate aerodynamic qualities suitable for autonomous operation from an aircraft carrier.

Doug suggests that instead of a secret project we may have a photo of the X-47A Pegasus. As always, I leave it up to the reader to decide. You can read more about the X-47 Pegasus by clicking here.

<http://www.spacedaily.com/news/uav-01j.html>

<http://home.centurytel.net/cty90143/jpeg/images/manta.gif>

Now cleary Dirk, what you and I both have experienced is a photo of the Bob Seger Engineers band versus the BB King Aerospace Orchestra, and what ever confusion happened, to that vunderful vunderful music nowa hita boys, clap, clap, clap

John

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2006 15:43:40 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2006 11:03:43 -0400
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Hello David, List,

Actually, this disproves your point. No matter how secret something is (and this is probably even more sensitive than any ET visitation), no cover-up is foolproof otherwise how would you know about this?

How many people would 'need to know' about this short-lived secret? In comparison, how many would need to know about a secret that has been active for nearly sixty years? The risk of exposure in the latter case is probably in the order of sixty times greater.

Regards,

Joe

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I hope I live long enough - though I'm sure I won't - to learn at least some of the scandalous secrets our government is covering up related to its so-called War on Terror, its Iraq adventure, its assault on our constitutional liberties, and the like. I think it is safe to predict that it will be decades before the full truth emerges, and that will be only because historians, journalists, and other mainstream researchers will be pursuing the matter with all the resources at their command.

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Jerry Clark

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Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <cda.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2006 16:54:05 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2006 13:14:48 -0400
Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values - Allan

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2006 16:19:35 +0100
>Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2006 17:31:06 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: CSICOP In Defense Of The Higher Values

>>A Wall of Kimballism is coming at you gradually, part of which
>>will be a monster interview with Paul in the next and very
>>belated issue of UFO Review. In it, Paul says quite
>>unequivocally that he thinks that most sceptics wouldn't have a
>>problem with accepting ET. I completely disagree. I think for
>>most CSICOPians, actual, acceptable evidence of the paranormal
>>or of ET would be the end of the world.

>They seem to have a history of it:

>Source:

>http://www.skepticalinvestigations.org/observer/30yearswar_2.htm

>Media Watch

>Has CSICOP Lost the 30 Years' War?

>Guy Lyon Playfair

>Part 2: The Gauquelin Effect

>"CSICOP's reaction to the exposure of a scandal within
>its ranks, he added, was "not to eject the culprits but to eject
>those who expose them."

><snip>

> --astrophysicist & founder CSICOP member Dennis Rawlins

This story dates from c. 1980. Rawlins did suffer at the hands of CSICOP, but although he did support Gauquelin initially (re the "Mars Effect"), Rawlins did make it clear that he did not accept the Mars Effect as genuine. I think his dispute with CSICOP was over the way they tried to suppress the statistical significance of Gauquelin's early results. A strange affair.

CDA

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Well said. This is another useless example for the crashed
saucerologists to promote, to buttress the idea that Roswell was
an ET crash and the public and the scientific world have been
deceived for 6 decades. The wreckage, bodies and documents are
still under wraps, despite some 10 different US administrations!

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Kind of puts those utterly ridiculous 9/11 conspiracy theories
into a bit more of a context.

Why has this story been released on the anniversary of 9/11? Are
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Stuart Miller

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Air Force personnel confusing weather balloons and crashed
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Don

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I agree with Jerry. The 'laughter curtain' effect keeps a cone of silence on all UFO-related matters. Since I believe that the Powers That Be don't exactly know what to do with the subject either, this adds another layer of 'deniability' so to speak. Unfortunately, action on UFO secrecy will need to come from our arbiters of reality--science and the media. Until these people learn to take the subject seriously, or at least in a spirit of genuine curiosity, any secrets will stay that way. The mercurial nature of the subject almost guarantees that this will not happen any time soon. Our consensus view of "reality" needs to change in fundamental ways.

This goes for the military/ government people as well. How can they reveal something they don't fully understand?

Greg Bishop

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Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 08:51:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 10:18:26 -0400
Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 11:40:18 +0200
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>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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You make an excellent point, which I ought to have addressed in
my initial posting on the subject.

Yes, Roswell-like Events (RLEs) are indeed the subject of a
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witnesses. If there is any factual basis behind these claims, at
least some of these (the ones that aren't demonstrably false)
are secrecy- breaching leaks. So in that sense RLEs are not
entirely covered up.

On the other hand, few secrets are ever entirely secret.
Participants may speak to others about sensitive matters, but
unless their claims rise to the level of official knowledge -
recognized as authentic by elite media, science, government, and
other institutions which define what we are to accept as
"truth" - they're just unsubstantiated rumors or (best of all
for the secrecy guardians) ridicule fodder. To maintain secrecy
about RLEs, given the outlandish nature of the matter, all
secrecy-keepers have to do is sit on the relevant documents,
deny their existence, and slander those who raised the question
in the first place.

Keeping RLE secrets (assuming for the sake of argument that they

exist) - given rejection of the very concept _even within the fringe realm of ufology_ - has to be the easiest thing in the world. Secrecy guardians can cite the ufologists (e.g., the late Karl Pflock) who debunk RLEs and paint the rest as lunatics and conspiracy theorists to whom no serious, responsible journalist or politician should pay attention.

There are reasonable anti-RLE arguments, and open-minded people are and should be open to them. The claim that governments can't keep secrets, especially RLE secrets, is, on the other hand, almost too silly to bother with. If I were an RLE debunker, I'd retire it with all due haste, for fear of unintentionally affording the opposition unwarranted credibility.

Jerry Clark

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CE-1 and CE-2 In Santa Rosa Argentina

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 11:12:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 16:03:56 -0400
Subject: CE-1 and CE-2 In Santa Rosa Argentina

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ARGENTINA: CE-1 and CE-2 in Santa Rosa
A report from Salvatore Valentin Carta

Santa Rosa - La Pampa - Argentina: Northeastern sector of the
aforementioned city and its outskirts.

On Saturday, August 26, 2006, Mrs. "O" had just finished
watering her back yard. She estimates the time as somewhere
between 19:50 and 20:10 because night was falling "without the
sun being visible". It was then that something drew her
attention.

It was a "dark red" object with the appearance of a plow disc
(60 cm in diameter) with lights around it, but the lights "were
not solid, and it looked like each of them was a small spiral" -
this term was accompanied by an association with a fly-swatter.
Technically speaking, it was a vortex.

The object remained static between a three-line barbed wire
fence used as a separation between another neighboring house and
behind a brick oven, almost along the same visual plane.

"That thing there" seemed odd to her but she didn't give it much
importance, getting back into her house because "it was starting
to get cold." The next day she noticed that the soil was drier
than normal and with a more solid consistency. I have
ascertained that the barbed wire is darkened or covered by
something resemble oxide; it is high resistance galvanized wire
measuring 3mm thick and was put up a year ago.

The two dogs did not bark on this occasion. Upon visiting her
farm, a "fairy ring" was clearly visible on the property,
measuring 2.50m in diameter. Mrs. O was startled, as she hadn't
stopped to think about it.

She also indicated that five days before this event, on Monday,
August 21, at 21:00 hours, as she brought in her husband's
bicycle (he had just come in from work and gone straight to
bed), she saw a light to the northwest that she described as "a
very large bottle shooting fire outward" (plasma ionization?).
The neighborhood dogs were quite alarmed. The object was near a
construction site two blocks distant from her point of view.
These are the last three city blocks in that area of Santa Rosa.
In the morning she looked into the matter because she thought it
could be people engaged in some activity, but found the grass as
though burned and very dry with regard to the surrounding
vegetation. Her information was corroborated when I visited the
site she pointed out.

Special thanks to Salvatore Valentin Carta and Planeta UFO
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Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Gehrman

From: **Ed Gehrman** <egehrman.nul>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 09:02:52 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 16:09:38 -0400
Subject: Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Gehrman

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Alien Autopsy: Fact or Fiction?, which is the movie version of
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footage. Ant & Dec, UK TV actors are featured in the lead roles
of Ray and Gary, two madcap entrepreneurs trying to make a fast
buck.

The genesis of the footage has been discussed but hasn't been
substantiated.

Ed

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Mare Mutilated In Santa Rosa La Pampa Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 16:13:07 -0400
Subject: Mare Mutilated In Santa Rosa La Pampa Argentina

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[Editor's Note: Photos of mutilated animals evoke a number of responses in viewers, not all of them positive. They have not been included in this news item and will be available at:

<http://inexplicata.blogspot.com>]

ARGENTINA: Mare Mutilated in Santa Rosa, La Pampa
a report from Salvatore Valentin Carta

Santa Rosa - La Pampa: A mutilated mare, approximately 3 years old and almost certainly pregnant, was found on the north access road to Santa Rosa on National Route 35, Km 333. The mare was literally emptied out.

It also presented incisions in its eyesockets and its left jaw, showing incisions in its tongue (see photo). It can be estimated that it was in a mutilated condition for approximately 5 days, with advanced decomposition taking place. The carcass appears to have been dragged out in the early morning hours of September 10 and left there.

100 meters away from the spot is a horse breeding farm. When consulted, they denied that the mutilated animal belong to them.

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From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 16:10:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 17:35:33 -0400
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>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
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From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 21:40:26 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 17:39:02 -0400
Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

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Hi Stuart,

I'm surprised it went back to May of 2001. It was a more recent
find for me. As for my age, I am apparently superhuman, being 61
years of age. Mind you I don't feel superhuman. My knee doctor
told me a couple of weeks ago that if you make 61 you are more
than likely to make 80 years.

Best,

Don

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Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On? - Faccenda

From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 20:26:37 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 07:31:35 -0400
Subject: Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On? - Faccenda

>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 14:50:18 -0400
>Subject: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On?

>New Great Lakes Dive Company photos and story exclusively
>released to ufodigest.com Photos and enhancements.

><http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0906/kinrossobject.html>

>Dirk

I'm amazed.

We have what is potentially one of the greatest ufological discoveries eclipsing Roswell, Heflin, or any of the classic UFO sagas, and the response from the UpDates members? Barley a whimper.

Here we have it all, Radar reports of the initial contact, fusion of the Radar images, Sonar images of the found aircraft and a circular mound beside it, all the elements that should have any self-respecting ufologist frothing at the mouth.

Instead? A yawn, a nod, and a walk on by.

It is said above the gates of hades there is a sign
'Abandon all hope all ye who enter here'

Are we all so battle weary, hardened, scared, that even mere speculation is taboo?

Are you not enthralled with hope that finally 'hard evidence', so long the skeptibunkers weapon of choice, is there in all its ufological splendour?

My fear is that this discovery will never be examined. That the powers that be, will stop any further exploration And in time will quietly recover any craft that is there.

All the more reason to broadcast this discovery, nay shout it from the rooftops, before it slips into mere folklore. Shades of Roswell indeed.

Regards,

Joe

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From: Robert Whitehead <robwhiteheaduk.nul>
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Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 17:27:37 +0100
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Neil

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Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 18:09:59 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:02:23 -0400
Subject: Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Hall

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 10:45:50 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
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Judging by the "evidence" presented to us in this film (where
from? presented by whom? how discovered?), the photographers of
the time surely were completely incompetent. Flash, dash,
sleight-of-hand, yes. The camera focused for more than a second
or two on something you can actually look at and study, no.

- Dick

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Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 14:36:33 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:04:03 -0400
Subject: Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Gammon

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I'm not convinced of it's authenticity.

I think the first question we should ask ourselves is whether or
not the military would even film the supposed Roswell crash. I
believe they would not.

I do perhaps see a need to film the initial crash scene, but as
to anything else pertaining to the event, I do not see a need.
In fact, I feel that the military would most likely realize the
threat of film leaking into the public domain and seek to
prevent such from occurring by not filming in the first place.

- Jason Gammon

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Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 16:38:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:09:00 -0400
Subject: Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Boone

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 09:02:52 -0700
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Thanks Ed, I figured as much where the footage originated.

If it's a fake it's the best fake I've seen. It's not crystal
clear, and most of all the persons in the video seem more
interested in the corpse than the camera. No one is doing the
face time thing. They're all jockeying to get a look at the body
than trying to make sure their agents can see their mugs.

It's tough to make out features on the people's faces so as to
identify them as persons who may have been on the scene and who

have mugshots of them in military files.

It'll take an expert on uniforms of the day to work on it or someone who may still be alive who was there who can recognize someone in the short flick.

Perhaps if a restoration crew could clean it up a bit we could get more details to determine it's origin and authenticity.

The corpse, if a corpse, is definitely human. Was it a corpse subjected to military testing and the examiners doing the standard checks to better design craft, armor, etc?

Can't wait to see what you experts can glean from this one.

Best,

Greg

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Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 17:47:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:13:55 -0400
Subject: Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Kaeser

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
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>substantiated.

There's a frame where the 'alien' appears to have six fingers
and a thumb, but it's really a poor quality video (as it was
probably designed to be). One has to question whether this was
created for the Ant and Dec movie, or a decade earlier when the
original AA footage was allegedly created, if this is indeed the
source.

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Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 23:54:01 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:18:39 -0400
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Hi Nick, listers,

Personally I suspect that this is somehow connected to Ray Santelli. I also suspect that some will claim its real, no matter where it comes from.

I always found interesting the number of people who got absolutly screwed by defending Ray over the years - until the FX guy 'fessed up and Ray admitted that it supposedly was a recreation - read fake - of the original footage

Cheers,

Robert

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Mystery After UFO Sighting

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Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:23:52 -0400
Subject: Mystery After UFO Sighting

Source: News Shopper - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/lagc2>

Sept 12, 2006

Mystery After UFO Sighting
By Corinne McPartland

In a scene reminiscent of the X Files, a couple have been left scratching their heads after a UFO sighting in their garden.

Helen Hanreck, 49, was looking for her cats in the garden when she noticed a bright light in the sky.

Miss Hanreck, of Longwalk, Istead Rise, claims she saw more than six red lights moving silently across the night sky.

She claims the lights were moving slowly in an inverted V shape with a long tail.

The insurance manager called to her partner, Nick Claydon, to have a look at the spectacle on September 8 at 9.45pm.

Miss Hanreck says she hoped he would give her a rational explanation to the unexplained lights.

She said: "I thought it was flying too close to other aircraft and I did think it's a terrorist attack heading for London'.

"But then I realised it was going the other way and heading south east. I called to Nick as I thought he would know what the lights were as he has a pilot's licence.

"But when he came into the garden we were both lost for words. We watched the lights for 10 to 15 minutes and it was like watching Chinese lanterns being dragged silently through the sky."

She added: "I am not a believer in spaceships and aliens but I called the police to report it.

"They told me a taxi driver had already phoned in about it, so I was relieved it was not just us."

Mr Claydon, who also saw the UFOs, insists he and his partner are not "nutters".

The 49-year-old said: "We are not flying saucer nutters. We are just normal people, although we did go to Roswell in America to see where a spaceship was supposed to crash.

"I have always wanted to see something like this as other people go on about it.

"When we saw it I raced for my camera but I had it on the wrong

setting so nothing came out."

Miss Hanreck says there may be a perfectly logical explanation although she can't think of one.

She added: "I would be interested to hear whether anyone else saw anything.

"We are so mystified by the whole thing. It's definitely a story we will be able to tell at dinner parties."

North Kent police say they had one report of someone seeing flashing lights at 10.01pm on September 8.

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The Rights Of Humans In Space

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:28:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:28:33 -0400
Subject: The Rights Of Humans In Space

Source: The Space Review - Rockville, Maryland, USA

<http://www.thespacereview.com/article/700/1>

Monday, September 11, 2006

The Rights Of Humans In Space
by Michael Huang

The potential discovery of Martian life and the potential settlement of Mars by humans and other Earth life have produced a wide range of reactions. On one side, there is the belief that we should do nothing on Mars except to observe it from a safe distance. Even robots such as the Viking lander and the Mars rovers are considered non-natural and biologically risky. The Space Review has covered a controversial plan to pick up all the spacecraft on Mars that space agencies have left there over the decades (see "Cleaning up after Martian exploration", August 25, 2003). On the other side, there is the belief that we should use large numbers of robots and humans to explore, settle and perhaps terraform Mars. If life exists on Mars, it would have to live among the new arrivals. The science fiction author Kim Stanley Robinson portrayed these disparate sides as Reds (leave Mars as it is) and Greens (settle, terraform Mars) in his Mars trilogy.

Somewhere between the two sides, there is the belief that robots and humans should explore Mars, but that sterilization procedures be followed to protect any local species. Another centrist idea is the establishment of protected areas on Mars, similar to national parks on Earth. Humans would be free to settle Mars, but some areas would be off-limits. From this perspective, the Mars debate extends from establishing a national park over the entire planet of Mars, to creating no national parks at all.

In many respects, the Mars debate is a microcosm of a much larger dispute. The debate over which areas should be reserved for natural (i.e. non-human) things, and which should be left for humans, extends from Earth to the solar system and beyond. One side says that a national park should cover the universe (except Earth) while the other says that no parks should exist.

One of the outcomes of this debate is the proposal that extraterrestrial life has rights, a "biocentric" or "ecocentric" worldview. Alien rights (or microbe rights) are the extraterrestrial equivalent of animal rights, the philosophy behind a small but active political movement that seeks fundamental changes in the relationship between humans and animals. If life is discovered on Mars, and it is agreed that these organisms have rights, then it would shift the Mars debate to the observe-only side.

A more radical proposal is that non-living, extraterrestrial objects have rights, a "cosmocentric" worldview. "Cosmic preservationism" says that all natural objects in the universe,

including planets and rocks, have rights. The nearest analogy is the preservationist philosophy of the environmental movement, the one that began the national parks system. Even if life is not found on Mars, cosmic preservationists state that we should still leave Mars alone.

The problem with the biocentric and cosmocentric approaches is that they can only apply to the extraterrestrial environment=97the universe minus Earth. If they apply to Earth, then human existence would be impossible. The acts of eating and breathing would violate the rights of other living and non-living things. The central worldview on Earth is anthropocentric, the belief that humans have rights.

Anthropocentrism may be dominant on Earth, but it has been given short shrift in the extraterrestrial environment. It is evidently a symbol of everything that is wrong about the old world, and the absence of it in space is supposedly a sign of progress.

Putting anthropocentrism in space doesn=92t mean the demise of biocentrism and cosmocentrism. It means that ethical questions, over Mars or any other part of the universe, should consider not only the rights of alien life and natural objects, but the rights of humans as well.

Rights are most effective when they are enshrined in law. It may prove necessary to protect the rights of humans in space in this way. A modest statement, something like, "All human beings have the right to exist at any place beyond Earth," would help defend against attempts to ban humans from Mars and other places. A more comprehensive statement would be, "Human beings beyond Earth have the same rights as human beings on Earth." All the hard-won rights that humans have achieved on Earth=97including, of course, the right to exist=97would apply to people in space.

The rights of humans on Earth are self-evident, but unfortunately the same cannot be said of the rights of humans in space. In a world with an ongoing attempt to reduce and eventually eliminate human existence beyond Earth, a strong declaration of human rights would be very useful.

Michael Huang=92s (fhprize.nul) previous articles for The Space Review include Scientifically Useless, Destroy All Humans!, and The Park Hypothesis.

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Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On? - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 07:27:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:54:35 -0400
Subject: Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On? - Lehmborg

>From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 20:26:37 EDT
>Subject: Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On?

>>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 14:50:18 -0400
>>Subject: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On?

>>New Great Lakes Dive Company photos and story exclusively
>>released to ufodigest.com Photos and enhancements.

>><http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0906/kinrossobject.html>

>I'm amazed.

Don't get too weirded out Mr. Faccenda. Folks are just waiting for the now familiar 'dusts' to settle.

>We have what is potentially one of the greatest ufological
>discoveries eclipsing Roswell, Heflin, or any of the classic
>UFO sagas, and the response from the UpDates members?
>Barley a whimper.

Well - shots are fired and the klassskurtxians (neo-bunksters, skepti-whoopers, and ufological flat-earthers), are just waiting for splash so as to most effectively plan their usual facile (if effective) rebuttal.

Let me hastily add for contrast that sincere skeptics are not at issue, are in comparison persons to be revered above the aforementioned others. The latter are welcome company... honored team members... boon companions... the most interesting of us, the most knowledgeable of us, and the ones to instruct us the most! They are not to be confused with scurrilous skepti-bunkies, ponderous pelicanists, and insipient CSICOPians, more useful identifications for the 'antagonists' regarded.

>Here we have it all, Radar reports of the initial contact,
>fusion of the Radar images, Sonar images of the found aircraft
>and a circular mound beside it, all the elements that should
>have any self-respecting ufologist frothing at the mouth.

Well yeah! I agree. Only, when you gain an appreciation for the long history of this kind of 'official' reaction to the highly strange do you begin to understand that this happens like this, time, and time again.

1. Kirtland AFB (11\4\57)
2. Hynek Blue Book Case (5\5\65)
3. Malmstrom AFB (3/20/67)
4. Incident at Redlands, Ca. (Hynek, BB, 2\4\68)
5. Exeter, New Hampshire (9\3\65)
6. Malmstrom AFB (11\7\75)
7. Iran F-4 Incident (9\76)
8. Belgium (1989\90)
9. Illinois, USA (1\5\2000)

Sightings from Jerry Cohen's site just scratching the zeotropic surface. These provide Radar, multiple witnesses, first hand accounts - genuine 'Wow' stuff justifying obsessive investigation resulting in bupkis from officialdom. I suspect that the reluctance to investigate is contrived by those with the most to lose in the execution of it and some have been ruined, perhaps 'suicided' or at least marginalized in the pursuit of same. It's a rough, generally unrewarding row to hoe.

>Instead? A yawn, a nod, and a walk on by.

Except you and me, eh? <g>

>It is said above the gates of hades there is a sign
>'Abandon all hope all ye who enter here'

>Are we all so battle weary, hardened, scared, that even
>mere speculation is taboo?

I suspect that some would make that so, Sir. UFOs, as pointed out succinctly by Richard Dolan, are the ultimate sedition not beholden to those few in the seat of the cat-bird. These are jealous of that which they cannot control, intimidate, or terrorize and profit from.

>Are you not enthralled with hope that finally 'hard evidence', so
>long the skeptibunkers weapon of choice, is there in all its
>ufological splendour?

A lot of folks have been there done that and got the T-shirt, you know? Your justifiable outrage is spot-on regardless and proper spark to a tender decidedly dampened by those supporters of a hijacked mainstream... succored by the prosaic mundane and its conventional wisdom. We're suffocating in our little boxes. It's time to explore beyond the current play pen to which we are presently restricted - at our peril.

>My fear is that this discovery will never be examined. That the
>powers that be, will stop any further exploration And in time
>will quietly recover any craft that is there.

You're right! 'They'

<http://tinyurl.com/ntvxk>

have the time, the motivation, and muscle to do just that. The only thing standing in the way of that insentient, authoritarian, and cowardly imperative is... you.

>All the more reason to broadcast this discovery, nay shout it
>from the rooftops, before it slips into mere folklore. Shades of
>Roswell indeed.

Don't be discouraged. Keep banging on that spot with even a tiny hammer and the stone will crack. Keep swinging, Sir. I will, too.

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Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:29:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:56:27 -0400
Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 19:12:37 -0300
>Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 21:40:26 +0100 (BST)
>>Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

<snip>

>>Its actually quite an achievement to reach 40, a miracle to
>>get to 50, and if you're past that then you must be
>>superhuman. How old are you Don?

>I'm surprised it went back to May of 2001. It was a more recent
>find for me. As for my age, I am apparently superhuman, being 61
>years of age. Mind you I don't feel superhuman. My knee doctor
>told me a couple of weeks ago that if you make 61 you are more
>than likely to make 80 years.

Hi Don,

I guess we have to find the store where they sell the red and
blue costumes, but the thought of my getting into a skin tight
leotard is indeed frightening..... <VBG>

Steve

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Flatwoods September 12th

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:33:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:57:54 -0400
Subject: Flatwoods September 12th

Flatwoods: September 12th

Let's ponder the strange encounter at Flatwoods on September 12th. What was it?

But don't forget to attend the Mothman Festival on the weekend of September 16-17, 2006, in Point Pleasant.

Read Full Post...

<http://www.cryptomundo.com/cryptozoo-news/flatwoods12th/>

Posted by Loren Coleman on September 12, 2006

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Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 10:15:15 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 10:23:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Balaskas

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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><http://www.cryptomundo.com/cryptozoo-news/flatwoods12th/>

>Posted by Loren Coleman on September 12, 2006

Hi Loren!

Inspired by John Keel's book and the 'Mothman Prophecies' movie based on it, a few of us curious souls from Toronto drove down to Point Pleasant, in 2002, to check things out for ourselves (see URL below for further details).

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/feb/m22-025.shtml>

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Nick Balaskas

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Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Coleman

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 10:35:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 11:07:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Coleman

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 10:15:15 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Balaskas

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>since covered with much vegetation where, as I understood, bombs
>and other dangerous chemicals produced at a local chemical plant
>were once stored.

The chemical components of dynamite (not bombs, per se) were
manufactured at the factory and stored in these "dome-like
structures", which are technically called "igloos".

>Could these isolated dome-like structures have served as the
>home of the Mothman? Maybe the toxic chemicals stored there may
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some are found open today, it is doubtful they would have been
welcome living spaces for any kind of entity, animal, or
whatever in the 1960s.

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Loren Coleman

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Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 11:46:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 12:04:28 -0400
Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 08:29:04 -0400
>Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>I guess we have to find the store where they sell the red and
>blue costumes, but the thought of my getting into a skin tight
>leotard is indeed frightening..... <VBG>

Steve,

I think you just solved the UFO problem. If all of us who frequent this List would don skin tight leotards and confront them, all those little gray buggers would go back where they came from quicker than the wink of an eye, never to be seen in the vicinity of Earth again. UFO sightings, cattle mutilations, abductions, and crop circles would never happen again.

Bob Shell

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Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 10:51:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 14:12:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Clark

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>statement that has been turned into a question, when there is no
>evidence that Mothman was created by mutations or anything else.

Thanks for this good response. Too bad, though, that you (and now
I) felt it was necessary to take up time with it.

When I read Nick's comment about the "mutations that created
Mothman," I thought, "He couldn't possibly be serious, could
he?" On the other hand, perhaps he thinks that '50s monster
movies, where the creature was often explained as a mutation
caused by toxic chemicals or radiation, are in fact
documentaries.

Jerry Clark

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Secrecy News -- 09/12/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 11:48:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 14:31:58 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 09/12/06

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Two partially declassified reports issued by the Senate Intelligence Committee last week that were critical of pre-war intelligence on Iraq remain significantly overclassified, according to Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR), who said he would seek further disclosure.

Furthermore, portions of the two Intelligence Committee reports that were withheld conceal "certain highly offensive activities" and "deeply disturbing information," said Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.).

"I am very troubled that some information in these reports has been classified even though its release would have no impact on national security," Sen. Wyden said.

"I am particularly concerned it appears that information may have been classified to shield individuals from accountability," he said September 8.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/09/wyden090806.html>

"Portions of the report which the intelligence community leaders have determined to keep from public view provide some of the most damaging evidence of this administration's falsehoods and distortions," said Senator Levin in a September 8 statement on the Senate floor.

"What remains classified, and therefore covered up, includes deeply disturbing information," he said.

"Much of the information redacted from the public report does not jeopardize any intelligence source or method but serves effectively to cover up certain highly offensive activities."

"Even the partially released picture is plenty bleak, about the administration's use of falsehoods and distortions to build public support for the war. But the public is entitled to the full picture. Unless this report is further declassified, they won't get it," Sen. Levin said.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/s090806.html

Senator Wyden announced that he would ask the Public Interest Declassification Board, an advisory board originally created by statute in 2000, to review the two reports and to render a judgment as to whether they were properly declassified.

This would be the first time that a Member of Congress has tasked the Board to perform such a declassification oversight function.

The two Senate Intelligence Committee reports, released last week in redacted form, are:

"The Use by the Intelligence Community of Information Provided by the Iraqi National Congress" (211 pages, 9 MB PDF file):

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_rpt/srpt109-330.pdf

"Postwar Findings About Iraq's WMD Programs and Links to Terrorism and How They Compare with Prewar Assessments" (151 pages, 7 MB PDF file):

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_rpt/srpt109-331.pdf

DOE REPORTS ON INADVERTENT DISCLOSURES OF CLASSIFIED INFO

The Department of Energy has issued its twenty-second report to Congress on inadvertent disclosures of classified nuclear weapons-related information in declassified files at the National Archives.

The new report said that reviewers had found an additional 736 pages containing such classified information within the more than 465,000 pages of records that they recently reviewed. The classified materials were removed from public access.

A copy of the new report, dated August 2006 but released in declassified form in September, is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/inadvertent22.pdf>

The DOE effort to review previously declassified records for inadvertent disclosures began in 1999 and has nearly been completed. DOE reviewers at the Archives will soon turn their attention to the proper processing of records that are currently undergoing or scheduled for declassification.

The National Security Archive at George Washington University recently obtained cost data on the Department of Energy program to review declassified records at the National Archives.

"So far, according to DOE, the review of the 204 million pages [the total reviewed since 1999] has cost nearly \$22 million," reported William Burr of the National Security Archive.

"While the average cost of the review was about 9 cents per page, the average cost of locating the suspect information was high. The cost of finding one of the 2,766 documents [containing classified data] was almost \$8,000, while the cost of finding one of the withdrawn [classified] pages [that had been inadvertently disclosed] was around \$3,300," he wrote.

"The effort to retrieve [classified] 'RD' nuclear weapons design information is understandable (although whether adversaries would actually have seized opportunities to find the needle in the archival haystack is a problem worth considering)."

"It would have been far better, however, if DOE had undertaken its review with better guidelines enabling it to focus on protecting truly sensitive information instead of impounding documents that may have little or no sensitivity," Burr wrote.

See "How Many and Where Were the Nukes?" edited by Dr. William Burr, National Security Archive, August 18, 2006:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB197/index.htm>

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Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 12:12:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 14:34:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Kaeser

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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>being shot at. We had inadvertently ended up on the wrong side
>of a gun firing range and nearly become the latest victims of
>the Mothman saga.

I would suggest that a side trip to Clarkesburg, WV to the Gray Barker room at the Harrison County Library would be a valuable to anyone interested in the subject.

As a former reporter from the Mountain State, I'd also suggest that it isn't wise to wander around the mountains without some idea of where you are and who's property you're on. Up in some of them hills people still keep their meat in brine pits and don't take kindly to strangers wandering around.

Steve

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Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 13:19:00 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 14:35:59 -0400
Subject: Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On? - Shell

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 07:27:10 -0500
>Subject: Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On?

>>From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 20:26:37 EDT
>>Subject: Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On?

>>>From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2006 14:50:18 -0400
>>>Subject: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On?

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>>><http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0906/kinrossobject.html>

>>I'm amazed.

>Don't get too weirded out Mr. Faccenda. Folks are just waiting
>for the now familiar 'dusts' to settle.

>>We have what is potentially one of the greatest ufological
>>discoveries eclipsing Roswell, Heflin, or any of the classic
>>UFO sagas, and the response from the UpDates members?
>>Barley a whimper.

Well, what do you want somebody to say? I suppose we could all
jump up and wave our hands in the air glory hallelujah we
finally have proof positive here's a sunken flying saucer filled
with Radar Men from Jupiter that crashed into a jet it's all
true!

But that wouldn't be exactly accurate, now, would it?

We have what certainly appears to be the remains of a crashed
jet at the bottom of a lake, and nearby, something that looks
kind of roundish that we have no idea what is or if it has
anything at all to do with the jet other than proximity. Would
that be more accurate?

I think the thing that gets the more excitable of us the most
wound up is the indication of a little triangular "tail" behind
the round thing. Our brains like to see this feature as a kind
of skid mark where the thing came gliding down and skidded onto
the lake bed. Hey, we've seen it plenty of times on sci-fi
movies, like "The Thing," right?

Except who's the expert here saying that when you drop a flying
saucer into a lake it'll make a mark like that? Seems to me it
might just as likely plop right down into the mud with no tail
or trail at all. Pretty much like the jet.

It's funny how a person's brain will work to automatically fill
in gaps and suggest things that might be completely off base. I
don't know what could make that triangle-shaped mark, exactly. I

can suggest that maybe the thing on the bottom is a pretty good sized rock, and the triangle shape is just bits of mud that have accumulated down-current of the thing. Lakes have currents, sure, just like streams, just usually not as swift.

So there's a jet, and nearby is a big rock with some mud around it. Suddenly it's no longer the Holy Grail of UFO research, is it?

Of course, my conjecture is no better or worse than anybody else's. And since I'm a skeptic but not an evil, moustache-twirling, peli-klassical skeptibunker, I'm tell you right off that I don't in any way claim to have a definitive answer (or "explanation").

Until we get more and better information, about all we can do is wait and see. No sense getting all riled up about it (again) or shoot from the hip with a lot of wild declarations. If it's the real deal, we'll have years and years to ruminate on it.

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Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On? - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 11:47:41 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 14:38:40 -0400
Subject: Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On? - Tarbell

>From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 20:26:37 EDT
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>Are you not enthralled with hope that finally 'hard evidence', so
>long the skeptibunkers weapon of choice, is there in all its
>ufological splendour?

>My fear is that this discovery will never be examined. That the
>powers that be, will stop any further exploration And in time
>will quietly recover any craft that is there.

>All the more reason to broadcast this discovery, nay shout it
>from the rooftops, before it slips into mere folklore. Shades of
>Roswell indeed.

Hi Joe,

Since I was the source of the bare whimper following Dirk's post, I thought I should resurface to say I am similarly amazed at the level of response to this. Then again, I am often surprised at the kinds of topics that generate quite lengthy and passionate exchanges. But I digress.

As I opined in my earlier post, the very near proximity of the "mystery" object would seem to indicate a glancing collision (if indeed they collided) between objects on similar trajectories. Another alternative is that they collided very near the water surface. But why would the F-89 be so low to the water (unless it was already out of control)?

Another aspect that is puzzling is that supposedly the UFO remained on radar after the presumed crash of the F-89. So then what is the object on the lake bottom? Some kind of projectile? Seems a little comical for a UFO to respond to pursuit with cannon fire, although I can't exactly say why.

I'm not entirely at ease with the Great Lakes Dive Company's claim that they're not immediately pursuing this further because the Canadian Government is insisting on being given the location of the site. So they're just going to let the thing lie there to make sure the Canadian government stays in the dark?

Doesn't seem plausible.

Regards,

Mike

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 14:05:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 14:40:16 -0400
Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 11:40:18 +0200
>Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2006 11:12:41 -0500
>>Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>>>The implications should be obvious for a high-level UFO cover-up
>>>and even possibly what happened on 9/11.

>>>Yes, Virginia, there are real conspiracies and successful long-
>>>term cover-ups. There are other examples as well, such as the
>>>criminal radiation experiments carried out against U.S.
>>>citizens, and covered up for nearly 50 years until the Clinton
>>>administration ordered the experiments revealed.

>>As a lifelong student of American history, government, and
>>politics, I have always found the "they-couldn't-cover-it-up"
>>argument against Roswell (or Roswell-like event, RLE) naive and
>>unconvincing. Whether one regards RLEs as real or imaginary - as
>>a confirmed agnostic here, I hold to a third option - it's time
>>to abandon this feeble wheeze of a rhetorical strategy.

>Jerry and All,

>It seems to me that, yes, a long time cover-up is possible, as
>shown by a lot of examples, but it always runs the risk of being
>revealed. I would say that the Roswell case is somewhere
>in-between.

>The ridiculous explanation of weather balloons and balsa wood
>sticks still holds in the major media, because the alternative
>is so shocking, but it is contradicted by dozens of credible
>testimonies, including about thirty sworn affidavits. How long
>can such an uneasy situation last? We will see.

One can easily see a parallelism between the arguments over
Roswell conspiracy and the very recent (like, today?) arguments over
a 911 conspiracy (for flight 800). In the 911 case the argument put
for that the government did it (!) (perhaps hiring some Saudi's to
be the fall guys?) is so portentous, so filled with nasty implications,
that most people don't want to believe it. (Note the phrase.
"want to believe").
(There is also a similarity to the "we didn't go the moon"
conspiracy theorists.)

As for me, the 911 conspiracy has yet to be proven E.g., I'm not
convinced that multi-pounds or tons of thermite or "super
thermite" was secretly installed by the Bush administration
over a period of a few months in order to make the towers fall
straight down many minutes after being hit by airplanes.
(HMMMMMM... at least the conspiracy guys do admit that the towers
were hit by planes but they don't believe the witnesses who said
they saw an airplane fly into the pentagon .and they don't
believe the people who received phone calls from flight 93.)

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Well said. My sentiments exactly. There's nothing wrong with sensible caution and provisional skepticism - and everything wrong with their opposite - while we wait to learn a whole lot more than we know now.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 17:00:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 07:15:05 -0400
Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 21:40:26 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

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>So if you're not the victim of... serious ill health ...

Hey, by way of corrupted vaccines and chemtrails, they're
workin' on it!

Eleanor White

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Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 17:04:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 07:16:26 -0400
Subject: Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On? - White

>From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 20:26:37 EDT
>Subject: Re: 1953 Kinross F-89 Hit UFO Head-On?

<snip>

>I'm amazed.

>We have what is potentially one of the greatest ufological
>discoveries eclipsing Roswell, Heflin, or any of the classic
>UFO sagas, and the response from the UpDates members?
>Barley a whimper.

>Here we have it all, Radar reports of the initial contact,
>fusion of the Radar images, Sonar images of the found aircraft
>and a circular mound beside it, all the elements that should
>have any self-respecting ufologist frothing at the mouth.

>Instead? A yawn, a nod, and a walk on by.

Hey, man, I am very enthralled by the potential discovery of a
sunken UFO! I'm only quiet because I don't really have anything
to add at the moment.

Bet you the discovery is soon to "go black" under the "national
security" excuse.

Eleanor White

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Boldman's View On Angel Hair?

From: **Greg Taylor** <greg.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 14:09:25 +1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 07:27:30 -0400
Subject: Boldman's View On Angel Hair?

Hi List Members,

Does anyone have a contact for Brian Boldman, or know the reason for his change in position on 'angel hair'?

As per Devil's Advocate #6, his view was "I am satisfied with the spider web theory." However, since then he seems to have reversed this conclusion, and no longer thinks spiders are responsible.

I'd be interested in the reasoning for this - thanks for any help.

Kind regards,

Greg

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Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Sawers

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 16:21:42 +1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 07:43:25 -0400
Subject: Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Sawers

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 16:38:07 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 09:02:52 -0700
>>Subject: Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage?

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 10:45:50 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>Subject: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage?

>>>The video on the web site below was brought to my attention by
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>>>recovered alien bodies from the UFO(s) that crashed near
>>>Roswell, Arizona in 1947.

>>><http://tinyurl.com/fepe3>

>>>[Full screen:

>>><http://tinyurl.com/k6g4p>

>>>--ebk]

>>>Is this video which depicts what look like naked and sexless
>>>dummies just another very clever hoax or simply apparently aged
>>>B&W footage taken from a new or upcoming film documentary or
>>>movie on the Roswell UFO crash?

>>The film shown here is taken from the last minute of the of
>>Alien Autopsy: Fact or Fiction?, which is the movie version of
>>Ray Santilli's adventures finding and finally purchasing the AA
>>footage. Ant & Dec, UK TV actors are featured in the lead roles
>>of Ray and Gary, two madcap entrepreneurs trying to make a >fast
>>buck.

>>The genesis of the footage has been discussed but hasn't been
>>substantiated.

>Thanks Ed, I figured as much where the footage originated.

<snip>

Hi All,

This footage has been extensively discussed and there has been
an admittedly teasing email from Ray....

I also contacted Tabitha Jenkins, one of the producers for
interesting if not telling comment. Philip Mantle has also
contacted the production Co. QWERTY and they told him the end-

clip - as it's been dubbed - was entirely made and produced by them.

There definitely is a lot more to discuss on this piece of film and those of us who have been looking closely will attest to that

The mail to date....

This is the email Ray sent regarding the footage:

Ed

As I said yesterday you're a bright man Ed!

For now though I am not allowed to talk about that section of film. I did say to Philip that this story isn't over yet and not to give in on the basis of the movie or the campaign surrounding it.

If you remember at the beginning I have always said I held film back and that there were scenes at the site.

Keep well

Ray

On 12 Jun 2006, at 03:42, Orka wrote:

Ms Jenkins,

Re our telephone introduction about AA End Clip...

Having not received a reply to my enquiry I have taken the liberty to add a few more questions to my original one, and resending.

As this clip has been hinted by Ray Santilli and Gary Shoefield as being genuine footage I'm sure you must understand the significance and importance of the questions I ask. If you don't know or are unwilling to discuss the movie, would you please be able to help me contact anyone else who would?.

I am a private citizen and apart from my grazing the web my interest is purely curiosity....

Is the 58 sec "end-clip" footage supplied by Ray Santilli or Gary Shoefield?

Did Jonny Campbell direct or make the "end-clip?"

Where did the Ambulance, uniforms, actors come from?

If they came from a Hire Co, can I contact them for verification? or Can you name any of the actors participating in the "end-clip?"

Is there any way I can put these questions to Jonny Campbell? (email address, even if it has to go through his secretary?)

What is the significance of the "end-clip?" Why was it added?

If it was to add impetus to the controversy, why was the quality so bad that any attempt to analyse it was near lost?

Is there anyone at Warner Bros or Qwerty I could direct my enquiry to.

These are just a few of the questions pertaining to this interesting piece of film.

Many thanks in advance

Regards

William Sawers

A good month after my initial enquiry....

Dear William

Thank you for your message. It's great that the film's generating interest over in Australia.

However, I'm afraid that this is information that we don't give out.

I'm sorry to disappoint.

Best wishes
Tabitha

(Qld. Aust)

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Philip contacted QWERTY and I got this from him...

Just to let you know, I've contacted one of the executives at Qwerty Films, they were responsible for the ALIEN AUTOPSY movie.

The executive in question has informed me that the sequence at the end of the movie, showing a military ambulance and a dead alien etc, was in fact made by them. There is no mystery about it as I suspected and it is not original film supplied by Santilli.

Philip

There is quite of a information in such a short clip, such as seeing the hand of the creature move, the ambulance which has been verified, (same as the M.A.S.H type ambulances) Neil Morris has done a lot of work getting stills and animation.gifs. from the clip together and it' makes a compelling story that the footage is genuine.

Regards

William

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 08:06:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 08:06:01 -0400
Subject: Japanese Edo-Period UFO?

Source: Pink Tentacle.Com

<http://www.pinktentacle.com/2006/09/edo-period-ufo/>

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[Images & Links at site]

Edo-Period UFO

The Iwase Bunko Library has in its possession a document entitled Hyouryuukishuu ("Tales of Castaways"), which was printed during the late Edo period (1603-1868).

Edo-period UFO scroll

The document recounts the stories of Japanese sailors who find themselves in foreign lands after becoming lost at sea, as well as castaway foreigners washed ashore on the beaches of Japan. To the Japanese people, who at the time had been living in a prolonged period of national isolation, these exotic tales must have seemed very fantastic.

Among these stories is the account of a wrecked ship with a very mysterious appearance.

According to the document, this vessel washed ashore at Harashagahama in Hitachi-no-kuni (present-day Ibaraki prefecture). The body of the ship, described as 3.3 meters tall and 5.4 meters wide, had been built from red sandalwood and iron and was fitted with windows of glass or crystal. The mysterious characters of an unknown alphabet were found inscribed inside the vessel.

Edo-period UFO scrollAboard the drifting vessel was a finely dressed young woman with a pale face and red eyebrows and hair. She was estimated to be between 18 and 20 years old. Because she spoke an unfamiliar tongue, those that encountered her were unable to determine from whence she came. In her arms she clutched a plain wooden box that appeared to be of great value to her, as she would allow nobody to approach it.

The document shows a portion of the text found inside the ship (see left).

Other Edo-period documents describe variations of this mysterious encounter. Toen Shousetsu (1825), a book by Kyokutei Bakin (who is most famous for his 106-volume samurai epic Nansou Satomi Hakkenden) tells the story of the same encounter, referring to the strange vessel as the utsuro-fune ("hollow ship"). Another variation of this tale appears in Ume no Chiri (1844), penned by a relatively unknown author named Nagahashi Matajirou. A thorough analysis of these two variations of the story can be found in a translated article by Kazuo Tanaka titled Did A Close Encounter Of The Third Kind Occur On A Japanese Beach In 1803?

Contemporary fans of the paranormal know this ship as the Edo-period UFO.

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UFOs An Unreasonable Argument

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 08:19:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 08:19:55 -0400
Subject: UFOs An Unreasonable Argument

Source: Daniel Brenton's Site

<http://tinyurl.com/eaygu>

Tuesday, September 12th, 2006

UFOs: An Unreasonable Argument
[by Daniel Brenton]

You might think by the title of this post that I don't believe in UFOs. Quite the contrary. So you skeptics out there might as well just write me off.

(Oh, good. You're not a skeptic.)

The number of people who "believe in UFOs" is impressive, a sizable percentage of the general public, depending what poll you want to listen to on any given day. The reasonable citizen will usually cite the argument that "it only makes sense that there would be life elsewhere in the universe." It would be, as Jodie Foster's character in the movie Contact says, "an awful waste of space."

The problem with this argument is that UFOs are not a reasonable subject. Not only is the topic the target of outright derision in the American and British media, but the very attitude and outrageousness of the UFO buff community lends itself to contempt. Let's add to this the secrecy maintained and obfuscation conducted by just about every U.S. government organization, contradictory information (or disinformation) entering the UFO buff community from what is most likely different factions of U.S. intelligence community, let alone the nature of the phenomenon itself, and you have, as Churchill said about Russia, "a mystery wrapped in an enigma."

Which is totally cool.

This stuff has always stirred my imagination as long as I can remember. The material is eerie, seductive, and unsettling all at the same time. As a writer of material that would be (by all rights) dropped into the category of science fiction, I find it tremendously stimulating.

Now, the attitude in the "hard" science fiction community (much the same as the scientific community) is that the subject is patently absurd, that none of what evidence there is holds up.

By and large, I agree with them.

I've done my share of reading on the subject and have spent quite a bit of time with the former Nevada State Director and Assistant Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), Alan and Sandy Gudaitis. MUFON is one of the largest civilian organizations devoted to the study of UFOs, and Alan and Sandy are great people, are very serious about the subject, and during their Directorship drew a number of very thoughtful individuals (both dedicated field investigators and the seriously

interested) into their circle.

This is more than just "other people's space ships."

Probably the most painless way I can think of someone getting a quick education as to how bizarre the phenomenon truly is, would be (I'm serious here) to locate the third season episode of The X-Files called "Jose Chung's From Outer Space." It is both fun and funny, filled with in-jokes and pokes in the rib to the UFO community. But more importantly, it gives a panoramic view of this bizarre subject. Attempting to give a narrative of the episode or explain it will simply not do it justice. For openers, an abduction of two teenage travelers on a highway late at night, conducted by an military group disguising themselves as little gray men, is ruined when an enormous demon-like being from another dimension - a kind of Luciferian Heaven - appears and abducts one of the would-be abductors.

Then it gets really strange.

In my opinion some of the most lucid thinking about the subject comes from Jacques Vallee, French computer scientist and UFO researcher. Vallee was in fact the model for the Francois Truffaut character Lacombe in Steven Spielberg's Close Encounters of the Third Kind. In his 1988 book Dimensions: A Casebook of Alien Contact, Vallee points out the parallels between the abduction experiences of last last few decades, visitation by fairy folk of the Celtic traditions, and similar events throughout history. According to legend, fairy folk were predisposed to steal infants and call them their own. (I watched Disney's original Peter Pan for the first time in decades shortly after reading Dimensions. The first shot of Peter captures him as an elf-like silhouette sitting on a rooftop, and seeing this cast the whole story in an eerie light. I will never be able to think the same way about it again.)

Most overview books about UFOs open with mention of the winged airships seen in the late 1800s - early 1900s. These were the inspiration for Jules Verne's novels Master of the World and Robur the Conqueror. The stories revolve around vast, dirigible-like airships, with episodes of their putting down anchor, and their crew, like sailors, coming "ashore" for provisions or repairs.

Vallee does not flinch from looking at all the aspects of the phenomenon. He cites the case of a "Doctor 'X'" a physician who, at the time of writing, held an official position in the south of France. On November 1, 1968, the doctor, experiencing pain in his leg from a leg injury three days earlier, responded to a commotion being raised by his toddler son. He found his child looking out the window at two glowing disc-like objects in the distance. They approached, grew brighter, then merged into one larger object, which then exploded, leaving a white mist that was dispersed by the wind. Shortly afterward the pain in his leg disappeared, as well as the discomfort from an injury received during the Algerian War. Even more strange, a triangular rash appeared around his navel, and a similar one around the navel of his son. This rash would vanish, and reappear at least every other year on both the doctor and son.

Bizarre UFO encounters - termed "events of high strangeness" by the late Dr. Allen Hynek, another of the field's great minds - or just the aspects of high strangeness in UFO events were simply ignored by many UFO researchers, allowing these investigators to interpret the events in ways that fit their own theories or beliefs. Yet, this is part of the whole picture, and Vallee is right to insist that we see it.

Another side to the phenomenon is information about a government coverup received by the UFO community through connections of questionable integrity. Documentary producer Linda Moulton Howe, in her book An Alien Harvest, documents a cat and mouse game between her and an Air Force contact Richard Doty. Howe, working on a documentary for HBO and allegedly lured by promises of film of a landing of three extraterrestrial vehicles at Holloman Air Force Base in 1964, gets played along for four years, and the film and never materializes. Or the famous "Eisenhower Briefing Document," supposed proof of a secret intelligence operation created in the late 1940's by Harry Truman to address "the alien problem." Is it the long-awaited smoking gun, or a clever forgery, depending who you ask.

Mostly through my exposure to the Nevada MUFON circle, I have met a few individuals who are certain they have had abduction experiences and have undergone the horrors you read about - implants, ova harvesting, and so on. Two of them even attribute physical issues that required surgery to these events. These are sincere people, people not attempting to draw attention to themselves, people just trying to cope with a part of their lives that is out of their control. They believe it, and I believe they believe it, and so I believe it.

Yet, if we take their memories of their experiences (recalled in a normal manner or retrieved by hypnotic regression), we see the contradictions. An extraterrestrial society that somehow travels light years to conduct medical procedures on the helpless in an abusive, less sophisticated manner than we could do at our own level of technology?

The "working theory" in the UFO community is that "they" are using the human race as breeding stock, and are in the process of creating a race of hybrids for - for whatever cold and clinical or sinister and demonic reason you care to imagine. I do not dismiss this, but considering that, as Dr. Vallee has pointed out, stories analogous to this have been with us through the centuries, long before the "modern era of UFOs" began.

So. What are we to make of all this?

It seems clear from what I've seen, the people I've met, and what I've read:

- * It is shortsighted to try to characterize this subject as one kind of phenomenon.

- * There is still room to consider this may have nothing to do with "other people's space ships," though this may be part of the picture.

- * At least part of this involves phenomena associated with the interactions of consciousness and what we think of as Reality. We may be looking at manifestations of archetypes springing directly from the collective unconscious. I recognize this is a stretch, but I feel it is fair to suggest that at least part of this phenomenon has probably been with us since The Beginning, and it seems to clothe itself in the "fashion" of the times. We saw gods, then angels and demons, then elves and fairies, and now in the long dark nuclear shadow of the Cold War/Space Age we see invading spaceships and aliens. It would seem reasonable to expect that this will transform again into a new form as the centuries unfold. Another way of saying this is that we are looking at a part of ourselves, or that we may even be doing this to ourselves.

- * There may in fact be otherworldly intelligence associated with the phenomenon. Vallee has long suggested the patterns of UFO, paranormal, and spiritual events, such as the "waves" of UFO sightings and the appearances of the apparitions of saints, resemble a schedule of reinforcement (periodic, but not quite predictable) as described by Behavioral Psychology. These events, he proposes, are part of a system to control and condition human mythic and spiritual belief, and the intelligence behind this control system is vast and has been operating over a time scale of millennia. (When it comes to UFOs, thinking "out of the box" isn't anywhere near big enough.)

- * There are groups in our intelligence community that want us to believe some section or sections of our government is/are hiding knowledge about UFOs from the American citizenry. If these are whistleblowers playing some calculated disclosure game, or intelligence community "company men" involved in some hateful cultural experiment remains to be seen. This clouds the issue at best, and may in fact be a complete misdirection.

- * And, of course, popular culture, including the UFO community, tends to muddy the waters, because it looks to the subject not to understand it or apply a scientific technique of any rigor, but for the sheer entertainment value. Yee haw! Lookit the alien suckin' that guy's brains out!

I will have to confess that of the aspects of the phenomenon

above, I unfortunately fall in the last category. I will say in my own defense that my intentions, as far as fiction is concerned, is that I want to deliver something of value, that engages and provokes the reader throughout (and I promise there will be no brain-sucking or face-eating. We get enough of that on the Sci Fi Channel).

And what I write will clearly be fiction. There are those in the UFO community itself that try to pawn off fictional events as actual, and some of them get away with it for a surprisingly long time. It is abundantly obvious to me that George Adamski, one of the first "contactees" of the 1950s, falls into this category.

I promise to the UFO community, to the dedicated researchers, field investigators and the seriously interested, that when I write material that strays into your arena, that I will do my best to not insult your intelligence.

Yee haw!

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

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From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 21:54:09 +1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 08:54:35 -0400
Subject: Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Sawers

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 23:54:01 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage?

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Personally I suspect that this is somehow connected to Ray
>Santelli. I also suspect that some will claim its real, no
>matter where it comes from.

>I always found interesting the number of people who got
>absolutely screwed by defending Ray over the years - until the
>FX guy 'fessed up and Ray admitted that it supposedly was a
>recreation - read _fake_ - of the original footage

Robert

Do we have an oxy moron here? You read - "recreation (or
'restoration) as _fake_ - of the _original footage_?"

Well we obviously can't have _original footage_ if it's fake?
But as we're talking of oxy morons, it could be a fake-original?

Cheers

William

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Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 22:20:50 +1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 08:56:31 -0400
Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2006 15:43:40 +0100
>Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2006 00:43:47 -0700
>>Subject: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>>For those skepti-bunkers who assert that the U.S. government
>>and/or military couldn't possibly engage in a high-level
>>conspiracy and keep it secret for many decades, have a gander at
>>this chilling real-life 40 year-old conspiracy and treason of
>>the U.S. Joint Chiefs that has just come out:

>><http://abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=92662&page>

><snip>

>Actually, this disproves your point. No matter how secret
>something is (and this is probably even more sensitive than any
>ET visitation), no cover-up is foolproof otherwise how would you
>know about this?

>How many people would 'need to know' about this short-lived
>secret? In comparison, how many would need to know about a
>secret that has been active for nearly sixty years? The risk of
>exposure in the latter case is probably in the order of sixty
>times greater.

Joe/List

I think you state this exactly right... The Roswell event hasn't
been covered up. It's been slipping out since Maj Marcel first
spoke out. When Col Du Boise wrote an affidavit saying the
balloon was a cover story.

It wasn't covered up. They tried to cover it up but as you say,
"no cover-up is foolproof, otherwise how would you know about
this."

William

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Re: Japanese Edo-Period UFO? - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 08:33:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 08:58:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Japanese Edo-Period UFO? - Shell

On Sep 13, 2006, at 8:06 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>Source: [Pink Tentacle.Com](http://PinkTentacle.Com)

><http://www.pinktentacle.com/2006/09/edo-period-ufo/>

>2006.09.7

>

>[Images & Links at site]

<snip>

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>(see left).

Unless this is a hoax, this is pretty exciting. Now where have we seen those symbols - and similar - before?

Bob Shell

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Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 09:14:48 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 11:50:37 -0400
Subject: Re: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage? - Boone

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 10:45:50 -0400 (Eastern Standard >Time)
>Subject: New Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Footage?

>Hi Everyone!

>The video on the web site below was brought to my attention by a
>friend on Saturday after I came to work to watch fellow Canadian
>and York alumnus Steve MacLean blast-off in space in Atlantis
>live on the big screen and, afterwards, to do an interview for a
>student film documentary on UFOs in Canada. This video is >being
>promoted as authentic film footage of the recovered alien bodies
>from the UFO(s) that crashed near Roswell, Arizona in 1947.

><http://tinyurl.com/fepe3>

>[Full screen:

><http://tinyurl.com/k6g4p>

>--ebk]

>Is this video which depicts what look like naked and sexless
>dummies just another very clever hoax or simply apparently aged
>B&W footage taken from a new or upcoming film documentary or
>movie on the Roswell UFO crash?

Okay, I got the following response from a colleague in the film industry:

"The simulated bloom looks very bad. Also its introduction doesn't reveal a lot of thought. That particular type of bloom is usually the result of multi-generation film duplication. Here, it resembles every glow filter effect used in After Effects and other post programs, with a different ramp than photochemical response. It also appears as if was rendered after the curiously large simulated grain, because it obscures the grain pattern rather than appearing "through" it.

The film damage is humorously overdone, including, among other artifacts, edge fogging from light leaks and "solarizing". The gate weave/sprocket damage does not have the look of the real thing. It would be unusual to get a piece of film from any source that suffered from every known type of damage simultaneously.

The cadence looked wrong for 16 or 24fps, so I grabbed the AVI and it's 25fps. That's either a 24fps movie converted to PAL standard, a GOOGLE conversion result, or a fake originating in a PAL country. There do not appear to be pulldown artifacts.

The motion blur is more characteristic of video than film. The latitude does not appear to be consistent with that of 1940s film stocks. Overall response looks more like blown out video.

Here are a few old films for general comparison, from 1906 to

1941:

http://www.archive.org/details/Summersc1941_2

http://www.archive.org/details/SanFranc1934_3

<http://www.archive.org/details/OpiumDes1914>

<http://www.archive.org/details/EdisonNe1906>

http://www.archive.org/details/SanFranc1906_2

Notice the flattened contrast."

It didn't take him much time to come to his analysis results.

Another pal in the film industry figured it out as an 'Alien Autopsy' associated product right off the bat.

Mind you the two pals in question aren't anti-UFO nor are they skeptics but honest enough to give an impartial analysis.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 05:09:24 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 16:08:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Goldstein

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 12:12:06 -0400
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Aloha Steve,

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Re: UFOs An Unreasonable Argument - White

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 16:07:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 16:15:50 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs An Unreasonable Argument - White

>Source: Daniel Brenton's Site

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

>Tuesday, September 12th, 2006

>UFOs: An Unreasonable Argument
>[by Daniel Brenton]

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>Probably the most painless way I can think of someone getting a
>quick education as to how bizarre the phenomenon truly is,

What's really bizarre is that so called "science" treats the subject as bizarre, instead of rolling their sleeves up and investigating it just as they do with every other facet of existence. If I were a scientist's mom, I'd smack him up 'side the head for treating UFOs as bizarre.

They exist, and they continue to show up. That qualifies them as valid for study.

Eleanor White

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Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 14:36:49 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 06:46:35 -0400
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Hi Josh, Steven, Nick, List, & EBK,

On page 149 of Linda M. Howe's wonderful collection of UFO and
humanoid recollections - Glimpses Of Other Realities Vol. 2,
there is an account and drawing of an encounter with an image of
an animal, in 1977, which shocked the contactee every time it
touched him.

This animal was described as "...wolf-like animal with goat-
like horns and a lion-like tail that stood on its hind legs".

The witness felt the image was "electronic". Could this mean a
hologram? Why not use holograms to frighten and threaten?
Intimidation might be more efficient and humane than death rays.

Ed

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Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 17:14:20 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 06:49:50 -0400
Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 14:05:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2006 11:40:18 +0200
>>Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2006 11:12:41 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: 40 Year-Old U.S. Military Conspiracy Revealed

>>>>The implications should be obvious for a high-level UFO cover-up
>>>>and even possibly what happened on 9/11.

>>>>Yes, Virginia, there are real conspiracies and successful long-
>>>>term cover-ups. There are other examples as well, such as the
>>>>criminal radiation experiments carried out against U.S.
>>>>citizens, and covered up for nearly 50 years until the Clinton
>>>>administration ordered the experiments revealed.

>>>>As a lifelong student of American history, government, and
>>>>politics, I have always found the "they-couldn't-cover-it-up"
>>>>argument against Roswell (or Roswell-like event, RLE) naive and
>>>>unconvincing. Whether one regards RLEs as real or imaginary - as
>>>>a confirmed agnostic here, I hold to a third option - it's time
>>>>to abandon this feeble wheeze of a rhetorical strategy.

>>Jerry and All,

>>It seems to me that, yes, a long time cover-up is possible, as
>>shown by a lot of examples, but it always runs the risk of being
>>revealed. I would say that the Roswell case is somewhere
>>in-between.

>>The ridiculous explanation of weather balloons and balsa wood
>>sticks still holds in the major media, because the alternative
>>is so shocking, but it is contradicted by dozens of credible
>>testimonies, including about thirty sworn affidavits. How long
>>can such an uneasy situation last? We will see.

>>One can easily see a parallelism between the arguments over
>>Roswell conspiracy and the very recent (like, today?) arguments over
>>a 911 conspiracy (for flight 800). In the 911 case the argument put
>>for that the government did it (!) (perhaps hiring some Saudi's to
>>be the fall guys?) is so portentous, so filled with nasty implications,
>>that most people don't want to believe it. (Note the phrase.
>>"want to believe").
>>(There is also a similarity to the "we didn't go the moon"
>>conspiracy theorists.)

Hi Bruce!

TWA Flight 800 exploded over 5 years before 9/11 in 1996.

It seems so unreasonable to me how the testimonies from dozens of eyewitnesses who reported seeing a missile heading towards this Boeing 747 that had just departed from Kennedy Airport were all simply dismissed. For UFO sightings, in the absence of other evidence, the testimonies of at least two independent eyewitnesses are generally needed to give it credibility and make it profitable for further investigation. The missile explanation, not jet fuel, as being the real cause the TWA Flight 800 explosion was also supported by physical and chemical evidence obtained from the actual wreckage but this too was downplayed or ignored.

With the Olympics games going on in Atlanta (I still think big business and politics prevented Toronto from getting them) and the tight security then in place, the last thing that President Clinton wanted was a terrorist attack on U.S. soil. Terrorists win when they can instill fear and uncertainty among the public. If the TWA Flight 800 (or any of the other suspicious plane crashes, including many that originated in the New York City area) could be officially pronounced to have been an unfortunate but tragic accident, then the terrorists would have failed to achieve their goal...

Israel is not the only U.S. friend/business partner in the Middle East - so is Saudi Arabia and even Iraq (at least under their man Saddam Hussein before the 1991 Gulf War). Recall that during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan prior to the Gulf War, it was the same "terrorists", then called "Freedom Fighters", that were trained and financed by the U.S. to fight the Russian troops in their country. Their training included tactics such as exporting the war to Russia itself and teaching them how to blow-up apartment complexes in Moscow, as they did just prior to 9/11...

Considering the surprising resistance by the White House to an official investigation of 9/11; how long after 9/11 it began and the very little money spent and few resources made available after such a major tragic event in U.S. history (not to mention the fact that some of those who were part of the "official" investigation never got answers to key questions and still have reservations about the contents of their own report), this alone should justify in reopening the investigation of 9/11.

The evidence and arguments presented by those who would have us believe that none of the 12 Apollo astronauts ever set foot on the Moon but participated in a Cold War hoax have been shown to be misinterpreted or simply wrong. This is not the case with the overwhelming amount data and much more compelling evidence in support that 9/11 was an inside job (or that UFOs are real and not of this world).

>As for me, the 911 conspiracy has yet to be proven E.g., I'm not
>convinced that multi-pounds or tons of thermite or "super
>thermite" was secretly installed by the Bush administration
>over a period of a few months in order to make the towers fall
>straight down many minutes after being hit by airplanes.
>(HMMMMMMMM... at least the conspiracy guys do admit that the towers
>were hit by planes but they don't believe the witnesses who said
>they saw an airplane fly into the pentagon .and they don't
>believe the people who received phone calls from flight 93.)

Remember, three WTC skyscrapers came down on 9/11 but only two were hit by airplanes. All three skyscrapers, including the 47 story Building 7, came down quickly and in a way that could be best described and easily understood as controlled demolitions. I know that you and other scientists are sometimes too busy to look into every conspiracy claim for yourselves but this does not give you the excuse to dismiss everything like our armchair skeptic colleagues do.

Could a few people in the Bush administration secretly plan and carry out what happened on 9/11? The answer is yes. Check out Douglas Herman's article (see URL below) which appeared on rensse.com the other day that provides one such very probable scenerio.

<http://tinyurl.com/fve74>

Shortly after 9/11 I personally visited the New York City WTC; The Pentagon and the rural Pennsylvania crash sites where I spoke with witnesses and checked out many things for myself. If

you are interested in reading and assessing the evidence for the claims 9/11 researchers have made but don't have the time, I will be happy to mail you a copy of the recent special triple issue of 'Global Outlook' magazine that my friend Ian Woods publishes. Among its 184 pages you will find many articles and papers by credible people and 9/11 researchers that provide answers to all your questions and lead to disturbing conclusions about 9/11 which you may not "want to believe".

UFO researchers and 9/11 researchers have much in common. The media may portray both as non-critical thinking enthusiasts and those in power will dismiss us as conspiracy theorists but our struggles to determine and reveal the truth about UFOs or what really happened on 9/11 to the public must prevail. Our future as prosperous and free people at peace with each other depends on this.

Nick Balaskas

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The whole thing has the very pungent, not-unfamiliar smell of
BS. Almost no detail. Hokey-looking flying saucer. Bit of
intrigue with the "mysterious box". Heiroglyphs that look lifted
right off the Alien Autopsy film.

I don't suppose there's any way to do a trace back and find out
what the original document looks like, or if it even exists?

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From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 19:39:31 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 07:03:20 -0400
Subject: New Secrets Of Area 51

Source: Popular Science Magazine - New York, New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/pv6ch>

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[image]

Satellite imagery taken on January 17, 2006, of Area 51 reveals little. Base security personnel know when satellites are passing overhead, and test aircraft remain indoors at those times. Personnel work in windowless offices and are locked inside when anything other than their own project is outdoors.

The Top-Secret Warplanes of Area 51

Stealth jets? Hypersonic bombers? What's really being developed at the military's most famous classified base?

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Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 07:08:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 07:08:18 -0400
Subject: UK National Archives Squares The Data Circle

Source: The Guardian - London, UK

<http://technology.guardian.co.uk/weekly/story/0,,1871364,00.html>

Thursday September 14, 2006

National Archives Squares The Data Circle

Burgeoning demand for public sector information has prompted controversial cost-cutting measures

Michael Cross
The Guardian

The National Archives, once the dusty haunt of academic historians, solicitors' clerks and UFO conspiracists, are now an international e-publishing phenomenon. Some six million people visited the archives electronically last year, to view records or order documents from a thousand years of British history. With new technology introduced this year making resources more accessible to nonspecialists, that number is likely to soar.

Meanwhile, through a series of innovative licensing deals, the organisation is taking an unusual approach to the task of digitising even obscure archives: it's encouraging private firms to foot the bill for doing so, in return for a certain amount of exclusivity - often time-limited - on the use of data. One result, according to chief executive Natalie Ceeney, is to create a thriving industry for genealogy websites in the UK - and the study of our ancestors is already one of the biggest pursuits on the web.

Britain's online genealogy sites are "probably better than any other country," she told the Guardian/RSA Free Our Data debate in July. And certainly, wider access for the public and for private companies is very much what Technology Guardian's Free Our Data campaign seeks to create with Her Majesty's digital crown jewels.

Digitising digits

Access to the National Archives is already free, says Ceeney; the problem is that access is to the paper form. Digitising the data makes it far more easily available, and useful; but unlike organisations such as Ordnance Survey, where the raw material is now gathered in digital form, paper still rules. Digitising documents, especially old ones, is a slow, labour-intensive business.

Thus National Archives online data (nationalarchives.gov.uk) is not free to electronic shoppers. It'll cost you =A33.50 to order your great-grandfather's medal record from the first world war (if he was of that generation, he'll probably have one), and =A38.50 to order an electronic image of a document not yet digitised.

But, according to Ceeney, licensing data to commercial firms is keeping costs down. "The average price to download a census record is 60p, about a tenth of what it would cost to digitise it ourselves."

Ceeney's approach may be a neat way of squaring the cost circle as public organisations come under dual pressures to minimise their taxpayer funding while simultaneously making their data widely available. Some have been driven to the "trading fund" model, where they charge for dispensing data; but the National Archives has a public role where charging seems inappropriate.

Ceeney says that the Archives putting the digitisation of future censuses out to private companies is the most effective route, but that we must accept that it will temporarily lie in the private, not public, domain. "Our approach is to find commercial suppliers, as with the 1901 census, who would take the commercial risk of digitisation, which is going to be hugely expensive, in return for essentially being able to release it to a wide audience, and it will also take a process of three to four years," she told the Select Committee on Constitutional Affairs in March (tinyurl.com/jmyq3).

"But during that time, freedom of information on data would have temporarily to be suspended," she said. "We are unlikely to find a commercial supplier willing to take the 1911 Census and digitise it while simultaneously answering FoI requests, but also it would mean access to the few rather than the many, because we would have to stop digitisation in order to let anyone who wanted to walk on site see it, which would stop us doing the digitisation."

Yet interestingly Ceeney is keen to keep the private sector alive. She would not allow a single commercial supplier (such as a very large search engine) to digitise all the data, and make it available at no cost to drive rivals out of the market. Ceeney wants a thriving rivalry of healthy companies that can each raise enough funding to bid for the digitisation projects.

National Archives, formerly the Public Record Office, has been quietly digitising history for years. It hasn't always gone smoothly. In 2002, the online launch of the digitised data from the 1901 census turned into a public fiasco. The website, set up by QinetiQ, was overwhelmed within minutes. On its first day, it received 24 times the predicted volume of visitors.

Among other things, the episode demonstrated the huge latent demand for information about our ancestors. According to David Thomas, the archives' director of collections and technology, up to 60% of online visitors to the archives are looking for their own family history.

The latest popular innovation is a global search of 24 catalogues from the portal site. Visitors can find familial references in obscure databases such as the passenger lists of ships carrying immigrants to Britain. Descendants can retrieve the record from their ancestor's name, rather than having to know the name of the ship, port and date of arrival.

Thomas says that the search engine, based on Autonomy's IDOL Server, opens up 1,000 years of history to nonspecialists, learning from previous searches what aspects likely to be of interest. The organisation also plans to create a wiki to spread knowledge of how the archives work. National Archives is looking for "licensed internet associates" to digitise the next round of records to go public. Packages include unofficial (non Anglican) registers of baptisms, births and burials from 1567-1858, and from the Bunhill Fields burial ground in London, resting place of William Blake.

Price of freedom

Although announced in 2002, the licensed associates programme looks set to step up a gear under the commercially-minded management of Ceeney, whose appointment last year to the ancient post of keeper of the public records caused stir among historians. The fear was that Ceeney, a former McKinsey management consultant who arrived via the British Library, would turn out to be a ruthless "knowledge industry" cost-cutter.

One fear has already been born out in the plan to close the

popular Family Record Centre in Islington, London, which will require personal visitors looking for documents such as wills to come to the head office in Kew. Another area of potential controversy is the archives' relationship with the agency supposed to regulate Crown Copyright. The Office of Public Sector Information becomes part of the National Archives this month.

Nonetheless, the policy of licensing records nonexclusively, at marginal cost to commercial firms, is one that other public sector information holders might emulate. While electronic National Archives data isn't free in the sense of "no cost", it is infinitely more freely available than in the past. And if you have a shred of interest in where you came from, it is well worth a browse.

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Strange Lights Give Driver A Fright

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Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 07:15:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 07:15:44 -0400
Subject: Strange Lights Give Driver A Fright

Source: The Evening Star - Norwich, Norfolk, UK

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/caho>

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Strange Lights Give Driver A Fright

A Suffolk teenager got the fright of her life when her car was chased by floating lights as she drove across the Orwell Bridge.

The 18-year-old, who has asked not to be named, was driving home to Saxmundham from Bury St Edmunds at about 4am on Saturday, August 26.

As she drove over the Orwell Bridge she saw two spinning lights about 12 feet ahead of her.

They remained in front of the car as she drove, and worried her so much that she was distracted and missed the A12 turning at Seven Hills.

She said: "I carried on to Felixstowe and the lights stayed with me until I turned around at the Trimley roundabout. I've never been so scared."

The teenager said they hovered above her windscreen and were a dull colour, not shining particularly brightly.

She added: "They definitely seemed to be staying with the car."

The motorist had not realised anyone else had seen the lights until she saw a letter in The Evening Star last Friday.

She said: "It sounded very like what I saw. I have no idea what they were, they really spooked me."

She was on her own the car and was very relieved to reach home in Saxmundham.

Last week Heidi Garwood of Fletcher Road in Ipswich wrote a letter to say that her father had seen some mysterious lights in the Nacton Road area of the town at about 4.30am on the same day - and she had heard similar stories from other people in the area.

The sightings come more than a quarter of a century after east Suffolk was at the heart of one of Britain's biggest UFO mysteries after US servicemen reported strange lights in the sky near USAF Woodbridge during the Christmas period in 1980.

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Outer Space The Province Of All Mankind

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Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 07:24:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 07:24:51 -0400
Subject: Outer Space The Province Of All Mankind

Source: TDR's Tales Of The Heliosphere Blog - San Diego,
California, United States

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/eqxf>

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Outer Space: The Province Of All Mankind

Michael Huang writes an article in The Space Review this week arguing for a pre-emptive legal strike on behalf of humans in space. (Here.) His concern is that a creeping environmentalism in space will seek to preserve planets in their current state and limit humans to this planet. He advocates an express declaration of rights for humans in space.

"Rights are most effective when they are enshrined in law. It may prove necessary to protect the rights of humans in space in this way. A modest statement, something like, 'All human beings have the right to exist at any place beyond Earth,' would help defend against attempts to ban humans from Mars and other places. A more comprehensive statement would be, 'Human beings beyond Earth have the same rights as human beings on Earth.' All the hard-won rights that humans have achieved on Earth=97including, of course, the right to exist=97would apply to people in space.

The rights of humans on Earth are self-evident, but unfortunately the same cannot be said of the rights of humans in space. In a world with an ongoing attempt to reduce and eventually eliminate human existence beyond Earth, a strong declaration of human rights would be very useful."

The principal treaty governing human activities in space already seeks to balance the interests of humans and the environment in space and comes down heavily on the side of humans. (Here.) The first two paragraphs of Article I in the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 establish the right of human beings to explore and use space:

"The exploration and use of outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies, shall be carried out for the benefit and in the interests of all countries, irrespective of their degree of economic or scientific development, and shall be the province of all mankind.

Outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies, shall be free for exploration and use by all States without discrimination of any kind, on a basis of equality and in accordance with international law, and there shall be free access to all areas of celestial bodies."

The balance comes later with one sentence in Article IX:

"States Parties to the Treaty shall pursue studies of outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies, and conduct exploration of them so as to avoid their harmful contamination and also adverse changes in the environment of the Earth resulting from the introduction of extraterrestrial matter and, where necessary, shall adopt appropriate measures for this purpose."

The treaty assumes that humans will explore and use space. Indeed, the treaty's first article establishes as a principle of international law that the exploration and use of outer space is "the province of all mankind." The subsequent articles of the treaty set out the limitations on humanity's use and exploration of outer space.

Out of 17 articles one sentence in one article deals with the environmental impacts of humanity's presence in space, and that sentence does not bar human use or exploration of space. Instead, the sentence merely states that "harmful contamination" of "the moon and other celestial bodies" is to be "avoided." By modifying "contamination" with "harmful" the treaty appears to recognize that any human activity in space could constitute contamination but that contamination is acceptable so long as it is harmless or beneficial.

Environmentalists who would seek to bottle up humanity on Earth and remove all traces of human presence in space have no support in international law and humans who seek to explore and use space have every right to do so. Just don't ruin the planets for everybody else.

- tdr

'tdr' is a center-right lawyer living and working among the left of center in San Diego. He belongs to the usual space advocacy groups.

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Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Coleman

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 07:38:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 08:15:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Coleman

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 14:36:49 -0700
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Loren

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Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 09:11:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 10:44:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Kaeser

>From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 07:38:39 -0400
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This will be the problem years from now, as researchers look
back and all they have is anecdotal evidence repeated by
researchers in their papers and journals. Without a more solid
foundation these become little more than anecdotal tales, which
is a problem that most of ufology faces.

I have both volumes of Linda Howe's Glimpses Of Other Realities
series and find them very interesting. But they include a lot of
anecdotal information that one has to take on faith.

Steve

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Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 13:15:52 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 12:31:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Friedman

>From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 05:09:24 -0700
>Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 12:12:06 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 10:15:15 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th

>><snip>

>>>At one point during our inspection we realized that we were
>>>being shot at. We had inadvertently ended up on the wrong side
>>>of a gun firing range and nearly become the latest victims of
>>>the Mothman saga.

>>I would suggest that a side trip to Clarksburg, WV to the Gray
>>Barker room at the Harrison County Library would be a valuable
>>to anyone interested in the subject.

>>As a former reporter from the Mountain State, I'd also suggest
>>that it isn't wise to wander around the mountains without some
>>idea of where you are and who's property you're on. Up in some
>>of them hills people still keep their meat in brine pits and
>>don't take kindly to strangers wandering around.

>Aloha Steve,

>If one were to wander around that territory I would think it
>would be prudent to be armed with plenty of mothballs. In case
>mutations or some other disorder have caused the mothmen to have
>become threatening it would be good to be able to repel them.

>I would also be armed with a shotgun to fend off the possum
>eating coal fired Pennsylvania hillbillies and as protection in
>case the mothmen have evolved to where mothballls no longer fend
>them off and they have become like Mothra. <G>.

Why combine Flatwoods,WV, a very powerful case that occurred on
Sept. 12, 1952, as described in Frank Feschino's book The
Braxton County Monster: Cover Up Of The Flatwoods Monster
Revealed, with the Mothman business? There is no connection.

A new book will soon be out called Shoot Them Down, also by
Frank. It covers Flatwoods and, in detail, the battles between
military aircraft and UFOs. Others on this List have contributed
greatly to a more in depth look at the events of 1952.

Stan Friedman

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Secrecy News -- 09/14/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 12:16:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 13:17:48 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 09/14/06

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CONFLICTING BILLS ON WARRANTLESS SURVEILLANCE ADVANCE IN SENATE

The Senate Judiciary Committee set the stage for further congressional debate over warrantless electronic surveillance by reporting out competing bills that are mutually contradictory.

A bill sponsored by Committee Chairman Arlen Specter would sharply diminish judicial oversight of intelligence surveillance under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and expand unilateral presidential authority. On the other hand, a bill sponsored by Senator Dianne Feinstein would reaffirm that FISA is the exclusive mechanism for conducting domestic intelligence surveillance, while making certain modifications in the Act.

"The [Specter] bill makes compliance with FISA entirely optional, and explicitly validates the President's claim that he has unfettered authority to wiretap Americans in the name of national security," said Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) in a critical commentary.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/leahy091306.html

"I have been briefed on the terrorist surveillance program," said Sen. Feinstein, "and I have come to believe that this surveillance can be done, without sacrifice to our national security, through court-issued individualized warrants for content collection on U.S. persons under the FISA process."

"So I have offered this provision to ensure that the program is carried out under the law and to make it clear that FISA remains the exclusive authority for the content collection on U.S. persons," she said.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/feinstein091306.html

Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) charged that the Bush Administration had deliberately withheld information about the surveillance program from Congress to frustrate congressional oversight.

"This refusal to respond to legitimate information requests from the Oversight Committee, combined with the administration's

over-restriction of member and staff access to the NSA program, is part of a cynical White House strategy to prevent Congress from either acting or forcing it to legislate on vital national security and privacy issues in the dark," he said.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/rock091306.html

Sen. Russ Feingold concurred that due to excessive secrecy, "The Judiciary Committee was left to legislate in the dark, with many members blindly seeking to legalize illegal behavior without even an understanding of whether those changes are actually necessary."

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/feingold091306.html

Meanwhile, in the House, a bill sponsored by Rep. Heather Wilson (R-NM) faced opposition from the Bush Administration and its Congressional allies, as well as from civil libertarians.

The bill was examined in detail in a new report from the Congressional Research Service. See "H.R. 5825 (109th Congress): 'Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act'," September 8, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/intel/RL33637.pdf>

The various competing bills were discussed, and notably analyzed by James X. Dempsey of the Center for Democracy and Technology, in a September 6 hearing of the House Judiciary Committee. See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/index.html#fisa4

The full hearing record of three Senate Judiciary Committee hearings earlier this year on "Wartime Executive Power and the National Security Agency's Warrantless Surveillance Authority" has just been published (908 pages). See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/nsasurv.html

HOUSE APPROVES DATABASE OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

The House of Representatives approved a bill to establish a publicly searchable database of federally-funded grants and contracts. The Senate adopted the measure last week, and the White House indicated that the President would sign it.

"This bill would require the Office of Management and Budget to create a Web site listing all grant awards and contracts in a manner that would be easily accessible and free of charge. In a nutshell, this is about [providing] information to taxpayers about how their hard-earned dollars are being spent," said Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA).

"The legislation we are passing today is not comprehensive reform; it will not restore honesty and accountability in government," said Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA). "It's a modest, bipartisan step in the direction of open government. But in the climate we're currently in, even a small step forward is worth supporting and celebrating."

See the September 13 House floor debate on the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2006/ffata-house.html>

REID PROPOSES FURTHER DECLASS OF SENATE INTEL REPORT

Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV), the Senate Minority Leader, proposed an amendment that would require the declassification of certain classified portions of a Senate Intelligence Committee report regarding pre-war intelligence on Iraq.

Sen. Ron Wyden and Sen. Carl Levin charged last week that portions of the controversial report had been withheld from public disclosure in order to evade accountability or to conceal "highly offensive" information unrelated to national security.

See the text of Sen. Reid's proposed amendment to the pending maritime security bill here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/reid091306.html

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Some notable recent reports of the Congressional Research Service obtained by Secrecy News that are not otherwise readily available to the public include the following.

"Federal and State Quarantine and Isolation Authority," updated August 16, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL33201.pdf>

"Declarations of War and Authorizations for the Use of Military Force: Historical Background and Legal Implications," updated August 11, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL31133.pdf>

"Cuba: Issues for the 109th Congress," updated August 8, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL32730.pdf>

"Japan-U.S. Relations: Issues for Congress," updated August 7, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL33436.pdf>

"Industrial Competitiveness and Technological Advancement: Debate Over Government Policy," updated August 3, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL33528.pdf>

"Technology Transfer: Use of Federally Funded Research and Development," updated August 3, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL33527.pdf>

"The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS)," updated July 28, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL33388.pdf>

SEA SHADOW, HUGHES MINING BARGE AVAILABLE FOR DISPLAY

The U.S. Navy announced today that the "Sea Shadow" (IX-529), an experimental naval craft, and the Hughes Mining Barge (HMB-1), which was originally developed as part of the CIA's 1974 Project Jennifer to help raise a sunken Soviet submarine, are available for donation to a suitable museum or organization.

"Ex-SEA SHADOW is contained inside HMB-1... The donee may display the two vessels as currently configured as a single unit, or display them individually," according to a notice in the Federal Register.

"If the Navy receives no interest by an eligible recipient within two years, the Navy reserves the right to remove the vessels from donation consideration and proceed with their disposal."

See "Notice of Availability for Donation of the Test Craft Ex-SEA SHADOW (IX-529) and Hughes Mining Barge (HMB-1)," Federal Register, September 14:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/09/fr091406.html>

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Re: UFOs An Unreasonable Argument - Cameron

From: Cory Cameron <corycameron.510.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 13:32:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 18:13:30 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs An Unreasonable Argument - Cameron

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 16:07:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFOs An Unreasonable Argument

>>Source: Daniel Brenton's Site

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

>>Tuesday, September 12th, 2006

>>UFOs: An Unreasonable Argument
>>[by Daniel Brenton]

><snip>

>>Probably the most painless way I can think of someone getting a
>>quick education as to how bizarre the phenomenon truly is,

>What's really bizarre is that so called "science" treats the
>subject as bizarre, instead of rolling their sleeves up and
>investigating it just as they do with every other facet of
>existence. If I were a scientist's mom, I'd smack him up 'side
>the head for treating UFOs as bizarre.

>They exist, and they continue to show up. That qualifies them as
>valid for study.

Well said Eleanor. I don't understand either why the subject is
not studied further, or rather, properly.

What has startled me as of late has also been the progression of
the phenomena from activities that were once reported in studies
like Blue Book and Condon, to the now more abstract things that
are reported in let's say, Budd Hopkins' 'Sight Unseen'.

Mankind seems to have been more or less under the microscope for
50 years or more from an alien intelligence or plural form and
the beings seem to be getting more intrusive. Why hasn't
anything really been done about it?

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Hi Loren,

You mean there's no room for speculation?

Yes, if I may be so bold, the Chimera this witness described could be a form of hologram. I realize that our holograms don't produce electric shocks, but perhaps the creatures (aliens) he encountered had better, more improved holograms that came with shock mode. He also saw a bigfoot type creature, but it wasn't a hologram. Have you read about this case? I don't think it has been debunked.

>I would ask first... could this mean the eyewitness made a
>misidentification? Could this be a mundane animal?

No I don't think so in the context of the event, which included strange visual and sound distortions along with abduction, missing time and humanoid encounters. The witness said he saw "specks" come together in the air that reminded him of the static "snow" on old black & white TV sets. These specks then took on the shape of the horned wolf with a lion's tail.

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We are not told this info. He seems to be regular-joe, not too crazy but then again, not too sane, either. Just your "average American boy, from a typical American town"...

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>result of a psychotic episode?

Yes it could be, but there's no evidence that it is.

>Why the jump to "holograms" when so many other possibilities
>exist?

Like what? A real chimera? Chimeras were always associated with our most wretched gods as guardians meant to scare the crap out of anyone who came too close. Thankfully, chimeras and their bloodthirsty gods fled eons ago, didn't they?

Ed

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Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 14:15:45 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 18:46:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Shell

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 13:15:52 -0300
>Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th

>>From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2006 05:09:24 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 12:12:06 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th

>>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2006 10:15:15 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>>Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th

>>>><snip>

>>>>At one point during our inspection we realized that we were
>>>>being shot at. We had inadvertently ended up on the wrong side
>>>>of a gun firing range and nearly become the latest victims of
>>>>the Mothman saga.

>>>I would suggest that a side trip to Clarksburg, WV to the Gray
>>>Barker room at the Harrison County Library would be a valuable
>>>to anyone interested in the subject.

>>>As a former reporter from the Mountain State, I'd also suggest
>>>that it isn't wise to wander around the mountains without some
>>>idea of where you are and who's property you're on. Up in some
>>>of them hills people still keep their meat in brine pits and
>>>don't take kindly to strangers wandering around.

>>If one were to wander around that territory I would think it
>>would be prudent to be armed with plenty of mothballs. In case
>>mutations or some other disorder have caused the mothmen to have
>>become threatening it would be good to be able to repel them.

>>I would also be armed with a shotgun to fend off the possum
>>eating coal fired Pennsylvania hillbillies and as protection in
>>case the mothmen have evolved to where mothballls no longer fend
>>them off and they have become like Mothra. <G>.

>Why combine Flatwoods,WV, a very powerful case that occurred on
>Sept. 12, 1952, as described in Frank Feschino's book The
>Braxton County Monster: Cover Up Of The Flatwoods Monster
>Revealed, with the Mothman business? There is no connection.

Agreed. If anything, the encounter might be more easily compared to the August 21, 1955, Kelly-Hopkinsville 'attack' on a Kentucky hillbilly family by a cadre of little green men. The big ears of those Hopkinsville varmints could have been mistaken for an "ace of spades" hat or hood, though admittedly, a lot of other details don't match up.

It's too bad we don't get these kinds of weird alien attack reports much these days. Or if we do, they're instantly relegated to the "looney" category and never heard from again.

Still, those Hopkinsville things sound a little like friendly chupacabra, I guess.

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Re: UFOs Or Not? - Frison

From: Eugene Frison <eugene.frison.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 16:50:30 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2006 05:34:48 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Or Not? - Frison

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 22 Aug 2006 21:40:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFOs Or Not?

>>From: Eugene Frison <eugene.frison.nul>
>>To: UFO Updates List <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 20 Aug 2006 22:58:58 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Or Not?

>>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>>>To: UFO Updates List <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 18 Aug 2006 22:04:47 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: UFOs Or Not?

>>>And as everyone knows, bitter sarcasm is such an effective way
>>>to elevate a subject above the level of "argumentative
>>>discussion" (he says sarcastically).

>>Hollis Kimball's remark about "argumentative discussion" on this
>>List was, in my opinion, an accurate one. In my very first
>>comment of my original post I implied my agreement by saying it
>>was "a very accurate observation." No bitterness here. No
>>sarcasm. Only 'agreement.'

>The idea that some UFOs are extraterrestrial is a hypothesis and
>an opinion, sometimes a strongly held opinion. But it's untrue
>that it's treated as a sacred cow, at least on this List;
>people "dare" to dispute it every day of the week here. As far
>as I know, few if any Listers have met with financial ruin or
>untimely demises by foul play because they "dared" to question
>the ET hypothesis.

Lan, List:

Sorry to take so long to respond to this but I went camping with
my wife and children for two weeks along the Mira river in Nova
Scotia (followed by four days camping on a First Nations
reservation (Mi ' kmag) for a Pow Wow in Membertou, NS) while
this thread was going on, so I wasn't around to reply.

I surely don't know why you refer to "financial ruin" or
"untimely demises by foul play" - because those were the most
distant things from my mind when I made my 'sacred cow' comment.
Again, I think you lean too easily towards drama! You seem to
interpret things too intensely and too darkly. You are 'way off'
when you are interpreting the nuance of all my comments.

You also seem to be assuming I was referring to the ETH being
a sacred cow to members on this List and that I was referring
to List members here being mistreated for questioning the ETH.
Where did I say that or even imply it? Go back and re-read both
my previous posts then tell me where or how my comments refer
to, connect with, or imply it was List members I was talking
about.

My comment about 'sacred cows' and dissecting tools' was
strictly an 'in general' remark towards the state of ufology.
Clearly you missed that or you wouldn't have zeroed in on List

members here as being the measuring tool of my comment's validity! To attempt to make List members here (and their discussions) the measuring tool to test the accuracy of my comment, you either must assume I'm referring to them in my comment or you are ignorant of the fact that not all other UFO Listservs and 'nerve centers' of ufological communication and activity are of the same high calibre as UFO UpDates. Or are you just being deliberately distracting in dealing with my comments?

I'm aware of the status of the ETH on the List here and how it's openly discussed. My head is not in the sand! Though I rarely post I am lurking here all the time. My comment about the sacred cow of the ETH was not referring to the rational members on this List - both pro- and anti-ETH - nor to their discussions of the subject. As I said, my 'sacred cow' comment was made strictly towards Ufology in general. I wasn't considering List members here when I made it but was referring to the preponderance of ufological trash out there in the field and the antics of many of those who espouse it.

However, since you brought it up, I will take the stand that my comment does apply to certain members here on this List.

Despite there being a very many rational List members and open discussions of the ETH here there are also members among us on this List who are rigidly entrenched within the ETH as the answer to the UFO enigma, and others who subscribe to the outlandish components within things like exopolitics, contactee claims, etc. And, whether you are aware of it or not, or agree with me or not, they are responsible for antics that more than justify my comment about not approaching the sacred cow of the ETH with dissecting tools in hand. So, my comment - though it was not what I was referring to at the time - does indeed have a connection with a small number of members here on this List (who are either active participants or who remain secret hidden members most, if not all, of the time).

For the record, my 'sacred cow' comment was referring to the undercurrent of e-mail and communication (for example, by telephone) that takes place off-List - specifically the slander, hostility, condemnation, etc. that gets passed back and forth against some researchers by a 'not-too-small' number of people (and yes, some are even on this List - both as recipients and as originators of the trash talk) - when a researcher attacks the sacred cow of ETH.

Some of the 'rocks' within this undercurrent of derogatory off-List correspondence aren't what they seem to be and pass on copies of said e-mails to the people that are being 'talked about' and 'put down' without the author's knowledge. I know because I've received plenty of it (that is, copies of such e-mails) although not all of this private communication has been about me. (Because of this, perhaps those that are doing this 'degrading of fellow researchers' should take heed and be a bit more careful of who they spout-off to.)

I'm not referring to the off-List communications that speak negatively of the crap that has flooded this field and of the fools, frauds, and fanatics that are responsible for this. I've engaged in enough of such off-List correspondence myself. I'm referring instead to the unwarranted 'back-biting' and 'dirty gossip' that goes on - directed at researchers who are doing legitimate work but who question the sacred cow of the ETH.

The bottom line is: when you're aware of even a portion of what's swirling around off-List then you understand why my comment is strongly justified. Though my comment regarding the sacred cow of the ETH referred mostly to those antics centered around other Listservs and 'nerve centers' of Ufology there are a few members here who are guilty of what my comment was referring to.

Sorry it's not as dramatic and sinister as "financial ruin" and "untimely demise by foul play" but what I was referring to, unfortunately, exists and justifies my comment (and perhaps even justifies the sarcasm you accuse me of but which was totally absent from my original post).

I stand by my 'sacred cow' comment! At the time I made it, it was strictly intended towards ufology in general and was not

intended to refer to members here. But, since you've got us on the subject, I maintain it does apply to some members on this List. And, I say again, my comment about everyone knowing some UFOs are ET spaceships was not intended sarcastically and was not directed towards anyone in particular - it was simply me chuckling at the current state of Ufology.

Nobody was being bashed as you indirectly implied in your last post because nobody was being referred to - it was Ufology that was being referred to. And, from where I stand, there's plenty in this field that demands being chuckled at - including, in my opinion, premature acceptance of ET aliens piloting spaceships as the answer to the UFO enigma. You should re-read that last sentence because chuckling at what one believes to be stupidity (accepting something on faith or without proper proof) is not the same thing as sarcasm and it certainly doesn't involve bitterness. I say this because although I explained I was not being sarcastic in my remarks, you again posted and insisted within that post that - unless I actually believed some UFOs are ET spaceships - I was being sarcastic. You don't know what you are talking about! I know what I intended because I was the one who wrote it. You, on the other hand, are assuming what I meant and coloring it within your own subjective environment. The fact that you talk about "financial ruin" and "untimely demises by foul play" when that's so far removed from what I was talking about indicates you tend to go 'all out' (and really too far) in your interpretations of what is being said.

I mean, come on, Lan! "Financial ruin?" "Untimely demise by foul play?" When all I was referring to was assassination of character?

So! Please! Stop adding sentiments such as "bitterness" and "sarcasm" and dark themes like "financial ruin" and "untimely demise by foul play" to my comments. It's bad enough you assume connections I never made but the sentiments and themes you're conjuring up, well, it's just way too much unwarranted drama!

All that such drama does - aside from keeping me inside on what is probably one of the last beautiful sunny afternoons of our very short Cape Breton summer - is create tangents and waste time. If you don't believe this then consider that my last two posts were to address something that was entirely within your own mind and which didn't exist in my posts. Thus, we have been discussing something that doesn't - and never did - exist. A complete waste of time! As is continuing any further with this thread, at least along its present route!

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Search For Life In Space Continues

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Search For Life In Space Continues
By Seth Jacobson

A century ago, Percival Lowell published his now infamous work Mars and its Canals. The work, which sparked international controversy and hysteria, conjectured that surface markings seen through his telescope were large canals transporting water from the polar ice caps to the equatorial regions.

He theorized that ancient Martians built the canals to support their civilizations in the warmer and "drier" regions. Since then his theory has been disproved dramatically with better telescopes and eventually small Cornell-led rovers. But the quest for life continues with the hopes of someday answering, "Are we alone?"

While intelligent life most likely does not exist in this solar system, the turn of the millennium and the technology over the last decade has allowed the beginnings of a new search. This search is no longer bound to the eight planets orbiting our sun but instead will focus on the hypothetical millions of planets orbiting the millions of stars of the night sky. But before these planets can be searched for extraterrestrial life, they need to be found.

Finding planets millions of light years away was impossible 50 years ago and even today remains a significant challenge. Approximately 200 extra-solar (outside of our solar system) planets have been discovered and they have been found indirectly.

Rather than imaging the planet itself, astronomers detect them by studying the stars they orbit and the effect that planet has on its parent star. This detection method finds only planets that are either very large or orbit very close to the star. Building better telescopes and taking advantage of the science of light is the key to solving this riddle.

Using a method known as interferometry, multiple telescopes can be combined to create even better pictures. Prof. John D. Monnier, University of Michigan, explained yesterday to a room full of Cornell astronomers about his use of this technique while studying early solar systems. Understanding how solar systems form and evolve into a planetary system like the one we live in will help astronomers predict the abundance and orbits of planets around their parent stars.

Our solar system was once just a giant cloud of gas that began collapsing under the weight of its own gravity. Originally spherical, the gas falling inward will start with some initial

rotation and as it falls faster and faster inward, will begin to spin. This spinning flattens the sphere into a disc and it is from this disc of dust and gas that the planets form. Most of the gas falls all the way to the center and creates the sun, but everything else in the solar system is formed from what's left.

Sound pretty simple? Hardly. Astronomers have spent countless hours attempting to understand the processes that guide this evolution and besides a few basic outlines, much is still actively debated between different camps. It won't be until the next generation of telescopes that astronomers will be able to describe this evolution completely.

Hopefully with a better understanding of where planets come from the search for E.T. can span the heavens.

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

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Strange Lights & Noise In Night Sky

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Sep 15, 2006

Strange Lights And Noice In Night Sky

By Scott Prentice
Publisher Black Hills Today

Deadwood, SD - Weird aircraft(s) reported to 911. I know because I was the one that reported them. About 9:45pm on September 14th I stepped outside my home to get some fresh air and could hear what sounded like 4 or 5 B1's flying overhead.

Not overly freaking out, because we live close to Ellsworth AFB home of the B-1 Bomber wing and hearing a B1s fly over every once in awhile... but several at the same time? No... We're not going to war are we? Then I looked off into the near distance (approx. 5 miles) and could see the strangest formation of lights flying straight north. Normally B1's don't fly information, as far as I know.

I just stared in amazement, not being a little green men fanatic, trying to figure out what I was looking at. This was more than a group of plains it appeared to be as large as a small town. Being a US Army Veteran, it certainly wasn't something I could recognize or didn't sound like a B1 either. Hmmm! I went and asked my son if he heard the strange plane and he said he did. I told him... I saw a U.F.O. Unidentified Flying Object. Then I went back to watching TV.. With in a matter of a few minutes like "10 -15" the noise returned.

I didn't think much about it at first except, I thought I better go see what is going on. I stepped back out my front porch and once again I see the same lights but in a different configuration. This time flying vertical. Flying extremely slow and closer in the exact opposite direction. I couldn't believe my eyes. The lights weren't flashing like plane lights, they where more of a bright strobe light. Now I was freaking out. This time I ran to get my video camera. No film loaded, I ran back outside to see it they where still there. 'Gone! This time I called 911 to report this strange night time flight. The Spearfish dispatch forwarded my call to the Deadwood dispatch. The officer in charge said he could tell I was concerned, he actually said he could hear the "Fear" in my voice. He said that one of the officers reported Black Hawk helicopters flying earlier in the afternoon. I told him that I helped develop the Black Hawk helicopters back in the late 70s when I was in the service and this wasn't Black Hawks... but could have been I guess. Anyway it was strange. So strange I went back to my computer to try and duplicate what I saw. This is what it looked like on the first flight.

[image]

This is what it looked like on the second pass. (Artist Rendering doesn't do justice to the lights)

[image

I'm just curious if anyone else seen these lights and heard the craft(s)? If so please use the link on the bottom of this page that says Contact Us.

I also went to google news to see if anyone else was reporting strange lights in the night sky. This is what I discovered:

Scott & his family live at approx. 6500' elevation near Terry Peak between Spearfish Canyon and Maitland Road. The night sky is always crisp and clear.

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Stairway To Heaven

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Source: Rory McCaffrey's Life Technology.Org - Enniskillen,
Northern Ireland

<http://www.lifetechnology.org/blog/2006/09/stairway-to-heaven.html>

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Stairway To Heaven

Are Zecharia Sitchin and Vatican official Monsignor Balducci
really climbing the same path to ascension?

Joan d'Arc

The following talk was delivered to MUFON, Rhode Island members
on October 20, 2000.

An on-line report by Hebrew scholar Zecharia Sitchin
(www.sitchin.com) describes a meeting between Sitchin and High
Vatican official Monsignor Corrado Balducci. As this story
relays, Balducci and Sitchin met in Bellaria, Italy in March of
this year at a conference entitled "The Mystery of Human
Existence." Monsignor Balducci holds the following impressive
credentials:

- he is a member of the Curia of the Roman Catholic Church,
- he is the Prelate of the Congregation for the Evangelization
of Peoples and the Propagation of the Faith,
- he is the leading exorcist of the Archdiocese of Rome,
- he is a member of the Vatican's Beatification Committee,
- he is an expert on Demonology, and
- he was reportedly appointed by the Vatican to study the
matter of UFO's and extraterrestrials.

At this conference in Italy, Sitchin presented his compelling
research into the Sumerian texts, which is now known as the
"genetic engineering hypothesis." For those of you familiar with
von Daniken's "ancient astronaut" theories, we can essentially
describe Sitchin's work as an extension of these earlier
theories, except that Sitchin has worked out the details of this
genesis story by his ability to translate ancient Sumerian
documents. According to Sitchin, ancient Earthling notetakers
wrote on every possible piece of material they could find -
clay, stone, parchment - telling us not only that Earth had been
visited by spacefaring humanoid beings, but that Earth humans
and cultures are a direct result of periodic visits by these
advanced genetic scientists.

Sitchin's translation of these ancient texts - described in
detail in six books of the Earth Chronicles series - describes a
pre-history very different from the one taught to us in our pre-

history, science and anthropology courses. When uttered outside of rented rooms like this one, these ideas make people very uncomfortable. His translations tell us that earth humans are not alone, even in our own solar system.

At this conference in Italy, Sitchin reiterated the ancient Sumerian story of Nibiru, also known as Marduk to the Babylonians, and to our own scientists as Planet X. According to Sumerian accounts, Nibiru is a huge planet which is part of our solar system, but which travels in a vastly elliptical orbit, nearing Earth about every 3,600 years. According to Sitchin's translations, this tenth planet is the home of space travelers called the Anunnaki, which he translates as "Those Who From Heaven to Earth Came."

You might be interested to know, the Hubble telescope has recently discovered numerous planets and moons in other solar systems with highly elliptical plunging orbits and clockwise orbits, suggesting that such an eccentric orbit may actually be the norm in other solar systems. If Sitchin is right, it may also, unbeknownst to us, be occurring in our own solar system.

At this conference in Italy, Sitchin reiterated his theory that the Anunnaki began visiting our planet about 450,000 years ago. Sitchin suggests that about 300,000 years ago, these space travelers engaged in genetic engineering which "upgraded" then-existing hominids to the status of Homo sapiens: a being capable of accepting cultural indoctrination. In his presentation, Sitchin made sure he stated that in this act of creation, "the Anunnaki were acting as Emissaries for the Universal Creator - God."

Following his presentation, Sitchin was given an opportunity to meet with Monsignor Balducci. As Sitchin reports, Balducci's position on UFO's was that "there must be something in it." Balducci felt that "the hundreds and thousands of eyewitness reports leave no room for denying that there is a measure of truth in them...". Balducci stated, "Witnessing is one way of transmitting truth, and in the case of the Christian religion, we are talking about a Divine Revelation in which witnessing is crucial to the credibility of our faith." Regarding life on other planets, Balducci admitted to Sitchin:

That life may exist on other planets is certainly possible... The Bible does not rule out that possibility. On the basis of scripture and on the basis of our knowledge of God's omnipotence, His wisdom being limitless, we must affirm that life on other planets is possible... credible and even probable.

Cardinal Nicolo Cusano (1401-1464) wrote that there is not a single star in the sky about which we can rule out the existence of life, even if different from ours.

On the subject of intelligent extraterrestrials, Balducci stated: "When I talk about extraterrestrials, we must think of beings who are like us; more probably beings more advanced than us, in that their nature is an association of a material part and a spiritual part, a body and a soul, although in different proportions than human beings on Earth." As Balducci made clear, "Angels" are beings who are purely spiritual, devoid of bodies, while humans are made up of spirit and matter, but the spiritual part would be at "at a low level". Balducci then made the following provocative statement:

It is entirely credible that in the enormous distance between Angels and humans, there could be found some middle stage, that is beings with a body like ours but more elevated spiritually... In spite of what some people think, we would be in a position to reconcile their existence with the Redemption that Christ has brought us.

Regarding the Anunnaki and the Creation of Man, Balducci explained that Sitchin's approach is based on physical evidence, and concerns itself with matter, not with spirit. Balducci reiterated the view of Father Marakoff, who is still alive and is greatly respected by the Church. Marakoff has suggested that when God created man and put the soul into him, "perhaps what is meant is not that Man was created from mud or lime, but from something pre-existing, even from a sentient being capable of feeling and perception." So, Balducci suggested to Sitchin in their meeting, "the idea of taking a pre-man or hominid and

creating someone who is aware of himself is something that Christianity is coming around to. The key is the distinction between the material body and the soul granted by God."

Sitchin explained that while he does deal with physical evidence, in his first book *The 12th Planet*, he raises the question "if the extraterrestrials 'created' us, who created them on their planet?" However, when I personally interviewed Sitchin in Washington DC in 1995, his point-blank answer to the question of the genesis of the Anunnaki on their planet was "evolution." In this interview, Sitchin was adamant that the ancient Sumerian texts state that these physical beings created mankind as a "Primitive Worker," for the express purpose of extracting gold from the mines of South Africa.

Yet, with the writing of his last book in the *Earth Chronicles* series, Sitchin's thinking had slowly evolved from this idea that the Anunnaki were products of evolution on their planet. As he later began to explain it, the Anunnaki were "emissaries" of God. By the time he met Monsignor Balducci earlier this year, Sitchin had long made room for the possibility that the Anunnaki were carrying out "the Almighty God's wishes and plans," and did not merely "come here for selfish reasons and to fashion us because they needed workers." We must wonder what has caused Sitchin's change of heart.

As Balducci has argued, "If such extraterrestrials were so involved, even by your own interpretation they had to do with Man's physics, body and rationality; but God alone had to do with the Soul!" Sitchin's second book, which deals with "Man's aspiration to ascend the heavens," is titled *The Stairway to Heaven*. Sitchin ended his conversation with Msgr. Balducci by saying, "it seems to me that we are ascending the same stairway to heaven, though from different steps."

Let me make it clear that I respect Mr. Sitchin's work, but I'm a little wary of this suggestion. Call me paranoid, but are Sitchin and Balducci really climbing the same ascending path, or has this path been theologically "tweaked" in order to force its convergence? As Sitchin explains, his approach is based on physical evidence, and Balducci's seeks the spiritual or divine aspects. Yet, Sitchin claims, "our conclusions converged." But it seems to me the problem Balducci is having with the genetic engineering scenario has still not been solved. As Balducci argues, "God alone has to do with the Soul."

Now, where would traveling biochemists from another planet pick up souls? What is a soul? Do these presumably humanoid beings have permission to act as little 'gods'? This appeared to be on Sitchin's mind when I interviewed him in 1995, yet at the time I couldn't get him to drop the idea that Darwinian evolution does not fit into this scenario. When I pressed the issue, he ended the interview. In 1997, when I sent him the chapter from my book questioning all this, he sent it back to me with the written remark, "I don't read unpublished manuscripts." I respect Mr. Sitchin's work, but I will continue to respectfully call attention to problems I find with it. Let me outline those problems right now.

"Seeds": DNA or Creative Potential?

In my book *Space Travelers and the Genesis of the Human Form*, I have noted the 'evolution' of Sitchin's genetic engineering hypothesis, which essentially comprises a change in heart regarding where the concept of God fits into the picture. According to Sitchin's translations published in *Wars of Gods and Men*, Sumerian texts describe the process whereby the semen of a chosen male Anunnaki was combined with the egg of a female Earth hominid. The fertilized eggs were then implanted into the wombs of female Anunnaki "Birth Goddesses." In this way, the Anunnaki began a slow process of genetically engineering a "Mixed Worker" by binding upon the less evolved beings the "mold of the gods." There was "considerable trial and error to achieve the desired 'perfect model' of the Primitive Worker." It was truly a slow process, for the hybrids were unable to reproduce and the wombs of fourteen Birth Goddesses had to continually serve as the containers. Eventually, the workers were put to work in the gold mines of South Africa.

The Sumerian Creation of Man story describes a second wave of genetic manipulations which would enable the beings to procreate

on their own, since the initial hybrids were not able to do so. The Biblical story of the creation tells that man and woman were not created at the same time but, rather, the female was created (or as Sitchin translates, "cloned") from the male. During this operation, as the Bible tells us, a "rib" was removed from The Adam - the first man. According to Sitchin's research, something was extracted from the "rib" in order to "construct" the female. However, it is not clear what this means. Sitchin points out that cloning requires the least differentiated cells, so the stomach cells are used. So, he surmises that being near the stomach, the rib had something to do with a process of cloning.

Sitchin explains, since it is apparent that female workers already existed, something was required from the male in order for the female to become compatible for mating purposes. The clue to what the rib supplied, Sitchin writes in *Genesis Revisited*, lies in the translation of the meanings of the Sumerian words for life, belly and clay. Although the original Sumerian texts describing this process have not yet been found, Sitchin surmises that it had something to do with the genetic compatibility of the sperm and the egg. This physical translation for a potentially esoteric event is typical of Sitchin's books.

As Balducci has noted, Sitchin's approach is based on physical evidence and is concerned with matter, not with spirit. I have also noted that Sitchin's translations are overly based on physical interpretations. One of the most important potential mistranslations I have noted is that Sitchin assumes the Sumerian word for seed to mean "DNA." This mistranslation may essentially be, in Balducci's words, "the key [to] the distinction between the material body and the soul granted by God." This "key" may be discovered in the writings of Vedic scholar, Richard Thompson, in his book *Alien Identities*. Thompson indicates that the word for a special type of 'seed' in Vedic texts is called *bijas*.

According to the ancient Vedic scripts, the Universe is under intelligent control. High-level controllers - the *Devas* - arrange for the "transmigration" of souls from one material body to the next, in a process of movement toward higher consciousness. The bodies of Brahma and the *Devas*, which emanate from the Supreme Being, are made of "subtle forms of energy," and do not contain DNA. But, they do carry genetic information in the form of *bijas*, or seeds, that are also made of subtle energy. For humans to descend from the *Devas*, something else is needed; a "transformation" must take place in order to convert subtle energy into material substance. This sounds strangely like Sitchin's process.

It is evident here that there may be a problem with Sitchin's translation of seed as "DNA," and the concept of *bijas* may be the missing 'substance' which Sitchin's analysis seeks - the soul which can only be provided by the sacred or divine. This seed (the *bijas*) is not to be confused with DNA. These types of beings are able to generate any form of living being by a combined process of mating and transformation of subtle to gross energy - the infusion of divine soul into matter. The conversion of genetic information from subtle form to gross form involves the storage of different types of vibratory energy. The "seeds" are this storage container.

The genetic engineering hypothesis may be a mistaken translation of a more subtle process or transformational principle. As Thompson maintains, the Vedic version of the origin of humankind on Earth is not that they were "genetically engineered" by crossing the DNA of the *Devas* with the DNA of the primitive "ape-man," but that it involved mating between *Devas* that generated human offspring through the transformation of genetic and vibratory information. The Indian Vedas teach that different humanoid races on separate worlds were produced in this manner and, thus, have a common ancestry. The Vedas state that the human form is common in the Universe.

The *Devas* can be thought of as "archetypes," or as giving birth to the archetypes for all living creatures on the Earth. The *Devas*, along with other beings on that level or higher, contain the capacity on the creative level to produce offspring that are not of their own bodily type. As a matter of fact, I was reading a magazine in a doctor's office one day; I wish I had it to show you. One of the artifacts that had been discovered at an ancient

Near East site portrayed a Birth Goddess giving birth to a tiger or some similar beast. The beast was coming right out through her legs! The archeologists were completely puzzled by it. But it's not puzzling at all if we read the ancient Vedic creation documents.

The "seeds" of life may refer to a vibratory transference of subtle energy to material energy, rather than to the physical DNA structure. This would essentially be considered an act of special creation. Indeed, if Sitchin has mistranslated this transformational process to be equivalent to a physical cloning process, his 'genetic engineering hypothesis' is actually a 'creation hypothesis.' Sitchin doesn't have to 'make room' for God. As a creative guiding intelligent force, field, entity or MIND alive in all aspects of Universal Creation, the life force from the Supreme Deity emanates down the hierarchy of creative entities who transfer this energy to the material plane.

As Balducci has offered, "It is entirely credible that in the enormous distance between Angels and humans, there could be found some middle stage, that is beings with a body like ours but more elevated spiritually." Are there intermediaries who have implicit 'permission' to act as little 'gods'? This notion of a "hierarchy" of seraphim and cherubim appears to be at the bottom of the Balducci/Sitchin discourse.

Out of Africa

What kind of physical evidence does Sitchin actually deal with in his books? He simply states, "Evolution cannot account for the appearance of Homo sapiens, which happened virtually overnight in terms of the millions of years evolution requires, and with no evidence of earlier stages that would indicate a gradual change from Homo erectus." Yet, this simple statement is misleading. As I have noted in Space Travelers, the timeline of Sitchin's hypothesis is fairly consistent with the "Out of Africa" evolutionary model put forward by mainstream evolutionary theorists, including Richard Leakey in The Origin of Humankind. If this model is accepted, mankind's lineage can be traced to 100,000 to 300,000 years before present, which meshes with Sitchin's dates. However, if we consider alternative theories of the age of mankind based on marginalized worldwide fossil evidence, the theory of the emergence of mankind out of Africa during this crucial and set time period is demolished, and Sitchin's theory is 'dust in the wind.'

If Michael Cremo and Richard Thompson are correct, mankind's age is considerably older than either of these theories might suggest, and, further, mankind's emergence cannot be plotted solely on a course winding out of Africa. In their book, Hidden History of the Human Race, Cremo and Thompson discuss various skeletal remains of anatomically modern humans, as well as various human artifacts, which have been dated in the range of 2 million all the way up to 55 million years B.P. (before present). This furthest range would put human beings in the early Pliocene era right along with the emergence of the first mammals. Yet, such dates are considered "anomalous" within the context of the currently accepted paradigm of human evolution.

Why are these dates considered "anomalous"? Because they are marginal in terms of the currently-accepted evolutionary paradigm. This is due to the fact that the assumption of the progressive evolution of humans from the great ape family guides the acceptance and rejection of the evidence for evolution itself. In the study of logic, this is known as a tautology. You start with a theory, and only facts which support this theory are considered. So everything inside of this neat little box is TRUE because no contradictory facts are allowed to enter the box.

As I explain in great detail in my book, this is essentially what we have with the prevailing theory of human genesis. Darwinian evolution is a classic tautology. It is scientism, not science. Scientism masquerades as true science and never recognizes itself as a belief system based on an emotional attachment to Western materialist philosophy. This is why evolution stands at the top of the list along with politics as a subject to avoid in the public arena. Yet, let me be so bold as to bring a few questions to fore regarding this taboo topic, and if I see a few red faces in the audience, I will perhaps regret my mistake.

Recent discoveries have forced anthropologists to reconsider the commonly-held paradigm that humankind evolved and dispersed in the warmer climate of Africa. Some anthropologists now believe a recently discovered Siberian site called Diring to be one of the oldest Paleolithic sites in the world, dating from between 1.8 to 3.7 million years B.P. (before present). This Siberian site has produced more than 4,000 artifacts, with some 500 of them identified as stone tools. The finding that Stone Age people lived this far north as long as 3 million years ago upsets the prevailing Out of Africa model in several ways. While some archeologists are not convinced that the site is 3 million years old, all are convinced that the site is at least 500,000 years old. What are humans doing in Siberia even this long ago?

As Cremo and Thompson write, in the past, "anomalous" evidence was often the center of serious controversy in anthropology. Now, anomalous findings are rejected outright. Let's also consider the following evidence hidden in humanity's closet:

- Simple eolithic implements have been discovered on the American continent in Pliocene strata dated at 2-4 million years.
- Primitive bone implements, as well as shark teeth with holes for use as jewelry and carving implements, have been found in Suffolk, England, in formations dated at 2-55 million years.
- Simple chopping tools have been discovered in Pakistan in formations dated at 2 million years. Tools of the same age have also been found in Siberia and India. (The authors point out that modern tribal people continue to manufacture very primitive types of stone tools.)
- A modern-type human jaw thoroughly infiltrated with iron oxide was discovered in a quarry at Foxhall, England, in a 16-foot level dated at 2.5 million years.
- Various finds in Argentina, along with flint tools and intentional use of fire, indicate the presence of humans in the Americas at least 3 million years ago.
- A modern human skull was discovered in the Sierra Nevada mountains, under volcanic ash in a gold-bearing gravel bed ranging in age from 9 to 55 million years old. This is not an isolated discovery. The California gold country has been a 'hotbed' of human skeletal remains and implements having this date range.

There is also strong evidence for the presence of rounded stone bola makers in Argentina approximately 3 million years ago. Stone bolas were used for hunting by wrapping them in leather bags attached to a long cord, swinging them overhead and letting go. Since this advanced technology requires the presence of a leather working culture, bola stones represent the presence of Homo sapiens during the late Pliocene in South America. What are human beings doing in the Americas 3 to 5 million years ago? This is very upsetting to mainstream anthropologists, and they want to sweep it under the rug. Louis B. Leakey and others have established that the australopithecines of this age were not toolmakers, are not considered to be part of the human lineage, and furthermore, they were still confined to Africa. So who are these American toolmakers? How does Sitchin deal with them? He doesn't.

In addition, if we consider the view of the early catastrophists, there is evidence that mankind has been created and destroyed on the Earth many times over. Immanuel Velikovsky stated this problem when he wrote the following:

Even admitting that by Expulsion from the Garden of Eden is allegorized a catastrophe which quite destroyed mankind prior to the great deluge, it is impossible to declare that it was the first catastrophe. It depends on the memory of the peoples which catastrophe they consider to be the first act of creation. Human beings rising from some catastrophe, bereft of memory of what had happened, regarded themselves as created from the dust of the Earth. All knowledge of ancestors, who they were and in what interstellar space they had lived, was wiped away from the memory of the few survivors.

On this point, Velikovsky and other early catastrophists had noted that the fossil record reflects a series of creatures appearing all at once and fully formed, and disappearing just as suddenly. To them, the facts seemed to tell the story of a cycle of creation and destruction of all life forms on the earth. The fossil record since Darwin's day continues to tell this story. It has never told anything but this story. But "creation" is a dirty word in our scientific culture.

In fact, there is evidence to suggest that fully modern Homo sapiens appears to have existed in Africa, Europe, India, America, Australia, the British Isles, and now Siberia at least two million years before present. Taking into account only the more conventionally accepted evidence, Cremo and Thompson have concluded "the total evidence, including fossil bones and artifacts, is most consistent with the view that anatomically modern humans have co-existed with other primates for tens of millions of years."

Sitchin's genetic engineering hypothesis depends upon us not opening the closet door where these anomalies in the human lineage are kept! Sitchin's date of 300,000 to 350,000 years B.P. for the genetic engineering of the human race by the Anunnaki space travelers conflicts with evidence of human beings scattered over the Earth long before these dates.

As a matter of fact, Sitchin relays a curious account he discovered in Sumerian texts. This story describes the humanoid that lived on the Earth when the Anunnaki arrived. The Anunnaki called them the "Black Headed Ones." They are described by the Sumerians as being a friend to the four-legged animals which the Anunnaki ate for dinner. They were crafty and skillful enough to free their animal pals from the Anunnaki traps. This is a description of a thoughtful being; a being who is self-aware and capable of feeling; an alert and crafty being with unusual manual dexterity, capable of planning, scheming and conniving. Here we have a description of a naked toolmaker and troublemaker: the human being! This isn't simply a description of a tool-maker; this is a tool un-maker. This is not an "ape," capable of picking up a stick and using it to dig. This, we are told, is what chimpanzees do.

This story suggests that human beings already existed on the Earth prior to the Anunnaki settling of Sumeria. As a matter of fact, there is worldwide evidence that space travelers may have arrived from various places in the solar system in an ongoing stream of settlements, settling in what we now call Atlantis and Mu, long before the Great Deluge, and long before the arrival of the Sumerian Anunnaki. These may be our American bola sling makers... the ancestors of the Eskimos and the American Indians. The problem we are presented with is this: Can we actually say that any Earth people are indigenous to this planet? Are we all descendants of human Visitors? Is the human form actually common in the Universe?

Another discrepancy with Sitchin's theory, that the Anunnaki created humans in their own image and after their own likeness, is the fact that the Sumerians describe the Anunnaki as lizard-people; as bipedal reptilian creatures with scaly skin who preferred the water over the land. Sitchin avoids discussion of how humankind could have been created by parents who were lizards, when other sources have verified this odd fact. It has also been suggested that the King James and other bibles have removed these references out of their editions of the bible.

What we are looking at with Sitchin's genetic engineering hypothesis could be many things. Sitchin has chosen to translate it his way, but there are other possible ways to understand the Sumerian material. One possibility has to do with the act of special creation. The Sumerian account may be a creation myth which Sitchin is perhaps taking too literally, or shall we say, too physically. Could this Sumerian account actually be a religious text describing the special creation of man by the Devas, hierarchical spirits who assist in the ongoing creation and re-creation of all life forms after various cataclysms on Earth? If Sitchin's translation can be tweaked in this way, perhaps he and Monsignor Balducci can ascend the same Stairway to Heaven.

Acclimation Program

It is clear that this fabricated religious synthesis between a Hebrew scholar and a Vatican official on the subject of extraterrestrials heralds a momentous occasion approaching what Richard Boylan has called an Acclimation Program. As Boylan reports, Balducci has gone on Italian television repeatedly to declare that ET visitations may be real. As the Church's leading exorcist and an expert on Demonology, he has announced that ETs are "not of the devil," and are likely to be spiritually advanced.

Yet, the sexual and procreative nature of the abduction phenomenon might indicate otherwise. According to the Malleus Maleficarum, printed in 1486, the sexual activity most often attributed to witches was sex with demons who assumed the form of male or female (incubus or succubus) for the purpose of having intercourse with humans. How can Balducci be so sure this is not what is happening, especially if we consider that the Anunnaki shapeshifters were sometimes reptilian.

Is this not remarkable proof that the worldwide consciousness is being "acclimated" to the existence of extraterrestrials? Following the 1961 advice of a think tank called the Brookings Institute, such an acclimation program might be designed to keep religious doctrines intact. The discovery of extraterrestrial life, the Brookings Report projected, would be "electrifying" to the "illiterate and semiliterate" religious masses.

Yet, strangely, of all groups which might be most affected by the discovery of a superintelligence in the universe, the Brookings Report seemed most concerned not about the so-called "illiterate and semiliterate" religious masses, but about "scientists and engineers." The Brookings Report stated, "It has been speculated that, of all groups, scientists and engineers might be the most devastated by the discovery of relatively superior creatures, since these professions are most clearly associated with the mastery of nature." The Brookings Institute warned that meeting up with life forms who had such an advanced understanding of nature might invalidate our own understanding of nature. Of course, I'm happy to point out, the theory that would be most invalidated by the discovery of advanced humanoid beings is Darwinian evolution.

As this think tank warned in 1961, "it is very important to take into account major religions." In keeping with this social control scenario, Sitchin now presents his information a little differently. In his presentation in Italy, with a high Vatican official present, Sitchin made sure he stated that in this act of creation, "the Anunnaki were acting as Emissaries for the Universal Creator - God," and were not merely acting selfishly to produce a mine worker. This can be considered an act of special creation.

As Balducci told Sitchin, even if intelligent spacefaring humanoids exist, "in spite of what some people think, we would be in a position to reconcile their existence with the Redemption that Christ has brought us." This statement alone, coming from the Vatican, is incredible. How would this reconciliation be possible? According to Balducci's statements, it hinges on seeing these space travelers as some form of angelic beings - rather than as demons. Are we witnessing the evolution of the Vatican's modern genealogy of the angelic kingdom? A kinder, gentler Vatican that believes there are no bad apples on the angelic family tree?

Is this Vatican official saying that the Biblical serafim and cherubim travel in spaceships? Is the Vatican coming around to the ancient astronaut theory? And what does this have to do with Sitchin's 'change of heart'? Has Sitchin had a Visitor experience - a visit by a high Vatican official perhaps? In this light, has Sitchin been persuaded to alter his information for the good of the planet?

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No Truth in Beauty

The future of fauxtography is on the nightly news.

by
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During Israel's recent war in Lebanon, bloggers again demonstrated that armchair amateurs can be more perceptive than professional journalists. First, they proved that news photographers had participated in staged war-zone shoots calculated to increase the pathos of Lebanese civilian casualties. Then they exposed an even bigger scandal: a Reuters photographer, Adnan Hajj, had used photo-editing software to insert billowing black smoke into a picture of Beirut and to alter a photo of an Israeli jet to make it look as though it were dropping bombs.

The proprietors of such blogs as Little Green Footballs, Power Line, Zombietime, and the Jawa Report continue to expose photographic deception in the Middle East, including, most recently, a shot of a Lebanese Red Cross ambulance supposedly bombed by a callous Israel. (The photos do show a perfectly circular hole in the ambulance's roof; what they don't show is that the hole just happens to be located where Lebanese ambulances have easily removable circular ventilation covers.) The bloggers have adopted an apt word for this sort of deception: fauxtography.

A picture still may be worth a thousand words, but now we're realizing that nothing guarantees that the pictures are true. As University of Kansas journalism prof David Perlmutter notes, "[A]ny image on the Web can be altered by anyone into any new image..... The icons are sacred no longer."

It's not just photos whose veracity we have to worry about, moreover; moving images are becoming less trustworthy, too. So far, technology has limited amateurs to crude, transparently fake video efforts, such as the now-infamous Palestinian film that cobbled together separate bits of footage to "prove" that an Israeli warship had shelled civilians on a Gaza beach. But moviemaking professionals with expertise in computer-generated imagery (CGI), the lifelike animation in such movies as Jurassic Park and The Lord of the Rings, can make films that are just as misleading as Photoshopped pictures - and that aim to affect public opinion just as decisively.

Consider a comparatively innocuous example: Aliens Of The Deep, a new documentary - though that isn't quite the right word for it - directed by Oscar-winner James Cameron and currently showing

at the IMAX theater in the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. By searching for undersea life, the film maintains, we can prepare to search for extraterrestrial life, and it's this emphasis on space exploration that mars an otherwise interesting underwater documentary. At one point, for example, the movie's camera-toting submarines encounter a beautiful creature, a sort of hazy white ball, trailing a diaphanous net. "I have no idea what that is," says an amazed Cameron. Unfortunately, on this dive he's left the marine biologists behind and instead brought astrobiologist Kevin Hand, whose contributions consist of enthusiastic ignorance: "Oh my goodness! Look at that!" he says when he sees the creature. "Holy cow! Look at that thing. That is absolutely unreal. Oh my goodness. Look at that, it's just amazing." A marine biologist, less awestruck but more useful, would have identified it as the jellyfish *Deepstaria enigmatica*, and the kids watching the film might have learned something.

Such lapses are trivial. But the movie's final scene, in which we see a submarine purportedly navigating no earthly ocean but rather the sea beneath the icy surface of Europa, one of Jupiter's moons, is another matter. Inside the sub are Hand and Dijanna Figueroa, another scientist. They encounter a few squidlike creatures, and Figueroa places her hand on the sub's transparent front window. One of the creatures intelligently mirrors her motion. "Houston, Endurance. We have arrived on station at the coordinates, and we have some new friends," Hand radios. The final shot shows the submarine and the squids heading toward an enormous lighted underwater city.

Of course, this last scene is imaginary and computer-generated. But it is visually indistinguishable from the rest of the movie's actual oceans and sea creatures and submarines. The movie again sacrifices what could have been educational on the altar of outer-space exploration. Documentaries claim to film reality. When they rely on animation and special effects, they usually make clear that they're briefly abandoning the filmable truth, and they tend to limit such creative effects to relatively likely things - a reconstruction of how a dinosaur might have looked, say. But *Aliens Of The Deep* chooses tantalization over documentation, bestowing the veneer of likelihood upon what is only a dream in order to offer picture-perfect proof of the rewards we'd supposedly reap from space exploration. Not only does it misportray the discoveries that space exploration could yield - even if there is an ocean on Europa, the chances of finding life there, let alone intelligent life, are vanishingly thin - but also, splicing real-life characters into a fantasy sequence, the movie implies that a personal encounter with Europa's residents might be feasible in the near future. It isn't.

Aliens Of The Deep also runs into some minor ethical problems in its repeated injunctions to explore outer space. NASA would naturally benefit from any increase in space exploration efforts, and the space agency actually planned to send a robotic probe to Europa. Yet nowhere does the film mention that Cameron, while making it, also sat on the NASA Advisory Committee. Since then, he has lobbied Congress to fund space science and, more tellingly, lectured NASA about the need for better public relations. None of it was enough to save the Europa probe, which NASA recently scrapped for want of funds.

But the documentary's real problem is that, like the photojournalists in Lebanon, it inserts fakery into a medium that claims to show only the real, if for comparatively innocuous ends. In the relatively harmless deception of *Aliens of the Deep*, we can see the disturbing future of news fauxtography. The Adnan Hajjs of the world will become as adept at CGI technology as the James Camerons are. Then news footage, like still photos and documentaries, will become a lot less trustworthy.

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A UFO mystery has been solved by a guest at a wedding reception.

A couple from Longwalk, Istead Rise, were left dumbfounded after they encountered strange lights in the night sky.

The pair, who insisted they were not nutters, claim they saw six red lights moving slowly in an inverted V shape with a long tail.

Helen Hanreck, 49, was looking for her cats in the garden when she noticed a bright light in the sky.

The insurance manager called to her partner, Nick Claydon, to have a look at the spectacle at 9.45pm.

Nursery nurse Becky Linehan was at a Japanese wedding reception at The Leather Bottle, The Street, Cobham, on the same night.

It is a Japanese tradition to let off sky candles to bless the marriage.

The 23-year-old, of Barr Road, Gravesend, says the candles must be the explanation to the sighting.

She said: "We lit the candles at 9.30pm and this was around the same time people said they saw them.

"I was in hysterics when I saw that people thought it was a UFO, I told the best man and he thought it was hilarious too."

Co-ordinator of Lancashire Anomalous Phenomena Investigation Society (LAPIS) Rob Whitehead thought the sighting was Chinese lanterns.

He said: "I managed to catch some of these lanterns on tape here in Lancashire just a few months ago.

"They do look very spooky as they glide silently across the night sky and I can understand why they would alarm ordinary members of the public who might see them."

North Kent police say they had one report of someone seeing flashing lights at 10.01pm on September 8.

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Astronomers Reveal First Alien I.D. Chart

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Washington, DC- It is only a matter of time before astronomers find an Earth-sized planet orbiting a distant star. When they do, the first questions people will ask are: Is it habitable? And even more importantly, is there life present on it already? For clues to the answers, scientists are looking to their home planet, Earth.

Astronomers Lisa Kaltenegger of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA) and Wesley Traub of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and CfA, propose using Earth's atmospheric history to understand other planets.

"Good planets are hard to find," said Kaltenegger. "Our work provides the signposts astronomers will look for when examining truly Earth-like worlds."

Geologic records show that Earth's atmosphere has changed dramatically during the past 4.5 billion years, in part because of life forms developing on our planet. Mapping what gases comprised Earth's atmosphere during its history, Kaltenegger and Traub propose that by looking for similar atmospheric compositions on other worlds, scientists will be able to determine if that planet has life on it, and if so, that life's evolutionary stage.

To date, all extrasolar planets have been studied indirectly, for example by monitoring the way a host star wobbles as the planet's gravity tugs it. Only four extrasolar planets have been detected directly, and they are massive Jupiter-sized worlds. The atmosphere of one of these worlds was detected by another CfA scientist, David Charbonneau, using NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope. The next generation of space-based missions such as NASA's Terrestrial Planet Finder (TPF) and ESA's Darwin will be able to directly study nearby Earth-sized worlds.

Astronomers particularly want to observe the visible and infrared spectra of distant terrestrial planets to learn about their atmospheres.

Particular gases leave signatures in a planet's spectrum, like fingerprints or DNA markers. By spotting those fingerprints, researchers can learn about an atmosphere's composition and even deduce the presence of clouds.

Today, Earth's atmosphere consists of about three-fourths

nitrogen and one-fourth oxygen, with a small percentage of other gases like carbon dioxide and methane. But four billion years ago, no oxygen was present. Earth's atmosphere has evolved through six distinct epochs, each characterized by a particular mix of gases. Using a computer code developed by Traub and CfA colleague Ken Jucks, Kaltenecker and Traub modeled each of Earth's six epochs to determine what spectral fingerprints would be seen by a distant observer.

"By studying Earth's past, we can learn about the present state of other worlds," Traub explained. "If an extrasolar planet is found with a spectrum similar to one of our models, we potentially could characterize that planet's geological state, its habitability, and the degree to which life has evolved on it."

To better understand these time periods, or "epochs," and to put them into perspective, one can scale the Earth's 4.5-billion-year history down to one year, attaching dates beginning with January 1 - the date the Earth formed.

EPOCH 0 - February 12

At Epoch 0 (3.9 billion years ago), the young Earth possessed a turbulent, steamy atmosphere composed mostly of nitrogen, carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulfide. The days were shorter and the Sun was dimmer, shining as a red orb through our orange brick-colored sky. The one ocean that covered our entire planet was a muddy brown that absorbed bombardment from incoming meteors and comets. Carbon dioxide helped warm our world since the infant Sun was a third less luminous than today. Although no fossils survived from this time period, isotopic signatures of life may have been left behind in Greenland rocks.

EPOCH 1 - March 17

About 3.5 billion years ago (Epoch 1), the planet landscape featured volcanic island chains poking out of the vast global ocean. The first life on Earth was anaerobic bacteria - bacteria that could live without oxygen. These bacteria pumped large amounts of methane into the planet's atmosphere, changing it in detectable ways. If similar bacteria exist on another planet, future missions like TPF and Darwin could detect their fingerprint in the atmosphere.

EPOCH 2 - June 5

About 2.4 billion years ago (Epoch 2), the atmosphere reached its maximum methane concentration. The dominant gases were nitrogen, carbon dioxide, and methane. Continental landmasses were beginning to form. Blue-green algae began pumping large amounts of oxygen into the atmosphere. Big changes were about to happen.

"I'm sorry to say the first signs of E.T. probably won't be a radio or TV broadcasts; instead, it could be oxygen from algae," lamented Kaltenecker.

EPOCH 3 - July 16

Two billion years ago (Epoch 3), these first photosynthetic organisms shifted the atmosphere's balance permanently-they produced oxygen, a highly reactive gas that cleared out much of the methane and carbon dioxide, while also suffocating the anaerobic, methane-producing bacteria. In doing so, the planet's atmosphere gained its first free oxygen. The landscape now was flat and damp. With volcanoes smoking in the distance, brilliantly colored pools of greenish-brown scum created a sheen on the stench-filled water. The oxygen revolution was fully underway.

"The introduction of oxygen was catastrophic to the dominant life on Earth at that time; it poisoned it," Traub said. "But at the same time, it made multicellular life, including human life, possible."

EPOCH 4 - October 13

At 800 million years ago, the Earth entered Epoch 4, with continuing increases in oxygen levels. This time period coincides with what is now known as the "Cambrian Explosion."

Beginning 550 to 500 million years ago, the Cambrian Period is a significant marker post in the history of life on Earth: It is the time most major animal groups first appear in the fossil records. The Earth was now covered with swamps, seas and a few active volcanoes. The oceans were teeming with life.

EPOCH 5 - November 8

Finally, 300 million years ago in Epoch 5, life had moved from the oceans onto land. The Earth's atmosphere had reached its current composition of primarily nitrogen and oxygen. This was the beginning of the Mesozoic period that included the dinosaurs. The scenery looked like Jurassic Park on a Sunday afternoon.

EPOCH 6 - December 31 (11:59:59)

The intriguing question that remains is: What would Epoch 6, the time period humans occupy today, look like? Could we detect the telltale signs of alien technologies on distant worlds?

As the general consensus builds among scientist that human activity has altered Earth's atmosphere by inputting carbon dioxide as well as gases like Freon, could we identify the spectral fingerprints of those byproducts on other worlds? Although Earth-orbiting satellites and balloon experiments can measure these changes here at home, detecting similar effects on a distant world are beyond even the capabilities of upcoming programs like Terrestrial Planet Finder and Darwin. It will take gigantic flotillas of future space-based infrared telescopes to be able to accomplish those measurements.

"As daunting as this challenge sounds," said Kaltenegger, "I do believe in the next few decades we will know whether or not our little blue world is all alone in the Universe or if there are neighbors out there waiting to meet us."

This research was funded by NASA.

Headquartered in Cambridge, Mass., the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA) is a joint collaboration between the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and the Harvard College Observatory. CfA scientists, organized into six research divisions, study the origin, evolution and ultimate fate of the universe.

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>>We, the West, comfortable in our armchairs feel we could handle
>>disclosure, but where does the third world stand? All many of
>>this multitude have, is their strong faith. You take it away or
>>even confuse them, it will it place an even larger blockade
>>between us, with perhaps disastrous results. This is one reason
>>why I think 'disclosure' is not an option in the world as we
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Thank you Rick, your erudite, didactic observations have
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seriously.

I'm not sure the masses could comprehend a work of this nature.
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dull reading for most.

>I agree with you that this would be a major project; bigger than
>any I would want to take on alone.

>But, even with its bulk, it would still not mean anything to
>those who aren't now interested, namely governments, religions,
>and the masses. This type of project most often comes after the
>paradigm-shifting revelations come from out-of-this-world, or
>never-before-considered sources and events. Someone smarter than
>me said something like, every great idea was forced on mankind.
>No one beats a path to anyone's door, unless there's fame or
>fortune to be made. And no one ever likes to change their own
>beliefs.

There's the rub... and what would happen if you convinced them?
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Best to you

William

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PRESS RELEASE

THE GREAT BRITISH UFO SHOW

21st & 22nd October,

Leeds Rugby Supporters Club, Headingley, Leeds, West Yorkshire

In 2006 Apollo astronaut and second man on the moon Buzz Aldrin confirmed that all 3 astronauts on board Apollo 11 en route to the moon observed a UFO. It is therefore rather apt that UFO DATA magazine (www.ufodata.co.uk) should be staging The Great British UFO Show.

Throughout 2005 and 2006 that national news media have categorically stated that either there are no such things as UFOs or that the UFO subject is dead and buried. Well, Buzz Aldrin has shown that both on these announcements are utterly in error.

Over the weekend of October 21st & 22nd UFO DATA will host a public conference that will include discussion on such topics as: crop Circles, Alien Abductions, UFOs on film, UFO sighting by UK pilots during the Second World War, Personal UFO encounters and the Alien Autopsy Hoax. From overseas we will see Mr Odd-Gunnar Roed from Norway discuss the UFO subject in Scandinavia and Mr Maurizio Baiata from Italy will discuss Colonel Philip J. Corso and his involvement in the Roswell UFO crash. The latest UFOs caught on video will also be shown by Russell Callaghan, the editor of UFO DATA magazine. In all 9 different speakers will leave you I no doubt that UFOs are indeed still here and that UFO research is far from dead.

The Great British UFO Show is organised by UFO DATA magazine and the conference is open to anyone. Tickets are =A315.00 per day or =A325.00 for the 2 days.

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Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts (R-KS) has endorsed a proposal to task the Public Interest Declassification Board (PIDB) to review the recent Intelligence Committee reports on pre-war intelligence to determine if they were properly declassified.

He acted in response to harsh criticism from Senate Democrats alleging that the Bush Administration had abused its classification authority to conceal embarrassing or offensive information in the reports that was unrelated to national security.

Instead of pursuing legislative action to compel declassification, as urged by Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, Senator Roberts said that the PIDB should be asked to render a judgment, as originally proposed last week by Sen. Ron Wyden.

"Let's let the Public Interest Declassification Board take a look at these reports," said Sen. Roberts in the course of a heated debate on the Senate floor September 14.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/declass091406.html

"That was the suggestion by Senator Wyden, picked up by Senator Bond, endorsed by myself and I think by the Senator from West Virginia [Sen. Rockefeller]. That is the proper way to go about it," Sen. Roberts said.

The endorsement by Intelligence Committee Chairman Roberts is crucial to the activation of the Declassification Board, since the PIDB, under the terms of its enabling legislation, accepts congressional requests for declassification review only when they are "made by the committee of jurisdiction," not by individual members.

The review of the contested Intelligence Committee reports will be the first such action to be undertaken by the Board, and it is likely to set a precedent, whether favorable or unfavorable, for similar reviews in the future.

The Public Interest Declassification Board, established by statute in 2000 and modified by the intelligence reform

legislation of 2004, is composed of nine non-governmental persons appointed by the President and congressional leaders. Eight of the nine members have been named so far. A ninth member, who is to be designated by Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, has still not been appointed.

UNDISCLOSED U.S. DETENTION SITES OVERSEAS AND MORE FROM CRS

The use of secret U.S. prison facilities abroad, first reported by Dana Priest in the Washington Post in November 2005, has since been confirmed by President Bush and has become the focus of controversy in the U.S. and elsewhere.

A new report from the Congressional Research Service synthesizes what is now publicly known about the secret prisons and discusses some of the relevant legal concerns they raise. ("It is based on available open-source documentation, as cited, and not on any independent CRS investigation.")

A copy of the new report was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Undisclosed U.S. Detention Sites Overseas: Background and Legal Issues," September 12, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL33643.pdf>

Some miscellaneous other new products from CRS include the following.

"Israeli-Arab Negotiations: Background, Conflicts, and U.S. Policy," updated September 1, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL33530.pdf>

"Israel: Background and Relations with the United States," updated August 31, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL33476.pdf>

"Saudi Arabia: Current Issues and U.S. Relations," August 2, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL33533.pdf>

"Sri Lanka: Background and U.S. Relations," updated August 1, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL31707.pdf>

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<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL32776.pdf>

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>Mankind seems to have been more or less under the microscope for
>50 years or more from an alien intelligence or plural form and
>the beings seem to be getting more intrusive. Why hasn't
>anything really been done about it?

Ask those bozos at the Brookings Institute.

[See:

http://www.anomalies.net/brookings/brookings_summary.pdf

ebk]

Eleanor White

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>dig myself in anymore. <g>

Thanks again William! But I really am unworthy and lacking credibility. I'm just another worm with an opinion.

This kind of meta-analysis would not change anyone's mind without some major paradigm shift. It's been said by someone smarter than me that no one changes unless they have some psycho-emotional void to fill. From my work, I see that past behavior is the best predictor of future behavior. With all this in mind, I think the essential paradigm of humanity would change through the normal stages we each go through when traumatized.

But we would get through those stages, to a new normal, just as we've done before. It's in our nature. It's a very noble part of our humanity.

I don't think the change would require new tech, per se. But it would require an overt presentation, like the greys outing themselves.

My comment on the "" reason for democratizing the east and middle east was completely political and in reference to the recent wars there. Few will argue with the badness of the Baghdad Butcher and his boys. But many can't condone the continued warring there; unless this is part of some "new world order" campaign, possibly dictated by covert contracts with alien contacts. But this is way off topic, and into the land of fantasy and conspiracy theory. And there goes my credibility again, or lack thereof.

Lastly, if you are confused about the established practice of the alien abductors, I highly recommend the works of Hopkins and Jacobs. Their copy will make you cringe, at the very least!

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Friday, September 15, 2006

Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

By John Stofflet
Evening Magazine

There's something in the air near Waterville, Washington =96
mysterious lights no one can explain, or perhaps now a scientist
in Australia can?

"It was so mysterious, and then we found out later that other
people were seeing it, mostly the farmers out in the fields,"
said Mabel Knowles.

Evening Magazine

"No one could explain this. It wasn't rational, but it was
real," said Dick Osborne.

Are eerie lights seen over an Eastern Washington town UFOs,
ghostly spirits, or has one professor a world away found a
scientific answer to the mystery of the spooklights?

On late summer nights over the years, many people in and around
the small farming town of Waterville have seen unusual lights
flitting around the sky.

"We knew it wasn't an airplane, because it darted around, it
would hover around the house, then it would dart another place
and go somewhere else, then pretty soon it would come back,"
described Mabel. "So then it just acquired the name of
spooklight and that's what several people have called it since
then because we just were spooked. We didn't know what it was."

"Just a light appearing out of nowhere, with nothing around it,
able to travel at high speeds, maneuver in 90-degree angles. It
could streak away, reappear, transfer to the next hill," said
Dick. "It was like something from a space movie that you'd see
on TV."

People all over the world have seen and apparently photographed
similar mysterious lights. They've appeared in places like
Norway, Texas, Missouri, and Canada.

At North Carolina's Brown Mountain and in Marfa, Texas, the
government even erected signs acknowledging the presence of the
lights.

Spar Giedeman said he photographed an odd light near Mount
Adams.

"It just disappeared and faded out," he said. "I sure would like to know what it was. I've wondered all these years."

There have been a number of eyewitnesses over the years. Clearly, there is something out there. But what? Is it something supernatural? A UFO? The spirit of a dead person? A top secret government aircraft no one's talking about? Or perhaps it's something completely natural.

One scientific theory is that spooklights are some type of electrical energy or are somehow related to seismic activity below the surface.

A brand-new study by Professor Jack Pettigrew of Australia's University of Queensland might have an answer to the origin of our spooklights, which Downunder are called min-min lights.

They've been known to baffle ranchers in the outback, the way spooklights have baffled farmers near Waterville.

Prof. Pettigrew thinks he's found what causes Australia's version of the lights. On some days when there's a temperature inversion, when warm air traps cooler air below it, light coming from things like car headlights, fires, the moon, or whatever, can bounce around in strange ways. The source of the light can be hundreds of miles away, beyond the horizon, but the observer sees it as an eerie mirage that seems to be close by.

The descriptions Dick Osborne and Mabel Knowles give sound similar to the lights Prof. Pettigrew researched in Australia and seems to have explained. His theory might even explain some of the UFO sightings in the Northwest over the years.

Whether the source of spooklights is supernatural or simply natural, folks around Waterville who've seen them say they'll never forget them.

"This is beyond anything I've ever witnessed or been part of, because there was no explanation and nobody could ever explain to me," said Dick.

Dick says one summer when the spooklights were particularly common, there were a lot more traffic accidents than usual on the highway outside of Waterville. He thinks maybe the drivers saw spooklights, were distracted, and drove off the road.

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

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Bob Shell

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See:

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John D. Pettigrew, Vision Touch and Hearing Centre, University
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For those who may have read this paper, below are some comments
that I made to Ian and others off-List at the time - I think I
still agree with most of them:

Note that there is an inconsistency in the date(s) of
Observation 1 and Observation 2. Observation 1 is given as "July
11", Observation 2 as "the night following Observation 1" and as
"July 15".

I don't suggest that this makes Pettigrew's sightings
unreliable.

Some more specific information on angles and durations would
helpful in a few places.

Light ducts seem to explain most descriptions well, but maybe
not all. Narrow vertical RI gradients associated with stable
stratified layers over distances of tens or hundreds of kms,
displacing images vertically by a degree or two, are one thing.
But simultaneous horizontal gradients displacing images
laterally by many degrees (even 180 degrees is claimed) are
quite another. This seems to me to be presented as a minor
extrapolation of the normal fata morgana mechanism, but is in
fact a theory of a dramatically different order - not just
quantitatively but qualitatively.

To have sharp vertical gradients and even more extraordinary horizontal gradients at the same time is like a plank of wood with two grains running at 90 degrees to each other. The conditions of laminar stability that give rise to one exclude the other, almost by definition.

Pettigrew suggests that the progressive lateral separation of the lights in Observation 2 might be similar to the breaking up of parts of a fata morgana image, but in a superior mirage the vertical relationships between image and source are preserved and the mirage image of a truck light on the road 20 km away would only move up and down or dwindle in place, not move laterally by many degrees.

If the light source was itself many degrees wide then changing mirage conditions might select different small parts of it to loom in succession, creating the appearance of a laterally moving flying light. But a light source many degrees wide at 20 km is not a truck. A rate of 2 deg/sec is given. Observation of only one second duration would equate to a light source width of nearly half a mile, and obviously the rate was determined over a longer period than this (the whole observation lasted 30 mins).

Note that the physical motion of vehicles on the road is not relevant. The rate of separation of the lights was equivalent to over 1500 mph at the range of the road.

Note also that the real angular displacement of a truck at 20 km distance would be negligible. Eg., for a roadspeed of 50 km/hr (14 m/sec) its maximum angular displacement would be around 3 minutes of arc, or 1/10 of the diameter of the moon, per sec. Scarcely perceptible. The Min Min lights reported had about 20 times this angular rate.

Assuming only 5 seconds of observation to determine the angular rate of 2 degs/sec, then we have a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 degrees lateral displacement of each image from the bearing of the effectively stationary light source(s). Vertical RI gradients associated with Fata Morgana-type stratification simply cannot explain lateral displacements like this.

Then there is the progressive tracking of the image(s) across the skyline. This is not like some kind of discontinuous jump or random image wander due to turbulence but a systematic translation of a discrete image at a constant rate, at 90 degs to the direction of the severe RI gradient that ex hypothesi is ducting the raypath.

I think it would be misleading to pretend that behaviour like this is at all comprehensible. Maybe some related met op theory will be forthcoming for a case like this in future. But as for the idea of an optical duct that can produce a lateral image displacement over 180 degrees, I'm afraid my credulity is strained past breaking!

Maybe Obs 2 was of ducted jet aircraft lights at hundreds of km range, instead of trucks at 20 km? But of course the greater the range (to explain the silence) then the higher the true groundspeeds implied. At 100 km the 2 deg/sec rate of separation translates to nearly 8000 mph!

So I don't know. I prefer to think that there may be several different phenomena responsible for lights called Min Min lights.

Martin Shough

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Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Freeman

From: Kelly Freeman Khfflsciufu.nul
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2006 08:42:08 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2006 10:03:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th - Freeman

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2006 10:55:00 -0700
>Subject: Re: Flatwoods September 12th

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>No I don't think so in the context of the event, which included
>strange visual and sound distortions along with abduction,
>missing time and humanoid encounters. The witness said he saw
>"specks" come together in the air that reminded him of the
>static "snow" on old black & white TV sets. These specks then
>took on the shape of the horned wolf with a lion's tail.

Hello Ed and Loren,

Back in the mid-90's, a witness claiming to be an abductee related to me the following experience.

"...As it flew, it emerged into a dome-shaped framework about five feet across composed of grayish-looking bars with a small apparatus of sorts on top. Then it stopped suddenly and tilted slightly toward the ceiling. I started seeing sparkles of light under the frame. These sparkles became more numerous till in a matter of about three seconds a being was formed. This being (I assume it was a being only because it had a human shape), was approximately eight feet tall entirely covered by a brownish-tan cloth and had ties around his neck, waist, wrists and ankles."

Sparkles and specks. Did these two witnesses see the same type of technology being deployed by strange unknown beings? Hmmmmm.

Any thoughts out there?

Kelly

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: Dr. Dyson's Space Patrol

Source: Daniel Brenton's Site

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

September 16th, 2006

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"First, I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth. No single space project in this period will be more impressive to mankind, or more important for the long-range exploration of space; and none will be so difficult or expensive to accomplish."

Now, if you're any kind of space geek at all, you know who made that statement.

My grandmother didn't like John Kennedy. I'm not sure how strongly I should put that - Kennedy, after all, was God-forsaken Democrat (yes, the family was pretty much all card-carrying Republicans), but being a fundamentalist Christian woman, she would probably not express what she really felt.

The Space Program in her mind was, of course, a complete waste of taxpayer money, a sort of government make-work program for Werner von Braun and his Rocket Boys.

Of course, as I became increasingly fascinated with space flight, my grandmother became correspondingly annoyed with my fascination.

She, and I'm sure many others, have missed one of the real points of the Moon Race. On May 25, 1961 with the above words President Kennedy captured the imagination of enough of the American people to launch us on a decade-long ascent to the highest pinnacle acknowledged in our species' collective consciousness.

He asked for the Moon, and America delivered.

Intentional or not, this act may have in truth saved the human species. With these words Kennedy slapped the face of the Soviet Union's cherubic and mocking Nikita Khrushchev with a gentleman's glove of challenge, shunting the Cold War into the heavens, into a symbolic struggle for technological and astronomical supremacy which may very well have successfully distracted us from incinerating ourselves in our own seemingly Hell-bent drive for Mutual Assured Destruction.

God bless you, Mr. Kennedy.

As a child I was fascinated with nuclear energy, fed, I'm sure, by the reassuring optimism of Walt Disney's Tomorrowland and his educational cartoons about the atomic genie we as a world had released. After Walt had put his magic on the unleashed power of

the atom, I could almost believe it would be the technological miracle that would manifest a Great Big Beautiful Tomorrow.

The promise of atomic power applied to space flight was equally seductive. This promised smaller and/or faster trips to other planets than even the big chemically propelled rockets of the time, opening up even more of the Final Frontier.

Of course, the darker side of the Atomic Age was a waking nightmare that followed us into the peace of our deepest sleep. Even as a child I was aware (my father would say morbidly aware) of the reality that at any moment intercontinental ballistic missiles could arc over my horizon and bluntly dismiss my strategically insignificant life.

With Glasnost and the subsequent the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Soviet Bloc, the human race breathed a collective sigh of relief, feeling an abiding peace that we were no longer walking in the shadow of the Apocalypse. In truth we were still walking in it, but for a time, at least, it didn't seem like it.

We face an equal threat, just as real, but beyond the reach and influence of our petty terrestrial politics and, at the moment, largely out of our control. We face the threat of our Earth being struck by interplanetary objects, asteroids or comets massive enough to raise tsunamis or plunge us into a naturally-created nuclear winters.

Popular entertainment forms render this this very serious reality into differing accounts of dismissible "sci-fi." There have been novels, video and computer games, movies, and so on, all with differing levels of authenticity. The film Deep Impact, was far more realistic than Bruce Willis' Armageddon, yet both films portrayed some space program-based effort to spare the human race from extinction.

To get a real picture of this threat, I discovered quite a bit of information available on NASA's Asteroid and Comet Impact Hazard website (I mean, NASA's supposed to know, right?).

In an MSNBC article from November 1, 2005 posted on the site 1, Science editor Alan Boyle's question and answer session with Planetary scientist Don Yeomans, the manager of NASA's Near-Earth Object Program, gives a more serious but sedate view of the actual threat. When asked about the issue of a recent "near miss" because the object was hidden by the glare of the Sun during its approach and discovered only afterward, Yeomans pointed out the real defense is long-term observation, identifying, tracking, and predicting the paths of these objects. The toughest scenario is long period comets, whose orbits, by the present state of the art, can't really be predicted until they are inside the orbit of Jupiter, which on average would give us only about nine months to respond.

Can you imagine our government mounting any kind of effective effort in that tiny amount of time?

The truth of it is that, barring some secret effort kept hidden from us, there is no hardware in place right now to deal with any of these scenarios. Given enough lead time, very small unmanned spacecraft can nudge the course of an intruding object sufficiently to save us from extinction with only the tiniest applications of force. But in the event of these "short notice" kind of scenarios there is nothing standing between us and global catastrophe.

But it is possible, and we simply cannot afford the luxury of not making this actual.

In the 1940's and '50's the mind-bending concept of lofting gargantuan vehicles from the Earth's surface and propelling them at tremendous speeds through space propelled by atomic explosions was explored by various contractors in the nuclear industry. But in the late 1950s, Theodore Taylor and Freeman Dyson, under the auspices of the General Atomics corporation, mounted the most ambitious study of these efforts, this one known as Project Orion. 2, 3

The principle to this is simpler than one might expect. Atomic or thermonuclear charges are designed to vaporize a plug or disk of a specific material, called a "propellant," into a burst of

high-velocity plasma (gas so superheated that it becomes ionized). This plasma would in turn strike a shock-absorbing bumper on the back of vehicle, smoothing out the concussion. The energy of the plasma is transferred to the vehicle, accelerating it.

In terms of the total amount of energy being expended by these charges, the technique squanders vast amounts of it, yet the tiny amount that this technique does harness is sufficient to drive space craft - no, make that space ships - of unprecedented mass and size.

I frankly find the idea both deeply compelling and faintly horrible. The sheer audacity of riding atomic charges through the stratosphere is a nightmare image that fills me with awe.

The fiction writer in me is drawn to the notion of this actually having been accomplished in the early 1960's for some reason of terrible urgency, a crew of military men and atomic scientists catapulted from the cratered face of the Nevada Test Site's Jackass Flats into the heavens for a mission of deeply hidden purpose. And now, nearly half a century later, the great lifeless hulk of this vessel is coasting silently in some distant orbit holding the suppressed and finally forgotten secret of some dark destiny.

Seductive, isn't it?

What shot Orion down is the simple fact that the propulsive charges produce fallout. Even if assembled and used solely in space, some radiation generated when the ship maneuvers near the Earth would eventually find its way back into our ecosystem.

How much would find its way back is only one of the questions that falls into the political debate over the use of atomic power in space, and where solid science is ignored and loses any meaning. I don't dismiss the issue, but it is an emotional one, and there is that faction that wants nothing to do with nuclear devices in any form - on the Earth or being carried into space.

However, I see an opportunity here to kill a flock of birds with only a few stones.

The basic Orion technique for space flight is the only technically feasible way available to us at this time to mount deep space missions with short enough travel times to be effective against the threat of a "short notice" interplanetary object. Considering the possibility of extinction level events, the unsavory aspects of this method should not exclude it from consideration. The possibility of fallout or fuel-dispersal accident cannot realistically be eliminated, but they can be mitigated.

I propose we build two or four of these craft in high earth orbit, probably geosynchronous orbit, above the Earth's magnetosphere. This adds greatly to the cost, but would help shield the earth from the operation of the vehicles. There has long been the suggestion of using the current Space Shuttle hardware (solid engines, the big fuel tank, and the Shuttle rocket engine assembly) to launch large payload modules into space in the place of hauling the Shuttle Orbiter. Payload into low Earth orbit, per shot, would be on the order of 100 tons. (As the Six Million Dollar Man's Oscar Goldman would say, "We have the technology.")

Right now there is an issue of the disposal of nuclear waste. Part of this issue is that our nation has a policy of not reprocessing spent nuclear fuel in order to prevent it from becoming weapons-grade material. What I'd like to suggest is that maybe we can put at least a dent in the problem by proceeding to process some of our stockpiles of spent nuclear fuel into weapons grade material for use as propulsion charges for these Orion-type vehicles.

It would of course be far less expensive (and would eliminate the risks associated with transporting the propulsion charge into space) to build these on the ground, maintain them, and launch them should the day they are needed arrive. (One would hope a little fallout would be tolerated as an acceptable trade-off in the face of extinction.) But these craft need to be tested, and the mission profile, mission support, and crew need

to be put through their paces.

To properly flight test these ships, I would want to see missions mounted by pairs of them (for redundancy) to some target object, such as one of what are known as the "Trojan" asteroids that lead and follow the planet Jupiter in its orbit. Depending on the mission profile, the ships could:

* Shatter the object with nuclear devices in passing;

* Rendezvous with the object and "nudge" it into another trajectory;

* "Land" on the object and mine it with a grid of propulsion charges intended to detonate simultaneously to vaporize the object or pulverize it into a dispersing cloud of gravel;

or whatever scenario the Brain Boys and Brain Girls (should I say Brain Persons?) back home deem the best for the situation. Naturally this kind of mission would be an excellent opportunity for planetary scientists to gain more understanding about how the Solar System works, and an Orion-type vehicle could accommodate a vast array of scientific sensors and equipment in its payload, and maybe even a team of scientists to boot.

As you have probably noted, I am suggesting these vessels be manned, as opposed to controlled by a combination of remote management and artificial intelligence. There would be a number of advantages to an unmanned approach, but the main disadvantage would be a lack of real-time human decision-making ability at the location. Radio waves take three quarters of an hour, give or take a few minutes, to reach something as far as Jupiter. But beyond the time delay, the value of having people there, on site, able to see and react instantly to conditions artificial intelligence might not grasp and remote operators might not see or wouldn't see at all or for the better part of an hour could spell the difference between success or failure.

Should my words come to those who can act on these things, I submit to you that the spoils of the Cold War - the perfection of the technology of nuclear weapons, and the know-how of the Moon Race - can and should serve us, as a species, for our survival on our only home.

I can think of no more noble redemption for that dark time.

Thank you again, John.

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Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2006 10:18:12 EDT
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>to me," said Dick.

>Dick says one summer when the spooklights were particularly
>common, there were a lot more traffic accidents than usual on
>the highway outside of Waterville. He thinks maybe the drivers
>saw spooklights, were distracted, and drove off the road.

I assume 'Prof. Pettigrew' is ignorant of the fact that
spooklights have been sighted far before automobiles, trains,
and even paved roads.

Here in Oklahoma we have the mysterious 'Miami Lights', and of
course in Texas there is the famous 'Marfa Lights', both of
which were sighted by the natives far before silly white men
came along and attempted to explain them away as 'temperature
inversions'.

- Jason Gammon

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2006 12:18:51 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2006 22:47:22 -0400
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Hi Martin,

The stake through the heart of the theory has to be the very instability of the remaining local affect of temperature inversions. Although temp inversions are a stable element unto themselves they are influenced by the meteorological and geological conditions that surround them. In a thread several months ago concerning the sighting by Kelly Johnson's crew off San Diego back in the 50s, and another simultaneously inland I discovered that temp inversions only existed to a level of 5,000 feet [apparently due to cool air spilling out of the bottom of the effect once over that altitude due to topographies] which precluded the effect making it through the Sierras and inland. Temp inversions as well are pretty much self contained, do not extend over many hundreds of miles due to convection currents that continuously disturb the delicate warm-air-over-cool state needed to sustain them. There are so many other conditions that must apply before one would even observe the result of a headlight on a vehicle driving up a hill in one locale and it's reflected image in another. The narrow band of one to 1.5 degrees above the horizon doesn't work too well in mountainous

areas but may well have better success in the Outback of Australia. Pettigrew's theory seems to allow these reflections to channel through the atmosphere as light does through a fiber optic cable but with the originating end fixed while the observed end of the effect is thrashing around like an unattended fire hose.

These solved UFO announcements made by their proponents usually don't address more than a narrow percentage of one percent of the sightings of UFOs but get trotted out by the media as the solution. What plasma is out and temp inversions are back in?. They are simplistic and show a lack of understanding or even cursory investigation into this phenomenon. I don't vilify Pettigrew for this because he's basically just ignorant of the weight of the reports and history about min-min or Marfa or UFO reports in general-though he should be taken to task for not doing a minimal amount of study.

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From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2006 11:30:50 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2006 22:54:45 -0400
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>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2006 11:34:55 +0100
>Subject: UK UFO Conference 21/22-10-06

>PRESS RELEASE

>THE GREAT BRITISH UFO SHOW

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>Leeds Rugby Supporters Club, Headingley, Leeds, West Yorkshire

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Good luck on that, Russell and Philip.

A week later a new conference will be held in Ireland:

<http://www.ufosocietyireland.com/conference.htm>

The following weekend is one in Australia:

<http://www.uforq.asn.au/about/conference2006.html>

Hope to see some colleagues at them

Best regards!

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Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2006 22:57:26 -0400
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He certainly knows lab optics, but atmospheric physics is another matter entirely. I don't know what his background might be in that. I also don't know what his "UFO politics" might be. The subject never came up.

Pettigrew is charismatic, enthusiastic, and very smart, with a wide-ranging mind. I had a lot of respect for him as a scientist. He's hardly my stereotype picture of the narrow-minded, rigid, cynical, and humorless skeptibunker. I would be very surprised if he was just debunking for the sake of debunking.

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I don't know the specifics of the spook lights that Pettigrew thinks he might be able to explain. If people are just seeing lights suspended in the air just above the horizon, then maybe mirages might explain them. If the lights are higher up and dashing around all over the place, then you can probably forget it.

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2006 23:10:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 11:08:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Search For Life In Space Continues - Maccabee

>Source: The Cornell Daily Sun - Ithaca, New York, USA

><http://www.cornellsun.com/node/18303>

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>Search For Life In Space Continues
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>While intelligent life most likely does not exist in this solar
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Hmmm... perhaps they have finally arrived at the correct
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Heir To The Stars

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 06:42:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 11:10:41 -0400
Subject: Heir To The Stars

"...To list all the things keeping saucers away? Too many by far, but a few must be said. ...And these keep us all back for the groove and the sway of elites who live high on the backs that they break."

More... Plus a Wendy Connors Tribute Video:

http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2006/09/heir-to-stars_16.html

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Re: UK UFO Conference 21/22-10-06 - Bordais

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 17:17:33 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 11:50:08 -0400
Subject: Re: UK UFO Conference 21/22-10-06 - Bordais

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2006 11:30:50 -0300
>Subject: Re: UK UFO Conference 21/22-10-06

>>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2006 11:34:55 +0100
>>Subject: UK UFO Conference 21/22-10-06

>>PRESS RELEASE

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>Good luck on that, Russell and Philip.

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><http://www.ufosocietyireland.com/conference.htm>

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><http://www.uforg.asn.au/about/conference2006.html>

>Hope to see some colleagues at them

AJ and all,

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From: **Herb Newman** <HerbertRNewman.nul>
Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 11:33:18 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 11:53:04 -0400
Subject: Meteor Over New Zealand's South Island?

I received the following report:

"A meteor streaked across a large swathe of New Zealand's South Island Tuesday, creating a sonic boom which sent people running from their workplaces and homes, witnesses said. The loud boom was heard over northern and central parts of the South Island shaking buildings and rattling windows." (Wellington (AFP) Sep 12, 2006)

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Martin emailed me the article and I concur with his description of it. I knew John Pettigrew when he was a professor at UC Berkeley 30 years ago. As I suspected, he's not debunking anything in this article, just trying to explain the curious Min Min lights often observed in the Australian Outback. The subject of UFOs never comes up. He makes a convincing case that at least some of these Min Min lights are indeed explained as mirages of distant lights.

(However, in some instances, he obviously tries to stretch the mirage theory too far, such as as footnote case where the witness describes the light moving from just above the horizon to overhead, then heading off to the horizon at high speed. That sounds like a classic UFO sighting, not a mirage hanging just above the horizon.)

Another aspect of the Pettigrew article, besides the physics of mirages, is visual perceptual factors that Pettigrew is very familiar with (he's an actual expert vision scientist) that may contribute to the oft-reported strangeness of the Min Min lights. Pettigrew notes the lights are usually seen in isolation in the extreme darkness of the Outback without external references to tell the observer how far away or their exact position. Thus factors like autokinesis, recently discussed here on Updates in another case, may produce artificial motion and make the lights seem to dart around. Variations in light intensity with atmospheric changes (and with no depth references) might cause the lights to seem to zoom in or out. Another commonly reported effect is the lights seeming to follow the observer, which Pettigrew explains as the observer grossly underestimating the distance because of absence of depth cues, just as the Moon might seem to follow you as you drive along. Most people are so familiar with the Moon illusion that they ignore it, but with the unfamiliar and unstructured Min Min, the illusion isn't so easy to ignore.

Some of the flavor of the enthusiastic, ever-curious, and congenial scientist that I knew comes through in the article. In an "apology" at the end of the article, Pettigrew comments, "I know that there will be great resistance to the acceptance of this and any other explanation of the Min Min light from many in the Outback who are cynical about attempts by city slickers to reduce the magic and wonder of the phenomenon. I have some sympathy with this reaction but would plead that my approach to putting the phenomenon on a more understandable basis does not necessarily explain it away but rather may enhance one's experience of it. My detailed knowledge of the exquisite visual system of birds of prey has not taken away any of the wonder and enjoyment of watching these birds in their natural habitat."

Another comment of his I found enjoyable was in a footnote, where he describes the unnerving aspect of the lights: "It is interesting that some of the toughest and roughest people I have met, like shooters and drovers, had no qualms about admitting that they cried or wept when they encountered the lights."

The article is completely lacking in the arrogance, condescension, and ridicule that one would expect if the article had instead appeared in a debunking rag like the Skeptical Inquirer.

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>most people I suspect.

>He reports in fair detail on several Min Min sightings
>personally observed by himself and others on field trips in
>the Outback. In one case they simulated a Min Min by taking a
>truck 10 km away over hill into a gully and experimenting with
>turning headlights on and off whilst observers back at the
>camp, beyond the normal optical horizon, saw a colour-changing
>light hovering up and down in the sky when the lights were on,

>nothing when the lights were off. They coordinated this by
>radio, so there seems to be no doubt about it.
>In another case the location of lights coincided with traffic
>on an invisible road the other side of some low hills. In
>still another they were able to observe a floating light from
>both ends of a 4 km baseline and take compass bearings
>indicating a source 300 km away. This also coincided with
>traffic headlights on a distant road. The paper also has
>photos taken in daylight the morning after the experimental
>"Min Min" was observed, showing the classic "rocky towers" of
>a Fata Morgana mirage rising above the usually flat horizon,
>decaying slowly as the usual air mixing set in due to solar
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>As I already said, there are some problems with angular rates
>and displacements in one or two cases that don't seem to add
>up. And to explain some Min Min lights you'd need mirage
>effects orders of magnitude greater than anything ever
>measured and acting to bend light in two orthogonal directions
>simultaneously, which seems completely unphysical. And
>"bubbles" of RI discontinuity ducting light around 180 deg? I
>think not! Pettigrew does go wrong in being far too optimistic
>about a successful theory and wanting to apply it to every Min
>Min, as so often happens. But he certainly doesn't make any
>generalisations about UFO reports, and his paper is really
>just about the observations described above in this one
>particular area of the Australian Outback, at least some of
>which are almost certainly mirage phenomena.

Yeah, I think that's the point I was trying to make. But I don't
throw out the possibility, actually the probability of some
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Correct Dates For Irish & Oz Conferences

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <gevaerd.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 09:28:35 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 09:44:24 -0400
Subject: Correct Dates For Irish & Oz Conferences

3rd Irish International UFO Conference, Carrick-on-Shannon,
Ireland - 23 and 24 September:

<http://www.ufosocietyireland.com/conference.htm>

And...

50th Anniversary UFO Research Queensland, in Brisbane, Australia
- 30 September and 01 October.

<http://www.uforg.asn.au/about/conference2006.html>

I am getting old...

A. J.

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UFOs 'Stalk' Palermo Colombia

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 09:53:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 10:29:20 -0400
Subject: UFOs 'Stalk' Palermo Colombia

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Source: La Nacion Latina
<http://www.lanacionlatina.com/index.php?idcategoria=3D14216>
Date: 09.17.06

Colombia: UFOs 'Stalk' Palermo

Several reports from local residents reveal the presence of lights and unidentified objects in space. The alleged UFOs appear to sympathize with certain politicians and campaigning seasons. The photo of the municipal representative ratifies other accounts from peasants and villagers. Disbelief is widespread among residents.

Agitation has seized the municipality of Palermo, a quiet community some 20 km from Neiva, due to sightings of lights and objects that fly and appear over the fields. And with good reason. For some fifteen years, back when the sightings occurred in the district of Ot=Els, Campoalegre, the glances of these alleged objects from beyond the Earth appear to have concentrated themselves on Palermo, where they have given rise to surprise, admiration, fear and stories that range from absolute belief to the most forceful skepticism.

Some say that the UFOs have political sympathies, because they are mostly seen when elections are taking place or the day prior to voting; strange movements of lights and devices have even been recorded on cameras, such as the 2004 case when Javier Urazan accompanied a seismic research team and found a small object recorded on one of his photos whose nature they could not determine. The same occurred with the representative a eight days ago.

To Juan Alberto Bernal, 37, a resident of Palermo who has devoted a considerable part of his life to promotional ads, the subject merely represents another reality in his life, as he has been a witness to it. "It would be very selfish to believe that in such a wide universe, a small planet like ours is the only one harboring life. Fifteen years ago I saw three strange objects with lights on Cerro El Bache. One crossed, the other descended and they zig-zagged around. I wasn't the only witness. At the time, which was also an electoral season, Sixto Francisco Cerquera, Neiva's former mayor, also saw them and can attest to it," said Bernal.

On the Campaign Trail

The fore mer Neivan official acknowledges that around that time he was campaigning for a seat in the Huila assembly, and in fact he observed the phenomenon with his wife Fabiola Ara=FAjo, who was with him.

"It was getting dark and we were coming in from a rural area. As we approached the town, my wife and I saw a light in the sky, but we thought it was a plane; then we stopped the car to see what it was. The fact of the matter is that it wasn't a plan,

because when we pulled over, the light remained still. When we moved the car, the light followed our movements. That night, the lights had gone out in our town, and when the object stopped over the town church before vanishing, the light was restored to the town immediately. It was mysterious, but real," says the attorney and former political leader.

Juan Alberto Bernal recalls that peasant witnessed the landing of a vehicle on the property of Juan Antonio Carrera Mejia, former mayor of Palermo and current candidate for mayor of Neiva. Three shining men descended from the object; the occupants and their vehicle later vanished into the vastness of the sky.

"The peasant said that those were things of God and that the three characters who came down were angels sent to Earth, but they returned to heaven," remarks Bernal.

Regarding this story, Carrera Mejia said that six years ago, at La Laguna, his farm, peasants witnessed this phenomenon, which subsequently became magnified. "That was the story. I didn't worry much about it, but I would lie if I told you that I don't believe in these things. There must be something beyond our Earth in such a large universe," said Carrera.

The Official Speaks

Community headman William Percy Gonzalez said that the photo delivered to and published by La Nacion, showing an alleged UFO, is not a fraud and certainly was not a means of drawing attention to the fact that he is running in next year's elections to reach the town's foremost political position.

"The document is there for anyone who wants to inspect it. At no time were we hunting for strange objects. We were merely doing field work when a strange object was picked up on a photo. Even the person we were visiting, Don Alirio Rivera Manchola, in Alto Pijao, came around later and had no knowledge of the event, and we showed him the image. His reaction was one of considerable nervousness and he developed goosebumps, because that same night he'd heard a tremendous explosion in the air, and that a very large boulder had broken off from higher up the mountain."

He notes that he isn't very interested in making this highly curious case known, arguing that people know him well in the mountain municipalities 54 trails due to the job he has been doing as community headman.

Seismic Research

Faiber Urazan, a Palermo resident who had accompanied a seismic exploration team for an oil company, recalls that they were involved in the Upar 2D seismic project and that several photographs were taken.

"That day, several photos of the landscape were taken from the El Vergel trail, and in one of them - upon downloading to a computer - there appears an object that was not seen in plain sight. That was one evidence. With all the talk going around, we associated with what was being rumored. Just like there's life on Earth, so it must be in other galaxies," said Urazan.

But one of the most touching stories was experienced two years ago by nine people, who in the company of their children, went camping to El Pail=F3n to spend the night somewhere different and share stories with their friends and loved ones - a sort of spiritual retreat in the country.

Everything was going normally and after dinner and prayer, around 11:30 pm, a light appeared in the sky.

"Toward the side of the cordillera we saw a light changing colors. It gave off shades of brilliant blue and red, growing and shrinking. All of us who were present there saw the phenomenon. We hadn't had a drop to drink, so there was no thought of a hallucination. It is said that there are three extraterrestrial bases in this area. One of them in the La Tatacoa Desert, another in Cerro Pacande and in this cordillera. They say they come here for a metal that can be found in that mountain," explained Sandra Liliana Manchoa, a businesswoman who participated in the excursion.

Leydy Patricia Trujillo, an occupational health student at Neiva's Universidad Surcolombiana, also participated in the camping excursion and agrees with what she saw that evening. "When we went out for a walk, we saw something like a small star that began to grow and issued bright flashes in a single place, changing size constantly. We were scared. I was very nervous and couldn't sleep out of fear, and that's how I was until 4 a.m.. Every time I woke up I would see the same thing. We think it was a UFO, there's no other explanation, she said.

The fact is that UFOs appear to have been stalking Palermo for many years and each of the eyewitness accounts lends credibility to the presence of extraterrestrials over the town, which is protected by Santa Rosalia, its patroness.

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More UFOs In La Pampa Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 10:05:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 10:36:59 -0400
Subject: More UFOs In La Pampa Argentina

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Source: Centro de Estudios UFO
Date: 09.17.06

Argentina: UFOs In La Pampa

A report from Quique Mario - CEUFO

There has been noticeable UFO activity in our region over the past few weeks.

On Friday at 20:10 hours, there were several witnesses to the vertical descent of a light having the relative size of a soccer ball, ranging in color from white to sky blue. What was most remarkable about was its vertical trajectory. The episode was seen to the west of the city of Santa Rosa, capital of La Pampa Province, Argentinean Patagonia.

At 20:00 hours we received a report concerning the presence of another object with a size similar to that of an elongated football, swept backward, having the general shape of "a pear", to the southwest of the town of Macachin, some 150 km SE of Santa Rosa. Another resident driving along the road from the Province of Buenos Aires heading into La Pampa also described a phenomenon whose description matched the former.

Only minutes ago, dozens of witnesses informed me of the transit of two strange objects flying west to east at regular speed, one ahead of the other. Eyewitnesses reported that they resembled "the lights of two cars, one ahead of the other." The observation lasted nearly 3 minutes and suprisingly, the lights "went out."

In recent weeks, animals have been found mutilated in bizarre fashion in western La Pampa, while the presence of "lights" is reported nearly on a daily basis. The Centro de Estudios UFO will visit the area in order to compile more details and eyewitness accounts.

We would thank anyone from Argentina having matching details to please advise us in order to establish possible correlations.

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Re: Meteor Over New Zealand's South Island? -

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.miller4.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 15:01:30 +0100 (BST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 10:39:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Meteor Over New Zealand's South Island? -

>From: Herb Newman <HerbertRNewman.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 11:33:18 EDT
>Subject: Meteor Over New Zealand's South Island?

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>South Island shaking buildings and rattling windows."
>(Wellington (AFP) Sep 2, 2006)

>I haven't heard any more about it. Is anyone following up on
>this?

Hi Herb

I don't know if anyone has helped you off-List but maybe this
might throw further light on it.

Is mystery object space junk?

<http://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/newsdetail1.asp?storyID=103635>

Object from 'space' found by chance

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/0,2106,3796075a10,00.html>

Space debris crosses plane's path

<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,20404368-663,00.html>

Scientists Rule Out 'Mystery Object' As Meteorite

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/nod8>

Stuart Miller

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Re: Meteor Over New Zealand's South Island? - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 08:40:23 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 10:55:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Meteor Over New Zealand's South Island? - Warren

>From: Herb Newman <HerbertRNewman.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 11:33:18 EDT
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A synopsis of the event can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/nsc53>

A photograph of a piece of the debris can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/jngzh>

Interesting to note that the news regarding this 'UFO' (in the strictest sense of the word) event has gone silent.

Separately, and equally interesting within 24 hours of posting these reports on site, I noticed ISP's from Los Alamos, Lawrence Livermore Labs, NASA, our DoD as well as Canadian DoD. All visited the a fore mentioned articles, and nothing else!

Cheers,

Frank

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New Cattle Mute Reports From La Pampa Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 11:31:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 15:02:08 -0400
Subject: New Cattle Mute Reports From La Pampa Argentina

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Source: CIUFOS-LA PAMPA
Date: 09.18.06

Argentina: New Cattle Mutilation Reports from La Pampa

New cases involving animal mutilations were made known through information provided by the La Pampa Provincial Police and corroborated by researchers from CIUFOS-LA PAMPA.

It was verified that in a rural farm located in the vicinity of the Padre Buodo wilderness, located at the crossing of National Routes No. 35 and 152, Jurisdiction of General Acha, two black Aberdeen Angus heifers and a calf of the same type and color appeared to have been mutilated, presenting signs of bodily damage similar to others detected recently.

The deaths, according to the veterinarians consulted, occurred some 10 days prior to the date of their discovery. Moreover, in the locality of Quehue, on Provincial Route 18, km 94, at the San Emilio farm, another Black Angus calf was found dead and mutilated. A similar fate befell a cow (same breed and color) found between the localities of Quehue and Utracan, to the north of General Acha, on Provincial Rt. 9.

It should be noted that there has been an increase in cattle mutilations in this province, with specimens of the Aberdeen Angus breed being predominant.

Special thanks to Raul Oscar Chaves, CIUFOS-LA PAMPA

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Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 14:06:02 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 15:03:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Shell

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2.nul>
>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 01:05:56 -0400
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 20:37:08 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2006 08:02:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights - Shough

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 00:44:37 -0300
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>From my armchair I'd say you were right to be bothered. Mirage
images of car lights would stay on the same azimuth as the cars.
Sounds like these lights appeared in the direction of the road
in the W but then passed into a sector of the sky at least some
tens of degrees away to the E? If accurate this is optically
impossible - similar to the 180-degree duct suggested by
Pettigrew to account for one remarkable Min Min, and reminiscent
of Menzel's amazing "mirage" in the Tombaugh case.

I have come across a case where relatively nearby headlights
swept across a sheet of fog in inversion conditions to cause
lights that moved in a similar-sounding way (at RAF Bentwaters).
They did a similar test to Pettigrew's and an airman took a car
out to the piece of road in question where he turned the lights
on and off to prove it. But the motion of the lights in a case
like that is not a true mirage effect obviously and couldn't be
caused by cars 80 miles away.

Martin

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Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 15:58:42 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2006 08:10:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Boone

>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2.nul>
>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 01:05:56 -0400
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I say we have a new rule. No more 'specuphotos'. Either the
images are crystal clear or don't post em'.

We have enough to wonder about. What we need is something solid
to go by.

Sure it's fun to do but...

Best,

Greg

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Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 16:01:40 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2006 08:12:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Gammon

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 14:06:02 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image?

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I was going to suggest stoking up on the pepto bismol.

Seriously, this image, as well as the countless other Mars rover images put forth here on the List, reveals nothing unusual. At this point I'm going to need to see a purple polka-dotted 'something' before I would even remotely accept the mere possibility that unknown objects have been photographed on Mars.

- Jason Gammon

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Mexican Policeman Reports Seeing Two "Witches"

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SOURCE: Fundacion Cosmos
Date: September 18, 2006

MEXICO: POLICEMAN REPORTS SEEING "TWO WITCHES"

Although the sighting took place weeks ago, he made it known this morning

Monterrey, Mexico (18 Sept 06) - A policeman from Santa Catarina claimed having seen two witches while on a routine patrol near a graveyard several months ago. He only made this information known today.

Gerardo Garza Carbajal explained his experience with the supernatural very near the Panteon Municipal, a few meters from the road to Villa Garcia. "It was nighttime, I stayed behind to stand guard on my own and suddenly someone started pelting me with stones. Then I saw two people with wings and wrinkled faces."

"I was so scared that I got into my squad car. I could hear them laughing in an ugly way, flying a short distance. I thought they were witches--I saw them very close," said the officer, who has a long service record with the local police.

Garza Carbajal said that he immediately requested backup, and in a matter of minutes was surrounded by several municipal police cars even some from the Ministerial Police.

"The witches flew off, but the police officers who came to my aid saw what I saw. They can attest to the fact that I didn't imagine anything. What I saw was real. I'd never been so scared before," said the officer. He added that he was subsequently taken to a medical center, since his blood pressure dropped excessively. He soon recovered from the powerful shock.

Witnesses to this event stated that they do not know for sure if two witches were involved, but are indeed certain that they have no explanation for this phenomenon.

(translation (c) 2006, S. Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to Marco Reynoso, Fundacion Cosmos)

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Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 14:15:03 -0700
>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 18:28:18 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

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>Martin emailed me the article and I concur with his description
>of it. I knew John Pettigrew when he was a professor at UC
>Berkeley 30 years ago. As I suspected, he's not debunking
>anything in this article, just trying to explain the curious Min
>Min lights often observed in the Australian Outback. The subject
>of UFOs never comes up. He makes a convincing case that at least
>some of these Min Min lights are indeed explained as mirages of
>distant lights.

>(However, in some instances, he obviously tries to stretch the
>mirage theory too far, such as as footnote case where the
>witness describes the light moving from just above the horizon
>to overhead, then heading off to the horizon at high speed. That
>sounds like a classic UFO sighting, not a mirage hanging just
>above the horizon.)

>Another aspect of the Pettigrew article, besides the physics of
>mirages, is visual perceptual factors that Pettigrew is very
>familiar with (he's an actual expert vision scientist) that may
>contribute to the oft-reported strangeness of the Min Min
>lights. Pettigrew notes the lights are usually seen in isolation
>in the extreme darkness of the Outback without external
>references to tell the observer how far away or their exact
>position. Thus factors like autokinesis, recently discussed here
>on Updates in another case, may produce artificial motion and
>make the lights seem to dart around. Variations in light
>intensity with atmospheric changes (and with no depth
>references) might cause the lights to seem to zoom in or out.
>Another commonly reported effect is the lights seeming to follow
>the observer, which Pettigrew explains as the observer grossly
>underestimating the distance because of absence of depth cues,
>just as the Moon might seem to follow you as you drive along.
>Most people are so familiar with the Moon illusion that they
>ignore it, but with the unfamiliar and unstructured Min Min, the
>illusion isn't so easy to ignore.

>Some of the flavor of the enthusiastic, ever-curious, and
>congenial scientist that I knew comes through in the article.

<snip>

>The article is completely lacking in the arrogance,
>condescension, and ridicule that one would expect if the article
>had instead appeared in a debunking rag like the Skeptical
>Inquirer.

Hi David,

To reiterate for my part, in my response to Martin I didn't insult or denigrate Pettigrew. What I commented about was the usual tendency of some scientist working on a specific phenomenon to suggest that his or her findings explain away a much larger phenomenon without their knowing very much about that phenomenon in the first place. We often see examples of this.

Michael Persinger's Earth lights come to mind. Persinger has done some great work in this area but once pronounced it soon became a convenient hook on which the media could hang UFO sightings.

Persinger's experiments with powerful magnets in proximity to the human brain produced mild hallucinatory effects which then got translated into an explanation for reported alien abduction.

Mary Clancey toted sleep paralyses as the explanation for alien abductions and that has shown up time and again in newspapers and on television programs.

Recently in an article in Fate magazine I brought up the problems with the theory of self forming and seemingly intelligent plasma gases as ventured by the UK's MOD report on UFOs released last May. In this instant the report used Michael Persinger's Earth lights to support its argument; a sort of self fulfilling explanation with one unproved theory being used to buttress another equally untested theory.

I would have more faith in these theories if I knew that these people had spent the years of reading UFO reports in their wide ranging scope as many of us have rather than basing their explanations on their narrow perception of what they think is the UFO phenomenon which lets face it is usually based on their reading of or viewing the media's perception of the phenomenon. It is therefore, self perpetuating.

How often have we had to go over the same ground with those who pay lip service to the latest explanation for this UFO phenomenon which has scarcely matched a fraction of a small percentage of it?

I have no idea what causes the min-min lights or the Marfa lights. Perhaps they are an entirely different phenomenon than that of the UFO phenomenon we argue about on this List. But even in this case, the theory put forward ignores the details in the reports of said lights as reflected by temperature inversion lights if you factor in the reports about these lights going back decades before the advent of the automobile and highways and the electric light. But this soft reasoning is/was not left to just the min-min lights or the Marfa lights, it quickly spilled over into the UFO phenomenon as an explanation, possibly an all encompassing explanation for the UFO phenomenon which the media picked up on. And that's the problem.

Don Ledger

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>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2006 12:18:51 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

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>>The stake through the heart of the theory has to be the very
>>instability of the remaining local affect of temperature
>>inversions. Although temp inversions are a stable element unto
>>themselves they are influenced by the meteorological and
>>geological conditions that surround them. In a thread several
>>months ago concerning the sighting by Kelly Johnson's crew off
>>San Diego back in the 50s, and another simultaneously inland I
>>discovered that temp inversions only existed to a level of 5,000
>>feet [apparently due to cool air spilling out of the bottom of
>>the effect once over that altitude due to topographies] which
>>precluded the effect making it through the Sierras and inland.

<snip>

>>There are so many other conditions that
>>must apply before one would even observe the result of a
>>headlight on a vehicle driving up a hill in one locale and it's
>>reflected image in another. The narrow band of one to 1.5
>>degrees above the horizon doesn't work too well in mountainous
>>areas but may well have better success in the Outback of
>>Australia. Pettigrew's theory seems to allow these reflections
>>to channel through the atmosphere as light does through a fiber
>>optic cable but with the originating end fixed while the
>>observed end of the effect is thrashing around like an
>>unattended fire hose.

>Very nicely and graphically put! If a bit exaggerated.

>>These solved UFO announcements made by their proponents usually
>>don't address more than a narrow percentage of one percent of
>>the sightings of UFOs but get trotted out by the media as the
>>solution. What plasma is out and temp inversions are back in?.
>>They are simplistic and show a lack of understanding or even
>>cursory investigation into this phenomenon. I don't vilify
>>Pettigrew for this because he's basically just ignorant of the
>>weight of the reports and history about min-min or Marfa or UFO
>>reports in general-though he should be taken to task for not
>>doing a minimal amount of study.

>Well the thing is, if you read the article that started us off
>you'll see that Pettigrew is just a name tossed in by this
>journalist. Pettigrew's paper does not contain the terms UFO or
>unidentified flying object or flying saucer. The keywords are:
>"Channel Country [a district of West Queensland], Fata Morgana,
>Min Min light, temperature inversion". Pettigrew has, so far as
>I know, never claimed anything about Marfa or Brown Mountain or
>"UFO reports in general" or any UFO report in particular. So if

>you want to take him to task, then you need to show that he has
>not done a minimal amount of study of the Min Min phenomenon.
>But actually he has done rather more than most people I suspect.

<snip>

>As I already said, there are some problems with angular rates
>and displacements in one or two cases that don't seem to add up.
>And to explain some Min Min lights you'd need mirage effects
>orders of magnitude greater than anything ever measured and
>acting to bend light in two orthogonal directions
>simultaneously, which seems completely unphysical. And "bubbles"
>of RI discontinuity ducting light around 180 deg? I think not!
>Pettigrew does go wrong in being far too optimistic about a
>successful theory and wanting to apply it to every Min Min, as
>so often happens. But he certainly doesn't make any
>generalisations about UFO reports, and his paper is really just
>about the observations described above in this one particular
>area of the Australian Outback, at least some of which are
>almost certainly mirage phenomena.

Dr. Donald Menzel was the first 'Great Atmosphericist'..... He was willing to attribute all UFO sightings (that weren't simple mistakes or misidentifications or hoaxes) to atmospheric effects, including mirages. Arnold saw mirages of the mountain tops, including a mirage of the top of Mt. Rainier, several degrees above Arnold's horizon at the time. (That was one of several explanations offered by Menzel).

Menzel characterised the C.B. Moore sighting in April 1949 of an object seen making an arc around the sky while they were tracking a balloon as one of the best sightings. Yes, this is the Moore of 'anti-Roswell fame'.

Menzel's explanation was based on "extreme" mirage effects that included a hemispherical "bubble" of colder air penetrating downward into a layer of warmer air at a high altitude so as to make a lens that re-imaged the balloon - which was much higher than the assumed layer. Menzel expounded his theory in an Appendix to his first book. Of course, it was poppycock!

Hynek took Menzel to task for making such radical assumptions about the atmosphere. Hynek said something like this: if the atmosphere were as bad (causing such large mirages and distortions) as Menzel has theorized, astronomers would have been out of business long ago (because of the impossibility of obtaining clear images through the atmosphere).

Generally speaking, a mirage of an object - or light - might occur if the angle between the direct line to the object/light and the angle to the mirage is a degree or less (generally less). If the angle is substantially greater than degree then the mirage is unlikely or impossible. Nice 'clean' - stable - mirages require a stable atmosphere. Inversions that cause mirages are horizontal layers and hence the mirage lies above or below the source (depending which is on top, the warm or the cold layer), but not to the left or right.

One can see a minor mirage-type effect by looking at a star, twinkling, through a telescope and notice the continual apparent motion caused by 'boiling' of the atmosphere - continual variations in refractive index or light bending capability, along the path of the light through the atmosphere.

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Foo-Fighter

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<http://frankwarren.blogspot.com/2006/09/foo-fighter.html>

Monday, September 18, 2006

Foo-Fighter

Time Magazine
1-15-1945

If it was not a hoax or an optical illusion, it was certainly the most puzzling secret weapon that Allied fighters have yet encountered. Last week U.S. night fighter pilots based in France told a strange story of balls of fire which for more than a month have been following their planes at night over Germany.* No one seemed to know what, if anything, the fireballs were supposed to accomplish. Pilots, guessing that it was a new psychological weapon, named it the "foo-fighter."

Their descriptions of the apparition varied, but they agreed that the mysterious flares stuck close to their planes and appeared to follow them at high speed for miles. One pilot said that a foo-fighter, appearing as red balls off his wing tips, stuck with him until he dove at 360 miles an hour; then the balls zoomed up into the sky.

Skeptical scientists, baffled by the whole affair, were inclined to dismiss the fireballs as an illusion, perhaps an afterimage of light which remained in the pilots' eyes after they had been dazzled by flak bursts.

But front-line correspondents and armchair experts had a Buck Rogers field day. They solemnly guessed: 1) that the balls of fire were radio-controlled (an obvious absurdity, since they could not be synchronized with a plane's movements by remote control); 2) that they were created by "electrical induction of some sort"; 3) that they were attracted to a plane by magnetism.

The correspondents further guessed that foo-fighters were intended: 1) to dazzle pilots; 2) to serve as aiming points for anti-aircraft gunners; 3) to interfere with a plane's radar; 4) to cut a plane's ignition, thus stop its engine in midair.

Some scientists suggested another possibility: that the fireballs were nothing more than St. Elmo's Fire, a reddish, brushlike discharge of atmospheric electricity which has often been seen near the tips of church steeples, ships' masts and yardarms. It often appears at a plane's wing tips.

*Last month pilots reported that they had seen mysterious floating silvery balls, apparently another "secret weapon," in daylight flights over Germany.

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UFOIC The UFO Investigation Centre Australia

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<http://theozfiles.blogspot.com/2006/09/ufoic-ufo-investigation-centre-1956.html>

Saturday, September 16, 2006

[Several images]

UFOIC - The UFO Investigation Centre (1956 - 2006) - An
Extraordinary Odyssey

Back in May this year I gave a lecture presentation to the 2006 National UFO conference held at Campbelltown entitled "UFOIC - the UFO Investigation Centre (1956-2006) - an extraordinary odyssey" which had the following abstract:

Through the lens of the evolution of the Sydney based group UFOIC from 1956 to 2006 (fifty years), from historical to current cases and research, a rich harvest of UFO material is presented. History, controversy and research is covered in roughly equal measure. The 1868 Parramatta case will be covered, along with the 1927 Fernvale affair - a "prophecy" of the coming of the "flying saucer era" twenty years later in 1947, and the Mothman Prophecy events of around 1967. A Chinese connection - a "Dragon Seed" - will be examined from its earliest manifestation through the pioneer UFOIC researcher Andrew Tomas through to my research in more recent times, through to the strange breakthrough research into the unusual rare Chinese ethnic minority DNA turning up in the "Hair of the Alien" saga - a wild ride through an extraordinary odyssey spanning more than half a century.

The group UFOIC has had a long complex and fascinating history. It emerged out of the original Australian flying saucer group, pioneer researcher Edgar Jarrold's Australian Flying Saucer Bureau (AFSB), based in Sydney, New South Wales (NSW). Andrew Tomas joined AFSB in January 1954. The group attracted future UFOIC members such as Dr. Clifford and Dr. Miran Lindtner. With the departure of Edgar Jarrold in curious circumstances, Andrew Tomas reorganised the remnants of AFSB as a NSW state branch of Fred Stone's Adelaide based Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (AFSRS). In November 1956 the UFO Investigation Centre (UFOIC) was formed from this history, with Dr. Clifford serving at its first president until December 1958. Dr. J. Greenwell was briefly president, then Dr. Miran Lindtner took up the group presidency, continuing an energetic and dynamic period of research and investigation, until his untimely accidental death in 1969. Fred Phillips took over as President in this difficult time. The group went into a bit of a decline but by 1973 it had been reorganised and energised under the leadership of David Buching. By 1975-76 Michael Smyth and I were coordinating the groups activities. In line with some other state groups, we adopted the group name UFO Research, with a NSW identification - UFO Research (NSW).

By the early 1980s the group was reconfigured, adopting a

networking type approach, rather than continuing the traditional public group format. This change worked well with a good working relationship with the national networking organisation ACUFOS - the Australian Centre for UFO Studies - and later with UFORA (UFO Research Australia) when ACUFOS became a shell of its original self.

The original UFOIC name was readopted in 1991 when a name change was forced by a new group registering the UFO Research (NSW). UFOIC continued its research and investigation, preferring a successful model of a "low profile" active network, rather than a public relations group format. This approach has served the group well and continues today under my direction. I originally joined UFOIC back in the late 1960s as a country member, joining the committee in 1975 when I moved to Sydney.

This brief outline of the history of UFOIC reveals a complex but fascinating evolution, driven by changing research and investigation strategies and focuses. Many striking UFO cases have been undertaken by the group during its rich history. UFOIC has made a potent contribution to UFO investigation and research in Australia.

I am currently researching a history of UFOIC and would welcome contact and contributions to this effort from past members and observers of the group.

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"Object" "Item" Videoed From Shuttle Atlantis

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Source: NASA web site:

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/shuttle/main/index.html

Video at link above

09/19/2006 Post-MMT Briefing Video of Object

Space Shuttle Program Manager Wayne Hale said engineers and flight controllers are developing a plan for inspections that may be performed on Wednesday to ensure that Atlantis is safe for re-entry. Atlantis has equipment aboard that can be used to thoroughly inspect the heat shield and other areas.

During the post-Mission Management Team briefing at 12 p.m., the STS-115 crew informed Mission Control that one of the crew members spotted a small object near the shuttle. The crew captured imagery of it and will downlink it to MCC for analysis.

At about 12:46 p.m., MCC instructed the crew to power up the Atlantis' robot arm so that its elbow camera can be used to survey the orbiter.

Landing opportunities for Atlantis on Thursday begin with a potential 6:22 a.m. touchdown at the Kennedy Space Center, Fla.

Atlantis' mission has resumed the construction of the International Space Station. Atlantis delivered the P3/P4 integrated truss to the station on Sept. 11. The STS-115 and Expedition 13 crews used the shuttle and station robotic arms to attach the truss to the orbital outpost. Then STS-115 astronauts conducted three spacewalks in four days to prepare the truss and its solar arrays for operation.

The weather forecast at Kennedy Space Center calls for better weather at the Shuttle Landing Facility on Thursday. Forecasters will continue to monitor the situation. The weather forecast for Wednesday had called for unacceptable thunderstorms and strong winds at the potential landing time.

For the latest information on space station activities, please visit: http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/index.html

[The NASA Mission Management Team have been meeting for the past two-and-a-half hours, as of this post, watching and re-watching the footage shot from the shuttle at 1:00 a.m.--ebk this morning. I've seen the footage a couple of times as the NASA-TV voice has very carefully described the UFO as an "object" or "the item", very carefully avoiding the use of 'UFO'.

The object flew above and in high cloud, looks disc-shaped and there's no wonder the MMT has spent two-and-a-half hours discussing it...

The live-feed and press conference are on-line at:

http://www.nasa.gov/55644main_NASATV_Windows.aspx

--ebk]

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>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

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Just on a point of fact, since this business about powerful magnets in proximity has come up before: As I understand it the hallucinatory effects were generated with extremely weak field strengths, actually much weaker than the typical geomagnetic field - by a factor of about 500. What was significant (again, as I recall) was the modulation of this field - pulsing or rotation - at a few Hz. If you have the source of a field equal in strength to the geomagnetic field and attenuate it by the inverse square law (ignoring possible directionality) you get the experimental field strength at about 20-25 meters away. So in absolute terms the power of the magnets is very modest.

But weren't these experiments done with the geomagnetic background excluded, or much suppressed? If so then to that extent they are not realistic. The questions then would be: What was the peak variation above the remnant background? What is the power factor necessary to produce these peaks above the unsuppressed natural background (i.e. if the experimental background was eliminated completely it would be a factor of about 500 but in practice is probably less)? And if this is done, do you still get the same effects?

I don't know the answers to these questions. Does anyone?

BTW - although Condign does discuss earthlights-type and ball lightning type plasma theories and many other things, the idea the author majors on is his/her own "dusty" meteor plasma theory. And no, there's no independent scientific basis for this either.)

Martin Shough

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>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 00:44:37 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

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>>I once had a report where a woman watched a series of
>>objects/lights that marched in a stream across the night sky
>>from well to her left [the west] to well to her right [the
>>east] before disappearing into a singular point in the sky. It
>>was late in September in 2001. This went on for two and one
>>half hours and she watched it from beginning to end. The
>>location was over water behind her home.

>>I suspected a temperature inversion but could get no
>>confirmation for this being possible from Environment
>>Canada.

>>Also I couldn't square her viewing the lights going away
>>from her with a reflection of light off the interface of a
>>temperature inversion. I tried lining up roads and had to go
>>some 80 miles to the west [not a stretch] to find one that
>>might fit a with a ramping climb in it's make up.
>>(Coincidentally I flew over that same region today while
>>doing air to air photography in smoke haze due to a forest
>>fire in Ontario.)

>>The two things that bothered me about that explanation for
>>this sighting was the long throw with the lights going well
>>past the viewer, the duration of the event and the fact that
>>this occurred from 1:00am to 3:30 am in the morning in Nova
>>Scotia. You just don't get that kind of traffic during those
>>hours and certainly not in the area in question.

>From my armchair I'd say you were right to be bothered. Mirage
>images of car lights would stay on the same azimuth as the
>cars. Sounds like these lights appeared in the direction of
>the road in the W but then passed into a sector of the sky at
>least some tens of degrees away to the E? If accurate this is
>optically impossible - similar to the 180-degree duct
>suggested by Pettigrew to account for one remarkable Min Min,
>and reminiscent of Menzel's amazing "mirage" in the Tombaugh
>case.

>I have come across a case where relatively nearby headlights
>swept across a sheet of fog in inversion conditions to cause
>lights that moved in a similar-sounding way (at RAF
>Bentwaters). They did a similar test to Pettigrew's and an
>airman took a car out to the piece of road in question where
>he turned the lights on and off to prove it. But the motion of
>the lights in a case like that is not a true mirage effect
>obviously and couldn't be caused by cars 80 miles away.

It was two weeks before I could get to the area and interview her. I was still working then.

I checked around the rather sparse neighborhood [mostly cottages and summer homes] and could find no other's that had witnessed this spectacle but then considering the time of the night that's not surprising either.

Neither the newspapers or radio stations had received a call nor had the the police. The woman herself was a high school teacher who said that she'd been flabbergasted by the event and had tried to get her husband to come and look at them and he stubbornly refused to get up from his bed and that he got angry even when she insisted which she found strange, adding to the somewhat bizarre nature of the event.

Since this was a time of "war nerves" and sabre rattling in the US I considered the possibility that this was some huge mid-air refueling exercise being carried out as US air assets were staging overseas, but that didn't square with the staging of forces at that time nor did it comply with the sanctioned USAF refueling corridor in Canadian airspace which is at 20,000 feet, from SW to NE putting the track well south of her position.

Additionally I could get no confirmation from Moncton Center of any other than regular refueling practice during that time.

The lack of sound during the event was not conducive to this being a flight of aircraft nor did the lights comply with conventional aircraft lighting.

Don Ledger

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Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 10:18:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Ledger

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 15:58:42 EDT
>Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image?

>>From: Chaz Stuart <Daydisk2.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 01:05:56 -0400
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: What Is This?

>>JPL Mars Rover Image

>><http://tinyurl.com/o63t9>

>>2P134170603EFF2300P2370L4M1.JPG

>>Are the two main objects of interest in this image from the
>>Spirit Rover part of the landing apparatus or what?

>>Right center is what looks like a nose cone of some sort.

>>Lower left is a large something full of rectangular and
>>square holes.

>>If these are merely rocks, get them down here and I'll eat
>>them! :)

>I still see rocks. Just rocks.

>I say we have a new rule. No more 'specuphotos'. Either the
>images are crystal clear or don't post em'.

>We have enough to wonder about. What we need is something
>solid to go by.

>Sure it's fun to do but...

Many months ago Chaz posted two images of something in the
Martian sky. What was interesting about this was that this
object was photographed by both of the rover's cameras about a
tenth of a second apart. They are unexplained.

Someone has to do what Chaz does and that's continuously screen
these images as they come through Malin and JPL. More power to
him.

Don

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Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 10:23:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Ledger

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 16:01:40 EDT
>Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image?

>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 14:06:02 -0500 (CDT)
>>Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image?

<snip>

>>What I suggest is using a jackhammer to get the larger stuff
>>down to around fist-sized, then maybe a grinder or Dremel-type
>>tool to get the smaller rocks down into powder, which you can
>>then mix with a milkshake or something. And to avoid any kind of
>>nasty concrete-like blockage, don't eat too much at one time.

>I was going to suggest stoking up on the pepto bismol.

>Seriously, this image, as well as the countless other Mars
>rover images put forth here on the List, reveals nothing
>unusual. At this point I'm going to need to see a purple polka-
>dotted 'something' before I would even remotely accept the mere
>possibility that unknown objects have been photographed on Mars.

Jason, see my other post this date re. object in the Martian
sky. Chew on that one. Chaz can probably find it for you.

Don

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Re: Foo-Fighter - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2006 11:56:00 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 10:26:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Foo-Fighter - Ledger

>Source: Frank Warren's Blog

><http://frankwarren.blogspot.com/2006/09/foo-fighter.html>

>Monday, September 18, 2006

>Foo-Fighter

>Time Magazine 1-15-1945

>If it was not a hoax or an optical illusion, it was certainly
>the most puzzling secret weapon that Allied fighters have yet
>encountered. Last week U.S. night fighter pilots based in
>France told a strange story of balls of fire which for more
>than a month have been following their planes at night over
>Germany.* No one seemed to know what, if anything, the
>fireballs were supposed to accomplish. Pilots, guessing that
>it was a new psychological weapon, named it the "foo-fighter."

>Their descriptions of the apparition varied, but they agreed
>that the mysterious flares stuck close to their planes and
>appeared to follow them at high speed for miles. One pilot
>said that a foo-fighter, appearing as red balls off his wing
>tips, stuck with him until he dove at 360 miles an hour; then
>the balls zoomed up into the sky.

>Skeptical scientists, baffled by the whole affair, were
>inclined to dismiss the fireballs as an illusion, perhaps an
>afterimage of light which remained in the pilots' eyes after
>they had been dazzled by flak bursts.

>But front-line correspondents and armchair experts had a Buck
>Rogers field day. They solemnly guessed: 1) that the balls of
>fire were radio-controlled (an obvious absurdity, since they
>could not be synchronized with a plane's movements by remote
>control); 2) that they were created by "electrical induction
>of some sort"; 3) that they were attracted to a plane by
>magnetism.

>The correspondents further guessed that foo-fighters were
>intended: 1) to dazzle pilots; 2) to serve as aiming points
>for antiaircraft gunners; 3) to interfere with a plane's
>radar; 4) to cut a plane's ignition, thus stop its engine in
>midair.

>Some scientists suggested another possibility: that the
>fireballs were nothing more than St. Elmo's Fire, a reddish,
>brushlike discharge of atmospheric electricity which has often
>been seen near the tips of church steeples, ships' masts and
>yardarms. It often appears at a plane's wing tips.

>*Last month pilots reported that they had seen mysterious
>floating silvery balls, apparently another "secret weapon," in
>daylight flights over Germany.

A good example of scientists just getting in the way rather than
doing their jobs. Flak dazzled pilots and St. Elmo's fire. If
this was such a common occurrence why weren't they reported more
often during the first of the war. I've never experienced St.

Elmo's fire off my wing tips and I spent more time in the air than did most pilots during the war. I can't speak for flak though since it was not a regular event during my flying history. This is a good example of a "it couldn't happen so therefore it didn't" mentality.

Don

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Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2006 13:28:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 10:29:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Shell

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 15:58:42 EDT
>Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image?

>I still see rocks. Just rocks.

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>images are crystal clear or don't post em'.

I had an off-List conversation with Chaz about the things he is seeing in these photos. We all just see rocks. He sees evidence of technology or life.

The problem is that Chaz is not viewing the photos on a computer monitor, but on a TV screen via one of those WebTV gadgets. I know from my own experience that digital images look totally different on TV screens than on good monitors. A TV just isn't an adequate viewing device for any sort of serious image analysis.

Bob Shell

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Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Anderson

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
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Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Anderson

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 16:01:40 EDT
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>possibility that unknown objects have been photographed on Mars.

I had previously mentioned some other interesting rover images,
including ones referenced by the MER team itself, Space.com and
MSNBC (James Oberg), but again for reference in case you missed
them:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/aug/m25-031.shtml>

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
<http://www.themeridianijournal.blogspot.com>

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UFO Hunter Makes Contact

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Subject: UFO Hunter Makes Contact

Source:

<http://tinyurl.com/f4asu>

20 September 2006

UFO Hunter Makes Contact... With Host Of Guest Speakers

Still the debate goes on about Roswell =96 the most famous incident in UFO history.

Is there anything more to be said about the alleged recovery in 1947 of a crashed space craft and occupants in New Mexico?

Well, yes, there is =96 and a Leeds audience will be the ones to hear it.

An Italian researcher called Maurizio Baiata will reveal secrets to the Great British UFO Show in Headingley next month.

He is one of nine speakers brought together by UFO DATA magazine, published from an office in Kippax, east Leeds.

Editor Russell Callaghan, a deputy Post Office manager in his other life, said: "Something happened at Roswell and it has been very well cleansed over the years.

"The US military has changed its story three times as people have come forward with new information.

"I think people are going to be surprised by Maurizio's lecture and his new information about Col Philip J Corso who wrote a book in 1996 called The Day After Roswell.

"In this he claimed that inventions like integrated circuits and fibre optics were developed from what was found after the crash at Roswell.

"Maurizio was the first man to interview him before the publication of his book and he wrote notes in his diaries. He is bringing them with him and will share them with the people of Leeds.

"The big stuff about Roswell is out in the open but some of the smaller stuff is interesting as well."

A well-known UFO sceptic, Andy Roberts, hjas been lined up to talk about his investigations into so-called "foo fighters" =96 mysterious craft which buzzed both Allied and Axis aircraft during the Second World War.

"His conclusion is that the origin of the foo fighters is unknown," said Russell. "There is no evidence that they were secret German weapons. In fact, there is more evidence to suggest they were UFOs than that they were Nazi craft."

Among other speakers are Tony Coppin of Selby who has video footage of UFO encounters; and Odd-Gunnar Roed from Norway who will discuss the UFO experience in Scandanavia.

The UFO Show will be staged at the Leeds Rugby League Supporters Club on October 21 and 22. Tickets are =A315 a day or =A325 for two days and there are a few left.

Visitors are coming from all over the world.

"The show will demonstrate that UFOs are still here and that research into them is far from dead," said Russell.

"Buzz Aldrin, the second man on the Moon, said in a History Channel documentary this year that all three astronauts on board Apollo 11 observed a UFO shadowing their mission."

Further information: Leeds 286 5566 or 07957 223 358.

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Aliens Made Them Famous

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Subject: Aliens Made Them Famous

Source: The Concord Monitor - New Hampshire, USA

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/40d1>

September 19, 2006

45 years ago today ...

Aliens Made Them Famous

By Sarah Koenig
Monitor staff

On September 19, 1961, Betty and Barney Hill were heading home to Portsmouth when they encountered aliens -- or so they believed. Whether true or not, their story catapulted them into national celebrity.

Click to read a Monitor profile of Betty Hill, who died in 2004.

The military investigator walks square-shouldered up the street of the New Hampshire town. He stops at a house and knocks at the door. It opens and a tall, blond woman appears in the threshold.

That's when Betty Hill turned off The X-Files, never to watch it again. A 5-foot brunette, Hill did not like to see herself - or her world-famous story - exploited by Hollywood.

That's her job. The 80-year-old grande dame of alien abductees, Hill is about as shy as a circus barker, as jolly, and as engaging.

Disregard for now that the senior publicist at The X-Files is pretty sure there never has been an episode based on the Hill case. Accept for the moment that Hill sees UFOs more frequently than some of us see Honda Civics. To talk to Betty Hill is to suspend certain Earth-bound assumptions.

"Want to see Junior?" she asked visitors to her Portsmouth house this month as she launched from her chair to fetch the model of an alien head she has carried with her to seminars across the country. She cradled it and stroked the back of its head where the dark paint has come off. "He fell off the podium in St. Louis," she explained.

The 1961 case of Betty and Barney Hill was the nation's first bona fide alien abduction story. Carl Sagan called it the first of its kind in the modern genre. The case was painstakingly chronicled by John Fuller in the book *The Interrupted Journey*, which was made into a movie, *The UFO Incident*, starring James Earl Jones.

The case involved a torn and stained dress, strangely scuffed shoes, a mysterious hand-drawn map, and, most intriguingly, two missing hours that would only be accounted for years later through medical hypnosis.

"What made it so prominent was that it was so well documented, so from the standpoint of the public consciousness, it became the most important case," said John Mack, the Harvard Medical School psychiatrist and author of *Passport to the Cosmos: Human Transformation and Alien Encounters*. "I don't think anybody has debunked it effectively."

Perhaps the Hills' most convincing evidence they were not crackpots was the Hills themselves. She was a social worker and he worked at the Post Office. They were active in social and political causes, and were responsible, loving parents.

According to Peter Geremia, director of the state chapter of Mutual UFO Network and a friend of Betty Hill's, the last thing the Hills and the doctor who treated them wanted was to become UFO freaks. "The abduction scenario at that time was something that the nut cases were talking about," he said.

In other words, Barney Hill was no George Adamski, the California handyman who made a living in the 1950s lecturing about his desert encounter with a Venusian who had long, blond hair.

Seth Shostak, an astronomer with Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, a research group in California, agreed the Hills' utter respectability was what catapulted their story into the mainstream. "They were more or less Mr. and Mrs. Front Porch, after all," he said.

hurricane along the New Hampshire coast, so Betty and Barney Hill cut their long weekend in Montreal short and headed back to Portsmouth in their 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air.

They stopped at a restaurant in Colebrook, where Betty ate a piece of chocolate layer cake and Barney ate a hamburger. At 10:05 p.m. they were back on Route 3 heading toward the White Mountains.

The sky was clear, and just past Lancaster Betty noticed a bright light close to the nearly full moon. As it got closer and brighter, she pointed it out to Barney, a World War II veteran who knew something about planes. He assumed it was a satellite, perhaps off-course.

Their dachshund, Delsey, was getting antsy, so they pulled over to let her out. Betty took binoculars from the car. With hyperbolic finesse, Fuller described the moment this way: "Betty put the binoculars up to her eyes and focused carefully. What they both were about to see was to change their lives forever, and as some observers claim, change the history of the world."

Afterward, Barney was disinclined to discuss what he had seen, but Betty did so in a letter she wrote soon after to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. "He did see several figures scurrying about as though they were making some kind of hurried type of preparation. One figure was observing us from the windows . . . and seemed to be dressed in some type of shiny black uniform," she wrote. "At this point, my husband became shocked and got back in the car, in a hysterical condition, laughing and repeating that they were going to capture us."

Back in the car, Barney drove wildly in an effort to escape. Past Franconia Notch they left Route 3 and headed down a smaller road.

Betty Hill said recently she was more curious than afraid at the time. "I understood something's going to happen and I don't know what it is, but I'm ready for it. At that point I rolled down the window and waved hello to the craft," she said, laughing into the crook of her arm. "At this time I was sure it was a flying saucer, but I didn't say so."

Suddenly a cluster of beings was blocking their way. Barney stopped the car, but could not restart it. The men came toward them.

For almost three years, their memories would stop at that scene, only to pick up sometime later that night, when they found themselves driving south near Ashland.

The following day Barney, a fastidious dresser, noticed the tops of shoes were badly scuffed. Betty's dress, which she still can retrieve in a flash from her living-room closet, was ripped near the zipper and covered with powdery pink stains. There were shiny spots on the car trunk that caused a compass to flutter.

Against Barney's wishes, Betty told her sister about the incident. On her sister's advice, she reported it to Pease Air Force Base, which took the sighting seriously. According to Pease records, officials there, too, had logged an "unknown" at about 2 a.m. the same morning.

Only after investigators from NICAP and other scientific organizations visited the Hills did they realize their trip had taken at least two hours longer than it should have. They remained haunted by the feeling that something unexplained had happened to them. Betty had recurring nightmares.

In February, the Hills began making pilgrimages to the White Mountains to try to retrace their route. They were unsuccessful, but they did meet many people in the region who had seen strange lights and flying objects.

"Actually, that was just the beginning," Hill said of the initial encounter.

Well-known, well-regarded

Betty Hill grew up in Kingston, the oldest child of the Barretts, liberal Irish-American parents. Her mother was a labor organizer and her father worked in a Haverhill, Mass., shoe factory. At a time when even fewer minorities lived in New Hampshire than now, she was taught tolerance.

She remembers being 6 years old and ringing the doorbell of the house across the street, where an interracial couple lived. When the black wife answered, Betty stroked her hand, fascinated. As a student at the University of New Hampshire, she befriended a black girl her dorm-mates shunned.

A divorce and several business ventures later, Betty earned her social work degree and took a job with the state department of child welfare. She married Barney, who was black, in 1960. Asked if they were targets of racism, Betty laughed. "It was wonderful, because it screened out all the people we didn't want to associate with anyway."

The Hills were well-known and well-regarded in the community. They were active in local and presidential politics, helped set up community action programs for the poor, lectured school and church groups about civil rights, and held official positions with the NAACP.

Their public lives continued more or less as usual after their UFO encounter, but by 1964 their psychological anxiety still had not abated. Barney had an ulcer that was not responding to treatment. He missed work and both were depressed.

Eventually they were referred to the Boston office of Dr. Benjamin Simon, a noted psychiatrist who specialized in hypnosis. The conversations that transpired during their trances became a permanent chapter in the annals of ufology.

Fuller made liberal use of the tape recordings of the hypnosis sessions, which revealed episodes of rapture and terror.

"BARNEY: Heh, heh, Betty. That's the funniest thing, Betty. They funniest thing. I never believed in flying saucers but - I don't know. Mighty mysterious. Yeah, well, I guess I won't say anything to anybody about this. It's too ridiculous, isn't it? Oh yes, really funny. Wonder where they came from? Oh gee, I wish I had the - I wish I had gone with them . . .

DOCTOR: You wish you had gone with them?

BARNEY: Yes. Oh what an experience to go to some distant planet. (A pause as he reflects, then:) Maybe this will prove the existence of God. (Another brief pause.) Isn't that funny? To look for the existence of God on another planet?"

Betty was interviewed separately. "BETTY: (She is beginning to

get upset again.) It won't hurt me. And I ask him what, and he said he just wants to put it in my navel, it's just a simple test. (More rapid sobbing) And I tell him, no, it will hurt, don't do it. And I'm crying, and I'm telling him, 'It's hurting, it's hurting, take it out, take it out!' And the leader comes over and he puts his hand, rubs his hand in front of my eyes, and he says it will be all right. I won't feel it."

MUFON's Geremia has listened to the tapes. "It's enough to make you not sleep at night," he said. "There's one particular portion, when Barney is reliving what happened, really reliving every moment, and he lets out a scream on that tape that's absolutely bone-chilling."

After months of hypnosis, a fantastic story had emerged. Simon could not entirely dismiss or accept the results; he did not think they were lying, but he attributed their story to some kind of shared fantasy, perhaps a folie a deux.

The Hills recounted that they were taken on board by beings whose eyes were disproportionately large and slanted. Betty said one of them spoke English to her, though not very well.

They were medically examined - flakes of skin scraped off Betty's arm, her reflexes tested, and a needle inserted in her navel. Although it does not appear in Fuller's book, Mack reports that a semen sample was taken from Barney, who was examined in a different room from Betty.

When they finished with her, Betty asked the "leader" where he was from and he showed her a complicated cosmic map, which Betty later drew. She asked for proof of their visit and he gave her a book written in strange symbols, but then changed his mind and took it back.

"I recognized the importance of what was happening," Hill said recently. "I knew these were astronauts from another solar system. I told the leader, 'This has been the most wonderful experience of my life,' and that I really appreciated meeting him and would he please come back because I had a lot of friends who would like to meet him."

A possibility

She and Barney, who died of a stroke in 1969, never did see these aliens again, but soon there were people all over America who wanted to meet the Hills.

Someone had leaked their story to the Boston Herald Traveler, which played it on the front page for almost a week. One day Betty Hill came home to find dozens of reporters at her doorstep. "My first concern was, how was the state going to take this?" said Betty.

Her bosses were supportive. It was 1965, and the existence of UFOs and extraterrestrial life was a possibility admitted even by the U.S. government.

After WORLD WAR II, people began to look up more often, said SETI's Shostak, adding that from the late 1940s through the 1960s the UFO phenomenon attracted broad interest. Setting the stage was the mysterious Roswell, New Mexico, crash in 1947, which the press reported as UFO wreckage; many people suspected a federal cover-up.

"A lot of that interest came from the government. Not so much because they thought alien craft were buzzing all over the countryside, but because they wanted to find out if there were Soviet aircraft they didn't yet know about, for example," he said.

Official commissions consisting of scientists and military experts were set up, and by the late 1960s they had come to the conclusion that national security was not at risk from these unknowns.

The extraterrestrial debate was alive in academia as well. Elizabeth Bilson, administrative director of a space research center at Cornell University, joined the astronomy department in the early 1960s, when Carl Sagan was investigating UFO stories.

"It's true that at that time there was a wave of belief, even among scientists," she said. "At that time, it wasn't ruled out, for example, that on Mars there is some more important life than just microbes or bacteria. . . . And Mars is not so far away. If it were true, that there was really intelligent life there, it was not at all outrageous to think they would visit us."

If the nation's intelligentsia took the issue seriously, so did average people. Even today, Shostak points out, polls consistently show that roughly 50 percent of Americans believe in UFOs, about the same percentage that believes in angels. Every year, thousands of people say they have been abducted.

After the Hill story broke, then, it was only a matter of weeks before it became international news. The Hills were so inundated with media calls, for weeks they avoided being at home. Look magazine did a series about them. Eventually they were approached by Fuller.

Although Betty Hill now says she never hesitated to talk about her encounter, and that the press attention did not ruffle her, a letter she wrote to her mother explaining why she and Barney had agreed to work with Fuller tells a different story. "In the beginning we felt this was our own personal experience, and believed there really was not any great public interest," she wrote. "We were fearful for we believed that we would face scorn, ridicule, and disbelief."

Gaining steam

After the book's publication in 1966, the Hills went on a book tour that took them to television and radio studios all over the country - a circuit Betty would continue to travel until her retirement in 1991. She appeared on F. Lee Bailey's televised Lie Detector Test (and scored well), sat next to astronauts, scientists and movie stars on programs like The Merv Griffin Show, and gave lectures alongside Sagan and members of the crew of Star Trek.

Instead of dying out, the Hill story gained steam. A noted astrologer became convinced after years of research that Betty's hand-drawn star map corresponded to some recently discovered stars. The procedure of amniocentesis was introduced years after Betty reported having the needle inserted into her navel as a "pregnancy test."

Meanwhile, the Hills, and later Betty alone, began to look - and to find - UFOs. For 15 years, she said, she organized a secret network of ufologists whose members included policemen, retired military officials, reporters and other professionals. She claims to have more than 250 photographs of UFOs. To this day she sees them, sometimes flying over her house in Portsmouth, or hovering above her yard, where her cats and chickens roam.

She became interested in the scientific aspects of the field. "Anybody can tell a weird story," she said. "I want people to get beyond the experience and into the proof."

Hill retired from the UFO circuit because she was "bored, bored, bored," she said. She got annoyed with fakers, whom she believes she can identify, and wanted more time for her own projects, such as her 1995 book, A Common Sense Approach to UFOs. It includes passages such as, "Sometimes, I am asked if I think Big Foot might travel around on-board UFOs. Basically, my answer is no."

Hill has other interests as well, including her colonial family history, which dates to the 17th century, and politics. She describes herself as a Social Democrat, and reads left-wing publications. Unconvinced by Western accounts of life in the Soviet Union, she visited the country in 1986; one of her four cats is named Raisa Gorbachev.

Reporters continue to seek out Hill, and her story still engenders debate; lengthy articles and rebuttals about whether Barney was influenced by the sci-fi series The Outer Limits cram UFO Internet sites, for example.

Hill does not regret her abduction experience, but it still causes her lingering confusion. "The only thing I wish they'd tell me is why they heck they were here," she said.

Although she says her group has worked "undercover with the government, you might say," she does not want the government to admit UFOs' existence. "Because people will say, 'Shoot 'em!' 'Get rid of 'em!,'" she said. "We're Americans. If we don't like it, we kill it."

'Things I can't explain'

In the mid-1980s, Tom Elliott, a television producer from Waltham, Mass., was one of the many ordinary, educated people who joined Betty's expeditions. More than 10 years later, he still has no explanation for the purplish glow on the railroad tracks they visited near Exeter, or the pyramid of lights that hovered overhead.

He stopped going after Betty became furious with him for getting out of the car during a sighting, which she forbade.

"I saw things I can't explain, but I guess my main problem is I can't make the jump that because it is something interesting, it must be from 'out there,' " he said. "I'm one of those people who think she's sincere. I don't think she's making it up. But I don't know why she believes what she believes."

That is the consensus of many people who know Hill, including Geremia and Mack; she is committed to the truth, they say, but her version of it is not necessarily ours.

That doubt does not concern Hill. As she wrote to her mother in 1965 about The Interrupted Journey, "We hope the publication of this book will enable the reader to judge for himself and to decide if this is illusion, hallucination, dream or reality. Love, Betty and Barney."

(This story was originally published in December 1999.)

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

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Inexplicata - Cattle Mutilations In Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 09:27:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 18:35:31 -0400
Subject: Inexplicata - Cattle Mutilations In Argentina

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
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INEXPLICATA presents "Cattle Mutilations in Argentina"

Given the resurgence of animal mutilations in Argentina, this brief retrospective seeks to provide images of the 2002 wave of animal deaths that swept that country and were summarily dismissed by officialdom as "attacks by the red-muzzled mouse" or misidentification of normal animal mortality. Incidents are still being reported to this very day.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sdevXK1E40>

Caution: Graphic content. May not be suitable for all viewers.

Scott Corrales
Inexplicata-The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
Institute of Hispanic Ufology
<http://inexplicata.blogspot.com>

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Mutilated Cow In General Acha Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 09:51:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 18:37:28 -0400
Subject: Mutilated Cow In General Acha Argentina

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
September 20, 2006

SOURCE: CIUFOS-LA PAMPA
DATE: 09.19.06

Argentina: Mutilated Cow In General Acha

Another Black Aberdeen Angus cow - this time pregnant - was found dead and mutilated at km 17 of Provincial Route No. 152, jurisdiction of General Acha, a locality some 110 km south of Santa Rosa, La Pampa.

The animal was missing its right ear, presented a large incision in the udder and an absence of genitals and anus. Only a large hole measuring some 25 centimeters in diameter was found, with its edges cauterized, and through which 40 centimeters of the dead front legs of its unborn calf protruded.

The animal's death is estimated to have occurred 10 days ago and goes on to form part of the numerous cases reported in the area, which have the aforementioned Pampean locality as their epicenter.

Translation c. 2006 S. Corrales, IHU
Special thanks to Raul Oscar Chaves, CIUFOS-LA PAMPA

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UFOs Reported In Northern Puerto Rico

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 09:59:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 18:39:35 -0400
Subject: UFOs Reported In Northern Puerto Rico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
September 20, 2006

Source: www.ovni.net (Lucy Guzman, Orlando Pla)
Date: 09.19.06

PUERTO RICO: UFOs REPORTED IN NORTHERN P.R.
***A report from Lucy Guzman**

This week kicked off with reports of UFOs over the northern area of the island: Manati (Monday, 11 a.m.), Bayamon (Monday night), Arecibo (Tuesday, 12:30 pm).

All sightings occurred at an approximate altitude of 1,500 to 3,000 feet.

One [object] was a white cylinder that remained static for 3 minutes, having the apparent size of a commercial airliner. It vanished in the blink of an eye.

Another was rectangular with peaks at its edges, matte silver in color. This object began to dissolve after it became stationary.

The other [object was described] as a moving grid of lights that later becomes stationary, etc.

All of the eyewitnesses are aware of aircraft, and state that they are neither airplanes nor helicopters.

The entire island should be on alert, with photo and video cameras ready. Anyone able to do so should be on the lookout between 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm. and from 9 p.m. to midnight. Their trajectory is from east to west at low altitude (1,500 - 3000 feet), approximately below cloud level.

Translation c. 2006. S. Corrales
Special thanks to Lucy Guzman

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Mothman Producer Dies

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 12:07:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 18:44:38 -0400
Subject: Mothman Producer Dies

Mothman Producer Dies

Lisa McIntosh, 42, the producer of "Mothman: Man, Myth or Monster?" has died of a rare form of cancer. She appears to have first developed symptoms after visiting Point Pleasant in 2004.

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<http://www.cryptomundo.com/cryptozoo-news/mcintosh-dies/>

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Secrecy News -- 09/20/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 13:59:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 18:46:59 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 09/20/06

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONAL BULLETIN
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DAVID LYKKEN AND THE POLYGRAPH MYTH

David T. Lykken, a psychologist who did pioneering research and public education on the limits and abuses of polygraph testing, died last week at age 78.

With exceptional clarity he demonstrated that the polygraph is not a "lie detector" but simply a recorder of physiological responses to verbal stimuli. And, he explained, there is no set of physiological responses that corresponds uniquely to deception.

That does not mean the polygraph is worthless. There is empirical evidence to support its use in the investigation of specific incidents, where "guilty knowledge" of particular details may be usefully revealed by the polygraph.

"The use of the [polygraph] by the police as an investigative tool, while subject to abuse like any other tool, is not inherently objectionable," Lykken wrote.

(Not only that, "It seems reasonable to conclude that whether O.J. Simpson did or did not kill his wife could have been determined with high confidence using a Guilty Knowledge Test administered within hours after he was first in police custody.")

On the other hand, he said, the use of the polygraph for security screening of personnel, as is commonly done by U.S. intelligence agencies, cannot reliably achieve its purported goal of identifying spies or traitors and in many cases becomes counterproductive.

"I think it is now obvious that polygraph testing has failed to screen out from our intelligence agencies potential traitors and moles. On the contrary, it seems to have served as a shield for such people who, having passed the polygraph, become immune to commonsense suspicions."

Lykken produced a body of work that is prominently cited in every bibliography of polygraph-related research. And he addressed the interested public in a highly readable 1998 book called "A Tremor in the Blood" (an allusion to Defoe), which is

full of colorful observations as well as analytical rigor.

So, for example, he reports that Pope Pius XII condemned polygraph testing in 1958 because it "intrude[s] into man's interior domain" (Tremor, page 47).

And "when Bedouin tribesmen of the Negev desert were examined on the polygraph, they were found to be far less reactive than Israeli Jews, whether or Near Eastern or European origin" (page 273).

Dr. Lykken was profiled in a September 20 obituary in the New York Times here:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/09/20/obituaries/20lykken.html>

It is a sign of our times that the scientific critique of polygraph testing has gained almost no traction on government policy. To the contrary, the use of the polygraph to perform the sort of screening that Lykken termed a "menace in American life" is actually on the rise.

"From FY 2002 through 2005, the FBI, DEA, and ATF conducted approximately 28,000 pre-employment polygraph examinations" as well as tens of thousands more for other purposes, according to a major new report from the Justice Department Inspector General.

See "Use of Polygraph Examinations in the Department of Justice," September 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/polygraph/dojpoly.pdf>

Characteristically, the new Inspector General report did not even consider the question of the polygraph's scientific reliability.

In particular, as George Maschke of AntiPolygraph.org told CQ Homeland Security, the Justice Department report failed to grapple with a 2002 finding of the National Academy of Sciences that "[polygraph testing's] accuracy in distinguishing actual or potential security violators from innocent test takers is insufficient to justify reliance on its use in employee security screening in federal agencies."

http://www.cq.com/public/20060919_homeland.html

Aldrich H. Ames, the former CIA officer whose years of espionage against the United States went undetected by the polygraph, reflected on the mythology of the polygraph in a letter that he wrote to me from federal prison in November 2000. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/polygraph/ames.html>

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONAL BULLETIN

When the U.S. Army established a password-protected internet portal called Army Knowledge Online a few years ago, it swallowed up untold thousands of unclassified records that had previously been publicly available on the world wide web, and then ceased to be.

One such item was the Military Intelligence Professional Bulletin (MIPB), a quarterly Army journal on military intelligence policy, doctrine, and technology.

Requests for softcopies of the unclassified MIPB were repeatedly submitted to the Army by the Federation of American Scientists under the Freedom of Information Act. After years of denials and deferrals, U.S. Army lawyers were finally unable to devise a legal rationale to justify continued withholding of the MIPB. Last week, the latest issues from 2004 and 2005 were fully released.

They may be found here, along with previous issues dating back to 1995:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/army/mipb/index.html>

Better yet, the Army told us that the MIPB will be restored to

direct public access on the web so that FOIA requests will no longer be required.

THE RIDDLE OF STEEL AND MORE FROM CRS

Commercial vendors will happily sell you almost any Congressional Research Service report issued in the last decade, making CRS secrecy profitable for some but otherwise pointless. Yet Congress has stubbornly told the CRS not to make its reports directly available to the taxpaying public, who have already paid for them once.

Some recent CRS reports that are not otherwise freely available in public databases include the following.

"Steel: Price and Policy Issues," updated August 31, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL32333.pdf>

"U.S. Strategic Nuclear Forces: Background, Developments, and Issues," September 8, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/nuke/RL33640.pdf>

"Federal Counter-Terrorism Training: Issues for Congressional Oversight," August 31, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/terror/RL32920.pdf>

"Navy Aircraft Carriers: Proposed Retirement of USS John F. Kennedy -- Issues and Options for Congress," updated August 29, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/weapons/RL32731.pdf>

"Free Mail for Troops Overseas," updated August 22, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RS22203.pdf>

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Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights -

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 17:43:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 18:50:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights -

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2006 15:27:05 +0100
>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2006 03:03:30 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

>>Persinger's experiments with powerful magnets in proximity to
>>the human brain produced mild hallucinatory effects which then
>>got translated into an explanation for reported alien abduction.

>Just on a point of fact, since this business about powerful
>magnets in proximity has come up before: As I understand it the
>hallucinatory effects were generated with extremely weak field
>strengths, actually much weaker than the typical geomagnetic
>field - by a factor of about 500. What was significant (again,
>as I recall) was the modulation of this field - pulsing or
>rotation - at a few Hz. If you have the source of a field equal
>in strength to the geomagnetic field and attenuate it by the
>inverse square law (ignoring possible directionality) you get
>the experimental field strength at about 20-25 meters away. So
>in absolute terms the power of the magnets is very modest.

Since one cannot isolate a single magnetic pole, any real magnet
has positive and negative poles separated by the length of the
magnet. The field between in the area around the magnet falls
off as the inverse cube of the distance at distances much
greater than the size of the magnet.

There is also an angular variation of field strength with the
angle measured relative to the axis of the magnet. Thus one
would not have to go as far as 20-25 meters.....

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4th Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference

From: Lyle Michel <courtroomevidence456.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 14:43:55 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 18:54:11 -0400
Subject: 4th Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference

4th Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference Agenda November 10-12,
2006 Tuscanny Casino Las Vegas Nevada

<http://www.ufoconference.com/ufo-conference-speakers.php>

www.ufoconference.com

4th Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference Agenda

Tuscanny Suites & Casino, Las Vegas, NV, November 10-12, 2006

255 East Flamingo Road,
Las Vegas,
NV 89109,

Reservations: 877-887-2261

Full Conference \$169, Friday - \$50, Sat - \$90, Sun - \$70,
Banquet \$59

Friday, November 10th

6:00 =96 6:55 PM Stan Friedman =96 The UFO =93Why?=94 Questions

7:00 =96 7:55 PM Dr. Michael Salla =96 An Overview of Crashed UFO
Black Operations

8:00 =96 8:45 PM Meet the Speakers for Dessert & Drinks

8:45 =96 9:45 PM Speaker Panel & Press Conference

Saturday, November 11th

8:30 =96 9:40 AM Richard Dolan =96 UFOs & National Security State
1973-2006

9:45 =96 10:45 AM Paul Schatzkin =96 Defying Gravity: The Parallel
Universe of TT Brown

10:45 =96 11:05 AM AM Break

11:05 =96 12:05 PM Ryan Wood =96 A New US UFO Crash Retrieval

12:05 =96 1:45 PM Lunch

1:45 =96 2:45 PM Michael Lindemann =96 Scenarios of Contact

2:50=96 3:35 PM Peter Merlin =96 After the Fire: How the Government
Responds to Crashes

3:35 =96 3:55 PM PM Break with refreshments

3:55 =96 5:00 PM Frank Feschino =96 Braxton County Monster

5:00 =96 7:30 PM Break

7:30 =96 10:00 PM Banquet & Keynote Speech: George Knapp,
Investigative TV Reporter

Sunday, November 12th

9:00 =96 9:55 AM Dr. Bob Wood =96 Alien Viruses & Leaked Document

10:00 =96 10:55 AM Nick Redfern =96 Crashed UFOs & Bio-Warfare: New Revelations

10:55 =96 11:15 AM AM Break

11:15 =96 12:30 PM Linda M. Howe =96 Military Voices

12:30 =96 2:00 PM Lunch

2:00 =96 3:00 PM Dr. Bruce Maccabee - El Indio Guerrero, Dec 6, 1950 UFO Crash

3:00 =96 3:20 PM Break with Refreshments

3:20 =96 4:15 PM Matthew Thuney =96 Lummi Island Incident: A Watery Roswell?

4:15 =96 4:30 PM Concluding Remarks =96 Ryan S. Wood

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Re: Meteor Over New Zealand's South Island? -

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2006 07:55:22 +1000
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 18:56:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Meteor Over New Zealand's South Island? -

>From: Herb Newman <HerbertRNewman.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 11:33:18 EDT
>Subject: Meteor Over New Zealand's South Island?

>I received the following report:

>"A meteor streaked across a large swathe of New Zealand's South
>Island Tuesday, creating a sonic boom which sent people running
>from their workplaces and homes, witnesses said. The loud boom
>was heard over northern and central parts of the South Island
>shaking buildings and rattling windows." (Wellington (AFP) Sep
>12, 2006)

>I haven't heard any more about it. Is anyone following up on
>this?

Hi Herb/List,

Sorry, I did cut the clip but have mis-placed it. In essence was
a meteor and yes it did make a sonic-boom.

The latest is that parts of it have been found in a paddock
[field] and have been sent for analysis.

It was only a very short news-clip <g> in a Brisbane Paper,
The Courier Mail.

Cheers

William

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Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2006 23:40:31 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2006 01:01:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image? - Gammon

>From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2006 21:25:24 -0700
>Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image?

>>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 16:01:40 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Objects In Mars Rover Image?

>>Seriously, this image, as well as the countless other Mars rover
>>images put forth here on the List, reveals nothing unusual. At
>>this point I'm going to need to see a purple polka-dotted
>>'something' before I would even remotely accept the mere
>>possibility that unknown objects have been photographed on Mars.

>I had previously mentioned some other interesting rover images,
>including ones referenced by the MER team itself, Space.com and
>MSNBC (James Oberg), but again for reference in case you missed
>them:

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/aug/m25-031.shtml>

>The Meridiani Journal
>a chronicle of planetary exploration
><http://www.themeridianijournal.blogspot.com>

I saw the above, but alas, no purple polka-dotted 'something'.
Therefore, I am still unconvinced.

If researchers are going to dedicate their time into combing
over Mars Rover images for proof of extraterrestrial life, then
may I suggest waiting for 'Wow!' images?

Just to clarify, a photograph of a purple polka-dotted
'something' would meet the qualifications of a 'Wow!' image.

- Jason Gammon

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Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2006 14:03:15 +1000
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2006 01:04:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Meteor Over New Zealand's South Island? -

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2006 08:40:23 -0700
>Subject: Re: Meteor Over New Zealand's South Island?

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>>this?

>A synopsis of the event can be found here:

><http://tinyurl.com/nsc53>

>A photograph of a piece of the debris can be found here:

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

>Interesting to note that the news regarding this 'UFO' (in the
>strictest sense of the word) event has gone silent.

>Separately, and equally interesting within 24 hours of posting
>these reports on site, I noticed ISP's from Los Alamos,
>Lawrence Livermore Labs, NASA, our DoD as well as Canadian DoD.
>All visited the a fore mentioned articles, and nothing else!

Herb, Frank List

In case anyone is interested in what the press said about it,
here's the report from the earlier news-clip, I'd misplaced.
This is extracted from the Brisbane Courier Mail:

Unusual Rock

Wellington: A small piece of unusual rock found in a New Zealand
paddock was sent for analysis yesterday as speculation mounted
it was a chunk of a meteor that rattled the region with it's
sonic boom as it crashed to earth. The unusual rock was found on
a farm where witnesses reported something streaking through the
sky on Tuesday.

Thanks,

William

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>off as the inverse cube of the distance at distances much
>greater than the size of the magnet.

>There is also an angular variation of field strength with the
>angle measured relative to the axis of the magnet. Thus one
>would not have to go as far as 20-25 meters.....

Whoops, you're quite right, I was muddling the net field
strength at distance with the flux through a pole which would
only apply in the near field. Actually for an electromagnetic
field the attenuation varies depending on the shape and length
of the wire, between the two perfect cases of 1/r for an
infinite straight wire and 1/r cubed for any coil at infinite
distance. I think there will be some cases where 1/r squared is
the best approximation (probably unrealistic for us, like power
transmission lines for example?) but yes, generally for compact
sources it will be like 1/r cubed.

But in any case the field at the subject in the experiments was
extremely weak and the operative factor seems to be the rate of
modulation, analogous to the optical flicker frequency in
inducing epileptic aura. Effects like this could be associated
with UFO phenomena in a variety of different theories, both ETH
and naturalistic types. If there is actually a variety of
phenomena - say some strange natural plasmas as well as ET

analogues or whatever - then the existence of this biophysical overlap area is likely to further confuse us, and witnesses too. We don't need to swallow the whole Persingerian (?) package.

Martin Shough

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Don't know. I was going by a documentary I saw some years ago about Persinger's magnetically induced perception of flashing lights.

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I mention this in my Fate article. David Clarke had made mention of this during his remarks about his interview with Nature Magazine referring to Martin Fullekrug of the University of Bath in the UK. Clarke said, "F=FCllekrug thinks it highly doubtful that these transient plasmas could have much effect. On the ground, the similar phenomenon of 'ball lightning' has been described, but is little understood."

Fullekrug himself stated, "Whatever these are made of, such earthly plasmas are likely to have such a weak electromagnetic field that they are pretty unlikely to register on scientific equipment, let alone the human brain."

Don Ledger

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Martin and List,

About a dozen years ago, I was working with magnetic
neurostimulators and attempting to stimulate the visual cortex to
produce visual sensation. This proved to be extremely

difficult, as is the case with other sensory modalities as well. At best, all we got were extremely crude sensations, such as flashes of light.

Yet we were using magnetic field stimuli on the order of 100 MILLION times that of Persinger's experiments, in which he claims that not only is he getting sensations, but complex hallucinations, such as entire alien abduction scenarios. It's like saying he can buy a million dollar house for a penny.

I am currently getting involved with magnetic resonance imagers (MRI). These are truly big magnets that penetrate through the entire body, quite unlike Persinger's tiny magnets. Thousands of people undergo MRI every day, with their brains being pulsed at Persinger-like low frequencies with much stronger magnetic fields, yet nobody ever reports hallucinations of any type as a result. The fields from Persinger's small magnets would attenuate so rapidly that their already miniscule magnetic fields would die off to virtually nothing, probably below thermal noise levels, by the time they reach the brain.

Electric stoves or electric hair driers generate low-frequency EM fields comparable to those fluctuating geomagnetic fields that Persinger claims cause hallucinations, yet I certainly don't know of anybody claiming to have alien abduction scenarios from drying their hair or scrambling some eggs on their electric range.

I live a mile from a major earthquake fault, whose fluctuating geomagnetic fields, according to Persinger, are supposed to induce UFOs or alien hallucinations. To my knowledge, there are not an unusual number of people around here claiming to see UFOs or experiencing alien abductions. Yet to try to make his theories work, Persinger also claims that one can live hundreds of miles from an earthquake fault and experience these things. That basically makes it a non-theory, since there is hardly any place on Earth that isn't within a few hundred miles of an earthquake fault.

Needless to say, I think Persinger is a scientific quack. I suspect the only reason he is taken seriously is because his claims for a "scientific" explanation for UFOs and alien abductions are convenient for debunking.

David Rudiak

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Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2006 18:11:03 -0400
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I have been interested in Persinger's work since I learned about it in the '90s. Although I am not aware of any subjects being tested in a Faraday cage, he did measure the background field strength in the acoustic chamber he normally performed his tests in. In two reports (1990,1991), this is measured at .025mG or 2.5nT. The magnetic levels he measured for the solenoids were .3-.4 mG (the range is from the location nearest the solenoids to the central portion of the subjects brain) for 4 Hz, .4-.6mG for 9hz and .8-1mG for 16 Hz. In 1993, in the chamber he reports background field strengths of <.1mG (within the 1hz-1khz range). There he was testing with 1 to 10mG on the subjects.

Sometimes when I read his technical papers I am reminded of Ghost Busters when they were working at the university. An odd field of research.

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The Next Great UFO Book Or Paper

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Subject: The Next Great UFO Book Or Paper

Imagine a text written, with descriptions of UFO's and their pilots, based only on the limited statements in the MJ documents, deemed most credible. You would then have a brief, but "official US government description" of this subject.

So, who will write this? I vote for Mr. Friedman. Anyone else?

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UFO Review issue 17; Very Bad Taste Edition

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Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 06:17:04 -0400
Subject: UFO Review issue 17; Very Bad Taste Edition

UFO Review issue 17 is now available at <http://www.uforeview.net> and as usual you can download it from either of the two top left hand buttons on the site depending on what format you want to read it in.

We are pleased to bring you an edition that is bound to cause offence to everyone in some shape or form and even your editor thinks parts of it are unacceptable. Oh, the giddy world of ufology! And if by chance you're not offended, then your ire will be stirred by the opinion and posturing prevalent throughout this most scurrilous and yet entertaining and deeply amusing edition of the profound and the superficial. Starting with.....

1. I like dick - Interview with Paul Kimball

Why does no one like Paul Kimball? OK that's not true; lots of people do like him but he has this knack of drawing out from some the most vehement and profound irrational dislike. "Irrational" to me because although I certainly see a flawed human being, I quite like the guy. Is it because he dares to hold strong and adamant opinions? Is it because his blog is successful and argumentative? Is it because of his controversial politics? Is it because he's an informed Canadian?

In this lengthy and revealing interview, Paul pretty much bares all; his upbringing, his professional regrets, his successes, how he got into films, what he wishes for Ufology's future, what he thinks of Alfred Lehmborg, and in the latter part of the interview, he and I "get at it" as he is pushed and probed on his Ufological views and opinions and an interesting and absorbing back and forth ensues. Gripping, entertaining and another word I can't remember at the moment, this interview will change your view of Paul completely - you'll like him even less or more, depending on where you started from at the beginning. Unmissable.

2. Application To Be Featured On The Internationally Renown UFO Watchdog Web Site (I want to be famous!!). UFO Watchdog is the scion of badness in Ufology and it's wall of shame gallery features the mug shots and misdeeds of every huckster ever to have ufologically sinned. Your editor pleads with Royce Meyers to be inducted into those hallowed halls of fame

3. Interview With Chris Coote

For 15 years, Chris Coote was the principle Radar Operator for the MoD at Eskmeals in Cumbria, working for the old MoD, Serco (an offshoot of RCA) and finally QinetiQ. He was involved in the collection, manipulation and archival storage of sensitive positional data. We talk to him!

4. Tim Good Speaks. To no one in particular.

5. The Voynich Manuscript And The Kolbrin Bible By Kithra

Does anyone remember those exam questions that began with the words: "compare and contrast?" Don't panic, I'm not setting an exam question, and I'm not really going to either compare or contrast the two documents I'm about to write about. However, neither text is very well known and the only similarity with "compare and contrast" is that one is accepted as being a genuine manuscript, whilst the other is probably a fake.

6. The Whit and Wisdom of CRAP

7. Book Reviews Are Back

We look at:

"The Universe Wants To Play" (Anomalist 12 Various authors) in which Nick Redfern talks to us about his contributory chapter and goes on to further screw with my mind.

A belated and utterly filthy and unnecessary review of Clancy's effort "Abducted: How People Come to Believe They Were Kidnapped by Aliens". Appalling - both the book and the review.

"An American Demonology: Flying Saucers Over the White House" a marvellous tome from that old war horse Colin Bennett

8. Up and Coming Conferences of Note

9. Happy Fun Days Are Here Boys And Girls As Uncle Stuart Shows You How To Make Your Very Own UFO Lantern.

Sadly, that's all but in fairness, it's probably more than you can take anyway. Or would want to!

And remarkably still free at <http://www.uforeview.net>

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Cydonia - The Face On Mars

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After multiple attempts to image the Cydonia region from April 2004 until July 2006 were frustrated by altitude and atmospheric dust and haze, the High Resolution Stereo Camera (HRSC) on board Mars Express finally obtained, on 22 July, a series of images that show the famous 'face' on Mars in unprecedented detail.

The data were gathered during orbit 3253 over the Cydonia region, with a ground resolution of approximately 13.7 metres per pixel. Cydonia lies at approximately 40.75=B0 North and 350.54=B0 East.

"These images of the Cydonia region on Mars are truly spectacular," said Dr Agustin Chicarro, ESA Mars Express Project Scientist. "They not only provide a completely fresh and detailed view of an area famous to fans of space myths worldwide, but also provide an impressive close-up over an area of great interest for planetary geologists, and show once more the high capability of the Mars Express camera."

Cydonia is located in the Arabia Terra region on Mars and belongs to the transition zone between the southern highlands and the northern plains of Mars. This transition is characterized by wide, debris-filled valleys and isolated remnant mounds of various shapes and sizes.

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Fascinating pictures! Stand by for Hoagland and others to claim
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That's an extremely interesting point. I suppose if the experience was very common and lacked survival value then it would be evolved out. The sort of highly structured electromagnetic stimuli needed presumably couldn't be very common, and so (if they occur) may not have been important enough for evolution to "notice". But what about the possibility that such experiences do have survival value? Maybe it is somehow important to us as a species that we do register and take account of these phenomena? I think there's a lot for someone to chew on there, from several different angles.

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Yes, I agree, that could be analogous as I mentioned somewhere else. It's a similar sort of frequency. I suppose if epileptic aura is like a suite of sensations and feelings waiting to be triggered by flicker frequencies in certain neural pathways then it may not matter much to the brain whether the stimulus comes in at the eye or through the skull. Some of Persinger's reported sensations are quite similar to aura.

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>early 60s by the USAF when they began losing helicopters near
>sunset due to rotor interruption of sunlight [shifted more
>toward the red spectrum] into the cockpit, known as flicker
>vertigo. I'm not suggesting the same effect with the same
>results but perhaps some other induced effect that we are not
>yet aware of.

Could be. I recall that optical flicker fits are considered in road design - such as guardrail post spacing etc.- because sun flicker might cause susceptible drivers to black out.

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>of this during his remarks about his interview with Nature
>Magazine referring to Martin Fullekrug of the University of Bath
>in the UK. Clarke said, "F=Fullekrug thinks it highly doubtful
>that these transient plasmas could have much effect. On the
>ground, the similar phenomenon of 'ball lightning' has been
>described, but is little understood."

>Fullekrug himself stated, "Whatever these are made of, such
>earthly plasmas are likely to have such a weak electromagnetic
>field that they are pretty unlikely to register on scientific
>equipment, let alone the human brain."

Possibly, but it's worth remembering that nobody knows much of anything about ball lightning, never mind more speculative atmospheric electrical phenomena. Maybe there is an associated field, but not one that originates in the plasma, rather an external field that sustains the plasma? There isn't any evidence for this (though it was a popular type of theory some years ago) but as there's scant evidence for anything maybe it shouldn't be ruled out.

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>Martin and List,

>About a dozen years ago, I was working with magnetic
>neurostimulators and attempting to stimulate the visual cortex to
>produce visual sensation. This proved to be extremely
>difficult, as is the case with other sensory modalities as well.
>At best, all we got were extremely crude sensations, such as
>flashes of light.

>Yet we were using magnetic field stimuli on the order of 100
>MILLION times that of Persinger's experiments, in which he
>claims that not only is he getting sensations, but complex
>hallucinations, such as entire alien abduction scenarios. It's
>like saying he can buy a million dollar house for a penny.

I don't know about complex abduction scenarios, but I was referring to the more limited types of sensory and mood artefacts, the "mild" ones that Don mentioned as being referenced by the Condign report. Things like disorientation, coloured lights, spinning sensations, feelings of presence etc. I'd agree it's a big step from these to vivid structured hallucinations with complex narratives. Then there's a second big step from this to the full-blown Tectonic Strain Theory. But the low-level stuff seems to be relatively well documented, or at least there is valid debate about it, and as I said the debate seems to centre not around absolute field strength but around what Persinger calls "complex" fields, i.e. with rather special space-time modulation.

From the discussion in Wikipedia I understand that the controversy with Granqvist centers on claims as to whether a software programme developed by Persinger's lab, for controlling the way the field is applied during the course of the experiment, would properly run on Granqvist's computer. This suggests that we aren't just talking about a simple pulse or waveform. This argument seems to be specific to the "God helmet" experiments, but was the pattern used for the other experiments similarly complicated? More complicated?

In this case according to Persinger "a frequency-modulated pattern (tailored after a 'chirp' sequence from standard signal generators) was applied over the right hemisphere for 20 minutes and then a bilateral burst-firing pattern (designed after the discharge of amygdaloid neurons...) was applied bilaterally over the temporal lobes for an additional 20 minutes". Doesn't sound all that elaborate, and obviously a total of 40 mins laboratory exposure doesn't translate easily into realistic situations in nature. But we do seem to be talking about specific patterning rather than intensity.

>I am currently getting involved with magnetic resonance imagers
>(MRI). These are truly big magnets that penetrate through the
>entire body, quite unlike Persinger's tiny magnets. Thousands
>of people undergo MRI every day, with their brains being pulsed
>at Persinger-like low frequencies with much stronger magnetic
>fields, yet nobody ever reports hallucinations of any type as a
>result. The fields from Persinger's small magnets would
>attenuate so rapidly that their already miniscule magnetic
>fields would die off to virtually nothing, probably below
>thermal noise levels, by the time they reach the brain.

Well if field strengths are being misrepresented in this way then it's a bad flaw. Zero is a lot different from small! I'd assumed values were being given for the exposure at some relevant area within the brain or averaged over a hemisphere or something like this. But if what we're being given is some nominal strength near the magnet (say at the transition zone distance) without correction for the distance of the magnet from the head then this needs clarifying. But still, whatever the actual strengths I suppose it comes down to whether or not subject responses had a statistically significant correlation with the magnetic field modulations. If they did, and if the controls were well designed, then maybe we need to be careful not to get into a "can't be therefore it isn't" mindset. Of course it may be the controls weren't well-designed. Granqvist says so. Persinger disagrees, says Granqvist's replication was "not even close". This seems unresolved.

>Electric stoves or electric hair driers generate low-frequency
>EM fields comparable to those fluctuating geomagnetic fields
>that Persinger claims cause hallucinations, yet I certainly

>don't know of anybody claiming to have alien abduction scenarios
>from drying their hair or scrambling some eggs on their electric
>range.

True enough (though strictly speaking we don't know what causes alien abduction scenarios and someone who experiences one is probably not likely to start suspecting their kitchen appliances!) But again isn't the significant thing the claim about the very specific patterning of the field in time and space which, if not replicated exactly (it's claimed), will not produce a result? I'd be the first to agree that if the phenomenon is so sensitive to these artificial patterns of chirps and bursts applied to different parts of the head in a certain order then this seems difficult to marry with a natural tectonic strain theory.

On the other hand, we don't know the reality status of certain UFO experiences - or parts of those experiences. Let's say there is an ET analogue involved: Is a CE witness interacting with the thing-in-itself solely via the customary sensory channels of intercepted visible-light photons and sound waves? Or is part at least of the interaction going on by routes that bypass the normal neurochemical routes? How much of the imagery is raw input and how much is an evocation? These are very old questions, and we all know the types of reported experiences and patterns that give rise to them. Maybe Persinger's results are early crude hints of ways of encoding complex imagery - or the instructions for neural routines that evoke complex imagery - in patterns of transcranial stimuli. Maybe this explains the strange dreamlike theatricality of some cases in the literature? There could be something to learn here. Maybe Persinger should be encouraged. He has produced lots of results; there doesn't yet seem to be either consistent replication or refutation. Being sceptical of the tectonic strain theory and related earthlights-type ideas doesn't necessarily require that we throw out the experimental baby with the theoretical bathwater.

>I live a mile from a major earthquake fault, whose fluctuating
>geomagnetic fields, according to Persinger, are supposed to
>induce UFOs or alien hallucinations. To my knowledge, there
>are not an unusual number of people around here claiming to see
>UFOs or experiencing alien abductions. Yet to try to make his
>theories work, Persinger also claims that one can live hundreds
>of miles from an earthquake fault and experience these things.
>That basically makes it a non-theory, since there is hardly any
>place on Earth that isn't within a few hundred miles of an
>earthquake fault.

Yes I can see that showing a convincing association is likely to be a statistical nightmare. Reminiscent of orthoteny in the '50s and '60s. Correlations between UFOs and fault lines has been repeatedly claimed since then, also correlations with geomagnetic anomalies, with ley lines etc. None of it very convincing.

>Needless to say, I think Persinger is a scientific quack. I
>suspect the only reason he is taken seriously is because his
>claims for a "scientific" explanation for UFOs and alien
>abductions are convenient for debunking.

I'm sure that's a factor. The height of the bar seems to depend on which team you're jumping for.

Martin Shough

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Listers,

If these photos are supposed to end the debate for all time....
it ain't going to work... not by a long shot. Very skull-like
hill to the lower left of the 'Face'.

Mike Woods

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The U.S. Department of Justice said that it will seek to overturn a federal court ruling requiring the National Reconnaissance Office to process a request from the Federation of American Scientists for release of NRO budget documents.

In a July 24, 2006 decision, Judge Reggie B. Walton had ruled that the NRO's refusal to process the FAS Freedom of Information Act request was unlawful.

Judge Walton ordered the intelligence agency to move forward with the request, which was limited to unclassified budget records. The NRO promptly advised FAS that it would comply with the order.

But instead, the Justice Department indicated on September 20 that it would challenge the decision in the DC Circuit Court of Appeals.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/nro-cbjb/nro092006.pdf>

The action is consistent with the Bush Administration's restrictive Freedom of Information Act policy, which encourages agencies to withhold information whenever possible and promises to support them when they do.

"When you carefully consider FOIA requests and decide to withhold records, in whole or in part, you can be assured that the Department of Justice will defend your decisions," Attorney General John Ashcroft told executive branch agencies in the October 12, 2001 policy.

In other FOIA news, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved bipartisan legislation sponsored by Senators Cornyn and Leahy that would make certain procedural improvements in the FOIA.

Senator Leahy itemized the proposed changes in a September 21 news release:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2006/09/leahy092106.html>

While the Cornyn-Leahy changes would be welcome, none of them

could substitute for an official commitment to open government or a rational disclosure policy.

Nor would they dissuade the Justice Department from working to overturn judicial decisions in favor of FOIA plaintiffs like that of Judge Walton.

DOD INSPECTOR GENERAL DISABLES ABLE DANGER

Contrary to allegations by some military officers and members of Congress, the Top Secret Department of Defense intelligence analysis program known as ABLE DANGER "did not identify Mohammed Atta or any other of the 9/11 terrorists before the 9/11 attack," a review by the Department of Defense Inspector General concluded. See (9.2 MB):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/ig-abledanger.pdf>

Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA), a proponent of the view that ABLE DANGER was deliberately covered up because of its success in identifying the 9/11 conspirators, wasn't having it.

"Acting in a sickening bureaucratic manner, the DOD IG cherry-picked testimony from witnesses in an effort to minimize the historical importance of the Able Danger effort," the Congressman said.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2006/09/weldon092106.html>

EVEN MORE FROM CRS

Some recent reports of the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include the following.

"Science and Technology Policy: Issues for the 109th Congress," updated September 1, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL32837.pdf>

"Navy Ship Names: Background For Congress," updated September 1, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RS22478.pdf>

"Legal Developments in International Civil Aviation," updated August 25, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33255.pdf>

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The building and chamber and test helmet all probably had some
magnetic shielding properties. But I think the issue is the kind
of magnetic field Persinger was measuring.

There are two components of geomagnetic fields, one which is
relatively constant due to the magnetic core. At the surface of
the Earth, the vertical component is maximum at the Earth's
magnetic poles, and is about amount 670 milliG and 0mG at the
magnetic equator. The horizontal component is maximum at the
magnetic equator (330mG) and 0mG at the magnetic pole.

The time varying components are really what Persinger was
interested in. His magnetic meters were only designed to measure
this aspect.

The time-varying components include contributions from daily
changing fields due to the Sun's and Moon's influence on on the
Earth's ionospheric currents. This time varying magnetic field
component is a rather low frequency (.002hz to .1hz) and is
around .3mG. His meter did not pick up such a frequency range.

A larger time-varying component is due to solar activity and
thunderstorms. This time varying value can get as high as 5mG.

These are likely up to 5Hz but last from a few minutes to a few hours. This range is likely what Persinger's field meters were designed for. In general, time varying components beyond 5 Hz are usually very low (<.01mG).

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>that show the famous 'face' on Mars in unprecedented detail.

<snip>

Finally. I knew ESA was going out of their way to image these regions and am glad they did so. They're breathtaking images and reveal much about Mars' past especially it's geological profiles.

I never bought the 'Face on Mars' story. It was entertaining and stimulating for the imagination but the way Hoagland presented his evidence was so way out there that it caused more confusion than the blurry images from the Viking craft from the mid 1970s that took the original photos.

The human imagination is very powerful. If you don't watch out it will try to make order out of chaos and imprint any number of both pleasant and disturbing image solutions. Some see faces of dead ancestors in clouds and tree bark rings. Others see faces on Mars and buildings on the Moon.

All in all I love Hoagland's pitches. He makes science fun and fantastic. He goes in directions I wouldn't allow but his heart is in a good place. He no doubt knows his science and when he's on the air you're sure to hear some nifty science, food for thought, and a happy heaping helping of his opinions.

Let this be a signpost for the 'revelation scenario' wherein our musings and fantasies come to a screeching halt due to science's proof of the pudding. What if there had been a religion built up off of this Face on Mars stuff? What if it had grown to outlandish proportions and suddenly out of the clear blue or clear pinkish Martian sky the truth revealed with a deafening thud.

Could this be a glimpse of things to come? We've lived through worse. The Earth's not flat, not the center of the Universe, the

clouds are not mashed potatoes and the sky doesn't taste like
popsicle blue.

Let's keep on scanning the Mars images and look for the real
treasures and wonders that are right before our eyes. Should
another object pop up that appears to be the stuff that dreams
are made of, we'll know to keep a fair weather eye out.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 12:46:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 19:31:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights - Rudiak

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2006 16:33:37 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2006 03:03:30 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

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>background field strengths of <.1mG (within the 1hz-1khz range).
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By comparison, the magnetic fields used on magnetic
neurostimulators (which I used) are on the order of 1 Tesla or
10,000 gauss at the level of the cortex. This is on the order of
10 million or more times the strength of Persinger's fields.
Nobody experiences mild hallucinations. In fact, it is extremely
difficult to induce any sort of sensory sensations with these
extremely powerful stimulators.

We are awash in EM fields that would mimic the field strengths
and frequencies of Persinger's experiments, yet people do not
report the things that Persinger claims. Nobody can replicate
his experimental results. That should also be telling us
something.

>Sometimes when I read his technical papers I am reminded of
>Ghost Busters when they were working at the university. An odd
>field of research.

Indeed. Total bunk as far as I'm concerned.

David Rudiak

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Re: Aliens Made Them Famous - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 15:20:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 19:36:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Aliens Made Them Famous - Scheldroup

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 5:33 PM
>Subject: Aliens Made Them Famous

>Source: The Concord Monitor - New Hampshire, USA

><http://tinyurl.co.uk/40d1>

>September 19, 2006

>45 years ago today ...

>Aliens Made Them Famous

>By Sarah Koenig
>Monitor staff

>On September 19, 1961, Betty and Barney Hill were heading home
>to Portsmouth when they encountered aliens -- or so they
>believed. Whether true or not, their story catapulted them into
>national celebrity.

><snip>

>The Hills recounted that they were taken on board by beings
>whose eyes were disproportionately large and slanted. Betty said
>one of them spoke English to her, though not very well.

><snip>

>When they finished with her, Betty asked the "leader" where he
>was from and he showed her a complicated cosmic map, which Betty
>later drew. She asked for proof of their visit and he gave her a
>book written in strange symbols, but then changed his mind and
>took it back.

A non-technical book with strange symbols was it The Cat In The Hat?

http://y-intercept.com/pub_1.html?year=1957

Books Published
1957
The Cat in the Hat

1958
Irrational Man

1961
Stranger in a Strange Land

http://www.newyorker.com/critics/atlarge/?021223crat_atlarge

Cat People

What Dr. Seuss really taught us.

"The author was Rudolf Franz Flesch, an Austrian emigre with a Ph.D. from Teachers College. His point wasn't just that the Dick and Jane and Alice and Jerry readers were boring; his point was that they were based on a flawed pedagogy. This was the theory of word recognition - the idea that children learn words by memorizing them.

Flesch argued that this was an absurd way to teach reading, since it left the child without resources when confronted with an unfamiliar word. The correct method, Flesch believed, was phonics, teaching children the sounds that letters and groups of letters make-he maintained that there are forty-four such sounds in English - so that they will be able to figure out unfamiliar words.

Ultimately, of course, we do memorize words; we don't stop to sound them out. But Flesch thought that people could get to that stage a lot faster if they started with phonics."

John

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Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights - Smith

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 16:26:21 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 19:38:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights - Smith

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2006 11:30:30 -0700
>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

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>neurostimulators and attempting to stimulate the visual cortex to
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>difficult, as is the case with other sensory modalities as well.
>At best, all we got were extremely crude sensations, such as
>flashes of light.

>Yet we were using magnetic field stimuli on the order of 100
>_million_ times that of Persinger's experiments, in which he
>claims that not only is he getting sensations, but complex
>hallucinations, such as entire alien abduction scenarios. It's
>like saying he can buy a million dollar house for a penny.

Martin is correct about the factor of complex signal waveform
which is critical for Persinger's experiments. If the signal
waveform does not match waveforms that neurons typically respond
to, then you would not expect any effect (unless you use a
gigantic magnetic field 'sledgehammer' to elicit phosphenes or
something). If the weak (or strong) field matches the somewhat
complex (but really not too complex compared to rock or
classical music if you look at the waveform) pattern that single
or clusters of neurons fire with, then you get some 'action'.

>I am currently getting involved with magnetic resonance imagers
>(MRI). These are truly big magnets that penetrate through the
>entire body, quite unlike Persinger's tiny magnets. Thousands
>of people undergo MRI every day, with their brains being pulsed
>at Persinger-like low frequencies with much stronger magnetic
>fields, yet nobody ever reports hallucinations of any type as a
>result.

I would suggest that you try "plugging-in" the waveform
Persinger uses and operate your MRI. I don't think I would want
to be a test subject though because it may induce a permanent
neural firing pattern which may not be pleasant.

>The fields from Persinger's small magnets would
>attenuate so rapidly that their already miniscule magnetic
>fields would die off to virtually nothing, probably below
>thermal noise levels, by the time they reach the brain.

Doesn't that depend on frequency? Yes, the body does have
magnetic shielding properties, but not that great.

>Electric stoves or electric hair driers generate low-frequency
>EM fields comparable to those fluctuating geomagnetic fields
>that Persinger claims cause hallucinations, yet I certainly
>don't know of anybody claiming to have alien abduction scenarios
>from drying their hair or scrambling some eggs on their electric
>range.

Pretty funny! But imagine if rather than 60hz, it was at the
Persinger waveform!

>I live a mile from a major earthquake fault, whose fluctuating
>geomagnetic fields, according to Persinger, are supposed to
>induce UFOs or alien hallucinations. To my knowledge, there
>are not an unusual number of people around here claiming to see
>UFOs or experiencing alien abductions. Yet to try to make his
>theories work, Persinger also claims that one can live hundreds
>of miles from an earthquake fault and experience these things.
>That basically makes it a non-theory, since there is hardly any
>place on Earth that isn't within a few hundred miles of an
>earthquake fault.

I pass on that theory. I prefer to think there are other sources
of these fluctuating fields rather than depend on faults
(perhaps the same source as drives ball lightning).

>Needless to say, I think Persinger is a scientific quack. I
>suspect the only reason he is taken seriously is because his
>claims for a "scientific" explanation for UFOs and alien
>abductions are convenient for debunking.

He is taken seriously because he has published in a helluva lot
of journals and books. He publishes his results and opens
himself up to the scientific method for criticism. If enough
researchers can't verify his claims, then perhaps that will be
the end of his work unless he can offer advice on their
methodology.

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Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights -

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Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 16:30:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 19:40:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights -

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 17:31:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2006 16:33:37 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

>>>>Persinger's experiments with powerful magnets in proximity to
>>>>the human brain produced mild hallucinatory effects which then
>>>>got translated into an explanation for reported alien abduction.

>>>>Just on a point of fact, since this business about powerful
>>>>magnets in proximity has come up before: As I understand it the
>>>>hallucinatory effects were generated with extremely weak field
>>>>strengths, actually much weaker than the typical geomagnetic
>>>>field - by a factor of about 500. What was significant (again,
>>>>as I recall) was the modulation of this field - pulsing or
>>>>rotation - at a few Hz. If you have the source of a field equal
>>>>in strength to the geomagnetic field and attenuate it by the
>>>>inverse square law (ignoring possible directionality) you get
>>>>the experimental field strength at about 20-25 meters away. So
>>>>in absolute terms the power of the magnets is very modest.

>>>>But weren't these experiments done with the geomagnetic
>>>>background excluded, or much suppressed? If so then to that
>>>>extent they are not realistic. The questions then would be: What
>>>>was the peak variation above the remnant background? What is the
>>>>power factor necessary to produce these peaks above the
>>>>unsuppressed natural background (i.e. if the experimental
>>>>background was eliminated completely it would be a factor of
>>>>about 500 but in practice is probably less)? And if this is
>>>>done, do you still get the same effects?

>>>>I don't know the answers to these questions. Does anyone?

>>>>I have been interested in Persinger's work since I learned about
>>>>it in the '90s. Although I am not aware of any subjects being
>>>>tested in a Faraday cage, he did measure the background field
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>>>>There he was testing with 1 to 10mG on the subjects.

>>>>Thanks James. This seems to partly answer the point raised in my
>>>>reply to David. So if I have this straight, the exposure values
>>>>are those at the centre of the brain, estimated from fields
>>>>whose strengths were measured at the edge of the solenoid
>>>>itself. The latter were in the order of 10 times stronger than
>>>>the natural geomag background in the chamber. So proper account
>>>>was taken of the attenuation then.

>>>>The chamber must have been electromagnetically shielded, whether

>or not by design, because the background field measured (0.025
>mG) is negligible compared to the geomagnetic field at earth's
>surface (~0.3 - 0.6 G). The Condign report gives 0.485 G (485.0
>mG) as typical for the UK air defence region.

It has been a while since I payed any attention to the earth's magnetic field. My recollection is that it fluctuates continually at the nanotesla level (Earth's field is generally around 50,000 nT, or 0.5 G). Solar storms cause the field to "bend" and fluctuate so at any point on earth either or both the magnitude and also the direction can change.

The fact that MRI does not cause hallucinations or "lights" or whatever... I can attest to, having been "MRI'd" several years ago. As the magnet was turned on the first time I wondered whether or not I would "see" anything or if my brain would be sucked out of my head.... and so on!

Nothing happened but the hammering noise was very annoying.

The question then arises, how could weak variations in the field be detected (as lights, hallucinations) when nothing is detected in a strong field? This could be a result of "spectral analysis" by the physical material of the brain. We are embedded, nowadays, in a weak, time varying complex EM field that contains all the radio waves generated on earth and some not generated on earth (those that can penetrate the atmosphere). Radios are noted for being able to detect these weak signals, and, moreover, to so a "spectral analysis" of the EM field. The spectral analysis is commonly known as "tuning" the radio (or TV, cell telephone, etc). You can put your radio into a big magnet and still tune it (ferrite cores might be affected however, changing the way it tunes).

Perhaps the brain is working the same way: a huge DC field can be ignored while a small AC field, fluctuating at a frequency or with a frequency spectrum, that is "tuned" to the brain, can be detected even in the presence of the larger field. I don't know that this is true... merely speculation.

And,uh oh, we're not supposed to do more specUFolation.

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Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 06:49:32 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 15:34:18 EDT
>Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

>I never bought the 'Face on Mars' story. It was entertaining and
>stimulating for the imagination but the way Hoagland presented
>his evidence was so way out there that it caused more confusion
>than the blurry images from the Viking craft from the mid 1970s
>that took the original photos.

>The human imagination is very powerful. If you don't watch out
>it will try to make order out of chaos and imprint any number of
>both pleasant and disturbing image solutions. Some see faces of
>dead ancestors in clouds and tree bark rings. Others see faces
>on Mars and buildings on the Moon.

What I always liked most about the (alleged) Face on Mars was
that it represented a mystery that could potentially be solved,
and solved unambiguously one way or another - unlike other
endless, seemingly irresolvable controversies on the edges of
science, of the sort people may be debating a century from now.
Happily, the Face mystery is a mystery no more, and we ought to
celebrate this little triumph of knowledge and discovery.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Michael Persinger [was: ...Waterville

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>>>>>Recently in an article in Fate magazine I brought up the
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>>>>>like saying he can buy a million dollar house for a penny.

>>>>>I don't know about complex abduction scenarios, but I was
>>>>>referring to the more limited types of sensory and mood
>>>>>artefacts, the "mild" ones that Don mentioned as being
>>>>>referenced by the Condign report. Things like disorientation,
>>>>>coloured lights, spinning sensations, feelings of presence etc.

More likely the result of experimental subjects drifting off to sleep and having normal dream imagery during a boring experimental session.

>I'd agree it's a big step from these to vivid structured
>hallucinations with complex narratives. Then there's a second
>big step from this to the full-blown Tectonic Strain Theory. But
>the low-level stuff seems to be relatively well documented, or
>at least there is valid debate about it, and as I said the
>debate seems to centre not around absolute field strength but
>around what Persinger calls "complex" fields, i.e. with rather
>special space-time modulation.

As far as I know, nobody has ever duplicated Persinger's results. If you read Persinger's papers, he extensively references himself, not other groups who are getting similar results. This alone is not a good sign. The point is, his stuff is not well-documented.

>>From the discussion in Wikipedia I understand that the
>controversy with Granqvist centers on claims as to whether a
>software programme developed by Persinger's lab, for controlling
>the way the field is applied during the course of the
>experiment, would properly run on Granqvist's computer. This
>suggests that we aren't just talking about a simple pulse or
>waveform. This argument seems to be specific to the "God helmet"
>experiments, but was the pattern used for the other experiments
>similarly complicated? More complicated?

>In this case according to Persinger "a frequency-modulated
>pattern (tailored after a 'chirp' sequence from standard signal
>generators) was applied over the right hemisphere for 20 minutes
>and then a bilateral burst-firing pattern (designed after the
>discharge of amygdaloid neurons...) was applied bilaterally
>over the temporal lobes for an additional 20 minutes". Doesn't
>sound all that elaborate, and obviously a total of 40 mins
>laboratory exposure doesn't translate easily into realistic
>situations in nature. But we do seem to be talking about
>specific patterning rather than intensity.

That's Persinger's claim, but the levels of stimulation he is using are many orders of magnitude below what is actually required to stimulate a nerve cell. It's like saying you can cause a sunburn using moonlight if you pattern the light in a certain way. But it doesn't matter how you pattern it, because the intensities are just way too low.

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>>result. The fields from Persinger's small magnets would
>>attenuate so rapidly that their already miniscule magnetic
>>fields would die off to virtually nothing, probably below
>>thermal noise levels, by the time they reach the brain.

>Well if field strengths are being misrepresented in this way
>then it's a bad flaw. Zero is a lot different from small! I'd
>assumed values were being given for the exposure at some
>relevant area within the brain or averaged over a hemisphere or
>something like this. But if what we're being given is some
>nominal strength near the magnet (say at the transition zone
>distance) without correction for the distance of the magnet from
>the head then this needs clarifying.

I have yet to find specifics of such details as solenoid coil size, current, where field is measured, etc. But it seems they are using small solenoids such as you might find in a radio, low current levels (hence small magnetic fields), and are measuring magnetic fields right next to the solenoid. One commercial version uses the output from your computer sound card to drive the solenoids. You can't generate much of a magnetic field with that. See:

www.innerworlds.50megs.com/index.htm

Assume we have a simple flat coil (instead of a longer solenoid--the situation is actually worse for a long solenoid). Then the field falls off along the solenoid's axis (and even further off-

axis) as $R^2/(x^2 + R^2)^{3/2}$, or roughly x^{-3} as $x \gg R$. The following table shows how the relative field strength falls off with distance from the coil. I've also listed anatomical features of the brain, particularly the hippocampus, amygdala deep in the temporal lobe, and the caudate nucleus in the midbrain. These are the structures that Persinger claims are being stimulated by his coils and triggering his effects.

x	Relative Mag. Field	Relevant anatomical structures
0	1	Scalp
2	.014	Gray matter/superficial white matter
4	.002	Hippocampus/amygdala; white matter
6	.0005	Deep white matter
8	.0002	Caudate nucleus; white matter

The thing to note is just how attenuated the fields are by the time they get down to the claimed excited structures. The already small field is reduced by over 2 to nearly 4 orders of magnitude (depending on structure and depth) because of the tiny size of the coils.

When I was using the magnetic stimulators, I was using coils 10 times this size. By the time you get down to 4 cm into the brain, the field was attenuated to only .48 and at 8 cm to .15. Plus the maximum field was around 10,000 gauss (1 Tesla) instead of a few tens of milligauss. Even at the level of the scalp, the field intensity of the magnetic stimulators is several million times greater than Persinger's coils.

By the time you get down to such structures as the hippocampus and amygdala, the field advantage is around a billion to one. Down in the midbrain, it's more like 10 billion to 1. Yet when I would stimulate over the temporal lobe, I would get--nothing. Certainly not a divine presence in the room, a feeling of dread, a feeling of calm, or whatever else Persinger claims to get with his "God helmet."

>But still, whatever the
>actual strengths I suppose it comes down to whether or not
>subject responses had a statistically significant correlation
>with the magnetic field modulations. If they did, and if the
>controls were well designed, then maybe we need to be careful
>not to get into a "can't be therefore it isn't" mindset. Of
>course it may be the controls weren't well-designed. Granqvist
>says so. Persinger disagrees, says Granqvist's replication was
>"not even close". This seems unresolved.

I feel very confident that Granqvist's position will eventually be vindicated.

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>>range.

>True enough (though strictly speaking we don't know what causes
>alien abduction scenarios and someone who experiences one is
>probably not likely to start suspecting their kitchen
>appliances!) But again isn't the significant thing the claim
>about the very specific patterning of the field in time and
>space which, if not replicated exactly (it's claimed), will not
>produce a result? I'd be the first to agree that if the
>phenomenon is so sensitive to these artificial patterns of
>chirps and bursts applied to different parts of the head in a
>certain order then this seems difficult to marry with a natural
>tectonic strain theory.

Not only that, but the physical stimulus is just so damn weak it's hard to imagine what could possibly be affected in the brain. I don't care how you modulate a flashlight beam. It's just too weak to cause a sunburn. Yet Persinger is claiming to do something very much like that.

The fields are simply many, many orders of magnitude too weak to directly stimulate neurons in the brain. The only way I could remotely imagine that such weak fields could interact with the brain is if there were some sort of transducer mechanism that could amplify the effects of these incredibly weak fields. But

it is very hard to imagine what that might be.

>On the other hand, we don't know the reality status of certain
>UFO experiences - or parts of those experiences. Let's say there
>is an ET analogue involved: Is a CE witness interacting with the
>thing-in-itself solely via the customary sensory channels of
>intercepted visible-light photons and sound waves? Or is part at
>least of the interaction going on by routes that bypass the
>normal neurochemical routes? How much of the imagery is raw
>input and how much is an evocation? These are very old
>questions, and we all know the types of reported experiences and
>patterns that give rise to them. Maybe Persinger's results are
>early crude hints of ways of encoding complex imagery - or the
>instructions for neural routines that evoke complex imagery - in
>patterns of transcranial stimuli. Maybe this explains the
>strange dreamlike theatricality of some cases in the literature?
>There could be something to learn here. Maybe Persinger should
>be encouraged. He has produced lots of results; there doesn't
>yet seem to be either consistent replication or refutation.
>Being sceptical of the tectonic strain theory and related
>earthlights-type ideas doesn't necessarily require that we throw
>out the experimental baby with the theoretical bathwater.

Persinger has produced a lot of results that only his lab and his people seem capable of producing. His papers are full of self-references to his own work. After 30 years of making his claims, I would think that several independent groups would have replicated at least some of his work if there was anything to it. It is also rather hard to refute effects that probably don't exist. Persinger will just keep moving the goalpost, claiming that those, like Granqvist, who are getting negative results are using faulty methodology.

Persinger stays afloat scientifically because his claims also serve as convenient UFO debunking "explanations" for the pelicanists. It's the psychological equivalent of swamp gas. If instead Persinger were claiming he was actually communicating with aliens and UFOs with specially-constructed coils (like Wilbert Smith did), you can bet the debunkers would have trashed him a long time ago.

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>and frequencies of Persinger's experiments, yet people do not
>report the things that Persinger claims. Nobody can replicate
>his experimental results. That should also be telling us
>something.

Excuse me, but doesn't the preceding entirely negate a
scientific relevancy, at all? Why is anyone even talking
about Persinger?

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>>About a dozen years ago, I was working with magnetic
>>neurostimulators and attempting to stimulate the visual cortex to
>>produce visual sensation. This proved to be extremely
>>difficult, as is the case with other sensory modalities as well.
>>At best, all we got were extremely crude sensations, such as
>>flashes of light.

>>Yet we were using magnetic field stimuli on the order of 100
>>_million_ times that of Persinger's experiments, in which he
>>claims that not only is he getting sensations, but complex
>>hallucinations, such as entire alien abduction scenarios. It's
>>like saying he can buy a million dollar house for a penny.

>Martin is correct about the factor of complex signal waveform
>which is critical for Persinger's experiments. If the signal
>waveform does not match waveforms that neurons typically respond
>to, then you would not expect any effect (unless you use a
>gigantic magnetic field 'sledgehammer' to elicit phosphenes or
>something).

Sorry, but this is nothing but handwaving and does not conform
to the realities of actual neurophysiology. One does not need
to match neural waveforms, but one DOES need to have a stimulus
large enough to depolarize the nerve membranes. Persinger's
setup fails on the latter my many, many orders of magnitude.

>If the weak (or strong) field matches the somewhat
>complex (but really not too complex compared to rock or
>classical music if you look at the waveform) pattern that single
>or clusters of neurons fire with, then you get some 'action'.

No, one little very uncomplex pulse is quite enough if it is
strong enough, and a field, no matter how complex, will never
stimulate if it is millions of times too weak to depolarize the
nerve membrane. It's the hurricane that knocks the house down,
not the complex fluttering of the butterfly's wings.

>>I am currently getting involved with magnetic resonance imagers
>>(MRI). These are truly big magnets that penetrate through the
>>entire body, quite unlike Persinger's tiny magnets. Thousands
>>of people undergo MRI every day, with their brains being pulsed
>>at Persinger-like low frequencies with much stronger magnetic
>>fields, yet nobody ever reports hallucinations of any type as a
>>result.

>I would suggest that you try "plugging-in" the waveform
>Persinger uses and operate your MRI. I don't think I would want
>to be a test subject though because it may induce a permanent
>neural firing pattern which may not be pleasant.

Gee, that would be rather tough, since Persinger seems to treat his waveforms and pulse sequences as proprietary information. That also makes it rather difficult to replicate his experiments.

As a matter of fact, MRI scanners use rather complex magnetic pulse waveforms of their own repeating at rather low temporal frequencies and for extended periods of time, not too unlike Persinger's rather loosely described setup. A big difference is that the pulsed magnetic fields in the brain are orders of magnitude larger than Persinger's setup and the energy being pumped into the brain is much greater, yet no God entity, out-of-body experiences, UFOs, etc. are reported. Despite being much more potent, these scanners are also deliberately designed to be subthreshold in their fields so as to NOT stimulate the neurons (or overheat the brain!).

>>The fields from Persinger's small magnets would
>>attenuate so rapidly that their already miniscule magnetic
>>fields would die off to virtually nothing, probably below
>>thermal noise levels, by the time they reach the brain.

>Doesn't that depend on frequency? Yes, the body does have
>magnetic shielding properties, but not that great.

It has nothing to do with magnetic shielding or frequency. It has everything to do with Persinger using tiny coils resulting in the field attenuating rapidly with distance into the brain. As a result, the deep structures that Persinger claims to be stimulating would have fields hundreds to thousands of times weaker than at the scalp. Maybe Persinger's coils give his subjects a gentle scalp massage, but that would be about it.

>>Electric stoves or electric hair driers generate low-frequency
>>EM fields comparable to those fluctuating geomagnetic fields
>>that Persinger claims cause hallucinations, yet I certainly
>>don't know of anybody claiming to have alien abduction scenarios
>>from drying their hair or scrambling some eggs on their electric
>>range.

>Pretty funny! But imagine if rather than 60hz, it was at the
>Persinger waveform!

Imagine Persinger's fields were about a billion times greater than they are. Then he might have a prayer of stimulating something. It's not so much the waveform (whatever the hell that is); it's the stimulus strength that's all out of whack.

>>I live a mile from a major earthquake fault, whose fluctuating
>>geomagnetic fields, according to Persinger, are supposed to
>>induce UFOs or alien hallucinations. To my knowledge, there
>>are not an unusual number of people around here claiming to see
>>UFOs or experiencing alien abductions. Yet to try to make his
>>theories work, Persinger also claims that one can live hundreds
>>of miles from an earthquake fault and experience these things.
>>That basically makes it a non-theory, since there is hardly any
>>place on Earth that isn't within a few hundred miles of an
>>earthquake fault.

>I pass on that theory. I prefer to think there are other sources
>of these fluctuating fields rather than depend on faults
>(perhaps the same source as drives ball lightning).

Unless you can ratchet up the magnetic fields millions of times, the results will be just the same, namely nothing.

Also, it seems like you want it both ways. First you are claiming that Persinger succeeds and others don't because it allegedly requires complex waveforms that match up with brain waveforms and stimulus protocols like Persinger's. Interesting. How would natural fields generate such waveforms and protocols?

>>Needless to say, I think Persinger is a scientific quack. I
>>suspect the only reason he is taken seriously is because his
>>claims for a "scientific" explanation for UFOs and alien
>>abductions are convenient for debunking.

>He is taken seriously because he has published in a helluva lot
>of journals and books. He publishes his results and opens
>himself up to the scientific method for criticism.

He publishes his results and makes lots of claims, but never his methods in enough detail that his experiments can be replicated. Thus he can always claim that nobody can replicate his results because they don't exactly replicate his methods. He publishes in mostly secondary psychological journals and his papers extensively self-reference himself, not other researchers doing the same type work. These things should be raising red flags.

>If enough
>researchers can't verify his claims, then perhaps that will be
>the end of his work unless he can offer advice on their
>methodology.

Don't you find it interesting that after 30+ years of making one incredible claim after another (like his lab rats suddenly dropping dead because of extremely minute fluctuations in the geomagnetic field) that nobody has ever replicated his results? (I suspect other experimentalists look for more mundane and plausible explanations that Persinger never considers, such as his rats probably dying of a lab infection. In fact, Persinger's animal lab was closed down by Laurentian University in 2005 because it violated guidelines for care of the animals.)

He is making such remarkable claims, that if there were anything to it, there should have been a gold rush of scientific interest and numerous attempts to replicate the results.

Some attempts to replicate his results in other labs have failed. Then Persinger falls back on his excuse that they haven't precisely replicated his methods, which he doesn't publish in detail.

Persinger gets a lot of press only because his claims are convenient for debunking UFOs, not because his science is good. Thus debunkers lap it up uncritically. But there is no real science of any substance behind it that I can find. No actual plausible physical mechanism is ever provided. Instead, it's a bunch of crystal-gazing, New-Age, psychological handwaving gobbly-de-gook.

Jeez, I'm beginning to sound positively CSICOPian, but in this instance I think we are dealing with true pseudoscience.

David Rudiak

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>and frequencies of Persinger's experiments, yet people do not
>report the things that Persinger claims. Nobody can replicate
>his experimental results. That should also be telling us
>something.

Yes we are awash in EM fields. So is my radio. That doesn't
prevent it from decoding Radio 4.

Just to re-emphasise the point, it seems that according to
Persinger it is not a matter of the field strength or even
just of some sine oscillation that you might get near a fridge
motor but of applying different specially shaped waveforms in a
certain sequence over time.

The bottom line is not whether it is physically impossible or
not but whether the experimental results reported are reliable.
This is crux as far as I'm concerned.

Does anyone have published references for the failed
replications (other than the quoted Granqvist experiment, which
seems to be in some doubt)?

Persinger has been reporting related results for 15 years or
more, and remote neurostimulation is a surely a very active
research area. Why isn't it completely clear by now that
Persinger's results are fraudulent "bunk" if this is so? Has he
been disowned by his institution? Have co-workers blown the
whistle? Have his papers been turned down? Or is he just being
totally ignored because he is "obviously" a crank?

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>>>I have been interested in Persinger's work since I learned about
>>>it in the '90s. Although I am not aware of any subjects being
>>>tested in a Faraday cage, he did measure the background field
>>>strength in the acoustic chamber he normally performed his tests
>>>in. In two reports (1990,1991), this is measured at .025mG or
>>>2.5nT. The magnetic levels he measured for the solenoids were
>>>.3-.4 mG (the range is from the location nearest the solenoids
>>>to the central portion of the subjects brain) for 4 Hz, .4-.6mG
>>>for 9hz and .8-1mG for 16 Hz. In 1993, in the chamber he reports
>>>background field strengths of <.1mG (within the 1hz-1khz range).
>>>There he was testing with 1 to 10mG on the subjects.

>>Thanks James. This seems to partly answer the point raised in my
>>reply to David. So if I have this straight, the exposure values
>>are those at the centre of the brain, estimated from fields
>>whose strengths were measured at the edge of the solenoid
>>itself. The latter were in the order of 10 times stronger than
>>the natural geomag background in the chamber. So proper account
>>was taken of the attenuation then.

>>The chamber must have been electromagnetically shielded, whether
>>or not by design, because the background field measured (0.025
>>mG) is negligible compared to the geomagnetic field at earth's
>>surface (~0.3 - 0.6 G). The Condrign report gives 0.485 G (485.0
>>mG) as typical for the UK air defence region.

>The building and chamber and test helmet all probably had some
>magnetic shielding properties. But I think the issue is the kind
>of magnetic field Persinger was measuring.

>There are two components of geomagnetic fields, one which is
>relatively constant due to the magnetic core. At the surface of
>the Earth, the vertical component is maximum at the Earth's
>magnetic poles, and is about amount 670 milliG and 0mG at the
>magnetic equator. The horizontal component is maximum at the
>magnetic equator (330mG) and 0mG at the magnetic pole.

>The time varying components are really what Persinger was
>interested in. His magnetic meters were only designed to measure
>this aspect.

>The time-varying components include contributions from daily
>changing fields due to the Sun's and Moon's influence on the
>Earth's ionospheric currents. This time varying magnetic field
>component is a rather low frequency (.002hz to .1hz) and is

>around .3mG. His meter did not pick up such a frequency range.

>A larger time-varying component is due to solar activity and
>thunderstorms. This time varying value can get as high as 5mG.
>These are likely up to 5Hz but last from a few minutes to a few
>hours. This range is likely what Persinger's field meters were
>designed for. In general, time varying components beyond 5 Hz
>are usually very low (<.01mG).

OK, now I think I've got it! Persinger only metered the background noise level in the frequency range (say, order of 10 Hz) of the stimulation he was using. And when a 0.025mG background is stated this means the amplitude of a magnetic variation on top of an essentially constant field inside his acoustic chamber, which latter was probably not much attenuated below the usual ambient levels but is being ignored as a reference-zero background.

Condign does state in at least two places that the chamber was Faraday shielded. Maybe this is a misunderstanding. But if only time-variations are of interest then it doesn't much matter where your zero-point is.

So while it is true to say that the amplitude of his stimuli (in the range 0.1 - 10.0 mG) was extremely tiny compared to the constant geomagnetic background it was actually quite comparable to the natural amplitude variation occurring at similar frequencies at the time! This pretty well shifts all of the burden for the effect reported onto fine detail of the pulse envelope, frequency modulation, rotation and orientation of the field relative to the head.

Martin Shough

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Is Decatur Man's Discovery An Out-Of-This-World Find?

By Chris Killian
Special to the Gazette

Walking in his friend's field just northwest of Phoenix, Ariz., in June, Joe Stambeck stumbled upon a rock that he considers to be out of this world.

The rock - about the size of a large melon - bears the image of a person's profile, complete with what appears to be an eye, nose, mouth and neck.

"I was just walking along and tripped on it," he said. "But when I picked it up and looked at it, I knew it was something really unique."

Is it a profile of a woman? A Native American artifact? A freaky natural rock formation? Or perhaps, as Stambeck says it may be, a picture of an alien?

"I don't know exactly what it is, but I know it definitely was not formed by nature," he said. "It was put here by someone or something."

Stambeck has collected Native American artifacts and fossils for years, but his latest find is one of the most interesting things the 49-year-old Decatur man has ever found, he said.

"It kind of looks like an alien head, so I'm not ruling out it being something extraterrestrial," he said. "You don't see something like this every day."

Stambeck said he plans on contacting a geologist or anthropologist at Western Michigan University in the near future to have the rock examined. Once a determination is made about what the rock is, he said, he will likely sell it or donate it to a museum.

Until that time, however, the rock will remain under lock and key at his home. Few have seen it, and of those who have, even fewer have ventured a guess about what it might be.

"Pictures really don't do it justice," Stambeck said.

The rock does seem to be bringing Stambeck some good luck, however.

A part-time bartender at the M-40 Bar in Decatur, Stambeck said he sometimes rubs the rock before he goes to work, where he

plays the Michigan Lottery's Club Keno game during his down-time. He has won more than \$200 since finding the rock.

"It gives me a lot of good luck and a little bad luck," he said.
"But it does have some charm to it."

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

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Author Says UFOs Still Buzzing West Virginia
Mannix Porterfield
The Register-Herald

FLATWOODS =97 In the gathering dusk of a warm September evening, a sandlot football game is halted suddenly by a fiery object streaking over the lush, green hillside a short distance away.

Startled by what they saw, the five boys engaged in football, accompanied by the mother of one and a second adult, rushed up the mountainside to investigate.

=46rom behind a tree emerged a 12-foot object, emitting a strong and repulsive sulfuric odor. Crackling sounds inside it reminded the witnesses of bacon sizzling in a fry pan.

Nothing verbal came from the curious object, but strong lights from the head of it formed a beam directed at the frightened onlookers.

Just to the right on the hillside lay a circular object described later as the standard spaceship.

Terrified, the seven scampered down the hill, giving birth to the enduring episode of the Braxton County Monster.

Fifty-four years later, the account endures, thanks largely to a book author Frank Feschino Jr. penned after a dozen years of painstaking research. For instance, he was the first to examine the official Air Force Blue Book on UFO sightings, unwrapped only two decades ago after years of official secrecy.

Witnesses never altered their account of the bizarre incident that Sept. 12, 1952, night that put Flatwoods on national news for several days.

Based on his in-depth research that embraced "tons of reports" and numerous interviews with witnesses, Feschino is convinced the "monster" was indeed an alien inside a metallic probe, or small shuttlecraft, not unlike the lunar modules used by America astronauts, explaining why it appeared to "float" along the ground.

Feschino believes the alien was aboard one of three spacecraft that escaped a dogfight with U.S. Air Force jets over the Atlantic Ocean and landed inside the American border.

The red-and-green "monster," a moniker that has stuck over five decades, appeared to have a medieval cowl over its head, while cloaked in a metallic "skirt." Antennae were visible, but it

seemed to be armless.

One of the witnesses, Kathleen May, described the lower part of its attire as "hanging drapes," not surprisingly given the vernacular of the 1950s, but Feschino says this likely was a set of pipes of the shuttlecraft. Another saw it as a suit of armor. To one, the head reminded him of the ace of spades.

Less than half an hour, the "monster" was back inside his craft and took off for parts unknown.

Feschino's research took him to articles in weekly newspapers of the era, since many witnesses to UFO sightings hadn't bothered to contact authorities to fill out a detailed, 10-page report provided by the military.

Flatwoods became a household dateline just five years after the Roswell incident, and only a few years after the "shoot them down" directive to U.S. fighter pilots amid the mounting tensions with Russia in that era, he pointed out.

If an unknown craft appeared, the author says, the military was commanded to shoot first and ask questions later, rather than risk a pre-emptive nuclear strike by the Russians, based on the revelations of one high-ranking Air Force officer.

"This was at the height of the Cold War," Feschino said, recalling how school children were drilled almost daily in survival, such as getting under desks.

"You're concerned for the safety of the country, and what if you picked up something on radar? Is it a Russian with a bomb? Or a UFO? You don't want that on your head."

When radar detected an unfamiliar, jets were scrambled.

"Shoot Them Down," in fact, is the title Port Orange, Fla., resident has chosen for a follow-up book on the UFO phenomenon.

Likely, the aliens were conducting reconnaissance flights over America, since they were seen at atomic plants and Air Force installations, the author said.

This, in turn, gave birth to a theory of galactic spying, or a "cosmic kindergarten," as one expert has described, Feschino pointed out.

"There have been tons of sightings up there," the author said. "Braxton County is a hotbed for UFO sightings."

Just why remains a puzzle, but the author also says evidence has surfaced that crop circles have surfaced in the area as well.

One of the three spaceships that eluded the fighter jets nearly clipped a passenger train in Wheeling before darting southward and landing in Bluefield, says Feschino.

"The one that landed in West Virginia actually flew over Washington half an hour earlier," he says.

"I knew that every story has a beginning, a middle, and an end. Flatwoods was the end of the story. I wanted to find out what happened preceding it."

So, the author fetched aerial maps and compiled one that measures about 8 by 10 feet, tediously pinpointed each sighting, then connected the dots.

"In all of that night in 1952, there were about 18 and one-half hours of sightings," he says.

The Blue Book actually devoted an official case report to the Flatwoods incident, he learned.

"Besides that one page, there were about 200 other pages of UFO sightings that occurred throughout the night," he said. "Flatwoods was not an isolated incident. This was not just one little incident. The one in Flatwoods was only 5 percent of the story."

In fact, he said, the "monster" was tracked as it retreated back

across Braxton County that same night.

Feschino figures the aliens are still using the backwash of rural Braxton County since it is only 206 direct air miles away from the Capitol and provides dense foliage for concealment in interludes while, for whatever reasons. They are scouting out America.

As the damaged aircraft witnessed that night in 1952 flew over the backwash, parts of it crumbled and fell to the ground. No doubt, he says, many souvenir hunters grabbed them, never telling authorities about their finds.

"There could be hundreds of pieces of shrapnel and pieces in some junk cabins," he said. "We don't know."

Feschino says the media falsely portray Americans as evenly divided on Braxton County's incident.

"That's not even close," he said. "I would say it's closer to 90 percent who believe and 10 percent who are skeptical as far as the Flatwoods case is concerned."

Feschino's book, "The Braxton County Monster: The Cover-Up of the Flatwoods Monster Revealed," was published by West Virginia Book Co. of Charleston, who says sales were "super" when it came out last year, and remain "quite steady."

"Frank does a wonderful job with tying in everything that happened in D.C. and all over the Eastern Seaboard," says owner Bill Clements.

"Basically, no one would talk about it. People were ridiculed by the media. Most of them just clammed up. Feschino spent 12 years getting to know people and getting their trust."

To some denizens of Flatwoods, the "monster" is on par with Mothman, the bird-man creature that took up brief residence in Point Pleasant. Does this mean a Flatwoods-based movie could be in the offing?

"There have been a lot of offers, but just talking at this point," Feschino acknowledged.

If one is made, would Feschino land a role?

"I want to be the 'monster,'" he laughed.

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

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Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 07:20:59 -0400
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September 20, 2006

True Or False? How Do We Know?

Innocent or guilty? A jury's finding can depend on the recollection of an eyewitness to crime, but memory is a tricky thing. In the past 20 years, the notion of false memory has moved from the psychology laboratory to the popular media. People have come to understand that it is possible to have vivid, complex memories of events that never happened.

"Our memories are not videotape recorders, but there are features in our memory that help us guard against being woefully wrong," said University of Arkansas psychologist James M. Lampinen. "Not only have psychologists been interested in how false memories are created but in how they are avoided."

Lampinen and colleague Timothy N. Odegard of the University of Texas at Arlington edited a special issue of the journal *Memory* focused on the ways in which people edit memories for inaccuracies and inconsistencies. The editors assembled researchers who are "leaders in the field of identifying and explicating the nature of the quality control mechanisms that limit false memories" to contribute to the special issue.

Research in psychology labs has established that false memories can be created in various situations, such as in word learning exercises and in eyewitness memory. Yet, while memory is subject to distortion, that is only half the story. People also use editing mechanisms to correct for distortion, making it possible to rely on memory to be reasonably accurate. Psychologists have learned that the errors in memory are errors that make sense and leave people with a more or less accurate gist of past events.

In their introductory editorial, Lampinen and Odegard called memory a construction project that uses multiple quality-control systems to evaluate the trustworthiness of evidence. There is an interplay, the authors noted, "between those mechanisms that distort memory and those mechanisms that protect memory against distortion." The quality-control systems include such considerations as the degree of detail that makes up a memory, the thoughts associated with the memory, the related emotions, the other contextual information and the kinesthetic detail.

At times false memories are so vivid in their details that it seems they must be real. In earlier research, Lampinen and colleagues have shown that people can adopt details from actual events to flesh out false memories in a way that feels real, in a process called content borrowing. "Recent experiments have produced convincing evidence of content borrowing," Lampinen said.

In addition to an overview article and an editorial, the editors contributed an article about research they conducted with Kristina N. Watkins, an undergraduate honors student. They tested a mathematical model for predicting rejection of distorted memories, known as recollection rejection, as well as the creation of vivid false memories, known as phantom recollection.

In laboratory testing, recollection rejection is operating when a person uses verbatim memory to reject a test word - "dog" - because he consciously recalls that he had studied a different word - "cat." On the other hand, memories that convey the sense and meaning of a word are called gist memories, which can sometimes produce vivid and detailed false memories and lead to erroneous recollection rejection. That is, the participant can reject "dog" because he erroneously recalls studying the word for another furry pet, such as "cat."

The laboratory experiments affirmed that recollection rejection is a complex process involving both verbatim and gist memories and demonstrated the effectiveness of the mathematical model to broaden the theoretical understanding of memory. The data, the researchers concluded, add to "the growing corpus of data demonstrating the necessity of multiple memory process to account for recognition memory performance." Further research is needed to better understand how recollection rejection operates, something the researchers noted is an important question with implications for how instructions given to children and adults can facilitate memory through use of recollection rejection.

In their overview article, Lampinen and Odegard wrote that work on memory editing is still in its infancy and that they hope the special issue of Memory "will inspire new empirical work and fresh insights into the nature of false memory creation, and into the mechanisms that guard against false memories."

Lampinen is an associate professor of psychology in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas. Odegard, assistant professor of psychology at University of Texas at Arlington, earned a doctorate in psychology from the University of Arkansas in 2004.

Source: University of Arkansas

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 07:05:26 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 07:23:41 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 18:42:43 -0500
>Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

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>celebrate this little triumph of knowledge and discovery.

Well said!

I've realized again how much fun this ride was! I got the chance
to increase my studies of many sciences, humanities, history,
art. That increase in awareness can't be bought.

Best,

Greg

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Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

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Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 07:53:09 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

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Gentlemen,

Am I missing something? I have that sensation that I am because
having read ESA's press release, I'm still left struggling to
understand just how anyone could possibly have come to the
conclusion that Jerry, Greg, and Dick have based on absolutely
nothing at all other than a statement from ESA that essentially
is no different to NASA's in '98 etc.

All that is being displayed here is an urgent and desperate
desire to sweep under the carpet what is considered by many to
be a stain on the perceived seriousness of Ufology. We wouldn't
even be having this discussion if the lunatic element hadn't
been drawn to this subject in the past, with their bulging eyes,
wild speculation, and ridiculous conclusions. I'm certainly not
claiming that that really is a face staring back up at me but my
eyes tell me it is and so I'm going to want a man on that planet
walking around and doing a first hand, close up inspection to
confirm it one way or another before I'm prepared to acknowledge
and concede otherwise. In other words gentlemen, I want proof.
Better proof than just wild proclamation and hand waving from a
distance.

It is the concept of what might be that is being rejected here.
And yet somehow, compared to the concept of LGM flying around
down here, there doesn't seem to be much of a difference.

Stuart Miller

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More Phoenix Lights Documentary Venues

From: Dr Lynne Kitei <drlynn@nul.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 14:45:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 08:04:38 -0400
Subject: More Phoenix Lights Documentary Venues

Returning from sold out screening at Boulder Colorado's Landmark Cinema & officially selected to appear at the Australian International Film Festival

The Phoenix Lights Documentary will be presented at two international film festivals in one day!

Thursday October 12th

Westwood International Film Festival
The Majestic Crest Theatre
at 1:30 pm
1262 Westwood Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

www.westwoodfilmfestival.com

and

FAIF [Foundation for the Advancement of Independent Films]
International Film Festival

Mann's Chinese Theatre

at 7:00 pm
Hollywood, California

www.magicalfilmfest.com/

This groundbreaking and internationally award winning Documentary, based on the bestselling book,

"The Phoenix Lights ... A Skeptic's Discovery that We Are Not Alone", features eyewitnesses, military, former Phoenix Vice Mayor, University based scientists, experts in the field plus astounding NASA footage confirming the reality of these mysterious global visitations and a spectacular August 30, 2006 sighting revealed for the first time!

What are they? Where do they come from? What do they mean?

Produced by physician, author and key witness, Lynne D. Kitei, M.D., in association with Steve Lantz Productions

Please join us

"Brilliant...It is what the world needs" --U of A Professor, Gary E. Schwartz, Ph.D.

"The best Documentary I've seen on UFOs" --Alfred Lehmborg, Alien View

"I will recommend it to all my friends. Bravo!" --Stojan Karlusic, Australia

"Spellbinding from beginning to end." --Frances Emma Barwood, Former Phoenix Councilwoman/Vice Mayor

"It was awesome! ...I was glued to the screen!" --Pat Lonchar,
American Express

"What a Triumph!" --Rebecca Hardcastle, MDA, Ordained Minister,
Ph.D. in Divinity

"A captivating account of the biggest and best documented UFO
sighting of modern times." --Tom Huston, What Is Enlightenment
Magazine March-May, 2006

"It is a brilliant documentary... few cases have been or are
likely to be as major as The Phoenix Lights incident(s)." --Soren
Hyldgaard, Composer and screen writer from Copenhagen, Denmark

"The packed screenings of your Documentary elevated our IONS
members and other members of the community to a higher level of
consciousness and awareness. ...Compelling research and most
poignant, your messages of connection and spirituality." --Susan &
David Cooper, Tucson Coordinators Institute of Noetic Sciences

"...intriguing, entertaining and riveting throughout." --Bram
Sheafor, attendee at the sold-out Landmark Crossroads Cinema in
Boulder, CO

To view The Phoenix Lights Documentary movie trailer and lots
more, check out:

www.thephoenixlights.net

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From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 08:10:18 -0400
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Jerry is correct 100%... in theory. I have just read some
messages from the Spanish UFO e-List Mundo Misterioso who still
are unconvinced that the Sydonia region face-like mountain range
not photographed with a 3D, high-resolution camera by European
Mars Express sonde is the real face captured by the Viking.

Twisted arguments are used not to have to change their beliefs.
The miseducation provided year after year by yellow press,
sensationalists and propagandists leave an indelible mark in the
minds of some people... unfortunately.

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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UFO Televised Live By Chance?

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 14:24:12 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 10:16:33 -0400
Subject: UFO Televised Live By Chance?

Filer=B4s Files #33, August 4, 2004 reported (quoting Brian Vike) that on July 17, 2004, around 8:45-9:15 (Indiana time) two persons were watching the British Open live on the ABC Sports Show, they were doing an interview with Marck Calavecchia the 1989 champion, when a orb-like body crossed the screen.

In case someone is willing to help, I have some questions:

Where did the interview take place? Britain? (Any precise location known?)

Can someone get the ABC TV videotape?

Are there more details in Brian Vike hbccufo web site? Any precise link will be appreciated.

Thank you and best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 07:32:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 10:19:39 -0400
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And I would! Gleefully, happily, gladly! Finding out one is in
arrears is still a step up when it is acknowledged, but too
often the 'explained' anomaly is used by your garden variant
spring-butt klasskurtxian, ignobly and errantly, as a piece of
the microcosm to discredit the macrocosm, and that makes me
want to drown the aforementioned in broccoli water - hoping they
loath broccoli, you know?

I resent giving the ardent pelicanists an inch only because they
invariably use same to justify trying to snatch the whole
bleedin' parsec, eh?

With regard to Mars? We (you and I?) don't know. Neither does
the aforementioned klasskurtxian. To wit? Roll it and smoke it
skeptibunkies! The moving finger ain't 'writ', and it ain't
'moved on'. The whole universe still hides behind a grain of
sand held at arm's length into a starry night sky.

Don't make me quote Haldane! <g>

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Recent NASA Shuttle 'Object' Footage?

From: **Strange Days... Indeed** <sdi.nul>
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 10:06:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 10:26:21 -0400
Subject: Recent NASA Shuttle 'Object' Footage?

Below is part of the UFO News portion of tonight's Strange Days...
Indeed radio program that I host.

Perhaps a reader can assist?

Early Tuesday morning of this week, Michel Deschamps and I were watching the NASA-TV web-feed as the shuttle beamed-down video-footage that the crew had recorded in the morning early hours of an object flying parallel with them. Not the footage of space-junk that you've probably seen on various newscasts and websites, but of an object flying through, between and above very high clouds in the earth's atmosphere. We figured the clouds were at about 80,000 feet and the shuttle at around 200 miles above the surface - which makes the object potentially huge.

The NASA-TV/CapCom voice was very guarded and careful in her commentary as the footage was downloaded, in real-time, to NASA ground-control, variously calling it an "Object" or "the Item". The hesitancy in her voice was obvious as her mind struggled to not characterize it as a UFO.

The problem with Web-fed TV via Windows Media Player its impossible to record the video to a computer hard drive - so I don't have a copy of the footage that we saw. We did, however, eventually realize that we could shoot my laptop's screen with our video-equipped digital still cameras, but by that time the footage NASA was replaying no longer contained the image of the object flying through the clouds.

The NASA Mission Management Team had initially decided to delay the shuttle's return because of bad-weather over Florida. After the footage I'm referring to was seen by the public, they had a three-hour, late-afternoon meeting, ostensibly to discuss activities that might be carried-out during the extra time in space.

This wasn't the first time the shuttle was waved-off due to bad weather and since everything that NASA does in space is very carefully planned, way ahead, and listed in their mission schedule, surely in that schedule-book, in 'Appendix A' would be what to do during extra time in space... and wouldn't need a three-hour meeting to discuss the day's activities.

At the press conference after the meeting, the NASA Mission Management Team admitted that they didn't know what the object was, but the next day, were very quick to identify video of several other objects, floating about a hundred feet from the shuttle, as possibly coming either from the shuttle itself, the space-station or the Soyuz craft that had just docked at the space-station.

So, what we have is another NASA-related mystery. What was the object that was picked-up by one of the shuttle's cameras while the crew slept? The NASA voice obviously was seeing what Michel and I were and very uncomfortable in trying to describe what was on her screen. Why was that original footage shortened to not

show the obviously very large object clearly visible against the earth's surface, and flying in and out of the high-cloud cover? Why would the MMT spend three-hours in an un-scheduled meeting to, ostensibly, discuss the day's activities?

If anyone happens to have recorded that original, complete and un-highlighted footage of the single object from NASA-TV, there are several of us who would very much like a copy, please. Both Michel Deschamps and I want to verify what it was that we saw on Tuesday morning.

Errol Bruce-Knapp

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Re: Michael Persinger - Reason

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Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 10:31:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Persinger - Reason

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 23:14:46 -0700
>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger [was: ...Waterville Spooklights]

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>Sorry, but this is nothing but handwaving and does not conform
>to the realities of actual neurophysiology. One does not need
>to match neural waveforms, but one DOES need to have a stimulus
>large enough to depolarize the nerve membranes. Persinger's
>setup fails on the latter my many, many orders of magnitude.

I'm going away for a couple of weeks soon, and really don't have time to get into a long discussion about this, but the above remark does not seem to me very sensible.

Nerve cells aren't inert objects, which simply hang around waiting for experimenters to come along and do things to them - they're in a constant state of activity. Exactly how large a stimulus you need to depolarize a cell depends on how close that cell is to its depolarization threshold already. A small stimulus can make all the difference between a cell firing and remaining just slightly below threshold.

Also, if the field gradient is sufficiently steep (as it apparently would be in Persinger's experiments) this introduces a potentially significant non-linearity into the picture. Cells in one area might fire (or be inhibited from firing - it could work both ways) while other cells, a very short distance away, might be unaffected. Does anyone really want to say what the effect of such a non-linearity might be on a cellular network of unknown topography?

On top of which, we don't have chapter and verse on every neurotransmitter in the brain to the extent we can say, definitively, what the effect of high field gradients might be on the conformation of these molecules and their subsequent interaction with receptors.

Cathy

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 18:42:43 -0500
>>Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 15:34:18 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

>>What I always liked most about the (alleged) Face on Mars was
>>that it represented a mystery that could potentially be solved,
>>and solved unambiguously one way or another - unlike other
>>endless, seemingly irresolvable controversies on the edges of
>>science, of the sort people may be debating a century from now.
>>Happily, the Face mystery is a mystery no more, and we ought to
>>celebrate this little triumph of knowledge and discovery.

>Jerry is correct 100%... in theory. I have just read some
>messages from the Spanish UFO e-List Mundo Misterioso who still
>are unconvinced that the Sydonia region face-like mountain range
>not photographed with a 3D, high-resolution camera by European
>Mars Express sonde is the real face captured by the Viking.

>Twisted arguments are used not to have to change their beliefs.
>The miseducation provided year after year by yellow press,
>sensationalists and propagandists leave an indelible mark in the
>minds of some people... unfortunately.

Sigh. I'm afraid you're right, Vicente-Juan. For some it's not
about finding answers; it's about mongering mysteries. And it's
not as if there weren't enough legitimate mysteries out there
already.....

Jerry Clark

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Re: UFO Televised Live By Chance? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 16:59:28 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 12:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Televised Live By Chance? - Shough

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 14:24:12 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: UFO Televised Live By Chance?

>Filer=B4s Files #33, August 4, 2004 reported (quoting Brian Vike)
>that on July 17, 2004, around 8:45-9:15 (Indiana time) two
>persons were watching the British Open live on the ABC Sports
>Show, they were doing an interview with Marck Calavecchia the
>1989 champion, when a orb-like body crossed the screen.

>In case someone is willing to help, I have some questions:

>Where did the interview take place? Britain? (Any precise
>location known?)

Hi V-J

The 2004 British Open took place from 15 - 18 July, at Royal Troon in Ayreshire, Scotland. It was played over four Rounds, so presumably this is one Round per day (I don't play or follow the game)? Checking the British Open website you can find the pairings of players due out for each Round. The site shows that Mark Calcavecchia was due to play in Round 3 paired with Paul McGinley at 10:15 AM, presumably on 17 July, and he did: "Mark Calcavecchia had an unusual 69 in the third round that didn't put him into contention, but gave him a chance for his third straight top-10 finish at Royal Troon." So it looks to me as though an interview on 17 July must have been live from Royal Troon.

An "orb-like body" crossing the screen above a golf course is maybe not so amazing, where orbs are being chipped and sliced all day <g>, but it depends what it looked like and how it moved I suppose. Other points to consider are that Troon is right on the sea coast - lots of gulls about - and the weather can be pretty blustery.

Martin shough

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Re: Michael Persinger - Smith

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>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 16:50:40 -0700
>Subject: Michael Persinger [was: ...Waterville Spooklights]

>I have yet to find specifics of such details as solenoid coil
>size, current, where field is measured, etc. But it seems they
>are using small solenoids such as you might find in a radio, low
>current levels (hence small magnetic fields), and are measuring
>magnetic fields right next to the solenoid. One commercial
>version uses the output from your computer sound card to drive
>the solenoids.

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However, assuming the effect is real, it may still be possible that purposeful (rather than natural) exploitation of these fields could be used to influence mental processes of humans.

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Re: Michael Persinger - Shough

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Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 17:33:54 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 09:48:34 -0400
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>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 19:12:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger [was: ...Waterville Spooklights]

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>and frequencies of Persinger's experiments, yet people do not
>>report the things that Persinger claims. Nobody can replicate
>>his experimental results. That should also be telling us
>>something.

>Excuse me, but doesn't the preceding entirely negate a
>scientific relevancy, at all? Why is anyone even talking
>about Persinger?

Hi Alfred

I'm interested because I realise I just don't know much about
it. If it's true that he's a lone crank, and lots of people have
failed to replicate his results, and if someone can point me to
these experiments, then I'll forget about him, don't worry.

Martin

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Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

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Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 09:50:04 -0400
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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 15:34:18 EDT
>Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

>Finally. I knew ESA was going out of their way to image these
>regions and am glad they did so. They're breathtaking images and
>reveal much about Mars' past especially it's geological
>profiles.

>I never bought the 'Face on Mars' story. It was entertaining and
>stimulating for the imagination but the way Hoagland presented
>his evidence was so way out there that it caused more confusion
>than the blurry images from the Viking craft from the mid 1970s
>that took the original photos.

As a reminder, there has been a lot of other research done
besides Hoagland's. I would recommend the detailed, serious
studies done by Mark Carlotto, Horace Crater and Stanley
McDaniel primarily. How many on this list, the more skeptical
ones especially, have read any of these studies?

<http://www.newfrontiersinscience.com/cydoniacontroversy>
<http://www.newfrontiersinscience.com/martianenigmas>
<http://www.newfrontiersinscience.com/ArchiveIndex/v01n01/index.shtml>
<http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

I agree that overall, the new images from MEX (ESA) and MGS
(NASA) have revealed a much more natural looking terrain, but
there are still some features which shouldn't be dismissed yet,
smaller-scale ones in particular as documented by Carlotto,
which were seen in the higher- resolution MGS images a few years
ago (down to about 2 meters/pixel). The new MEX ones are at 13.7
meters/pixel. Big difference.

Also the "D&M pyramid" southwest of the face, which in the MGS
images displayed an amazing degree of 5-sided symmetry along its
longest axis:

<http://newfrontiersinscience.com/Papers/v01n03a/v01n03a.pdf>

It also was seen better by MGS than MEX, at about 3 meters/pixel:

http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/2003/09/15

All of these features must be looked at in context of each other
and the surrounding terrain.

I would note also that the new 3-D rendered face image on the
MEX web site is not entirely accurate. The prominent "peak" in
the upper portion of the face was not seen in the previous MGS
images. I'm not saying ESA did this deliberately, but it is an
inaccurate representation, much like the famous "catbox" image
which also distorted the face to being almost unrecognizable,
before the properly rectified version was posted by NASA. When
viewed from directly above, the face actually does retain a lot
of its face-like characteristics, albeit highly degraded:

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http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/extended_may2001/face

(about 2 meters/pixel)

The point though, is that any critiques of these formations must be done with the most accurate and highest possible resolution images!

Perhaps Mac Tonnies could add his thoughts if still on this list?

Paul

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
<http://www.themeridianijournal.blogspot.com>

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Re: Recent NASA Shuttle 'Object' Footage? - Yturria

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Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 19:20:56 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 09:54:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Recent NASA Shuttle 'Object' Footage? - Yturria

>From: Strange Days... Indeed <sdi.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 10:06:44 -0400
>Subject: Recent NASA Shuttle 'Object' Footage?

>Below is part of the UFO News portion of tonight's >Strange
>Days... Indeed radio program that I host.

>Perhaps a reader can assist?

>Early Tuesday morning of this week, Michel Deschamps
>and I were watching the NASA-TV web-feed as the
>shuttle beamed-down video-footage that the crew had
>recorded in the morning early hours of an object
>flying parallel with them. Not the footage of space-
>junk that you've probably seen on various newscasts
>and websites, but of an object flying through,
>between and above very high clouds in the earth's
>atmosphere.

This was the incident that got the main headlines due to the reaction by NASA delaying the Atlantis return for one day and being forced to release the footage to justify and explain the measure taken.

But this was not the only UFO incident in which Atlantis was involved in this mission. Perhaps the most spectacular incident took place the first day Saturday September 9 when Atlantis was in orbit over Central and South America at late night. The infrared camera was taking a view when suddenly a formation of five luminous objects describing a perfect square with the fifth object aside appeared very clear at certain distance from the shuttle. The astronaut (or NASA's camera operator in Houston) noticed the strange lights and moved the camera pointing to the objects and made a zooming getting a perfect view of the unknown objects.

They were five huge round shaped objects very luminous describing a perfect formation. I was shocked to see this live on tv. I don't have any doubt, this was a UFO fleet, a classic formation that also attracted the attention of the camera operator who didn't cut the transmission at any time.

The zooming applied was very important and decisive to establish important issues in this incident like the shape and size of the objects, their distance between Atlantis and the Earth, the coordinates of their formation etc. informations that surely NASA has evaluated by now. Of course this images were not replayed later during the day highlights.

A second UFO incident took place the next day also late night when Atlantis was dumping waste liquids to space. The infrared camera was transmitting live this operation when a huge tubular shaped object appeared at the distance and approached Atlantis. This was a very luminous object that once got close it remained there for a certain lapse of time like observing Atlantis " contaminating " space by dumping waste liquids.

Then the object faded away disappearing. This sequence was not

replayed later.

More unknown objects followed this incident specially on Wednesday Sept. 13 and Thursday Sept. 14. There was a long sequence of anomalous objects around Atlantis describing an unusual activity that was not reported or discussed by the crew but the images were transmitted live and got more impressive when the camera operator brightened the camera lens revealing the presence of many luminous objects, some of them moving around at different speed with pulsating lights and some of them in different directions, a spectacular show that seemed to be very exciting for the camera operators.

Then the September 19 incident took place causing NASA to announce the Atlantis return delay getting all the people's attention to the STS-115 mission jeopardized by this mysterious unknown object. I must say that this incident was not transmitted live at that moment and the report by Atlantis commander Brent Jett was initially made by radio. But they recorded the unknown object with the Atlantis camera at the moment 1:14 AM.

Later and after studies and evaluations to the footage NASA announced Atlantis=C2=B4 return delay releasing the incident to the public and presenting the footage. However I found the footage rather unusual since I didn't see any zooming at all at any time which result highly questionable if we take in consideration they were trying to identify the object's nature, shape and characteristics to establish if this was an Atlantis=C2=B4 component who may be missing causing the alarm and the need to check in deep the whole shuttle's body.

Atlantis has powerful cameras with great zooming features as we have seen in this mission. If you saw the footage by NASA showing the mysterious object you noticed it appears as a small black dot very far away from Atlantis making it very difficult to make a proper identification or even an analysis. Nasa's manager confirmed this during the following press conferences.

Then I ask NASA why the camera operator didn't make any zooming to the object as required in any identification operation like this one, why the astronaut hesitated to perform a single zoom during the long video sequence? I find this unacceptable unless there was something they didn't want to show.

Could it be possible that there are two videos of the same incident? One of them with zoomings showing the object's real shape and characteristics and the second, the one that NASA presented? I'm still very confused by this incident and can not understand the strange absence of the zooming issue.

As people and the media were alerted by now that Atlantis may have been involved in a UFO event many people decided to watch NASA tv and that's when a second incident took place in this Sept. 19 troubled STS-115 day. During the exhaustive check to Atlantis following the mysterious object affair and trying to discover any missing piece or component on the cargo bay using the mechanic arm a sequence transmitted live took by surprise the fortunated ones watching NASA tv at that moment.

A number of anomalous objects around Atlantis appeared again and this time they also surprised the astronauts and mission control in Houston. They even discussed about the nature of these luminous objects while the camera was doing some zooms, all this action live without any cut to my surprise. See the sequence along with NASA's comments:

<http://tinyurl.com/fb3m4>

Atlantis STS-115 has been an important mission with many UFO incidents, something that we have been waiting for sometime in Ufology, incidents documented in live transmissions without editing or censorship and an historic precedent where a shuttle's mission was officially interrupted by the presence of an unknown object that to date was not identified by NASA.

I have been recording 24 hours the Atlantis STS-115 mission over it's 12 days since Atlantis launch and I have witnessed amazing things in space along with the shuttle that makes me more certain we are not alone.

Santiago

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James:

Does the setup generating waveforms suggest possible brain
entrainment which might trigger already stored nodes of
information in the target's neurons?

KK

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>>>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Waterville Spooklights

>>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>Yes we are awash in EM fields. So is my radio. That doesn't
>prevent it from decoding Radio 4.

>Just to re-emphasise the point, it seems that according to
>Persinger it is not a matter of the field strength or even
>just of some sine oscillation that you might get near a fridge
>motor but of applying different specially shaped waveforms in a
>certain sequence over time.

You miss the point. The radio, no matter what you assume about
selective tuning, will get nothing but noise if the signal is
well below noise level. Persinger's magnetic stimulus signal is
orders of magnitude below neural noise levels. I'm not talking 1
or 2 orders of magnitude, where you might be able to pull some
signal out of the noise, but more like 6 to 10 orders of
magnitude too low.

>The bottom line is not whether it is physically impossible or
>not but whether the experimental results reported are reliable.
>This is crux as far as I'm concerned.

Well, I have to agree. Reality ultimately trumps theory. The
problem is nobody has ever replicated Persinger's results, I
strongly suspect because there is nothing there to replicate.
His results are imaginary, probably part wishful and muddy
thinking and another part placebo effect.

Persinger is no physical scientist and has never offered any
sort of physical mechanism that could explain his results.
Instead all he proposes are vague, handwaving, psychobabble
theories that one often finds in low quality psychology
articles. Here's one example, which also includes his rather
dubious if not outright stupid theories about the relationship

between magnetic fields, tectonic strain, and UFO reports:

http://www.innerworlds.50megs.com/Persinger_replies.htm

My training is physical science and neurophysiology, and what I see are stimuli that are absurdly weak to have any effect at all the nervous system. If Persinger could be independently and reliably replicated, then I would have to do some serious rethinking of what the stimulus mechanism might be (even if Persinger can't be bothered). It would require some sort of transducer mechanism exquisitely sensitive to magnetic fields at the molecular level, perhaps an ionic gate or neurotransmitter enzyme, that could amplify Persinger's insanely weak magnetic fields millions of times. But that raises the conundrum of why such a sensitive mechanism isn't swamped by much stronger artificial magnetic fields of similar frequencies and durations that accost us daily. If Persinger were correct, people should be hallucinating constantly in such an environment, but they don't.

>Does anyone have published references for the failed
>replications (other than the quoted Granqvist experiment, which
>seems to be in some doubt)?

>Persinger has been reporting related results for 15 years or
>more, and remote neurostimulation is a surely a very active
>research area.

If you mean remote magnetic stimulation, the stimulus strengths are millions to billions of times greater than Persinger's stimuli. That's the whole point. I don't care how you shape or deliver the stimuli. If they are too small by this many orders of magnitude, they aren't going to do a darn thing.

>Why isn't it completely clear by now that
>Persinger's results are fraudulent "bunk" if this is so? Has he
>been disowned by his institution? Have co-workers blown the
>whistle? Have his papers been turned down? Or is he just being
>totally ignored because he is "obviously" a crank?

His animal lab was shut down last year for alleged mistreatment of the animals and his grad students locked out. What is going on here isn't clear. It could be the animals weren't properly cared for as charged.

Another theory is pure academic politics at play, that Persinger's "God helmet" and claims of being able to replicate religious experiences offend conservative Christian donors to Laurentian University. The alleged animal problem is just the University's cover story to shut Persinger down and get the religious cash cow flowing again. In today's pervasive conservative religious environment, that theory doesn't seem too implausible.

Or a third possibility is that the University does consider Persinger a scientific crank and is again using the animal lab as the excuse to shut Persinger down. Unfortunately, the people who suffer the most here are Persinger's grad students, who have had the rug yanked out from under them.

I do know there has been no particular interest in Persinger's work from the general scientific community. Considering just how fantastic many of his claims are, one would think there would be a great deal of interest by many other groups in replicating and expanding on Persinger's work. (One problem is that Persinger never details exactly what he uses for waveforms and stimulus protocols but treats it as proprietary information--hardly scientific and not conducive to others replicating the experiments.)

That suggests to me that he probably is mostly considered a crank by the scientific community at large (even though he garners a lot of publicity in the media looking for simplistic "explanations" for UFOs, alien abductions, etc.) That by itself doesn't disprove Persinger, as we certainly know of many other examples where scientists were ignored by colleagues, only to have their work vindicated decades later. Wegner and continental drift are but one example. Wegner did have various lines of evidence pointing to continental drift, but he didn't have a plausible mechanism either, hence the theory was largely ignored for 40 years.

Re: Michael Persinger - Rudiak

On the other hand, sometimes cranks are just cranks.

David Rudiak

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Like A Bad Sci-Fi Story

From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
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Subject: Like A Bad Sci-Fi Story

Shuttle astronaut collapses twice during ceremony.

<http://tinyurl.com/j6nng>

Uh oh...

Does anyone else find this rather curious? She keels over twice during a public ceremony and the space agency seems absolutely unconcerned about it - though I don't ever recall anything like that happening at a NASA post-flight press conference before.

"Two NASA officials helped her leave through a side door." Yeah, great work, guys.

I wouldn't be so concerned except that during the mission, she had taken two, long, spacewalks....

And this, you may recall, was coincidentally the first mission I believe where they actually admitted seeing unknown objects flying along with the shuttle....

Now, I ain't saying there's any connection, although if I was an X-Files or Dr. Who scriptwriter, it would be easy to make one. Because I've seen this alien invasion plot before.

Frankly, if I was in charge, I'd want her quarantined and heavily guarded ASAP, and the rest of the crew as well. Plus those helpful officials. Just in case.

Hasn't anybody at NASA ever read any science fiction? No wonder the space program's in such an awful mess.

Jay
weirdload.com

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1956 Radar-Visuals RAF Lakenheath Bentwaters

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 16:51:14 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 10:20:12 -0400
Subject: 1956 Radar-Visuals RAF Lakenheath Bentwaters

Radar-Visual RAF Lakenheath/Bentwaters/Neatishead Incidents
August 13-14, 1956

For you UFO Rendlesham guys this radar-visual series of incidents in August 1956 is fascinating. Even the Condon Report listed this UK case as "unexplained".

Document Archive: primary and additional source material

Background & History: Analyses and opinions

See the full report, Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects at:

<http://lakenheath.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/>

Terry

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Re: Michael Persinger - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 15:30:27 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 10:32:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Persinger - McGonagle

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 15:44:48 -0700
>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

Hello David, List,

<snip>

>His results are imaginary, probably part wishful and muddy
>thinking and another part placebo effect.

>Persinger is no physical scientist and has never offered any
>sort of physical mechanism that could explain his results.
>Instead all he proposes are vague, handwaving, psychobabble
>theories that one often finds in low quality psychology
>articles.

<snip>

The above statement applies equally to Hypnosis - could it be
that they both produce similar results, but by different
mechanisms?

Regards,

Joe

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Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 12:31:43 -0400
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I'd appreciate any further information to clarify this.

Thanks and best regards,

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

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Re: Michael Persinger - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 12:45:07 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 13:08:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Persinger - Ledger

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 15:44:48 -0700
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>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 10:03:46 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger [was: ...Waterville Spooklights]

<snip>

>>Why isn't it completely clear by now that Persinger's
>>results are fraudulent "bunk" if this is so? Has he been
>>disowned by his institution? Have co-workers blown the whistle?
>>Have his papers been turned down? Or is he just
>>being totally ignored because he is "obviously" a crank?

>His animal lab was shut down last year for alleged
>mistreatment of the animals and his grad students locked out.
>What is going on here isn't clear. It could be the animals
>weren't properly cared for as charged.
>Another theory is pure academic politics at play, that
>Persinger's "God helmet" and claims of being able to replicate
>religious experiences offend conservative Christian donors to
>Laurentian University. The alleged animal problem is just the
>University's cover story to shut Persinger down and get the
>religious cash cow flowing again. In today's pervasive
>conservative religious environment, that theory doesn't seem
>too implausible.

>Or a third possibility is that the University does consider
>Persinger a scientific crank and is again using the animal lab
>as the excuse to shut Persinger down. Unfortunately, the
>people who suffer the most here are Persinger's grad students,
>who have had the rug yanked out from under them.
>I do know there has been no particular interest in Persinger's
>work from the general scientific community. Considering just
>how fantastic many of his claims are, one would think there
>would be a great deal of interest by many other groups in
>replicating and expanding on Persinger's work. (One problem is
>that Persinger never details exactly what he uses for
>waveforms and stimulus protocols but treats it as proprietary
>information--hardly scientific and not conducive to others
>replicating the experiments.)

>That suggests to me that he probably is mostly considered a
>crank by the scientific community at large (even though he
>garners a lot of publicity in the media looking for simplistic
>"explanations" for UFOs, alien abductions, etc.) That by
>itself doesn't disprove Persinger, as we certainly know of
>many other examples where scientists were ignored by
>colleagues, only to have their work vindicated decades later.
>Wegner and continental drift are but one example. Wegner did
>have various lines of evidence pointing to continental drift,
>but he didn't have a plausible mechanism either, hence the
>theory was largely ignored for 40 years.
>On the other hand, sometimes cranks are just cranks.

One comment, David.

I doubt that the reasons for shutting down Persinger's lab had anything to do with religious interference. I may be wrong about this but it just doesn't gell with the Canadian religious environment. Religion has lost it clout over the last 20 years or so. Some years ago there was a conservative leader by the name of Stockwell Day who openly admitted that he adhered to the idea that the Earth was formed 6,500 years ago and that the bible was a true account of the assent of man, etc. This was an embarrassment that got him turfed. Even those in his own Reform party openly opposed his views.

Anyway we don't put up with religion interferring with politics and a hint of such in a prominent university, or pressure being brought to bear upon the board of governors would be cause for alarm and public censure.

Maybe the University has had enough of Persinger's unsupported theories which have not been replicated. Persinger used to respond to messages on this List many years ago and, for example, reacted when I questioned his Earth light theories as an all-encompassing solution to the UFO phenomenon.

He might still be lukuing the List. Errol would know.

Don Ledger

[Persinger is not subscribed --ebk]

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Re: Michael Persinger - Smith

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 12:38:57 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 13:11:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Persinger - Smith

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 15:44:48 -0700
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I think he does and it requires reading his technical reports to obtain them.

>Instead all he proposes are vague, handwaving, psychobabble
>theories that one often finds in low quality psychology
>articles. Here's one example, which also includes his rather
>dubious if not outright stupid theories about the relationship
>between magnetic fields, tectonic strain, and UFO reports:

Yes, some are hard to believe. But that is what science is about, coming up with odd ideas and developing tests to test them and if they cannot be confirmed by a majority then they are usually ignored. Look at ESP tests. Many people have done tests, some with good and some with bad results. Is ESP proven? No. But we have alot of tests. Persinger does goes through the scientific method. He has done more than the UFO field has in gathering test data in this hypthosis area of interest.

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>protocols but treats it as proprietary information - hardly
>scientific and not conducive to others replicating the
>experiments.)

You keep saying this, but this implies you have not read his reports. He describes these in detail.

I understand you are an expert in the large scale magnetic fields and their effects on the body, but I hope you would keep more of an open mind on his described phenomena. Without more testing and verification it is not at all confirmed and its application to the area of explaining UFO reports dubious at present, but we should keep an open mind about all anomalous phenomena. I include UFOs as non-prosaic events, ESP, ghosts and Persinger's stuff.

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Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 13:02:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 14:08:01 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Shell

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Since everything before that in the clip is complete and utter photographic nonsense, and some of what follows as well, I would think it a waste of time to pay much attention to this.

The supposed infrared photographs of UFOs are nothing but examples of very sloppy darkroom work. The "rods" are simply a shutter artifact of video cameras, and depict nothing more than insects. Starting from this basis of pure bunkum, I would not place any faith at all in anything else that might be in this waste of video.

If it sounds like I am offended by photographic BS being passed off as fact, that's right. I am.

Bob Shell

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Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Whitehead

From: Robert Whitehead <robwhiteheaduk.nul>
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 17:38:22 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 14:09:10 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Whitehead

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As far as I know, the clip you refer to is from original footage taken on the night in question. However, you really need to visit the official 'UFO: The Greatest Story Ever Denied' website, where you will find contact information for the film's producer, Jose Escamilla.

Visit:

<http://www.theufomovie.com>

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Re: Michael Persinger - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 11:32:57 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 15:43:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Persinger - Rudiak

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 15:12:35 +0100
>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 23:14:46 -0700
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>>Sorry, but this is nothing but handwaving and does not conform
>>to the realities of actual neurophysiology. One does not
>>need to match neural waveforms, but one DOES need to have a
>>stimulus large enough to depolarize the nerve membranes. Persinger's
>>setup fails on the latter my many, many orders of magnitude.

>I'm going away for a couple of weeks soon, and really don't
>have time to get into a long discussion about this, but the above
>remark does not seem to me very sensible.

>Nerve cells aren't inert objects, which simply hang around
>waiting for experimenters to come along and do things to
>them - they're in a constant state of activity. Exactly how large a
>stimulus you need to depolarize a cell depends on how close
>that cell is to its depolarization threshold already. A small
>stimulus can make all the difference between a cell firing and
>remaining just slightly below threshold.

A typical depolarization voltage for a neuron is around 60 mV.
Random noise variation in membrane potential is on the order of
a few millivolts.

Now if Persinger's stimulus setup created membrane potentials on
the order of a few millivolts and the cell was slightly below
threshold, then yes, the stimulus could push a neuron over
threshold and cause it to fire.

But when you work it out, the amount of depolarization that
would be directly caused by Persinger's setup (through magnetic
induction of currents in the brain) is millions of times lower
than this. It is going to have NO effect whatsoever on whether a
neuron
fires or not. It will be totally swamped by normal neural noise.

>Also, if the field gradient is sufficiently steep (as it
>apparently would be in Persinger's experiments) this introduces
>a potentially significant non-linearity into the picture. Cells
>in one area might fire (or be inhibited from firing - it could
>work both ways) while other cells, a very short distance away,
>might be unaffected. Does anyone really want to say what the
>effect of such a non-linearity might be on a cellular network
>of unknown topography?

When I was working with magnetic neurostimulators, we built a
round coil with a nominal diameter of only 2 cm, instead of the
normal 12 cm and 7 cm supplied by the manufacturer. The

reasoning was it would intensify the magnetic field and the field gradient and boost the stimulus. In practice, it was totally useless for cortical stimulation. It turned out there were several reasons for this, but the most important was that as you shrink the coil size, the field drops off much more rapidly. E.g., the small coil generated a magnetic field about 2.5 times larger than the 12 cm coil (at the surface), but 2 cm below the scalp at the level of the gray matter and superficial white matter, the field had fallen off to only a few percent of maximum. That more than wiped out the gain in field and field gradient we got by shrinking the coil.

Persinger seems to be using solenoid coils about 1/4th the size of our smallest and unsuccessful coil. Yet he is claiming to be stimulating deep brain structures, including the midbrain, where the falloff in the magnetic field from his tiny coils is 4 to 5 orders of magnitude from the surface.

In addition, we were dumping literally millions of times more energy through our coils. The magnetic field produced and the resulting induced voltages and charge pushed across a cell membrane (the actual stimulus), are all proportional to the square root of the energy used. So even uncorrected for depth, we were using stimuli many thousands of times more potent than Persinger. Throw in a depth correction for the tiny coils used by Persinger, particularly for deep structures, and the stimuli were many million of times greater.

Yet even using the much larger, more penetrating coils, it was extremely difficult to get any sort of sensory response from visual cortex (crude phosphenes) and I never obtained anything over temporal cortex where Persinger is stimulating.

Magnetic neurostimulators have proved more useful in inhibiting, not stimulating brain function. But even here, one needs very potent stimuli, not the superweak ones Persinger is using.

Persinger's apparatus is many orders of magnitude too weak to stimulate neurons in any conventional fashion (i.e., nerve depolarization by stimulus current/voltage). So then you have to suppose, if you buy Persinger's results, that some highly unconventional stimulus mechanism is involved.

>On top of which, we don't have chapter and verse on every
>neurotransmitter in the brain to the extent we can say,
>definitively, what the effect of high field gradients might be
>on the conformation of these molecules and their subsequent
>interaction with receptors.

The field gradients are not high because the energy through the coils is so miniscule and the already small fields that are produced rapidly fall off to effectively nothing as one goes deeper in the brain. One would have to posit some sort of unknown magnetic transducer mechanism that amplifies the effects of extremely weak fields and field gradients millions of times. Maybe such an exotic mechanism exists, but it's a long shot at best. It would ordinarily be swamped by larger, low-frequency magnetic fields we encounter in daily life, such as from electric hair driers or electric stoves. That doesn't happen. Not many people report feeling the presence of an entity or having out-of-body experiences drying their hair.

Even Persinger refers to his alleged psychological effects from stimulation as "subtle." They are so subtle he often requires isolation chambers and his subjects viewing ganzfelds (180 deg. blank fields) in order to produce them. Putting people in stimulus deprivation situations can alone produce sensory disorientation and minor hallucinations without adding a Persinger "God helmet."

The whole Persinger controversy reminds me of an old send-up of academic papers posted on bulletin boards in the 1970s about how to really interpret scientific research literature. E.g., if the paper said, "it has not been possible to provide definite answers to these questions" it really meant, "the experiment didn't work out, but I figured I could at least get a publication out of it." Or if it said, "it is clear that much additional work will be required before a complete understanding," it really meant, "I don't understand it."

However, one of my favorites was if the paper said "agreement

with the theoretical prediction was excellent," it was probably only fair. If it said agreement was good, it was probably poor. If it said agreement was fair it was more like imaginary. Everybody who read it chuckled because there was a lot of truth in the satire.

So Persinger's results are "subtle" They are so "subtle" that no independent lab has ever reproduced them despite Persinger making claims for over 20 years. Look at Persinger's papers and for references to these effects he refers entirely to his own work or others in his lab. Extensive self-referencing is often a danger sign of pathological science at work.

David Rudiak

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Hi Vicente-Juan,

I supplied the audio news clip to Jose Escamilla for his new production. As far as the media footage, I would suspect that Jose located some original footage, but without sound, thus the overlay of the news report I sent him.

Hope that helps,

Wendy Connors
www.fadeddisc.com

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Should we simply ignore the entire incident, Bob?

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Yeah, let's just forget about the whole thing. Didn't happen.
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From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 20:45:22 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 06:35:56 -0400
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This is a totally fallacious, illogical, irrational argument
which I can only conclude comes from someone with a dull axe to
grind. What you infer is nowhere inherent in his remarks, and in
fact your comments are rather silly.

The so-called Battle of Los Angeles is an interesting historical
datum worthy of study, but when dubious films are advanced
purporting to be relevant evidence, the question of their bona
fides is paramount. And not to be grossly misrepresented in this
manner.

- Dick

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Paraphrasing Yeats

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Hey Folks!

"Here's another hurdle keeps the saucer folk at bay. Just look into your heart before you turn your eyes away"!

<http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>

Ever exploring a creative rationality. Also, a video Tribute to Wilbert Brockhouse Smith and his "Quadrature" concept. I suspect Stanton Friedman, not one to explicate spuriously, used the phrase "character assassination" for good reason.

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Discs Over America! ClipCast

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Subject: Discs Over America! ClipCast

If all you know about Ufology is what you've read, you are researching with only half the material available. It's kinda like digging the Panama Canal with a plastic shovel and a sand bucket.

"Hear all about it! Discs over America!"

Clipcasts at: www.fadeddiscs.com

Thanks for reading and hopefully for listening. The download is free, BTW. Enjoy! While you're at it, how about supporting the audio preservation project? Make your ears happy again!

Wendy Connors

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Re: Michael Persinger - Kimball

From: Hollis Kimball <Choprgo.nul>
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>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 15:12:35 +0100
>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 23:14:46 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger [was: ...Waterville Spooklights]

><snip>

>>Sorry, but this is nothing but handwaving and does not conform
>>to the realities of actual neurophysiology. One does not
>>need to match neural waveforms, but one DOES need to have a
>>stimulus large enough to depolarize the nerve membranes.
>>Persinger's setup fails on the latter my many, many orders of
>>magnitude.

>Even Persinger refers to his alleged psychological effects from
>stimulation as "subtle." They are so subtle he often requires
>isolation chambers and his subjects viewing ganzfelds (180 deg.
>blank fields) in order to produce them. Putting people in
>stimulus deprivation situations can alone produce sensory
>disorientation and minor hallucinations without adding a
>Persinger "God helmet."

I might just add some technical information for enlightenment.

The human brain operates at 4 separate frequencies:

Beta, the low amplitude alert state at 15-40 cps.
Alpha, the high amplitude rest state at 9-14 cps.
Theta, the higher amplitude daydream state at 5-8 cps.
Delta, the highest amplitude deep sleep state at 1.5-4 cps.

The Theta state lasts between 5 to 15 minutes, wherein the
maximum creative mental activity occurs.

The Ganzfeld 'device' is used to induce the Theta state and
render mind altering effects. (See US Patents #4,315,502 and
#4,777,937). And this has been shown to produce hallucinations,
hypnosis, OBE, and even so-called Astral journeys.

A steady-state magnetic force has no effect on the human brain.
(Ref the recent Maglev train accident in Germany). An
alternating magnetic force can have an effect, but only because
of the induced electromagnetic force created as a result.
Persinger's pulse of the solenoids at 0.5 second intervals
created a current of about 0.3 amps which would have decayed in
less than 0.10 seconds, which means that the current was going
to the brain only 20% of the time. I would suggest that if he
had disconnected the power source and repeated the experiments,
he would have gotten exactly the same results.

Hollis Kimball

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An Invisible USO?

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An Invisible USO?
Billy Booth

UFO Of the many UFO cases reported, the state of Ohio has had more than its share. One reason is that they are blessed with some very ardent and tenacious researchers. I saw a really good article that covered a few of these sighting reports. The first case presented is one that allegedly occurred in May of 1999. Dillon Dam was the location of a bizarre occurrence. Two brothers along with their father were doing some late night fishing, when, according to the witness about 10:00 P M, "...suddenly, right in front of us, it sounded as if something 'huge' was coming out of the water. Later when we talked about it, my brother mentioned something as big as a house, but that was just because that was the biggest thing he could think of. It sounded as if an aircraft carrier was emerging from the water. You could sense it rising up out of the water, but we could not see it. You could also hear the water falling back down off of the object, back to the lake." An invisible USO? Well...why not? And that's not all...

This Column is Out of this World recalls the famous UFO sighting with photograph (seen above) that happened on November 13, 1966. A barber from the town of Zanesville, Ralph Ditter snapped two excellent photographs of a UFO, which was hovering above him. There was a lot of interest in the clear photograph, but it was soon debunked by the Rand Corporation. Their think tank personnel deemed it a hoax. An opinion, I totally agree with. Ditter had promised his young daughter that he would take a UFO picture for her, and this caused some concern as to his sincerity. A few years after this, Ditter would openly admit that he had faked the photos with a hubcap. Also listed in the article was a June 1954 report which stated that residents reported that a UFO hovered over the town of Coshocton. You may have seen the police cars / UFO chase in Close Encounters of the Third Kind Well...that was based on an actual event that happened in Portage County, Ohio in 1966.

(Image =A9 Ralph Ditter)

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How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

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Is There Anybody Out There? How The Men From The Ministry Hid
The Hunt For UFOs

- MoD tried to cover-up secret investigation unit
- 10,000 eyewitness reports 'mostly due to weather'

James Randerson
Science Correspondent
The Guardian

The Ministry of Defence went to extraordinary lengths to cover up its true involvement in investigating UFOs, according to secret documents revealed under the Freedom of Information Act.

The files show that officials attempted to expunge information from documents released to the Public Records Office under the "30-year rule" that would have revealed the extent of the MoD's interest in UFO sightings.

In particular, the ministry wanted to cover up the operation of a secret unit dedicated to UFO investigations within the Defence Intelligence Staff. UFO conspiracy theorists have likened the unit, called DI55, to a sort of "Men in Black" agency for defending the Earth against invasion but the released documents show this is far from the truth. One 1995 memo from DI55 to the MoD's public "UFO desk" said: "I have several books at home that describe our supposed role of 'defender of the Earth against the alien menace' - it is light years from the truth!"

The files were made public following FOI requests by David Clarke, a lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam University and his colleague Andy Roberts.

"These documents don't tell us anything about UFOs but they do show how desperate the MoD have been to conceal the interest which the intelligence services had in the subject," said Dr Clarke.

The trail begins with a request, in 1976, from a UFO enthusiast called Julian Hennessy for access to the MoD's records on UFO sightings. A note from the UFO desk to the MoD's head of security on March 23 shows that officials intended to refuse him access on the grounds that the files contain confidential information and "very little of value to a serious scientific investigator".

But the note continues: "This is not to say that the investigation is not taken seriously. The branches have their own methods - and [the public UFO desk] has no 'need to know' about them - but we are aware that DI55 for example sometimes

makes extensive inquiries.

"It is undesirable that even a hint of this should become public and we are currently consulting the [Air Historical Branch] on ways of expurgating the official records against the time when they qualify for disclosure [at the Public Records Office]."

Hearing of the background to his fob off 30 years ago Mr Hennessy, who is a local magistrate, was not surprised. "Everything led me to believe there was a major cover up going on," he said. "They didn't want to let the public know just how interested they were in these phenomena."

Attempts to alter the public record went on into the 90s. In a note dated April 28 1993 from DI55 to the public UFO desk the unnamed author argued the unit's involvement should be excised from records due to be released under the 30-year rule. But the cat was already out of the bag. A clerical error in 1983 had meant that the distribution list was incorrectly left on a publicly released UFO-related document, so UFO enthusiasts were already asking questions.

"Since then they have obviously been bombarded by people saying who is this DI55, what do they do, what is the extent of their involvement," said Dr Clarke.

Eventually, DI55 decided to allow its involvement to be made public. A note from DI55 to the public UFO desk on 5 July 1995 said: "I see no reason for continuing to deny that the [Defence Intelligence Service] has an interest in UFOs. However, if the association is formally made public then the MoD will no doubt be pressured to state what the intelligence role/interest is. This could lead to disbelief and embarrassment since few people are likely to believe the truth that lack of funds and higher priorities have prevented any study of the thousands of reports received."

At this point someone, presumably from the public UFO desk, has scribbled "ouch!" in the margin.

"The lengths they went to to remove any mention of the Defence Intelligence Staff's central role in investigating sightings suggests they had something to hide," said Dr Clarke. "But what they were hiding was not evidence of ET visits but embarrassment at the fact they were never allowed to spend public money on investigating the subject in any depth." The full extent of DI55's involvement has subsequently been made clear by a report released to Dr Clarke in May and reported in the Guardian. That threw up a 500-page document which brought together everything the unit knew about UFOs, or Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAPs) as the MoD prefers, including more than 10,000 sightings. It said the existence of UAPs was "indisputable", but blamed the most vexing sighting on airborne "plasmas" formed during "more than one set of weather and electrically charged conditions", or during meteor showers.

Sighting aliens or otherwise?

August 10 1965 A man reported seeing a crimson ball fly out of the side of a hill in Warminster, Wiltshire. A fortnight later, another man photographed a UFO in the centre of Warminster. In 1994 it was claimed the photo was a hoax and the object was made from a cotton reel and a button.

Boxing Day 1980 A UFO reportedly crash landed in Rendlesham forest, Suffolk, near the Woodbridge US air force base. The incident was nicknamed Britain's Roswell in a reference to the famous UFO sighting in New Mexico in 1947. Witnesses said the craft was covered in markings similar to Egyptian hieroglyphs and aliens emerged from it. An airman later confessed the incident was a hoax.

November 28 1980 Policeman Alan Godfrey reported seeing a six-metre wide dome-like object hovering in the air in Todmorden, West Yorkshire. He returned to the site with colleagues and they found the area where the object had supposedly been hovering was dry even though the rest of the road was wet because of earlier rain.

Early 1990s A string of sightings by residents in north Scotland of a UFO regularly flying overhead at great speed. Documents

released earlier this year suggested the aircraft was a spy plane called Aurora, designed by the Americans to take covert pictures of the Soviet Union.

May 2006 The MoD released details of Project Condign, a four-year secret study into possible explanations for UFOs. The report concluded that many sightings could be explained as by glowing "plasmas" of gas created by charges of electricity.

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Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy

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This Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy
Skywatch
By Chris Anderson

Most professional astronomers divide their time between teaching collegiate astronomy classes and performing their research. But a few have taken up the challenge of acting as liaisons between the world of academia and the lay public.

One such example is Phil Plait, who runs a Web site called "Bad Astronomy" (www.badastronomy.com). For his "day job," Phil is an astronomer at Sonoma State University in California, where he does public outreach for the upcoming Gamma ray Large Area Space Telescope mission. In his spare time, he is engaged in a quest to rid the world of misconceptions and abuses of astronomy in movies, television, the media and the Internet.

It's no small task. Bad astronomy can be found everywhere. Crescent moons are depicted with stars between their horns, so-called documentaries promulgate the wild claims of Erich "Chariot of the Gods" von Daniken and Bart "We Never Sent Men to the Moon" Sibrel, urban legends abound about how eggs can be stood on end on the equinox, and e-mails make the rounds claiming that Mars will look as big as the moon at its next close approach.

In person Phil is an engaging personality. He exudes passion for astronomy, from backyard stargazing to the latest discoveries. And he delivers hilarious and insightful lectures. His humor is sardonic, pulling no punches with those who would misuse astronomy for personal gain or use his Web forum as a pulpit from which to shout their anti-science diatribes.

Through it all, Phil soldiers on tirelessly, posting to his blog and making public appearances. While "Bad Astronomy" does help pay the bills, it's primarily a labor of love by an astronomer who is passionate about his calling and hates to see it abused, whether inadvertently or by those looking to cash in on scientific naivete.

Next week: Our galactic neighborhood.

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Hegemony Or Survival

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Books

Hegemony Or Survival - America's Quest For Global Dominance

By: Noam Chomsky

"The year 2003 opened with many indications that concerns about human survival are all too realistic. To mention just a few examples, in the early fall of 2002 it was learned that a possibly terminal nuclear war was barely avoided forty years earlier. Immediately after this startling discovery, the Bush administration blocked UN efforts to ban the militarization of space, a serious threat to survival. The administration also terminated international negotiations to prevent biological warfare and moved to ensure the inevitability of an attack on Iraq, despite popular opposition that was without historical precedent."

At the start of the U.N. address on September 20 by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, he referred to Bush as "the devil," and held up a Spanish translation of "Hegemony or Survival: America's Quest for Global Dominance", by Noam Chomsky. President Chavez recommended the book to everyone in the General Assembly, as well as to the American people. "The people of the United States should read this . . . instead of the watching Superman movies," Chavez later told reporters.

First Chapter: "Hegemony or Survival"

Priorities and Prospects

A few years ago, one of the great figures of contemporary biology, Ernst Mayr, published some reflections on the likelihood of success in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. He considered the prospects very low. His reasoning had to do with the adaptive value of what we call "higher intelligence," meaning the particular human form of intellectual organization. Mayr estimated the number of species since the origin of life at about fifty billion, only one of which "achieved the kind of intelligence needed to establish a civilization." It did so very recently, perhaps 100,000 years ago. It is generally assumed that only one small breeding group survived, of which we are all descendants.

Mayr speculated that the human form of intellectual organization may not be favored by selection. The history of life on Earth, he wrote, refutes the claim that "it is better to be smart than to be stupid," at least judging by biological success: beetles and bacteria, for example, are vastly more successful than humans in terms of survival. He also made the rather somber observation that "the average life expectancy of a species is

about 100,000 years."

We are entering a period of human history that may provide an answer to the question of whether it is better to be smart than stupid. The most hopeful prospect is that the question will not be answered: if it receives a definite answer, that answer can only be that humans were a kind of "biological error," using their allotted 100,000 years to destroy themselves and, in the process, much else.

The species has surely developed the capacity to do just that, and a hypothetical extraterrestrial observer might well conclude that humans have demonstrated that capacity throughout their history, dramatically in the past few hundred years, with an assault on the environment that sustains life, on the diversity of more complex organisms, and with cold and calculated savagery, on each other as well.

Two Superpowers

The year 2003 opened with many indications that concerns about human survival are all too realistic. To mention just a few examples, in the early fall of 2002 it was learned that a possibly terminal nuclear war was barely avoided forty years earlier. Immediately after this startling discovery, the Bush administration blocked UN efforts to ban the militarization of space, a serious threat to survival. The administration also terminated international negotiations to prevent biological warfare and moved to ensure the inevitability of an attack on Iraq, despite popular opposition that was without historical precedent.

Aid organizations with extensive experience in Iraq and studies by respected medical organizations warned that the planned invasion might precipitate a humanitarian catastrophe. The warnings were ignored by Washington and evoked little media interest. A high-level US task force concluded that attacks with weapons of mass destruction (WMD) within the United States are "likely," and would become more so in the event of war with Iraq. Numerous specialists and intelligence agencies issued similar warnings, adding that Washington's belligerence, not only with regard to Iraq, was increasing the long-term threat of international terrorism and proliferation of WMD. These warnings too were dismissed.

In September 2002 the Bush administration announced its National Security Strategy, which declared the right to resort to force to eliminate any perceived challenge to US global hegemony, which is to be permanent. The new grand strategy aroused deep concern worldwide, even within the foreign policy elite at home. Also in September, a propaganda campaign was launched to depict Saddam Hussein as an imminent threat to the United States and to insinuate that he was responsible for the 9-11 atrocities and was planning others. The campaign, timed to the onset of the midterm congressional elections, was highly successful in shifting attitudes. It soon drove American public opinion off the global spectrum and helped the administration achieve electoral aims and establish Iraq as a proper test case for the newly announced doctrine of resort to force at will.

President Bush and his associates also persisted in undermining international efforts to reduce threats to the environment that are recognized to be severe, with pretexts that barely concealed their devotion to narrow sectors of private power. The administration's Climate Change Science Program (CCSP), wrote Science magazine editor Donald Kennedy, is a travesty that "included no recommendations for emission limitation or other forms of mitigation," contenting itself with "voluntary reduction targets, which, even if met, would allow US emission rates to continue to grow at around 14% per decade."

The CCSP did not even consider the likelihood, suggested by "a growing body of evidence," that the short-term warming changes it ignores "will trigger an abrupt nonlinear process," producing dramatic temperature changes that could carry extreme risks for the United States, Europe, and other temperate zones. The Bush administration's "contemptuous pass on multilateral engagement with the global warming problem," Kennedy continued, is the "stance that began the long continuing process of eroding its friendships in Europe," leading to "smoldering resentment."

By October 2002 it was becoming hard to ignore the fact that the world was "more concerned about the unbridled use of American power than . . . about the threat posed by Saddam Hussein," and "as intent on limiting the giant's power as in taking away the despot's weapons. " World concerns mounted in the months that followed, as the giant made clear its intent to attack Iraq even if the UN inspections it reluctantly tolerated failed to unearth weapons that would provide a pretext. By December, support for Washington's war plans scarcely reached 10 percent almost anywhere outside the US, according to international polls. Two months later, after enormous worldwide protests, the press reported that "there may still be two superpowers on the planet: the United States and world public opinion" ("the United States" here meaning state power, not the public or even elite opinion).

By early 2003, studies revealed that fear of the United States had reached remarkable heights throughout the world, along with distrust of the political leadership. Dismissal of elementary human rights and needs was matched by a display of contempt for democracy for which no parallel comes easily to mind, accompanied by professions of sincere dedication to human rights and democracy. The unfolding events should be deeply disturbing to those who have concerns about the world they are leaving to their grandchildren.

Though Bush planners are at an extreme end of the traditional US policy spectrum, their programs and doctrines have many precursors, both in US history and among earlier aspirants to global power. More ominously, their decisions may not be irrational within the framework of prevailing ideology and the institutions that embody it. There is ample historical precedent for the willingness of leaders to threaten or resort to violence in the face of significant risk of catastrophe. But the stakes are far higher today. The choice between hegemony and survival has rarely, if ever, been so starkly posed.

Let us try to unravel some of the many strands that enter into this complex tapestry, focusing attention on the world power that The CCSP did not even consider the likelihood, suggested by "a growing body of evidence," that the short-term warming proclaims global hegemony. Its actions and guiding doctrines must be a primary concern for everyone on the planet, particularly, of course, for Americans. Many enjoy unusual advantages and freedom, hence the ability to shape the future, and should face with care the responsibilities that are the immediate corollary of such privilege.

Enemy Territory

Those who want to face their responsibilities with a genuine commitment to democracy and freedom -- even to decent survival -- should recognize the barriers that stand in the way. In violent states these are not concealed. In more democratic societies barriers are more subtle. While methods differ sharply from more brutal to more free societies, the goals are in many ways similar: to ensure that the "great beast," as Alexander Hamilton called the people, does not stray from its proper confines.

Controlling the general population has always been a dominant concern of power and privilege, particularly since the first modern democratic revolution in seventeenth-century England. The self-described "men of best quality" were appalled as a "giddy multitude of beasts in men's shapes" rejected the basic framework of the civil conflict raging in England between king and Parliament, and called for government" by countrymen like ourselves, that know our wants," not by "knights and gentlemen that make us laws, that are chosen for fear and do but oppress us, and do not know the people's sores." The men of best quality recognized that if the people are so "depraved and corrupt" as to "confer places of power and trust upon wicked and undeserving men, they forfeit their power in this behalf unto those that are good, though but a few." Almost three centuries later, Wilsonian idealism, as it is standardly termed, adopted a rather similar stance. Abroad, it is Washington's responsibility to ensure that government is in the hands of "the good, though but a few." At home, it is necessary to safeguard a system of elite decision-making and public ratification -- "polyarchy," in the terminology of political science -- not democracy.

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Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Warren

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Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Warren

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 17:29:38 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA?

>At around 4:50 of this clip, there is a short film with
>apparently live images of the February 25, 1942 Battle of Los
>Angeles. Is it an actual film? What is the original source? Or,
>is it a recent recreation and, if so, by whom?

><http://tinyurl.com/mp7o9>

>I'd appreciate any further information to clarify this.

Vicente Et Al,

With regard to the images in question: the first is "not" of BOLA (Battle of LA) and the second is various shots of the photograph which appeared on the pages of the LA Times February 25, 1942; I introduced the image to the Internet a few years ago via Jeff Rense's web-site, which I obtained after finding the original negative; it has since made the rounds (again and again).

Methinks the creator of the video just sewed the images together, creating the segment for the "effect" with the "original CBS broadcast" playing in the background, and in that vein I thought it well done. That particular segment, reserving further judgment on the rest of the piece.

Cheers,

Frank

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Website Of Persinger's Assistant

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Subject: Website Of Persinger's Assistant

My fellow Listerions, children of the Mysterions,

Here is the website of an associate of Michael Persinger's. He is selling stimulation helmets and is making his own claims.

I am not endorsing anything on this website. I am merely showing you that it is available.

Go to: <http://www.innerworlds.50megs.com/>

Josh

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Sightings In La Pampa & Buenos Aires Argentina

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Argentina: UFO Sightings In La Pampa And Buenos Aires

Aside from sightings of strange luminous objects in our skies, at least a dozen reports of mysteriously mutilated bovines have been received.

The cases occurred in Santa Rosa, capital of La Pampa; in Carihu=E9 and Pehuaj=F3, in the interior of the province of Buenos Aires, and in the locality of Florida in the suburbs of Buenos Aires itself, where two intense lights, circulating at high speed, captured the attention of eyewitnesses.

The cases recorded can be added to the ones that have been reported over the past 20 days, which have a greater presence in the interior of La Pampa," explained Luis Burgos, president of the Fundacion

Argentina de Ovnilogia (FAO)

According to Burgos, the intense "flying saucer" activity is the result of the arrival of springtime (in the southern hemisphere), which is "the Martians'" favorite season.

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Re: Michael Persinger - Smith

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 14:50:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Persinger - Smith

>From: Hollis Kimball <Choprgo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 00:07:54 EDT
>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

>The Ganzfeld 'device' is used to induce the Theta state and
>render mind altering effects. (See US Patents #4,315,502 and
>#4,777,937). And this has been shown to produce hallucinations,
>hypnosis, OBE, and even so-called Astral journeys.

A simple Ganzfeld setup is to cover each eye with a pingpong ball half and a red light being displayed in front of the person, with proper sound dampening via whatever method.

To test the Persinger effect in a lab, it is proper protocol to use this method because the effects are not apparently overwhelming as would be the case with large fields. How this applies to real world explanations of UFOs/ghosts/etc is unclear since we rarely walk around in such Ganzfeld conditions.

>A steady-state magnetic force has no effect on the human brain.
>An alternating magnetic force can have an effect, but only because
>of the induced electromagnetic force created as a result.

"Effect of low-frequency magnetic fields on brain electrical activity in human subjects"
Author(s): Marino AA, Nilsen E, Chesson AL, Frilot C
Source: CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY 115 (5):
1195-1201 MAY 2004

Objective: To measure the response rate of normal human subjects to a low-strength, low-frequency magnetic field (MF), using nonlinear quantitative analysis of the electroencephalogram (EEG).

Results: Each subject exhibited statistically significant changes in the EEG during presentation of the MF, as evidenced by increases in percent determinism and percent recurrence, two different measures of deterministic structure in the recorded signal, thereby indicating that the MF had been detected.

Conclusions: The 100% response rate manifested by the study group suggested that the ability to detect low-strength, low-frequency MFs is a common property of the human nervous system.

>Persinger's pulse of the solenoids at 0.5 second intervals
>created a current of about 0.3 amps which would have decayed in
>less than 0.10 seconds, which means that the current was going
>to the brain only 20% of the time. I would suggest that if he
>had disconnected the power source and repeated the experiments,
>he would have gotten exactly the same results.

Untrue, he always tested a sham field (zero frequency) in the test suite of frequencies. But whatever he did and reported in journals we are simply to ignore or discount. I agree that it would be desirable for many groups repeating the testing, but I give Persinger more of a benefit of a doubt because I do not understand the politics or ramifications of going into his field

Re: Michael Persinger - Smith

of study. Do the scientists who study ESP get any respect or are they made fun of? How about ghosts? Maybe he is so far on the cutting edge of research that he is considered a pariah.

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New Cattle Mutilation Reports From La Pampa

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 10:14:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 14:53:38 -0400
Subject: New Cattle Mutilation Reports From La Pampa

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
September 26, 2006

Argentina: New Cattle Mutilation Reports From La Pampa

A Report From Raul Oscar Chaves, CIUFOS-LAPAMPA

[Elements of] CIUFOS-LAPAMPA traveled to the the Sierras de Lihue ("Sierra of Life"), a region located 220 km to the south of Santa Rosa, La Pampa, to look into new cases of animal mutilation.

On the way there, at Km 277 of National Route No.35, in the vicinity of Ataliva Roca, a Polled Hereford calf was found dead and mutilated. On the same route, but at Km 284, a red Aberdeen Angus cow was also found slain and mutilated.

At the "Mari Epu" ranch, located ten kilometers west of the Sierras de Lihue Calel, Puelches jurisdiction, a Polled Hereford bull was found dead and mutilated. Its owner, Bernardo Cueto, told researchers that the find was made known to the local police. The animal's death was estimated at 10 days ago.

The bovine was in good health and presented signs of mutilation in the lower right jaw, missing an eye and ear on the same side of the body, and was found lying on its stomach. Bernardo Cueto manifested surprise when he noted that "the animal appeared on a single print, pitched downward, lying on its stomach as if its legs had slowly given way."

On the return trip, and on the section of road between Quehue and the intersection of Routes No. 35 and Provincial Hwy. No. 18, Jorge Howe, owner of the "Los Corrales" ranch informed local police of the discovery of three black Aberdeen Angus cows, dead and mutilated.

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Intense UFO Activity In The Argentinean Delta

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
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Source: Planeta UFO and Taller Glaucoart
Date: September 25, 2006

Argentina: Intense UFO Activity in the Argentinean Delta Region

Taller Glaucoart managed to conduct observations for 4 consecutive days from the Argentinean Delta (Tigre), observing that UFO activity at said location is completely abnormal and extraordinary. Some island-dweller confirmed that it is indeed possible to see large stars that appear and travel over the Delta's tributary rivers.

But on Sunday, September 17, 2006, the activity literally became an "intense wave" at 19:40 hours - two lenticular objects, flying in parallel formation, shone above the western side of the islands. It was impressive to witness and record these two sources of light as they floated and traveled slowly over the Sarmiento River toward the north (Parana River) from a southward direction, with a magnitude of -1.6 (this was captured on video). Minutes later, after some anomalous pulsations, they traversed the delta's skies, but at 20:05 hours another extraordinary event occurred: another parallel formation of lenticular bodies of light crossed the Tigre in an eastward direction, crossing the area's rivers. But what stunned all of the onlookers present was that the first of the two lenticular objects had an astounding magnitude of -10, a brilliance nearly 5 or 6 times greater than that of the planet Venus.

The phenomenon could not be captured on video (and we do not quite understand why). Apparently the observed UFO was already starting to generate an "EM" effect and the Sony Camcorder's battery went dead. Cell phones used to make calls could not find a signal. In the full silence of the islands, to observe the parallel formation crossing the delta's rivers was a lovely sight. For 4 days, Taller Glaucoart was able to capture more than 5 UFOs [on tape], appearing suddenly with intense, high-magnitude flashes. It is interesting to note and remark that the Argentinean Delta is under intense and completely anomalous UFO activity, perhaps even greater than the notorious activity in the skies over Cordoba.

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Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 11:33:44 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 15:01:50 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Shell

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 17:29:38 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA?

>At around 4:50 of this clip, there is a short film with
>apparently live images of the February 25, 1942 Battle of Los
>Angeles. Is it an actual film? What is the original source? Or,
>is it a recent recreation and, if so, by whom?

><http://tinyurl.com/mp7o9>

>I'd appreciate any further information to clarify this.

It is interesting. I've always wondered if there might have been anyone at the time who thought quick enough to point a movie camera at it, whether it was a home movie or Hollywood camera.

I suspect, though, that this is some kind of recreation. It's not claimed to be authentic. Even with a lot of spotlights, shooting into a night sky and getting any kind of decent image is pretty difficult. Also, there's something wrong about the use of the zoom in the footage. I'm no expert on movie cameras of the early 1940s, but didn't most of them have a rotating lens arrangement, rather than a zoom?

I could be wrong. I could always be wrong.

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Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Whitehead

From: Robert Whitehead <robwhiteheaduk.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 16:11:18 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 15:02:59 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Whitehead

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 20:45:22 +0000
>Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA?

>in fact your comments are rather silly.

But he started it, Sir!

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Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 17:27:16 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 15:05:55 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Connors

Fellow Listarians,

Since many of you are young and don't remember the times, it might be entirely possible that Jose Escamilla is using actual footage of the event.

In the 1940s Pathe, Movietone, etc. newsreels were distributed to movie theaters so that people could see actual events that they only heard about on radio. With the advent of TV, newsreels died.

God, I'm getting old... how I remember it well. At the movie you would first sing along with the bouncing ball a current hit song. Then came the newsreel giving the weekly look at what you had heard about on radio. Following that were two cartoons and the weekly serial (Commando Cody, etc.). Then you watched the movie. It was a whole afternoon or evening of entertainment for a quarter and popcorn and a coke was a dime. Less than a buck and you were on a great date.

Sigh,

Wendy
www.fadeddiscs.com

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Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 15:09:13 -0400
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>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 20:43:44 +0000
>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 11:08:29 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

>>However, assuming the effect is real, it may still be possible
>>that purposeful (rather than natural) exploitation of these
>>fields could be used to influence mental processes of humans.

>Does the setup generating waveforms suggest possible brain
>entrainment which might trigger already stored nodes of
>information in the target's neurons?

Something like this seems to be what he suggests to be
happening.

He specifically states in reports that,

"their approach is not to coercively induce currents within the
brain but to redirect or alter the pathways of operational
neuronal ensembles by applying very small amounts of energy in
strategically appropriate patterns."

The concept originated from a serendipitous discovery when
testing a commercial "relaxation" device (which generated a
complex waveform). A similarly strengthened sine or square waved
signal was not effective. If the complex wave "held meaning" or
was relevant to the person (or really his neurons), then you get
some effect.

Whether Rudiak is right about the Persinger magnetic field
strength being negligible in the brain, I have not calculated.
If Persinger and a number of colleagues have generated the
effect, it is worthy of consideration.

Why it has not been generally confirmed is a mystery, but then,
why other phenomena such as UFOs been confirmed scientifically
is also a good question.

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Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy -

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 11:25:59 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 15:10:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy -

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
Date: Monday, September 25, 2006 4:18 AM
Subject: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy

>Source: The Times-News - Twin Falls, Idaho

><http://tinyurl.co.uk/g5xw>

>Saturday, September 23, 2006

>This Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy

>Skywatch

>By Chris Anderson

>Most professional astronomers divide their time between teaching
>collegiate astronomy classes and performing their research. But
>a few have taken up the challenge of acting as liaisons between
>the world of academia and the lay public.

>One such example is Phil Plait, who runs a Web site called "Bad
>Astronomy" (www.badastronomy.com). For his "day job," Phil is an
>astronomer at Sonoma State University in California, where he
>does public outreach for the upcoming Gamma ray Large Area Space
>Telescope mission. In his spare time, he is engaged in a quest
>to rid the world of misconceptions and abuses of astronomy in
>movies, television, the media and the Internet.

>It's no small task. Bad astronomy can be found everywhere.
>Crescent moons are depicted with stars between their horns, so-
>called documentaries promulgate the wild claims of Erich
>"Chariot of the Gods" von Daniken and Bart "We Never Sent Men to
>the Moon" Sibrel, urban legends abound about how eggs can be
>stood on end on the equinox, and e-mails make the rounds
>claiming that Mars will look as big as the moon at its next
>close approach.

Unfortunately, bad astronomy can also be found on Phil Plait's
web site. Plait proclaimed that amateur astronomers never
report UFO sightings to him, they spend lots of time outdoors
watching the skies and are experienced observers, therefore if
they see nothing there are no UFOs. See:

One BIG flaw in this argument is that astronomers, both amateur
and professional, DO report UFOs. Plait simply made up his
"fact" that amateur astronomers never see UFOs. In fact, the
statistics and studies indicate they not only see UFOs, the
fraction that see them are greater than the population as a
whole and they also report them more frequently than the average
person.

The main study of amateur astronomers was done by Gert Herb with
the guidance of Allen Hynek and published in the CUFOS Bulletin
in 1980. The results were recently republished in International
UFO Reporter in May 2006. Out of 1805 AA's who answered the
mailed questionnaire, fully 24% answered "yes" to the question,
"Have you ever observed an object which resisted your most
exhaustive efforts at identification?"

When Gert Herb selected the 261 most "senior" observers, just below professional grade, the percentage answering "yes" rose to 28%.

About 20+% of all questionnaires mailed were returned. Even if one assumes that only those who had sightings or an interest in the subject returned the questionnaire, the percentage of all amateurs who received questionnaire's who had UFO sightings would still be 5%. Therefore the "true" percentage is somewhere between 5% and 24%.

Of 427 "UFO" observations, 66 were made through a telescope and 40 through binoculars, i.e., about a quarter of the observations were with optical aids. Among "high strangeness" cases where the objects were "close encounters" or in erratic motion, 14 observations were through telescopes and 17 through binoculars. 7 objects were photographed.

I also went through Brad Sparks list of Blue Book unknowns and found that about 1/2%-1% of the cases involved people listed as amateur astronomers or having observations through telescopes (such as surveyors or missile trackers). That doesn't sound like much until one realizes that this is approximately 10 times more reports from such people than there numbers in the general population.

E.g., Plait notes that there are about 100,000 amateur astronomers in the U.S. alone. This big number is supposed to impress the reader. Surely if none of them ever has a UFO sighting then there is nothing to it. Right? Of course, they DO have sightings, they just don't report them to a snide debunker like Phil Plait, if they report them at all.

However, the point I'm trying to make is that 100,000 people is just a tiny fraction of a percent of the overall population. There are about 250 MILLION Americans older than 12 years, therefore, of "amateur astronomer" age, so 100,000 amateur astronomer represents only .04% of the population. or one out of every 2500 people. But Blue Book records show amateurs report UFO sightings about 10 times more frequently than this.

>In person Phil is an engaging personality. He exudes passion for
>astronomy, from backyard stargazing to the latest discoveries.
>And he delivers hilarious and insightful lectures. His humor is
>sardonic, pulling no punches with those who would misuse
>astronomy for personal gain or use his Web forum as a pulpit
>from which to shout their anti-science diatribes.

However, using his Web forum to shout anti-UFO diatribes with made-up "facts" is perfectly OK. Debunker Science does not require any expertise or even superficial knowledge of the subject matter being debunked.

David Rudiak

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An Abduction Story

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Subject: An Abduction Story

Some of you may recall we were discussing cattle mutilations and I suggested that you bring up the subject to strangers or family and you may be surprised at how often someone will have a story to share. Well I did that with a neighbor of mine and she shared her story.

Please note that I had previously never brought up the subject of UFOs, abductions, cattle mutilations or anything else related to this subject until that moment.

I am not quite sure how we got to the extraterrestrial subject but I happened to be carrying a copy of my friend Jim Sparks recently published book *The Keepers*, in which Jim was kind enough to include several pages on which I offered a testimonial saying that I believed Jim's Story to be true!

Anyway Christy proceeded to tell me that about 20 years ago she was living in Wisconsin with her first husband. She said her husband at the time had a severe form of diabetes and needed insulin shots. Well she said that as her husband related the story to her he went out for a bike ride. He did not take any insulin with him at the time. While out riding he said that he saw a bright light come at him from a distance. He remembered seeing the UFO and he remembered the beings taking him on board the ship, but as near as Christy could remember that was all he remembered.

This is the interesting part, Christy said her husband was gone for 4 days! No insulin and should have died! Another interesting point is that when he returned he went to his doctor and his blood sugar had returned to normal. Also she said that it remained normal but only for about a month. After which his diabetes returned.

Christy has 4 children and one is living with her. Apparently there was a get together back in Wisconsin last year and my understanding is her daughter was there. The subject of her ex-husband's abduction was brought up and as often happens many did not believe his story and made fun of him. Christy's daughter indicated that the ex-husband said emphatically that he was taken aboard a UFO.

Lyle Michel

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>I could be wrong. I could always be wrong.

You could be, but you aren't. While zoom lenses had been
invented in the 30s and first used by Leni Riefenstahl to film
part of the 1936 Olympics, they were gigantic and very heavy.
Practical zoom lenses didn't come along until much later. So if
the zoom effect was not added electronically in the video
editing, this film was not shot in the early 1940s.

The invention of the zoom lens (from the German gummilens, "rubber lens", "stretchy lens") is credited to Frank Back. Friends in the German optical industry have told me that credit also belongs to Siegfried Schaffer. Apparently, Schaffer and Back were working independently at about the same time. Back emigrated to the USA in 1939 and later founded the Zoomar Corporation, the first company to sell zoom lenses for still cameras.

Bob

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Re: Website Of Persinger's Assistant - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 20:46:18 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 17:38:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Website Of Persinger's Assistant - Shough

>From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 03:58:14 -0700
>Subject: Website Of Persinger's Assistant

>My fellow Listerions, children of the Mysterions,

>Here is the website of an associate of Michael Persinger's. He
>is selling stimulation helmets and is making his own claims.

>I am not endorsing anything on this website. I am merely showing
>you that it is available.

>Go to: <http://www.innerworlds.50megs.com/>

Yes Josh, Tom Murphy. I was looking at this yesterday and I have to say it didn't leave a very good taste. There's nothing wrong with merchandise, but the tone of his pitch for this Shakti "spiritual technology" - alongside stuff about god, enlightenment and earth magic etc - is not reassuring.

As an optometrist David might be interested in his "Hippocampal eyeglasses" that apparently produce a "whole new world" of "enhanced visual acuity" by (as far as I can make out) removing an obstacle to vision in the form of a "layer of light... and in very extreme cases... the constant presence of a being of light" caused by unwanted stimulation of the amygdala.

"Shakti technology" is said to be Murphy's private commercial enterprise, but using the techniques developed by Persinger's Laurentian U. group. There is an endorsement by Persinger on the site, in letters of recommendation "to whom it may concern" describing Murphy as an "off-campus associate", as "Mr. Murphy" (1998) and "Professor Murphy" (2003), although Murphy's bio note on the Laurentian U. page gives him no such title, neither does Murphy himself claim any faculty position anywhere.

Whilst not wishing to dismiss Murphy, and Persinger by association, I admit that I find this all a bit suspicious.

Martin Shough

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Paper By F. Crawford?

From: **Eugene Frison** <eugene.frison.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 17:09:09 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 17:40:37 -0400
Subject: Paper By F. Crawford?

Can anyone provide me with a copy of 'Controversial Correlations and the Question of Consciousness' which is a paper presented by F. Crawford (1993) at the Ozark UFO Conference, Eureka Springs, Ark., 2-4 April?

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Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy -

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 22:57:07 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 08:34:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy -

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 11:25:59 -0700
>Subject: Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy

>>Source: The Times-News - Twin Falls, Idaho

>><http://tinyurl.co.uk/g5xw>

<snip>

>Unfortunately, bad astronomy can also be found on Phil Plait's
>web site. Plait proclaimed that amateur astronomers never
>report UFO sightings to him, they spend lots of time outdoors
>watching the skies and are experienced observers, therefore if
>they see nothing there are no UFOs. See:

<snip>

>The main study of amateur astronomers was done by Gert Herb with
>the guidance of Allen Hynek and published in the CUFOS Bulletin
>in 1980. The results were recently republished in International
>UFO Reporter in May 2006. Out of 1805 AA's who answered the
>mailed questionnaire, fully 24% answered "yes" to the question,
>"Have you ever observed an object which resisted your most
>exhaustive efforts at identification?"

<snip>

>About 20+% of all questionnaires mailed were returned. Even if
>one assumes that only those who had sightings or an interest in
>the subject returned the questionnaire, the percentage of all
>amateurs who received questionnaire's who had UFO sightings
>would still be 5%. Therefore the "true" percentage is somewhere
>between 5% and 24%.

<snip>

Thanks David, that was interesting enough to send me to CUFO's
Blue Book Archive Search, put in "astronomer" and first document
was introduction to a report by J Allen Hynek - written in Aug
1952

<http://tinyurl.com/fjx9c>

Pages 958 to maybe 980, but if you read on there's some more
interesting stuff on page 982.

Points:

1 - He interviewed some professional astronomers "not in the
guise of an official investigator, but rather as an astronomer
traveling about to discuss scientific problems".

2 - Several were "unwilling to discuss" sightings and one
(apparently mediumly typical) said - "If I saw one I wouldn't
say anything about it".

3 - "Over 40 astronomers were interviewed, of which five had

made sightings of one sort or another".

With hindsight it was quite sad reading his constructive suggestions aimed at making reporting easier for nervous professionals. Especially as it seems 'authority' had already made its mind up to suppress (and oppress?) all such reports - See p. 982 - where he accepts that the news clippings service had been ordered stopped (by AF?) from Oct 1 1952.

Nevertheless that rough figure of 12.5% of professional astronomers making sightings - but presumably not reporting them officially - seems clear enough. Wonder if it's the same today?

Cheers

Ray D

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Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet

From: Hollis Kimball <Choprqo.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 18:39:21 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 08:44:04 -0400
Subject: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet

Flash Demonstration:

http://www.biof.com/playattention/interactive_video.html

I really don't see any point in pursuing this subject any further. Sounds like someone was trying to re-invent the wheel.

Hollis Kimball

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Re: An Abduction Story - Whitehead

From: Robert Whitehead <robwhiteheaduk.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 00:24:16 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 12:34:30 -0400
Subject: Re: An Abduction Story - Whitehead

>From: Lyle Michel <courtroomevidence456.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 12:33:02 -0700
>Subject: An Abduction Story

>This is the interesting part, Christy said her husband was gone
>for 4 days! No insulin and should have died! Another interesting
>point is that when he returned he went to his doctor and his
>blood sugar had returned to normal. Also she said that it
>remained normal but only for about a month. After which
>his diabetes returned.

The 'Cash/Landrum Incident' obviously springs to mind, but I wonder how many other short-term 'cures' or illnesses have been attributed to UFOs?

Can anyone recommend books or documentaries that deal specifically with this occasional 'side-effect' of encounters with UFOs?

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Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 06:56:41 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 12:37:04 -0400
Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Pope

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Monday, September 25, 2006 12:11 PM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

>Source: The Guardian - London, UK

>Monday September 25, 2006

>Is There Anybody Out There? How The Men From The Ministry Hid
>The Hunt For UFOs

>- MoD tried to cover-up secret investigation unit
>- 10,000 eyewitness reports 'mostly due to weather'

>James Randerson
>Science Correspondent
>The Guardian

>The Ministry of Defence went to extraordinary lengths to cover
>up its true involvement in investigating UFOs, according to
>secret documents revealed under the Freedom of Information Act.

>The files show that officials attempted to expunge information
>from documents released to the Public Records Office under the
>"30-year rule" that would have revealed the extent of the MoD's
>interest in UFO sightings.

>In particular, the ministry wanted to cover up the operation of
>a secret unit dedicated to UFO investigations within the Defence
>Intelligence Staff. UFO conspiracy theorists have likened the
>unit, called DI55, to a sort of "Men in Black" agency for
>defending the Earth against invasion but the released documents
>show this is far from the truth. One 1995 memo from DI55 to the
>MoD's public "UFO desk" said: "I have several books at home that
>describe our supposed role of 'defender of the Earth against the
>alien menace' - it is light years from the truth!"

<snip>

Files available at the National Archives and documents released under the Freedom of Information Act certainly show that the MOD policy was to play down the subject of UFOs. I certainly couldn't talk about the involvement of the Defence Intelligence Staff and my liaison with them on UFO investigations until the MOD had released documents confirming this. But none of this implies a cover-up or conspiracy in quite the way certain British ufologists imply.

I gave an insider's view on this story to BBC World Service yesterday in a radio interview and worked with the Daily Express on a UFO feature in today's paper.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 10:03:51 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 12:42:47 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Shough

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 11:33:44 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA?

>>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 17:29:38 +0200 (CEST)
>>Subject: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA?

>>At around 4:50 of this clip, there is a short film with
>>apparently live images of the February 25, 1942 Battle of Los
>>Angeles. Is it an actual film? What is the original source? Or,
>>is it a recent recreation and, if so, by whom?

>><http://tinyurl.com/mp7o9>

>>I'd appreciate any further information to clarify this.

>It is interesting. I've always wondered if there might have been
>anyone at the time who thought quick enough to point a movie
>camera at it, whether it was a home movie or Hollywood camera.

>I suspect, though, that this is some kind of recreation. It's
>not claimed to be authentic. Even with a lot of spotlights,
>shooting into a night sky and getting any kind of decent image
>is pretty difficult. Also, there's something wrong about the use
>of the zoom in the footage. I'm no expert on movie cameras of
>the early 1940s, but didn't most of them have a rotating lens
>arrangement, rather than a zoom?

>I could be wrong. I could always be wrong.

I see no evidence of camera "zoom" in this clip. There appear to
be at least two magnification scales but the transitions between
them are discontinuous, not smooth.

Only in the final fade shot of this clip, following the second
insertion of the still photo, does the image rapidly enlarge.
Since the same effect is also applied to this still photo print
each time it appears (and also to many ensuing still photos of
foo-fighters etc) it seems likely that the apparent zoom at the
end of the film is just a video effect.

The discontinuous changes of scale during the clip could also be
introduced in the video edit, or could be caused by rotating the
lens turret.

None of this helps to show whether or not the clip is genuine.

The still camera shot inserted into the clip, from the Los
Angeles Times, has been very well known for many years and has I
think always been regarded as genuine.

Martin Shough

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Oooo! At Last! UFO Cataloging Software!

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 12:51:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 12:51:42 -0400
Subject: Oooo! At Last! UFO Cataloging Software!

Source: SoftPedia.Com

<http://www.softpedia.com/get/Others/Miscellaneous/UFO-Watcher.shtml>

September 20th

UFO Watcher is the perfect computer program for UFO Watchers.

This program lets you record detailed information about each sighting, such as: Date Of Sighting, Time, Sighting Detailed Location, Details Of The Sighting, Names, Emails, Notes, Comments and much more.

Plus you can import and display up to 3 different photo's for each sighting.

Here are some key features of "UFO Watcher":

- Unlimited number of records (sightings),
- Print Records,
- Print Charts,
- Search,
- Sort,
- Import and Display Pics,
- Built-In Help File

License: Shareware
Price: 19.99 \$ to buy
OS: Windows All
Size: 870 KB

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USOs Awesome Or Off-Putting

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 14:26:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 14:26:18 -0400
Subject: USOs Awesome Or Off-Putting

Source: Hecklerpray.Com - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/fini>

September 25th, 2006

Awesome Or Off-Putting: USOs (Unidentified Submerged Objects)

by Shawn Lindseth

USOs (Unidentified Submerged Objects)Awesome or Off-Putting is a weekly delve into cryptozoology, ufology, medical marvels, scientific wonders, secret societies, government conspiracies, cults, ghosts, myths, religion, strange facts or just the plain unexplainable.

This week: Ufology

Everyone knows what a UFO is - it's an unidentified flying object - but few people are familiar with it's sister phenomenon the USO - the unidentified submerged object. USOs are reported far less frequently than it's relative, as so few people have access to underwater visuals. The encounters do happen however, and we've a small collection of them for you right here.

You're welcome, no seriously, you're welcome.

A USO is an unidentified submerged object which is to the water what UFOs are to the sky. Although USOs are reported far less frequently, they are reported. They're generally seen by fisherman, naval radar or locals in the vicinity of a body of water.

One sighting comes from an area just 20 miles south of Malta, where some men were fishing in their own small ship. They saw what they first took to be a monster (which they later described as looking a bit like a black submarine) floating on the water's surface, and panicked. They brought in their nets and started their engine when a bright light flashed from the craft. When it did, several creatures were seen running around on its deck. The men said the creatures were about the size of a ten-year-old boy, and had an apparatus around their waists that could only be seen during the ship's periodic flashes of light. When the small creatures clambered back into their craft, it glowed so bright it couldn't be looked at, and submerged under water.

In 1973 a Mississippi fisherman had an encounter with a submerged craft. It was after a month of unusually high UFO sightings, and happened in the Pascagoula river later in the day. The man claims there was a bright metallic object 4-6 feet below the surface. The craft was moving at a speed of 4-6 knots, and was emitting an amber beam of light. In a somewhat funny twist, the fisherman also claims to have had to beat it back with an oar as it kept coming in too close to his boat.

A sighting often considered the mother of all USO sightings

happened in Nova Scotia's Shag Harbour circa 1967. A 60' ship had been hovering in the air flashing orange-ish lights when it suddenly crashed (or flew) into the harbour. After it submerged, a yellow light could still be seen underwater - moving and leaving a trail of air-bubbles and yellow foam on the surface. The Canadian Coast Guard were called in thinking the crashed craft could have been an airplane. By the time they got there the only sign left was the 80' wide, half mile long trail of yellow foam. A thorough search in the water by divers, and on land for possible missing planes was conducted, but both searches turned up nothing.

Other reports claim that a second ship later dove into the water alongside the first. Speculation has it the second ship was helping repair its fallen comrade, and when those repairs were complete, the two ships flew off into the atmosphere. The actual crash had a witness list comprised of at least 11 people, and was reported to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In fact, three mounties were on site to see that first ship's yellow light moving about underwater.

The ocean is deep and relatively unexplored. Some think USOs to be the inhabitants of the lost Atlantis scoping us out, as opposed to extraterrestrials in for an inter-stellar visit. We think that whatever they are, they add to Earth's mystique - and that makes us a fan.

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Pixar Studios Goes Extraterrestrial

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 14:34:26 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 14:34:26 -0400
Subject: Pixar Studios Goes Extraterrestrial

Source: Slash Film.Com - Natick, Massachusetts

<http://www.slashfilm.com/article.php/20060925pixar-lifted>

September 25 2006

Pixar Goes Extraterrestrial For Next Film
by Peter Sciretta

The next short film from the Academy Award winning team at the Disney owned Pixar Studios will go out of this world.

Lifted is a five minute animated short which follows a bumbling young alien student from a distant world who tests the patience of an increasingly weary instructor as he attempts a first-time abduction of a innocently slumbering farmer.

The film will debut on October 14th at the 42nd Chicago International Film Festival, where Pixar Animation Studios director Gary Rydstrom hosts a rare theatrical screening of four acclaimed Pixar shorts.

Lifted is Rydstrom's first directing effort. For the last 22 years, Rydstrom has been working as a sound designer, working on anything and everything from Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom to 2003's Peter Pan.

Lifted will be shown before Ratatouille, which hits theaters on June 29th 2007.

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Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 09:20:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 14:58:57 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 13:48:11 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 18:42:43 -0500
>>Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2006 15:34:18 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

>>What I always liked most about the (alleged) Face on Mars was
>>that it represented a mystery that could potentially be solved,
>>and solved unambiguously one way or another - unlike other
>>endless, seemingly irresolvable controversies on the edges of
>>science, of the sort people may be debating a century from now.
>>Happily, the Face mystery is a mystery no more, and we ought to
>>celebrate this little triumph of knowledge and discovery.

>>Jerry is correct 100%... in theory. I have just read some
>>messages from the Spanish UFO e-List Mundo Misterioso who still
>>are unconvinced that the Sydonia region face-like mountain range
>>not photographed with a 3D, high-resolution camera by European
>>Mars Express sonde is the real face captured by the Viking.

If the 'new face' really is the 'old face', then it should be possible with computer programs to take the new face data on the topography of the 'face' and use it to construct the 'old face', That is, what the image would look like under the Viking conditions - match the sun angle, the viewing angle and the resolution.

Mark Carlotto should be able to do this.

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 14:26:43 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 15:02:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy -

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 22:57:07 +0100
>Subject: Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 11:25:59 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy

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>had been ordered stopped (by AF?) from Oct 1 1952.

Hi Ray

This is page 2 of what appears to be a 3-page monthly Status Report from the Battelle Memorial Institute on the progress of their ATIC contract (eventually to be Special report 14). It has nothing to do with Hynek and says nothing about suppressing or oppressing either. It is dated Sept 10 1952 and states that, as requested by ATIC, Battelle are going to discontinue their subscription to a newspaper clipping service as of the beginning of October.

There is something on page 3, however, under "Future Work" where they mention that "Special attention will be given to certain sightings by the panel of consultants, as is found necessary in the final evaluation conferences". I believe this refers to the fact that at this time ATIC and Battelle were expecting their project to be topped off with a major consultant review. Coincidentally Sept 24 1952 is the same date as ADSI Chadwell's seminal CIA memo to DCI Smith urging a major study program. As

an indirect consequence of that memo the Battelle consultant review plan was prematurely hijacked to become the Robertson Panel (Battelle was livid and tried to forestall it). So this is an intriguing glimpse behind the scenes at the UFO museum!

Martin Shough

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Re: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 14:41:41 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 15:06:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet - Shough

>From: Hollis Kimball <Choprgo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 18:39:21 EDT
>Subject: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet

>Flash Demonstration:

>http://www.biof.com/playattention/interactive_video.html

>I really don't see any point in pursuing this subject any
>further. Sounds like someone was trying to re-invent the wheel.

No point in pursuing this subject, which has nothing
whatsoever do with Persinger's claims. This is a straightforward
biofeedback device supposedly designed to help you train your
"attention" by observing your brain rhythms via a passive sensor
like an EEG. No transcranial stimulation of neurons here.

I will say that sitting through this ineffably tedious and
content-free Flash animation is a great way to train the mind in
patience!

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Re: Michael Persinger - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 15:29:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Persinger - Shough

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 13:23:02 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 20:43:44 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

>>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2006 11:08:29 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

>>>However, assuming the effect is real, it may still be possible
>>>that purposeful (rather than natural) exploitation of these
>>>fields could be used to influence mental processes of humans.

>>Does the setup generating waveforms suggest possible brain
>>entrainment which might trigger already stored nodes of
>>information in the target's neurons?

>Something like this seems to be what he suggests to be
>happening.

>He specifically states in reports that,

>"their approach is not to coercively induce currents within the
>brain but to redirect or alter the pathways of operational
>neuronal ensembles by applying very small amounts of energy in
>strategically appropriate patterns."

>The concept originated from a serendipitous discovery when
>testing a commercial "relaxation" device (which generated a
>complex waveform). A similarly strengthened sine or square waved
>signal was not effective. If the complex wave "held meaning" or
>was relevant to the person (or really his neurons), then you get
>some effect.

>Whether Rudiak is right about the Persinger magnetic field
>strength being negligible in the brain, I have not calculated.
>If Persinger and a number of colleagues have generated the
>effect, it is worthy of consideration.

>Why it has not been generally confirmed is a mystery, but then,
>why other phenomena such as UFOs been confirmed scientifically
>is also a good question.

Whilst I agree with some of David's scepticism and don't get a very solid "feel" from the overall picture of Persinger and his coworkers I'm not so sure about the signal/noise argument and I agree with you that in the absence of very clear experimental refutation his reports are still worthy of consideration. After doing a bit of reading these are the thoughts I've arrived at, for what they may be worth.

My suspicion is that the collective neural network may have highly nonlinear learning properties, encouraged by resonance

effects due to periodic forcing, such that very weak sub-threshold stimuli that have an almost vanishingly small effect on the probability of individual neural depolarisation might be amplified.

I don't mean some mysterious transduction of the weak stimulus within a neuron, I mean that by shepherding the space/time distribution of many events each of very low probability you can encourage probability waves that might not only be forced by entrainment (the periodic stimulus field) but might also become self-reinforcing in unexpected ways. In other words the global form of the signal, rather than just the local amplitude, may be significant. The self-organising properties of neural nets with 10^{11} nodes each with 10^4 interconnections are going to be effectively incalculable over timescales (many minutes) that are very long compared to the excitability cycle ($\sim 0.1 - 1.0$ sec) of a single neuron.

And I also doubt that there is really a meaningful noise threshold for brain processes, in the sense of a constant level of stochastic mush with signal spikes on top that represent mental activity. That may be how it looks from the point of view of major brain rhythms, but I suspect that things are much subtler, and that some coordinated signals which constitute significant brain activity are actually embedded in the "noise", or are modulations of what appears from the point of view of a coarse-grained view to be noise. (Note that expanding memory in the ageing brain apparently works in part by removing synapse connections established during growth. I'm thinking of the noise floor as being like the average energy of a quantum vacuum, a zero-point state - or, another metaphor: Some information states are analogous to negative "electrons", others analogous to positive "holes", equivalent charge carriers in semiconductor theory.)

Focusing on the all-or-nothing rule for the cell action potential is one level of coarse-graining. The neuron will either fire or it won't. So if you are looking at some large region of the brain containing many neurons talking to one another, then the "quantum" event is the cell action potential spike. This is about -70 mV. The probability that a neuron will fire must ordinarily be related to the probability of receiving an excitation impulse of this total magnitude from one or more of the thousands of other neurons to which it is connected. If any outside stimulus cannot deliver at least this much energy to any individual cell then it seems the energy is wasted and will only dissipate as heat without nudging the neural network out of its ground state of noisy inactivity.

Of course a neuron is a whole chemical world of its own undergoing all sorts of activity at scales below the quantum energy level (action potential) at which cells start "hearing" one another. But neurons are deaf to these sub-quantum "hidden variables". They don't themselves register as stimuli on a network level and so, it seems, they can't contribute to useful brain activity. If the probability of any one neuron being induced to depolarise by an ambient magnetic field is zero, then one might reasonably infer that the probability of non-random changes to the group behaviour of a number of neurons must also be zero. But is this true?

Note that sub-threshold stimuli are important in determining whether a "quantum event" (still an action potential spike in our analogy) occurs on that level by changing the threshold sensitivity of the cell to the next sub-threshold stimulus or by adding together with other such stimuli coming into different regions of the cell via different dendrites. In effect a neuron briefly stores separate sub-threshold stimuli which are then summated to produce a spike, much like discharging a capacitor. In principle, then, about 10 sub-threshold stimuli as weak as the (few millivolt) noise level of the cell membrane could be summated to trigger depolarisation. (This might be analogous to a local hidden variable theory in physical quantum mechanics.)

It seems at first that this doesn't help Persinger at all. David points out that the induced electric potential deep in the brain in Persinger's experiment might be six orders of magnitude smaller even than the membrane noise level. Moreover the summation period is no more than a few milliseconds, very short compared to Persinger's ~ 10 Hz magnetic pulse rates, so only the leading or trailing edge of a single magnetic pulse could

operate in the summation "time window" of any one neuron's excitation cycle, and summation of multiple stimuli can't occur. At best, if we consider a neuron which is poised at about 90% of the depolarisation potential, i.e. below the critical level by an amount about equal to the average energy of noise fluctuations, then if we add enough energy to raise that average noise floor by one part in a million we will, once in about a million occasions, trigger a "random" depolarisation that would otherwise not have occurred.

This will be small number of events. Very optimistically if 1/10 of all neurons are close to this state at one time that might give us $10^{10} \times 10^{-6} = 10^4$ neurons triggered per pulse. Realistically it's probably much smaller. However, this does not take account of repeated resonant forcing. The onward stimulation of second-order neuron-firings caused by mutual interconnections means that instead of a linear succession of 10^4 neurons in one pulse, followed by 10^4 in the next, and so on, there may well be a significant nonlinearity. 10^4 neurons signly-connected would have potentially 10^8 connections between them. Obviously not all of these neurons will be directly connected with one another, but each neuron connects with 10^4 other neurons anyway, and we know that the degrees of separation in a richly connected network can be surprisingly few. I think we can imagine the possibility of starting with a "seed" effect which is only a 10^{-6} increase of the average membrane noise amplitude, leading to a tiny nudge upward in the global probability of neuron firing, which translates to a tiny real change in the number of quanta (action potential spikes). Reiterated over tens of thousands of successive forcing pulses (mean rate ~ 10 Hz) during the course of the experiment (many minutes) this process amplifies itself by a kind of nonlinear cascade mechanism, encouraging the altered firing probabilities to converge into self-reinforcing patterned activity.

There's a lot of work on neural network architecture and cascade amplification. Here's one implementation of a similar idea:

<http://tinyurl.com/jsst7>

"Simple Neural Networks for the Amplification and Utilization of Small Changes in Neuron Firing Rates"
Robert K Adair. Dept. Physics, Yale U.,
Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2001 June 19; 98(13): 7253-7258

describing

[QUOTE]

...physiologically plausible "voter-coincidence" neural networks such that secondary "coincidence" neurons fire on the simultaneous receipt of sufficiently large sets of input pulses from primary sets of neurons. The networks operate such that the firing rate of the secondary, output neurons increases (or decreases) sharply when the mean firing rate of primary neurons increases (or decreases) to a much smaller degree. In certain sensory systems, signals that are generally smaller than the noise levels of individual primary detectors, are manifest in very small increases in the firing rates of sets of afferent neurons. For such systems, this kind of network can act to generate relatively large changes in the firing rate of secondary "coincidence" neurons. These differential amplification systems can be cascaded to generate sharp, "yes-no" spike signals that can direct behavioral responses.

[END QUOTE]

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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 15:31:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy -

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 2:26 PM
>Subject: Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 22:57:07 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy

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>There is something on page 3, however, under "Future Work"
>where they mention that "Special attention will be given to
>certain sightings by the panel of consultants, as is found
>necessary in the final evaluation conferences". I believe this
>refers to the fact that at this time ATIC and Battelle were
>expecting their project to be topped off with a major consultant
>review. Coincidentally Sept 24 1952 is the same date as ADSI
>Chadwell's seminal CIA memo to DCI Smith urging a major study
>program. As an indirect consequence of that memo the Battelle
>consultant review plan was prematurely hijacked to become the
>Robertson Panel (Battelle was livid and tried to forestall it).
>So this is an intriguing glimpse behind the scenes at the UFO
>museum!

Sorry Ray and List

Apologies, I made a boo-boo of my own here. I should have known better. Brad Sparks points out that the Battelle consultant panel was not planned as an end-game, but was an ongoing evaluation panel, and so was not in any sense a model for Robertson, which emerged as a completely new one-shot "trial" at the Dec 4 1952 IAC meeting, in place of CIA's hoped-for community-wide study program. However Battelle did strongly protest that Robertson was premature as their work was not finished.

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Re: Secrecy News -- 09/26/06 - Aftergood

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 11:28:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 15:32:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 09/26/06 - Aftergood

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NRC RESCINDS SECREC Y SURROUNDING HEU FUEL EXPORTS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission says that it will no longer conceal the amounts of highly enriched uranium (HEU) fuel proposed for export to foreign research reactors. The announcement marks a step back from the heightened secrecy adopted by the NRC and other government agencies post-September 11.

The revised policy had been sought by the Nuclear Control Institute (www.nci.org), a non-proliferation advocacy organization, and the move was disclosed in an August 31 letter to the Institute.

"After considering your recommendations and various other factors, NRC will discontinue automatically withholding material quantity information from the public versions of export license applications," wrote NRC Chairman Dale E. Klein to NCI analyst Alan J. Kuperman.

Henceforward, "Federal Register notices for proposed HEU exports will also include quantities requested," Chairman Klein wrote.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/09/nrc083106.pdf>

The Nuclear Control Institute had argued that such disclosure serves the public interest because it enables public vetting of applications for HEU exports and thereby helps to ensure that traffic in weapons-grade uranium is minimized. (Secrecy News, 02/15/06).

NCI analyst Kuperman commended the NRC for "rethinking and reversing a secrecy policy that was a counter-productive over-reaction to the attacks of September 11."

He said the new openness policy will "assist the Commission to fulfill its statutory responsibility to minimize commerce in bomb-grade uranium."

"The NRC will continue to withhold information on projected or actual shipment schedules, delivery dates, ... or any other related logistical information... as this information could be

useful to a potential adversary," Chairman Klein wrote.

CIA REGULATIONS ON PRE-PUBLICATION REVIEW POSTED

The Central Intelligence Agency requires current and former employees to submit all intelligence-related material that they intend to publish to the CIA for pre-publication review.

Depending on the political climate, the subject matter and sometimes the personalities involved, the pre-publication review process can be routine and relatively painless, or it can be a bureaucratic nightmare spanning years of litigation.

The current CIA regulations governing pre-publication review were revised in 2005 and issued by then-DCIA Porter J. Goss. A copy of the regs, in slightly redacted form, is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/cia/prb2005.pdf>

The prior version, dating from 1995 (also partially redacted), is here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/cia/prb1995.pdf>

Both editions were recently entered into the record of a pending lawsuit, Thomas Waters Jr. v. Central Intelligence Agency.

Plaintiff Waters, a former CIA employee, is suing the Agency in a pre-publication review dispute in D.C. District Court. He is represented by attorney Mark S. Zaid.

JOINT OPS, IRAQI DOCS, AND AIR FORCE CLASSIFICATION MARKINGS

Some noteworthy military, intelligence and classification-related publications that have recently been issued include the following.

"Joint Operations," JP 3-0 published on September 17, 2006 by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, "reflects the current guidance for conducting joint and multinational activities across the range of military operations." See:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3_0.pdf

"The Iraqi Documents: A Glimpse Into the Regime of Saddam Hussein" was the subject of an April 6, 2006 hearing before the House Committee on International Relations. The hearing transcript has just been published and is available here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/iraqdocs.pdf

"Implementation of New Classification Marking Requirements" is the topic of a May 30, 2006 U.S. Air Force policy memo which is intended to remedy "a widespread lack of consistent and accurate classification markings" identified by the Government Accountability Office in a recent audit. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dod/af053006.pdf>

THE COST OF THE WAR, AND MORE FROM CRS

Congress has appropriated about \$437 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan through FY 2006, according to a newly updated report from the Congressional Research Service.

See "The Cost of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Global War on Terror Operations Since 9/11," updated September 22, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33110.pdf>

Some other notable new CRS reports that have not been made readily available to the public include these:

"National Security Surveillance Act of 2006: S. 3886, Title II (S. 2453 as Reported Out of the Senate Judiciary Committee)," September 15, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL33650.pdf>

"Bangladesh: Background and U.S. Relations," September 7, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL33646.pdf>

"Terrorist Watchlist Checks and Air Passenger Prescreening,"
September 6, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homsec/RL33645.pdf>

"Cuba: U.S. Restrictions on Travel and Remittances," updated
August 30, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL31139.pdf>

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>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 11:32:57 -0700
>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

>When I was working with magnetic neurostimulators, we built a
>round coil with a nominal diameter of only 2 cm, instead of the
>normal 12 cm and 7 cm supplied by the manufacturer. The
>reasoning was it would intensify the magnetic field and the
>field gradient and boost the stimulus. In practice, it was
>totally useless for cortical stimulation. It turned out there
>were several reasons for this, but the most important was that
>as you shrink the coil size, the field drops off much more
>rapidly. E.g., the small coil generated a magnetic field about
>2.5 times larger than the 12 cm coil (at the surface), but 2 cm
>below the scalp at the level of the gray matter and superficial
>white matter, the field had fallen off to only a few percent of
>maximum. That more than wiped out the gain in field and field
>gradient we got by shrinking the coil.

>Persinger seems to be using solenoid coils about 1/4th the size
>of our smallest and unsuccessful coil. Yet he is claiming to be
>stimulating deep brain structures, including the midbrain, where
>the falloff in the magnetic field from his tiny coils is 4 to 5
>orders of magnitude from the surface.

What I don't understand is why the field drops off 4 to 5 orders
of magnitude. Reviewing a couple books (Electromagnetic Fields:
biological interactions and mechanisms)/1995 and Biological
Effects of Electric and Magnetic Fields, Source/Mechanisms/1994,
they state that magnetic fields pass through the body
unattenuated and that the human body does not perceptibly
distort the lines of flux for magnetic fields, because the
impedance of the biological tissue to the oscillating magnetic
field does not differ from air. Thus Persinger's field
measurements in air but near the location of the center of the
brain based on the reference location of the coils is valid.

>Even Persinger refers to his alleged psychological effects from
>stimulation as "subtle." They are so subtle he often requires
>isolation chambers and his subjects viewing ganzfelds (180 deg.
>blank fields) in order to produce them. Putting people in
>stimulus deprivation situations can alone produce sensory
>disorientation and minor hallucinations without adding a
>Persinger "God helmet."

Nevertheless, using a double blind setup and using sham fields
in the methodology, he obtains reportable results using complex
fields. Why the lack of confirmation from other researchers is a
concern though. He reports thoroughly and frequently and with
multiple authors.

Also, by the way, I found the paper of the "proprietary signal".
This 1997 paper on "sensed presence" has him testing using a
"Thomas pulse" which was by researchers Thomas, Prato and
Kavalliers in 1996 and was supposed to evoke significant
vestibular experiences in humans. Apparently Thomas provided the
exact signal to Persinger privately but why would Thomas not
provide other researchers the same data for their own testing?

Persinger also describes it generally. Looking at the Thomas original paper, the waveform is shown as well. Subsequent papers by Thomas (2001) show improvement in balance due to being exposed to such a waveform. Thomas testing was intended to provide a less subjective (than Persinger) measure of the effects of being exposed to low level varying magnetic fields. Thomas showed low level effects using his method but of course steered clear of "sensed presence" or other narrative methods.

I guess the whole issue boils down to somebody being able to repeat the cognitive experiments or that the strength of the effect is great enough to be duplicatable in the commercial units which I am sure many have bought or built by now. If the effect is subtle and requires Ganzfield setups which some users may not have done, then they may not report results.

From a UFO perspective, it is hard to see how by some amazingly fortuitous chance people can be exposed to these complex signals via geomagnetics and influenced to have seen aliens/UFOs/etc. Given how you apparently must have either reduced stimuli to perceive/experience the field effects, the implication is that you must either be asleep or in some semi-sleep state. But one has dreams in that state anyway so it buys you little to add these field effects. The other possibility is for people very prone to seizure-like electrical surges in their brains, but they are likely a small subset of UFO/alien viewers/experiencers and abductees.

However, I still think this area must be considered from the perspective of purposeful external influencing of human thoughts. Persinger himself speculates on human control of thoughts of large populations via the field mechanism. While he agrees the effect is subtle, it may be cumulative. Therefore, UFO agents may utilize this methodology to subtly influence experienter thought patterns. Whether these UFO agents are covert humans or aliens is irrelevant.

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 22:57:07 +0100
>Subject: Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 11:25:59 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Scientist Goes Toe-To-Toe With Bad Astronomy

>>>Source: The Times-News - Twin Falls, Idaho

>>><http://tinyurl.co.uk/g5xw>

<snip>

>>The main study of amateur astronomers was done by Gert Herb with
>>the guidance of Allen Hynek and published in the CUFOS Bulletin
>>in 1980. The results were recently republished in International
>>UFO Reporter in May 2006. Out of 1805 AA's who answered the
>>mailed questionnaire, fully 24% answered "yes" to the question,
>>"Have you ever observed an object which resisted your most
>>exhaustive efforts at identification?"

<snip>

>>About 20+% of all questionnaires mailed were returned. Even if
>>one assumes that only those who had sightings or an interest in
>>the subject returned the questionnaire, the percentage of all
>>amateurs who received questionnaire's who had UFO sightings
>>would still be 5%. Therefore the "true" percentage is somewhere
>>between 5% and 24%.

<snip>

>Thanks David, that was interesting enough to send me to CUFO's
>Blue Book Archive Search, put in "astronomer" and first document
>was introduction to a report by J Allen Hynek - written in Aug
>1952

><http://tinyurl.com/fjx9c>

>Pages 958 to maybe 980, but if you read on there's some more
>interesting stuff on page 982.

<snip>

>Nevertheless that rough figure of 12.5% of professional
>astronomers making sightings - but presumably not reporting
>them officially - seems clear enough. Wonder if it's the same
>today?

Hi Everyone!

Why should we restrict such questionnaires or surveys about UFOs
only to professional astronomers? Yes, UFOs are usually seen in
the sky or in space but they have also been seen on the ground
and sometimes even entering or exiting bodies of water. Taking

this into account, and the fact that UFOs remain a real and still unsolved mystery, we should include other professionals such as pilots/astronauts, atmospheric and earth scientists and even parapsychologists and theologians too, just to name a few.

Of course, Allen Hynek was an astronomer who worked for the USAF as a consultant on UFOs so it is only natural that people raised in this space age generation associate astronomers with the study of UFOs or that Hynek would question astronomers about this subject. I too would be very interested in knowing what the percentages for different groups of professionals, including astronomers, that have seen UFOs (or examined something totally "alien") which they could not explain and did not report officially.

I too want to thank David, and Ray, for their very interesting and well thoughtout e-mails that clearly point out and explain things so we get the true perspective rather than accept popular held views by skeptiss such as Phil Plait.

Below are a few of my related posts to the UFO UpDates list regarding astronomers and their sightings of UFOs that prove that UFOs are real but something many scientists still avoid since they cannot be readily explained within the present scientific worldview because they refuse to entertain certain other possibilities.

Allen Hynek and hundreds of astronomers in Victoria, BC
<http://tinyurl.com/syw3f>

Astronomer Christopher J. Corbally's UFO sighting
<http://tinyurl.com/rd2v6>

Astromomer Clyde Tombaugh's UFO sighting
<http://tinyurl.com/qw62d>

Astronomers, NOSS satellite sightings and mystery triangles
<http://tinyurl.com/ltdgw>

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Paper By F. Crawford? - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 14:08:48 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 15:38:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Paper By F. Crawford? - Balaskas

>From: Eugene Frison <eugene.frison.nul>
>To: UFO Updates List <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 17:09:09 -0300
>Subject: Paper By F. Crawford?

>Can anyone provide me with a copy of 'Controversial Correlations
>and the Question of Consciousness' which is a paper presented by
>F. Crawford (1993) at the Ozark UFO Conference, Eureka Springs,
>Ark., 2-4 April?

Hi Eugene!

Here is a forwarded e-mail from Lucius Farish, the host of the excellent annual Ozark UFO Conference. Please check out the website below where you will find this very important 1993 paper by Crawford that you are looking for.

http://www.ozarkufo.com/other_video.htm

Nick Balaskas

From: Lucius Farish <weblf123.nul>
To: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 10:46:11 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Paper By F. Crawford? (fwd)

Nick,

I've sent you the page from our website which gives information on ordering either videotapes or DVDs of our earlier Ozark UFO Conferences, including the 1993 Conference with Forest Crawford's talk which Eugene wanted. You can pass this along to him.

If you care to mention the availability of these tapes/DVDs in any posts to UFO UpDates, that would be appreciated. Tapes of our 2006 Conference are available from me. Details are on the website.

Lou Farish

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Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Groff

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 13:14:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 15:40:11 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Groff

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 10:03:51 +0100
>Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA?

>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 11:33:44 -0500 (CDT)
>>Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA?

>>>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 17:29:38 +0200 (CEST)
>>>Subject: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA?

>>>At around 4:50 of this clip, there is a short film with
>>>apparently live images of the February 25, 1942 Battle of Los
>>>Angeles. Is it an actual film? What is the original source? Or,
>>>is it a recent recreation and, if so, by whom?

>>><http://tinyurl.com/mp7o9>

>>>I'd appreciate any further information to clarify this.

>>It is interesting. I've always wondered if there might have been
>>anyone at the time who thought quick enough to point a movie
>>camera at it, whether it was a home movie or Hollywood camera.

>>I suspect, though, that this is some kind of recreation. It's
>>not claimed to be authentic. Even with a lot of spotlights,
>>shooting into a night sky and getting any kind of decent image
>>is pretty difficult. Also, there's something wrong about the use
>>of the zoom in the footage. I'm no expert on movie cameras of
>>the early 1940s, but didn't most of them have a rotating lens
>>arrangement, rather than a zoom?

>>I could be wrong. I could always be wrong.

>I see no evidence of camera "zoom" in this clip. There appear to
>be at least two magnification scales but the transitions between
>them are discontinuous, not smooth.

<snip>

>The still camera shot inserted into the clip, from the Los
>Angeles Times, has been very well known for many years and has I
>think always been regarded as genuine.

>Martin Shough

Frank Warren has pointed out to me that on the night of the
event the sky was clear. This particular clip shows too many
clouds to be footage of BOLA. That would seem to make zooming or
not zooming irrelevant.

The photo is the one that Frank made directly from the original
negative. It has since been ripped and distributed all over the

internet. Heck, I'm guilty of that myself.

Terry

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Re: An Abduction Story - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 19:16:28 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 17:36:40 -0400
Subject: Re: An Abduction Story - Dickenson

>From: Robert Whitehead <robwhiteheaduk.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 00:24:16 +0000
>Subject: Re: An Abduction Story

<snip>

>The 'Cash/Landrum Incident' obviously springs to mind, but I
>wonder how many other short-term 'cures' or illnesses have been
>attributed to UFOs?

>Can anyone recommend books or documentaries that deal
>specifically with this occasional 'side-effect' of encounters
>with UFOs?

Hello Robert,

here's one for you -

A French doctor was wounded in Algeria in 1958 and `partly immobilized'. On night of 2 Nov 1968 he went out onto terrace, saw two UFOs merge and descend towards him. A ray of light was flashed on him then the merged UFO suddenly disappeared. He ran into the house before realizing he was no longer `partly immobilized' and that the wounds were cured.

--The World's Greatest UFO Mysteries
by Nigel Blundell, Roger Boar (p 23)

Also seem to remember, maybe in one of Tim Good's books, a maybe Central or South American lady who was cured of something like a heart or tumor condition after being visited by a Nordic type who arrived and departed mysteriously.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 20:23:18 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 17:38:59 -0400
Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - McGonagle

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 06:56:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

<snip>

>Files available at the National Archives and documents released
>under the Freedom of Information Act certainly show that the MOD
>policy was to play down the subject of UFOs. I certainly
>couldn't talk about the involvement of the Defence Intelligence
>Staff and my liaison with them on UFO investigations until the
>MOD had released documents confirming this. But none of this
>implies a cover-up or conspiracy in quite the way certain
>British ufologists imply.

Hello Nick, List,

Unfortunately, the main points were lost in the body of the Guardian article, though some of them are present. For example:

'But the note continues: "This is not to say that the investigation is not taken seriously. The branches have their own methods - and [the public UFO desk] has no 'need to know' about them - but we are aware that DI55 for example sometimes makes extensive inquiries.'

This was in paragraph 10 of a 16 paragraph, 4 pages long minute from S4(Air) to the Assistant Permanent Secretary for the Under-Secretary of State for the RAF, which was also copied to the Deputy Director of Headquarters Security for the MoD.

Significantly, it explicitly states that branches other than S4(Air) (most likely including DI55) had their own methods of UFO investigation, about which S4(Air) had no need to know. It then goes on to say that DI55 sometimes make extensive enquiries - it doesn't say what the nature of these enquiries are, but could for instance include interviewing witnesses directly, or visiting the location of a report (possibly even under the guise of another branch of the RAF, or as civilian investigators). Whatever they did, S4(Air) had no "need to know" - just as in 2000, Sec(AS) had no "need to know" about Condign, even though Sec(AS)2a was the focal point for UFO investigation as far as the public were concerned.

Immediately after the sentence quoted above, the paragraph continues:

"It is undesirable that even a hint of this should become public and we are currently consulting the [Air Historical Branch] on ways of expurgating the official records against the time when they qualify for disclosure [at the Public Records Office]."

This is also interesting. It is not explicit what means were under consideration with which to achieve covering-up DI55's role. It may be that they hoped to use the Public Records Act to retain any reference to DI55 beyond 30 years, or were they considering altering the records to make it look as though DI55

did not participate in UFO matters at all? Furthermore, did they largely achieve their objective of removing references to DI55 from the official record, and we have just been fortunate to uncover the few surviving records?

The above indicates something far more serious than simply "playing down" the UFO topic.

>I gave an insider's view on this story to BBC World Service yesterday in a radio interview and worked with the Daily Express on a UFO feature in today's paper.

Yes, I listened to that and found it hilarious. The BBC interviewer was asking questions about DI55, and you were answering the questions as if they were asking about Sec(AS)2a! I'm not sure if the interviewer thought that "the UFO Project" was "run by" DI55, and therefore thought that you worked for DI55, or if you were unaware that the questions were about DI55's role and not Sec(AS)2a's role? I'll post a transcript after I send this post. Your comments in the Daily Express article seemed largely irrelevant to the documents (obtained by Andy Roberts) which were the theme of the article, whereas Dave Clarke's comments in the same article were right on the nail.

Regards,

Joe

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BBC World Service's Nick Pope Interview

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 20:29:08 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 17:42:51 -0400
Subject: BBC World Service's Nick Pope Interview

Nick Pope on the BBC World Service, 25/9/06, being interviewed about an article published in The Guardian Newspaper that day which disclosed that the MoD had considered avoiding disclosure of the participation of DI55 in the investigation of UFOs in excess of the minimum 30 year period as would be required by the Public Records Act at the time.

Interviewer: Now some people swear they have seen one or maybe more, others think it's a lot of nonsense. Well whatever your opinion on UFOs, it has emerged that the British Government took them very seriously - so seriously that it had a special unit set up to investigate them. Secret documents released under the Freedom of Information Act reveals the extent of these investigations and the extent which the Ministry of Defence went to cover up the activities of that special unit called DI55. It's almost X- files. Well, Nick Pope ran the investigative department of the MoD between 1991 and 1994 - what did he do?

Nick Pope: My job was to research and investigate the sightings reported to see if there was evidence of any threat to the defence of the country.

Interviewer: And why did the Government take such an interest to the extent of setting up a special unit?

Nick Pope: If we have reports of unidentified craft operating in our airspace, clearly we want to know what they are and what they're doing. Many of these UFO sightings involve reports from credible witnesses such as police officers and pilots. UFOs have been tracked on radar, and they've been seen performing at speeds and manouvres that seem to go way ahead of that we've got, so of course that's got to be of interest to us.

Interviewer: So how did you investigate?

Nick Pope: It's essentially a process of elimination. Most UFO sightings are going to be well-intentioned misidentifications of ordinary objects and phenomena, so you look to see if there was any civil or military aircraft activity, you check with the launch positions and times of weather balloons, you look at satellite data, you talk to astronomers to see if there was any astronomical object or phenomena that might explain what was seen, you can look at the radar tapes, if you are lucky enough to have a photo or video you can get that analysed.

Interviewer: So how often did you find a rational explanation for what was seen?

Nick Pope: Well I received about 2 or 3 hundred reports each year, and I reckon of those about 80% of them I could explain to a high degree of satisfaction. About 15% there really wasn't enough information to come to a firm conclusions. The remaining 5%, genuinely interesting, and those were the real UFOs as it were.

Interviewer: And what is your theory about those?

Nick Pope: I don't have one because they are still unknowns. As

to whether they could be extraterrestrial in origin, I can't rule that out.

Interviewer: You will of course realise that there will be many people listening to this thinking all of this is just crazy. What do you say to them?

Nick Pope: Well I've been accused of various things - some people think that the whole idea of looking at UFOs at all is a complete waste of time and money. UFO enthusiasts think that there's a sinister cover-up and I've been accused of being a part of that. All I can say is that when I was doing my job, I did it to the best of my ability, investigated any sighting reported to me and did my best to come to a conclusion.

Interviewer: In these files that are released at the moment, they describe the extent to which the government tried to cover up the existence of this special unit which investigated UFOs. Why do you think they were so keen to cover it up?

Nick Pope: I would dispute the phrase "cover up" - just because something is downplayed, does not mean it's a vast conspiracy.

Interviewer: And does this unit still exist?

Nick Pope: The UFO project that I was involved with is still there, but now it's really responding to Freedom of Information Act requests. It's the number 1 subject that people write to the MoD about.

Interviewer: And that was the man who ran the UFO investigative department for Britain's Ministry of Defence between 1991 and 1994. That was Nick Pope.

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Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 17:44:52 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Film' Of 1942 Battle Of LA? - Connors

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Wendy Connors
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Vibration Attacks Witnessed

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 16:51:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 17:47:22 -0400
Subject: Vibration Attacks Witnessed

It's nice when UFO events are verified by multiple witnesses, and in the organized stalking/electronic harassment arena, when our UFO technology level events are witnessed by non-targets, especially when they are willing to go on record describing the events in writing.

Today I sent out a bulletin to our organized stalking/electronic harassment forums concerning one such UFO level technology event - vibration attacks, which are a sub-set of remote physical manipulation attacks. I thought UFO UpDates members might be interested, so here is a copy of the bulletin I sent out today:

In Victor's case, his head vibrated uncontrollably to the point where he was booted out of university. Victor actually has letters attesting to this posted here:

<http://www.raven1.net/victor1.jpg>

<http://www.raven1.net/victor2.jpg>

Victor's own photo is here:

<http://www.raven1.net/victormoturi.jpg>

** Victor's documented experience shows plainly that we are dealing with technology far advanced beyond conventional radio signals. Vibration of other objects, both metallic and non-metallic, as well as other types of remote physical manipulation, show Victor's experience is not some sort of 'strange medical condition.'

I've had considerable remote manipulation of my own body parts, and the majority of these do NOT involve the participation of my muscles. It is very easy to tell the difference.

And vibration attacks and other remote manipulation attacks have been verified as physical events by such means as touching a vibrating body part or object with a cup of liquid and observing the ripples, or computer monitored vibration switches, or portable seismographs.

A classic example was that when I arrived at work for a period of several weeks (I usually opened the building) my PC keyboard was vibrated so violently I could not use it. The desk underneath was not vibrating at all, nor was the concrete slab floor (no basement.) The facility had no heavy machinery. The vibration would sometimes continue until the first co-worker entered the area, at which time my keyboard abruptly stopped vibrating.

A cup of water touching the keyboard exhibited very pronounced ripples.

In these cases, the vibration is highly localized and is not a case of a building surface transmitting external vibrations to something, as the seismographs have shown.

Eleanor White

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UFOs Across Michigan's Upper Peninsula

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Source:eMediaWire.Com - Lanham, Maryland, USA

<http://www.emediawire.com/releases/2006/9/emw441862.htm>

September 27, 2006

UFOs Across Michigan's Upper Peninsula -- Upper Peninsula Author and Researcher Now Responsible for Investigation of UFO Sightings on Both Sides of the Mackinac Bridge

Over 60 UFO sightings have been documented over Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Now the region's only certified field investigator is also UP Section Director and also the Chief Investigator for the entire state of Michigan.

(PRWEB) September 27, 2006 -- At least 60 sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have been reported across Michigan's Upper Peninsula since 1968, but for some time now the region has needed a field investigator certified by the international Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). The Michigan chapter of MUFON recently appointed the UP's only certified field investigator, Lisa A. Shiel, as the State Section Director for the UP as well as the Chief Investigator for the state of Michigan.

Documented UFO sightings in the UP include a huge, slow-moving triangle with edge lights in Dickinson County (May 2006), a disc that hovered for two minutes over Boston Location (May 1998) and three lights (one white, two green) that illuminated the night like daylight near Bessemer (August 1987). Whatever they might have been, unusual objects have certainly been observed in the skies over the Upper Peninsula.

Lisa Shiel, author of several books published by Lake Linden publisher Slipdown Mountain Publications LLC, has discussed her research and theories in TV, radio and newspaper interviews. Her new assignment as Michigan-MUFON Chief Investigator means she will coordinate the investigations of UFO sightings across the state and lead her own investigations into those reported in the UP. In her new positions, Shiel quickly assigned 27 sighting reports (from Charlevoix to Adrian) to Michigan-MUFON field investigators and personally began five investigations into reported UP sightings in Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Luce and Menominee Counties.

Worldwide, researchers estimate that only 10 percent of actual sightings are ever reported. Shiel encourages any UP residents to contact her with information about UFO sightings (recent or not) or for information about UFO investigations or Michigan-MUFON activities. She can be reached by phone at (906) 523-6101. Besides writing and researching UFOs, Shiel is also secretary/technology officer for Slipdown Mountain Publications LLC and the director/founder of the Michigan Upper Peninsula Bigfoot Organization (www.UPBigfoot.com).

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Japanese Skyfisherman Caught 'Rods'?

From: Robert Whitehead <robwhiteheaduk.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 22:05:15 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 08:27:59 -0400
Subject: Japanese Skyfisherman Caught 'Rods'?

Source: Mainichi Daly News, Tokyo, Japan

<http://tinyurl.com/odjo7>

September 25, 2006

'Aging Angler Swears There's Nothing Better Than Feel Of Invisible Mountain Skyfish'

Skyfish are mysterious, paranormal objects that fly through the skies or swim in water at speeds so incredibly fast they're invisible to the human eye, but are regularly captured on video camera. And Japan is home to one of the world's most adept skyfish anglers, according to Cyzo (October).

Incredibly, Kozo Ichikawa, a 64-year-old tangerine farmer from a rustic part of Shizuoka Prefecture, claims he can catch the skyfish - also referred to as Unidentified Marine Animals - with his bare hands.

Ichikawa has already displayed his talents on a DVD about the most effective methods used in skyfishing and made by Jose Escamilla, one of the world's leading experts on paranormal phenomena.

While no samples of living skyfish are in captivity, nor have any samples been found for that matter, the sexagenarian farmer has no doubts that they exist.

"When I was a little kid, I used to catch them all the time," he tells Cyzo. "Now, though, the environment's gone bad and you've got to go deeper and deeper into the mountains to see them anywhere."

Ichikawa says that he's now too old and frail to try and head up to the high mountain peaks where skyfish are easily caught by hand, but insists that it can be done. He's also refusing to take on apprentices, but says that watching the skyfishing DVDs tells anybody anything they need to know to catch one of the bizarre creatures.

Considering Japanese eat more fish than any other people on the planet, how would the skyfish go down at the local sushi bar? Not well at all, according to Ichikawa, who says skyfish aren't for consumption.

"You don't eat skyfish," he says. "You just catch them and then release them again. That's all. Mind you, if you did eat them, I guess they'd probably taste a bit like nata de coco (a healthy, jelly-like Filipino food produced from coconut milk)."

Ichikawa says the appeal of skyfishing by hand all comes down to one thing.

"They feel so good to touch," he tells Cyzo.

With skyfishing growing in popularity, a follow-up DVD has recently been released onto the market featuring successful

skyfishers from across the globe advising wannabe air anglers on how to catch the curious creatures. Ichikawa is delighted by the sequel.

"As a skyfisherman myself, I'd love to meet these people," Ichikawa tells Cyzo. "And I'd really like them to study my methods on skyfishing by hand and tell me if they work overseas, too." (By Ryann Connell)

September 25, 2006

<http://mdn.mainichi-msn.co.jp/waiwai/news/20060925p2q00m0dm011000c.html>

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>resemble cloud-like formations.

True. And the "zoom" I noticed may very well be a digital editing thing, not something inherent in the original footage.

I know I've seen the still, and I've seen another similar still reproduced as a copy of a newspaper page. But I've always wondered where all the other, good, high-quality news photos of the thing are. There were more newspapers in town than there are now. And they had stringers and freelancers running all over town. Maybe there are some other photos tucked away in the old vaults. If we could get a few more photos, approximate where and when they were taken, we might be able to triangulate and get a better idea of the height and size of whatever it was.

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Re: Oooo! At Last! UFO Cataloging Software! -

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 16:39:06 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 08:34:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Oooo! At Last! UFO Cataloging Software! -

>Source: SoftPedia.Com

><http://www.softpedia.com/get/Others/Miscellaneous/UFO-Watcher.shtml>

>September 20th

>UFO Watcher is the perfect computer program for UFO Watchers.
>This program lets you record detailed information about each
>sighting, such as: Date Of Sighting, Time, Sighting Detailed
>Location, Details Of The Sighting, Names, Emails, Notes,
>Comments and much more.

>Plus you can import and display up to 3 different photo's for
>each sighting.

>Here are some key features of "UFO Watcher":

- >- Unlimited number of records (sightings),
- >- Print Records,
- >- Print Charts,
- >- Search,
- >- Sort,
- >- Import and Display Pics,
- >- Built-In Help File

>License: Shareware
>Price: 19.99 \$ to buy
>OS: Windows All
>Size: 870 KB

Another option is downloading the OpenOffice suite, available
free for any computing platform, (yes, I said _free_), from:

<http://www.openoffice.org/>

Using the database included in that suite, called Base, you can
build your own. It's as simple and powerful as M\$ Access. Yes, I
said simple!

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Re: Michael Persinger - Rudiak

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Subject: Re: Michael Persinger - Rudiak

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

>>When I was working with magnetic neurostimulators, we built a
>>round coil with a nominal diameter of only 2 cm, instead of the
>>normal 12 cm and 7 cm supplied by the manufacturer. The
>>reasoning was it would intensify the magnetic field and the
>>field gradient and boost the stimulus. In practice, it was
>>totally useless for cortical stimulation. It turned out there
>>were several reasons for this, but the most important was that
>>as you shrink the coil size, the field drops off much more
>>rapidly. E.g., the small coil generated a magnetic field about
>>2.5 times larger than the 12 cm coil (at the surface), but 2 cm
>>below the scalp at the level of the gray matter and superficial
>>white matter, the field had fallen off to only a few percent of
>>maximum. That more than wiped out the gain in field and field
>>gradient we got by shrinking the coil.

>>Persinger seems to be using solenoid coils about 1/4th the size
>>of our smallest and unsuccessful coil. Yet he is claiming to be
>>stimulating deep brain structures, including the midbrain, where
>>the falloff in the magnetic field from his tiny coils is 4 to 5
>>orders of magnitude from the surface.

>What I don't understand is why the field drops off 4 to 5 orders
>of magnitude. Reviewing a couple books (Electromagnetic Fields:
>biological interactions and mechanisms)/1995 and Biological
>Effects of Electric and Magnetic Fields, Source/Mechanisms/1994,
>they state that magnetic fields pass through the body
>unattenuated and that the human body does not perceptibly
>distort the lines of flux for magnetic fields, because the
>impedance of the biological tissue to the oscillating magnetic
>field does not differ from air. Thus Persinger's field
>measurements in air but near the location of the center of the
>brain based on the reference location of the coils is valid.

As I understand it, you are saying he measured his fields not
directly beneath the coil but at distances corresponding to near
the center of the brain.

Let's do some order of magnitude calculations to get a feel for
the strength of Persinger's coils. In a previous post, you said
that Persinger used 5 volt reed relay coils with 250 ohms
resistance. Assuming he was driving them at a maximum 5 volts,
the max. current "I" through a coil would be $I = 5/250 = .02$
Amp.

The magnetic field at the center of a solenoid is given by $B = \mu * N*I/2r$, where $\mu \approx 10^{-6}$, N = coil turns, I is current, and r is nominal coil radius. Guess N = 100 turns and r = .5 cm = .005 meter.

Then $B = 10^{-6} * 100 * .02 / (2 * .005) = \sim 2 * 10^{-4}$ Tesla or ~ 2 gauss at the center of the solenoid.

Assume that the solenoids were the same length as wide, so that the solenoid is 1 cm long, and the end is .5 cm from the center.

The falloff in the magnetic field with distance "x" along the axis of the coil is then proportional to $r^2 / (r^2 + x^2)^{3/2}$. Then construct the following table of relative and absolute field strengths (x = 0 is the coil center, x = .5 is the coil end, x = 2.5 cm is 2 cm into the brain, etc.)

x(cm)	B(relative)	B(absolute, gauss)
0	1.0	2.0
0.5	.35	.7
2.5	.00750	.150
4.5	.00140	.027
6.5	.00045	.009
8.5	.00020	.004

5 orders of magnitude was overstating it (erroneous initial calculation), but the falloff for the deepest structures Persinger is claiming to stimulate is 3 to almost 4 orders of magnitude. Go off axis, and the drop in field is even greater.

Even only 2 cm from the coil, about the level of cortex and superficial white matter, the field is only 7.5% of maximum and about .15 gauss, about 1/3rd of Earth's magnetic field.

By comparison, the largest coil I worked with had a radius of about 6 cm. Do the same calculation and you'll find a maximum field drop-off of only 44%. The coil had a maximum field of about 1 Tesla or 10,000 gauss, or ~ 5600 gauss 8 cm from the coil, approximately a million times greater than what Persinger is using. We were only marginally able to get sensory responses (phosphenes) stimulating even relatively shallow parts of the brain.

Another factor I haven't previously discussed is that magnetic neurostimulators use very short pulses, usually on the order of 100 microseconds to a few hundred microseconds. These are much more effective at stimulating nerves than very long pulses, because of something called the strength-duration curve. Very long pulses take a lot more charge and energy to stimulate nerves than very short ones because nerves behave like leaky capacitors. It's like trying to fill a bathtub with the drain open. The most efficient way to fill the tub using the least amount of water is to use a very large current much greater than the leakage current. In this way, the tub fills very rapidly requiring only slightly more water than with the bathtub drain closed.

At the other extreme, if the tub drains as fast as you try to fill it, you can never fill the tub. Use a current only slightly greater than the drainage, then it takes a very long time to fill the tub and requires a very large quantity of water. This is the strength-duration curve for filling bathtubs. Nerves have a very similar strength-duration type relationship.

Persinger is using extremely weak stimulus currents well below nerve leakage currents. Even with repetitive stimuli applied over a long time, he's never going to fill the tub, i.e., he's never going to get the nerve cells to fire.

>>Even Persinger refers to his alleged psychological effects from >>stimulation as "subtle." They are so subtle he often requires >>isolation chambers and his subjects viewing ganzfelds (180 deg. >>blank fields) in order to produce them. Putting people in >>stimulus deprivation situations can alone produce sensory >>disorientation and minor hallucinations without adding a >>Persinger "God helmet."

>Nevertheless, using a double blind setup and using sham fields >in the methodology, he obtains reportable results using complex >fields. Why the lack of confirmation from other researchers is a >concern though. He reports thoroughly and frequently and with >multiple authors.

Unfortunately, the multiple authors are always people in his own lab, basically grad students under Persinger's tutelage. What one wants is confirmation from outside labs not affiliated with

Persinger in any way.

>Also, by the way, I found the paper of the "proprietary signal".
>This 1997 paper on "sensed presence" has him testing using a
>"Thomas pulse" which was by researchers Thomas, Prato and
>Kavaliars in 1996 and was supposed to evoke significant
>vestibular experiences in humans.

I took a look at the stimulus setup in an abstract. They are using very large pairs of Helmholtz coils, which maintain a very constant magnetic field between the coils. Therefore, there is no rapid dropoff, as in the Persinger setup, beneath the very tiny coils he used.

In addition, their magnetic fields seem to be on the order of 2 to 5 Gauss (with no falloff), whereas, the strongest field in the Persinger setup at the level of the superficial brain, by my calculation, was probably only around .15 Gauss. So more than an order of magnitude stronger magnetic fields, and if very deep structures were involved, more like 4 to 5 orders of magnitude difference.

With fields this large (unlike Persinger's setup), I can begin to imagine some possible transducer mechanism other than direct neural stimulation. E.g., the fields are several times that of the earth's field, and tiny particles of magnetite found to exist in the brain might be significantly torqued by the applied alternating fields and perhaps mechanically (not electrically) stimulate nerve cells. (Such a mechanism, e.g., has been proposed for the internal compass of birds that seem to be able to navigate using the Earth's mechanism field.) Alternatively, low level vibrations might be set up in vestibular fluid that could again stimulate vestibular nerve cells.

However, as far as I know, there has yet to be a direct demonstration of such a transducer mechanism (such as recording the increased spiking of nerve cells with a microelectrode nearby. There is also the conundrum of why much larger stimulus magnetic fields don't seem to evoke responses that Persinger claims.

>Apparently Thomas provided the
>exact signal to Persinger privately but why would Thomas not
>provide other researchers the same data for their own testing?
>Persinger also describes it generally. Looking at the Thomas
>original paper, the waveform is shown as well. Subsequent papers
>by Thomas (2001) show improvement in balance due to being
>exposed to such a waveform. Thomas testing was intended to
>provide a less subjective (than Persinger) measure of the
>effects of being exposed to low level varying magnetic fields.
>Thomas showed low level effects using his method but of course
>steered clear of "sensed presence" or other narrative methods.

>I guess the whole issue boils down to somebody being able to
>repeat the cognitive experiments or that the strength of the
>effect is great enough to be duplicatable in the commercial
>units which I am sure many have bought or built by now. If the
>effect is subtle and requires Ganzfield setups which some users
>may not have done, then they may not report results.

If Persinger's work could be reliably replicated outside of his own lab, then I would have apologize about my very skeptical and negative comments about his work. But right now, the corpus of his work looks extremely flaky. I seriously doubt his exceedingly weak stimuli could be causing any of the effects he describes, even with a hypothetical non-neural transducer mechanism.

>From a UFO perspective, it is hard to see how by some amazingly
>fortuitous chance people can be exposed to these complex signals
>via geomagnetics and influenced to have seen aliens/UFOs/etc.

Agreed.

>Given how you apparently must have either reduced stimuli to
>perceive/experience the field effects, the implication is that
>you must either be asleep or in some semi-sleep state. But one
>has dreams in that state anyway so it buys you little to add
>these field effects.

Agreed.

>The other possibility is for people very
>prone to seizure-like electrical surges in their brains, but
>they are likely a small subset of UFO/alien viewers/experiencers
>and abductees.

Basically I agree, but with some additional comments. Seizures can be set off by strobed lights in sensitive individuals, but this direct form of neural stimulation (through the nervous system itself) is again many orders of magnitude greater than Persinger's weak magnetic coil stimuli can produce in the temporal lobes. Seizures can also be produced by direct electrode stimulation during brain surgery in affected areas of the brain. Again, the currents needed to do this are many orders of magnitude greater than Persinger's stimulus.

MRI is sometimes used to image epileptic foci. The imagers use low frequency pulsed magnetic fields in the imaging process probably 3 to 4 orders of magnitude stronger than those used by Persinger for more superficial stimuli, yet I know of no epileptic seizures ever being set off during an MRI session by the MRI itself. In fact, despite having much more potent stimulus fields, the imagers are deliberately designed to deliver subthreshold magnetic pulses that WON'T cause direct peripheral nerve stimulation and set muscles at twitching (it is much easier to stimulate the large peripheral nerve fibers than the very small ones in the brain). One doesn't want patients/subjects twitching in the imagers or eliciting machine-induced nerve stimulation artifacts when doing functional brain imaging.

What people mainly experience in these imagers is claustrophobia, boredom, and/or being annoyed by the very loud banging noises and vibrations from the pulsed coils (hence all wear earplugs).

>However, I still think this area must be considered from the
>perspective of purposeful external influencing of human
>thoughts. Persinger himself speculates on human control of
>thoughts of large populations via the field mechanism. While he
>agrees the effect is subtle, it may be cumulative. Therefore,
>UFO agents may utilize this methodology to subtly influence
>experiencer thought patterns. Whether these UFO agents are
>covert humans or aliens is irrelevant.

I remain very skeptical about all this, but thanks for the conversation.

David Rudiak

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Re: USOs Awesome Or Off-Putting - Ledger

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Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 01:45:42 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 08:41:06 -0400
Subject: Re: USOs Awesome Or Off-Putting - Ledger

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>Source: Hecklerpray.Com - London, UK

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>September 25th, 2006

>Awesome Or Off-Putting: USOs (Unidentified Submerged Objects)
>by Shawn Lindseth

>USOs (Unidentified Submerged Objects)Awesome or Off-Putting is
>a weekly delve into cryptozoology, ufology, medical marvels,
>scientific wonders, secret societies, government conspiracies,
>cults, ghosts, myths, religion, strange facts or just the plain
>unexplainable.

<snip>

>A sighting often considered the mother of all USO sightings
>happened in Nova Scotia's Shag Harbour circa 1967. A 60' ship
>had been hovering in the air flashing orange-ish lights when it
>suddenly crashed (or flew) into the harbour. After it submerged,
>a yellow light could still be seen underwater - moving and
>leaving a trail of air-bubbles and yellow foam on the surface.
>The Canadian Coast Guard were called in thinking the crashed
>craft could have been an airplane. By the time they got there
>the only sign left was the 80' wide, half mile long trail of
>yellow foam. A thorough search in the water by divers, and on
>land for possible missing planes was conducted, but both
>searches turned up nothing.

>Other reports claim that a second ship later dove into the
>water alongside the first. Speculation has it the second ship
>was helping repair its fallen comrade, and when those repairs
>were complete, the two ships flew off into the atmosphere. The
>actual crash had a witness list comprised of at least 11 people,
>and was reported to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In fact,
>three mounties were on site to see that first ship's yellow
>light moving about underwater.

I don't know where Mr. Lindseth got the idea that there were yellow underwater lights associated with the episode at Shag Harbour [The Sound]. The 60 foot long 10-12 foot high lens shaped "dark object" [RCAF document-hence the book title] was seen to be drifting with the tide, current or both and/or under its own power out to sea. It was displaying a pale yellow light on top of or close to the top of the object which was witnessed by the three mounties. Actually there were four mounties as it turns out in addition to a couple of dozen witnesses to that segment. It either sank or submerged while the RCMP officers were attempting to arrange a rescue. The light then disappeared.

As UFOs go this one turned from highly visible to quite shy once it contacted the water.

October 4 of this year is on Wednesday as it was in 1967.

Don Ledger

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Re: Vibration Attacks Witnessed - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 08:42:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Vibration Attacks Witnessed - Shough

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 16:51:24 -0400
>Subject: Vibration Attacks Witnessed

<snip>

>And vibration attacks and other remote manipulation attacks have
>been verified as physical events by such means as touching a
>vibrating body part or object with a cup of liquid and observing
>the ripples, or computer monitored vibration switches, or
>portable seismographs.

>A classic example was that when I arrived at work for a period
>of several weeks (I usually opened the building) my PC keyboard
>was vibrated so violently I could not use it. The desk
>underneath was not vibrating at all, nor was the concrete slab
>floor (no basement.) The facility had no heavy machinery. The
>vibration would sometimes continue until the first co-worker
>entered the area, at which time my keyboard abruptly stopped
>vibrating.

>A cup of water touching the keyboard exhibited very pronounced
>ripples.

>In these cases, the vibration is highly localized and is not a
>case of a building surface transmitting external vibrations to
>something, as the seismographs have shown.

Hi Eleanor

Just a thought: Do you think that in another context events like
this might get reported and studied as poltergeist phenomena?
I'm struck by the the notion that poltergeist foci in particular
(but also people at the centre of related paranormal events -
incubism, succubism, vampirism, you name it) often appear as
victims of persistent persecution. Do you think the parallel is
just on the surface, phenomenological? Just psychological? Or is
there a deeper underlying connection?

Martin Shough

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Re: BBC World Service's Nick Pope Interview -

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>Subject: BBC World Service Nick Pope Interview

>Interviewer: Now some people swear they have seen one or maybe
>more, others think it's a lot of nonsense. Well whatever your
>opinion on UFOs, it has emerged that the British Government took
>them very seriously - so seriously that it had a special unit
>set up to investigate them. Secret documents released under the
>Freedom of Information Act reveals the extent of these
>investigations and the extent which the Ministry of Defence went
>to cover up the activities of that special unit called DI55.
>It's almost X- files. Well, Nick Pope ran the investigative
>department of the MoD between 1991 and 1994 - what did he do?

>Nick Pope: My job was to research and investigate the sightings
>reported to see if there was evidence of any threat to the
>defence of the country.

>Interviewer: And why did the Government take such an interest to
>the extent of setting up a special unit?

<snip>

>Interviewer: And does this unit still exist?

>Nick Pope: The UFO project that I was involved with is still
>there, but now it's really responding to Freedom of Information
>Act requests. It's the number 1 subject that people write to the
>MoD about.

>Interviewer: And that was the man who ran the UFO investigative
>department for Britain's Ministry of Defence between 1991 and
>1994. That was Nick Pope.

If this is a complete and unedited transcript then I have to agree with Joe. The impression created is that Nick was with DI55, and it is hard not to conclude that Nick avoids taking any opportunity to correct this impression. But it is a politician's performance, deniability preserved by judicious use of the unsaid, and no doubt it will be denied.

Martin Shough

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Peek At NSA's Secret Reading List

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Peek At NSA's Secret Reading List

By Ryan Singel

The tantalizing tables of contents to the best spy magazines you'll probably never get to read have been posted online, thanks to a Freedom of Information Act request that pried open four classified National Security Agency publications.

Written specifically for NSA employees, the articles listed in the online indexes date back as far as 1956. Stories include an analysis of the TRS-80 Model 1's password-encryption algorithm, accounts of how Soviet codes were broken, analyses of bad management techniques within the sprawling eavesdropping agency, and an insider's view of North Korea's capture of the spy boat U.S.S. Pueblo in 1968.

The Memory Hole, a website dedicated to ferreting out and publishing government documents, posted the indexes from Cryptologic Quarterly, Cryptologic Almanac, Cryptologic Spectrum and NSA Technical Journal on Monday. The lists were obtained following a smartly targeted FOIA request filed by researcher Michael Ravnitzky in 2003.

"This is one of the first glimpses we have had into NSA's own library -- and it's a safe bet there are some gems in there," said Secrecy News editor Steven Aftergood.

Titles include "NSA in the Cyberpunk Future: A Somewhat Educated Guess at Things to Come" (1996), "I Was a Cryptologic Corporal" (1983), "Inference and Cover Stories" (1993), "Handy-Dandy Field Site History: Fifty Years of Field Operations, 1945-1995," "The Fallacy of the One-Time-Pad Excuse" (1969), "Meteor Burst Communications: An Ignored Phenomenon?" (1990) and "KAL 007 Shootdown: A View From (redacted)".

Secret spy programs such as Milkbush, Interrogaph, Bourbon, Team Spirit, Ratbag, TidyTips III and Purple Dragon show up on the tables of contents. The listings also reveal the NSA's traffic analyst of the year award, called Gold Nugget.

While a few of these articles have been released before -- including one called "Communication With Extraterrestrial Intelligence" (.pdf) by NSA Technical Journal founder Lambros D. Callimahos -- the newly released indexes offer a "wealth of leads," according to Aftergood.

"The titles are tantalizing," he said. "You see them and you

want to know more, but whether the reports themselves are equally intriguing or deadly dull or merely historical curiosities is impossible to say."

The indexes also give researchers details they can use to target specific documents rather than making blanket requests for all papers about a certain subject. The extra info could help streamline the processing of FOIA requests, according to Jeffrey Richelson, senior fellow at The National Security Archive.

While Richelson has gotten his hands on Cryptologic Spectrum articles in the past and said he would probably request a few more based on the now-public indexes, he said he doubts the documents will contain any big secrets.

"There are likely no great news stories in here, especially when you take into account what you are getting compared to what is in the articles before redactions (by NSA FOIA officials)," he said.

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

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The Search For Artificial Objects In The Cosmos

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The Search For Artificial Objects In The Cosmos

Considering how difficult it is to detect radio signals from ETI's, it has often been suggested that we also look for signs in the cosmos that may indicate the presence of intelligent life. Given vast distances, however, that task is certainly more easily said than done.

An interesting paper that may help in this regard was recently published by French astronomer Luc Arnold in which he suggests that scientists should be searching for light signatures that would indicate not just the presence of artificial objects such as Niven Rings and Dyson Spheres (i.e. megastructures), but of calling-card objects as well.

His paper, "Transit Lightcurve Signatures of Artificial Objects", offers guidelines for astronomers indicating the kinds of signatures they should look for that could indicate the presence of a megastructure of some sort. The abstract reads like this:

"The forthcoming space missions, able to detect Earth-like planets by the transit method, will a fortiori also be able to detect the transit of artificial planet-size objects. Multiple artificial objects would produce lightcurves easily distinguishable from natural transits. If only one artificial object transits, detecting its artificial nature becomes more difficult. We discuss the case of three different objects (triangle, 2-screen, louver-like 6-screen) and show that they have a transit lightcurve distinguishable from the transit of natural planets, either spherical or oblate, although an ambiguity with the transit of a ringed planet exists in some cases. We show that transits, especially in the case of multiple artificial objects, could be used for the emission of attention-getting signals, with a sky coverage comparable to the laser pulse method. The large number of expected planets (several hundreds) to be discovered by the transit method by next space missions will allow to test these ideas."

Should such an object be detected, however, the challenge will be to determine whether or not the object is indeed synthetic and not natural. For example, when pulsars were first discovered the unnaturally regular nature of its emissions baffled scientists, leading to the tongue-in-cheek name, LGM-1 which stands for "little green men". Of course, it's been shown that pulsars are indeed natural phenomenon.

What's interesting about Arnold's paper is his suggestion that the transit method will enable scientists to pick up on the

presence of unnatural objects. As he notes, "A remarkable lightcurve would be created by free-flyers transiting their star successively in a distinguishable manner. At each period, we would observe a series of transits whose number and timing would claim its artificial nature and will of communication."

What he's suggesting is that ETI's may devise megastructures as a means to indicate their presence to other intelligences. Arnold analyzes three different shapes that could be detected, including a perfectly triangular structure and a 2-screen object (think of a rectangle with a box-like hole cut in the middle). It's these "attention getting" lighcurves that Arnold is interested in.

The suggestion that ETI's might be using gigantic calling cards that orbit around suns to say "hi" is a fascinating idea - and arguably more plausible than the notion that we should be listening for radio signals.

George Dvorsky: Canadian transhumanist philosopher, writer, organizer and activist; president of the Toronto Transhumanist Association; Board of Directors for the Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies.

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Close Encounters At Marion

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Close Encounters At Marion
by
Tory Shepherd

UFO sightings in South Australia have taken off, with dozens of people reporting close encounters to the Australian Cosmic Connection hotline.

ACC director Kevin Robb said extraterrestrial encounters in the state were "going crazy", with Waitpinga, Semaphore, Kangaroo Island and the Adelaide Hills the top places to spot ET activity.

"Sightings are coming in all the time, from north to south to east to west," Mr Robb said.

"There seems to be a glut of it at the moment."

Silver discs, strange flashing lights and cigar-shaped orange craft are among the sightings reported to the 24-hour hotline.

Hundreds of people are expected to discuss the phenomenon at a UFO evening tomorrow night at the Marion Sports and Recreation Centre. Registration begins at 6.30pm.

UK author and UFO expert Timothy Good will be the guest speaker, and will launch his book Need to Know: UFOs, the military and intelligence.

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Subject: September 27 1973

Honestly, in spite of my own contribution to nonfiction via this book,

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<http://tinyurl.com/qyqbf>

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Re: Vibration Attacks Witnessed - White

From: Eleanor White <eleonor.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 10:07:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 12:54:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Vibration Attacks Witnessed - White

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 08:51:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: Vibration Attacks Witnessed

<snip>

>Just a thought: Do you think that in another context events like
>this might get reported and studied as poltergeist phenomena?
>I'm struck by the the notion that poltergeist foci in particular
>(but also people at the centre of related paranormal events -
>incubism, succubism, vampirism, you name it) often appear as
>victims of persistent persecution. Do you think the parallel is
>just on the surface, phenomenological? Just psychological? Or is
>there a deeper underlying connection?

We get asked that a lot.

First, these events occur in a total immersion, 24/7/365
experience of harassment by neighbours (who, according to a 12-
year investigation by a PI) are lied to by harassment group
leaders and do endless nasties like noise, tossing trash or even
animals with slit throats on the yards of targets, almost daily
entries into homes where minor damage, clothing ripped,
furniture broken, appliances sabotaged, food and consumables
(including prescriptions) stolen, but often just rearranging
furniture or belongings so the target knows their home can be
violated with impunity every day.

Ditto with the target's workplace environment, and automobile.
Work projects are sabotaged overnight, and according to the
private investigator, locksmiths and alarm technicians are
highly sought out as recruits, so doing this is not difficult.
Harassment groups are of the order of a hundred or more,
commonly, providing the perfect cover because rarely will the
same person perform the same harassment act.

Constant lies of the type that the target is a criminal, is a
drug user and/or dealer, is a prostitute, or their favourite, is
a pedophile cause an end to business and personal relationships.
Fake police records with photos are used.

Pennies are often left at home, in the (locked) car and at work,
and one of our members had it explained by a perpetrator that
these are analogous to an old practice of placing pennies on the
eyes of criminals killed in vigilante actions.

Children of targets are sometimes attacked mercilessly, both
electronically and by rumours spread at school. Parents who
complain are in grave danger of losing their children to the
foster care system. Lots of tears shed in silence by our members
in this situation.

Then there are other electronic attacks such as massive voice to
skull, pain, sleep deprivation nighttime and fatigue attacks
daytime.

Appliances are apparently disabled remotely, and if given away,
suddenly start working again. Often a repair technician finds

nothing wrong. The advanced electronics can "curse" a perfectly good cable making it inoperative until the perpetrators decide to allow that cable to work again. I've personally experienced several cases of a top notch condition, nearly new cable, power or data, refusing to work for a time then coming back to life.

More than that, a large number of vibration attacks are used to disrupt and prevent sleep.

From all I've read and heard about paranormal events, I would say that the type of physics (currently not taught in school) which operates during paranormal events is also in use by the harassment perpetrators. And I don't see enough similarity between our experiences and those of haunting/poltergeist targets to think that our experience is caused by natural paranormal influences.

Personally, I think if our advanced technology experience ever get acknowledged as "real", that will strongly back up the idea the ET craft can get here by methods advanced well beyond today's school- taught physics. Conversely, if advanced artificial orgin flying craft ever get acknowledged as "real", that will help us expose the crimes.

Eleanor White

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Re: September 27 1973 - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 10:40:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 12:56:20 -0400
Subject: Re: September 27 1973 - Maccabee

>From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 09:10:35 -0400
>Subject: September 27 1973

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In the fall of 1971, I believe it was, I investigated a complex
sighting that occurred the previous May. Actually there were two
main distinctively different sightings on two days by teenagers
in Passapatanzy, Va (east of Fredericksburg).

The only witness during the first sighting (Michael) reported
that he saw a circular craft with a sort of "walkway" around it
land within a hundred or so feet of him. He was stunned and sort
of collapsed in the grass of the wet (it had been raining) field
he was in. Then a sort of doorway opened and a "creature,
powerful huge" (I'll never forget this phrase he used, "powerful
huge") came out. It was carrying a (did you guess it?) glowing
sphere in its hand! At this point Michael blacked out. Two
friends, who had been with him before the sighting but had
walked out of the field many minutes before the sighting, then
returned and found him lying in the grass. The dog was gone
(returned a day or so later from.... wherever dogs go.) Michael
was acting confused and his friends helped him get home.

This case was published in the NICAP "UFO Investigator" in 73 or
74, I believe - don't recall exactly) under the title - The
Case of the Virginia Giant.

There was another sighting a day or two later by Michael, his
brother and sister that involved car stopping, permanent damage
to a radio and effects on a TV. Even the police got involved in

this one.

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Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 07:53:27 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 12:57:24 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 09:20:57 -0400
>Subject: 'Face On Mars' Doesn't Look Like Face Anymore

>If the 'new face' really is the 'old face', then it should be
>possible with computer programs to take the new face data on the
>topography of the 'face' and use it to construct the 'old face',
>That is, what the image would look like under the Viking
>conditions - match the sun angle, the viewing angle and the
>resolution.

>Mark Carlotto should be able to do this.

It is the same face. Just do comparisons between it and the
previous Mars Global Surveyor images. As I noted before though,
the new 3-D renderings from Mars Express have some inaccuracies.
The "peak" or "horn-like" feature seen near the top (forehead
area) is highly exaggerated, and was never seen in the previous
MGS images:

http://www.esa.int/images/311-230906-3253-6-3d5-Cydonia_L.jpg

It should be noted too that the second 3-D image depicts the
face from the opposite, more degraded side, so the top of the
head is actually to the right:

http://www.esa.int/images/312-230906-3253-6-3d6-Cydonia_L.jpg

Just some important points not mentioned in the ESA article (as
well as the higher resolution of the previous MGS images).

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
<http://www.themeridianijournal.blogspot.com>

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Re: An Abduction Story - Frison

From: **Eugene Frison** <eugene.frison.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 13:38:17 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 12:58:45 -0400
Subject: Re: An Abduction Story - Frison

>From: Robert Whitehead <robwhiteheaduk.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 00:24:16 +0000
>Subject: Re: An Abduction Story

>Can anyone recommend books or documentaries that deal
>specifically with this occasional 'side-effect' of encounters
>with UFOs?

An excellent publication is John F. Schuessler's 'A Catalog of UFO-Related Human Physiological Effects.' I'm not sure if this is still available, as when I purchased mine from MUFON (a few years ago) John informed me in a postcard that his UFO-induced human injuries catalog was in short supply.

You could check with MUFON (John is its International Director) as to the availability of this work. It's an excellent compilation and well worth the cost if you can obtain a copy!

John also informed me at the time that his catalog was being updated, so if the version I purchased (1996) is out-of-stock then there might be a later version. Again, I recommend that you contact John at MUFON regarding the human injuries catalog if you are interested in this subject.

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Re: Paper By F. Crawford? - Frison

From: **Eugene Frison** <eugene.frison.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 13:54:36 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 13:02:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Paper By F. Crawford? - Frison

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 14:08:48 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Paper By F. Crawford?

>>From: Eugene Frison <eugene.frison.nul>
>>To: UFO Updates List <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 17:09:09 -0300
>>Subject: Paper By F. Crawford?

>>Can anyone provide me with a copy of 'Controversial Correlations
>>and the Question of Consciousness' which is a paper presented by
>>F. Crawford (1993) at the Ozark UFO Conference, Eureka Springs,
>>Ark., 2-4 April?

>Here is a forwarded e-mail from Lucius Farish, the host of the
>excellent annual Ozark UFO Conference. Please check out the
>website below where you will find this very important 1993 paper
>by Crawford that you are looking for.

Thanks, Nick, as I'll certainly be contacting Lou Farish regarding obtaining a DVD of Forest Crawford's paper. I was wondering if anyone had a scanned paper copy of it close at hand that I could get via e-mail quickly (without the intervening weeks of waiting for it to arrive through the mail) so I didn't search Lou's website for it. However, on second thought, having his presentation (Crawford's) on DVD is a more attractive idea to me so I'm going to send for it by week's end.

Thanks again for your help and also thanks to the many who contacted me off-List regarding Crawford's paper.

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Re: Michael Persinger - Reason

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 18:06:47 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 14:19:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Persinger - Reason

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2006 11:32:57 -0700
>Subject: Re: Michael Persinger

>A typical depolarization voltage for a neuron is around 60 mV.
>Random noise variation in membrane potential is on the order of
>a few millivolts.

>Now if Persinger's stimulus setup created membrane potentials on
>the order of a few millivolts and the cell was slightly below
>threshold, then yes, the stimulus could push a neuron over
>threshold and cause it to fire.

>But when you work it out, the amount of depolarization that
>would be directly caused by Persinger's setup (through magnetic
>induction of currents in the brain) is millions of times lower
>than this. It is going to have NO effect whatsoever on whether a
>neuron
>fires or not. It will be totally swamped by normal neural noise.

There are potential loopholes in this. No signal is ever
completely destroyed by noise, however small - it can always be
recovered by a sufficiently large population of cells.

But what's much more likely, is that such small stimuli can
alter the timing of an action potential. Periodic stimuli of
small amplitude can reset the phase of burster cells and other
cells involving sub-threshold voltage oscillations. In fact
small-amplitude stimuli are ideal for this, since they are
unlikely to interfere with the standard integrate-and-fire
mechanism.

<snip>

>as you shrink the coil size, the field drops off much more
>rapidly.

<snip>

>Persinger's apparatus is many orders of magnitude too weak to
>stimulate neurons in any conventional fashion (i.e., nerve
>depolarization by stimulus current/voltage). So then you have to
>suppose, if you buy Persinger's results, that some highly
>unconventional stimulus mechanism is involved.

It may not be all that unconventional.

Obviously whatever mechanism we propose cannot be linearly
scalable, as you mention - otherwise stronger fields would blitz
the brain's function entirely. So we need to look for some non-
linearity somewhere. And the rapid fall-off in field-strength
you refer to above could be just such a non-linearity.

It's not hard to imagine cellular networks which normalize a
constant background stimulus by adaptive feedback - it's easy to
construct theoretical models of such networks and they are
biologically plausible. But what happens if you subject such a
network to a spatially varying background stimulus (exactly what

would happen with a rapid fall-off in field strength across the network)? Exactly what would happen depends on the connectivity of the network, but one can imagine a situation in which an adaptive feedback network might respond maximally to the highest relative field gradient (ie the highest ratio of first derivative to mean field strength) irrespective of the absolute field gradient or the magnitude of the background stimulus. Conceivably the attractor of such a network might bifurcate and that could lead to all sorts of bizarre behavior.

Cathy

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Secrecy News -- 09/27/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 13:20:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 08:14:11 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 09/27/06

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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"We believe that the more we inform our American citizens, the better our government will be," President Bush said Tuesday.

The remark could be considered conventional wisdom. Yet it is unexpected from this President since by most objective measures -- such as the record number of classification decisions, skyrocketing expenditures on classification-related activities, and growing security controls on unclassified documents -- public access to government information has been markedly curtailed under the Bush Administration.

Nevertheless, the President reiterated, "We believe that the more transparency there is in the system, the better the system functions on behalf of the American people."

It follows that the less transparent aspects of government, such as the national security decision making process, function less well, which is manifestly true.

The President spoke at a signing ceremony for the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, which will establish a searchable online database of federal grants and contracts.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/09/wh092606.html>

A White House fact sheet presented an argument that the new law "Is Part Of President Bush's Ongoing Commitment To Improve Transparency, Accountability, And Management Across The Federal Government."

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/09/wh092606-fs.html>

At another event on Tuesday, the President appeared to express doubt that the national security classification system was working properly.

Referring to press reports in the New York Times and elsewhere about a classified National Intelligence Estimate on trends in terrorism, portions of which were declassified Tuesday, President Bush complained that "Somebody has taken it upon themselves to leak classified information for political

purposes."

In Washington, he said, "there's no such thing as classification anymore, hardly."

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2006/09/wh092606.html>

In reality, of course, classification has expanded in size and scope to unprecedented levels in the Bush Administration.

So the President might have been making a deep point that the efficacy of classification declines when its use increases sharply, along the lines of Justice Potter Stewart's familiar dictum that "when everything is classified, then nothing is classified." Or maybe he just misspoke.

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Some noteworthy new reports from the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include the following.

"Interrogation of Detainees: Overview of the McCain Amendment," updated September 25, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL33655.pdf>

"The War Crimes Act: Current Issues," September 25, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL33662.pdf>

"U.S. Policy Regarding the International Criminal Court," updated August 29, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31495.pdf>

"Agroterrorism: Threats and Preparedness," updated August 25, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL32521.pdf>

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 18:40:45 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 08:16:02 -0400
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>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 18:06:47 +0100
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Weak and small is all it takes.

Speaking from experience,

KK

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Re: Vibration Attacks Witnessed - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 18:48:40 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 08:18:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Vibration Attacks Witnessed - Kasten

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 10:07:09 -0400
>Subject: Re: Vibration Attacks Witnessed

<snips>

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>that will help us expose the crimes.

Surely, Eleanor, you can't be suggesting that ETs are wreaking
havoc in a target's life?

There is enough evidence for humans to claim that other humans
are capable of the technology and the will to torture their
fellow humans.

Time to own up to the atrocities and not blame 'the other'.

KK

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Re: Battle of L.A. - Langman

From: Wayne Langman <sgtwal.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 23:11:32 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 08:20:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Battle of L.A. - Langman

The military after action reports should show the estimated height, course, and speed. If the AA bursts were all around the craft the estimate was close as that is what the fuses would be set for.

Wayne

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Re: BBC World Service's Nick Pope Interview - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 23:16:14 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 08:22:03 -0400
Subject: Re: BBC World Service's Nick Pope Interview - Pope

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 09:23:39 +0100
>Subject: Re: BBC World Service's Nick Pope Interview

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 20:29:08 +0100
>>Subject: BBC World Service Nick Pope Interview

>>Interviewer: Now some people swear they have seen one or maybe
>>more, others think it's a lot of nonsense. Well whatever your
>>opinion on UFOs, it has emerged that the British Government took
>>them very seriously - so seriously that it had a special unit
>>set up to investigate them. Secret documents released under the
>>Freedom of Information Act reveals the extent of these
>>investigations and the extent which the Ministry of Defence went
>>to cover up the activities of that special unit called DI55.
>>It's almost X- files. Well, Nick Pope ran the investigative
>>department of the MoD between 1991 and 1994 - what did he do?

>>Nick Pope: My job was to research and investigate the sightings
>>reported to see if there was evidence of any threat to the
>>defence of the country.

>>Interviewer: And why did the Government take such an interest to
>>the extent of setting up a special unit?

>><snip>

>>Interviewer: And does this unit still exist?

>>Nick Pope: The UFO project that I was involved with is still
>>there, but now it's really responding to Freedom of Information
>>Act requests. It's the number 1 subject that people write to the
>>MoD about.

>>Interviewer: And that was the man who ran the UFO investigative
>>department for Britain's Ministry of Defence between 1991 and
>>1994. That was Nick Pope.

>If this is a complete and unedited transcript then I have to
>agree with Joe. The impression created is that Nick was with
>DI55, and it is hard not to conclude that Nick avoids taking any
>opportunity to correct this impression. But it is a politician's
>performance, deniability preserved by judicious use of the
>unsaid, and no doubt it will be denied.

Between 1991 and 1994 I worked in Sec(AS). At the time, this
division had the lead for all UFO investigations, whether the
witnesses were members of the public, police officers, civil
pilots or military personnel.

DI55 were one of several divisions who we could call upon to
assist in our investigations. I worked closely with DI55, not
least in discussing with them the setting up of an in-depth
study into the UFO phenomenon. But I'd been promoted and had
moved to another post by the time 'Project Condign' was formally
commissioned and it would be inappropriate for me to comment on

why - apparently - my successors weren't briefed on the study.

All of the above is well documented in material released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet - Kimball

From: Hollis Kimball <Choprgo.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 23:48:40 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 08:25:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet - Kimball

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 14:41:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet

>>From: Hollis Kimball <Choprgo.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 18:39:21 EDT
>>Subject: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet

>>Flash Demonstration:

>>http://www.biof.com/playattention/interactive_video.html

>>I really don't see any point in pursuing this subject any
>>further. Sounds like someone was trying to re-invent the wheel.

>No point in pursuing this subject, which has nothing
>whatsoever do with Persinger's claims. This is a straightforward
>biofeedback device supposedly designed to help you train your
>"attention" by observing your brain rhythms via a passive sensor
>like an EEG. No transcranial stimulation of neurons here.

>I will say that sitting through this ineffably tedious and
>content-free Flash animation is a great way to train the mind in
>patience!

Martin, et al:

Sometimes patience is good for the soul, especially when you are
doing boring and tedious research!

Yes, that device is nothing more than a gadget. Simple
meditation or repetitive thoughts (e.g., memorizing) do better.

Re Persinger's research, that principle was discovered and
developed by the Russians as early as the 1950s and 1960s. Once
known to the US, the CIA and other agencies used it to conduct
many experiments on human subjects. Very Top Secret of course.

One of the first US patents later granted to Russian inventors
was in 1973. Many related patents were issued in the mid 1980s
and beyond. For instance, Patent US5,047,005 is one relating to
magnetic stimulation of brain neurons. But Persinger, with Koren
and others, DID manage to get two Patents in 2001, one dealing
with animals, US6,234,953, and one dealing with humans, using a
personal computer and software to operate the system. See Patent
US6,312,376. The US Patent Office website is:

www.uspto.gov/patft/

Reading through all those is what I would call the ultimate in
tediousity, affable or otherwise!

Hollis Kimball

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Classified Documents [was: Secrecy News --09/26/06]

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 02:26:12 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 08:35:18 -0400
Subject: Classified Documents [was: Secrecy News --09/26/06]

>From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
>To: <secrecy_news.nul>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 11:28:58 -0400
>Subject: Secrecy News -- 09/26/06

>SECURITY NEWS
>from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
>Volume 2006, Issue No. 102
>September 26, 2006

<snip>

>"Implementation of New Classification Marking Requirements" is
>the topic of a May 30, 2006 U.S. Air Force policy memo which is
>intended to remedy "a widespread lack of consistent and accurate
>classification markings" identified by the Government
>Accountability Office in a recent audit. See:

><http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dod/af053006.pdf>

Listers,

Recall much earlier List discussions along the lines of how the government/military always marks every classified document the same because the people doing the classifying never are inconsistent, mis-mark documents or otherwise?

We heard people advancing the fact that documents had to be absolutely marked a particular way, and both Stan Friedman and myself pointed out that after you visit the various archives, you find that documents were not consistently marked, or had the classification marking put on "exactly" where it should be...

Well apparently that problem that has existed all along. Forty years from now when researchers are making some pronouncement about a classified document based upon whether the classification mark was consistent and applied correctly, need to take note: Nothing much has changed with people in government position.

Cheers,

Robert

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Fighting Aliens At Alta Bates

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 08:48:27 -0400
Subject: Fighting Aliens At Alta Bates

Source: The Berkeley Daily Planet - California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/levcy>

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Column: Fighting Aliens At Alta Bates
By Susan Parker

Several years ago, my husband Ralph returned home from a stay in Oakland's Kaiser hospital and insisted he'd been kidnapped by aliens. He e-mailed an acquaintance in Wisconsin and told her she was the only witness to his abduction. He asked her to write down everything she had seen for a lawsuit he planned to pursue. I called a Kaiser doctor to discuss Ralph's mental state.

"You'd think you were abducted by aliens, too, if you spent as much time in the hospital as your husband does," said the doctor.

"I do spend almost as much time in the hospital as my husband," I said. "But I'm a visitor, not a patient."

"Then you know what I'm talking about," said the doc. "It can feel like an otherworldly place."

"Yes," I said. "You're right."

So here we are in limbo again. Ralph is back in ICU, but this time he's at Alta Bates because the paramedics who rushed to our home on Wednesday thought it best to take him as quickly as possible to the nearest hospital. His blood pressure had dipped dangerously low and his lungs were clogged with mucus.

Although I've spent more time at Kaiser than at Alta Bates, I am familiar with the place. I took our former roommate Jerry there while he was in the midst of a heart attack. When our friend Leroy was diagnosed with lung cancer, I visited him in the oncology department. I saw our neighbor Mrs. Scott in ICU for the very last time before her heart stopped beating. Nine years ago, Ralph was there on his birthday after he crashed his wheelchair into a curb on the corner of Alcatraz and Telegraph avenues. Not long ago I sat with Ralph's attendant Andrea in the waiting room of ER as she struggled to take shallow, asthmatic breaths. Ironically, this past Wednesday I was visiting a friend on the east wing of Alta Bates's ICU just a few hours before Ralph arrived there by ambulance.

Alta Bates is different from Kaiser, but both feel unworldly when you are stuck inside them. The ER waiting rooms are cramped, depressing and void of any comforts. Patients slouch and curl in plastic chairs, line up against walls, smoke and talk on cell phones or to themselves outside, just beyond the front doors.

I have heard the occupants of ICU cry and scream late at night,

seen plenty of bloody bandages, smelled many unusual odors, and viewed too many unsuspecting naked backsides. I've witnessed disoriented and defiant patients, and distraught and frustrated family members. It is not a fun place to be.

On Wednesday night, my friend who was in the ICU room next to Ralph's was transferred to another floor of the hospital. It was 11 p.m. and I was slumped in an uncomfortable chair beside Ralph's bed. I looked up from a catnap to see her, in her hospital bed, glide past the sliding glass doors. She was lying down, covered in white sheets. A person in green scrubs pushed, while another balanced IV equipment next to her head. There was no noise save the sound of Ralph's labored breathing and the ding of the machine that recorded his vital signs. I went back to sleep. Four hours later I awoke and drove home. The sidewalks along Telegraph Avenue were empty. Our house was dark and silent. I fell into a coma-like trance.

In the morning what I remembered was my friend sailing past Ralph's room, her bed pulled by regal white horses. She was sitting perfectly erect, as if she were a queen. As she passed by she smiled and gave me a dignified wave. Her crown was slightly askew, but other than that, she looked just fine.

I rushed to the hospital to make sure she was all right. She was. Then I went up to the sixth floor to check on Ralph. He was there, struggling to breathe, fighting to keep the aliens from taking him away.

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

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Satellite Weapons Abductions & US Military

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Operations Blog

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/0mr2>

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

9-11 Is The Worst Black Operation Ever perpetrated against the American people. This site documents this inside job as well as my experiences with government corruption and precedent setting civil rights violations committed against me by the FBI, NSA & DHS under the color of law. US Federal intelligence has become a modern day Gestapo - an Orweillian nightmare - NSA satellites and remote neural monitoring technology are the modern day equivalent of Orwell's Big Brother

Types Of Satellite Directed Energy Weapons & Their Patent Numbers - & Provocative Thoughts Of ET Abductions & The US Military

Several months ago I was surfing the Web when I came across the Website of another TI by the name of Paul Baird. Now ordinarily, when I review a site that has been created by a TI I spend time attempting to see not so much where their experiences are the same (the experiences of most TI's are so similar that they could be described in many cases, as near mirror images of one another), but instead, where they differ.

With every Website I have seen describing the mind control and gangstalking phenomenon (and I am talking hundreds at this point), there are some which cover so much information and are so well put together that they are important reference points not just for other TI's, but also for the general public, who have yet to be made aware of the mind control/gang stalking phenomenon which is being perpetrated against a growing number of TI's, by an extremely well financed network of criminals (at the federal, state and local levels of government) who are either directly taking part in these crimes (such as the FBI and NSA) or sanctioning them.

As I began reading through Paul's Website, it was immediately apparent that it was one of the aforementioned, so I decided to print it out and over the past two days read it cover to cover. Having now done so I have the following observations to make.

First, he has as well as any TI I have ever read, captured exactly what it is like to be a satellite prisoner within the privacy of one's own home, being subjected to the many different aspects of this insidious technology being employed against us by evil government operatives, and other criminals who are behind its use.

Within his site, Baird also lists the different types of

satellite directed weapons which are used against him (and most all TI's), and lists patents for many of them (so much for the denial by many government officials that these weapons exist!).

I have included the names of these weapons and their patents at the end of this post. Please feel free to list them on your Websites, since they are the proof all TI's need to show that these weapons do in fact exist, and that we are not just imagining the mind control and directed energy weapons' attacks that we are being subjected to.

Throughout his Website, Paul illustrates for his readers the dangers that these weapons pose in the wrong hands (as they are now), and surmizes that if those utilizing these weapons to control the minds of the masses on this planet are not stopped, we will end up with a mind controlled population, as the extremely invasive nature of this technology can and will reach deep within to the privacy of our own minds, to destroy our freedom of thought, expression and creativity.

This is sheer FASCISM!

It is already happening to a subset of the American population, and given governmental widespread use of this technology on the unwitting citizens of this planet, we are well on our way to seeing it on a global scale, especially with the upheaval that the New World Order one world fascist government is going to create when it is soon implemented.

I am in complete agreement with Paul on this.

The only area in which I disagree with him is in that of extra terrestrial life. He states that most of this satellite technology can be used to deceive us (through the use of synthetic telepathy and satellite induced holograms) and that the ET phenomenon has been a carefully perpetrated government hoax on the people of this planet, to allow it cover to conduct its own illegal and immoral non consensual experimentation on the human population, while sending the public on a "wild goose chase" looking for ET's that don't really exist. And if I understood him correctly, I also took his statements to mean that he himself does not believe in the existence of extra terrestrial forms of life.

If I have misunderstood him here, I apologize. It's just that I have read of other TI's with a strong monotheistic belief system centered around a single God, which I believe may cloud their judgement, since it makes it simpler to stick with the fundamentals of these belief systems, and ignore the possibility that there are other forms of life in the universe that are superior in both intellect and technology to our own.

If those espousing such religious beliefs must take into consideration that these extra terrestrial beings do exist, this would challenge their perspectives regarding the aforementioned belief systems and their historical origins. Jesus Christ in particular comes to mind here. If one was to suddenly discover physical proof that Jesus Christ (Yahweh for Judaism) was a mythical figure rather than a real one, think of what that would do to the billion Christians on this planet, who've built their lives around this ideology.

I should state that I am not saying whether or not Jesus Christ was a real person or a mythical figure. I was not alive at the time that he was purported to be, so I have no way of knowing whether or not this was case. However, I have always found it of interest that a myriad of people would place at the center of their lives such religious convictions which they have no real physical way of ever proving.

I don't think that there is a more applicable saying when it comes to the binding force behind all religious doctrines than that of "safety in numbers." Yet it is those who've eshewed this "safety net" to pursue the truth in regard to the real source of their creation who risk not only criticism for doing so, but also being completely shunned from society for challenging the religious status quo, in their quest for the truth. Being part of a minority which has little political and financial influence is not exactly an enviable place to be. However, that is not to say that all minorities lack such sufficient influence.

In reality the people of this planet are controlled by a minority -- albeit a very powerful, wealthy and influential one. I suspect that if the American people had even an inkling as to just how small the group controlling every important aspect of what occurs within the United States is, they would at first have a very difficult time believing it.

Being an amateur UFOlogist enables me to bridge the gap between religion and the paranormal, since I believe that whatever created humans also created every other life form in the universe. I have long had a fascination with UFO's, whether they be earthborne, extraterrestrial in their origin, or perhaps both. And I have read many articles as well as books written by those claiming to be alien abductees in an effort to achieve a greater understanding of how humans came to be. While there are many similarities between these abductions, there is one aspect that is not. A number of alien abductees have recounted a definite military presence in their hypnotic regressions, while others have no such memories.

Over the past few months I have developed an interest in the work of a UFOlogist by the name of Dr. Karla Turner, who before her untimely death in 1996 (to a very strange form of cancer), wrote three very compelling books in regard to her own abduction experiences as well as those of several other abductees, including some of her own family members.

For anyone who has an interest in the alien abduction phenomenon, Karla's work is a must read, as are her accounts with several abductees and another prominent researcher in the field by the name of Barbara Bartholic. I did find it of interest that several of the accounts of victims who Barbara interviewed did, through regressions, remember US military involvement in their abductions.

And it is also interesting to note that Karla herself did mention experiencing several odd occurrences after being warned by an anonymous source to end her ET research. She suddenly found her home being buzzed by "black helicopters" several times a day. (I had my first encounter with these back in the early 1990's -- long before I realized I was a TI). She was also suddenly followed by cars wherever she traveled to, began to receive strange phone calls, and experienced unexplained noises within her home including the same types of pops, clicks, bangs, tapping sounds, and other strange behavior from home appliances that so many of those people targeted by the US Government and directed energy weapons have reported witnessing.

I should note here that I have experienced most all of them as well.

I think there's little doubt that Karla and those she was interviewing for her books had legitimate alien abductions, and that the government was trying to learn as much about them as it could. The US Government's warning to Karla and those who contacted her against doing any further research seems to point to yet another government conspiracy to deprive its citizens of learning what connections it has with the Roswell incident of 1947 and all that has transpired since then.

In Karla's case as well as many of those abductees whom she interviewed, it would appear that several of their abductions were not conducted by the military, but instead by extra terrestrial beings. And moreover, that it was in fact the military that was interested in observing what occurred with these abductions to gather more of their own information in regard to this phenomenon. Both Karla her husband and son all reported having been abducted by military personnel late at night, drugged, interrogated, and then returned to their homes.

There is also the issue of one of the abductees who Karla interviewed by the name of Ted Rice, who reported to have had contact with interdimensional beings who claimed to exist on vibrational frequencies which differ from our own. Now Ted is not just anyone. For decades he has been a well respected psychic using his paranormal abilities to help a myriad of people. In a conversation that he had with Karla, Ted recalled meeting a woman named Maya while he worked at a resort. They would meet on a regular basis and discuss many aspects of life. However, Maya was always secretive as to where she lived, saying only that she worked at the same resort as Ted. Whenever Ted

would question her about where she came from, Maya would quickly change the subject. Ted became suspicious and on the day he left the resort asked personnel about Maya, giving them a general description, only to be told that no one like that had ever worked for the resort.

He would later find that other people had described chance encounters with a woman who fit Maya's description. In fact, one of these people was actress Shirley McLaine. Ted had wondered if the numerous descriptions of the woman he knew as Maya could have possibly been the same person. He later arrived at the conclusion that Maya was in fact an interdimensional being that existed at a different frequency but was able to travel to lower frequencies including the one which contains the time space continuum that we exist in.

If this is the case then it would mean that just because we cannot see these interdimensional beings, does not mean that they don't exist. And while these beings cannot be referred to as extraterrestrial in origin, they are definitely not of the earth life system that we are accustomed to.

So if those who in "blind faith" believe that their Gods exist, why do they have such a difficult time acknowledging that these others beings may also exist? It would seem that religious indoctrination has far more to do with this than the deity being worshipped does.

However, all things being as they presently are, the arguments made for gods and religions have existed since humans too their place on this planet will continue to until such time as concrete evidence is offered to enough of the human populace to determine that one point of view truly is superior to the other.

At least we don't have to concern ourselves with proof of the technologies being employed against us, since thanks to the careful research being conducted by many TI's, we now have physical proof that the technologies being employed against us really do exist.

As for these technologies, the following are the names of some satellite based weapons which we are being exposed to in the present day and their respective patents. Please feel free to pass this information on to everyone you know. As a TI I believe that it's incumbent upon myself and all other TI's to share this information with everyone we can reach. It is as much to your benefit that we do so as it is to our own, since this technology concerns every human being on this planet and their future well being.

The following information is from Paul Baird's Website:

The Neurophone: US Patent # 3,393,279
July 16th, 1968. Inventor -- Dr. Patrick Flanagan
A device that converts sound to electrical impulses; allowing information to be transmitted to the brain by means of radio waves directed at any part of the body (skin). In other words, recorded or live messages, noises, music can be directed at an individual and, through the nerves, the signal will be carried (involuntarily) to the brain, bypassing the inner ear, the cochlea, and the 8th cranial nerve.

Purpose: Same as that listed for advanced Neurophone

Advanced Neurophone: US Patent # 3,647,970
March 7th, 1972 -- Dr. Patrick Flanagan
This Neurophone incorporates an electronic circuit duplicating the encoding of the Cochlea and 8th cranial nerve themselves. The National Security Agency placed a secrecy order on this development for over 5 years because of the military applications of the technology. Further Neurophone advances included the development of the time recognition processor, improved memory applications and the advances in satellites incorporating neurophone technologies.

Purpose: Practically, the Neurophone could be used to communicate with the deaf but, more often, it is used to terrorize political/military targets. The tracked individuals hear recorded/live threats, propaganda etc. which those around them do not hear (delivered mainly via satellite laser).

This harasses and discredits the targets; especially if the problem is communicated to those unaware of the relevant technologies.

Psycho Acoustic Projector: US Patent # 3,566,347
February 23rd, 1971 -- A high directional beam, radiated from a number of transducers and modulated by a speech, code, or noise beat signal. It may take the form of a radiator mounted on a vehicle, aircraft or satellite.

Purpose: To produce aural/psychological disturbances and partial deafness.

Methods & Systems for Altering Consciousness US Patent # 5,123,899
June 23rd, 1992 -- A system for stimulating the brain to exhibit specific brain wave rhythms and thereby altering the subjects' state of consciousness.

Silent Subliminal Messages US Patent # 5,159,703 October 27th, 1992 Inventor -- Dr. Oliver M. Lowry -- Lowry Silent Sound A communication system in which non aural carriers (in the very low or high audio frequency range or the ultrasonic frequency spectrum) are amplified or frequency modulated with the desired "intelligence," and propagated acoustically or vibrationally for inducement directly into the brain. This can be done "live" or recorded/stored on magnetic, mechanical or optical media for delayed/repeated transmission to the target. Sound can also be induced by radiating the head with microwaves (in the range of 100 to 10,000 mhz) that are modulated with a waveform consisting of frequency modulated bursts.

Purpose: To instruct or pass messages; in theory. In reality it's used to torment political/ military targets. (one unpublicized application was the Gulf War).

Other Known Technologies Under Secrecy Orders:

Brainwave Scanners/ Programs
First program developed in 1994 by Dr. Donald York & Dr. Thomas Jensen.

This is a personal scanning and tracking system involving the monitoring of an individual's EMF (electro magnetic flux brain waves) via remote means; eg. Satellite. The results are fed to thought activated computers that possess a complete brainwave vocabulary.

Purpose: Practically, communication with stroke victims and brain-activated control of modern jets are two applications. However, more often, it is used to mentally rape a civilian target; their thoughts being referenced immediately and/or recorded for future use.

Note: In conjunction with Neurophone technology, this is a mechanism for remote interrogation/torture via satellite.

EEG Cloning

A system whereby the target's EMF is monitored remotely and EEG results fed back to them (or others) to mimic emotional patterns: eg. Fear, anger etc.

Purpose: To induce emotional/psychological responses. For example, the feedback of Delta waves may induce drowsiness since these are familiar when in deep sleep.

Conclusion:

This entire bracket of weapons was referred to by L. brezhnev in 1978 when he told US President J. Carter that there should be a unilateral ban on certain secret weapons "more frightful than the mind of man has ever conceived." And clearly there are many others that we are yet to learn about ; including advanced forms of infrasound weapons that can induce organ damage/illness from remote sources (esp. satellites).

What's needed includes the following:

1. A UN Satellite committee and non-lethal weapons' inspectors.

2. An International Criminal Court prepared to handle class actions brought by the victims.

3. A growth in public awareness regarding the testing of experimental technologies.

Finally, it may also be worth noting the comments of one senior investigator from NASA's Inspector General's Office. Having conceded the existence of such technologies and commenting on the evil uses to which they are put he advised:

"I suggest you pray"

posted by James F. Marino at 9:55 AM

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Re: USOs Awesome Or Off-Putting - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 02:02:20 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 09:03:16 -0400
Subject: Re: USOs Awesome Or Off-Putting - Goldstein

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 01:45:42 -0300
>Subject: Re: USOs Awesome Or Off-Putting

>UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>>Source: Hecklerpray.Com - London, UK

>><http://tinyurl.co.uk/fini>

>>September 25th, 2006

>>Awesome Or Off-Putting: USOs (Unidentified Submerged Objects)
>>by Shawn Lindseth

>>USOs (Unidentified Submerged Objects)Awesome or Off-Putting is
>>a weekly delve into cryptozoology, ufology, medical marvels,
>>scientific wonders, secret societies, government conspiracies,
>>cults, ghosts, myths, religion, strange facts or just the plain
>>unexplainable.

><snip>

>>A sighting often considered the mother of all USO sightings
>>happened in Nova Scotia's Shag Harbour circa 1967. A 60' ship
>>had been hovering in the air flashing orange-ish lights when it
>>suddenly crashed (or flew) into the harbour. After it submerged,
>>a yellow light could still be seen underwater - moving and
>>leaving a trail of air-bubbles and yellow foam on the surface.
>>The Canadian Coast Guard were called in thinking the crashed
>>craft could have been an airplane. By the time they got there
>>the only sign left was the 80' wide, half mile long trail of
>>yellow foam. A thorough search in the water by divers, and on
>>land for possible missing planes was conducted, but both
>>searches turned up nothing.

>>Other reports claim that a second ship later dove into the
>>water alongside the first. Speculation has it the second ship
>>was helping repair its fallen comrade, and when those repairs
>>were complete, the two ships flew off into the atmosphere. The
>>actual crash had a witness list comprised of at least 11 people,
>>and was reported to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In fact,
>>three mounties were on site to see that first ship's yellow
>>light moving about underwater.

>I don't know where Mr. Lindseth got the idea that there were
>yellow underwater lights associated with the episode at Shag
>Harbour [The Sound]. The 60 foot long 10-12 foot high lens
>shaped "dark object" [RCAF document-hence the book title] was
>seen to be drifting with the tide, current or both and/or under
>its own power out to sea. It was displaying a pale yellow light
>on top of or close to the top of the object which was witnessed
>by the three mounties. Actually there were four mounties as it
>turns out in addition to a couple of dozen witnesses to that
>segment. It either sank or submerged while the RCMP officers
>were attempting to arrange a rescue. The light then disappeared.

>As UFOs go this one turned from highly visible to quite shy once

>it contacted the water.

>October 4 of this year is on Wednesday as it was in 1967.

Aloha Don,

For a long time I have wished that someone had taken a sample of the yellow foam for chemical analysis.

Keep 'em flying,

Josh

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 13:34:26 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2006 18:29:23 -0400
Subject: Re: USOs Awesome Or Off-Putting - Ledger

>From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 02:02:20 -0700
>Subject: Re: USOs Awesome Or Off-Putting

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 01:45:42 -0300
>>Subject: Re: USOs Awesome Or Off-Putting

>>UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>>>Source: Hecklerpray.Com - London, UK

>>><http://tinyurl.co.uk/fini>

>>>September 25th, 2006

>>>Awesome Or Off-Putting: USOs (Unidentified Submerged
>>>Objects) by Shawn Lindseth

>>>USOs (Unidentified Submerged Objects)Awesome or
>>>Off-Putting is a weekly delve into cryptozoology, ufology,
>>>medical marvels, scientific wonders, secret societies,
>>>government conspiracies, cults, ghosts, myths, religion,
>>>strange facts or just the plain unexplainable.

>><snip>

>>>A sighting often considered the mother of all USO
>>>sightings happened in Nova Scotia's Shag Harbour circa
>>>1967. A 60' ship had been hovering in the air flashing
>>>orange-ish lights when it suddenly crashed (or flew) into
>>>the harbour. After it submerged, a yellow light could
>>>still be seen underwater - moving and leaving a trail of
>>>air-bubbles and yellow foam on the surface. The Canadian
>>>Coast Guard were called in thinking the crashed craft
>>>could have been an airplane. By the time they got there
>>>the only sign left was the 80' wide, half mile long trail
>>>of yellow foam. A thorough search in the water by divers,
>>>and on land for possible missing planes was conducted, but
>>>both searches turned up nothing.

>>>Other reports claim that a second ship later dove into the
>>>water alongside the first. Speculation has it the second
>>>ship was helping repair its fallen comrade, and when those
>>>repairs were complete, the two ships flew off into the
>>>atmosphere. The actual crash had a witness list comprised
>>>of at least 11 people, and was reported to the Royal
>>>Canadian Mounted Police. In fact, three mounties were on
>>>site to see that first ship's yellow light moving about
>>>underwater.

>>I don't know where Mr. Lindseth got the idea that there were
>>yellow underwater lights associated with the episode at
>>Shag Harbour [The Sound]. The 60 foot long 10-12 foot high
>>lens shaped "dark object" [RCAF document-hence the book
>>title] was seen to be drifting with the tide, current or
>>both and/or under its own power out to sea. It was

>>displaying a pale yellow light on top of or close to the top
>>of the object which was witnessed by the three mounties.
>>Actually there were four mounties as it turns out in
>>addition to a couple of dozen witnesses to that segment. It
>>either sank or submerged while the RCMP officers were
>>attempting to arrange a rescue. The light then disappeared.

>>As UFOs go this one turned from highly visible to quite shy
>>once it contacted the water.

>>October 4 of this year is on Wednesday as it was in 1967.

>Aloha Don,

>For a long time I have wished that someone had taken a sample
>of the yellow foam for chemical analysis.

>Keep 'em flying,

Hi Josh,

One of the documents had a margin note "pity no one thought to take a sample". RCMP constable Ron O'Brien informed me that he examined the arms of a young fisherman who dipped his hands and arms into the stuff but he says they just looked wet and there was no odor other than that of sea water.

Later Norm Smith offered that a net was dipped into the water to scoop some of it up but it came up empty. It wouldn't hold together. But it must be remembered that at the time, this wasn't a UFO event, it was a rescue attempt to recover survivors or bodies from a presumed airplane crash.

Those in close contact with the "foam" denied that it was seafoam. The assumption was that it was some by-product of jet fuel or gasoline [which in 1967 would have been 100/130 aviation gas] mixed with water, but then it had no odor.

The stink of avgas and Jet A is very prominent in aircraft disasters at sea as evidenced by the Swissair crash of Flight 111. Fisherman assisting in the recovery of remains during that event were made ill by the powerful smell of Jet A as were some Navy personnel.

During the Shag Harbour event there were, however, claims of a sulfurous smell in the area. The fishermen were apprehensive about what they would find in the water.

I completed writing Dark Object a couple of years before I wrote about the crash of Flight 111. "Swissair Down" was published a year or so before "Dark Object" but while writing "Swissair Down" I was struck by the similarities between the initial response mechanisms in both cases; they were identical in procedure and the alerting of the authority and their response.

First the mounties and fisherman and their boats, the contacting of the Rescue Coordination Center [RCC] in Halifax, the Coast Guard, the Navy and then the navy divers; even the appearance of US navy vessels. It went right down the line though the Swissair events happened much faster due to vastly improved communications over the ensuing 31 years.

But again it was the fishermen [in this case in the St. Margaret's Bay area] who suspected something was amiss [some heard the aircraft's compressive explosion] and were out looking before the authorities even knew for sure what had happened.

Don Ledger

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Re: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 09:48:50 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2006 18:31:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet - Rudiak

>From: Hollis Kimball <Choprgo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 23:48:40 EDT
>Subject: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 14:41:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet

>>>From: Hollis Kimball <Choprgo.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2006 18:39:21 EDT
>>>Subject: Of Persinger & The 'God' Helmet

>>>Flash Demonstration:

>>>http://www.biof.com/playattention/interactive_video.html

>>>I really don't see any point in pursuing this subject any
>>>further. Sounds like someone was trying to re-invent the wheel.

>>No point in pursuing this subject, which has nothing
>>whatsoever do with Persinger's claims. This is a straightforward
>>biofeedback device supposedly designed to help you train your
>>"attention" by observing your brain rhythms via a passive sensor
>>like an EEG. No transcranial stimulation of neurons here.

>Sometimes patience is good for the soul, especially when you are
>doing boring and tedious research!

>Yes, that device is nothing more than a gadget. Simple
>meditation or repetitive thoughts (e.g., memorizing) do better.

>Re Persinger's research, that principle was discovered and
>developed by the Russians as early as the 1950s and 1960s. Once
>known to the US, the CIA and other agencies used it to conduct
>many experiments on human subjects. Very Top Secret of course.

>One of the first US patents later granted to Russian inventors
>was in 1973. Many related patents were issued in the mid 1980s
>and beyond. For instance, Patent US5,047,005 is one relating to
>magnetic stimulation of brain neurons. But Persinger, with Koren
>and others, DID manage to get two Patents in 2001, one dealing
>with animals, US6,234,953, and one dealing with humans, using a
>personal computer and software to operate the system. See Patent
>US6,312,376. The US Patent Office website is:

>www.uspto.gov/patft/

Patent 5,047,005 is for a Cadwell repetitive magnetostimulator,
one which I had the opportunity to use.

Let me repeat yet again. These large and very powerful
magnetostimulators are nothing at all like Persinger's weak
stimulus setup, generating nerve stimuli millions of times
greater than Persinger's.

I also got to play with one Russian stimulator. It barely worked

and was a piece of junk in construction, with parts literally falling off of it.

I suspect the secret experiments Hollis Kimball is referring to in the 1950s and 1960s had to do with microwaves, not pulsed magnetic fields. These are other animals entirely.

David Rudiak

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Secrecy News -- 09/28/06

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** BUSH USES SIGNING STATEMENTS TO LEVERAGE POWER FROM CONGRESS
** CONGRESS POISED TO TRANSFER POWER TO THE EXECUTIVE
** PROTECTION OF UNCLASSIFIED SECURITY-RELATED INFORMATION (CRS)

BUSH USES SIGNING STATEMENTS TO LEVERAGE POWER FROM CONGRESS,
CRS SAYS

The Bush Administration's use of Presidential signing statements to assert objections to enacted legislation reflects an attempt to expand and consolidate Presidential authority at the expense of Congress, according to a new analysis from the Congressional Research Service.

"It seems evident that the Bush signing statements are an integral part of the Administration's efforts to further its broad view of presidential prerogatives and to assert functional and determinative control over all elements of the executive decisionmaking process," the CRS study said.

"It appears that recent administrations, as made apparent by the voluminous challenges lodged by President George W. Bush, have employed these instruments in an attempt to leverage power and control away from Congress by establishing these broad assertions of authority as a constitutional norm."

Signing statements have been issued by Presidents for over a century and are not inherently problematic. To the contrary, they may be beneficial to the extent that they alert Congress and the public to Presidential actions and intentions.

Yet the Bush Administration has been issuing signing statements with growing frequency, as reported earlier this year by Charlie Savage of the Boston Globe, and in a way that involves a "qualitative difference" from their use in the past, according to the CRS.

The Bush signing statements appear to be part of a larger campaign to seize increased Presidential authority, the CRS said.

"The broad and persistent nature of the claims of executive authority forwarded by President Bush appear designed to inure [i.e., to accustom] Congress, as well as others, to the belief that the President in fact possesses expansive and exclusive powers upon which the other branches may not intrude," the CRS report stated.

It follows that "the appropriate focus of congressional concern should center not on the issuance of signing statements themselves, but on the broad assertions of presidential authority forwarded by Presidents and the substantive actions taken to establish that authority."

The CRS study, written by T.J. Halstead, provides abundant information on the history of presidential signing statements, describes their limited impact on the judicial process, critiques a recent American Bar Association report on the subject, and more.

Like other CRS products, this study has not been made directly available to the public by CRS. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Presidential Signing Statements: Constitutional and Institutional Implications," September 22, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL33667.pdf>

CONGRESS POISED TO TRANSFER POWER TO THE EXECUTIVE

Instead of defending Congressional prerogatives, Congress appears eager to transfer new, unchecked authority to the President in the name of combating terrorism.

A bill on military commissions for trial of enemy detainees that was approved in the House this week would permanently alter the complexion of the U.S. government by authorizing abuse of prisoners, curtailing prisoner access to the judicial system, and other previously unthinkable steps.

For critical perspectives on the military commissions bill, see "The Blind Leading the Willing" by Dahlia Lithwick, Slate, September 27:

<http://www.slate.com/id/2150495/>

and "Rushing Off a Cliff," New York Times (editorial)(free reg. req'd), September 28:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/09/28/opinion/28thul.html>

The September 27 House debate, leading to approval of the bill, is here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/h092706.html

The September 27 Senate floor debate on the bill is here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/s092706.html

Meanwhile, House Democrats said that pending legislation on domestic intelligence surveillance would dismantle existing checks and balance and traduce the Constitution.

H.R. 5825, the Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act, "is a dangerously broad bill that would turn FISA [the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which regulates domestic intelligence surveillance] on its head by making warrantless surveillance the rule rather than the exception," the House Democrats said.

"[Its] vague definitions and broad loopholes allow the Executive Branch to conduct electronic surveillance of telephone calls and e-mail in the United States without court orders and without meaningful oversight."

Their views, detailed in a dissent to a new report of the House Intelligence Committee, were rejected along party lines by the Republican majority.

See "Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act," House Report 109-680, part 1, September 25:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_rpt/hrpt109-680-pt1.html

PROTECTION OF UNCLASSIFIED SECURITY-RELATED INFORMATION

Classification is the predominant means of protecting national security information. But even when information is unclassified, there are a number of statutes that can be used to restrict its public availability on security-related grounds.

Such statutory controls on unclassified security-related information are usefully cataloged in a new report from the Congressional Research Service.

See "Protection of Security-Related Information," September 27, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/secrecy/RL33670.pdf>

For no extra charge, here are a couple of other recent CRS reports obtained by Secrecy News.

"U.S.-India Nuclear Cooperation: A Side-By-Side Comparison of Current Legislation," September 5, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/nuke/RL33561.pdf>

"The Use of Federal Troops for Disaster Assistance: Legal Issues," updated August 14, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RS22266.pdf>

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Re: Vibration Attacks Witnessed - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 15:52:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2006 18:51:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Vibration Attacks Witnessed - White

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 18:48:40 +0000
>Subject: Vibration Attacks Witnessed

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 10:07:09 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Vibration Attacks Witnessed

><snips>

>>Personally, I think if our advanced technology experience ever
>>get acknowledged as "real", that will strongly back up the idea
>>the ET craft can get here by methods advanced well beyond
>>today's school- taught physics. Conversely, if advanced
>>artificial origin flying craft ever get acknowledged as "real",
>>that will help us expose the crimes.

>Surely, Eleanor, you can't be suggesting that ETs are wreaking
>havoc in a target's life?

Absolutely not. The only common thread I see in the two
experience sets is the sophistication level of the technology.
If either one of the two experience sets can be brought to the
point where it's generally recognized as "real", the other arena
will also benefit.

>There is enough evidence for humans to claim that other humans
>are capable of the technology and the will to torture their
>fellow humans.

Definitely, but that is not generally recognized at the moment.

>Time to own up to the atrocities and not blame 'the other'.

I'm not saying there is any connection other than the two arenas
clearly make use of the same high level of physics, not taught
in today's schools.

As to owning up to atrocities, all I can say there is amen,
sister!

Eleanor White

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Re: Satellite Weapons Abductions & US Military -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 16:26:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2006 18:54:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Satellite Weapons Abductions & US Military -

>Source: James F. Marino's Blog - 9-11 The Mother Of All Black
> Operations Blog

><http://tinyurl.co.uk/0mr2>

>Wednesday, September 27, 2006

<snip>

>Brainwave Scanners/ Programs
>First program developed in 1994 by Dr. Donald York & Dr. Thomas
>Jensen.

>This is a personal scanning and tracking system involving the
>monitoring of an individual's EMF (electro magnetic flux brain
>waves) via remote means; eg. Satellite. The results are fed to
>thought activated computers that possess a complete brainwave
>vocabulary.

I've read about a number of UFO, especially abduction cases,
where it appears that the UFO crew can not only cause effects at
a distance, but also identify individuals and read their mental
state at a distance. For example, John Velez has reported that
abductees are picked up at many different places, not just their
homes.

At this stage in the fight to expose organized stalking and
electronic harassment, I haven't yet seen any rock solid
documentation for the ability using conventional
electromagnetic signals, picking up the EEG at more than very
close to the skull. The general skepticism by the public, the
justice and medical systems require us to show that a technology
we claim is in use has been d-e-m-o-n-s-t-r-a-t-e-d, and not
just a patent issued, or article saying the technology has been
studied.

Picking up an EEG from satellite distances is an incredibly
difficult task, as the neurons are about the least powerful
radio transmitters in existence. More than that, all the people
on the planet, all the animals, and all the plants, are also
emitting very similar signals. Focussing an EEG signal by
itself, with no higher frequency carrier, is essentially
impossible using conventional technology, as it is right near
the bottom of the ELF range, sometimes labelled ULF, and
transmitting ELF from microscopic antennas is about as difficult
at transmitting gets. Look at the miles-long U.S. Navy ELF
antennas.

Additionally, individual neurons "fire", or emit strings of
pulses, and detecting, within a 3D matrix of conductive (i.e.
partly shielding) material is even more difficult at satellite
distances. What is read at the skull surface is an average or
composite signal, which may or may not be precise enough to,
say, "read sub-vocalized thoughts."

There are articles on the web claiming EEG activity can be
picked up by a satellite, and distinguished from all the other
living things and other electrical noise, but I haven't yet seen
one that says a human EEG can be picked up at 200 miles or more,

particularly with sufficient detail to determine mental state or read subvocalized thoughts.

Just as with the UFO field, only a rock-solid demonstration is enough to sway skeptics, critics, and public officials. Until we have such a witnessed demonstration in hand, so well documented that virtually anyone will accept it as having happend, I vigorously object to making the claim of "...monitoring of an individual's EMF (electro magnetic flux brain waves) via remote means..."

If anyone on this list has such documentation of demonstration, not just "study" or "should be feasible" article, or patent, please let me know.

Eleanor White

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Re: Hegemony Or Survival - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 17:20:08 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2006 18:56:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Hegemony Or Survival - Nielsen

>Source: The Times-News - Twin Falls, Idaho

><http://tinyurl.com/mfs8e>

>09/23/06

>Books

>Hegemony Or Survival - America's Quest For Global Dominance

>By: Noam Chomsky

<snip>

>A few years ago, one of the great figures of contemporary
>biology, Ernst Mayr, published some reflections on the
>likelihood of success in the search for extraterrestrial
>intelligence. He considered the prospects very low. His
>reasoning had to do with the adaptive value of what we call
>"higher intelligence," meaning the particular human form of
>intellectual organization. Mayr estimated the number of species
>since the origin of life at about fifty billion, only one of
>which "achieved the kind of intelligence needed to establish a
>civilization." It did so very recently, perhaps 100,000 years
>ago. It is generally assumed that only one small breeding group
>survived, of which we are all descendants.

<snip>

>In September 2002 the Bush administration announced its National
>Security Strategy, which declared the right to resort to force
>to eliminate any perceived challenge to US global hegemony,
>which is to be permanent. The new grand strategy aroused deep
>concern worldwide, even within the foreign policy elite at home.
>Also in September, a propaganda campaign was launched to depict
>Saddam Hussein as an imminent threat to the United States and to
>insinuate that he was responsible for the 9-11 atrocities and
>was planning others. The campaign, timed to the onset of the
>midterm congressional elections, was highly successful in
>shifting attitudes. It soon drove American public opinion off
>the global spectrum and helped the administration achieve
>electoral aims and establish Iraq as a proper test case for the
>newly announced doctrine of resort to force at will.

<snip>

>By early 2003, studies revealed that fear of the United States
>had reached remarkable heights throughout the world, along with
>distrust of the political leadership. Dismissal of elementary
>human rights and needs was matched by a display of contempt for
>democracy for which no parallel comes easily to mind,
>accompanied by professions of sincere dedication to human rights
>and democracy. The unfolding events should be deeply disturbing
>to those who have concerns about the world they are leaving to
>their grandchildren.

<snip>

>Let us try to unravel some of the many strands that enter into

>this complex tapestry, focusing attention on the world power
>that The CCSP did not even consider the likelihood, suggested by
>"a growing body of evidence," that the short-term warming
>proclaims global hegemony. Its actions and guiding doctrines
>must be a primary concern for everyone on the planet,
>particularly, of course, for Americans. Many enjoy unusual
>advantages and freedom, hence the ability to shape the future,
>and should face with care the responsibilities that are the
>immediate corollary of such privilege.

<snip>

>Controlling the general population has always been a dominant
>concern of power and privilege, particularly since the first
>modern democratic revolution in seventeenth-century England. The
>self-described "men of best quality" were appalled as a "giddy
>multitude of beasts in men's shapes" rejected the basic
>framework of the civil conflict raging in England between king
>and Parliament, and called for government" by countrymen like
>ourselves, that know our wants," not by "knights and gentlemen
>that make us laws, that are chosen for fear and do but oppress
>us, and do not know the people's sores." The men of best quality
>recognized that if the people are so "depraved and corrupt" as
>to "confer places of power and trust upon wicked and undeserving
>men, they forfeit their power in this behalf unto those that are
>good, though but a few." Almost three centuries later, Wilsonian
>idealism, as it is standardly termed, adopted a rather similar
>stance. Abroad, it is Washington's responsibility to ensure that
>government is in the hands of "the good, though but a few." At
>home, it is necessary to safeguard a system of elite decision-
>making and public ratification -- "polyarchy," in the
>terminology of political science -- not democracy.

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

I do find this interesting, really.

But a rudimentary review of past fallen civilizations also
points to these same social structures existing then, just as we
find them today. Ours will fall as well, if (note the "if")
we continue to see each other in completely contrived classes,
instead of the true human family that we are.

Fact is, all of us living humans are literally related to each
other within about 25 generations or less. And even that
generational distance is getting smaller among future
populations. Why? Because only those living are reproducing.

I suggest we treat each other as family and not as classes. But
even as I write this, I realize it can not be compelled, by any
means. It will not occur without the voluntary wilfulness of
each individual.

And that won't happen until each person knows they were born
into this world a complete individual, with in-alien-able
rights.

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Re: Classified Documents - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2006 18:58:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Classified Documents - Aldrich

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 02:26:12 EDT
>>Subject: Classified Documents [was: Secrecy News --09/26/06]

>>From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
>>To: <secrecy_news.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 11:28:58 -0400
>>Subject: Secrecy News -- 09/26/06

>>SECRECY NEWS
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><snip>

>>"Implementation of New Classification Marking Requirements" is
>>the topic of a May 30, 2006 U.S. Air Force policy memo which is
>>intended to remedy "a widespread lack of consistent and accurate
>>classification markings" identified by the Government
>>Accountability Office in a recent audit. See:

>><http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dod/af053006.pdf>

>Listers,

>Recall much earlier List discussions along the lines of how the
>government/military always marks every classified document the
>same because the people doing the classifying never are
>inconsistent, mis-mark documents or otherwise?

>We heard people advancing the fact that documents had to be
>absolutely marked a particular way, and both Stan Friedman and
>myself pointed out that after you visit the various archives,
>you find that documents were not consistently marked, or had the
>classification marking put on "exactly" where it should be...

>Well apparently that problem that has existed all along. Forty
>years from now when researchers are making some pronouncement
>about a classified document based upon whether the
>classification mark was consistent and applied correctly, need
>to take note: Nothing much has changed with people in government
>position.

Robert,

Who made such statement and when were they made?

1. Evolution in the marking, content and format of classified document has changed a lot over the years.
2. Marking and accounting for active documents may not be found on declassified or FOIA'd documents.
3. Arguments here by advocates trying to foist fabricated junk on ufologists regularly contain silly arguments that defy logic and common sense along with invalid representation of proper

with regulatory requirements.

4. The evolution of fake documents show that fabricators of false documents are catching on slowly, but not completely.

My informal discussions with Brad Sparks and others have lead to the conclusion that pointing out stupidity in fabricated documents (of which markings only is a small part) just gives the hoaxers more experience in turning out more convincing documents in the future. The almost complete absence of any meaningful research by the traget audience to the claims broadcast to them is apalling. Rather most of the audience seems to be, at the leasted entertained by such, or at the other end swallows them whole.

As I pointed out to Loren Gross when he was considering the Strait Letter in his UFO Histroy many of the same arguments used by Adamski and his supporters echo today with the current crop of false documents.

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Mars-watchers who've followed the Cydonia controversy have seen the Face formation modeled repeatedly by computers in an attempt to assess its shape and peer at it from angles inaccessible from orbit. Interestingly, the ESA's "horned face" is the first such computer-derived image to indicate a steep conical protrusion near the purported "brow"; this invites the question of whether we're seeing actual surface topology, an error introduced by the ESA's software, or even a deliberate attempt to make the Face appear less face-like (a challenge to which JPL rose in 1998 with its infamous "catbox" release).

[More... plus several images...]

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Timothy Good And...

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: Timothy Good And...

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Friday, September 29, 2006

Timothy Good And Graeme Base

Timothy Good has been studying UFOs for half a century, combining his passion for UFOs with a successful career as a violinist. While many people may remain sceptical about whether or not UFOs actually exist, Timothy says that he's uncovered military and intelligence reports that do indeed prove UFOs are 'out there'. His seventh book on the subject has just been released; it's called Need to Know: UFOs, the Military and Intelligence.

Timothy admits that not all UFO's are extra-terrestrial beings. "That's very important," he says, "and it's known that up to 90% of UFO reports can be explained in conventional terms... that still leaves tens of thousands of reports."

He has some theories about where the extra-terrestrial beings are coming from. "I do think some of them definitely come from other civilisations, not necessarily all of them extra-terrestrial. I think - it's an outrageous theory, I'm not the first to propound the theory - but I am convinced that some of the activity comes from right here on earth, from an advanced civilisation which perhaps remains hidden to us, and perhaps relating to our past..."

"Some of the beings who are alleged to have established communication with us human beings say that we are a genetic by-product by them of genetic engineering... I certainly can't prove that; there's no documentation for that, but given that many of these beings are very, very similar to human beings albeit tens of thousands of years in advance of us, I think it's not such a ridiculous idea."

<snip>

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Subject: Little "Alien Men" Scurried Across Her Porch

Source: Ken Korczak's Blog - Minnesota

<http://ironghost.wordpress.com/>

September 25th, 2006

Little "Alien Men" Scurried Across Her Porch...

NOTE: Here is a story told to me by a Deputy Sheriff of Marshall County in Northern Minnesota. The Deputy asked me to change his name because he feared he would be fired for telling this story.

By Ken Korczak

The woman was trembling as she walked into the Marshall County law enforcement headquarters. Everyone could see she was scared.

In a low voice, she asked to speak to a police officer=97alone. She wanted a private room and requested that only one officer be present. Deputy David Randall looked up from his desk and felt a chill. He suspected that he knew what the woman wanted to talk about. That=92s because just the night before, he and his partner had encountered something unexplainable in the countryside near the tiny town of Grgyla, Minnesota.

It was about 11 p.m. The summer night was cloudy, humid and dark. Randall and his partner were cruising County Highway 6 when they saw what at first looked like a sudden appearance of the full moon. But they quickly realized this was not the moon=97it was a flying globe of light, glowing bright red-orange, and moving along without a sound.

"What in blazes is that!" Randall yelled.

His partner, Bob Overby, looked up in shock, sucked in his breath and let out a sharp reply, "Whoa!! I don=92t know!"

Randall reports that the object was the size of a basketball, but it was difficult to judge its real size. It was three dimensional=85 and there was something inexplicably bizarre and unreal about it.

"Oh, it was something abnormal," Randall said. "Definitely not fireworks or the moon, or conventional aircraft=85 I just know this was something that didn=92t seem like it belonged here."

Bravely, the deputies decided to follow the object, and it seemed to sense their presence. It moved away from them. They gunned the squad car, determined to keep the glowing orb in sight.

After a few miles of thrilling chase, the object appeared to land behind a small grove of trees in a pasture, not more than a 100 yards from them.

Randall and Overby got out of their squad car, scrambled over a

fence and ran toward where the object had descended to land behind the trees. They were scared, yes, but a powerful curiosity and a sense of duty as police officers compelled them forward.

But when they reached the other side of the trees=97nothing. No eerie glowing object. No sign of it in the sky or on the ground.

Randall and Overby played their flashlights across the dewy grass but saw no marks, or any indication something had set down in this peaceful sleeping pasture.

The Minnesota summer night had become ordinary again.

Randall and Overby returned to their squad car and finished their shift. They talked about what they had seen. They were baffled. Randall took his curiosity a bit further and checked with nearby airports and the U.S. airbase near Grand Forks to see if they had any military aircraft in the Grygla area, or if they noted anything unusual on radar.

All reported nothing.

Randall thought that would be the end of it=85 until the next day when Marge Conner walked into sheriff=92s headquarters. She had an hair-raising story to tell. Even before she said a word, Randall could feel his skin go clammy. Instinctively, he knew that she had experienced something even stranger than he and his partner did the night before.

THE GRYGLA UFO INCIDENT =97 PART II

When she walked into the Marshall County sheriff=92s headquarters, Marge Conner of rural Grygla had the look of a woman who had not slept all night. Her eyes were puffy and carried the unblinking stare of fright.

Sheriff=92s deputy David Randall felt a chill when he saw Conner. He had an eerie feeling that he knew why she was here. As it happens, Randall had a bizarre encounter of his own the night before.

Conner wanted to speak with a police officer=97but requested to see only one person in a private room. Randall stepped up and introduced himself. He directed her to a small interview room, where she told him this story:

At about 11:10 the night before, Conner, who lives alone on a small farm near Grygla, was sitting up reading. A flashing light in a window caught her eye=97as if portending far-off lightning.

She walked over to the window, which looked out to the west. She saw no sign of lightning, but something flickered at the corner of her eye. She turned to look at her south window and saw a glow playing there on the panes.

She stepped quickly over to the south window, and looked out and up. She gasped. She was stunned to see a pulsating, orange-red globe floating in the sky above her house.

It was like nothing she had ever seen before. Definitely not the moon or star or any kind of airplane or helicopter=85this was a sphere of light which might have been solid, or pure energy.

Conner=92s throat constricted. She was gripped by fear, but she couldn=92t take her eyes from this astounding orb hovering above her house.

Conner followed the object, walking from window to window as it danced around in the sky. Suddenly, it was gone from her sight, but something=97just a tingling feeling=97told her the night=92s events were not over.

Standing at her south window, Conner felt an urge to whirl and look behind her. Just as she did, she saw something shocking.

Outside, scuttling past the big windows on the west side of the house, Conner saw a group of what she described as "little men."

They moved past the window quickly=97they had big heads and tiny, frail bodies. Their movement seemed unnaturally fast, almost as

if they defied gravity. They were three, possibly four feet tall. They had dark bodies and lighter colored heads.

A scream was trapped in Conner's throat. She was numb with terror. Could this really be happening!

Suddenly, a commotion sounded outside. Forcing herself to move away from where she was standing, Conner hurried across the living room. She looked out toward her pasture where she kept sheep, some small horses, and chickens around a small shed the gate doors of the fence were flapping, and her animals were scattering across the dark countryside.

Conner's instinct was to run outside and herd her animals back home, but going out into the black night with those "things" outside was out of the question.

She thought about calling 911 but tell them what? That little green men from a flying globe were chasing her animals around through the Minnesota night? She was sure she would not be believed she wasn't sure she believed herself!

Conner decided to sit tight and wait for dawn the longest night of her life. Although nothing further happened, she slept not a wink.

The next morning, Conner decided she should at least report the mischief that had been played on her livestock. As she drove to the law enforcement center, she self-debated telling the truth, or simply reporting an act of vandalism.

But by the time she arrived Conner felt a great need to share her experience. She told Deputy Randall her story, fearing she wouldn't be believed.

To her amazement and relief, Randall told her of his own close encounter with the flying globe the night before.

"I might never have believed her if me and my partner had not seen the UFO, or whatever it was, the night before," Randall said. "The fact this woman had this experience convinced me all the more that what we saw was something completely unexplainable."

But Randall had even more reason to be open minded. You see, the UFO he saw the night before was not the first time in his life he had seen a strange flying object and I'll write about that in my next post!

e-mail Ken with a question or comment: writer.nul

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I'd Like To Find It Here First

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Maryland, USA

<http://www.thesentinel.com/307999523972426.php>

20-09-06

I'd Like To Find It Here First

By Brian J. Karem

It was an odd question, or maybe just a question asked at an odd moment.

I was sitting in the doctor's office waiting for my annual physical, and dreading the inevitable "Moon River" moment from the movie "Fletch" when a young man about 18-years-old asked me the question:

"Do you believe in intelligent life on other planets?"

So then I'm suddenly thinking about Cartman anal probes and mutilated cattle - for reasons I still can't fathom.

But there it was.

Of all the things I was thinking about that day, extraterrestrial life was way down on the list.

Do I need a stress test? Isn't that stressful? Did my kids clean up this morning? Why does the dog always seem to go to the bathroom in the house? Do my socks match? Why does my wife always call me at the most inopportune times? Why am I getting e-mails from people about wild behavior from high school football coaches?

All of those things were way above the pondering of extra terrestrial life at that moment in my life.

The question though began to gnaw at me. In particular was the adjective - intelligent.

That's a nice qualifier. For one can surmise that with all the wild microbes alive on this planet in the oddest and most hostile environments then, indeed, life must exist elsewhere.

But does intelligent life exist on other planets?

I thought of that as I turned my head to cough during my physical, and while the vampire technician drew blood from my body.

How, I began to wonder, could I be concerned about intelligent life elsewhere when its presence is suspect on this planet.

For example:

A 69-year-old Rockville woman is struck and dragged for a mile and a half down Crabbs Branch Way from Redland to Gude drive. There were no apparent witnesses, and the police say the driver of the vehicle who struck the woman may not have even known he struck her.

Excuse me? If I hit a squirrel on the road, then I know it. How could you miss the 69-year-old woman being ground under your wheels?

Another example:

At a recent local football game the losing team's head coach began shouting at one of his assistants on the sidelines, while another assistant on his team yelled he was done and took off his shirt.

"I yelled at him, but I did not curse," the head coach later said of his part in the incident.

I wonder if Woody Hayes used that excuse?

Meanwhile on the national front former President Bill Clinton is in an argument with Condoleezza Rice over which administration has done more to catch Osama-Bin Laden.

Of course Hillary Clinton is now in the argument too. Cat fight anyone?

Bottom line: neither has done much if the man is still at-large.

But, hey we need not venture that far from Montgomery County to get a look for intelligence.

There is no need to look through telescopes, listen to the stars or plot to build rocket ships to visit other galaxies.

After the poking and prodding that comes with a physical exam, I yawned, shook off the adventure and headed out of the doctor's office.

There was the young man who'd prompted my idle thoughts. He was still sitting, waiting and looking nervous about something.

So I asked him what he was in for.

His answer: a stress test. He'd read recently that an ex-high school football coach had dropped dead of a heart attack. He was getting a physical so he could get referred for a stress test. "You gotta watch yourself as you get older," he said.

Hmmm. He's either the most brilliant young man on earth, or a smart aleck.

I don't have the intelligence to determine which.

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A UFO Conference Without Tinfoil Hats?

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Source: Ray's X-Blog - Plattsburgh, New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/zz57v>

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A UFO Conference Without Tinfoil Hats?

Call it a New Frontiers Symposium, with the subtitle of
=93Extraterrestrial Life, Space Exploration, & The Future=94 and
maybe =93they=94 will stay away.

As you work your way along the spectrum of human activities,
straying away from the norm, you=92re more apt to encounter
=93personalities=94 and =93characters=94 than you would at more
mainstream events. So I=92m less surprised to find an eccentric at
a comic book convention than I would at a writer=92s conference.
Comic book fans are more apt to dress up in outlandish costumes
than aspiring writers =96 but even that isn=92t a hard rule.

In his book, Shockingly Close To The Truth, Jim Moseley
describes some of the notables who used to show up at the Giant
Rock flying saucer conventions held in the Mojave Desert from
1954 through 1974. For example, there were Princess Negonna and
Prince Neosom from the planet Tythan. And let=92s not forget
Connie Menger who claimed to have lived on Venus in a previous
life. To borrow an appropriate phrase from Supreme Commander
Moseley: Wheee!

Documentary filmmaker Paul Kimball wants to sponsor a more
mainstream event with his 2006 New Frontiers Symposium. And I
don=92t blame him. While everyone is entitled to an opinion, no
matter how =93out there=94 it may be, Paul wants to move beyond a
Giant Rock kooks-in-the-hot-desert-sun circus and show that
ufology, despite its bad press, can be a topic for serious
debate.

The symposium will be held in a couple of weeks on Saturday
October 14, 2006, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. More info can be
found at www.halifaxufo.com/ .

I have seen one of the scheduled speakers, Stanton Friedman, who
spoke at Plattsburgh University a while ago. And from I know
about the other speakers, it should be an interesting
conference.

Just leave your tinfoil hat at the door.

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Best UFO Cases From 2000 On?

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2006 14:11:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 08:02:36 -0400
Subject: Best UFO Cases From 2000 On?

Here's a poser for you. During a recent radio interview I was asked what were the best UFO cases since the turn of the new century ? To be honest I was stumped. I'm sure we are all aware of the classic cases so often discussed but what about from the year 2000 ?

I'd therefore like to ask all of you on the list this very same question, which, in your opinion, are the best UFO cases since the year 2000 to date ?

If you'd like to let me know off-list I'll compile some statistics if I get enough response and see what it turns up.

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle.
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Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 13:06:00 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 08:21:50 -0400
Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Pope

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 20:23:18 +0100
>Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 06:56:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

>>Files available at the National Archives and documents
>>released under the Freedom of Information Act certainly show
>>that the MOD policy was to play down the subject of UFOs. I
>>certainly couldn't talk about the involvement of the Defence
>>Intelligence Staff and my liaison with them on UFO
>>investigations until the MOD had released documents confirming
>>this. But none of this implies a cover-up or conspiracy in quite
>>the way certain British ufologists imply.

>Unfortunately, the main points were lost in the body of the
>Guardian article, though some of them are present. For example:

>'But the note continues: "This is not to say that the
>investigation is not taken seriously. The branches have their
>own methods - and [the public UFO desk] has no 'need to know'
>about them - but we are aware that DI55 for example sometimes
>makes extensive inquiries.'

>This was in paragraph 10 of a 16 paragraph, 4 pages long minute
>from S4(Air) to the Assistant Permanent Secretary for the Under-
>Secretary of State for the RAF, which was also copied to the
>Deputy Director of Headquarters Security for the MoD.

S4(Air) was disbanded in 1979. Though you do not say so, you are
quoting from a very old document, and describing the policy as
it was decades ago.

>Significantly, it explicitly states that branches other than
>S4(Air) (most likely including DI55) had their own methods of
>UFO investigation, about which S4(Air) had no need to know. It
>then goes on to say that DI55 sometimes make extensive enquiries
>- it doesn't say what the nature of these enquiries are, but
>could for instance include interviewing witnesses directly, or
>visiting the location of a report (possibly even under the guise
>of another branch of the RAF, or as civilian investigators).
>Whatever they did, S4(Air) had no "need to know" - just as in
>2000, Sec(AS) had no "need to know" about Condign, even though
>Sec(AS)2a was the focal point for UFO investigation as far as
>the public were concerned.

As documents released under the Freedom of Information Act show,
I had an extremely close relationship with DI55. This was
typified by our discussions on how we could best commission an
in-depth scientific study into the UFO phenomenon. But as I said
in my response to Martin Shough's recent post, it would be
inappropriate for me to comment on why DI55 apparently decided
not to brief my successors on this, or share with them the
results of 'Project Condign'.

>Immediately after the sentence quoted above, the paragraph
>continues:

>"It is undesirable that even a hint of this should become public
>and we are currently consulting the [Air Historical Branch] on
>ways of expurgating the official records against the time when
>they qualify for disclosure [at the Public Records Office]."

>This is also interesting. It is not explicit what means were
>under consideration with which to achieve covering-up DI55's
>role. It may be that they hoped to use the Public Records Act to
>retain any reference to DI55 beyond 30 years, or were they
>considering altering the records to make it look as though DI55
>did not participate in UFO matters at all? Furthermore, did they
>largely achieve their objective of removing references to DI55
>from the official record, and we have just been fortunate to
>uncover the few surviving records?

>The above indicates something far more serious than simply
>"playing down" the UFO topic.

It would be inappropriate for me to comment on this in any
detail, but the statement really doesn't imply anything other
than a desire to remove mention of DI55's involvement.

>>I gave an insider's view on this story to BBC World Service
>>yesterday in a radio interview and worked with the Daily Express
>>on a UFO feature in today's paper.

>Yes, I listened to that and found it hilarious. The BBC
>interviewer was asking questions about DI55, and you were
>answering the questions as if they were asking about Sec(AS)2a!
>I'm not sure if the interviewer thought that "the UFO Project"
>was "run by" DI55, and therefore thought that you worked for
>DI55, or if you were unaware that the questions were about
>DI55's role and not Sec(AS)2a's role? I'll post a transcript
>after I send this post.

<snip>

Before the interview, the producer asked me to cover two areas:
general information about the MOD's UFO investigations, and a
comment about the allegations of a cover-up. I suspect that
detailed discussions on the respective roles and outputs of
Sec(AS) and DI55 - and the interface between the two divisions -
would have been lost on the vast majority of the audience, who
were not ufologists.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Maccabee

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Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 13:21:25 -0400
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Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Maccabee

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As I have pointed out previously, if this image is the "true
face" it should be possible to use these raw image data in a
computer imaging program and regenerate the "original face"
image.

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Experiment Points To Remote Physical Manipulation?

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Subject: Experiment Points To Remote Physical Manipulation?

Those of us who have been hammered for decades by advanced remote physical manipulation equipment and vibration attacks are always hopeful that mainstream documentation can be found showing how this can be done.

* Successful remote manipulation experiments may also lend considerable credibility to UFO reports.

Einstein mentioned "spooky action at a distance" in which some as-yet unknown, at least to the general public, signal type causes separated particles to act in a coordinated fashion.

Because this signal type is still not known in terms of its properties, those of us getting remote physical manipulation have been "left to hang out to dry" in the credibility department.

An article Susan Sayler turned up seems to be the first glimmer of published research confirming that remote physical manipulation of ordinary sized objects is finally being taken seriously...

Many thanks to Susan Sayler for this article:

http://www.world-science.net/othernews/060923_quantum.htm

Physicists say they have made an object move just by watching it. This is inspiring them to a still bolder project: putting a small, ordinary thing into two places at once.

It may be a "fantasy," admits Keith Schwab of Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., one of the researchers. Then again, the first effect seemed that way not long ago, and the second is related.

(photo)

The gray sliver reaching from top to bottom, slanted in the image, is a nanomechanical resonator, a sub-microscopic device that can vibrate like a piano string. The image was taken with a scanning electron microscope and colorized. (Courtesy Cornell University)

The research comes from the edge of quantum mechanics, the submicroscopic realm of fundamental particles. There, things behave with total disregard for our common sense.

They can show signs of being in two places at once; of being both waves and particles; of taking on some characteristics only at the moment these are measured; and of acting synchronously while far apart, with no apparent way to communicate.

Although these tiny building blocks of our universe do this, the relatively huge things we see every day don't. The uncanny behavior fades the bigger a thing becomes.

This is because when quantum entities are combined to make ordinary objects, the rules governing each component's behavior add up to produce new rules. These increasingly resemble the

laws of our familiar reality as more additions take place.

But just how big can something be and still show signs of slipping back into its quantum-mechanical nature?

Schwab and his colleagues decided to find out. In work described in the Sept. 14 issue of the research journal *Nature*, they built a device colossal by quantum standards: about nine thousandths of a millimeter long, containing some 10 trillion atoms.

The object was a sliver of aluminum and a type of ceramic, fixed at both ends but free to vibrate like a guitar string in between. To measure its movements, the scientists set nearby a tiny detector called a superconducting single electron transistor.

They found that random motions of charge-carrying particles, electrons, in the detector emanated forces that affected the metallic sliver. When the detector was tuned for maximum sensitivity, these forces slowed down the sliver's shaking, cooling it as a result. This effect, Schwab said, is a basically quantum-mechanical phenomenon called back-action, in which the act of observing something actually gives it a nudge.

Back-action in quantum mechanics also makes it impossible to know a particle's exact location and speed simultaneously.

This limitation is called the uncertainty principle. A common example: measuring place and speed requires some detector that can "see" the particle. But this involves bouncing a light wave off it, which gives it a random push.

"We made measurements of position that are so intense so strongly coupled that by looking at it we can make it move," said Schwab. Normally, such motion wouldn't cool an object. But the motion can be such as to oppose ongoing movements and slow them down.

This reduces an object's heat, which is just the jiggling of particles in it.

If back-action applies such a large item, Schwab reasons, maybe that can also be true of other quantum-mechanical rules. Particularly intriguing, he said, is the superposition principle, which holds that a particle can be in two places at once.

A classic example is the shooting of light particles, called photons, through two slits in a barrier. Past the slits, they will behave as if they were waves. This alone is no surprise: it's a well-known quantum mechanical phenomenon that particles can paradoxically act like waves in some situations. The photons' waviness then makes them "interfere" with each other. In other words, they make patterns like those seen when you toss two pebbles in a pond, and the ripples they make overlap.

When the waves passing the two slits mutually interfere, the pattern becomes visible if you set up another wall where the photons can land. There, alternating bright and dark stripes appear.

But bizarrely, this works even if you fire just one photon at a time through the slits. You can see the effect then by putting photographic film on the landing wall, so each photon leaves a lasting mark. Keep firing photons, and the marks gradually add up to make the stripes again.

It's as if each photon is interfering with itself—that is, going through both slits simultaneously. This also works for bigger particles, up to a point. But what point? Schwab wants to know.

"We're trying to make a mechanical device be in two places at one time. What's really neat is it looks like we should be able to do it," he said. "The hope, the dream, the fantasy is that we get that superposition and start making bigger devices and find the breakdown."

In a commentary in the same issue of *Nature*, Michael Roukes of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif., wrote that Schwab's work with the cooling is part of an emerging field, quantum electromechanics. This, he added, focuses on

submicroscopic devices called nanomechanical systems, "poised
midway between two seemingly antithetic domains" of size:
fundamental particles at one end, the
objects of everyday life at the other.

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Jason,

Try to imagine it as analogous to a Newfoundland two-story
outhouse. We are only allowed in on the ground floor and we get
whatever comes down from above.

Don Ledger

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Yes, this looks like another catbox episode - someone turned loose with high-powered technology who either doesn't know how to use it properly or maybe just doesn't want to. There have been a large number of Themis and MGS images of the Face taken to date, and not one of them shows any evidence for the very impressive peak on the "forehead" of the landform. None show a shadow being cast by the alleged peak. None show a bright area in its supposed location on the Face that might indicate the sunlit slope of a hill or dark areas that would indicate a down-sun slope.

The Mars Express carries a high-resolution stereo camera (HRSC) especially designed to take stereo images from which 3-dimensional terrain models can be constructed. The principal for getting stereo images is fairly simple. Shifts in position from one image to another are measured relative to points on a background reference plane. The greater the shift measured for a point on the imaged terrain, the higher the point's elevation relative to the reference plane.

I've tried my hand at getting elevation data for the Face, so I know something about the practical limitations. The hardest part is ensuring that when you measure changes in position of a selected point in two images, you're actually looking at the same point in both images. That gets hard to do if the terrain is featureless and smooth, as much of the Face is at the resolution of the images I used: the original 1998 image and the 2001 image. The differences in resolution, contrast, and lighting made this somewhat difficult, although I think I

succeeded in getting some reasonable elevation data:

<http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/mars/stereography/parallax-results.htm>

I used that data to construct an "orthophoto" from the 2001 images that showed the "nose" ridge was more symmetrically placed on the landform than what appeared in the 2001 image, and subsequent Themis images bore that result out:

<http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/mars/face/orthophoto/ortho.htm>

While Carlotto's model was generated using shape-from-shading rather than stereo photography, it is still the best 3-D model:

<http://newfrontiersinscience.com/Papers/v01n01d/hemi.mov>

The Mars Express HRSC is high resolution and uses three images taken at different angles rather than two as explained here:

<http://berlinadmin.dlr.de/Missions/express/kamera/kameraeng.shtml>

The HRSC images are taken in rapid succession, so differences in lighting aren't as big a problem in matching a point from one image to another for the Mars Express as it was for me. And they can take the stereo images at predetermined intervals to provide the most accurate data possible, which I couldn't do, having to rely on the two images available at the time. I would think they could have done a better than this "perspective" thing. But I guess they don't have to do better since most people will accept this image uncritically, just as most people accepted NASA's own "perspective" reconstruction of the Face, which was equally as bad as the MEX image but doesn't show the peak (or "horn") as Mac has dubbed it.

Accounting for differences in resolution and lighting, the shape of the Mars Face looks basically the same in all images ever taken of it, while all of NASA's alleged enhancements differ substantially from each other and from the recent MEX reconstruction. Few people seem to notice the ever-changing shape of the landform in these "scientific" renderings. All they seem to remember is that they've seen a bunch of pictures over the past several years of a lumpy bumpy something or other, so anyone who would suggest that it might be artificial must have a screw loose. Regardless of whether the effects of these space agency "enhancements" on mass psychology are intentional or simply the result of sloppiness and bias, they do seem to have effectively closed the issue of the Face's artificiality in most people's minds, at least for the foreseeable future.

Properly processed images show the landform has a symmetry that lends it a face-like appearance at low to moderate resolutions. While it's conceivable that it is an eroded remnant of an artificially sculpted monument, the evidence is not nearly strong enough to make such a claim or to rule out formation by natural processes. What puzzles me is why this is not enough for some people at NASA and ESA. Why do they feel the emotional need for these dubious "enhancements" and reconstructions that only serve to intensify distrust of their objectivity?

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Distance Mental Influence

Please also see my article in the December 2006 issue of
Paranoia magazine which provides the history and data on
"distance mental influence." Yes, it is a little scarier than
moving objects, but the experimental data supports the phenomena
as a fact. The ability of influence individuals at a distance.

KK

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"If the horn is a genuine formation"? The challenge to me as a
writer conjures up strange scenarios to satisfy the "believers"
stance.

Quick trips to Mars by NASA to constantly change 'the face'.
Sending little Rover type vehicles to act as earth moving
machines to scrape and push mounds of Mars material to change
'the face'. Or, yet, that old standby, another charge that the
images have been altered.

Please! Can we all give that donkey the rest it deserves?

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